# The Rankin Register

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### Texas Society: 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

#### Rankin Compatriots and Friends,

Last April, the Texas Society SAR convened the 129th Annual Convention in San Antonio. Over the next few months, we will be forwarding the information presented at that meeting to you through this newsletter. Robert Rankin Chapter had a rewarding award season at the Convention for the year 2023.



Many Awards were presented to the Rankin Chapter, Rankin individual Compatriots, and Youth Groups. Last month we highlighted the State Outstanding Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) presentation at Waller High School and the other JROTC winners. This month we are highlighting the chapter and individual compatriots. In the June newsletter, we will feature Pin Oak Middle School, the Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest State winner.

We will also continue to present the descriptions of the different committees hoping YOU will want to get involved. You won't be alone as there is always someone to help.

The Rankin website has been updated with the most recent State awards for the Chapter, Compatriots, and contests.

#### Take a look.

From the home page, click on Publicity, see the drop-down menu, and select state recognitions.

Enjoy & thank you for your support of Robert Rankin and the SAR.

Best regards,

Jerry Martin Editor, Rankin Register

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#### CHAPTER EVENTS

## **Outstanding Chapter Award**

Robert Rankin Chapter - State 2023 Awards

Honor Flight

Hobby Airport June 1st, 7:00 pm

2024 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution

> Norfolk, Virginia June 7 - 9

**National Congress** 

Lancaster, PA July 10 – 16

Summer Zoom BOM July 27th

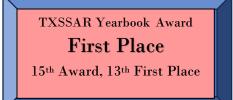




For the Eighteenth consecutive year, Robert Rankin Chapter #62 has won Outstanding Chapter. The chapter has won this award for 19 out of 21 years. Great work Bruce McMordie for preparing the report.

#### Col. Joe Hill Patriot Fund Award

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



Yearbook Editors: Tom Jackson and Niece Jennifer Jackson



#### Texas SAR Flag Presentation

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. The Texas SAR will receive the "Furlong Award" this year with over half of the chapters giving Flag awards. This is the 18th consecutive year that the Rankin Chapter has received this award. Most years, Rankin has led the state in issuing Flag Certificates. Any Compatriot may give a certificate to a deserving individual or entity that properly displays the flag. It's fun to say thank you to a neighbor or a stranger and who knows, they may want to become a member of SAR!











Chapter Awards all Public Service Awards, to include Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMS, Life Saving, Heroism. The Rankin Chapter currently recognizes the First Responders honored by the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce at their monthly luncheon. Previously the Chapter would honor these individuals at their monthly meetings. You can nominate an individual! Contact Present Alex Thome or committee chairman Tom Jackson.

#### John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award





#### **Continued Rankin Chapter Recognitions**



Established by Plano Chapter in memory of Compatriot John B. Stuart Jr. and is awarded to the Chapter that best meets the criteria based on Veterans activities in the past year.



Major Contributors: Allan Perkins & Harry Woodstrom & Bruce McMordie

The total overall point value for the calendar year 2023 is 16,132.88.

This represents a 16% increase over the total for 2022.



#### Important Notice

We have updated the Rankin website, shown below, with the most recent State awards for the Chapter and contests.

Take a look. From the home page, click on Publicity, see the drop-down menus, and select state recognitions.

http://www.texassar.org/RobertRankin/

#### SAVE THE DATE



The American Friends of Lafayette is the proud official sponsor of the commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour.

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# Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar





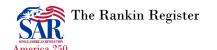


# Honoring Larry Stevens and Tom Green

Approved by President Drake Peddie: 2022



Tom Green



# Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar

### Rankin Chapter Recognition

Honoring
Thomas I.
Jackson (L)
and
John Thompson
(R)



Approved by President Jim Kuykendall, 2023 Presented by President Sam Massey, 2024



# Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar



Honoring

Edwin L. Raines and Virginia Evans









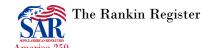




Edwin Raines, Virginia Evans, John Thompson, Mary Thompson, Thomas Jackson, as well as several other Compatriots dress up as famous characters from the time of the American Revolution. Some of the characters include George Washington, Ben and Deborah Franklin, John Brown of Rhode Island, and Betsy Ross.



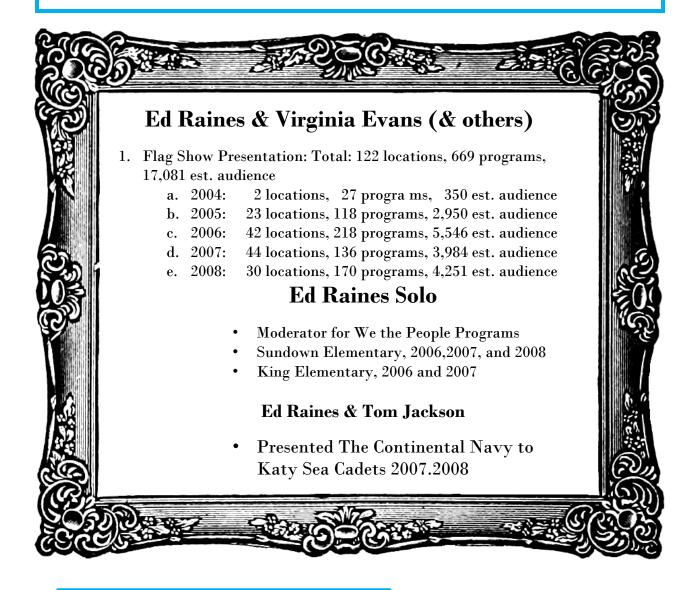




#### **Minimum Requirement**

10 Years of Significant Contributions

2004-2008, but they didn't stop there!



Approved by President Sam Massey, 2024

First Female to Receive, Unofficially in National

#### Tom Jackson

#### The State Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Sustained Service at the State Level



The State Henry
Knox Achievement
Medal may be
awarded by a State
Society to a
Compatriot or nonSAR member to
recognize a specific
outstanding
contribution,
achievement,
accomplishment,



deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that State Society. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and

may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts.

Named for Henry Knox (1750-1806), the medal honors Knox's completion of a seemingly impossible task: successfully completing General Washington's order to move Fort Ticonderoga's captured heavy artillery to Boston.

Information from page 43, Volume V, Members Handbook

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# The 250<sup>th</sup> is here. Will You Join Us In Celebration?

July 4, 2026 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country.

It didn't start or stop on that day, but was a decade long process: 1773 - 1783

america250sar.org

#### Memorable events

250 years ago...

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris