MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As time draws near to the end of my term as President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution I think back to all those chapter presidents and members that provided accommodations and outstanding hospitality during my visits there during the year. I think of the great relationships and friendships Suzanne and I made during our visits this year. I think of the many team accomplishments that occurred during that time. We are blessed by a great cadre of compatriots within this organization. For this, I’m eternally grateful.

By March 22, 2009, following the State Conference in Nacogdoches, I will have driven a total of 12,920 miles visiting those many state chapters, I have previously alluded to, and have flown a total of 8,462 air miles representing this great society throughout the United States. My greatest opportunity has been to represent our society not only at the state and chapter level, but at the National Convention in Sacramento, CA and at two Leadership Conferences at National Headquarters in Louisville, KY. It has been a great experience that I will cherish and remember forever.

Over the last few weeks, I have reflected on our accomplishments during the year. I would like to begin by thanking the entire “volunteer army” that made my job so enjoyable. It was a great team effort and I want to first thank the State Officers who made such a great contribution in running the business of our society. Second, I want to thank each committee and their members who developed workable mission statements and objectives we never had before. Those committees did their jobs exceedingly well, they addressed issues and recommended change for the better, and finally thanks to all the compatriots that make up this great society who supported the changes that we made.

We have built a viable communication infrastructure using a redesigned State Website and began to utilize new technology, like a “phone tree” application, that allows all compatriots the capability of becoming abreast of what is going on within the society. There are other technological changes that will occur during the next president’s term, of which I’m excited about. The Texas Compatriot, in the future, may be the capability of becoming a “phone tree” application, that allows all compatriots to view it in color. There will still be a hard-copy newsletter for those compatriots that are not computer capable. We have finally brought the state society into the 21st century.

We have streamlined all BOM and State Conference meetings so that all officer reports are now listed on the State Website instead having to listen to long and drawn out oral reports. Now, only committees that met during the meetings were given a short period of time for an oral report, thus speeding up the business of the BOM. Their reports were also listed on the website. We have awarded all individual and chapter awards throughout state meetings prior to the Saturday evening banquet. This change has allowed us a shorter and more rewarding banquet agenda for all involved.

These are just a few of the changes that have occurred during my watch. In March, this society will have a new State President, Tom Lawrence, whom I’m very confident, will continue the objectives and vision this group of state officers and committees have set for the future of this great society. Please support him as you have supported me.

Now finally, please keep in mind that without all the “team of compatriots” that have given so much of their time, efforts, and contributions to the Texas Society, we would not be the great organization we are today. I thank all of you for your support and the opportunity to serve you. It has been a great experience that Suzanne and I will cherish forever.

Harry M. Fife, Jr.  TXSSAR State President

P.S. Please check the website for the details of our Chapter Community Assistance Grant Program established at the October Board of Management Meeting.
The August Board of Management Meeting (BOM) was hosted by the Captain William Barron Chapter of Tyler at the Holiday Inn.

Larry Ashburn (pictured right), Don Majors, and Don Copeland (holding DTM flag below) provided a flag presentation at the luncheon meeting. The chapter takes this presentation to schools in the area. Part of the presentation was Don Majors (below) on the guitar.

“Three Majors and a General” provided a musical performance for the evening banquet.

All committees met and highlights from the committees are summarized below:

**Americanism, Contest Medals and Awards**—Stephen Rohrbough and Robert Schwartz Co-Chairman
- Reminded Annual Report Deadline Jan 30, 2009
- Reported at least 30 chapters participated in at least one youth program
- Presented a matrix of funding sources & discussed chapter giving
- Issued revised Poster Contest rules
- A Military Service Medal was added for Veterans

**Archives Committee**—Tom Whitelock Chairman
- Discussed establishing a budget of $600 for Collections project at UNT Denton

**Auditing Committee**—Wendell Edwards, Chairman
- Reviewed Internal Audit Subcommittee report of July 2008 which reported no adverse findings and financial records in good shape.
- Reviewed draft of the Treasurer’s Procedures Manual prepared by Jim Jones and Marvin Morgan.
- Received the external audit for 2006 and provided the 2007 records to the auditor.

**Council of Chapter Presidents**—Charles Luna Chairman
- Presented plan to assist chapters in funding local youth programs by establishing a Community Service Grant Proposal at the chapter level

**Executive Committee**—Harry Fife, Jr.—Chairman
- Discussed telephone calling system uses
- Recommend that BOM endorse Judge Butler for President General and Chuck Bragg for Secretary General

**Finance Committee** – Jim Jones Chairman
- Reviewed financial performance for Jan-Jun 2008
- Recommended reimbursement of expenses of Trustees up to $400 per trip

**Genealogy Committee**—Arthur Hall and Mike Radcliff Cochairmen
- Discussed preparation of chapter registrar’s manual
- Announced seminar in Temple

**Information and Technology Committee**—H. Charles Baker Chairman
- Discussed reorganization of webpage and some additional features

**Long-Range Planning**—Thomas E. Lawrence Chairman:
- Discussed reducing the number of BOM meetings from 3 to 2 a year

**Patriot Fund Endowment Committee**—Charles Luna
- Discussed funding opportunities from local foundations and corporations
- Assigned committee members to large cities to investigate potential target organizations

**Perpetual Membership Board**—Thomas McCormick, Chairman
- Encouraged perpetual members to become life members at national
- Established periodic reviews of fee structure to ensure it is self sustaining

**State Meetings Committee**—Larry Stevens Chairman
- 2010 State Convention set for Houston hosted by Paul Carrington Chapter
- 2009 March meeting finalized for Nacogdoches **
- 2009 Summer BOM Lake Jackson **

**Veteran’s Committee**—Harmon L. Adair, Jr. Chairman
- Sought input on ways to support our veterans
- Requested local chapters become more involved in supporting veteran’s programs.

Please check the TXSSAR website for full reports from the committees and also the minutes of the general session which will be posted shortly.

Anna Lee was presented the Lady Liberty Award for her superb organizing of the Ladies’ Auxiliary activities by Chapter President Steven Lee.
Given below are some highlights from the Temple meeting. The full set of minutes are available on the Members only page of the TXSSAR website.

Tom Green discussed the new SAR-DAR Membership program which awards a $500 grant to the DAR chapter in the National Society that recommends prospective members to the SAR. He warned that there is a form to be filled out to accompany the SAR application.

The Nominating Committee Chairman Past President George West reported that the committee met with representatives from only seven chapters and wished to report the following slate of officers to be considered at the March meeting subject to nominations from the floor.

The slate included:

- **President** Tom Lawrence
- **President Elect** James T. Jones
- **Secretary** W. M. “Bill” Mars
- **Staff Secretary** Dr. Donald Pugh
- **Treasurer** Peter McLeann

The slate also included:

- **Registrar**
  - (Coastal) Arthur H. Hall
  - (Inland) Michael J. Radcliff
- **Chancellor** Robert M. Clark, Jr.
- **Chaplain** Dr. Wendell Edwards
- **Historian** Peter Baron
- **Historian**

He recognized Russell Dart for his work in preparing the brochures.

The Finance Committee Chairman James T. Jones, Jr. stated the contingent liability of the unclaimed scholarship funds be shown as a note on the balance sheet. A motion was made to do so; it passed unanimously.

The Information Technology Committee Chairman Dr. Charles Baker recommended that we move to a new web server to allow us to accomplish several new tasks for TXSSAR. The motion passed unanimously.

The Contest Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Stephen Rohrbough reported that the Youth Contest Brochures have been prepared and placed in the mailboxes.

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**New Members 2008**

- Daryl Joseph Allport
- Michael Joseph Bailey
- Marshall Lee Battle, Jr.
- Ronald Gene Bellamy
- Ronald Spencer Bellamy
- Logan Schaeffer Bennett
- Tyler Reese Blakey
- Ryan Grant Blakey
- Troy Dean Bolen
- Brett Parrish Brasher
- James Carroll Brasher
- David Cullen Briggs
- Douglas Randolph Briggs
- Herbert Benjamin Bronner
- Robert Myrick Browning
- Harry Ellis Bruce
- Joel Christopher Buford
- Donald Dean Bush
- Matthew Lane Carter
- Johnny Lee Cearley
- James Ronald Chisolm
- Marcus Alan Coker
- Lawrence Michael Connelley
- Robert Alex Cordova
- Richard Anthony Cordova
- Thomas Winton Cornett
- David Carl Courreges
- Stuart Heard Crockett, Jr.
- James Michael Curl
- James Ira DeLoach
- David Scott Dersheimer
- Allan Koonce Dray, Jr.
- Larry Mitchel Dupriest
- Patrick Thomas Dye
- Daniel Thomas Dye
- David Nelson Ehff
- Emmett Lee Enlow
- Arthur Oran Evans
- Donald Lee Evans
- Lance Barkley Evans
- Arthur Oran Evans IV
- Solon Richmond Featherston

**VP CM&A**

- Bud Schwart

**Dist 1 VP**

- Dr. Ron Livemore

**Dist 2 VP**

- William G. Harper

**Dist 3 VP**

- George W. Harcourt

**Dist 4 VP**

- John W. Knox

**Dist 5 VP**

- James Alderman

**Dist 6 VP**

- J. Mark Hansen

**Dist 7 VP**

- Allan M. Henshaw

**Dist 8 VP**

- Ray Cox

**Dist 9 VP**

- Joe Bruce Barrett

**Dist 10 VP**

- Michael J. Everheart

**Dist 11 VP**

- William K. Walker

**Trustee**

- Harry Fife

**Alternate Trustee**

- W. M. “Bill” Mars

**Contest Medals and Awards Committee**

- Chairman Stephen Rohrbough reported that the Youth Contest Brochures have been prepared and placed in the mailboxes.

**New Members 2008**

- James Jefferson Ferrell
- James Robert Flack II
- Nathan Benjamin Forrest
- William Walter Harrington
- Trevor Clayton Forrest
- Charles Keller Forrest
- Carter Benjamin Forrest
- Aubrey Allen Gann
- John Patrick Gawedzinski
- David Daniel Gawedzinski
- William Lee Gay
- Michael Patrick Geranis
- Charles Robert Graff
- Ronald Nelson Graves
- James Warren Grey
- Mark Clifton Guthrie
- Milton Leon Haines
- James Truman Hale
- Don Tyson Hall
- William Thomas Hall
- Terry Duane Handley
- Terry Lawrence Harper
- George Jacob Harper
- Terry Lawrence Harper
- William Walter Harrington
- Colin Davis Harris
- Gordon Hubert Hensley
- Paul Alan Herring
- Robert Guy Hill II
- Lloyd Eugene Hinkle
- Ronald Eugene Hinkle
- John Leslie Hinnant
- James Franklin Hunter
- James Franklin Hunter II
- Robert Kenneth Insedeln Jr.
- Lewis Miller IV
- Willard Burl Ivy
- Golden Charles Owen Jackson
- Erwin Wayne Johnson
- Samuel Dale Johnson
- Christopher Wayne Johnson
- William Elton Jones III
- Robert Clifford Jordan
- Larry Dan Jordan
- William Charles Sanders, Jr.
- Gary Martin Kane
- Finis Crawford Kerr
- James Bradley Kidd
- Larry Joseph Kinter
- William Scott Leopold
- Jay Mayne Lewallen
- Donald Charles Long
- Christopher Richman Long
- Frederick Haberman Long
- Donald Charles Long, Jr
- Dr. Joseph Neal Luther
- Douglas Luis MacDonnell
- Gregory Alan Mahin
- Cleburne Henry Matthias III
- James Houston McClure
- Patrick John McEnroe, Jr.
- Sandy Joe McGee
- Leo Robert McIntyre
- Jeffrey Joel Meador
- Benny Gene Mobley
- Lane Alex Montgomery
- Orlando Javier Mora
- Ruben Edmund Mora
- Richard Eugene Murphy
- Kenneth Neal Murphy
- Paul Adron Neill
- Richard William Newman
- Richard Bruce Osborn
- David Robert Osborn
- Terry Wayne Parten
- John Charles Pearce
- Stephen Francis Pearce
- Larry James Peik
- Jeremy Michael Petosa
- John Graham Pomeroi
- Mark Frederick Pratt
- Robert William Prendergast
- Robert Carroll Prewitt
- Charles Edmond Pruitt II
- Charles Edmond Pruitt III
- Spencer Cone Releyea
- Sage Donavyn Ricker
- Leonard Brennan Rodriguez
- Herbert A Ross
- Robert Michael Rountree
- William Turner Sanders
- William Charles Sanders, Sr.
- Scott Thomas Sands
- Gilbert Theodore Scott
- Mark Steven Shackelford
- Jeffrey Mark Sloan
- Thomas Lykes Small
- Thomas Fugate Smith
- Thomas Bryan Smith
- Christopher Evan Smith
- Anthony Lee Smith
- James Robert Somerford
- Jeffrey Warren Sparks
- Marion Gerald Spencer
- Donald Wayne Stallings
- Paul Joseph Stautzenberger
- James Edward Stinson
- Paul Joseph Sweiland
- Jeffrey Michael Sweiland
- John David Swope
- Stephen William Tanner
- William A. Tarver
- Harry Albert Taylor
- Raymond Roy Tharp
- Tyson Jerome Thrill
- William Henry Van Pelt, III
- William Henry Van Pelt, IV
- Patrick Scott Van Pelt
- Jesse Orlando Villarreal
- Jesse Orlando Villarreal, Jr.
- Santos Villarreal
- Santos Huerta Villarreal
- Rene Villarreal
- Matthew Russell Wade
- Kenneth Gerard Walsh, Jr.
- Scott Robert Wendell
- Gregory Harry Westmoreland
- Billy Gene Whatley
- Ronald Gene Whately
- Steven Whatley
- Gary Russell White
- James Edward Willis
- Gary Warren Woodward
- Gordon Gene Wyrick, Sr.
Temple Board of Management Meeting

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Past President General Nathan White announced that Chuck Bragg has recently resigned as Treasurer General and President General Appelby has appointed Jack London to fill out the remainder of the term.

The Registrars and the Membership and Expansion Committee conducted a Registrar’s Workshop on Friday afternoon led by Arthur Hall and Michael Radcliff.

Host Bill Marrs reported that the attendance at the BOM was 56 Compatriots and the attendance at the dinner was 98.

Tom Green announced that he had some rooms reserved for the Laredo George Washington Birthday Parade. Dates are February 20-21, 2009

New Business

President Fife announced that the Leon Valley Chapter has decided to disband.

There was a motion by Peter Rowley, seconded by Tom Green to recommend a study to determine the feasibility of an “at large” membership. Motion carried. It was referred to the Membership and Expansion Committee.

Past President General White asked if the Membership and Expansion Committee could have a one-day meeting to discuss this and other matters. President-Elect Tom Lawrence indicated he would poll the committee membership to determine that feasibility.

Dr. Charles Baker suggested that the SAR District organization be studied to recognize the relative size of Texas in the South Central District. There was discussion but no action.

Secretary General Edward F. Butler asked that anyone who wished to be considered for a position on a National Committee let him know.

Again, check the website for the full set of minutes of this meeting.

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STATE AFFAIRS

College Station: The TXSSAR Internal Audit Committee hard at work. Internal Audit Committee Chair Wendell Edwards and Committee Members Peter McLellan and Marvin Morgan discuss financial information with TXSSAR Treasurer Jim Jones during the internal audit at the home of Jim Jones.

Pictured at right - standing: Edwards, McLellan and Morgan; seated Jones

MAKING HISTORY

Tom M. Whitelock, TXSSAR State Historian
Well my term as your State Historian is coming to a close and a quick review of the last year’s Archives Committee activities reflects a definite progress for our “mission goals”. All Chapters have either an officer assigned to the Committee or have elected an historian to carry out the task of recording their yearly history. Since we haven’t had activities fully reported in a “Compatriot” for nearly two years (save one issue), the Archives Committee desperately needed help in recovering documentation and photos of each Chapter’s 2007 and 2008 events. I appreciate the preliminary effort of all those and/or their promise to send in their vital activity data. Whether it’s in scrapbook form, a small pile of minutes, one page newsletters, or an envelope of identifiable photos – everything and anything SAR that occurred in your locale should be sent to the Willis Library post haste so that we can get those historical records into your Chapter’s file in the TXSSAR Archive Collection at UNT. (See mailing addresses listed below)

It is very important that ALL Chapters participate in this recovery project so that we don’t lose the opportunity to keep our continuous history in tact.

During 2008 Chapter Presidents received two important master forms.

The first sheet is to be copied and sent with any shipment of Chapter historical documents going to UNT. The staff in the Rare Book & Texana Division use the form to help catalog the records for storage, display and posting on the internet for researchers.

The second form was the “bio” form previously used in 2005 with our TXSSAR members in order to obtain the Compatriot’s facts and figures as well as the history on their Patriot Ancestor for publishing in TXSSAR History Volume II.

I emphasized to capture the input from our newest (2006-2008) members and either the Chapter Historian or Secretary needed to duplicate the form and get it into the hands of those members not previously published in the Vol. II book. Remember to send all completed forms directly to me .... let’s be serious about this for a moment; these new members need to be in the Vol. III issue, so make sure they fill out the form and it is mailed to my address. (A special thank you to the Athens’ Chapter for their exceptional participation on this project.)

This was an exciting year for TXSSAR and we all need to share in the wealth of it’s recorded history – We started it off on the right foot (or the left, if you so desire), making arrangements with our friends and Community Partners Team at Albertsons Grocery Stores throughout northern Texas to offer a rebate to the Archives Collection Fund every time Compatriots shopped at their stores with scan able cards. This program will assist TXSSAR in acquiring memorabilia and historical items pertaining to our Society and the revolutionary period for our library display. In addition, the BOM voted to include the Archives committee projects in the allotted 2009 TXSSAR budget. Likewise, over the course of the past few months the “Collection” has received financial donations from Society members throughout the State and a very sizable one from the Denton Chapter.

Before signing off, let me remind ALL CHAPTERS to participate in the annual yearbook competition to held during our conference March 19-22. There’s a special “cash” incentive for those Chapters that have never entered the contest. Rules sheets for both the regular and special contests are being prepared for transmission to Chapters this month. By the way since there are new officers being elected in each Chapter, please alert me to any change in your Archives Committee representative.

Please forward current and past documents/photos/newsletters/etc. to:

TXSSAR Archives
c/o Rare Books & Texana Collections,
P.O. Box 305190,
Denton, TX 76203-5190
jshehan@library.unt.edu or
ehoyensk@library.unt.edu

For heavier boxes of archive materials - the physical UNT address is:

TXSSAR Archives
c/o Rare Books & Texana Collections,
1516 Highland Street, Denton, TX 76203

Submit BIOs and general correspondence to:

Tom M. Whitelock – TXSSAR Historian, P.O. Box 191605, Dallas 75219
TMWPromo@yahoo.com
LEADERSHIP MEETING, LOUISVILLE, KY, SEPT 2008

Louisville, KY: The Fall Leadership Meetings found Texas well represented. The attendees from Texas included: Harry Fife TXSSAR President, Nathan White, Past NSSAR President General, Dick Arnold, Judge Ed Butler NSSAR Secretary General, Ron Barker, Jim Jones, Judge Tom Lawrence, Bill Marrs, Mike Radcliff, and Larry Stevens. For some it was the first time to see the HQ building and new Center for American Heritage.

Application Fees
New Members

Many may not realize that there is a savings offered by National for submitting family groups at the same time. In the fees schedule the first applicant is charged the full fees and then each subsequent family member receives a $30 discount in the application fee. This is to encourage family participation and is due in part to the savings in time as the review of many generations is in common. Note the ancestor must be the same and the applications must be submitted at the same time. The fee structure is presented to the right.

You can check the TXSSAR website for a complete list of fees. http://www.txssar.org/fees2007.html

While on the website you may wish to check out the advantages of a lifetime or perpetual membership at the state and national level.

Bernardo de Galvez, Galveston:
Pictured at right: Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 President George Dersheimer presented a Bronze Texas Service Certificate and Medal to Maureen Patton, Executive Director of the Grand 1894 Opera House on August 27, 2008.

The Galveston Theater is designated the Opera House of the State of Texas. Chapter #1 also presented a donation to the Grand Capital Building Fund in honor of Ms. Patton.

[Ike just days later made this gift even more meaningful we are sure]

Story from Bernardo de Galvez newsletter

Community Involvement

Athens Chapter, Athens: The SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Dick Bramblitt, of Mabank, for his many contributions to civic and charitable causes.

Pictured below is Dick Bramblitt, Jim Robertson and Roald “Skip” Gustafson, chapter president

Mike Radcliff, Robin & Ed Butler, Jim Jones and Larry Stevens

First timers touring the museum at HQ: Ron Barker, Larry Stevens & Jim Jones

Bill Marrs, Mike Radcliff and Dick Arnold

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New Family Membership Applications

| First Family Member (as above) $115.00 |
| Subsequent Family Members submitted at the same time and on the same Patriot as the First Family Member |
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| NSSAR Application fee and dues $15.00 |
| TXSSAR Application fee and dues $20.00 |
| CHAPTER Dues* $10.00 |

| 2nd, 3rd 4th, etc TOTAL each $85.00 |
| * PLEASE NOTE: Pino, Pinney Woods, Capt. William Barron, Dallas, Robert Rankin and McKinney Chapters have larger chapter dues rates that will be reflected when application fees are collected. |
Toys for Soldiers’ Families

Brazos Valley Chapter, Fort Hood: Once again the Brazos Valley Chapter supported the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the DAR in their wonderful project to collect toys for the children of our military personnel stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The Brazos Valley Chapter responded with several Santa’s bags full.

The toys collected by the Chapter and a check for $135.00 were presented to the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter during their “A Candy Cane Christmas” brunch at the Harbor Lakes Club House. Ms. Deanna Sump, Program Manager for USO Fort Hood was present to extend the thanks and appreciation of the military personnel to all, DAR and SAR alike, for the outflow of support.

These toys were transported to Fort Hood for distribution to the children during the various unit Christmas parties. Spearheading this outstanding effort for the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter was Vice Regent Kathy Hanlon.

Fort Hood is the largest American military installation. It is home to the 1st Calvary Division, 4th Infantry Division, III Corp Headquarters and elements of the 1st Infantry Division. About 52,000 soldiers are assigned to Ft. Hood, together with about 70,000 family members.

San Antonio Chapter, Fort Sam Houston: The San Antonio chapter participated in the Veteran’s Day activities at Fort Sam Houston 11 November 2008.

CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATED!

Houston: On the 10th of November 2008 six members of the Texas Color Guard presented the colors at a naturalization ceremony where 68 individuals received their citizenship in the United States of America. The color guard members serving were Ray Cox, Tom Green, Pat Kerr, Vic Smith, Larry Stevens and John Thompson.

The ceremony was held aboard the Battleship Texas where clouds threatened and the wind blew hard.

Ten U. S. military service members were among those becoming citizens. One was a young man who had immigrated from Nigeria more than a year ago and enlisted in the Army. He was quoted as saying, “This is a dream come true.”

The speaker for the event was Brig. Gen John W. Nicholson, U. S. Army—retired. He reminded the crowd that the next day was Veteran’s Day and quoted Washington who said, “The nation that takes care of its veterans can count on getting more young people to serve to defend their nation in the future.”
San Antonio Chapter, National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston: The San Antonio Chapter Color Guard and chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America ceremonies on 13 December 2008.

Pictured above: Companions: Rev James Taylor, David Bowles, Jay Higginson, Judge Ed Butler and Peter Baron

Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter, Lufkin: The Lufkin Chapter SAR Color Guard and wives participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Lufkin, TX on November 8, 2008. The Lufkin chapter color guard also participated in Honor America Night the same day at Abe Martin Stadium.


Photo from chapter website

Patriot Grave Marking John and Andrew Gaar

PineyWoods Chapter, Culpeper County, VA: Companions Jim Mitchell, Secretary of PineyWoods Chapter #51 TXSSAR, traveled to Culpeper County Virginia to mark two Revolutionary Soldiers’ graves, Jim’s ancestors, John and Andrew Gaar. Participating in the May 17th grave marking were members of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of the VASSAR and also members of Troup 116 and Explorer Post 156 of the Stonewall Jackson BSA Council. Our thanks to Companions Francis Lay, First VP of the Culpeper Chapter who assisted Companion James Mitchell in this long distance project. The project was a family affair to be sure with Jim-Mitchell’s son James also assisting in the program.

Pictured below: Culpeper Minuteman and on right TXSSAR Companion Jim Mitchell.

Bernardo De Galvez - Charles Allen Price
Brazos Valley - Chester R. Upham, Jr., James Kenneth Pore
Dallas - James Ira DeLoach, Wayne Curtis Pedigo
Daniel Wood - Herman W. Green, Jr., John David Campbell
East Fork Trinity - James Kenneth Ingram
Edmund Terrill - Ray Lee Satterfield, Edward Lee Lundie
Freedom - Samuel Patrick Evans
Heart Of Texas - Ray L. Anderson Sr, Allen Coleman McGuire
Hill Country - Billy E. Smith, Dr. Gene Atkinson
Independence - Charles W. Geelan
Live Oak - August Emile Caron, Jr.
Maj. K M Van Zandt - James Lea Bracey
Patrick Henry - Thomas Hance Flinn, III
Paul Revere - Allen E. Burch
Permian Basin - John A. Hord
PineyWoods - William Nicholas Foster
Plano - Robert Balcom McKay, Edwin Barry Ferrell, Jr., Boniface G. Trosclair
San Antonio - Lloyd Hanks Hudson
Flag Presentation

William Hightower Chapter in Lake Jackson: We hope that most of our readers have been lucky enough to have experienced one of Tom Green’s flag presentations. If you haven’t seen it and get the chance, please do. It is incredible the amount of information he can pack into an hour, or so, you know how he likes to talk.

Recently Compatriots Tom Green and Dale Williamson had the opportunity to take the presentation to a school in the Lake Jackson area.

Pictured right with students Compatriots Green (l) and Williamson (r)

Life in the Colonies and on the Frontier

PineyWoods Chapter, Kingwood: At left, Compatriot Larry Stevens with two students. He is demonstrating the loading and firing of a rifle for students of Humble Christian School. The talks, followed by a question and answer period, can last as long as 2 hours. Students learn about life in the colonial and pioneering days. They see games, utensils, tools, clothing, food and household goods with the students actively involved in demonstrating the items.

Presentations were conducted this fall and winter at Humble Christian School and Kingwood Christian School to all of the fourth grade classes.

On December 12, 2008 the PineyWoods chapter was given the opportunity to give the presentation (sans rifle) to the 140 students of the fifth grade at the Maplebrook Elementary school of Atascocita. It was part of the American Spirit Day celebration. All the fifth grade students and their teachers were dressed in colonial attire and spent the day celebrating Colonial times and learning colonial crafts. It was exciting to be included as part of this celebration of our American heritage and to see the children so eager to learn and ask questions.

The Enhanced JROTC Award

Each spring, SAR chapters throughout the United States and in fact, the world, present Bronze JROTC and Silver ROTC metals. The Enhanced JROTC Program was authorized in 1977 and each SAR chapter can nominate one candidate for the State level contest and the selected TXSSAR winner has been awarded a $1000 scholarship for at least the last two years at the State. The TXSSAR winner has been forwarded to the National competition at the National Congress. TXSSAR came in second at the National Congress in 2007. The Enhanced Award is for third year cadets and is the cadet is judged on, Scholastic Standing, GPA, leadership and command positions held and potential, extracurricular activities, and Non-Scholastic/Non-JROTC Activities and positions.

The cadet has to write a 500 to 700 word essay on “How has JROTC prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America”.

Ron Barker, Chairman, TXSSAR ROTC Committee
Ron0729con@comast.net
**Education**

**Brazos Valley Chapter, Dublin:** We do not normally think of American Literature and the American Revolutionary War in the same thought. However, there was one author who had a major impact not only on the American Revolution, but also on the French Revolution. This preeminent author of Revolutionary War literature was none other than Thomas Paine. Compatriot Vic Smith was invited by English Teacher Ms. Tjwanah Smith to present an American Literature program to her four 11th grade English classes at the Dublin High School, in Dublin, Texas. The subject which Compatriot Smith chose was Thomas Paine’s contribution to American Literature. Vic discussed the two most well known of Thomas Paine’s works; *Common Sense* and *The American Crisis*.

**Plano:** The Plano Chapter presenting a Program about the American Revolution at the Brinker Elementary School in Plano, Texas. **Pictured (right bottom),** from left to right, Dr. Jim Johnson who portrayed the life of artist John Trumbull, Dan Reed in militia attire talked about the life and equipment of a Revolutionary militia soldier in the Revolution, Howard Roach who talked about the uniforms and weapons of the American Revolution and some of the hardships of being a regular soldier in the Continental Army. The school kids were very excited to be able to see and handle some of the replica weapons and equipment that the Plano Chapter brought for this program.

**McKinney, Friday Oct 31, 2008:** The McKinney chapter had a rare opportunity to talk to approximately 200 history students representing eight classes at Murphy Middle School. They were there from 8 AM - 4PM. Dick Arnold did an excellent job portraying an officer in George Washington’s army at the battle of Trenton, and, if you haven’t seen Mike Radcliff portray George Mason, you have really missed out! Everyone (teachers included!), learned something about the Articles of Confederations, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and about our founding fathers.

**Photo:** Left Mike addressing Class Compatriots Arnold and Lentz

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If you haven’t bought chances on this lovely hand-made queen sized quilt contact the LATXSSAR. The ladies are working hard to support the SAR activities with their fund raising efforts.

The drawing will be held at the banquet on Saturday night at the state meeting in March.

Tickets are $2/each or 3/$5 and can be obtained from a Ladies Auxiliary member or at the state meeting. **Above Marilyn Walker & June Everheart**
Public Service Recognized
SAR encourages the recognition of the heroes in the community in fire safety, law enforcement and emergency medical services. It is important for chapters to promote the recognition of these public servants.
Given below are some of the chapter activities in this area.

Captain William Barron Chapter, Tyler: Pictured below: The Captain William Barron Chapter of Tyler honored three Tyler police officers in September. The three officers saved the life of a trapped victim in a burning automobile at great risk to their own lives on June 24, 2008.
Officers Daniel Richardson, Adam Colby and Sgt Darin Grissom were presented with the S.A.R.’s Heroism Award at the September meeting.

Cradle of Texas, Lake Jackson: The Chapter presents the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Lake Jackson Police Chief Paul Hromadlka at a recent meeting. See picture at right.
From: The Cradle of Texas Crier, January 2009

Johnny L. Bonds solved a triple murder that had been ruled a suicide-homicide and officially closed. In the process, he solved another murder that had been ruled a suicide. He was featured in the book, The Cop Who Wouldn’t Quit as well as in various magazines including the September ’81 issue of People Magazine.

Dallas Chapter, Dallas: Pictured below: Second VP Frank Pounders (left) of the Dallas Chapter presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to FCP Tracy Pounders for his work in law enforcement as a municipal judge in the Cities of Cedar Hill, Grand Prairie, and Dallas, as Assistant City Attorney in Dallas, and as General Counsel to the Dallas Police and Fire Departments.

Athens Chapter, Athens: At the November meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution Athens Chapter, Richard McFadden of East Texas Medical Center, Gun Barrel City, was awarded the SAR Emergency Medical Service Medal and Certificate.
This award is in recognition of his dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and performance beyond the normal duties within his profession.

Plano: Pictured above: V.P. of Community Affairs Bill Neisel (Right) Presents the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to Plano Police Officer Andrae Smith (center) with his Certificate and Medal, (Far left) is Plano Police Chief Gregory Rushin on hand for the Ceremony.
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Dallas: The Athens Chapter presented the Heroism Award on July 8, 2008. Chapter president Roald “Skip” Gustafson presented the medal and certificate to Duane Boies at Preferred Home Medical, his employer’s Athens office. In May, Duane stopped his car when a lady flagged him down. A car was on fire with a young child inside. At the risk of his own life without regard for his own safety, and despite serious burns to himself, he helped rescue the helpless two-year-old toddler.

San Antonio: The San Antonio chapter took advantage of a unique opportunity on the 29th of November. The San Antonio Rampage, a minor league hockey team, sponsored the “Battle of the Badges” at a recent home game against the Houston Aeros. The Rampage honored San Antonio Fire and Police Departments by wearing commemorative jerseys and having an auction.

During an intermission, San Antonio Chapter SAR members read a citation and awarded heroism medals to the Crew of Engine #7 SAFD. The Citation was for entering a burning commercial building after an explosion and with full knowledge of further imminent explosions to remove a living victim without further injury.

The medals and citations were presented in front of a crowd of 7000.

Pictured below: (L-R): SAFD Firefighter Robert Gonzalez, Lt. Jeremy Hunstman, Engineer Mark Segura, and Firefighter Brent Currie. 2nd Row L-R: Compatriot’s Frank Rohrbough, Ed Butler, Peter Gustafson and Boies

Plano Chapter, Plano: At their October meeting the Plano Chapter V.P. of Community Affairs, Bill Neisel (right), presents the Fire Fighter of the Year Award and Medal to Plano Fire Fighter Sonny Weed (left). See picture below

Dallas Chapter, Dallas: During the August 2008 meeting of the Dallas Chapter, the chapter received the National 2007 USS Stark Memorial Award for providing the best record of service to veterans in the SAR organization.

Pictured to the right are Jim and Grady Fairbairn (each end: the Dallas Chapter Veterans Affairs Team), Dr. H. Charles Baker, 2007 Chapter President holding certificate and to his right Captain Bob Northcraft, Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander.

From: The Minuteman, September-October 2008

Traveling Liberty Bell

Dallas: Many will remember the accident that damaged the truck and trailer used to transport the Traveling Liberty Bell. The following story comes from the Dallas chapter:

The City of Grapevine Vintage Railroad was the venue for a public ceremony in which Daniel Adams (far left), owner of Century Trucks & Vans, presented a new truck to David Hall, owner of the world’s only Traveling Liberty Bell. The truck is dedicated to the memory of Sgt. William Crow who was killed in Iraq. At near left, David triumphantly holds up the keys, and the new truck is shown at left. The Dallas Chapter Color Guard also participated in the ceremony.

The truck presentation was just in time for the Liberty Bell trailer to make an appearance as a part of the SAR section of the City of Dallas Veterans Day Parade. In which the Dallas chapter Color Guard participated with the bell.

From: The Minuteman, November-December 2008
REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee for the TXSSAR Member is $35.00. Meals and other events are extra as noted below. Please mail a check for registration, meals and other events payable to Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 along with this form to:
Russell Dart,
3315 S. Peach Hollow Circle
Pearland, TX 77584-2039.

NAME_________________________________________________GUEST__________________________________________
SAR CHAPTER_________________________________________________________________________________________
TITLE/OFFICE__________________________________________________________________________________________
STREET ADDRESS____________________________________CITY_______________________________________
TELEPHONE________________________________EMAIL:____________________________________________________
DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL____________________________________________________________________________

REGISTRATION (Member only) $35.00
SATURDAY LUNCH (NUMBER) @ $20.00 each $________
SATURDAY BANQUET (NUMBER) @$30.00 each $________
TOTAL TO BE MAILED $________

Ladies tour on Saturday morning will be gratis. They will have lunch at a local restaurant in and will order from the menu, “Dutch treat” Number attending ladies event ____________.

We will be reserving a room at a local seafood restaurant for Friday evening arrivals by 6 pm. Please reserve spaces for _______ persons for me. “Dutch treat, order from menu.”

Note: There will be no refunds for food or registration after July 23, 2009. The hotel has a 24 hour cancellation requirement. If you plan to go on the historical tour you must make reservations on that sheet separately. We plan to leave at 7:45 a.m. for the tour and you should make your hotel reservations accordingly.
Cradle of Texas
Historical Tour
(In conjunction with the TXSSAR BOM)
Friday Morning, July 31, 2009
7:45 a.m.
This will be a full day tour
$45 per person
(Hotel on Thursday night will be at TXSSAR Discounted Rate)

The Trails and Trials of Santa Anna in Brazoria County after the Battle of San Jacinto

Santa Anna, the Emperor of Mexico and the Commander of the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto was captured and brought to Brazoria County immediately after the Battle. We will visit the four sites where he was held in Brazoria County before he was taken to Washington, DC and later sent back to Mexico, as well as some other historical sites of the period. Also we will have a lecture-demonstration of some archeological findings of the period from the area. Included in the tour will be a conducted tour of Varner-Hogg Plantation (Patton Plantation) which has been furnished by the late Miss Ima Hogg, the daughter of the first Texas born Governor of Texas. Other sites visited will be the McCroskey Cabin, Durazno Plantation, Orizimbo Plantation, Levi Jordan Plantation Historical Site, and the Fannin-Mims Plantation.

Air Conditioned Bus. We will leave from the Cherotel and return there. There will be a very limited number of seats and reservations will be on a first-come basis. All proceeds from the tour will go to the Patriot’s Fund. Deadline for reservations is July 20. For those who took the tour in 2006 this will be a completely different tour. A Barbecue lunch will be provided. Admission fees to State Historical Sites included as well as bottled water. Suggest you might want to bring some mosquito repellent.

Names: ___________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

email: __________________________Telephone_____________

Number ___ X $45 $_________

Make Checks Payable to SAR Historical Tour
and mail to  Russell Dart, Treasurer, 3315 S. Peach Hollow Circle, Pearland, TX 77584
No refunds after July 20, 2009.
114th TXSSAR Convention Registration

19-22 March 2009, Nacogdoches, Texas

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
The convention will be held at the Fredonia Hotel, 200 N. Fredonia St. in downtown Nacogdoches. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Telephone Toll Free 1-800-594-5323 or 936-564-1234 for reservations. The SAR rate is $99.00 per night, plus tax. This rate will be extended for those who wish to extend their stay at the Fredonia (based upon availability). Be sure to mention the SAR to receive this rate. Cut-off date to guarantee rate is February 19, 2009. Check-in, 3.00 PM and Check-out, 12:00 noon.

MEETING REGISTRATION:
SAR Member Name: ___________________________________________________
Title:______________________________________________________________
Chapter: ________________________    Contact Telephone: ___________________
Name of Spouse/Guests if attending: ______________________________________
Arrival Date? ______________                     Approximate Time? ________________
Special dietary or disability requirements?  __________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

* Registration fee includes one raffle ticket for a .50 cal. Hawken Rifle. Raffle tickets to be sold only to attendees of 114th Annual Meeting. Additional tickets may be purchased at $ 5.00 each or 5 tickets for $ 20.00. All proceeds from Raffle go to TXSSAR Patriot Fund.

** The Historic Tour will depart the Fredonia Hotel at 9AM on Saturday and return in time to attend Youth Luncheon.

Total for Event Registration

Make checks payable to "Athens Chapter TXSSAR" and send to Art Hall, P.O. Box 907, Athens, TX 75751. Last day for refund consideration is March 12, 2009. For Additional information: Art Hall: arthall@mycvc.net or Charles Luna: cluna@m3pro.com

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From the Editor

This is my first issue as new editor of the Compatriot and I am asking for help from chapters. I have not been able to find old stories that may have been submitted since the last edition. A glitch in the website forwarding mechanism I was told.

I have therefore taken some liberties by using an old technique used in early newspapers. I have relied heavily on chapter newsletters and websites on-line to add chapter information for this issue. There were a lot of state matters that needed to be communicated urgently but I did not wish to miss the opportunity to highlight the wonderful work being done at the chapter level. I want to thank all of you who have responded quickly for my pleas for more information. I also want to give a special thanks to Willie Walker for taking many of the great photos at the state meetings. The Compatriot would be lost without him. I would also like to thank assistant editor Jim Mims, from the PineyWoods Chapter, for help in preparation of this newsletter.

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Temple, TX 76505

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PATRIOTS FUND

Compatriots are reminded that donations to the Patriots Fund in any amount are always welcome and are tax deductible as allowed for at 501c(3) organization. Remember that this fund supports all of our youth programs and contests. This includes the following: Knight Essay, Poster, CAR Essay, Eagle Scout; Junior ROTC and the American History Teacher Medals.

Individuals who give $500 to the Patriots Fund receive the Alexander Hamilton lapel pin. Individuals donating $1,000 will earn the Alexander Hamilton Medal. Recognition will be given at the Annual Meeting in March.

There is a new form for the submission of Patriot Fund Donations. It can be found at the following location on the web:
www.txssar.org/Donations.pdf

Please send your contributions, the completed with checks made out to “TXSSAR”.

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