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### *The President's View*

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Generally, since we do not meet in the summertime, a newsletter is perhaps the best way for us to stay in touch. Surely, the most important day of the year, for our organization and our country, is the Fourth of July. We should have an issue that focuses on this day. Last year I noted that Stephen Tanner listed some of the grievances, which the colonies asserted against the King of England. Space did not permit a full listing, so I thought that we should list the remainder of our complaints against the King.

“He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

- For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
- For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
- For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
- For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
- For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
- For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences
- For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province,

establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies;

- For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments;
- For suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.



## Fourth of July Celebrations

### *Rankin Chapter and Katy VFW Celebrate The Fourth of July*



In the photo above, from left to right, are Stephen Tanner, Virginia Evans, and Allen Greene.

For the fourth year in a row, members of the Robert Rankin Chapter participated with the Floyd Breedlove Post 9182 located in Katy, Texas in their annual Fourth of July celebration. The event was held in Old Town Katy at the post hall on George Bush Drive. The day began with a preview of the auction items, a brief patriotic program, and lunch catered by Outback Steakhouse.

The patriotic program once again featured Rankin Compatriots in the color guard. This year Compatriots Stephen Tanner and Allen Greene donned their tricorns and white gloves.

The Fourth of July fundraiser is a major event for Post 9182 whose membership provides a wide array of volunteer services to the veteran community throughout the Katy area. Dignitaries, other than Stephen,

Allen, and Ginny included Katy mayor Don Elder Jr. who gave welcoming remarks and Congressman Pete Olson who delivered an address and presented a flag to be flown over the White House.

Post commander Dave Brasell reminded everyone that it was not a solemn remembrance but rather a celebration of America's 236th birthday. He noted, "Those 56 patriots committed treason against the king of England all because they wanted to establish a self-governing nation," Brasell said. "What they did is comparable to if the Waller and Harris County sheriff's departments decided to organize local farmers to engage the U.S. Army in combat."



Preparing to march in the Fairfield Fourth of July Parade are Rankin Compatriot and Past President Bob Smith, Melinda Sims and her daughter Meribeth. Meribeth is a member of the T.S.C.A.R. Wings of Freedom Society.

Rankin Compatriot Bobby Smith marched in the July 4th parade at Fairfield with the **Elisha Roberts DAR Chapter and the Wings of Freedom Society of CAR.** They handed out over 2000 Flags to the parade watchers.

## Copperfield Parade

For the fourth consecutive year a Rankin Compatriot has led the Copperfield Parade. The first to garner this honor was Patrick Kerr on July 4, 2008. This year the baton fell to Past President Tom Jackson, shown below.



The parade is a short ten-block march and stroll featuring the local volunteer fire department and antique cars as well as families with decorated strollers, bikes and wagons. After the parade, there were inflatables for children and plenty of hot dogs for all.

## Flag Program at Langham Creek



Our merry band of Flag Program Compatriots and Compatriettes (Is that a word?) are all smiles! Adults, from left to right, Tom Jackson, Ed Raines, and Ginny Evans.



Adults in the photo, from left to right, are Tom Jackson, Langham Creek High School Teacher Ginger Picone, Ed Raines, and Ginny Evans.

For the third time in seven years, the Robert Rankin Chapter was invited to give a presentation to two classes of the New Arrival Center at Langham Creek High School in Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District. The students of the NAC do not speak English at home and this is their first time in a public school program in the U.S. In addition to the flag program, an ancestor presentation is always given as well as a presentation on the history of the NSSAR.



Then, Patrick Kerr (in color), and now, Tom Jackson (sepia), Rankin Compatriots will lead the way!

## *The TXSSAR Audit Team*

The audit team of TXSSAR is responsible for meeting twice a year to conduct an internal audit of the Texas Society. A written report is produced which is presented to the Executive Committee of the state. These unsung Compatriots donate a full day twice a year to this task and the report and preparation for each engagement will consume more days of effort. The Chair of the committee is Rankin's Tom Jackson and Peter McLellan is Vice Chair. Other Rankin members are Stephen Tanner, Nick Gilliam, and John Dupree. TXSSAR Treasurer John Beard has likened these internal audit days to swimming in the Piranha Pit! Tom, Stephen, and John are all CPAs.



The day is almost done and the audit team is smiling. In the photo, from left to right, are TXSSAR Treasurer John Beard, CPA, TXSSAR Past President Jim Jones, Vice Chair Peter McLellan, and Marvin Morgan, CPA.



It is no surprise that members of the audit team Russell Dart (left) and Stephen Tanner (right) bring their own computers to tackle the assignment with gusto at their January meeting.



Looking resplendent at the Paul Carrington black tie event is, from left to right, Nita and Bobby Smith, Stephen and Karen Tanner, and Tom Jackson.



It is a full house. From left to right in the photo appear Dr. Wendell Edwards, Marvin Morgan, Tom Jackson, Jim Jones, Stephen Tanner, Peter McLellan, and in front John Beard, and Russell Dart. The group has just put the wraps on another all day session in Brenham during their August meeting. Ice creams anyone?

### *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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