



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



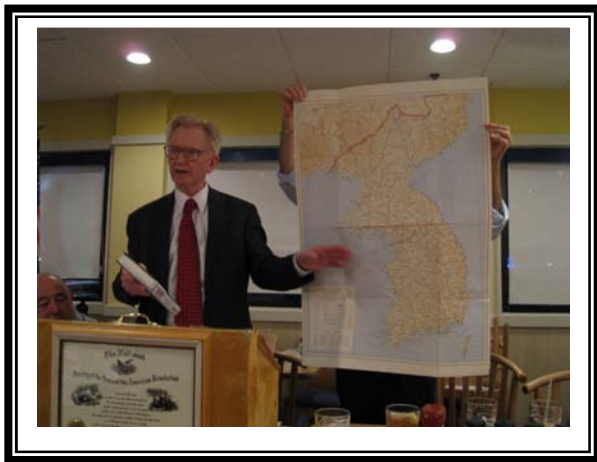
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October

by Tom Jackson, President (2008-2009) has been a busy month for the Rankin Chapter. In addition to our meeting we attended the BOM in Temple as well as a DAR dedication of Alexander Hodge's grave site.



Compatriot Ralph Anoil discusses his book High 40's low50s at our October meeting. In the top photo, he talks about the Korean War while Compatriot Jackson (on the right) holds the map for all to see. In the bottom photo, Ralph (left) discusses his revolutionary war ancestor and a more recent ancestor who appeared in "Ancestor Times", a copy of which he has preserved.



Charles Avis, above, descendant of Alexander Hodge honors Patriot Hodge by telling of his life. Shown below after the ceremony is Mary Johnson, Regent, Tejas Chapter NSDAR, Thomas Jackson, President of the Rankin Chapter, and Virginia Evans, Tejas Chapter.



Member Spotlight

Brian Thorne

Member, Robert Rankin Chapter



Personal:

Brian Geoffrey Thorne was born October 22, 1988 in Findlay, Ohio to Alex and Marti Thorne. The Thorne family moved to Katy, Texas in 1991, where Brian grew up and attended school until his graduation from Cinco Ranch High School in 2007.

Educational:

Brian attends Mississippi State University, home of the Bulldogs who sport Maroon and White, where he has earned a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in Animal and Dairy Science. He has been pre-accepted into MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine through their Early Entry Program, in which a select number of incoming freshman are guaranteed acceptance into Veterinary School, upon the completion of their required course work, proven record of good behavior, and demonstrated dedication to the veterinary profession via hundreds of hours of practical experience in the veterinary field. Brian is a Resident Assistant at Mississippi State, and was selected to work in one of the select Living-Learning Communities there. His residence hall is home to the Day One Leadership Community, which is a leadership program for incoming freshman. In addition to his duties as an RA, Brian is asked to help facilitate the Day One Program around the residence hall, outside of Day One's organized classes and sessions.

Interest and activities:

When Brian is not in class, he enjoys playing intramural sports like soccer and flag football. He is also a soccer referee for the youth in the community of Starkville, for local public and private high schools, for select and competitive youth teams across the state of Mississippi, and has even had the opportunity to referee for the Mississippi State women's soccer team.

Brian says the greatest accomplishment in his life was becoming an Eagle Scout (8-19-04). For his Eagle Project, Brian planned, secured donations of supplies for, and led the construction of a 16'x20' horse shelter, for the non-profit organization SIRE located in Hockley, Texas. The organization works with people of all ages, from infant to elderly, who suffer from disabilities, mental or physical in nature. Using equine riding therapy SIRE enables its clients to show great improvement in all areas of their life, from self-esteem, to overcoming serious physical abnormalities, to successfully battling mental diseases. The horse shelter that Brian built allowed SIRE to utilize an additional pasture of their land, which caused additional horses to be donated to the organization, which gave them the ability to enhance even more lives on a continual basis.

Genealogical:

Brian holds dual membership in SAR and C.A.R., and is a member of the James Bates Society, Texas, C.A.R. He is a past recipient of a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and a State Honorable Mention in the SAR-C.A.R. Essay Contest. As a C.A.R., Brian has held numerous Local, State, and National Offices and Chairmanships. He has served as National Registrar as well as three National Chairmanships. He is currently the National Co-Chairman of CAR / DAR/ SAR/ SR Relations.

Brian is a fourth generation CAR/DAR/SAR. Brian's Revolutionary ancestor, Elias Stewart, wintered at Valley Forge. He was surveying the area as a young man before his public career.