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The President's View

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

225 years ago on September 17, 1787, forty-two of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention held their final meeting. They had only one task before them. That task was to sign the Constitution of the United States of America. I find it amazing that our Constitution was hand written on four pages. Truly it was a great compromise and has been amended, but it has stood the test of time.

Attorney Tony Davis captured the attention of the chapter and guests with his discussion of the Constitution and focus on Obama Care.



Tony Davis, partner with Baker Botts expounds on the commerce clause and the affordable health care act.

Mr. Davis is a partner with Baker Botts and earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1983 and previously earned a B.A., economics and mathematics from the University of Minnesota at Morris in 1980.

He was recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer*, 2004, 2009 – 2011 and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006 – 2011. He is licensed to practice before United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits and United States District Courts in Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Davis primary area of expertise is bankruptcy and commercial law. He has represented Halliburton Company and Imperial Sugar.



Tony Davis, right, has just received from Rankin V.P. Terry Richardson, right, the NSSAR Speaker COA and Challenge Coin

Law Enforcement Recognition



Front Row, from left to right: Lt. Max Turner, Sergeant Todd Morris
Second row, from left to right: Rankin Chapter President Allan Greene, Deputy Shawn Brown,
Deputy Jason Denham, TXSSAR Past President Tom Green, Tom Jackson
The officers are all members of the Harris County Sheriff's Department.



Back row, from left to right: Allen Greene, Officer Terry Brooks, Tom Green, Tom Jackson
Front row, from left to right: Chief of Police Allan Bragg, CFISD Associate Superintendent
Deborah Stewart, TXSSAR Vice President John Thompson. The officers are both members of the
Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. Police Department.

*"Now, what I want is, Facts...nothing but Facts"
Charles Dickens*



Sergeant Todd Morris, a 21 year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's office is a Master Police Officer (TCLOSE) with specialized training in Mounted Patrol, Field Training Officer, Accident Investigator and Accident Reconstruction. He holds a BS Law in Enforcement and Police Science from Sam Houston State University.

Sgt. Morris(left) received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in brief because of an event on August 4, 2012, Harris County Dispatched received calls with information about an armed man, two vehicles exchanging fire, and someone on the ground. Deputies arrived to discover the complainant with a gunshot wound to the head, and two other individuals shot. Sgt. Todd Morris took command of the situation. He maintained scene security, preserved evidence, located witnesses, and worked with Homicide investigators. Soon another call was received, regarding criminal mischief, gunshots heard, and a bullet hole found in a door. Sgt. Morris investigated the incident, and noted that the bullet had traveled through a wooden fence, passed through the residence, and exited a bedroom window. Because of this investigation, the daughter of the complainant revealed a retaliation motive for the shooting and provided the address for a search warrant.

Sgt. Morris established a perimeter around the residence, and talked five suspects out of the house, thereby ensuring the safety of personnel and the suspects. Several handguns and a rifle matching the description given by witnesses were located. Three of the five suspects were charged with murder. Because of his thoroughness, Sgt. Morris was able to obtain vital information used to help solve this case.



Deputy Shawn Brown, an 8 year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's office is an Intermediate Peace Officer (TCLOSE) and holds specialized training in K-9. Deputy Brown received the Law Enforcement commendation Medal in brief because of an incident on July 2, 2012 when Deputy Brown responded as a backup unit to a Burglary of a Habitation in-progress located.

The complainant advised she had returned home when she was flagged down by a neighbor stating suspects were in her house, pulled a truck into the garage, and closed the door. The suspects opened the garage and drove a gray Dodge Dakota out of the driveway with deputies in close pursuit. The suspect driver lost control of the truck and crashed into a residence. The two suspects began running and/or jumping fences to elude the deputies. Deputy Brown and his K-9 partner "BRET" began a yard-to-yard search for the suspects. Deputy Brown and BRET discovered the two suspects hiding in a back yard. The suspects were apprehended without injury. Weapons and approximately \$10,000 of stolen property was obtained by Deputy Brown.



Deputy Jason Denham, a 8 year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff’s office is an Advanced Police Officer (TCLOSE) with specialized training as a Field Training Officer, Intoxilyzer Operator, and K-9 unit. Deputy Denham (left) received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal based upon an action on August 17, 2012. A Precinct 5 Deputy Constable initiated a traffic stop that resulted in the 20-year-old suspect firing at the deputy and fleeing the scene. After a short pursuit, the suspect abandoned the truck and fled into the neighborhood. Harris County Sheriff’s Deputy, Jason Denham, along with his K-9 partner “SJORS”, were dispatched, and arrived at the last observed area.

Deputy Denham entered the northeast corner of an apartment complex, and “SJORS” began to track the suspect. “SJORS” led the deputy to a cafeteria, where a female stated that a male matching the suspect’s description had run into the restroom. When Deputy Denham proceeded to the area, “SJORS” indicated human presence. Deputy Denham believed the suspect to be armed and still dangerous, as he had already demonstrated. Deputy Denham and “SJORS” entered the restroom and discovered the suspect hiding in one of the stalls. Deputy Denham and a cover officer were able to place the suspect in custody. The suspect was charged with aggravated assault against a public servant.



Officer Terrence Brooks, newly hired member of the CFISD Police Department was a 10 year veteran of the Prairie View A&M University Police Department is a Master Peace Officer (TCLOSE) and holds specialized training as an Arson Investigator, Mental Health Officer, graduate of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training course (ALERRT). Officer Brooks holds a degree in Criminal Justice from Prairie View A&M. Officer Brooks was awarded the Law Enforcement commendation Medal in brief because of an incident during the first new hours on the morning of September 4th.

Officer Brooks had just returned home from a funeral in Alexandria, Louisiana. He was in the parking lot of the Pagewood Place Apartments near South Gessner at 3 a.m. when he spotted two men who appeared to be burglarizing cars. When Brooks approached, he said he saw the two men removing speakers and other items. Brooks pulled his gun and confronted the suspects. They jumped in the car and drove off. There was a short chase through the complex, but before the suspects got out of the gate, Brooks was able to apprehend them. Houston police then arrested the suspects. Please note that Alexandria to Houston is almost a five-hour drive and Officer Brooks was on time for work at 6:30 that morning.

**Robert Rankin
Public Service Committee**

Thomas Jackson, Chairman, Allen Greene,
Terry Richardson, Stephen Tanner

*Houston Area Regents Council
Constitution Week Luncheon
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012.*



Lt. Max Turner

Lt. Turner was awarded a NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate in recognition of his leadership and twenty-one years of service to the community as a law enforcement officer. He was also presented the highly coveted Robert Flag Certificate.



The two tall ones, from left to right, are John K. Thompson and Allen Greene. They are ready to eat after posting colors at the Dar luncheon.



Chief of Police Alan Bragg

In the photo, from left to right, are CFISD Associate Superintendent Deborah Stewart, CFISD Chief of Police Alan Bragg, and Tom Jackson. Chief Bragg was given a NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate in recognition of his leadership and 40 years of law enforcement service, including the creation of two police departments. A Flag Certificate was presented to Deborah Stewart.



The above is a fragment from the invitation by the DAR to the Constitutional Celebration.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 10th Chapter Meeting

Board of Managers Meeting

Oct 5th – 7th Temple

Check State Website

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