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KATY - A new chapter of the TXSSAR was chartered and the officers installed on April 10, 2002. The Robert Rankin Chapter will be located in Katy, Texas, and will meet at the Cinco Ranch Golf Club on the second Wednesday of the month. The new officers installed were Ed Raines, President; Kameron Searle, President-Elect; Hank Maupin, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Shanks, Genealogist/Registrar; Charles Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms; Allan Henshaw, Chancellor; and Gus Mistrot, Chaplain. Dignitaries attending included TXSSAR President Jim Robertson, TXSSAR President-Elect Dick Robinett, TXSSAR Secretary Bill Marrs, TXSSAR Vice-President Lovell Aldrich, and TXSSAR Vice-President Allan Henshaw. Also attending was NSSAR Secretary General Rice Austin. In addition to the chartering of the chapter and the installation of the new officers, Mr. Dan Taylor and Ms Sue Zanne Barnes, descendents of Robert Rankin, presented a short program highlighting the life and accomplishments of the chapter's namesake. Ms Barnes especially thanked Mr. Sam Houston IV, who was in attendance, for the efforts of his ancestor in ensuring that Robert Rankin's widow received her late husband's bounty land for service to the Texas Republic in 1836. This tribute added a personal note to the occasion and reminded everyone that these historical personages were also people who served their fellow men.



TXSSAR Jim Robertson at the installation of officers for the Robert Rankin Chapter