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**TXSSAR President
Thomas Lawrence**

Although the final consolidated report from all chapters in the Texas Society has not been compiled yet all indications are that our level of activity is up over last year. One of my goals for my year as president was to encourage our chapters to increase the number of Public Service awards and youth activities. It is through these programs that we touch the lives of our fellow Texans and help to perpetuate the vision of our founding fathers and mothers who established our great country.

Unless we in the SAR expose more of our youth to the character and principles of those who founded this country we run the risk that the next generation will mature without that firm grounding in democracy as envisioned by Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Franklin. Working with our youth in poster contests, essays, orations, Eagle Scout and ROTC programs is the best way to help them understand how our country was founded and to learn of the sacrifices of those who created our system of government. Those young people you help and encourage will not soon forget your efforts and will remember what you teach them as they grow up and assume leadership roles in their communities later in life.

In a similar fashion, your chapter's efforts to recognize our public servants with awards will show that we appreciate their sacrifices for us. Police officers, fireman, EMS workers, and ordinary citizens who do heroic things often do not receive the recog-

nition they deserve and your awards are appreciated by those you recognize, their family and their co-workers.

The important work of the SAR is done in chapters and the leadership in our chapters is where it starts. I want to thank our chapters and the officers in those chapters who worked so hard this past year. Chapters who have active youth programs, ROTC programs and who make flag and public service awards acquire a visibility in their community that will attract new members and strengthen their chapters. We joined the SAR because we admired our founding fathers, but we also joined to be part of an organization that does important work. Chapters that only "meet and eat" may have good fellowship but will eventually die unless they have important activities that the members see as worthwhile to justify their membership.

Once a chapter begins a youth program or awards a law enforcement medal it becomes easier to do it the next year and establish a tradition within that chapter. The lives you touch as a member of an SAR chapter will become your legacy. We all have legacies we will leave in our family, our profession, at church and in other organizations but this is an opportunity for you to leave a legacy of the spirit of our founders to pass along to our young people. Thank you for all that you have done to make this a successful year for the Texas Society.

Upcoming Events

George Washington Parade—
Laredo—Feb 20, 2010

Spring Leadership (Trustees) Meeting
Louisville, KY—March 4-6, 2010
see NSSAR website for details

TXSSAR Annual Convention
Westchase Hilton, Houston, TX
March 26-28, 2010

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BOM—RICHARDSON—OCTOBER 2009

There was a good turn out for the Board of Managers Meeting in Richardson. It seems that the committees are becoming more active and better attended causing headaches in scheduling for our beleaguered State Secretary Don Pugh. But increased activity is a good thing — keep telling him that!

Don has issued the minutes of the meetings and committee reports and they are available on the website so this issue will just try to highlight some of the key items. For additional details, please consult the site.

The Audit Committee reported on the Sarbanes-Oxley Report. We have instituted

Conflict of Interest Statements for all officers and now have extended that to the Trustees for the Patriot Fund and the Trustees for the Perpetual Fund. There are a couple of items that are under development – Whistle Blower Policy and Records Retention. The National Society is currently addressing these issues. It was recommended TXSSR adopt whatever actions the National Society approves.

There will be budgets established for the Color Guard and Archives Committees. They will not have separate checking accounts but will be reimbursed by the State Treasurer for all budgeted

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 expenses. Expenditures outside of the budget will need to be preapproved by the BOM.

Guidelines for Alexander Hamilton medal credit have been established for non-monetary donations, including of TXSSAR "reimbursable" expenses and donations of property to auctions and other fundraisers.

The body agreed that host chapter(s) of the Annual State Convention and the TXSSAR shall share the net profit, if any, from the hosting of the Convention, net of any special host chapter(s) fund

raising, e.g., raffles, auctions, etc., made by the host chapter(s) in accordance with the following:

TXSSAR shall recover from the net profit an amount that is the lesser of:

1. \$1,000.00
2. Fifty percent (50%) of the net profit
3. The actual costs to TXSSAR for medals, certificates, other awards and administrative costs directly associated with the Annual State Convention.

This change is effective for the March 2011 meeting. The guideline does not apply to regular BOM meetings.

The Veteran's Committee submitted a motion that the TXSSAR submit a resolution to the SAR that the Military Service History be restored to the application for members along with an email address. The motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that the National Americanism Committee has approved a new contest for 8th graders. It will be a history brochure design contest and the subject matter will parallel the poster contest.

Full meeting details can be found on the website.



In a ceremony where Jim Johnson was demoted from his rank he then was promoted to Major General in the Texas Color Guard. Do we see relief on that face?



A special album of the SAR life of Willie Walker was presented to Marilyn Walker at the evening banquet by Tom Whitelock. (see photo to right).
 Pictured below: Tom and Marilyn with Tom Lawrence and Charles Luna.



BOM



Martha Washington Medal to Linda Edwards, LATXSSAR Prx

FALL



Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Clark



Certificate of Appreciation to Hank Voegtle



Wendell Edwards
 Silver Good Citizenship



Larry Stevens
 Texas Silver Service



Tom Green
 Texas Silver Service



Marvin Morgan
 Texas Silver Service



The Mesquite Chapter disbanded this year and its chapter flags were donated to TXSSAR. At the evening banquet two of these flags were auctioned to raise money for the Patriot

Fund. President Lawrence served as the auctioneer. He played the room to the left and right in an attempt to find bidders more persistent than his wife. But she was determined, as is seen in the set of her jaw. She won both flags for a sizeable donation to the Patriot Fund.

The BOM attendees were treated to a delightful evening Friday after the tour of Cowboys Stadium and the SAR archives at the University of North Texas in Denton. TXSSAR Chancellor Bob Clark and his wife Kimberly opened their lovely home providing members and their wives with delicious food and drink.



Host Bob Clark



E. Graham & Joy Martin with Susanne Fife



Above: Harmon & Carole Adair with David Temple



Above: Cliff & Henrietta Slagle with Tom Green
Below: Mickey Jo Lawrence with Lloyd Bockstruck and Hank Voegtle.



Above: James T. Jones & Thomas Lawrence



Above: Kimberly Clark & Joy Martin
Below: Stephen & Anna Lee



COWBOY



STADIUM

Above the SAR tour group is posed outside of the Cowboys' locker room.

Denton: The tour visited the University of North Texas which houses the TXSSAR archives. After a presentation about the archives they were able to view many of the items stored there. Chapters were encourage to archive their chapter information there. For information contact TXSSAR Historian Peter Baron. (See photos below.)



Pictured above left: T. Green, Frank and Diana Rohrbough, Susanne Fife, Sylvia Marrs and George West, Sue Lenes in foreground; Center: Katherine and Jack Morton with Dr. Jim Johnson, Pictured above right: Uniform of Compatriot Willie Walker, late of the McKinney Chapter.



Peter McLellan and James T. Jones, Jr. at a break during meeting



Pictured above r-l: Frank Rohrbough, Jim Johnson, Tom Whitelock, Peter Rowley, Thomas Lawrence, Mike Radcliff, Marvin Morgan, Stephen Seachord, Bob Northcraft.. Color Guard prepares for evening banquet

George Harcourt and Tom Jackson, pictured right





Conroe: Members of the Freedom Chapter presented programs to local schools on the diversity of soldiers that served in the Continental Army, the contributions of Betsy Ross, and the significance of the five-pointed star used on our flags.

Pictured at right with class is John Thompson and Russell Cox.

Pictured below is Ray Maxey and John Thompson with class



Iraq: U. S. Army Captain John B. "Jay" Bradley III, a Plano Chapter Compatriot, and members of his command distributed 51 soccer balls and related supplies to children in Mosul, Iraq. Captain Bradley requested the soccer balls knowing that they would be a great "hearts and minds" winner to hand out to the children. The balls and supplies were purchased by Chapter donations in excess of \$300. Captain Bradley's wife, Danielle, arranged shipment of the balls to Iraq by the Army. Compatriot Bradley is the Commander of a Battery of about 120 soldiers who conducted combat operations and daily patrols in Iraq. He returned home to Fort Hood, Texas safely after his third tour of duty in Iraq on December 2, 2009. *See picture above.*



Pictured above & left: Compatriot Stevens is explaining how to make fire with flint and steel. This is one of the students' favorite demonstrations. They enjoy trying to make the sparks fly!

Atascocita: Humble School District fifth grade students celebrate Spirit Day. On this day all district 5th grade students dress in period dress and learn of the life and times of ancestors during the Colonial times.

Compatriot Larry Stevens, PineyWoods Chapter, takes an exhibit of colonial clothing, foodstuffs, games and household items to share with the students. This year he visited will all the fifth grade classes of Maplebrook and Eagle Springs Elementary.

Kerrville: The Hill County Chapter President Gerald Irions was presented with a check for \$1,000 from the Kerrville Walmart Superstores Human Resources Director Pam Jacoby. The funds were donated to be used for elementary and high school level competitions. This is a reminder that chapters should look to Walmart and other corporate sponsors for the youth competitions. (see photo right)



Once more with FEELING...

Over the many years that TXSSAR Compatriots have supported our youth programs and awards by their charitable donations to the Patriots Fund, the Society has experienced a successful record of student participation in all its programs. To all those members and Chapters who contributed – whatever the amount, THANK YOU.

Now you’ve probably heard that the new Patriots Fund Endowment Committee under the capable chairmanship of Charles Luna has been charged with the responsibility to enhance and expand the “fund” by soliciting one million dollars (within two years) from major corporations. Although, interest from obtaining this lofty goal would secure sufficient revenue to assure our patriotic, historical and educational programs to and for youth, we face one major problem: dwindling dollars.

That’s right, until we get the BIG BUCKS; we still need your kind help to support our contests. In fact a recent survey shows that we stand a chance of losing out to more rewarding competition events if we don’t up the anti to draw more outstanding students into our local, regional and state contests. This appeal also applies to setting the bar higher for rewarding our most deserving American History Teachers.

Please, once more with feeling, donate to the Patriots Fund this year by sending in a check to State Treasurer Peter McLellan.and in advance – Thank you

Tom M. Whitelock, Vice Chairman
Patriot’s Fund Endowment

The Liberty Chapter #42, is selling a limited number of tickets (only 333), at \$20.00 each to support their programs for the Rio Grande Valley JROTC units. The chapter gives certificates and medals to 37 high schools, and 1 university . The drawing will be held on Texas Independence Day, 2 March of 2010. The prize is a one week vacation for a family of 8 in a South Padre beach house with gulf view, three bedrooms and three baths, with covered parking for three cars. Winner can chose the week! [Feb 1 to Nov 1]

Send Checks to: William Robinson, c/o Liberty Chapter 42, 1917 E 23rd PL, Mission, TX 78574-7915



On Sunday evening Dec. 27, 2009, President General Edward Butler was the guest on an Internet talk show.

The entire hour, hosted by radio personality Ron Graves, was devoted to the SAR. The broadcast was live on KTSA 550AM in San Antonio and streaming world-wide on www.ksa.com. The event offered a perfect opportunity to reach prospective new members and possible donors. It also served to make current members more aware of all of our projects. The program offered a call-in section. President General Butler has worked very hard to publicize SAR, local chapters and members are urged to follow his example.

LATXSSAR 2009 PATRIOT FUND FUNDRAISER

The LATXSSAR is offering chances on two beautiful framed needle work pieces of early American flags. They are triple matted and framed separately in 16x20” gold frames.

Don’t miss your chance to own these exceptional pieces and support the Patriot Fund.



Tickets are \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5. Tickets will be available at the 2010 Annual Meeting and from your chapter LATXSSAR members.



Support your youth programs for 2010!

Galveston: Dickinson Officer John Smith, Officer Jack Ferrell and Sgt. Mike Anzualda were awarded the Heroism Medals and Certificates for saving two people from a burning vehicle. They were awarded the first Medals of Valor given by the City of Dickinson. (Pictured right TXSSAR President Thomas Lawrence and Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Peter Lenex with the officers.



★ **Public Service** ★

San Antonio: San Antonio Fire Chief Hood received a Liberty Bell from chapter president David Bowles at the 21 October meeting. See photo at left.



L-r Fire Marshall Smith with Gerald Irions

Kerrville: Chapter President Gerald Irion presented the SAR's Fire Prevention award to Ted Smith, Kerrville Fire Marshall. While Smith was recognized primarily for his efforts in preventing fires and injuries resulting from conflagrations. Fire Marshall Smith has additional major responsibilities as an arson investigator and a peace officer. Smith acknowledged the award on behalf of the Kerrville Fire Department and explained some of the fine points in determining whether a blaze is accidental or arson

League City: Pete Lenex, President of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, awarded the Commendation Medal and Certificate to Policeman Shawn Murray and Fireman Arthur Hewitt at a meeting of the League City Council on 8 December 2009. (see photo to above)



Sgt Munley with PG Edward Butler



Sr. Sgt Todd, Mr Munley, Robin Butler & Sgt Munley



Sr. Sgt Todd with PG Butler, he is discussing the event.

Temple: The Heart of Texas Chapter, recently honored Senior Sergeant Mark Todd and Sergeant Kimberly Munley with Heroism Medals. These two officers were credited with stopping the recent violence at Ft. Hood where 13 people lost their lives. Sgt Munley is still recovering from her injuries which were quite serious. President General the Honorable Edward F. Butler Sr. from San Antonio, presented the awards.



Galveston: The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter awarded Mr. Andrew Driver the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate and a Flag Certificate at the October meeting. These awards were so fitting for a man who made the celebration of Americanism a daily event by most home owners in his Triple Bar Estates subdivision in Galveston County. In just one year he has rallied 120 homes, almost all in his subdivision, to daily fly the American Flag. This enthusiasm has spread to other parts of Galveston County also. *(The picture left of Mr. Driver with his flag is from the Galveston Daily News)*



Longview: On December 30, 2009, District X VP Mike Everheart presented the EMS Medal and Certificate to Paul Stewart, Paramedic Supervisor at the Gilmer EMS station. *(See picture right)*



Plano: *(Above left)* Plano Chapter President Drake Peddie (right) presented Paramedic Justin Samuel with the SAR EMS Medal and Certificate. Paramedic Samuel was selected by his peers for the award for saving the life of a motorcycle accident victim.

Plano: *(Above right)* Chapter President Peddie (right) presented Fire Fighter Gary Miller with the SAR Fire Safety Medal and Certificate. Fire Fighter Miller was selected by his peers for the award for his on-scene skills and leadership ability.



Pictured above with , Dorothy, Rick and Sue Alspaugh, (center) l-r are James Mitchell, John Beard and Larry Stevens, PineyWoods Chapter

Plano: In October Compatriot Bill Neisel presented the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate to three staff members at the Plano Senior Center, for their life saving efforts to heart attack victims at the center. *Pictured above (l - r) are Compatriots Dan Reed and Bob Flagg, Heroine Sara Deats, Compatriot Howard Roach, Heroines Maria Ramirez and Pam Perry, and Compatriot Neisel.*

Kingwood: The PineyWoods Chapter awarded a Flag Certificate and an Outstanding Citizenship Certificate to Rick Alspaugh of Alspaugh Hardware. Rick and his family have supported patriotic events in the community for over 25 years—street dances for the 4th and a BBQ for Veteran’s Day are examples of the patriotic programs enjoyed by the community.

Houston: The Robert Rankin Chapter presented the Medal for Heroism to Harris County Deputy Sheriff Diane Medina. Probationary Patrol Deputy Medina risked her life to protect her Field Training Officer, Ronnie Bunch, after he was wounded by shotgun fire from an armed suspect. Deputy Bunch sustained eye, shoulder and leg injuries and was unable to defend himself. Deputy Medina returned fire while exposing herself to continued shotgun fire until Deputy Bunch had reached safety. Deputy Medina's actions forced the suspect to flee.



Also at the same meeting Deputy Sheriffs Shawn Shandera and Kelly Hudson were awarded The Law Enforcement Commendation Medals. Deputies Shandera and Hudson both responded to a robbery call. The deputies pursued the armed suspect to a gas station where the suspect crashed in a gas pump and was thrown from his vehicle. The suspect was immediately apprehended. Lieutenant Sean Conrad received an award of the Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin. State President, Judge Tom Lawrence was present for the awards. (Pictured above—Compatriot Patrick Kerr, Lt. Sean Conrad, Deputies Diane Medina, Shawn Shandera and Kelly Hudson)

Nacogdoches: The Fire Safety Medal and Certificate was presented to Kelcey Trotty December 30th for his service as a paid firefighter and captain at the Appleby Fire Department in Nacogdoches County. It was presented at Fire Station #5 in Longview where Mr. Trotty is stationed. Mr. Trotty will be honored at the January meeting of the Freedonia Chapter.



Pictured left Mike Everheart with Kelcey Trotty.



Fort Worth: Compatriot Don Goodman presented the NSSAR Medal for Heroism to James Callahan. Mr. Callahan was instrumental in saving several young children from harm's way. He was injured in the process and attended still using a cane as a result of his injuries. (Pictured above Compatriot Goodman with Mr. Callahan.)



Athens: Larry Hankins of the South Palestine Street ETMC Emergency Medical Service team was recently the recipient of the SAR Athens Chapter annual EMS award. In presenting the Certificate and Medal, chapter secretary/treasurer Sam Whitten recognized Larry for dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and/or performing beyond the duties normally expected within the emergency medical services profession. Joining to honor Larry were team members from the north EMS facility as well as the south unit. Pictured from left are Jason Thorne, Dax Winzenried, Hankins, Whitten, Jesse Holt and Matt Connelly. Also present was chapter photographer Wayne Stafford.

Granbury: Pictured at right surrounded by Toys for the Children of Fort Hood, Kathy Hanlon, Regent of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, DAR, is accepting a donation from Brazos Valley Chapter Treasurer, Charles Ward. The cash donation was in addition to the four large sacks of toys donated by the chapter. The Brazos Valley Chapter was honored to be able to contribute to the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter's annual toy drive. Under the leadership of Regent Kathy Hanlon and Vice Regent Kay Lee, this drive was once again a huge success with a trailer being required to haul these gifts to Fort Hood. (see photo right of Regent Hanlon with Charles Ward)



Bonham: The Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter again joined with area organizations to provide a smile and Thank You to our Veterans confined at the Bonham Nursing Facility. The Chapter gathered cookies, pens, peanut butter crackers, candy, notepads, etc and at their Christmas party the wives made up over 400 "goody" bags. December 18th the VAVS at the Bonham Hospital served a catered

lunch to over 100 Volunteers. Included were area DAV, VFW, American Legion, Legion of Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans, DAR and SAR. Each organization then set up a table with items that were placed in a very nice tote provided by the VAVS. Dr. Wendell Edwards, President of the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter dressed as Santa and Linda Edwards had her Mrs. Clause clothing. John Greer and James Roddy assisted in filling the totes. (see photo above left)



Kerrville: The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has awarded its Service to Veterans Medal with ten silver oak leaves to Bill Nelms of the Hill Country Chapter. The award recognizes more than 13,000 hours of volunteer work over more than 25 years at the Kerrville hospital of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which serves more than 18,000 veterans through out the Hill Country.

The award was presented in absentia at the Richardson BOM, then in November President Gerald Irions of the Hill Country Chapter presented the medal and certificate to Nelms on behalf of the Texas Society. Compatriot Nelms service is such a testament to the character of the man.

Note: National Life Memberships have risen to \$900. The TXSSAR Perpetual Membership (which includes National, State & Chapter) is calculated as twice the national cost and is now \$1800 for ages 18-40. The cost is reduced by \$30 for each year older than 40. See the website for further details.



Attending from the Edmund Terrill Chapter are E. Graham Martin, Joe Walker & Delbert Taylor, pictured above



Clarksville: The Red River Valley, Plano, and Capt. William Bar-
ron Chapters, along with the Little River Chapter, DAR, of Idabel, sponsored

a Revolutionary War Soldier Memorial Grave Dedication on Saturday, Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Clarksville City Cemetery. The ceremonies honored the service of Sol. James Potter Collins, Sgt. David Strickland, and Sgt. John Tollett, Sr. all who died in Red River County and who's graves have been lost over the years. The ceremony was a huge success with compatriots from all over the state attending, some taking part in the color guard. In all it was estimated that over eighty attended the ceremonies. These activities are a very important part of letting the community understand the goals and activities of SAR.

Kings Mountain, SC: Pictured at right are Mike and June Everheart. They attended the memorial service for the fallen American Soldiers at Kings Mountain. President General Edward Butler was also in attendance providing an official presence for SAR.



Boonesboro, KY: Pictured above are James Mitchell and Peter Baron who traveled to KY after the Fall Leadership conference to participate in a reenactment for school children at Ft. Boonesboro.

Louisville: Pictured above at the Fall Leadership Meeting Dinner held on Sat., evening Sept. 26th, 2009 at the Brown Hotel 1-r: Bob Northcraft, Mark Collins, "Gen. Geo. Washington;" , James E. Mitchell, and Wm. M. Marrs.



Austin: The 2009 Veteran's Day Parade was well attended and quite a success. The Patrick Henry Chapter was joined by Color Guard members from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter & the Robert Rankin Chapter. Also participating were DAR members from state and local chapters, including four TXDAR Officers.

Pictured above: (l-r) David Kirkland, John Knox, Kevin Miller, Greg Morgan, Patrick Kerr, George Finch. Inset Marvin Morgan riding in the convertible.

Atascocita: Members of the PineyWoods Chapter provided the color guard for the November National Defense Luncheon sponsored by the DAR Dogwood Council. *Pictured below: Larry Stevens, James T. Jones, Jr., Ray Cox and TXSSAR President Judge Thomas Lawrence.*



Houston: A combined color guard of several Houston chapters posted colors at the DAR Houston Area Regents Council in September. *Pictured above: Terry McKee (Paul Carrington), Patrick Kerr (Robert Rankin), John Thompson and Jim Beal (Freedom) and David Jones (Robert Rankin).*



New Braunfels: Pictured above William Hightower Chapter President Chris Baker presents the Daughter of Liberty Medal to Marydean Motz(c) and Joan Robinett (r). The chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2009.

Granbury: Brazos Valley Chapter President Jack Revill was the featured speaker at the December meeting of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the DAR. Jack spoke on his activities during the day of the Kennedy assassination and the many days of investigations and hearings, which followed. Jack was a Lieutenant in the Dallas Police Department at the time of the assassination. His squad was assigned to secure and search the School Book Depository building.



Houston: The Robert Rankin Chapter has found ways to both engage the community and other lineal organizations. The success from their approach seems obvious. The chapter has won the SAR Americanism Award two years in a row. This chapter has become a model, both in the state and nationally, for best practices in promoting the goals of SAR. One particularly interesting practice is joint meetings with DAR. They have held three such meetings with the Libertad Chapter this year.

Pictured at left (l-r) Richard Shanks, David Jones, Pat Kerr, Ed Raines, Gus Mistrot, A. Kelley McBride and Tom Jackson



Galveston, Dickens on the Strand: The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter joined by color guardsmen from other area chapters marched in the parade in Galveston. And to show the entrepreneurial savvy of this chapter note in the photo above left of this story, yes you are right that is a pub sponsored by the chapter! Parade Chairman Ron Whatley is pictured below the lamp post with SAR ladies Ann Mitchell, Mary Gulley and Sue Lenes. The handsome color guardsman posing with the Victorian ladies are, left to right, Pat Kerr, David Jones and Steve Whatley.



College Station: At a fall meeting of the Independence Chapter the program was provided by the Sojourners. They presented a very interesting program on the meaning of the elements of the flag. *Pictured standing presenter from Sojourners; seated James T. Jones, Jr.*



Sedona Film Festival: Compatriot Jim Johnson presents fellow artist and movie star Tony Curtis with a “thank you drawing” for his many years of film. Great work, Jim! Tony wished Jim a “Happy Birthday.”

Garland: The East Fork-Trinity Chapter installed four new members representing three generations of the same family into it's membership on September 17, 2009. Pictured at right is District 6, TXSSAR, Vice President Mark Hanson swearing them into membership. The new members are from left William Scott Thomas, Ian Jacob Thomas, Andrew William Thomas, and Walter William Thomas. Walter is the father of William and the grandfather of Ian and Andrew. Their common ancestor was Patriot David Dickson of South Carolina and Georgia.



Galveston: At a meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez chapter in December young Asa and Tyler Whatley received their membership certificates. They are pictured with TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence and Bernardo de Galvez chapter President Pete Lenex.

(see photo below)



Fort Worth: Van Zandt Chapter Past President Hubert Foster is recognized for his 50+ years of service to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Pictured at right current President, Robert Truitt, Sr. (left) is shown presenting Foster (right) his certificate and 50 year pin.



Note: The on-line version of this issue contains a complete listing of new members and their patriot ancestors. Go to the Winter 2009-2010 issue of Texas Compatriot on the website to access and search this listing.



In Memoriam — 2009

Amb Fletcher Warren: David H Gish, Cloral L. Lovell, Jr.; **Bernardo De Galvez:** Kenneth W. Peters, Kenneth W. Vaughan; **Bluebonnet:** Clyde Hess Smith; **Brazos Valley:** Arthur E. Divine, C. Kendall Cleveland, Jr., William H. Kline; **Col Turner Sharp:** Col Francis M Crawford; **Corpus Christi:** Hewitt B Fox; **Cradle Of Texas:** Roger L. Byler, William A. Bryant, Milton S. Wing, Luther L. Singletary; **Dallas:** John Wm Stell, Robert E. White, Doyle S. Stacy, John D. Monroe; **East Fork Trinity:** Lanny R. Shaw, William R. McHone, Sr., Donald E. Matthews, Sr., Duane E. Deese; **East Texas:** Landon A. Colquitt, John L. Whitsell; **Edmund Terrill:** Wilford Edward, Henry Voehl, Jr., James H Holt; **Freedom:** Allen R. Langston, Jr., Billy J. Anderson; **Heart Of Texas:** Thomas C. Fitzhugh, Jr., Curtis A. Younts, Sr., Otto L. Frazer, Gayle Clawson; **Hill Country:** John R. Hudson, Jack A. Javens, Edwin E. Barnes, Richard F. Thompson; **Independence:** Jim T. House; **Liberty:** Robert F Cell; **Maj K M Van Zandt:** Julian Dendy, Jr., Herbert R. Timberlake, James L. West, Robert D Woofter; **McKinney:** William K. Walker; **North Central Texas:** Maurice W McCall, Joseph Ernest McNeely; **Panhandle Plains:** Joseph F. Taylor, James C. Claughton, Jr., Miles T. Bivins; **Patrick Henry:** Adin Harry Hall, Col Robert B Osborn; **Paul Carrington:** O S Carlton, III, Thomas M Green, Joe H. Reynolds; **Paul Revere:** James W Dunham; **Plano:** Dan G. Dowell; **Red River Valley:** Benjamin B. Bauer; **San Antonio:** Donald J. Knapp, B. Gen. Chas E Williams, Jr., Thomas L. Zumwalt, Roger M. Bowles, Edward R. Stokes, Col Thomas G Morehead, David B. Rochelle; **Victoria:** Patrick J. McEnroe, Jr.; **William Hightower:** Myles R Kuykendall, Charles Motz

Submit your registration and make your reservations soon!

Your prompt registration allows meeting organizers to more effectively plan events and venue requirements. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Form is also on website for links.

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H O T E L R O O M R E S E R V A T I O N**

- ☛ Hotel room reservations must be made directly with the hotel before March 5th. For Convention Registration see next section.
- ☛ Hotel reservations must be made by telephone. Call the Hilton Houston Westchase, at 713-974-1000 or 800-HILTONS. Confirm the room rate when you are making your reservation. Keep your confirmation number in the event you need to refer to it at a later date. The number of rooms is limited.
- ☛ You must identify yourself as being affiliated with the "SAR or Sons of the American Revolution" group and request the convention rate in order to obtain the discounted rate. Single or Double occupancy is only \$89.00 per night plus taxes. Parking is free. For more information: www.txssar.org/pdf/March_2010_hotel.pdf
- ☛ To reserve online: www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/HOUWCHF-SOTAR-20100325/index.ihtml
- ☛ The Hilton Houston Westchase is located at 9999 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas, 77042.

C O N V E N T I O N R E G I S T R A T I O N

- ☛ To **REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION** complete the form below and send it with your check. This does not assure you a room at the Hotel – you must make the room reservation independently of Convention Registration and before 5th March 2010 - see above.
- ☛ The 2010 TXSSAR State Convention Registration Fee is \$35 per Compatriot prior to March 5th - after it is \$45.
- ☛ Genealogical Seminar on Thursday at the Hilton is \$10 per person prior to March 5th - after it is \$15.
- ☛ Saturday Luncheon is \$25 per person, Thursday Dinner is \$35 per person, Saturday Dinner is \$35 per person.
- ☛ *Should you need to cancel your Convention Registration please do so before March 5, 2010. After that date we are unable to refund that fee or banquet and seminar fees. You must cancel your Hotel Reservation directly with the Hilton Houston Westchase.*

Please send this completed registration form and your check for the registration, seminar, meals, etc. as indicated in the table below payable to **TXSSAR 2010 to: Mark Worthen, 11719 Broken Bough Circle, Houston, TX 77024**

Name:		Email:	
Street Address:		TXSSAR Chapter:	
City/State/Zip:		Title:	
Phone:	Cell phone:	Hotel Registration Made? Yes or No	Arrival Day? Thurs. or Fri. or Sat.
Spouse/Guest:		Spouse/Guest cell phone:	
Special dietary or disability requirements? Yes or No If yes, please describe requirements, and for how many if dietary:			

FUNCTION/EVENT	NUMBER	COST PER	COST
Compatriot Registration Fee:		Compatriot only @ \$35.00:	
Thursday Genealogical Seminar:		@ \$10.00:	
Thursday Dinner:		@ \$35.00:	
Saturday Luncheon:		@ \$25.00:	
Saturday Gala Dinner:		@ \$35.00:	
Raffle ticket - Pedersoli 2nd Model Brown Bess Musket:		@ \$20.00 ea. or 6 @ \$100:	
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From the Editor

Chapter article submission was outstanding during the fall of 2009. One of the most important goals of the editor of The Texas Compatriot since January 2009 is to report the activities of our Texas compatriots at the National, State, and Chapter. This 2010 Winter Edition reported activities and events of 28 TXSSAR Chapters. I believe this is a record and is a direct reflection on the leadership of chapters and the state society. What better way to involve your members than to advertised their accomplishments in The Texas Compatriot. Continue submitting photos and articles of your chapter history of events. We will report all that space allows.

This edition will have bonus coverage in the electronic issue on our TXSSAR Web. All new Compatriots who had applications approved in 2009 will be listed with their Ancestor and TXSSAR Chapter number. A second list contains just the Ancestor of the new members.

Remember that not all TXSSAR members can view the Texas Compatriot on our Website. Please make arrangements to get copies to these members to help them keep up with what is happening in TXSSAR.

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