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Summertime

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The Rankin Chapter traditionally does not have a meeting during the summer; however, that doesn't mean our Chapter stands still. Our summer newsletter is generally full of pictures and short on words. (Ok, you are right Gus, I am still verbose. Sigh.) I hope you had a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Fourth Of July Celebrations

The Rankin Chapter was involved in several different celebrations.

The Tomball Freedom Celebration occurred on June 29, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Tomball, Texas. Though not as large as the Mims/Conroe Celebration, the music and comments of WWII Sergeant Calvin Massey, 36th "Texas" Infantry Division was just outstanding.



Shown above with colors on the left is Patrick Kerr and John Thompson of the Freedom Chapter is on the right.

Color Guard Commander Patrick Kerr is shown below as he "Carries the Colors" prior to posting. David Jones was also present at the ceremony.



Next on the activities planned was participation of the Rankin Color Guard in concert with the Katy VFW Post 9182. Shown below are Patrick Kerr, left, and David Jones, right. Notice the empty chair in the middle. Why? Ask your guardsmen!





Another photo of Compatriots Kerr and Jones, middle left and right, at the function which was at La Centerra at Cinco Ranch. This annual event included food and music from 5pm until 9pm followed by a fireworks display. Congressman Mike McCall was present and thanked the Rankin Color Guard!

VFW Post Commander Stephen Brady sent a letter which in part said, "You were outstanding! Your uniforms, your professionalism, and your attitude were impeccable. Your attendance at our event really hit home on how important what what happened over 233 years ago means to this great land of ours. We were very proud to have you among us on this great day."

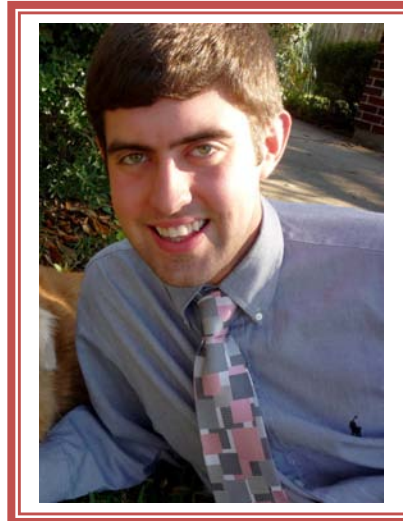
(Editor's note: Shouldn't we send this in to Compatriot Bowen for our "Partners in Patriotism Program"?)

From Compatriot Bob Bowen:

I would like to suggest that each State Society appoint a point-of-contact for the Partners in Patriotism program and provide me with their name and email address. Jim Arnold functions in this role in Indiana and does a super job of keeping me and Chairman Paul Wilke informed of Chapter in that state who have qualified for the annual recognition certificate. This year's program began June 1 and will continue through May 31, 2010. We've already received one qualifying report. Please send the names of your state point-of-contact to: Partners in Patriotism Chairman Paul Wilke: tinman01@fuse.net
Senior Advisor: Bob Bowen: wsemperfibob@cox.net

Bobby Smith is always involved with the parade and festivities associated with our Nation's birthday sponsored by the townhouse community in which he lives. "No parade this year," he said. "It was just too hot. We still had our celebration with hot dogs and other food and fun, but no parade."

South Central Regional CAR Meeting 6/26 -27



From the pen of Brian Thorne, (Shown left) Robert Rankin Co Chairman CAR Committee

(Editor's note: Brian is a member of both the Rankin SAR Chapter as well as the James Bates Society of the CAR)

The 38th South Central Regional meeting was a grand success. There were 158 registered C.A.R. members, adults, and guests, making the meeting in Houston the largest in several years. The conference started off with the pageantry of Ray Cox (with his wife) and the SAR Color Guard presenting the flags at the opening session. Shown below: Color Guard members were Tom Green, John Houston, Ray Cox (Rankin), Patrick Kerr (Rankin).



For those who may not be familiar with C.A.R., the summer Regional Meetings are when the National Officers and Chairmen present the national programs and projects for the coming year. The format for the presentations is skits and workshops so enthusiasm and fun abound. In addition to the fun and informative meetings, Regional events included a games night, a formal banquet, a dance, and a tour of the San Jacinto Monument. The Rankin Chapter and its members provided donations of over \$300. A portion of these donations were used to underwrite the bus trip to and tour of the San Jacinto Monument. A photo from that tour is shown below.



Robert Rankin member Brian Thorne was the presiding C.A.R. officer at the meeting. Shown at right is National President Emily Faulkenstien and SCR Vice President Brian Thorne.



 See the Special CAR issue of the Rankin Register for more CAR news!

Memorial Day Celebration

The Rankin Chapter has participated in Memorial Day Celebrations every year of its existence and this year was no different. Generally the Chapter will send a Compatriot to Austin to celebrate Memorial Day with the graveside observance of Robert Rankin. Ed Raines, Sam McColloch, and Patrick Kerr have all participated in this endeavor in the past. This year we participated with Impact Player Partners; this organization was honored earlier this year by the Rankin Chapter for IPP's support of veterans. Sylvia Kerr is involved with the planning of IPP activities and Pat says, "I just go where I am told to go."



Shown above is Compatriot Patrick Kerr on the right.

 In a letter to George Washington dated August 1st, 1775, Elbridge Gerry, struggling at the Siege of Boston, begged for gunpowder. To George Washington's "very great astonishment" he said he was down to only 36 barrels. Washington could have sworn that Gerry had 308 barrels.

Washington had asked the Committee of Supplies how much gunpowder they had. The Committee of Supplies, "not being sufficiently acquainted with the nature of a return (message) sent in an account of all the ammunition which had been collected, so that the report included not only gunpowder on hand, but what had been spent."

Washington banged his head against the wall . . . so to speak.

Gerry survived and went on to be James Madison's Vice President.

Submitted by Compatriot "Doc" Rice

Flag Show Presentations

What is the summertime without a flag show presentation by Ed Raines? This summer Ed Raines and David Jones made their presentation to the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, the Pasadena United Methodist Church, and the Downtown Rotary Club. A flag certificate was presented to each of the churches



From left to right after the Rotary Club Meeting, David Jones, Rotary Club Member, and Ed Raines. In the middle is Sabir M. Amawi, Honorary Consul General of Jordan for forty-one years.

Upcoming Events:

Sep 9th Chapter Meeting,
Oct 14th Chapter Meeting
Nov 11th Chapter Meeting

Board of Managers Meeting
Oct 30th to November 1st

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Fun in the Sun

On June 6, 2009 the 23rd Annual AIA SandCastle Competition was held at East Beach, Galveston. This year over 80 teams comprised of architects, contractors, designers, university students, and engineers engaged in sand sculpting for what is considered one of the world's largest sandcastle competitions.



The Houston office of the Architectural firm Leo A. Daly entered the contest category of Stars and Stripes (Most Patriotic theme) and won 1st place. Sculpted into the sand is the phrase, "Not every beach is for a sandcastle", with footsteps leading up a hill to a triangular display box with a sculpted folded flag within. A fine tribute to June 6th of 1944, 65 years ago! Rankin Compatriot Ash Jackson (in the hat, front row below) is an architectural intern with Leo Daly.

