



## TEXAS COMPATRIOTS AT 122nd ANNUAL SAR CONGRESS IN ARIZONA

by State President Bob Clark



Above are the Texas Color Guard members at the 122nd Annual SAR Congress in Phoenix, Arizona pictured after the Sunday afternoon July 8, 2012, memorial service for the 607 NSSAR members who died this past year. This included 64 deceased TXSSAR members. Pictured in front of the fountain at the Arizona Biltmore (left to right) in the first row are President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough, Ron Walcik, President Bob Clark, Marvin Morgan, Tom Jackson, Col. Peter Goebel, Tom Whitelock, PPG Ed Butler. In the second row are Chaplain General the Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor, Inland Registrar Mike Radcliff, Staff Secretary Larry Stevens, Art Munford, Past President Jim Jones, Ron Barker, Secretary General Joe Dooley, Larry Peik, and District VP John K. Thompson. Not pictured, but in attendance from the Color Guard were Past State President Tom Green, Allen Greene, and Dr. Jim Johnson.

The Saturday evening before the memorial service, 50 members of the Texas contingent enjoyed a private, festive dinner at the local Cheesecake Factory restaurant. This was preceded by a reception at the Biltmore Hotel sponsored by the Arizona Society.

On Sunday evening, July 8, 2012 after the Memorial Service, the Texas SAR high school oration

Representative, Bode McKay, scored within the top six finalists in the nation. At the Monday Youth Awards Luncheon Cadet Major Jared Reese of Cypress Ridge High School was presented with the NSSAR JROTC Enhanced Award. After the NSSAR business meetings that evening, a dozen Texas members went to dinner prior to attending the Minuteman awards ceremony. At that ceremony, Past Texas State President Bill Marrs received the SAR's highest award, the Minuteman Award, for his service to the NSSAR and the country. At that time Past State President Tom Green was also presented as the Color Guardsman of the Year.

On Tuesday morning at the South Central District Breakfast, President Clark presented LTC Lawrence Casey with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, the state's highest award. The breakfast was attended by 43 SAR members from the South Central District states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. That night, Past State President Tom Green presented President General Larry Magerkurth with a certificate as a hereditary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Compatriot Green was assisted in the presentation by other members of the SRT attending the Congress, including Past President General Nathan White, State President Bob Clark, Staff Secretary Larry Stevens, Dr. Jim Johnson, State District VP John Thompson, Tom Jackson, Marvin Morgan, and Vermont State President Douglass "Tim" Mabee. The Sons of the Republic of Texas is a separate hereditary society, composed of male descendants of citizens of Texas who had arrived by 1846.

On Wednesday, past state president and current Chancellor General, Tom Lawrence, swore in the new national officers. Shown below is the Texas Contingent, including dual Texas state members, who attended the concluding formal banquet on Wednesday evening. Further reports on the Arizona Congress will be presented in the SAR Magazine.



**The Texas Delegation and their Ladies at the 122nd Annual SAR Congress in Phoenix**



The TXSSAR Internal Audit group is all smiles after completion of their work in Brenham, TX.

Standing, from left to right: Dr. Wendell Edwards, Marvin Morgan, Tom Jackson, TXSSAR Past President Jim Jones, Stephen Tanner, and Peter McLellan. Seated, from left to right: TXSSAR Treasurer John Beard and TXSSAR Vice President for Certificates, Medals and Awards Russell Dart.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## North Texas Chapters Participate in "Homeless Veterans Stand Down"

It is shocking but true that there are 700 homeless veterans living in Dallas. Counting both physical and mental disabilities, many of these who gave so much on behalf of our freedom are unable to work regularly to earn the basic necessities. The flyer at right shows what the new Veterans Resource Center is doing about it.

At the October 13 meeting of the Dallas Chapter, you may bring your contributions to the meeting, and Veterans Affairs Chairman Jim Fairbairn will take them to the October 26 event. However, anyone can drop off items at the Homeless Stand Down event itself.

Veterans Affairs Chairmen from other North Texas Chapters are invited to muster their own members to participate.

How about other metro areas in Texas? It is almost inconceivable that other cities do not have proportional numbers of homeless veterans. Lets get behind this idea and find out what opportunities there are in other cities in Texas!

Below, Left to Right, Reeves Winn, President of the Texas Tech Chapter #15, J. B. Roberts, and Former State President George West, following a joint SAR/DAR chapter meeting.



## Wants and Needs List for Homeless Stand Down

Planned Event for Dallas is October 26<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Veterans Resource Center, 4900 S. Lancaster, Dallas Texas

### Urgent Items Needed for Stand Down 2012

- Socks - Men & Women (New)
- Umbrellas
- Hats, gloves and scarves
- Small hygiene kits
  - Wash cloths
  - Deodorant
  - Shampoo / Conditioner
  - Lotion
  - Soap
  - Women feminine product
  - Razor
  - Shaving Cream
- Small backpacks
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# CHAPTER NEWS

The Robert Rankin Chapter #62 honored the Reese family and the Scheel family at a recent meeting.

Jared Reese from Cypress Ridge High School won first place in the JROTC contest at the chapter, state, and national levels. His picture appears on Page 6. He was presented with a medal at the meeting. He has been active in the Boy Scouts, Drama Club, Student Council, Thespian Honor Society and school Peer Assistance Leadership Program. He is also active with the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department.

Jared's Mother, Susi, received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her many years of teaching elementary children. She was recognized as CFISD Elementary Teacher of the Year in the 2011-2012 school year.

Jared's father, Jeff, was honored with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. He has served in the Harris County Sheriff's Department for 21 years. He has served as a Crisis Hotline Counselor, a Mental Health Specialist and a Law Enforcement Instructor. Jeff is also a published author in "National Tactical Association" magazine.

Alex Scheel from S. P. Waltrip High School won the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest at the chapter and state levels. His picture appears on Page 6. He also received a medal at the meeting. Alex recently was named All-District as a third baseman in 21 AAAA. Alex, a right-handed pitcher, is also on the varsity swim team and is very active at First United Methodist Church.

Alex's Mother, Jill, received the Outstanding Citizenship Award for her many years of service to children and youth. She has served the young people of the community for 15 years through youth ministries at First United Methodist Church and youth baseball.

Bill Scheel, Alex's father, was honored with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. He received the award for his thirty-four (34) years of service to his church, educational institutions, fraternal organizations, civic association, political activities, and youth baseball. Bill served as President of Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club during his nine year tenure on the civic board.



Left: First Row — The Reese family, Jeff, Jared, & Susie. Back Row, from left to right, Tom Green, Allen Greene, & Tom Jackson

Above: Stephen Tanner, Thomas Jackson, Bill, Alex, & Jill Scheel, Allen Greene, & John Thompson. WAY TO GO, ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER!

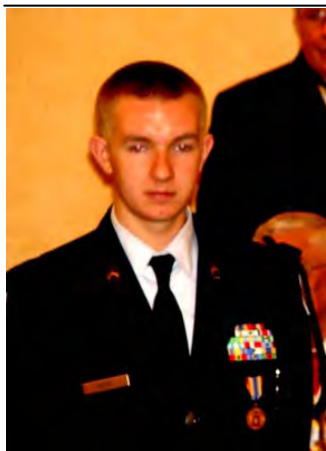
# COLOR GUARD NEWS



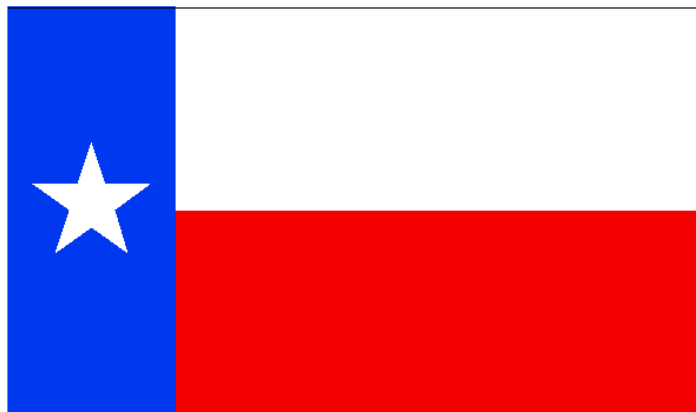
Congratulations are in order for the Hill Country Chapter #31 (Kerrville) for forming their new Color Guard which is now presenting the colors at meetings. Pictured, left to right, Robert Stahl, Gerald Irion, Tom Carswell, and Winston Scott.



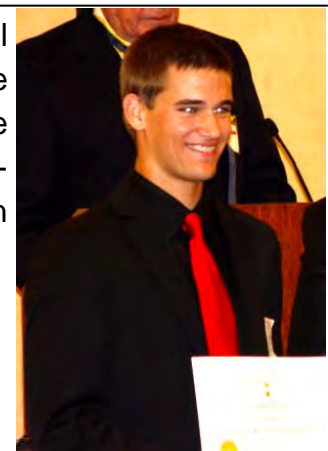
With Independence Hall in the background, these TXSSAR Compatriots and their ladies enjoyed the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution: Anne & Jim Mitchell, Jim & Dianne Jones, Steve & Anna Marie Lee, and Barbara & Larry Stevens.



At left: Jared Reese won first place at the Chapter, State, and National Enhanced JROTC Scholarship Contests See story on Page 5.



At right, Alex Scheel won first place at the Chapter and State Knight Essay Contests. See story on Page 5.





The San Antonio Chapter of SAR recognized and awarded the SAR Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Jasiah Rubalcava, a kindergarten student at West Avenue Elementary School. Earlier this year, Jasiah, 6 years old, noticed that his best friend, Nicholas Carvajal, was choking in the school cafeteria and he immediately, instinctively and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver to restore his friend's breathing. When asked how he knew to do this, he said he had seen this done on the Disney Channel.

The SAR Good Citizenship Medal was authorized in 1895 to recognize persons whose achievements are significant and noteworthy in their respective schools, communities or states.

The picture below includes (left to right) Nicholas Carvajal and his mother; Jay Lewallen, SAR member, Jasiah Rubalcava and his mother. This ceremony was arranged for by the West Avenue Elementary School principal, Belinda Gonzales. This kind of award is made as part of the SAR's long term commitment to recognize and honor military heroes, first responders and citizens, who extend themselves in some extraordinary manner in service to others who need assistance. Jasiah was also given a gift card to a local toy store.



Three generations of the Grimes family have joined the Hill Country Chapter #31 of the SAR. John M. B. Grimes, his son John A. Grimes, and grandsons John Hunter Grimes, Walker Thomas Grimes, Austin Barr Cates and Carson James Cates were inducted by Past Chapter President Gerald Irion and Past Chapter President Winston Scott.

The picture below shows Winston Scott in a colonial marine uniform and Gerald Irion in a Continental Army officer's uniform.

While the children, as Junior Members of the SAR, will not be able to vote in SAR elections until they attain the age of 18, they are considered full members and can participate in patriot events, such as color guards, with their adult counterparts.

If they choose to join the Children of the American Revolution, they may participate in even more fun patriotic activities.

The Grimes family is well-known in the Hill Country because of ownership of the Grimes Funeral Homes in Kerrville and Bandera and participation in community and civic activities.

Pictured left to right are Winston Scott, John Hunter Grimes, John A. Grimes, Walker Thomas Grimes, Austin Barr Cates, John M. B. Grimes, Carson James Cates, and Gerald Irion.





Russell Dart, President of the Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 introduced special guests Coleman Pollack and Alisha Trevino from Sweeny. Coleman and Alisha were each presented a **Hero Medal** and **Hero Certificate** for rescuing an 11-year old girl from the surf at Matagorda Beach in March, 2012.



#### **FCP Art Hall presents Certificate to Athens Chapter Constitution Week Speaker**

The Sons of the American Revolution Athens Chapter observed Constitution Week at its September dinner meeting. The speaker was Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, retired supervisor of the genealogy department of the Dallas Public Library. His topic featured South Carolina and centered on its role in the Revolutionary War. This marked the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the chapter has had Mr. Bockstruck present its Constitution Week program.

In addition to being a renowned genealogist, Mr. Bockstruck is a nationally recognized author, historian and speaker, having conducted numerous seminars during his 39-year career and as a Dallas resident. He is a member of dozens of lineage societies, including the Sons of the American Revolution, where he served as National Librarian General 1981 - 1983. His SAR membership includes the Dallas Chapter as well as honorary membership in the Athens Chapter.

# Serendipity\*

\* Merriam-Webster defines serendipity as “the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for.”

Founded in 1999, the American Village serves the Nation as an educational institution whose mission is to strengthen and renew the foundations of American liberty and self-government by engaging and inspiring citizens, leaders and stewards.



Visitors to American Village are greeted by this replica of Mount Vernon

Located near the small town of Montevallo, Alabama, about 36 miles south of Birmingham, west of Interstate 65, the American Village maintains an excellent website at <http://www.americavillage.org> explaining various programs and special events.

Puritan John Winthrop gazed at the shore from the deck of the ship *Arabella* in 1630, and told the new colonists, “*For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill.*” President Ronald Reagan adapted the imagery to describe America’s role as a bearer of the light of liberty. Our founders believed that the architecture of public buildings should symbolize the principles of the new Republic. The American Village -- designed to be a classroom, a stage, a theatre, and museum of ideas -- is evocative of America’s founding. Set upon a hill, and modest in scale, the American Village offers a beacon of liberty.

In addition to the Washington Center, pictured above, there are replicas of the church where Patrick Henry made his “Liberty or Death” Speech, the House of Burgesses, a colonial banquet hall, a museum and other significant buildings



**The American Village builds good citizens on the cornerstone of liberty.**

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**Our country faces growing national amnesia of the constitutional foundations of our freedom and self-government.**

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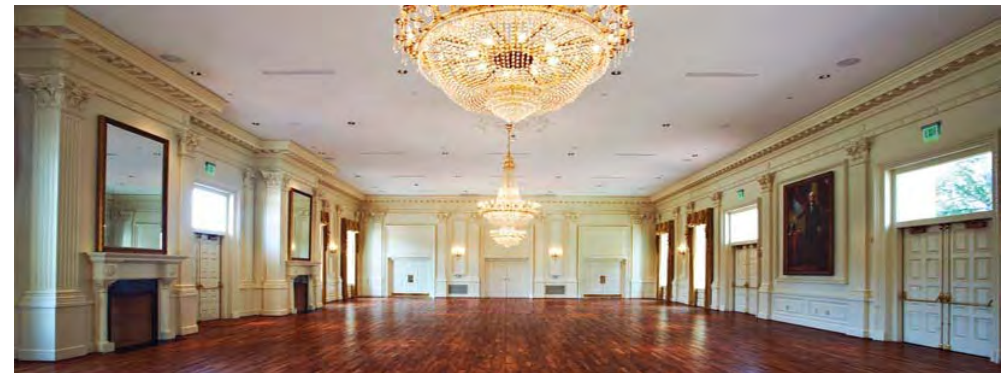


The American Village tells the compelling stories not only of America's legacy of liberty, but of those in every generation who have served and sacrificed for that cause.

A new National Veterans Shrine and Register of Honor will open at the American Village late in 2013, honoring those who served and sacrificed for the cause of liberty.



The Colonial Chapel is based on the church where Patrick Henry gave his famous "Liberty or Death" Speech.



The Colonial-style ballroom is available for weddings, private meetings, and catered events.



There is also a gift and souvenir shop, and new items come and go there. Your *Texas Compatriot* Editor has a very well produced DVD called "Spirit of Liberty," featuring William Stewart in the role of Patrick Henry giving his famous speech, with color guards and re-enactors showing many of the events depicted in the speech. Although this DVD is out-of-stock at this time, I strongly recommend ordering it for use as a featured program in a SAR Chapter meeting. If enough people call wanting a copy of the "Spirit of Liberty" DVD, I am sure that they will make another batch of copies of this great program.

I recommend The American Village as a family or group vacation destination if you are ever in or near Alabama. The website shows schedules, phone numbers, pricing (cheap), and who to call for various situations.

H. Charles Baker, Editor



## Stephen Rohrbough at the 122nd Congress

*Editor's Note: In the Spring 2012 Issue, TXSSAR President Bob Clark promised write-ups on TXSSAR leaders. This article features President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough.*

President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough was born in 1939 to an Army Air Corps Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Leonard M. Rohrbough, and devoted wife Elsa Claire Hartman, who was raised in San Antonio, Texas. His Mother was excited about the new arrival of a baby boy, but the doctor immediately explained that she was not finished as another baby was on the way. She was surprised to say the least, but 10 minutes later along came an identical twin brother, Frank. Stephen and Frank were raised in a military family, traveling throughout the U.S. and overseas. Following their daddy's footsteps, they both were commissioned officers, from Texas A&M College, in the U.S. Air Force. Each had long careers in service to their country. Stephen was a



Transportation Staff Officer serving at all levels of command. After 28 years, he retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Stephen Rohrbough was inducted into the SAR in July 1996. He went "through the chairs" in the San Antonio Chapter and has attended BOM and State meetings since 1998. He has served on various state committees including Finance, Long Range Planning, CAR Liaison, Patriots Fund Projects, CAR Essay Contest; and served as Vice President Americanism, Contests, Medals and Awards from 2006 to 2011, and as Staff Secretary 2011-2012. He strongly believes in the goals of the SAR and the Pledge to reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and to defend them against every foe.

In 2000-2001, he created, proposed, gained funding, and received BOM approval to establish the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest. The



At the closing formal Banquet of the 122nd SAR Congress, 2011-12 TXSSAR President Bill Marrs needed two escorts to receive the SAR Minuteman Medal. He is escorted by FPG Ed Butler and FPG Nathan White

state society has awarded scholarships to three TSCAR members each year since 2002. When the contest participants age out of CAR, they roll over to full membership in SAR and DAR. This is a new life stream for TXSSAR.

Stephen's Patriot Ancestor, John Rohrbough (Rorabaugh), was born in Hochstadt, Germany in July 1740, and arrived with his parents in Philadelphia in 1749. During the American Revolution, he provided pasturage and corn for the militia marching to the Carolinas.

In his new position as President of TXSSAR, Stephen will visit TXSSAR Chapters, attend BOM and State meetings, and National Society SAR Leadership and Congress meetings and take an active part in the work of the NSSAR representing the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

**AMERICANISM TRIVIA QUIZ.** Correct answers from the Spring issue are revealed Below. Compatriot **William A. Luckey** of the Col. Turner Sharp Chapter #9 got 100% on this quiz. He also provided extra information on the mechanisms by which the earliest money (Question #7) was created.

### Preparations for War — 1775

1. Who led the surprise raid on the British Fort Ticonderoga on May 10, 1775, capturing about 100 cannons? **Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys, assisted by Benedict Arnold, captured the fort without the loss of a man. A sentry tried to fire a musket point-blank at Allen as he and Arnold rushed into the fort, but the sentry's gun did not fire when he pulled the trigger. Allen then forced the fort's commander, Captain William Delaplace, to surrender his garrison of 48 redcoats without further resistance.**

2. Following Ticonderoga, who led the next surprise attack on what British post? **On May 12, Allen sent Seth Warner to capture Crown Point without any resistance. The captured material from both forts greatly aided the American cause, as 78 guns, 6 mortars, 3 howitzers, and 1000's of cannonballs, and 30,000 flints were added to the American arsenal.**

3. Immediately after Lexington and Concord, patriots gathered to besiege the British in Boston. When the patriots learned that the British planned to seize Dorchester Heights, they moved swiftly to fortify Bunker Hill. Where and when was the Battle of Bunker Hill actually fought? Who won?

**The Battle was fought on Breed's Hill on June 17. The British charged three times; on the third charge, the Americans retreated because they ran out of ammunition. The British had brought the wrong size cannonballs, so their cannons were useless. Of 3,000 Americans in the battle, 441 were casualties; the British suffered 1,150 casualties, or 40 per cent of their 2,500 men. On the whole, the battle was seen as a great American victory.**

4. What member of Congress nominated George Washington to be the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, and who seconded the nomination? When did it happen? **John Adams nominated Washington in June, 1775; Samuel Adams, his second cousin, seconded the nomination.**

5. How many lashes did the Congressional Articles of War allow for punishing a soldier in the Continental Army in 1775? **In 1775, 39 lashes were allowed; this was raised to 100 in 1776.**

6. Congress established a pay scale for various ranks of personnel in the Continental Army. What amounts were to be paid to the various ranks? **Privates were paid \$6.67 per month, corporals \$7.33, lieutenants \$13.33, captains \$20, brigadier generals \$125, and major generals \$166.**

7. Who designed the first money for the Continental Congress in 1775, to provide payment for the army? **Paul Revere, a silversmith.**

8. Daniel Morgan raised a company of 96 riflemen in Virginia and marched them to Boston to help the Continental Army. The rifle was more accurate and had a longer range

than a flintlock musket. What is the difference between a musket and a rifle? **The barrel of a musket is smooth. In a rifle, spiral grooves were cut inside the barrel to make the bullet rotate in flight, which increased its accuracy.**

9. One disadvantage of a rifle in comparison with a musket was that it could not be fitted with a bayonet. What did bayonet-less riflemen carry as an additional weapon? **Many carried tomahawks.**

**NEW AMERICANISM TRIVIA QUIZ.** (answers in the Winter Issue.) Send in your answers to [hc\\_baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hc_baker@sbcglobal.net)

### 1776

1. On the first day of the year, Lord Dunmore bombarded a Virginia town and the patriots burned Tory homes in retaliation. Historian Lynn Montross said, "As Virginia's largest town went up in flames, the loyalist cause perished with it." Name this town where 6,000 inhabitants then lived.

2. Who wrote the famous 47-page pamphlet, *Common Sense*, which convinced many Americans to seek independence from England?

3. Who was the man who led an artillery train of more than fifty pieces on 42 sleds over snow, from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston, a distance of over 300 miles?

4. Who was the last royal governor of New Jersey?

5. Who was the first congressman to introduce a resolution in Congress for a declaration of inde-

pendence, stating: "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they be absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."?

6. The first execution ever of an American Soldier by a military court occurred during the Revolutionary War. Who was executed and why?

7. Of what day did John Adams write, "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore."?



In order to ensure that FSP Tom Green didn't make a speech lauding TXSSAR as the greatest state society, some of Tom's "friends" applied duct tape.

# Memories of the 122nd Congress



Above: A display of perhaps 20-25% of the certificates, ribbons, and medals won by TXSSAR, TXSSAR Chapters, and TXSSAR individuals. As TXSSAR President during the year in question, Bill Marrs was indeed the "Big Man who took it all."

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## Ladies ' Fundraiser

The 2011-2013 fundraiser is the handmade patriotic quilt, pictured at left. Proceeds will go to the TXSSAR Patriot Fund in support of expenses and awards for the various youth contests, such as CAR Essay, Knight Essay, Oration Contest, Eagle Scout, ROTC/JROTC awards, Sea Cadet award, Poster Contest, and American History Teacher Awards.

Tickets are one for \$2 or three for \$5. Please make all checks to LATXSSAR .

Check the LATXSSAR webpage for handouts, donation forms etc: <http://TXSSAR.org/LA>

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**F**rom the Editor: The Newsletter Committee has unanimously approved a new procedure for the Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Contest. Awards will be announced at the TXSSAR Annual Meeting in Dallas on April 6. Chapter Newsletter Editors should send one copy each of all their newsletter issues for 2012 in one single batch of hardcopies to the Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, as shown at right. Only hard-copy print-outs will be accepted. This includes newsletters that are normally distributed electronically. All batches must be delivered by U.S. Mail no later than January 1, 2013. A minimum of four newsletter issues per chapter will be accepted for judging. If a chapter publishes more than four issues per year, the Chapter Newsletter Editor may submit what he considers his best four. While black-and-white issues will be considered, color issues may have a competitive advantage.

Finally, please observe the following deadlines for submission of items for *The Compatriot*: September 15 for the Fall Issue, January 15 for the Winter issue, and May 15 for the Spring issue.

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