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President's Message

Dear Fellow Compatriots:

A number of activities have been underway in the SAR since March, and I will summarize some of them.

I have been visiting chapters reiterating my theme "Celebrate the Past, Strengthen the Present, Shape the Future;" and presenting to those members who attend the chapter meetings a small memento, Texas SAR lapel pin, for them to use to Emphasize the Brand. I have been emphasizing the six major points supporting the theme which are: 1) Recruit, 2) Retain, 3) Reinstate, 4) Emphasize the Brand, 5) Get Membership to Critical Mass, and 6) "Sharpen the Saw". Through August, chapter visits include the Dallas, Piney Woods, Robert Rankin, Cradle of Texas and San Antonio Chapters. Thanks to those chapters for the invitations.

This year, to date, we only have inducted 160 new members. Texas SAR normally has 300 plus new members per year, this is well below that pace. We need 500 plus new active members each of the next four years. That can be accomplished if every active member recruits just one new member in that four years, or better yet, at least one every year. Based upon the Texas DAR

membership of just under 18,000, statistics project at least 9,000 men eligible for membership in the SAR because at least half of those ladies have a son or a brother and many probably have both.

Chapters should be taking every available opportunity to recruit new members for SAR. In early August the Independence Chapter partnered with the DAR and CAR to sponsor a Lineage Workshop at a local library. Eighteen attended to identify their lineage; 8 of whom were men, who are working on their lineage to join the SAR with a lot of support from SAR and DAR members. Remember - Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. Another chapter sets up and staffs a table at a local farmers market and has been very successful in recruiting members. Still others use members in Color Guard uniform to assist in recruiting.

Some men will have to be asked if they are interested in joining to accept. One case in point, I was visiting with a gentleman whose wife and daughter were DAR members. I asked him if he was eligible for membership in the SAR. He said he was. I invited him to join; he is now a member. There is a local Veterans Council in most areas; going to those council meetings opens the door to other potential membership applications as many of the American Legion and VFW members are interested in joining the SAR once they learn of the mission, but are not aware of the organization. Your presence there introduces the SAR to them.

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During June, I attended the SAR Conference on the American Revolution in Williamsburg, Virginia. This was an excellent source of historical information. The theme this year was "Women and the American Revolution." I learned about a number of women who were active in the American Revolution about whom I had never previously heard. I attended the DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. On June 6, D-Day 70th anniversary, I participated with the Texas Color Guard at the Battleship Texas where the French Consulate conferred the French Legion of Honor upon World War II veterans in attendance (see the article about Sam Smith on page 11).

The SAR National Congress was held in Greenville, South Carolina, with excellent hosting by local South Carolina SAR members. In addition to the business that regularly comes before the assembly, tours went to Kings Mountain and Cowpens and the Old 96th District Revolutionary War sites. Jane and I toured the Brown's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Union County where my Patriot Ancestor, Clayton Stribling, is reportedly buried. His grave is not marked, and there appeared to be a number of unmarked grave sites in that cemetery. Most of the graves with headstones appear to be from a more recent time period than the early 1800's.

Business included successfully achieving President General Joe Dooley's challenge to raise \$1,000,000 in new money for the SAR Center for Advancing American Heritage, which resulted in President General Dooley fulfilling his promise to shave his head. Pictures can be seen in the recent SAR Magazine. The National portion of the cost of supplements has been increased to \$60. The new rate, which was effective in July, including unchanged state and chapter fees can be learned at the Texas Fee Calculation website by entering your chapter

name and then scrolling down to the Supplement Cost entry. The fee calculation website is at <http://www.txssar.org/fees.htm>. Additionally, the cost of National Life Membership has changed with increases in some age ranges and decreases in other age ranges. Generally, the older age ranges were lowered and the younger age ranges went up. This change impacts the Texas Perpetual Membership program because a Texas Perpetual Membership is double the cost of a National Life Membership. A Texas Perpetual member no longer pays National, State or Chapter (for one Chapter) dues for the remainder of his life. There are lower cost implications for a current National Life Member who wants to be a Texas Perpetual member. The National Life Member application is available at the following website <http://www.sar.org/node/131>. Congratulations to Judge Tom Lawrence who was elected Secretary General and received the Minute-man Award. Thanks to those who donated items for the Texas Silent Auction Basket; it was the largest there.

The Texas SAR hosted, in Dallas, the National SAR South Central District meeting this year on August 22-23. A more detailed report is elsewhere in this issue. Stephen Rohrbough, David Temple and Tom Whitelock did a super excellent job of planning, coordinating, and carrying out the meeting. President General Lindsey Brock was in attendance and gave the keynote speech while Vice President General George Thompson was the Master of Ceremonies. The SAR South Central District is composed of representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

I attended the CAR South Central District meeting in Austin on July 26 and extended greetings from the Texas SAR. The Texas CAR group did an excellent job of hosting the meeting.

We have conducted three GoToMeeting training sessions. They have been primarily for chapter registrars with some chapter presidents also participating. David Temple has done a great job helping to coordinate the sessions. Speakers have included: David Temple, State Registrar; then Genealogist General Larry Cornwell, who gave tips on recruiting and proving members; Peter Baron, talked about using Ancestry.com to obtain valid proofs of relationships and facts like census records and birth and death certificates; and Cynthia Weatherby of Florida, 2012 DAR Genealogist of the Year who has successfully completed over 1,100 applications who talked about recruiting community leaders.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies national meeting was in San Antonio August 28-30. The Texas SAR obtained and staffed a booth with help from the San Antonio Chapter. Peter Baron provided excellent leadership in obtaining and setting up the booth and coordinated with the National SAR Operation Ancestor Search who staffed the adjacent booth. We talked with many potential members and distributed almost 300 SAR brochures to individuals from all over the United States who were interested in the SAR. Most of that number were from Texas.

The 2015 Texas SAR State Convention will be held March 27-29 at the Marriott Greenspoint in Houston. When further information becomes available you will be able to view it on the Texas SAR website under the events pull-down menu. Texas SAR website address is <http://txssar.org/>.

Finally, I wish each of you the best of everything in the ensuing days this fall and during the forthcoming holidays and the New Year. Thank you for your efforts for the Texas SAR; you make us successful. Dues invoices are being prepared and will be mailed soon. Let's get the dues payments submitted

before December 31. Contact previous drops to reinstate. Remember - Recruit, Retain, Reinstate.

Sincerely,

Bob Cohen



Recently, Governor Rick Perry recognized the Sons of the American Revolution on their 125th Anniversary.

Texas SAR Brochure Contest Announced

A Texas Chapter SAR Brochure Contest will be held at the State Convention in Houston, March 27-29, 2015. The purpose of this contest is to encourage Texas SAR members to develop a chapter brochure.

The brochure should be suitable to give to prospective members at promotional exhibits and events, passed out at meetings of other organizations, left at genealogy libraries, etc. The brochure should encourage prospective members to become interested in joining the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as increase the readers awareness of the existence of SAR and its main purposes. All chapter members should carry a few brochures to give to prospective members.

The contest is open to SAR members. The brochure may be front and back and bifold or trifold on a single page, landscape or portrait format.

Judging will be based upon:

- Information included
- Content and accuracy
- Organization
- Visual appeal
- Image quality
- Effectiveness

The winner of this contest will receive \$52 towards his SAR dues, courtesy of Texas SAR President Bob and Jane Cohen.

Bring your brochure for display and judging at the State Convention. Each chapter is encouraged to have at least one entry at the state convention. Send a PDF, JPG, or paper copy of your Chapter's Member Brochure to both Stephen Lee and Bob Cohen:

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National Awards

Texas SAR Wins Awards at 123th NSSAR Congress
By Stephen Rohrbough, President (2013-14)

The 12th NSSAR Congress was held in Greenville, South Carolina on July 19-23. The Texas SAR has won awards for many years for their strong support of National Programs, Youth Contests, the SAR Foundation, Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH), Friends of the Library, and the George Washington Fellow Foundation. This year was no different as we took home 20 awards, including 13 awards for the Society and 7 for Chapters. On top of this recognition, we had 12 individuals who supported the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage with donations of \$19,000.

The State Society received the President General's Activities Award; USS Stark Memorial Award (with 58,905 points) for the large membership category; Officers Attendance Award; CAR Activities Award; Furlong Flag Award for having over 50% of the chapters presenting Flag Certificates; Arthur J.U. Tremble-1776 Trophy Award for the largest number of reinstated members who were dropped and resigned; Len Young Smith Award for largest new members enrolled under 40 years of age; Eugene McGuire Award for enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons, and nephews of SAR and DAR.

For participating in the National Youth Contest, the Texas Society received a Certificate of Participation in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, a Certificate of Participation in the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest; a Certificate of Participation in the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest; and a Certificate of Participation in the ROTC/JROTC Contest. This is outstanding as this Society works very hard at every level including Chapter, District, and State to make this happen!

At the National level, chapters in the state of Texas fared very well. The Plano Chapter won the President General's Cup presenting evidence of the most complete program of activities in the 100-199 member category; and the Plano Chapter won the Liberty Bell Americanism Award for best implementing SAR resolutions and principles in the same category.

Again, at the National level, the USS Stark Memorial Award was won by the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter with 9,825 points for chapters with fewer than 49 members; by the Plano Chapter with 17,359 points for chapters with 100-199 members; and the San Antonio Chapter with 17,438 points for chapters with over 200 members.

During President Joseph Dooley's term (2013-14) term, Texas SAR received streamers for supporting CAAH with \$3,500, Mount Vernon's George Washington Portrait for schools with \$500, USO support



Texas SAR continued its traditional “Texas-sized” gift basket as a silent-auction fundraiser for the National SAR Conference. This donation was assembled by Bob & Jane Cohen and James & Pat Taylor to help with the costs of the convention, was filled with Texas-themed items. Pictured (l-r) Jane Cohen and Catherine Massey.



Tom Lawrence receives the Minuteman Award from President General Joseph Dooley.

National Awards

at airports in three airports in Texas with \$750, and marking graves in Texas. The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter received a streamer for the PG's Initiative, "helping the USO help America's Military;" and the Bluebonnet Chapter received a streamer for the PG's Initiative, "supporting Memorials, Markers, & Monuments."

There were 12 members who were recognized with "The 2014 Congress Lamplighter" Awards and Medals for individual contributions to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage of \$500, \$1,000, and \$10,000. Individuals recognized were Andrew J. McVeigh III (The Hills, Texas), Jack Hughes (Plano, Texas), Lacy H. Hunt II (Austin, Texas), Harold V. Johnson III (Fort Worth, Texas), Peter F. Maxon (Austin, Texas), Clinton F. Moore (Houston, Texas), Frank G. Rohrbough (Boerne, Texas), Ronald J. Walcik (Killeen, Texas), Craig M. Greenway (Carrollton, Texas), Oliver J. Guiberteau (Katy, Texas), Byron P. Howlett Jr. (San Antonio, Texas), and John A. Thompson (The Woodlands, Texas). These Awards will be presented at the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting, November 7-9, 2014, in Temple, Texas.



The awards won by chapters and members of Texas SAR at the 2014 National SAR Congress.



Logan Herrera of Linden, Texas was the Texas Contestant in the Rumbaugh Oration Award. Pictured (l-r) are Stephen Rohrbough, SAR President General Joseph Dooley, Logan Herrera, DAR President General Lynn Forney Young, and Texas SAR President Robert Cohen.



Texas ladies attended several special activities at the 2014 SAR Congress in South Carolina.

South Central District Convention



Forty-one members from Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri & Arkansas' South Central District, as well as a few NSSAR Officers joined President General Lindsey Brock for a photo-pp at the 2014 SCD meeting.

Texas SAR Hosts South Central District Annual Meeting

By

Stephen Rohrbough

Texas SAR hosted the South Central District Annual 2014 South Central District (SCD) Annual Meeting on Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel DFW South, Irving, Texas. President Robert Cohen, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution warmly invited compatriots and guests from the five State Societies of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas to attend the meeting. Highlights of the SCD Annual Meeting included “Meet the Candidates” forum, an evening banquet, and Change of Command Ceremony on Friday. On Saturday, there was a SCD Business Meeting and a Ladies Program.

The “Meet the Candidates Forum” gave National Society Candidates, seeking National office for ten positions, an opportunity to present their ideas and experience for holding key positions for 2015-2016. There were seven uncontested positions and three contested positions.

President General Lindsey Brock was the guest of honor and keynote speaker for the banquet where he spoke about his goals and PG initiatives to complete the move of the Society Headquarters and establishing the NSSAR Museum on Main Street in Louisville, KY. Mrs. Darlene Neuhaus, owner of “American Revolutionary Uniforms,” Fort Worth Texas, was honored with the Martha Washington medal and certificate for her outstanding work providing many SAR members with Color Guard uniforms. The company was started by her mother, Mrs. Bernice Tippett in 1975—Darlene joined her

South Central District Convention



President General Lindsey Brock addresses the SCD attendees.



Darlene Neuhaus, owner of American Revolutionary Uniforms, receives the Martha Washington Medal

in 1996 and took ownership of the company in 2000, closing in 2013. The Change of Command ceremony recognized outgoing Commander Bob Capps (KSSSAR) and incoming Commander Frank Rohrbough (TXSSAR). During the business meeting, the members voted to approve the candidates for the non-contested positions by acclamation; and conducted a vote for the three contested positions including Treasurer General, Registrar General and Historian General. After hearing nominations and seconds for the candidates, the members completed ballots and voted. The SCD voted to endorse Tom Lawrence (TX) for President General, J. Michael Tomme (GA) for Secretary General, Randoll Ellis (TX) for Treasurer General, Davis Wright (DE) for Chancellor General, John Sinks (DC) for Genealogists General, Russ DeVinnery (MO) for Registrar General, John Thornhill (NC) for Historian General, C. Bruce Pickett (AL) for Librarian General, Dr. Larry M. Leslie (KY) for Surgeon General, and Rev. James Taylor (TX) for Chaplain General. For SAR Foundation Positions, the membership endorsed PG Lindsey Brock (FL) for Position 1 (3 year term) and Mike Eleston (VA) for Position 2 (3year term). President Robert S. Cohen nominated Immediate Past Texas State President Stephen W. Rohrbough for Vice President General (VPG) for the SCD for 2015-2016. The nomination was second and motion was approved by the voting members of the SCD.

There was a very interesting and well attended Ladies Program on the American Revolution which was conducted by Tom Crowe of Dallas, TX. Tom Crowe received a certificate of appreciation and an honorarium for the North Texas Food Bank. We hosted 58 members and guests, had 41 Color Guardsman, the largest turnout ever at a SCD Annual Meeting, for the banquet. See pictures in the article. In all, the Texas SAR can be proud for hosting a very professional and successful meeting. VPG George Thompson said “the SCD Conference at the DFW Hilton went very smoothly. The Texas Society planning for serving as host was more than adequate”, when he gave a report to President Jerold Montgomery (ARSSAR) who will be hosting the next SCD Annual meeting in Little Rock, AK on August 28-29, 2015.

The Society can be proud of being an excellent host Society thanks for the wonderful help and assistance from David Temple for registration and Tom Whitelock for hotel accommodations, Color Guard events, and table decorations and George Harcourt for his state meeting planning assistance. All received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and certificate as did Stephen Rohrbough as SCD Planning Coordinator.

Need Help Recruiting New Members. . . Try an “Elevator Speech”

How would you briefly explain SAR to a friend or prospective member? Developing an “elevator speech” can help you recruit new members. In 20 seconds or less, talk about SAR and why it is important to America. Give your “elevator speech” at least once every week to recruit new members and invite them to your chapter meetings

To assist in the development of a number of short, to-the-point speeches about SAR to share with chapter members so they can use them for recruiting, President Robert Cohen has announced an Elevator Speech Contest to be held at the next State Convention in Houston on March 27-29. The contest is open to active SAR members, who will give a speech, 20-seconds or less in length, to promote membership in SAR. Props may be used, but must be set up and taken down in the allotted 20 seconds of the speech.

Chapters are encouraged to have one member give his “elevator speech” at each chapter’s monthly meeting and send the top 2 (or more) from each chapter to Jim Kuykendall at jimkuy@aol.com and Bob Cohen at r-cohen@aggienetwork.com by February 28, 2015. Then, be prepared to present your elevator speech at the State Convention. The state winner will receive \$52 toward his dues from Bob and Jane Cohen.

Recently, while in Louisville, Kentucky for a leadership meeting, I was on the elevator with some gentlemen from another state. It was plain to see that the gentlemen had the SAR member medal on a ribbon around their necks. As we were moving from one floor to another, I suddenly asked them if they belonged to the SAR, and if not had they considered joining the organization. I completed my speech in about 15 seconds and reached my floor just as I thanked them for listening, and informed them that I was practicing my “elevator speech.” They chuckled and said, “Thank you.”

This is a DAR Past President’s “elevator speech:” “The DAR is a volunteer service organization based on lineage to someone who fought or gave aid to the American Revolution. We preserve historic buildings and artifacts; provide contests, awards and scholarships; support schools and develop good citizens, while celebrating the exceptional events in our American history.”

If more queries follow, engage the person in a dialog about the importance of membership. One final hint. . . you don’t have to be in an elevator to actually give a good speech!



The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard



Texas SAR President Bob Cohen was interviewed on several television stations about lineage workshops coordinated by the Independence Chapter.

Getting Publicity for your Chapter

Every American needs to hear who we in the Sons of the American Revolution are, and more importantly, what we're doing for our great nation.

Joseph Benham, a journalist for over half a century and the Chaplain, Publicist, and Past President of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers the following guidelines for **getting your chapter's story in print or on the air**.

- Accept the fact that news is a buyer's market. We must take our stories to the new media.
- Give them a written story. Hand-delivered is fine; email is just as good, and fax is okay.
- Sell your story on its merits. Never tell a reporter or editor that it's his/her civic, patriotic, or religious duty to print or broadcast your story.
- Tell the story directly, without trying to write deathless prose. Accept the fact that your story may be edited.
- Stay focused. Your mission is informing them about the SAR.
- Keep your opinions of their paper or station to yourself.
- Write in the order that you'd tell your spouse, co-worker, golf partner, etc., about your event, starting with the most interesting and/or important part. Who was your speaker and what was the most important and/or interesting thing he/she said?
- The way NOT to do it is with a set of minutes.
- Your next paragraph should identify the SAR as the venue. My usual wording: "Gen. or Rep. or Mr. or Ms. Blank spoke at the monthly meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), one of the nation's oldest and largest patriotic organizations for men."
- Calling the SAR a lineage society makes the editors think that we're just another genealogical group, about as newsworthy as coin-collecting or weight-watching.
- My usual wording: "Known as Compatriots, SAR members are men who can document having at least one ancestor who served in state militias or the Continental Army under George Washington, or in the Colonial Navy, or supported the cause of American independence by donating such things to the revolutionary cause as weapons, ammunition, uniforms, medical supplies, blankets, cash and food for troops and sailors and their livestock."
- That takes care of the lineage thing with wording that editors should find much more interesting.
- My next paragraph typically points out that we do a lot more than talk about our ancestors.
- In addition to promoting respect for our Founding Fathers and their sacrifices in winning American independence, SAR activities include promoting respect for the American flag and teaching American history: support for veterans, active duty military, and ROTC programs in high schools; and participating in patriotic observances.
- If we induct new members, or present or receive any awards, that comes next.
- The next paragraph tells readers, viewers, and listeners where and when the chapter meets, and that genealogical assistance is available to men who are interested in joining the SAR.
- Finally, we supply phone numbers and email addresses of chapter officers for persons wanting more information on the SAR and its activities.
- If you can e-mail one or more photos illustrating what went on at the meeting, so much the better.
- So, you've written a highly professional news release. What now?
- Re-check it for accuracy and clarity, then send it ASAP.
- Be sure to add names and phone numbers of officers willing to provide more information. Hardly any editor will use information sent to them anonymously.

Chapter News



Members from the Plano, Dallas, McKinney, East Fork Trinity, Ambassador Fletcher Warren and Denton Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville, Texas on June 21, 2014. Members walked carrying nine flags, their muskets and swords followed by several vehicles with other members and spouses riding, plus the Plano cannon.

Editor's Note: Due to the volume of material from the National Convention and submissions by Texas Chapters, "Serendipity" and the Americanism Trivia Quiz will return in a future issue.

Hill Country Chapter Vice President and Historian, Winston Scott, was recently honored "Life's Treasure" award for community service.

Scott, who also is a past president of the chapter and a former regional vice president of the TXSSAR, received the award from Publisher Mike Graxiola of the *Kerrville Daily Times*, which co-sponsors the annual honors with the Dietert Center, a community organization serving the Hill Country.

Chapter President James Barkley and four other past presidents of the Hill Country Chapter were among the compatriots present to congratulate Scott and his wife Betty

Scott, who retired as a chief warrant officer after 30 years in the Marine Corps, attributes his commitment to community service to the military code that "If there's a job to be done, you don't ask questions -- you do the job."

His jobs in a very busy retirement include donning the uniform of a colonial marine to participate in patriotic observances such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day and speaking at schools, churches, civic clubs and other venues on the campaigns and leaders in the American Revolution.

Known to his friends as "Scotty," he volunteers at the Kerrville Recycling Center, provides American, SAR and Texas flags for civic occasions, helps build and dismantle sets for the Playhouse 2000 theater company and assists senior citizens with such things as transportation and moving furniture. He also teaches a Bible study at the Kerrville First United Methodist Church.

Scott was honored earlier this year with the SAR's Bronze Distinguished Service Medal and was recognized at the state convention for more than 50 years of membership in the SAR. He also holds the TXSSAR's Patriot Medal.

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Hill Country Chapter member and World War II bomber pilot, Sam Smith, was honored by the French government as a Knight of that country's Legion of Honor, for what the citation acknowledges as his role in the liberation of France" from years of German occupation.

Smith received the decoration on board the Battleship Texas during the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the coast of France which began the liberation of Western Europe. The USS Texas was one of the Allied warships which shelled German fortifications on the Normandy coast prior to the landings by U.S., British, and Canadian forces.

This is Smith's second time to be decorated long after the end of World War II. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross earlier in this decade for his success in leading his squadron of B17 Flying Fortresses on bombing runs through swarms of faster Luftwaffe planes.



Sam Smith demonstrates the clicker used by paratroopers landing at Normandy.



The Texas SAR lapel pin presented to attendees of the State Convention by incoming President, Robert Cohen.

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more about Texas
SAR.**

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Compatriot Judge Don Bush asked members of the Texas SAR Color Guard from the Ambassador Fletcher Warren, Dallas, Denton, East Fork/Trinity, McKinney, and Plano Chapters of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to conduct the opening ceremony at a naturalization ceremony in Irving, Texas on September 19. Pictured from left to right are Compatriots Bill Neisel, Jim Johnson, Alan Johnson, John Greer, Dan Reed, Howard Roach, C.B. Luce, Judge Don Bush, Tom Whitelock, Bill Watts, Don Babbs, Don Sielert, Chuck Sprague, and Jack Hughes.



Members of the Color Guard of the Independence Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution posted the United States and Texas Flags at a naturalization ceremony. Pictured with two of America's newest citizens, are Judge J.D. Langley, John Thompson, Jim Jones, Bob Thompson.

Dr. Joe Allen Rice of the Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was the guest lecturer at the Columbia Historical Museum. Dr. Rice discussed his play, "The Forgotten Men Who Invented Texas," which traces the life of Dr. Francis Moore, a free man of color, who, in the 19th century, was the publisher and editor of *The Telegraph and Texas Register*.

Chapter News



After a presentation to the Independence Chapter on uniforms, accoutrements, and arms of the Continental Army by Peter Baron of the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Bob Cohen, Jane and Martin Ranck, and Dave Burdett take the opportunity to learn more about individual items.

Archaeologist Morris Jackson, MD, PhD was the speaker at the bi-monthly meeting of the Fredonia Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Dr. Jackson's presentation was about French trader and adventurer Louis Juchereau de St. Denis and his travels across Texas. Archaeologists recently discovered St. Denis' trading camp in western Nacogdoches County.



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Color Guard members of the Plano Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution led the 4th of July Parade in Plano, Texas. From left to right are compatriots Drake Peddie, Blair Rudy, Dennis DeAtley, behind the American Flag in the middle are Chuck Sprague and Alan Johnson.



ROTC Cadet Tyler Wilson, a student at North Richland Hills High School, received the ROTC Award from The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Wanted! Stories or brief essays about your patriot ancestors. Please send me (by email or snail mail) a brief essay about your patriot ancestor. I would like to include one essay in each issue of *The Texas Compatriot*.

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In Memoriam



The San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has recognized William “Bill” L. McCalister for his 37 years of service as Scout Master, Troop 285, Boy Scouts of America by presenting to him the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

Bill was an Eagle Scout at the age of 13 and has now provided leadership for the development of over 180 Eagle Scouts, who have provided over 50,000 hours of community service through their Eagle Scout service projects. It has been repeatedly quoted by these Eagle Scouts that, other than their fathers, Bill has been the most influential person in their lives.

Pictured (l-r) Past Texas SAR President Stephen Rohrbough, Jill McAlister, Bill McAlister, Jay Lewallen, and San Antonio Chapter President Robert Hancock.

Edward P. Maddox III, DVM (April 2, 1922-June 16, 2014)

“Doc” Maddox served two terms as the president of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was also a founding member of the Wise County Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a member in good standing of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, a lineage organization for descendants of officers of the Civil War.

“Doc” Maddox served his country during World War II as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

Ken Hendricks (December 23, 1925-July 16, 2014)

Proud to be a great-great-grandson of American hero David Crockett, Ken was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas and Direct Descendants and Kin of David Crockett and Sons of the Confederacy.

Ken was a World War II veteran who served in the 115th Field Artillery with the Third Army and the 15th Army in the Rhine campaign. Ken graduated from Texas A&M in 1949 with a degree in aeronautical engineering and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Cold War years, as a B-36 and B-52 flight engineer, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Compatriots wishing to make a gift to the Perpetual Fund in memory of “Doc” Maddox or Ken Hendricks may do so by going to <http://txssar.org/dues14.htm>

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From the Editor: The Newsletter Committee unanimously approved a new procedure for the Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Contest. Chapter Newsletter Editors should send one copy each of their four best newsletter issues for 2014 in one single batch of hardcopies to the Newsletter Editor, as shown below. Only hard-copy print-outs will be accepted. This includes newsletters that are normally distributed electronically. All batches must be delivered by U.S. Mail no later than January 1, 2015. A maximum of four newsletter issues per chapter will be accepted for judging. If a chapter publishes more than four issues per year, the Chapter Newsletter Editor should submit what he considers his best four. While black-and-white issues will be considered, color issues may have a competitive advantage.

Finally, please observe the following deadlines for submission of items for *The Texas Compatriot*: September 15 for the Fall Issue, January 15 for the Winter issue, and May 15 for the Summer issue.

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