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TXSSAR SOCIETY AWARDS FOR 2009

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TXSSAR Society Awards were presented to individuals and Chapters during the 114th Annual Convention in Nacogdoches, Texas, March 19-22, 2009. Although competition was tight, many compatriots and Chapters diligently worked to complete the society's programs and achieve the goals set for 2008.

Everyone contributing time and dedicating skills to the programs and contest of the TXSSAR Society is commended for their individual and Chapter efforts leading to the continued success of the Society's contests for this year. Hundreds of individual compatriots in 49 Chapters of the Society reached out to schools, local organizations, the DAR and CAR Societies, and other patriotic societies to participate in TXSSAR contests, programs, and events. Winners of the programs and TXSSAR awards at the individual and Chapter level are as follows.

FRIDAY COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (8:00AM)

THE GALVESTON AWARD:

Established by Bernardo Galvez Chapter was presented to the chapter with the highest % of increase of donations to the TXSSAR Col. Joe Hill Patriots Fund. The Winner was the **Paul Revere Chapter # 19 (5400%)** and an Honorable Mention for the Robert Rankin Chapter # 62 (2621%). *Pictured right: Tom Jackson receiving the award from Stephen Rohrbough.*



THE FRANK WATKINS AWARD:

Established by the Hill Country Chapter in Honor of Frank Watkins was presented to the chapter having the highest % of members contributing to the TXSSAR Col. Joe Hill Patriots Fund in the past year. The Winner was the **Bluebonnet Chapter #41 (20%)** and an Honorable Mention for the **Red River Valley Chapter # 65 (21.43%)**. *Right: Willie Walker accepts award.*

THE KARL E. WALLACE AWARD:

Given by TXSSAR Society in honor of Past President Karl E. Wallace to the Chapter having the highest % of membership increase during the past year. The Winner was the **Liberty Chapter # 42 (200%)** and Honorable Mention: Heart of Texas Chapter # 63 (33.7%). *Right: President Harry Fife presents the award to Bill Marrs.*



THE ADRIAN DROUILHET AWARD:

Named for Secretary Treasurer Emeritus Adrian Drouilhet, it was presented to the Chapter with the most new members under 50 years of age. The Winner was **Patrick Henry Chapter # 11** (14 members). *Right: John Knox accepts award for the Patrick Henry Chapter.*



FRIDAY OPENING SESSION (4:30 PM)

COL. JOE M. HILL PATRIOT FUND AWARDS:

Awarded annually to each Chapter that has total contributions that exceed the total of the previous year.

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| *Bernado de Galvez #1 | *Capt. William Baron # 25 | Aaron Burleson #59 |
| *Arlington #7 | Lt. Nathan Gann #28 | *Robert Rankin #62 |
| *Patrick Henry #11 | *Bluebonnet # 41 | Red River Valley #65 |
| Corpus Christi #14 | *East Fork Trinity #47 | |
| *Texas Tech #15 | *East Texas # 57 | |
| *Abilene # 16 | Fredonia #58 | |
| *Paul Revere # 19 | | |
| * Repeat winners | | |

COL. JOE M. HILL JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD:

Presented in honor of our past President Col. Joe. M. Mill Jr. and given to each chapter that achieves the goal of 100% membership renewal in the past year. the winner was the **Live Oak Chapter # 55.**

THE JOHN K. HARRELL CAR ACTIVITIES AWARD:

Recognizes Compatriot John Harrell of the San Antonio Chapter for dedication and support of the national, state, and local programs and activities to develop strong relationships between the Sons of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution. Compatriot Harrell believed that supporting CAR Societies at all levels would help the common good of both the National Society SAR and National Society CAR and enhance the promise of new members to SAR and DAR. This award is presented to any chapter who participates in 7 of the 9 elements outlined by the NSSAR CAR Committee. The only Winner this year was the **San Antonio Chapter # 4.**

THE JOHN K. HARRELL CAR COMPETITION AWARDS:

The Award was established in memory of Compatriot John K. Harrell of the San Antonio Chapter for his outstanding work and active participation in CAR programs and activities at the chapter, state, and national levels. Mrs. Barbara Harrell, wife of Compatriot John Harrell, donated \$5,000 in February 2008 to establish the John K, Harrell Fund to support this award. It was presented to chapters that participate in the CAR activities outlined in the Chapter Annual Report submitted for the calendar year. *Below: Mike Ratcliff accepts for Plano chapter:*

- Chapter winners were:
- Group # 1 (10-39) **North Central Texas #36**
 - Group # 2 (40-99) **Robert Rankin #62**
 - Group # 3 (100+) **Plano #37**



TXSSAR FLAG PRESENTATION AWARDS:

Given to chapters having recognized an individual, company or organization for the proper display, maintenance and care for flying the Flag of the United States during the past year. With the majority of chapters presenting certificates, the Society will receive the Furlong Award for the second time from NSSAR. There were 23 chapters participating in the Flag Certificate Program in 2008 with 18 repeat winners. We had 109 Flag presentations with 546 compatriots attending these ceremonies.

Chapters winning this award are:

- *Col. Turner R. Sharpe # 9 Dist # 1
- *Permian Basin #18 Dist # 1
- *San Antonio # 4 Dist # 3
- *Patrick Henry # 11 Dist # 4
- *Maj M. K. Van Zandt # 6 Dist # 5
- N. Central Texas # 36 Dist # 5
- Brazos Valley # 45 Dist # 5
- *Dallas # 2 Dist # 6
- *Mesquite # 46 Dist # 6
- *Bernardo de Galvez # 1 Dist # 7 (with 21 Flag Presentations)
- Alexander Hodge #49 Dist #7
- *Freedom # 38 Dist # 8
- *Piney Woods # 51 Dist # 8
- *Robert Rankin # 62 Dist # 8 (with 43 Flag Presentations)
- *Denton # 23 Dist # 10
- *Capt William Barron # 25 Dist # 10
- Lt Nathan Gann #28 Dist #10
- *Plano # 37 Dist # 10
- *Athens #54 Dist #10
- *E. Texas # 57 Dist # 10
- Fredonia #58 Dist # 10
- *McKinney #63 Dist #10
- Amb. Fletcher Warren # 65 Dist # 11

- Repeat winner from last year



Picture above: Flag Certificate Awards

FIRST GENERAL SESSION ON SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM

THE JOHN BRUCE STUART JR. MEMORIAL AWARD:

Established by the Plano Chapter in memory of Compatriot John B. Stuart Jr. and was awarded to the chapter based on Veterans activities in the past year. We had 9 chapters reporting Veterans Activities – 53,400 points. *Pictured left: Willie Walker accepting for the Ambassador Warren Fletcher Chapter.*



Chapter winners were:

Group 1 (10-39) **Ambassador Warren Fletcher # 43** with 5,700 points

Group 2 (40-99) **Maj. K.M. Van Zandt #6** with 5,700 points

Group 3 (100-199) **San Antonio # 4** with 14,600 points

Group 4 (200+) **Dallas # 2** with 14,500 points

THE MARSHALL HUNTER AWARD:

Sponsored by the Captain William Barron Chapter and presented in two categories, based on the chapter membership at the end of the TXSSAR year for the highest percentage of members attending their regular meetings. Chapter winners were:

Group 1 (1-99) **Arlington #7** with 89% for 11 meetings

Group 2 (100+) **Plano # 37** with 31% for 12 meetings

THE HARTSELL O. STEPHENS AWARD:

Given in honor of Hartsell O. Stephens and awarded to the individual who sponsors the most new compatriots during the contest year 2008. The winner was **Compatriot Dan Stauffer of the Patrick Henry Chapter #11** with 36 new applications for membership.

THE E. A. LIMMER AWARD:

Created by the Heart of Texas Chapter and given to the Chapter having the highest percentage of approved Supplemental Applications during the past year. Winners:

Group 1 (10-39) **Corpus Christi** with 158% with 2 applications

Group 2 (40-99) **Athens #54** 150% with 4 applications

Group 3 (100-199) **Plano #37** with 153% and 11 applications

Group 4 (200-+) **Dallas # 2** with 9.7% and 2 applications



Pictured left: Charles Luna accepting the award for the Athens chapter

THE WILBUR S. STRONG AWARD:

Awarded to the chapter formed during the past year having the highest score for the Outstanding Chapter Contest. No new chapters in 2008

THE TXSSAR YEARBOOK AWARD:

Presented to the Chapter submitting the best Yearbook as judged by the Yearbook Committee. The Yearbook is the historical record of the chapter activities for the past TXSSAR year. Winners were:

- Group 1 (10-20) **Mesquite #46**
- Group 2 (21-49) **Piney Woods #51**
- Tie 2nd Place Robert Rankin # 62
- Tie 2nd Place East Fork Trinity #47
- 3rd Place Freedom # 38
- Group 3 (50 +) **Plano #37**
- Tie 2nd Place Maj. Van Zandt #6
- Tie 2nd Place Capt. Wm. Barron #25
- 3rd Place Alexander Hodge #49



SATURDAY YOUTH CONTEST AWARDS LUNCHEON (NOON)

*Pictured Left: TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence
Pictured Right: TXSNDAR Regent Lynn Forney Young
Both spoke at the luncheon*



**ROBERT RITCHIE ORATION AWARDS
FOR JOSEPH RUMBAUGH CONTEST**

This Contest is open to students in the sophomore, junior and senior high school classes in public, parochial, and private schools. The oration is presented without script or props. The winner represents the Texas Society at the National SAR Oration Contest. There were only two Regions recommending contestants this year.

Region # 2 – Ms Angela Gail Parker, New Braunfels, TX, Senior, New Braunfels Christian Academy, sponsored by William Hightower Chapter # 35

Region # 4 – Mr. Phillip Hayes, Hideaway, TX, Senior, Lindale HS, sponsored by Capt William Barron Chapter # 25

Winner was:

1st Place: Mr. Phillip Hayes

Sponsoring Chapter: Capt William Barron # 25

Pictured right: President Harry Fife and Peter Rowley presenting award.



2nd Place: Ms. Angela Gail Parker

Sponsoring Chapter: William Hightower # 35

Pictured Left Angela Parker receiving the award and a check from Mike Radcliffe the Society of 1812 as runner up in Oration contest.



OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AWARD:

Award is presented to an American history teacher based on an essay and recommendation letters from peers, students, and supervisors. The winner was Brian Degner, Boerne, TX

Sponsoring Chapter: **Boerne #64**



Right: President Harry Fife Presents Mr. Brian Degner the Outstanding American History Teacher Award.



Left: President Harry Fife presents Secretary General Ed Butler the certificate honoring the Boerne chapter for nominating Mr. Denger

THE EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Given to an Eagle Scout who has passed by the Boy Scout Board. The applicant submits a scholarship application, four (4) generation chart and a five hundred (500) word essay on the American Revolution. The winner was Eagle Scout Jonathan Hillis. The sponsoring chapter was **Patrick Henry #11**.

Pictured right: President Harry Fife and John Knox presenting the Eagle Scout Trophy to winner Eagle Scout Jonathan Hillis.



THE J. R.O.T.C. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Outstanding Cadets are chosen by their respective unit commanding officers. The Cadets are nominated based their outstanding leadership, military bearing and good citizenship, and they must write an essay of five hundred (500) words explaining how ROTC has impacted their life and made them a better person. The winner was Cadet Heather Wilhelm of Wylie, Texas, who attends Wylie High School. The sponsoring chapter was **East Fork Trinity #47.**

Below: President Harry Fife, Cadet Heather Wilhelm and JROTC Chairman Ron Barker



GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The Award is given to a junior or senior high school student who writes the best five hundred (500) word essay on an event, topic, person or ideal associated with the American Revolution. There were 11 chapters, 50 participants, and 56 schools participating in this year's contest. Winners were:

- 1st Place: Conner Pate, Dallas, Texas
Sponsoring Chapter: **Dallas #2**
- 2nd Place: Usama Khan, Houston, Texas
Sponsoring Chapter: **Robert Rankin #62**
- 3rd Place: Nicholas Bruno, Thompson, Texas
Sponsoring Chapter: **Alexander Hodge #49**

*Pictured: Left: Hank Voegtle, Dallas Chapter
Right: Tom Jackson, Robert Rankin Chapter
Below: Tom McCormick, Alexander Hodge Chapter*



THE TXSSAR C. A. R. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY AWARDS:

This awards is given to male and female members of the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution who write the best five hundred (500) word essay on an event, topic, person, or ideal on the Revolutionary Period as announced. The topic this year was “Who Was Molly Pitcher? - The American Revolution”. We had 3 entries with 1 male and 2 females. These awards were presented at the TSCAR State Convention held at Menger Hotel in San Antonio. Stephen Rohrbough made the presentation on Friday, March 27, 2009 during the opening ceremonies of the convention. The winners were:

- 1st Place: Catharine Clayton, Captain John Smith Society
Sponsoring Chapter: **Alexander Hodge #49**
- 2nd Place: Benjamin Hinckley, Benjamin Boone Society
Sponsoring Chapter: **Major K.M. Van Zandt #6**
- 3rd Place: Chalie N. Power, junior, James Bates Society
Sponsoring Chapter: **Robert Rankin Chapter # 62**

THE JAMES M. LOONEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST AWARD (5 CERTIFICATES):

Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American history in support of the Texas School Fifth (5th) Grade Curriculum. The Posters are judged on artistic merit, creativity used to express the annual theme, originality of presentation, and show evidence of research done by the student. We had 12 Chapters, 1094 contestants, and 206 schools participating in this year’s contests. The winners were:

- 1st Place
Sponsoring Chapter: **Alexander Hodge #49**
- 2nd Place:
Sponsoring Chapter: **East Fork Trinity #47**
- 2nd Place
Sponsoring Chapter **Dallas # 2**
- 3rd Place:
Sponsoring Chapter: **Robert Rankin #62**
- 3rd Place:
Sponsoring Chapter: **E. Fork Trinity Chapter # 47**

SATURDAY SECOND GENERAL SESSION (3:00 PM)

The TXSSAR Americanism Awards:

Formerly the Louis J. Rumaggi Trophy, it is given to a chapter that develops an exceptional program to recognize patriotic activities of the youth of the state, supports institutions and adults that promote patriotic education, recognizes observance of national holidays, and recognizes outstanding citizenship during the past year. Winners were:

- Group 1 (10-39) **Robert Rankin # 62** with 10,000 points
- Group 2 (40-99) **Athens #54** with 4,995 points
- Group 3 (100-199) ***Plano # 37** with 2,870 points
- Group 4 (200-+) ***Dallas # 2** with 4585 points

Pictured right: Robert Hall of the Plano Chapter accepts the Americanism Award



TXSSAR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD:

Awarded to chapters that excelled in all programs, activities, and outreach to non-SAR institutions and groups as reflected in the 12 sections of the Chapter Annual Report. The award is given to chapters in four categories for their participation in the majority of programs contained in the Annual Report. The winners are:

- Group 1 (10-39) ***Robert Rankin # 62** with 23,886 points
 - Group 2 (40-99) **Athens** with 11,395 points
 - Group 3 (100-199) **Patrick Henry # 11** with 11,210 points
 - Group 4(200+) ***Dallas # 2** with 11,765 points
- * Repeat winners from last year

Below: Marvin Morgan accepts the Outstanding Chapter Award for the Patrick Henry Chapter.



PATRIOT MEDAL AWARDEES 2009

The Patriot Medal is the highest medal a state society can award a member. It can be awarded only once. The five awardees in 2009 are pictured below:



L-R: Bob Clark, James Alderman, Art Hall, Charles Luna and James T. Jones, Jr.

TEXAS STATE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARDS FOR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS



ALEXANDER HAMILTON CLUSTER

Donor who contributions exceed the initial \$1,000 given to Alexander Hamilton Medal winners are awarded clusters for in increments of \$1,000 after the initial award of the Alexander Hamilton medal.

Pictured receiving a cluster for 2008 contributions: Left Arnold Seidule left and Mike Radcliff.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON MEDAL

Those individuals who have had a cumulative total of contributions of \$1,000 in 2008 were awarded the Alexander Hamilton Medal.

Tom Whitelock awards the Alexander Hamilton Medal to (l-r) Stephen Rorhough, George West, Sandi Craig and Carol Radcliff



Below (l-r) Tom Whitelock awards Alexander Hamilton Medals to Jim Jones, Jack Morton and Bill Marrs



ALEXANDER HAMILTON PIN

The Alexander Hamilton Pin is awarded for cumulative donations of \$500.
2008 Awards were given to the following individuals.



Pictured above (l – r) Tom Whitelock presenting Alexander Hamilton Pins to John Knox, Thomas B. Jackson and Bill Marrs for L. C. Baldwin.

OTHER MEDALS AND AWARDS PRESENTED AT BANQUET



*President Fife awards General Palmer the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.;
Secretary General Ed Butler awards President General David Appleby the Silver Texas
Service Award
Past President General Nathan White presents David Appleby with a photo of his namesake
town Appleby, Texas.*

*Tom Whitelock presents the Dreaded President's Awards.
 To outgoing President Harry Fife he presents a piece of lost luggage.
 To incoming President Tom Lawrence he presents an award for the innovative "24 Dialer" which can, and did, alert members to upcoming meetings all hours. Tom didn't even have to be awake for the early morning calls!*



President Fife presents Gerald White (l) and John Thompson (c) and Thomas K. Jackson (l) the Texas Silver Service Medal.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

President Harry Fife presented this award to the following Compatriots.



Raymond Cox



Mike Everhart



Larry Stevens (with wife Barbara looking on)



Charles Luna



Daniel B. Stauffer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Pictured below: President Harry Fife Presents Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough with the Distinguished Service Medal





Suzanne Fife was presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate by President Harry Fife

Certificate of Service

Below newly installed TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence presents immediate Past President Harry Fife with the Certificate of Service Award.

