



The Texas Compatriot

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Harry M. Fife, Jr. TXSSAR President

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 distributed primarily by e-mail realizing savings for the society. It is currently on the website. This allows 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 Web-

site 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 banquets. 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.

Upcoming Events

George Washington Parade
in Laredo— February 21

Spring Leadership (Trustees) Meeting—
March 5-7

Annual TXSSAR Meeting in
Nacogdoches—March 19-
22 see page 13 for invita-
tion and registration form

119th NSSAR National Congress Atlanta, Geor-
gia—July 4-8 see NSSAR
website for details

TXSSAR Summer BOM—
Lake Jackson—31 Jul -2
Aug see pages 14-15 for
registration forms

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TYLER -BOARD OF MANAGEMENT — 1-3 AUGUST

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 Schwart 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 **
** registrations herein and on-line

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.

TEMPLE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT—OCTOBER 25-26, 2008

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" Marrs
Staff Secretary Dr. Donald Pugh
Treasurer Peter McLellan
Registrar
 (Coastal) Arthur H. Hall
 (Inland) Michael J. Radcliff
Chancellor Robert M. Clark, Jr.
Chaplain Dr. Wendell Edwards
Historian Peter Baron

VP CM&A Bud Schwart
Dist 1 VP Dr. Ron Livermore
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" Marrs

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

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

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.

Finance Committee Chairman James T. Jones, Jr. discussed a suggestion that 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.

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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 Eliff
 Emmett Lee Enlow
 Arthur Oran Evans
 Donald Lee Evans
 Lance Barkley Evans
 Arthur Oran Evans IV
 Solon Richmond Featherston

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 Inselmann 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 Matthies 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 Pomeroy
 Mark Frederick Pratt
 Robert William Prendergast
 Robert Carroll Prewitt
 Charles Edmond Pruitt II
 Charles Edmond Pruitt III
 Spencer Cone Relyea
 Sage Donavyn Ricker
 Leonard Brennavn 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 Swetland
 Jeffrey Michael Swetland
 John David Swope
 Stephen William Tanner
 William A. Tarver
 Harry Albert Taylor
 Raymond Roy Tharp
 Tyson Jerome Thill
 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 Whatley
 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.

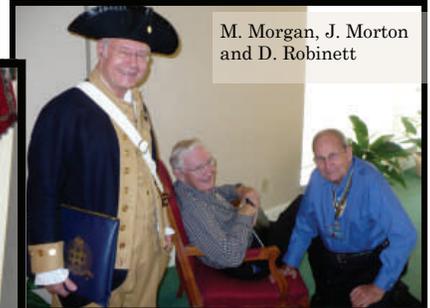
Secretary General Edward F. Butler asked that anyone who wished to be considered for a position on a National Committee let him know.

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

Pictured top right:: Speaker Bill Covington



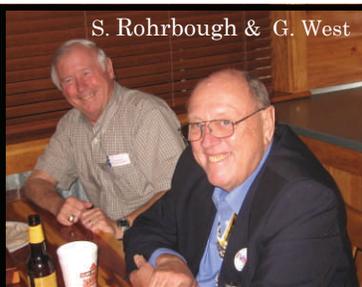
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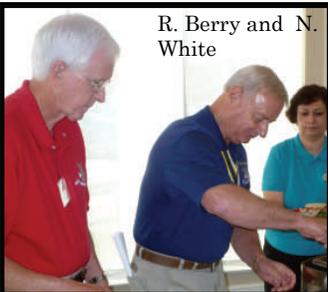
Historian T. Whitelock & faithful assistant



S. Rohrbough & G. West



R. Berry and N. White



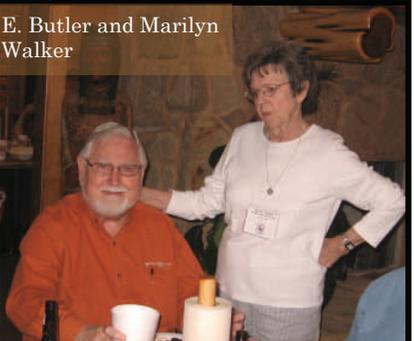
T. Lawrence, R. Clark, H. Fife and D. Pugh



Heart of Texas—L. Forrest, L. Peik D. Conn, R. Berry R. Walcik and D. Bailey



E. Butler and Marilyn Walker



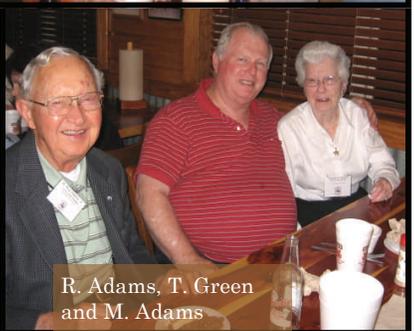
J. Heath & D. Stone



General Session



R. Adams, T. Green and M. Adams



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 tack.

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. Like-

ATTENTION! CHAPTERS

If you need funding for your Chapters' Youth Related Programs, **READ ON.**

The Chapter Community Service Grant Program, introduced at the October 2008 BOM by the Council of Chapter Presidents, is now available on the TXSSAR Website. Step by step instructions, templates, etc. are included to assure your Chapter's success in utilizing the Program. Due to the confidential nature of the information, access is restricted. Please request access information from your TXSSAR District VP. The Program works, just ask DVP Mike Everheart and the Presidents of the Athens, William Barron and East Texas Chapters.

wise, 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
ehovenski@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

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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.



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



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 members receive 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.

Membership Applications (Including Junior)		
NSSAR	Application fee and dues	\$85.00
TXSSAR	Application fee and dues	\$20.00
CHAPTER	Dues*	\$10.00*
TOTAL		\$115.00
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		
NSSAR - Application fee and dues.		\$55.00
TXSSAR Application fee and dues		\$20.00
CHAPTER - Dues*		\$10.00
2nd, 3rd 4th, etc TOTAL each		\$85.00
* PLEASE NOTE: Plano, Piney Woods, Capt. William Barron, Dallas, Robert Rankin and McKinney Chapters have larger chapter dues rates that will be reflected when application fees are collected.		

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 Bernard 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



CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATED!

Houston: On the 10th of November 2008 six members of the Texas Color Guard presented the colors at a naturalization cere-

mony 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.

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.”



Pictured above: Pat Kerr, Ray Cox, Vic Smith, Tom Green, 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



Pictured above: Larry Stevens

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 out flowing 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 Cavalry 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.

Pictured below: Frank Rohrbough, Rev James Taylor and Peter Baron



Left to Right: Deanna Sump, Program Manager, USO Fort Hood, Jack Williams Chapter President, Marcy Clark-Lovick Regent Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, Charles Ward Chapter Treasurer. Photo Courtesy of John Lovick





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 Compatriots: Rev James Taylor, David Bowles, Jay Higginson, Judge Ed Butler and Peter Baron

**PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING
JOHN AND ANDREW GAAR**

PineyWoods Chapter, Culpeper County, VA: Compatriot 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 Compatriot Francis Lay, First VP of the Culpeper Chapter who assisted Compatriot 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 Compatriot Jim Mitchell.



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.



Pictured

*Front row - Charlot Weeks and Debbie Newsom
Back row - Fred Preston, Neal Naranjo, Harold Newsom and Lariena Nichols.*

Photo from chapter website

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 Carrington - Herschel P. Graham, Gilbert Ronald Aldis,
Roy M. Huffington, Joseph G. Rollins Jr.
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

EDUCATION

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)



Pictured above: Compatriot Stevens with two student helpers

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
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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*.
Pictured above: Vic Smith with students

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



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.

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.



Left-to-right: Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle, Officers Grissom, Colby and Richardson. [From Captain Barron's Bugle, November 2008]

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.

From: *The Minuteman*, November-December 2008



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



Robert Rankin Chapter, Houston: The chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal & Certificate to Johnny L. Bonds. Mr. Bonds served in the Houston Police Department from December 1967 to January 1988 and in the District Attorney's office from August 1989 until his retirement in September 2008.

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*.

Pictured below: Public Service Chairman Gus Mistrot (l) has just presented Johnny (r) his medal and certificate in the photo to the right.

From, *The Rankin Register*, November 2008



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.

Pictured below: McFadden, chapter vice president Jim Robertson and chapter president "Skip" Gustafson.



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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Athens: 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.

Pictured Gustafson and Boies



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 fur-

ther 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



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



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

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



TXSSAR SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
JULY 31 – AUGUST 1, 2, 2009 – LAKE JACKSON

Please complete the information below for your hotel reservations at the CHEROTEL
IMPORTANT: Rates and accommodations can only be guaranteed before July 16, 2009.

Cherotel Hotel
Attn: Reservations
925 Highway 332
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
979-297-1161
1-800-544-2119

Special Room rate \$89 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservations may be made by calling the 800 number
above. You must mention SAR to get this rate. This rate and accommodations are only guaranteed through July
16, 2009 and is on a first-come-first –serve basis.

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 _____

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include REGISTRATION (Member only) \$ 35.00, SATURDAY LUNCH (NUMBER) @ \$20.00 each, SATURDAY BANQUET (NUMBER) @\$30.00 each, and 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 re-
quirement. 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.

ALL ROADS

LEAD TO NACOGDOCHES

The Athens, Fredonia and Lt. Nathan Gann Chapters invites all TXSSAR Compatriots, Wives and Guests to the 114th Annual TXSSAR Convention. The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center recently underwent extensive renovation and upgrading. Hotel guests' comfort satisfaction and delicious meals are hallmarks of the Fredonia. For those that have not experienced the buffet dessert table, it is unbelievable.

Nacogdoches, "the oldest town in Texas", offers the visitor an array of historical sites, homes, antique shopping and reeks of the early history of our beloved State, Texas. Nacogdoches is the very "cradle of Texas history". See website for details : txssar.org and the Convention Website: txssar2009.info

Special activities for Friday, 20 March includes:

The Visitors Center will provide a program on "Historic Nacogdoches" from 1:00-2:30 PM for the Ladies Auxiliary and other interested parties. A guided historical / antique shopping tour of downtown Nacogdoches will follow the program for those who are interested. After dinner on your own, A Chapters' Host and outgoing TXSSAR President's Reception will be held beginning at 8:00 PM in the Convention Center Lobby. Note: for "sea food lovers", the Fredonia offers an exceptional seafood buffet on Friday evenings.

Special activities for Saturday, 21 March include:

The Ladies Auxiliary trip to Millard's Crossing, a restored historic village, is scheduled to depart the Fredonia Hotel lobby at 9:00AM Saturday, 21 March and return in time for the ladies to attend the Youth Luncheon at noon. Revolutionary War era artifact displays will be available for viewing from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM in the Convention Center Lobby. The Youth Luncheon is scheduled from 12:00 -1:30 PM in the Fredonia Ballroom. A Cash Bar will be available from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Convention Center Lobby prior to the TXSSAR 114th Convention Banquet scheduled for 7:00 PM in the Fredonia Ballroom.

The Host Chapters promise to provide an interesting, informative and entertaining good time for all Compatriots, Wives and Guests. There just might be a couple of surprises for attendees, so watch the Convention Website for agenda, updates on entertainment, guests, speakers etc. See "you all" in Nacogdoches in March.

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? _____

Event		# Persons	Cost/per	Total
*	Registration: Member Only		\$40.00	
**	Saturday Morning Ladies Historic Tour		\$ 5.00	
Saturday Luncheon				
	Chicken Parmesan/Marinara Sauce		\$25.00	
Saturday Night Banquet (Select One)				
	14 oz. N.Y. Strip Sirloin		\$35.00	
	Roast Pork Tenderloin/Brown Sauce		\$35.00	
	All meals include salad, vegetable, beverage and dessert.			
Total for Event Registration				

* 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.

Number of Additional Raffle Ticket _____ @ _____ Total \$ for Tickets: \$ _____

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

From the Editor

This is the 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.

I would appreciate receiving electron copies of your newsletters and permission to pull stories from them for future issues. They have been invaluable in finding chapter news to share with other chapters around the state. Please send your stories via e-mail to the address below.

CONTRIBUTE STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION TO THE COMPATRIOT

Deadlines for submission:

SPRING: April 15 SUMMER: June 15

FALL: Sept 15 WINTER: Jan 15

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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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and Tools!

Art Hall and Mike Radcliff have been working very hard this year to prepare materials to aid chapter registrars in preparing applications. Check out their work on the TXSSAR website.