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The President's Corner

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I requested our newsletter editor to use a second summer edition to cover chapter events that have not yet been chronicled. The Fourth of July is perhaps the most important day for our organization. I was always fascinated that the Declaration recited a long list of grievances. Do you remember these?

“The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.



The Rankin Chapter Pays a Visit



Rankin Chapter and Katy VFW Celebrate The Fourth of July



Dressed as George Washington (Katy Times humor), Stephen Tanner, shown above spoke about the importance of the American flag.

“The American flag symbolizes the love and pride that we have as a nation, is a reminder of America’s greatness and our fortune to live in a country that values freedom above all else,” Tanner said. “It signifies the commitment made by our fallen comrades who have fallen bravely to defend the honor of the sacred emblem, our American unity, our power and our purpose as a nation,” he said, “and it exemplifies the devotion of our leaders who continue to uphold its promise of liberty, justice and liberty for all.”

Tanner presented a flag certificate to the VFW post in recognition of exemplary patriotism of the display of the flag. He also announced the chapter is donating a Betsy Ross 13-star flag is to the VFW post to display in the Katy Veterans Memorial Museum.



Rankin Compatriot Tom Jackson wearing blue and white gave a program in Lake Jackson (top photo) and was thanked by Russell Dart (middle photo). In the photo below, Russell Dart (left) and Donald Pugh (center), received Certificates of Appreciation from Stephen Tanner for their participation in the 2010 Rankin hosted BOM.



*Patriotic Celebration
Woodlands United Methodist Church
July 6, 2011*



From left to right: John Thompson, Don Stone, Ray Cox, George Dershimer, Stephen Tanner, and guardsman

Above, Stephen Tanner and others answered a color guard call to attend a noon program of the Seniors Class at The Woodlands United Methodist. The program was on the Colonial Churches of American and SAR Ancestors.

The attendance was estimated at about 60 to 100 folks of all ages and was a good wind down for after Fourth of July activities.

*Houston Area DAR Regents
June 11, 2011 Luncheon*



Each of the above photos is from the DAR Luncheon. Representing the Rankin Chapter are Stephen and Karen Tanner, shown in the center of the photo above.

In the top photo, Stephen is on the far right.



Stephen Tanner answered the color guard call at First Presbyterian Church in Conroe Texas for the Junior American Citizen Awards and recognition ceremony. The Margaret Montgomery Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted Fifty-three students. Virginia Murray, Montgomery Regent, served as the emcee. Kaye Stone of the Montgomery Chapter awarded Stephanie Eisner the DAR Good Citizen Award. Each of the photos above this box is from this event.

*Rededication of the Bicentennial
Patriots Plaque
Huntsville, Texas*

On Saturday at the Walker County Courthouse, the TXSSAR Color Guard presented the colors at the Walker County Courthouse in Huntsville, Texas at a ceremony to rededicate a plaque to honor Texas Patriots of the American Revolution. The Capt. John M. McAdams Chapter of the TXSSAR was the host chapter.



At the Color Guard Muster. Stephen Tanner, in green facing is on the far left, while Tom Green is on the far right.



Huntsville Mayor Pro Tem Mac Woodward attended the festivities.

*Helping a Hero
May 24, 2011*



Tejas Chapter of the DAR Regent Virginia Evans marches alongside of Robert Rankin Past President Ed Raines. The occasion of the parade was the awarding of a house to Army Sgt. Andrew Beesley and his fiancée Amy McDaniel. Sgt Beesley suffered a traumatic brain injury in Iraq and received a home in the Park Lakes subdivision. Notables attending the event included Representative Ted Poe and Representative Gene Green. This is the third straight year that Ed and Ginny have helped with this organization.

Editor's note:

This newsletter is a bit of a catch up in that some of the photos are not of events that happened during the summer months. Our chapter is so busy that there is not always space available to report activities in the month in which they occur. Of course, it also takes time to receive photos and compose the story.

Thanks for understanding.

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