



# The Texas Compatriot

Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



2008 Awards — Supplement

**TXSSAR Society Awards for 2008**

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**TXSSAR** Society Awards were presented to individuals and Chapters during the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Arlington, Texas, March 27-30, 2008. Although competition was tight, many compatriots and Chapters diligently worked to complete the society's programs and achieve the goals set for 2007.

**E**veryone contributing their time and dedicating their skills to the programs and contest of the TXSSAR Society are 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.

**I** wish to express a sincere appreciation for the continued diligence of so many compatriots and chapters in furthering the goals of SAR.

*Stephen Rohrbough*



## **FRIDAY COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

### **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 **Ambassador Warren Fletcher Chapter # 43 (7110%)** and an Honorable Mention for the McKinney Chapter # 63 (2475%).

### **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 **Ambassador Warren Fletcher Chapter # 43 (20%)** and an Honorable Mention for the Freedom Chapter # 41 (17.3%).

### **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 **Boerne Chapter # 64 (125%)** and Honorable Mention: McKinney # 63 (30.3%).

### **The Adrian Drouilhet Award:**

Named for Secretary Treasurer Emeritus Adrian Drouilhet was presented to the Chapter with the most new members under 50 years of age. The Winner was **Dallas Chapter # 2 (27 members)**.

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## OPENING SESSION AWARDS

### 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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| *Dallas #2             | * Permian Basin # 18             | Brazos Valley # 45  |
| *San Antonio #4        | *Heart of Texas #26              | *Athens # 54        |
| *Paul Carrington #5    | *Edmund Terrill # 34             | *Robert Rankin # 62 |
| *Major KM Van Zandt #6 | *Freedom # 38                    | McKinney # 63       |
| Col Turner Sharp # 9   | Independence # 40                | *Red River # 65     |
| Pan Handle Plains # 10 | *Ambassador Warren Fletcher # 43 |                     |
| *Patrick Henry # 11    |                                  |                     |
| * Repeat winners       |                                  |                     |

### Col. Joe M. Hill Jr. Membership Award:

Presented in honor of our past President Col. Joe. M. Mill Jr. and is given to each chapter that achieves the goal of 100% membership renewal in the past year. the winners are:

- Col Turner Sharp # 9
- \*Major White Chapter # 18
- Daniel Wood # 22
- North Central Texas # 36
- \*Leon River Valley Chapter # 44
- \*Lt Nathan Gann Chapter # 28
- \*Repeat winner from last year

### The John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award:

Recognizes Compatriot John Harrell's of the San Antonio Chapter for dedication and support of the national, state, and local programs, 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. Monetary awards will begin in 2009.

Chapter winners were:

- Group # 1 (10-39) **North Central Texas #36**
- Group # 2 (40-99) **Captain William Barron # 25**
- Group # 3 (100-199) **San Antonio Chapter**
- Group # 4 (200+) There was no winner in this group.

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## 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 31 Chapters participating in the Flag Certificate Program in 2007, with 23 repeat winners. We had 108 Flag presentation with 262 compatriots attending these ceremonies.

*Col. Turner R. Sharpe	# 9	Dist # 1	*Bernardo de Galvez	# 1	Dist # 7
Permian Basin	# 18	Dist # 1	Paul Carrington	# 5	Dist # 7
Panhandle Plains	# 10	Dist # 2	*Cradle of Texas	# 33	Dist # 7
*San Antonio	# 4	Dist # 3	*Freedom	# 38	Dist # 8
*Hill Country	# 31	Dist # 3	*Piney Woods	# 51	Dist # 8
*Bluebonnet	# 41	Dist # 3	*Robert Rankin	# 62	Dist # 8
Victoria	# 50	Dist # 3	*Capt William Barron	# 25	Dist # 10
*Boerne	# 64	Dist # 3	*Athens *	# 54	Dist # 10
*Patrick Henry	# 11	Dist # 4	*Denton *	# 23	Dist # 10
*William Hightower	# 35	Dist # 4	*Edmund Terrill	# 34	Dist # 10
*Maj M. K. Van Zandt	# 6	Dist # 5	*Plano *	# 37	Dist # 10
*Daniel Wood	# 22	Dist # 5	E. Texas	# 57	Dist # 10
N. Central Texas	# 36	Dist # 5	*Mc Kenny *	# 63	Dist # 10
*Leon River Valley	# 44	Dist # 5	Red River	# 65	Dist # 11
*Dallas	# 2	Dist # 6	* Repeat winner from last year		
*Mesquite	# 46	Dist # 6			
*East Fork – Trinity	# 47	Dist # 6			

## FIRST GENERAL SESSION

### 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 10 chapters reporting Veterans Activities – 77,000 points. Chapter winners were:

- Group 1 (10-39) **Ambassador Warren Fletcher # 43** with 4,491 points
- Group 2 (40-99) **Hill Country # 31** with 13,121 points
- Group 3 (100-199) **Major K. M. Van Zandt # 6** with 21,357 points
- Group 4 (199+) **Dallas # 2** with 21,198 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) **Alexander Hodge # 49** with 71% for 11 meetings
- Group 2 (100+) **Plano # 37** with 23% 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 2007. The winners were **Compatriot Dan Stauffer of the Paul Carrington Chapter #5** with 41 new applications for membership and **Compatriot Mike Everheart of the Captain William Barron Chapter #25** with 35 new applications for membership.

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### **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 are:

- Group 1 (10-39) **Red River # 65** with 321% with 3 applications
- Group 2 (40-99) **McKinney # 63** 139% with 6 applications
- Group 3 (100-199) **Patrick Henry # 11** with 115% and 12 applications
- Group 4 (200-+) **Dallas # 2** with 9.7% and 2 applications

### **THE WILBUR S. STRONG AWARD:**

Awarded to the Chapter formed during the past year having the highest score for the Outstanding Chapter Contest. Winner for 2006 was the **Red River Valley Chapter # 65** and for **2007 the Liberty Chapter # 42**

### **The TXSSAR Yearbook Award:**

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

- Group 1 (10-20) There were no yearbooks submitted in this Group
- Group 2 (21-49) **Robert Rankin # 62**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Freedom # 38
- Group 3 (50 +): **Piney Woods # 51**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Plano # 37

## **SATURDAY YOUTH CONTEST AWARDS LUNCHEON**

### **Robert Ritchie Oration Awards for Joseph Rumbaugh Contest:**

This Contest is open to students in the Sophomore and Junior 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's Contest. There were only Regions recommending contestants this year.

Region # 2 - Ms Amanda Rae Tumlinson, San Marcos, TX, Senior, San Marcos HS, sponsored by William Hightower Chapter # 35

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

Winner was:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mr. Phillip Hayes
  - Sponsoring Chapter: Capt William Barron # 25
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ms. Amanda R. Tumlinson
  - Sponsoring Chapter: William Hightower # 35

### **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 Mrs. Susan Reno, Duncanville, TX

Sponsoring Chapter: **Dallas # 2**

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### **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 Joseph Fochtman. The sponsoring chapter was **Piney Woods # 51**.

### **The Jr. 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 Britney Gordon of Pearland, Texas and attends Pearland High School. The sponsoring chapter was **Cradle of Texas # 33**.

### **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:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brandon Matrick Frisby, Bullard, Texas

Sponsoring Chapter: **Capt William Barron # 25**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Charles William Aldrete, Floresville, Texas

Sponsoring Chapter: **San Antonio # 4**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Derek Hill, Houston, TX

Sponsoring Chapter: **Paul Carrington # 5**

### **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 4 entries with 2 males and 2 females. These awards are presented at the TSCAR State Convention being held at Grand Sheraton Hotel at DFW Airport. Dr Jim Heath made the presentation on Friday, March 28, 2008 during the Opening ceremonies of the convention. The winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Douglas W. Lee, senior, Stars and Stripes Society

Sponsoring Chapter: **Robert Rankin Chapter # 62**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nathaniel E. Ames, sophomore, Three Forks Trinity Society

Sponsoring Chapter: **Dallas #2**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chalie N. Power, junior, James Bates Society

Sponsoring Chapter: **Robert Rankin Chapter # 62**

Honorable Mention: Sarah Elizabeth Poydence, senior, David Pendleton Society

Sponsoring Chapter: **Dallas # 2**

### **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, 80 contestants, and 171 schools participating in this year's contests.

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The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Keaton Wieser  
Sponsoring Chapter: **Athens Chapter # 54**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Andrea Martinez  
Sponsoring Chapter: **Laredo Chapter # 61**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Vikrant Shirvaiker  
Sponsoring Chapter: **Dallas Chapter # 2**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Dyan Asher  
Sponsoring Chapter: **E. Fork Trinity Chapter # 47**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kaci Mulcahy  
Sponsoring Chapter: **Brazos Valley Chapter # 45**

### SATURDAY SECOND GENERAL SESSION

#### The TXSSAR Americanism Awards:

Formerly the Louis J. Rumaggi Trophy and 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 of outstanding citizenship during the past year. Winners were:

- Group 1 (10-39) **Robert Rankin # 62** with 3,475 points
- Group 2 (40-99) **Captain William Barron # 25** with 4,650 point
- Group 3 (100-199) **\*Plano # 37** with 4,545 points
- Group 4 (200-+)\***Dallas # 2** with 3,985 points

#### 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 7,740 points
  - Group 2 (40-99) **Capt Wm Barron # 25** with 9,410 points
  - Group 3 (100-199) **\*Plano #11** with 12,966 points
  - Group 4(200-+) **\*Dallas # 2** with 14,882 points
- \* Repeat winners from last year