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## George Washington's birthday fest in Laredo shows United States and Mexico ties still strong



If you were asked where the largest George Washington Birthday Parade in the country was held, the last place most people would consider is the Texas border with Mexico! It is, in fact, in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo and is held on the weekend closest to George Washington's birthday on Feb. 22.

The entire week is a festive time in these neighboring border towns, but on Saturday throngs of locals and tourists turn out for the parade. Most start placing chairs along the 2 1/2-mile parade route the night before and by 8 a.m. most of the crowd is lined up, in places up to 10 deep.

The parade may be the main event of the day, but it is not the first. About 6:30 a.m., officials and attendees start gathering for breakfast at the La Posada Hotel, a block from the International Bridge. Within an hour, the procession forms for the march to the center of the

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## Special State Convention Edition

# Contest winners announced at convention

Winners of the 2018 youth and chapter awards were announced at the state convention in Austin in April. Awards included the youth oration, poster and brochure awards. Chapter awards included the newsletter and yearbook awards.

The Robert Ritchie Oration Awards for Joseph Rumbaugh Contest is open to students in the sophomore, junior and senior classes in all public, parochial, and private schools. The oration is presented without script or props.

The winner proceeds to the National SAR contest later this year.

There were six contestants for this year's contest, reported by chairman Jim Kuykendall.

Winners: First Place was Jose Romero, John Tyler High School. Sponsoring chapter was Capt. William Barron Chapter #25, Region 4. Second place was Haley Harmon, Paces Paideia School with sponsoring chapter, Pineywoods Chapter #51, Region 6. Third place was Evelyn Crowe, Concordia High School with sponsoring chapter, Alexander Hamilton #66, Region 5. Fourth place was Trevor Burke, St. Marks School of Texas, sponsoring chapter is Dallas Chapter #02, Region 2. Fifth place is Garrett O'Neil, Martin High School, sponsoring chapter, Brazos Valley Chapter #45, Region 3. Sixth place was Emily Newberry, Highland Park High School, sponsoring chapter, Panhandle Plains Chapter #10, Region 1.

The James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest Award Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American history in support of the Texas school fifth grade cur-



riculum. 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. Chairman Bill Whatley announced the winners: First place blue ribbon went to Nicholas Runte, sponsoring chapter, Athens Chapter #54 District #10. Second place red ribbon went to Joseph Arrendondo, sponsoring chapter Hill Country Chapter #31 District #03. Third place white ribbon went to Emily Ynn, sponsoring chapter, San Antonio Chapter #04 District #03.

The Middle School Brochure Award Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American history in support of the established middle school curriculum. It is directed at students in the sixth through ninth grade, depending in which year the American Revo-

lution is taught in their educational system.

Yearbook brochures are judged on content, creativity and correctness. Chairman John Hamlin announced winners: First place to Lakayia Stalling, sponsoring chapter, Freedom Chapter #38 District #8. Second place to Arellis Sherwood, sponsoring chapter, Dallas Chapter #02 District #06. Third place to Takia Ordanez, sponsoring chapter, Bernardo De Galvez Chapter #01 District #07.

The Ross Shipman Awards are for best newsletters published during 2018, selected by the newsletter committee. Winners: one to four sheet, Group 1 (10-39 members), Bourne Chapter # 64. Group 2 (40 -99 members), Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #01 District #07.

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## Contests

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Group 3 (100+ members), Dallas Chapter #02 District #06. Winner: Multi Sheets Group 1 (10-39 members), none. Group 2 (39-99 members), William Hightower Chapter #35 District #03. Honorable mentions went to Edward Terrill Chapter #34 District #11 and East Fork Trinity Chapter #47 District #06. Group 3 (100+ members), Capt. William Barron Chapter #25 District #10. Also honorable mentions to San Antonio Chapter #4 District #03 and Pineywoods Chapter #51 District #08.

The yearbook award is for the historical record of the chapter activities for the past TXSSAR year. It is presented to the chapter submitting the best yearbook as judged by the committee. Chairman Harmon Adair announced the results: Group 1 (1-49 members) 1st place blue ribbon - Robert Rankin Chapter #62 District #08. 2nd & 3rd - none. Group 2 (50-99 members) 1st place blue ribbon - East Fork Trinity Chapter #47 District #06. Second place red ribbon to William Hightower Chapter #35 District #03. Third place white ribbon to Edmund Terrill Chapter #34 District #11. Group 3 (100+ members) 1st place blue ribbon to Dallas Chapter #02 District #06. Second place red ribbon to Plano Chapter #37 District #06. Third place: none. Digital edition first place blue ribbon to Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 District #07. There were no 2nd & 3rd place awards.

Congratulations to all the 2018 state winners!



Bob Cohen introduces Kaitlyn Kempen, the winner of the 2018 Texas 4-H Roundup Public Speaking contest, during the state convention youth luncheon..

## 4-H award winner announced

Kaitlyn Kempen presented an energetic speech: “McDonald’s McDeal for You,” following the completion of the Texas SAR oration contest at the SAR state convention. The Texas 4-H Roundup is held each June and the Texas SAR sponsors an award for the winner of the Texas 4-H public speaking contest.

The Texas SAR Youth Contests brochure is on the Texas SAR website under the Contests/Programs pull-down menu. This quote comes from that brochure: “Texas SAR Cohen 4-H Award - Grades 9-12. The Dr. Robert S. Cohen and Dr. Jane Watkins Cohen Award is for the first place 4-H Roundup Public Speaking contest winner. Cash award or a scholarship from Texas SAR.”

About three years ago Texas SAR decided to create an award for youth groups other than just the Boy Scouts. They specifically mentioned the 4-H and youth in the Civil Air Pa-

trol. My wife, Jane, and I were both 4-H members for the 10-plus years we were eligible (9-19), and we first met on a 4-H award trip. We contacted the Texas 4-H Headquarters to see what was possible for the Texas SAR to sponsor and selected their Public Speaking Contest as it closely paralleled the SAR Oration Contest. After the Texas SAR agreed to sponsor the 4-H Public Speaking Contest award, the Cohens generously made a donation to the Texas SAR effort to name the award, and the Texas SAR accepted the offer.

Participants in the contest compete at the county level and the winners there compete at the district level. The top 28 district winners compete at the state level Texas 4-H Roundup.

Kaitlyn Kempen was the winner from those 28 competitors. She elected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

– Submitted by Bob Cohen

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

# Remember the “Three R’s” in the coming year

Compatriots and Friends of the SAR:

At our annual meeting in Austin, I spoke to the emphasis on membership this year. While we have some 3,200 members in our Texas Society, we can do even better. To make this easy, remember the “three R’s”: recruitment, retention and reinstatement.

**Recruitment** – There are men out there wanting to join our society who share our love of patriotism. Assist them with their membership applications, a process that sometimes involves assisting in their research. Be willing to add applications for their brothers, fathers, grandfathers and sons. You know your community best and who the “joiners” are locally. The Texas Society received more than 800 leads from National last year, so let’s follow up with them and help them join. Members of the DAR can assist you with new applications as well. Seek their help.

**Retention** – We want to keep all these members we have worked hard to obtain so provide them with reasons to remain involved.



David J. Temple  
President

**Encourage** them to serve on a committee, to present youth awards or serve as a chapter officer. Show them we have fun and encourage them to join your chapter color guard. Establish a mentoring program in your chapters. Assign members to keep in contact with prospective new members, to show them what we do and to encourage them to attend meetings. Give your members, new and old, a reason to keep paying their dues every year.

**Reinstatement** – Some members forget to pay their dues and are dropped from the rolls at National. We can collect their dues after

the first of the year and help reinstate their membership. But it takes an organized effort. Remember that dues of all keep our chapters and state society fiscally sound. They pay for the awards we present in our youth contests.

The 129th Congress is merely weeks away, beginning July 5 in Costa Mesa, California. I know there is a good contingent attending from Texas and they would love to be joined by you. Please let State Secretary James Clements know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend so that he can provide you the credential form you will need to carry with you to Costa Mesa.

Lastly, I hope you enjoy this expanded special post-state convention and Memorial Day issue of *The Texas Compatriot*. While we post the magazine on the website, we will continue to publish and mail issues quarterly throughout the year.

I sincerely thank everyone for your best wishes to all of our officers for the coming year.

# Texas SAR committee appointments – 2019-20

Art. V. - The President shall be a member of all committees.

Art. VI. - The President-elect shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing and Special Committees.

## Appointments

Tom Green Special Liaison to the DAR  
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## DAR Liaison

Tom Green Chairman  
 Ed Butler Vice Chairman

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# Appointments,

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## **DAR Liaison, continued**

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*Minutes of the  
convention sessions are  
posted on the Texas  
Sons of the American  
Revolution website:  
[www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org)  
(Elected and appointed  
officers are listed on the  
back page of this publi-  
cation.)*



Left: Friendly faces of host Patrick Henry Chapter members at the host hotel registration desk. Below right: the lobby bourse featured silent auction items and custom made-to-order and off-the rack colonial attire from Just Two Tailors, who traveled from Florida for the convention. Bottom left: President Tom Jackson (left) turns the gavel over to President-elect David Temple for part of the election process at the Saturday afternoon general session.

## Welcome to the Austin convention!



The combined color guard consisted of more than 30 members representing 25 chapters. Of those, we mustered 26 members from 19 chapters for this picture before to the procession for the Saturday evening banquet. TX SAR CG Commander Stu Hoyt (bottom center) passed the sword of command to Ted Wilson on his left.



# Memorial Day around the state



Above left: Color guard and uniformed members of the various Central Texas chapters led by Patrick Henry Chapter at the annual observance of Memorial Day at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. The principal address was given by the Hon. Jeff Rose, Chief Justice of the 3rd Court of Appeals (in coat and tie). The observance was well attended by TXSAR and DAR members and was covered by three major local television stations. Above right: State Secretary Jim Clements Jr. led the posting of the colors.



Above: In a run-up to Memorial Day, members of East Fork - Trinity and Dallas Chapters participated in the Ennis Polka Fest parade on May 25. Left: Compatriot Tom Whitelock's 3-year-old grand-nephew Maxwell Mauldin arrives with his veteran father, Jason, at services honoring veterans in Ennis.



Texas Sen. John Cornyn joined the color guard at naturalization ceremonies in the Dallas area recently.

*... also around the state*



Hightower Chapter #35 members gathered to celebrate their 35th anniversary.

## Children of the American Revolution convention

The 92nd Annual State Conference of Children of the American Revolution was held March 29-30 in Lewisville. The Texas Society SAR was asked to present and post the colors. Members of the color guard were T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Don Seigert, Nick Gilliam, Larry Melton, Tom Van Fossen, Tom Whitlock and Dan Reed.

The Texas CAR theme this year is "Where Texas Became Texas: Washington-on-the-Brazos." They are partnering with

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park Association. Visitors are encouraged to inspect the signers' wall at the visitor center entrance to see the names of 59 signers who bravely declared Texas' independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836.

In Philadelphia, 60 years earlier, fewer men pinned their names to another piece of paper declaring independence from Great Britain. There was one patriot who fought for both independences and lived to tell

it each time. He was Benjamin W. Anderson (Jan. 1751 SC – Sept. 1853 TX) Glenfawn, TX.

The theme for the National Society CAR is "American's Lasting Legacy." They call for honoring the sacrifices of American's veterans and will do this by volunteering, collecting items to send to deployed service members or raising funds to support injured veterans. They hope to make a difference

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Jane Douglas Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Linda Martin receives a substantial donation for maintenance of the historic Continental DAR House in Dallas Fair Park on May 18. From left: Ms. Martin, Gary Lovell, District 6 VP, David Temple, TXSSAR President, Nick Gilliam, state treasurer and Tom Whitelock, former state historian.



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 recognized five Galveston County first responders at the chapter's April 19 meeting. From left to right: Gene Shaner, James Warner, League City Fire Dept.; Bill Mayo, Constance Robinson, League City EMS; chapter president Bill Adriance, James Roy, Galveston County Sheriff's Dept.; Felicia Gonzales, Texas City Police Dept.; Larry Tidwell, Mike Verela Jr., Battalion Chief, Galveston Fire Dept.; Bill Whatley and John Hamlin.



Arlington meeting attendees.

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International Bridge. The dignitaries range from national to state to local officials. This year's event was attended by the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Hon. Nancy Pelosi of California.

While the American contingent is forming, an equally large and impressive group is forming on the Mexico side. Both groups start on a signal and meet at the center of the bridge. The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard by tradition have the honor of leading the U.S. party to the center of the bridge. The ceremony is called *El Abrazo*, or *The Embrace*. Starting with children dressed as George and Martha Washington to adults, then officials, each meet at the center of the bridge and exchange a flag and an embrace. After some short speeches the crowd retire to the buses for the short ride back to the parade starting line.

The parade is a SAR National Event for the Silver Color Guard Medal and first-time attendees receive the Texas Color Guard Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal.

In 2020, SAR will be celebrating the 20th year at the parade.

See you at the border next year! – Contributed

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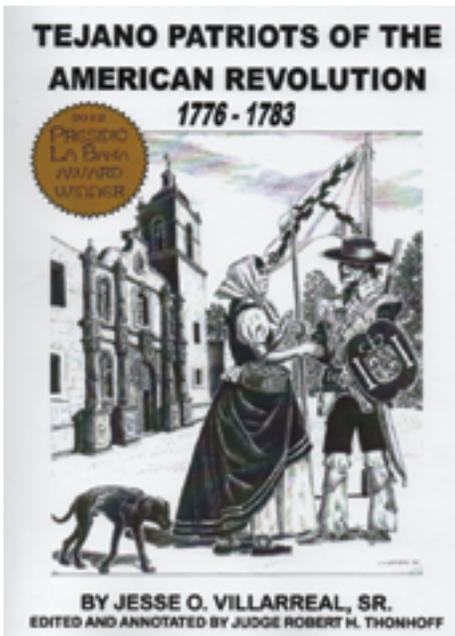
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in the life of a veteran in some way.

One thing that SAR, DAR and CAR have in common is that we owe an unpayable debt to those who have fought for our freedom and are forever grateful for their service

So, thank you one and all for your service. – Ted Wilson

# Did you know?



Compatriot Jesse O. Villarreal Sr. has produced an exciting book on Tejano patriots who participated in the American Revolution. The award-winning, softcover book was edited and annotated by Judge Robert H. Thornhoff.

The book won the 2012 Presidio La Bahia Award for its

thoughtful and thorough research into the heroic activities of Tejanos who joined their Anglo brethren in the fight for American Independence from 1776 to 1783.

The book is a must-have for Hispanic genealogical research of Tejano ancestors before and after the revolution.

Compatriot Villarreal usually has copies with him at chapter meetings and the book is also available for purchase on Amazon.com. – Jim Dougherty



Bernardo de Galvez  
*Honorary U.S. Citizen*



Compatriots of Bernardo de Galvez Chapter in Galveston are raising funds for a statue and educational plaza proposed for Menard Park on Seawall Blvd. to educate on the accomplishments and the roll of Spain and Honorary American citizen Bernado de Galvez (below). Donations are tax deductible. For information, contact Bill Adriance at [www.GalvezStatue.org](http://www.GalvezStatue.org), or (409) 939-0205.

## Compatriot Montie Monzingo dies in auto crash



Dr. Montie G. Monzingo

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of dedicated Compatriot Dr. Montie G. Monzingo. He was killed in an auto accident in Greenville on April 22, 2019.

Days later, his Dallas area compatriots turned out en-masse for his services and entombment. The funeral cortage included an antique funeral coach pulled by two



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