

The East Texas Patriot

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The East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting Compatriot Fowler to be Guest Speaker

Christmas Dinner

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Dinner with our wives and guests. It will be on Thursday, December 7, 1995. A cash bar will be available at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00. It will be held in the Summit Club in the Bank One Building, 10th floor, 200 N. Fredonia, Longview.

The menu will be a choice of 7 oz. Filet with potato or Chicken Fedora. Chicken Fedora is a chicken breast topped with shrimp, scallops and other seafood, with pasta. The menu will also include a salad, vegetable, dessert and tea or coffee. The Filet will cost \$25 and the Chicken Fedora will cost \$20. This includes the gratuity.

Reservation should be made as early as possible, but no later than Friday, December 1st. Checks should be made payable to "East Texas Chapter/SAR." See the coupon in this issue for details. These should be mailed to Talmadge Booth, P.O. Box 3607, Longview, TX 75606.

This should be a gala meeting and one which everyone will want to attend. It will not only be a great social event, but an opportunity to meet and hear one of the State Society's outstanding speakers.

Fowler Guest Speaker

Compatriot Delbert Marcom Fowler will be the guest speaker at the dinner. Compatriot Fowler is a Past President of the State Society, serving in 1993-1994. His subject will be "The Battle of Guilford Courthouse."

Compatriot Fowler is a native Texan. He was born in Ladonia in Fannin County. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1945 and holds Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and in International Affairs from George Washington University. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, and after advancing to the rank of Colonel, retired in 1972 after 26 years of service.

After retirement from the Army, Compatriot Fowler was the Regional Administrator for the Federal Energy Administration in Dallas from 1973 to 1977. From 1977 to 1985 he was a consulting Engineer in the energy conservation in buildings field in Dallas and Austin. Compatriot Fowler was then Director of Design and Construction for the Dallas Independent School District until his final retirement in 1992.

Compatriot Fowler has been a member of the SAR since 1984. He is a Perpetual Member and was founder of the National Society's George Washington Fund. He was Regional Vice President in 1990-1991. He has served as Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Budget Committee. He has served on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Corporate Sponsorship Committee, Membership Committee and the Projects Committee of the National Society and was Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the National Society.

While Compatriot Fowler was President of his local chapter, it won the Walter Sterling Award for Best Chapter in the Texas State Society. He has received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Liberty Medal and the Patriot's Medal from the Society.

Compatriot Fowler is married to the former Betty Reichy and has been married 47 years!! The Fowlers have three children.

Dar Member Receives Medal

Mrs. Annette Coke was presented a medal and a Certificate of Appreciation by Compatriot Talmadge Booth on behalf of the East Texas Chapter of the SAR. The presentation was made on October 29th. Mrs. Coke helped the chapter obtain three new members: her sons Crawford Coke, Jr., and Casey Coke and her grandson James Garrett.

We appreciate her effort and dedication for which she received this award.

You Can Help Us Grow!

You can help the Society grow and reap rewards for yourself as well!

All that is required for membership is that a man be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of good repute in the community. And, of course, be a lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence. He can have served as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or any one of the several colonies or States. He can have been a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He can have served as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence. He can have served as a member of any continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature. He can have been a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

What is more, if you are the first line sponsor of ten new members, you will receive the Liberty Medal of the Society. If you sign up more than ten members, you will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster to wear on your medal. When you receive ten bronze clusters, you will be awarded a silver oak leaf cluster.

A new member is an individual who was not previously an SAR member and whose application has been approved by the National Society.

Help us grow and receive this distinctive honor. Talk to friends and relatives and recruit new members.

News for New Members

by Ross Shipman

TXSSAR President-elect

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Your new Compatriots in the Sons of the American Revolution welcome you. We are a group of men who have established a lineal descent from a Patriot who was loyal to and rendered active service in support of the cause of American independence. The objectives of our society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and we seek to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who by their service or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is divided into individually incorporated state societies. You belong to the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. You will often see the Society referred to as TXSSAR. The TXSSAR is divided into districts and, of course, the districts are made up of the local chapters. The number of chapters in a district vary because the districts cover the more heavily populated areas of the state as well as the thinly populated areas in West Texas.

The National Society meets once a year in June in larger cities throughout the United states. The Texas Society meets once a year in March in towns where there is a local chapter to be the host. Local chapters meet as decided by the members. Some chapters, especially the larger chapters, meet monthly for business, social interaction, to break bread together, and to hear talks of interest. Several chapters meet monthly except for the summer months. Others meet quarterly, and one meets annually

at Christmas for a black tie special occasion. In addition to these meetings, the Texas Society Board of Managers meet three times a year, in March, August, and in November, to assure smooth conduct of TXSSAR business. Some of our districts have one day training meetings to help local chapter officers in their conduct of chapter affairs.

Nationally, we have a President General, Vice Presidents General representing areas of the country, and other national officers.

David Stroud Awarded Medal

David Stroud, a Kilgore College History Professor and twice our special speaker, was presented a bronze Good Citizenship medal and a certificate by our chapter at its meeting in October. David Stroud spoke to on the subjects "George Washington and the Constitution," and "The Victory at Yorktown."

David Stroud is a dynamic speaker who made his presentations to a rapt audience. It was quite clear from his presentation that history is a living and vital force in his life.

It was also quite clear that our American Patriot forefathers would never have won against England, who then had the greatest army in the world, without the guidance and leadership of George Washington. David Stroud made the Father of our Country come to life as he described his honesty, straightforwardness and insightfulness.

Everyone who attended these talks was most grateful to David Stroud. Well Done!

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Please make the following reservations for
The East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 1995, 6:30 p.m.

_____ Person/s for Filet with Potatoes, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert and Coffee @\$25 \$ _____

_____ Person/s for Chicken Fedora, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert and Coffee @\$20 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

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Phone No. _____ Make check payable to: East Texas Chapter/SAR

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Deadline: Friday, December 1, 1995