



The Texas Compatriot



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: *John Beard*

Compatriots:

“Galveston, oh Galveston” is how the song begins and was made so popular by the



late Glen Campbell. For those compatriots who did not attend the Board of Managers meeting in Galveston, you missed a wonderfully productive meeting plus some really good entertainment by our Oration contestants. In addition, we had a very interesting dinner talk by Rear Adm. Michael Rodriguez, U.S. Maritime Service, superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, that followed the creation of the Navy through the Revolutionary War.

We had some very special guests in attendance: President General Larry Guzy, Secretary General Warren Alter, and Presidents General Nathan White, Ed Butler and Tom Lawrence. We also had past Texas SAR Presidents Nathan White, Tom Green, Tom Lawrence, Dr. Robert Cohen, Larry Stevens, and Mike Radcliff.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- Return the Oration Contest

BOM meeting in Galveston considered a great success



A crack color-guard team posts the colors at the opening session of the Board of Managers meeting in Galveston. See other pictures on pages 4 and 5.

to the State Convention with preliminaries starting in January.

- Solicit the membership on how they would like to receive the *Compatriot* (USPS or email).
- Continued planning for the 2018 National Congress to be held in Houston at the Westin Memorial City.
- Continued searching for vol-

unteers to support the National Congress in July 2018.

- Proposed a Texas SAR constitutional amendment to allow for assistants to be appointed and approved for key positions.
- Medal nominees — These are individuals who give over and above the call of duty to Texas SAR. The Patriot Medal is

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In remembrance of Compatriot Patrick Henry Lockett, USMC

By Jim Dougherty and
newspaper obituary

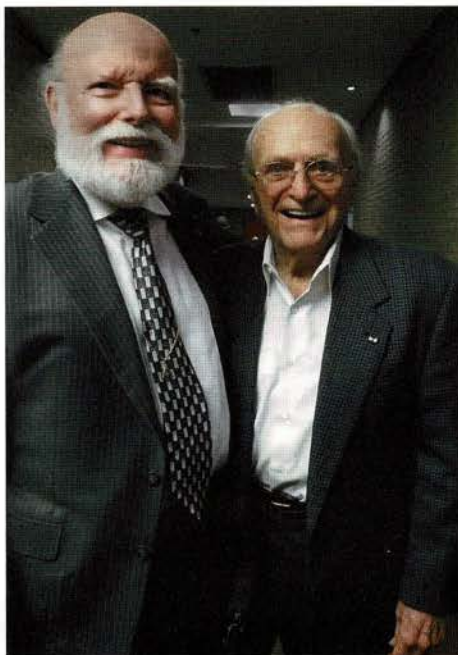
The members of Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin were saddened to hear of the passing of one of the "Greatest Generation" and one of our most senior members: Patrick Henry Lockett Jr. He was 93 years young.

I knew Pat on three levels. We shared the pews of First Baptist Church in downtown Austin and were members of the Masonic fraternity and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Patrick Henry Lockett Jr. died peacefully on Sept. 11, 2017, surrounded by his children and listening to the hymns he loved. He was born in Wichita Falls on Dec. 12, 1924, to Patrick H. Lockett Sr. and Emma Lou Humphries, whose families' arrival in the New World predate the Revolutionary War.

Pat graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1942, six months after Pearl Harbor was attacked. He attended Hardin-Simmons University for one semester before enlisting in the Marine Corps. He served in the invasions of Guam and Iwo Jima, where he was wounded. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

After the war, Pat enrolled in Baylor University on the GI Bill. There he met Mary Eleanor Dann of San Antonio. They were wed on Dec. 15, 1946, and happily married for nearly 61 years until her death in 2007. Before he graduated from Baylor in 1948, he was president of the student body and presided over the retirement cer-



emonies for Baylor President and former Texas Gov. Pat Neff. A gifted salesman with an enormous personality, Pat rose through the ranks of Rockwell Manufacturing Co. For 32 years, he worked in various capacities, retiring as vice president of Rockwell International's Municipal and Utilities Division. Following his retirement, he worked for 25 years as an international marketing consultant to domestic and foreign companies in the water and wastewater industries. He was a life member of the American Water Works Association.

Pat was a man of deep faith. A charter member of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, he

would go on to serve as chair of deacons at First Baptist Church more than once. He loved teaching the Concordant Sunday School class, where he led the singing with great gusto. After he moved to Buda to be closer to his children in 2014, he attended St. Alban's Episcopal Church with his family and made many deep friendships there.

He served as president of the Austin Chapter and Texas Division of the American Cancer Society and president of the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. In the Masonic fraternity, he was a 50-plus year member of Wilkinsburg (PA) No. 683 and a 32nd degree member of the Valley of Austin. He was a member-in-perpetuity of the National Sojourners and Heroes of '76. He was also a member of the Baylor University Alumni Association.

Patrick was preceded in death by wife, Eleanor, and their youngest child, David Dann Lockett. He is survived by children: daughter Lisa and husband Dr. Mike Massar of Baton Rouge, LA; daughter Kathryn and husband Dr. Michael Bishop of Buda; and son Alan Lockett of Lakeway. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren cherish his memory.

A service of celebration of Pat's life and resurrection was held at First Baptist Church. The combined choirs of First Baptist and St. Alban's provided music. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that gifts be made in Pat's memory to First Baptist Church of Austin, St. Alban's Episcopal Church of Austin or the Marbridge Foundation in Manchaca.

Or you could just overtip a waitress in Pat's memory. He would love that.

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Iwo Jima veteran honored with flags, Honor Flight to DC

The Stars and Stripes is the symbol of our nation. For many veterans, it's also a symbol of what they sacrificed to protect. On the day before his 92nd birthday, Howard Banks, a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps, heard a noise coming from near the flagpole in his front yard. He knew it had to be investigated. He is legally blind, but with limited vision he saw someone taking down the flag flying outside his home in Kaufman. Banks, who salutes the flag every morning, was determined to protect his flag after someone had shredded a previous flag and ripped up his Marine flag about a year ago.

Once outside, he was knocked down from behind by an assailant, who then fled.

Banks received multiple bumps and bruises from the ordeal. This is considered a felony in Texas, but he said: "I am durable; I can take it." He knew what he was talking about as a survivor of battles in the Pacific Theater in WWII. He participated in the battles on Saipan and Iwo Jima. It was on Iwo



Jima where a flare left him legally blind — but not before he saw the raising of the flag of the United States there.

When Marines who had toured in Afghanistan and Iraq heard about the incident they wanted to show their support for Banks' bravery. He was presented U.S. and Marine flags, plus a trip to Washington DC, to visit the World War II Memorial. These were presented by Honor Flight Austin Director Kory Ryan and was scheduled for September 2017.

On Aug. 26, members of the **East Fork Trinity Chapter:** Bill Watts, Walt Thomas, John Greer, Bob Kubin, Les and Margaret (DAR) Anderson, Paul and Dottie (DAR) Ridenour, Gary and Mindy (DAR) Lovell, Montie and Vivian Monzingo, and Ted Wilson of the **Edmund Terrill Chapter** went to Kaufman to present Banks a flag certificate, a Marine cap and a Texas flag. He plans to add another flagpole to fly his new flags separately.

— Ted Wilson

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the highest medal awarded by the State Society. Based upon Texas SAR membership, we can present five of these awards.

I would like to thank the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 and John Hamlin again for hosting this Board of Managers meeting. Well done, compatriots!

Moving along toward the future, we cannot forget about the many duties and responsibilities of hosting the 2018 National Congress. Due to the arrival of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area, NSSAR's inspection of the facility had to be postponed until December 2017. This visit will begin the finalization of certain activities and will give PG Guzy the opportunity to see the facility firsthand. The Host Planning Committee, chaired by Compatriot Tom Jackson, will then start pulling together the final plans for hosting the activities associated with this meeting. If you have not made your reservations, you need to do so with the hotel through their website.

We are entering the time of the year when the competitions for many of our youth begin to really take off: JROTC, Knight Essay, Poster Contests, Brochure, Eagle Scout, CAR Essay, 4-H Public Speaking Award and American History Teacher. The contacts and due dates for these activities can be found on the website by following this URL: http://www.txssar.org/award_contacts.htm.

On a more somber note, we suffered the loss of another very busy compatriot, Jeff Gammon, Coastal Registrar and a member of the Patrick Henry

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San Antonio honors first responders

Provided by Frank Rohrbough

The San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution was proud to recognize some of San Antonio's finest first responders at its Public Service Awards Luncheon on Oct. 18. The San Antonio Chapter, which was established on Patriot's Day in 1930, has recognized members of the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) annually for the past 20 years by awarding them the SAR Public Service Medals and Certificates.

At this year's luncheon, 10 individuals and two engine crews were recognized for their extraordinary service to the San Antonio community. A total of 29 firefighters and family members attended the luncheon.

San Antonio SAR President Larry Loop recognized SAFD Engine Crew 27-A for its heroism at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire on May 18, 2017. Lt. Kevin Willis was given the SAR Heroism Commendation for his skill in leadership in locating and extricating a downed firefighter in a deteriorating condition in a hostile environment. His crew, engineer Damian Torres and firefighters Alexander Tovar and Joshua Torres were recognized with Certificates of Valor for the actions. Fire Station 27 was presented a shadowbox with medals and certificates commemorating the critical services of Lt. Willis and his crew. President Loop also recognized SAFD Engine

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Crew 32-A for their heroism at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire. Capt. David Tundel was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal for his and his crew's extrication of a second downed firefighter. Engine 32's crew was made up of acting engineer Ryan Barnes, firefighter Joshua Hubbard, and firefighter Jesse Torres. Their bravery assisted in the extrication of the second firefighter and was recognized with the SAR Commendation for Valor. Fire Station 32 also received a shadowbox with medals and certificates to honor these heroic men. SAFD Medic 27-D was presented the SAR EMS Commendation Medal for its actions at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire. Engineer

Melvin Fitzgerald and engineer Dennis Parks established triage and treated the extricated firefighters. Their actions preserved life, decreased pain, and speeded the recovery of those injured.

Battalion Chief Walter Yates was recognized for his service to the citizens of San Antonio with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Chief Yates has served the citizens of San Antonio for 29 years and is known for his calm demeanor, attention to detail, and exemplary tactics. His many years of service have prepared him to succeed at any endeavor. The SAR recognized him for his skilled leadership.

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meeting in Galveston photo highlights



Above photo: Color guard prepares to post the flag at the beginning of the October Board of Managers meeting in Galveston. Previous page, top: Presidential Citations from President Beard are awarded. Bottom: Contestants in the Youth Oration Contest receive their awards.

Dr. David Miramontes, medical director for the San Antonio Fire Department, was our luncheon speaker giving the keynote address. He addressed the risks of fire service that occur such as occupational injuries, wellness, and coping skills. He provided his insight into the events of May 18 and thanked the awardees for their service. He was presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. In closing, President Loop and members of the San Antonio Chapter extended their great appreciation by thanking all members of the San Antonio Fire Department

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Board of Managers actions in Galveston

The Board of Managers at the Galveston meeting in October approved:

- \$1,600 be budgeted for the ladies' functions related to 2018 National Congress.
- A volunteer reception the evening of July 12 as part of

for their ongoing services to the San Antonio community. We will remember those firefighters who were affected by the events of May 18 and all members of the SAFD who put themselves at risk every day.

the 2018 National Congress and with a budget of \$2,800.

- Patrick Henry Chapter be reimbursed a maximum of \$650 for artwork expenses related to the 2018 Congress logo and the stipend given to the CAR member who submitted the winning design.
- A budget of \$30,000 be established for the host reception to be held Saturday, July 14.
- The Congress planning was authorized to investigate alternate locations, different from the host hotel, for the host reception.

Color guard volunteers needed around state

By **Stu Hoyt, President**
WH No. 35 SAR,
TXSAR South CG Commander



Uncle SAR, alias “Big Tex,” needs all able-bodied TX SAR members willing to find the time to fill a slot in any call to muster for any color guard.

We could allocate endless

amounts of money in advertising from posters to billboards to TV, but nothing catches the eye of the public as much as a compatriot in a Continental uniform or period clothing.

Who can do that? Our color guard representing the TX SAR at funerals, grave dedications, parades, proclamation and naturalization ceremonies, or posting the colors at a local function.

What does it take? Just a little effort and you to kindle the desire to step out. You say, “I’d like to,

but I don’t have the equipment or time.” In today’s world, we make time for what is important to us. It does take a little effort to assemble a complete Continental uniform, but if you are willing to start assembling your outfit, we’ll find someone to help fill in the blanks. You say, “I live in X and can’t travel to Y.” We can work on carpooling. Many events, within 100 miles of you, are canceled for lack of a foursome, but folks can come out of the woodwork to fill a foursome on the first nine.

Many of our ancestors fought in their farm or period clothing. Many in the southern army fought in their hunting clothing. A hunter’s frock is a start. The rest can be filled in. We just need the warm and willing body to be covered. You can go on eBay, or we will provide you with a list of vendors to make or sell what you need. If you are in our ranks and have equipment that you no longer need or use, let us know and we will pass the word along.

What do we need now? We need to know who you are, what you need, and how to contact you. Sam Massey is acting guard contact and notification system.

We will need to know your name, chapter and email address or telephone number at a minimum. If you have a Continental uniform or period clothes, let us know. We will send out a muster call. All you need to do is respond to the contact person with your availability and needs.

Your information will not be used for anything other than color guard notifications.

Around the state ...



NACOGDOCHES – The Fredonia Chapter, at their September meeting, hosted retired Army Master Sgt. Paul Howe, who gave firsthand account of the Blackhawk Down episode in the battle for Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993. In left photo: (from left) Farrar Bentley, chaplain; Edward Waggoner, genealogist/registrar; Paul Howe and Daniel Rogers, chapter president.

Compatriot News

Hounds:

A few words from
Compatriot Editor
Jim Dougherty



Many thanks to all who contributed to this last issue of the *Texas Compatriot* for 2017. May the holiday season bring you and yours much happiness.

The next issue should appear early next year with reminders of upcoming statewide meetings and news about the national convention in Houston.

Several compatriots have asked about getting a digital

version on their computer, tablet or phone. The *Texas Compatriot* is available on the website about the time the print version is mailed out.

As mentioned by Compatriot President Beard, there is ongoing discussion about compatriots who would wish to opt out on a print version of the magazine and receive a digital version, only. There are pros and cons and anyone wishing to see the magazine online only needs to go to the Texas SAR website. The magazine can be downloaded and even printed out, if desired.

The decision hasn’t been made; so stay tuned.

Tom Green finally 'graduates' the third grade

Battle of Medina honored



Editor's note: This abridged thank-you note and photo was provided by Compatriot John Kenton Thompson with Mary Elizabeth of The Woodlands. Their suggested headline has been used above.

"Dear Ms. Kotfhage:

Thank you again for allowing Compatriot Thomas Green of the Houston, Texas, area and me to provide a flag history presentation at your school this day. Wonderful school and group of youngsters, and we were most impressed by the students attentiveness and interest in the presentation."

Each year SAR members gather under large oak trees to honor all the men, on both sides, who participated in the Battle of Medina, which occurred on Aug. 18, 1813. This was the bloodiest battle ever fought on Texas soil, with between 800 and 1,300 men killed. In the photo above the memorial program is beginning with principal speaker Atascosa County Judge Robert Hurley welcoming attendees.



Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed for the Registration and Credentials Desks for the 2018 National Congress in Houston. Four people are requested for morning and/or afternoon duty and as tour captains for the three planned tours.

Please provide name, email address and phone number to Compatriot Larry Blackburn at lhblackburn@sbcglobal.net for volunteer opportunities.

Challenge Coins available

The tradition of the Challenge Coin goes back many years and well known in the military. Now the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution has a Challenge Coin of its own.

Sales of the Challenge Coin go to the Perpetual Fund. Coins were provided by PG Joe Dooley.

The minimum order will be five coins. The desired order would be 10. The Chapter should send a check payable to TXS-SAR in the amount of \$100 for 10 to the following address:

John Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, TX 77339

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Chapter. Jeff passed away unexpectedly while vacationing in Colorado. Our sympathies and condolences go out to his family and friends. Larry Stephens was approved by the Board of Managers to fill Jeff's unexpired term through March 2018.

Organizational involvement, I believe, adds to your having a positive experience with an organization. This is one of the reasons that we are hoping to add assistants to certain key positions within the organization. In particular, the following: Treasurer; Registrar; and State Secretary. This will provide backup for these key positions plus allow someone to learn how these jobs are performed.

We have more than 3,000 members in good standing in Texas SAR, yet only a small percentage of these participate at the chapter and state levels in leadership positions. We need to increase this participation by getting some new blood involved. Our bylaws have in them the position descriptions for all the officer positions. Most committees have objectives. I would encourage each of you to look at these and decide how you would like to be involved. Contact me and I will help.

In closing, may God continue to bless the USA, Texas and the Texas SAR.

John Beard
President Texas SAR

A gentle reminder

All compatriot members are receiving this issue of *The Texas Compatriot*.

However, according to our records, approximately 250 compatriots are currently in arrears for 2017. Please check your dues card and if you are not current, consider sending a check ASAP. Dues statements for 2018 are in the mail.

Those who continue in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list and will no longer receive the state publication.
