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Our Constitutional Celebration

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For those of you who missed the Third Annual Constitutional Celebration of the Robert Rankin Chapter you missed a real treat enjoyed by a crowd approaching forty.

Attorney and minister Ross Asher kept the congregation, err, Compatriots and guests spellbound with his discussion of the Constitution. He focused on the intent of the founders when the Constitution was founded and how it has been interpreted today.



Ross Asher is at the podium while Bobby Smith listens intently.

Ross is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and also served as a Rifle Platoon Leader in the Demilitarized Zone of the Republic of Korea. He later attended South Texas College of Law where he earned his

Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1987. He has been licensed to practice law in Texas

since 1988 and is licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Ross is a shareholder in Roberts Markel P.C. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University.



President Bob Smith (above left) tells of his Yarbrough and Paxton ancestors while Randy Pearson (right) looks on.

In the photos below, David Jones discusses the Patriot Fund raffle prize. The prize is a working black powder rifle and pistol. David donated the purchase of both items to the chapter and Patrick Kerr donated his time and expertise in the assembly and finishing.



Children of the American Revolution

The Rankin Chapter is one of the most active of the chapters in the state with its involvement with Children of the American Revolution Societies and earned the most points of any chapter in the state last year in the John K. Harrell CAR Competition. The September meeting was a joint meeting with the Wings of Freedom Society.

Compatriot Bobby Smith is the current Chairman of the committee, originally chaired by Ed Raines for a three year term. Tom Jackson followed Ed for four years.



In the photo above, from left to right, are Melinda Simms, Compatriots Bobby Smith, and Alex Thorne.

The Rankin Chapter broke new ground by awarding its first Children of the American Revolution Medals of Appreciation to Melinda Simms of the Wings of Freedom Society and Marti Thorne with the James Bates Society. Alex Thorne accepted the medal on behalf of Marti.



President Bobby Smith appears above at the Wings of Freedom Society meeting.

The Robert Rankin Flag Show

The Rankin Flag Show has always been one of the mainstays of the public education outreach programs of the Rankin Chapter. With the increase in high stakes testing in Texas, many schools are eschewing value added programs such as this. Nonetheless, our Compatriots continue to show the fabric of America woven with patriotism, history, and symbols of our country.



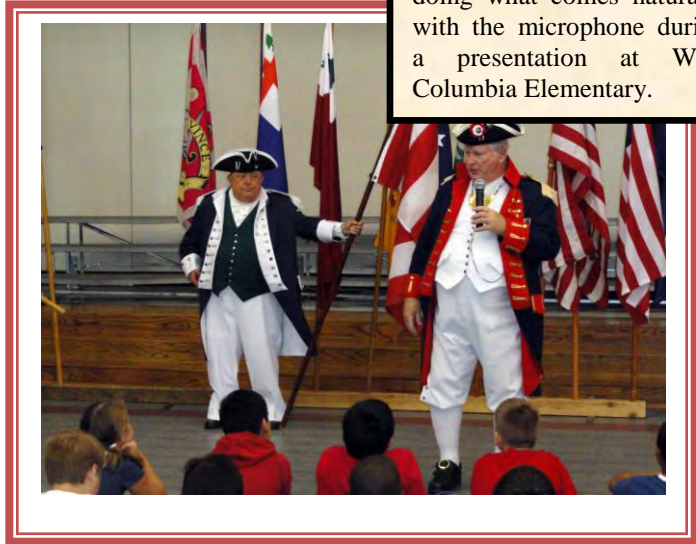
David Jones (L) holds the British Union Flag as Ed Raines (R) explains the meaning of the cross of Saint George superimposed over the cross of Saint Andrew at a presentation at Cy Woods High School.



Our fearless foursome of David Jones, Ed Raines, Stephen Tanner and Virginia Evans after their show at a meeting of the Fort Bend DAR. Ginny holds her partially sewn Old Glory. **(Editor's note: Will she ever finish it?)**



Our Compatriots went on the road to West Brazos Junior High in the Columbia Brazoria Independent School District. In the top photo we have left to right, David Jones, Ed Raines, Tom Green, and Stephen Tanner. The junior high students are clustered to the left. In the photo below appears David Jones (left) and TXSSAR Past President Tom Green doing what comes naturally with the microphone during a presentation at West Columbia Elementary.



At the invitation of Katy VFW Post 9182, the Rankin Chapter spent 40 hours selling raffle tickets. Half of that time was given by David Jones (photo bottom left) and the remainder was split between Patrick Kerr and Stephen Tanner. *Doesn't Patrick look resplendent in his continental blues above? Did he really stand for 8 hours posing for pictures?*

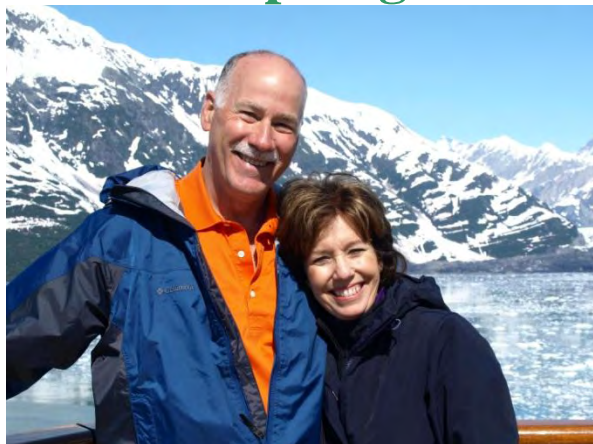
Upcoming Events:
 Sep 8th Chapter Meeting
 No Chapter meeting in October
 Nov 10th Chapter Meeting
 No Chapter meeting in December

Board of Managers Meeting
 Oct 29th -31st Houston,
 Rankin Chapter Host
 Volunteer opportunities are still open!

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Member Spotlight



H. Allen Greene, II Robert Rankin Chapter

Personal: Allen was born in Montgomery, Alabama in 1947, but grew up in Georgia. He married Linda in 2007 in Houston, Texas. Allen has two sons, Murray, a lawyer for BP at its Houston headquarters, and Robert, the Executive Chef at the Coronado Club in Houston. He is blessed with four grandchildren.

Educational: Allen worked his way through Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia as a co-op student and earned a BS in Chemical Engineering. In high school Allen was both the drum major as well as a student director.

Professional: In 1970, Allen joined Cities Service Company, now CITGO Petroleum Corporation, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After a six month orientation he accepted his first assignment as a Process Engineer at Cities' largest refinery in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has had many positions at CITGO during his 39 years including Manager of Planning and Economics, Corporate Manager of Energy Conservation, General Manager of Litigation and Environmental Support and Plant Manager of CIT-CON Corporation, a joint venture with Conoco to produce lube oil and wax. His last position brought him to Houston in 2004 as Corporate Manager of Environmental Protection. Allen retired in 2009, but has agreed to assist CITGO on several environmental litigations.

At CITGO he was a member of the Public Speakers Bureau. He represented CITGO in the American Petroleum Institute and the National Refining and Petrochemical Association.

Other activities: Allen has been an active Methodist all his life. He has taken several leadership roles on various church committees. He has taught Sunday school and was youth leader for 2 years. He sang in the choir of various churches for 30 years. Allen was active in his sons' youth sports, coaching basketball for two years and soccer for six years.

Since 1990, Allen has been a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, the first genealogical society founded in America, and has traced his family back beyond 400 years. He enjoys sailing and has won several Regattas including the Crawfish Regatta in Lafayette, LA and the Contraband Regatta in Lake Charles, LA. He also enjoys golfing as a member of Willow Fork Country Club.

As a young adult, Allen pursued his theatrical talents performing in several little theater plays. He received a Best Actor nomination for his portrayal of the father in *Long Day's Journey into Night*, Eugene O'Neil's play, performed in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Allen is a committee member for the Larry Dieker "My Team" Celebrity Golf Tournament that benefits the Literacy Advance of Houston.

Genealogical: The NSSAR ancestor of Allen is Paul Davis, who began his career by enlistment at Milford, MA at the age of 16 years and served continuously from August 1, 1778 until February 1783. His mother, two aunts and five siblings are members of the DAR or SAR.