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Our State Meeting

by Tom Jackson, President (2008-2009)

The state meeting in Arlington was a wonderful event attended by Rankin members Tom Jackson and Raymond Cox. The days were full of informative meetings and the evenings full of good fellowship, entertainment, and plenty of attaboys for the Robert Rankin Chapter!



Texas President George T. West (left) awards Rankin President Jackson (right) the Alexander Hamilton medal. He is the first Rankin member to receive this award.



Rankin President Tom Jackson, left, receives on behalf of the Robert Rankin chapter the Outstanding Chapter award from Tom Green



Compatriot Ray Cox, far right, receives the State of Texas Patriot Medal! Ray holds a dual membership in the Rankin Chapter and is the second dual member to receive this honor. The first was Allan Henshaw.



Rankin President Tom Jackson, left, receives on behalf of the Robert Rankin chapter the Americanism award from State President George T. West.

Member Spotlight

Raymond Cox

District VIII VP, TXSSAR

Member, Robert Rankin Chapter



Personal:

Raymond (Ray) Webster Cox was born October, 1947 in Silver City, New Mexico to Charles M. Cox and Ellen Jane (Logan) Cox. The Cox family moved to Biloxi, MS in 1952, where Ray grew up and attended school until his graduation from Biloxi High School.

Ray is married to Martha Marie (Wilson) Cox and has two children: Jennifer Lynne (Cox) Halling, and Kenneth Edwin Cox. Kenneth is a member of the SAR. Ray and Martha have five grand-children: Thomas Jeremy Halling, Jacob Logan Halling, Kaleb Logan Cox, Lenzi Grace Halling, and Kyla Grace Cox.

Educational:

Ray attended the Univ. of Southern Mississippi and received a double degree in Music Education and Applied Music. His performance major was French Horn, but between high school and college, he has played all of the lower brass instruments as well as alto and tenor saxophone. The saxophones were played in the high school stage band and a rock and roll band.

Military and Professional:

While in college, Ray enlisted in the US Navy AVROC program and after graduation he was commissioned as an officer in the Navy. After flight training he was assigned to Reconnaissance Attack Wing One flying the RA-5C Vigilante. He made deploy-

ments on the USS Independence and the USS Nimitz (maiden voyage). After 8 ½ years of military service, Ray separated from the Navy and flew for Continental Airlines for two years until being furloughed. He then went to work for the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller, from which he recently retired with over 21 years of service.

Genealogical:

Ray joined the Robert Rankin Chapter when he became District VIII Vice President in 2007.

At the State level, Ray also serves on the Long Range Planning, State Meeting, Color Guard, and Information Technology committees. He has just finished serving a term as the president of the Council of Chapter Presidents. [In 2008, Ray was awarded the Patriot's medal!](#) He has served as editor in producing the TXSSAR History Book Volumes I & II text and CDs.

Ray is a primary member of the Piney-Woods Chapter where he has served as Secretary, 1st VP, President, and Sgt. at Arms and he also served as Editor for the Chapter's Lineage Book Vol. 2. Ray was co-planner of the Zachariah Landrum and Henry Bailey Greenwood grave marking ceremonies and has received the Bronze Good Citizenship, War Service, Meritorious Service, Color guard, Baron von Steuben, and TXSSAR Chapter Service Medals and is a George Washington Fellow. He is the author of the SARApAid computer application program, which is the leading application program in use by the members of the NSSAR.

Ray's Patriot Ancestor is James Taylor from Ireland. Patriot Taylor emigrated from Ireland and settled in Virginia. He served as a private in Capt. Joseph Smith's Co. of the VA 4th during the revolution. James Taylor died in Rockbridge Co, VA, which is noteworthy because there is a natural bridge in that county that bears George Washington's signature which he placed there while he was surveying the area as a young man before his public career.