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### The President's View

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Our newsletter editor has requested me to be a man of few words for this month's edition as he has co-opted all of the other space! Therefore, I am! To close I will borrow a WWII quote, "When I've done some more work, I'll do some more talking."

See you in November.



Dr. Cary De Cordova Wintz, above, spoke on the origin of militias in the U.S. and Texas. In 1965, he earned his B.A. in History from Rice followed by a MA in History from Kansas University. At Kansas State University Dr. Wintz received his Ph.D. in history and studied under Stephen Ambrose. In 1971, Dr. Wintz accepted a position at Texas Southern University where he is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of History and Geography. He is the author of over a dozen books and over fifty scholarly articles.



In the photo are Rankin Vice President Terry Richardson (left) who is presenting Cary with the Speaker certificate of Appreciation and the coveted SAR coffee mug.

Cary is a Warrant Officer with the S5 Houston Medical Response Group of the Texas State Guard, which he joined in September 2009. His wife, Lt. Colonel Celia Wintz, is a Nurse Practitioner, and is a member of the Texas State Guard.

The Texas State Guard is one of three parts of the Texas Military Forces commanded by the governor. The other two are the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air Guard. Although the Texas State Guard was legally authorized in 1940, its origins may be found in the foundation of the militia of the Republic in 1835.



The authorized shoulder patch of the Texas State Guard is shown on the left.

## Rankin Recognitions & Notes



In the photo above, from left to right, are Allen Greene (asleep), Ed Raines, and Terry Richardson. Ed Raines has received the SAR-CAR Medal for his 3 year support of the CAR as Committee Chairman.



In the photo(left to right) are Terry Richardson and Gus Mistrot. Gus has just received the BCSM cluster for three years exceptional service as Public Service Chairman.



In the photo(left to right) are Terry Richardson and Tom Jackson. Tom has received the SAR-CAR cluster for three years outstanding service as CAR Chairman.



New member Nick Wise (above) stepped up to the plate and gave a presentation on the Battle of Yorktown. He hits a home run! Welcome to the team Nick.



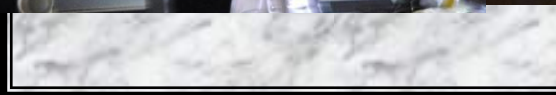
Bobby Smith is either leading the choir, pleading for donations, or giving his vaunted ancestor presentation on John McDowell, a Captain in the North Carolina Militia.



Ed Raines (left) chats with Nick Gilliam (right). Nick is a member of the vaunted TXSSAR internal audit team.



# Pin Oak Middle School October 19, 2012



Representatives from NSSAR Chapters Robert Rankin, Alexander Hodge, Piney Woods, and the NSDAR Tejas Chapter came together to present different topics on the American Revolution to six consecutive classes of Pin Oak Middle School in H.I.S.D.

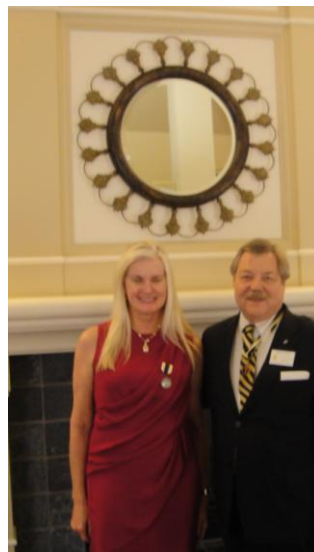
In the large photo above from left to right, Tom Jackson, Ginny Evans, Allen Greene, Joan Linsley, Tom Green, Larry Stevens, Ed Raines, Irene Fong, Gail Hamilton is in back, and Samiha Qureshi.

Appearing in action in the small photos:

Rankin Compatriots Tom (middle left), Allen (top right), and Ed (top left) presented programs on *The Origin of the U.S. Navy*, *Lexington & Concord through Art*, and *Flags Flying over America*, respectively.

Ginny (middle right, Tejas), Tom G. (middle, Hodge), and Larry & Barbara Stevens (bottom left, Piney Woods) presented programs on *Betsy Ross*, *Music in Early America*, and *Articles and Artifacts of early America*.

*Board of Managers Meeting  
Temple*



Everyone wants a picture with Ms. Mica Mosbacher, widow of former Secretary of Commerce Robert Mosbacher. She was commissioned as an Honorary Consul of Iceland on March 9, 2010 by the Foreign Ministry of Iceland.



In the top left photo, Compatriot Jackson, left, receives the Liberty Medal from TXSSAR President Bob Clark.

In the photo on the right is President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough while Lt. General Dave R. Palmer, recognized as a premier military historian, is discussing historians' different views of George Washington. Gen. Palmer, former Superintendent of the West Point, has just written George Washington's Military Genius. In this book Gen. Palmer He identifies four combat phases of the American Revolution and details how Washington has a different successful strategy to fit each scenario.

TSCAR Wings of Freedom Society News



Front row: Devin Partney, Katelyn Loeffler, Maribeth Sims, Koen Partney, Cheryl Partney  
Back row: Melinda Sims, Ethan Wright

The WOF Society had a meeting and outing at the air show hosted by the West Houston Wing of the CAF. All had a good time.

Book Tips:

I read Palmer's last two books on George Washington. They are George Washington's Military Genius (2012) and George Washington and Benedict Arnold: A Tale of Two Patriots (2006). Both books are methodical, crisp, and concise.

I enjoyed the second book more because of the topic. We often forget that Benedict Arnold was a key figure in the American Revolution during the first and second phase. Gen. Palmer's arguments are most compelling when you remember that he was a combat veteran and a high-ranking officer who taught military strategy. Pick one of these today and enjoy!

*Upcoming Events:*

*Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting  
Veterans Day Celebration  
No Chapter meeting in December*

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