



Boerne Patriot

Boerne Chapter 64, Sons of the American Revolution

2nd Quarter 2024 Newsletter



A word from our president

Here we are at the end of June and on the cusp of July 4th, our nation's birthday.

It makes one think what July 4th really is about. Our ancestors fought, and some died, for the liberty and freedom that we enjoy today. Freedom is not free! We must always remember that. Be vigilant and always watchful for anything that threatens our freedom that our ancestors fought for. We need to make them proud, They are watching.



Poteet Strawberry Festival sees first parade of 2024 season

Our chapter's award winning boat float was once again an entry in the Poteet Strawberry Festival parade. Shown above is the float being readied for the start of the parade. From left to right are compatriots Chuck Hand, Dalton Hand and president Dale Tidwell. More parades are scheduled for the coming months.,

Our float joins the Boerne Father's Day parade

The boat float carried eight compatriots in the June June 15 Father's Day parade and was awarded 2nd place out of 63 participants. (see inset pix) Left to right are Larry Kinter, Raymond Reeves, Brooks Boye, Dale Tidwell, Pat Blackman (wearing Continental Army issue sun glasses) Frank Rohrbaugh, Dallton Hand and Chuck Hand.



2nd quarter sees more new chapter members inducted



Three more compatriots were inducted at the April meeting, sworn in by Judge Ed Butler and witnessed by district VP Frank Kebelman. Left to right in photo above are Judge Ed Butler, Ray Courtemanche, David Towery, chapter president, Dale Tidwell, Scott Billingsley and Frank Kebelman. Then at the May meeting, Daniel Bee was inducted. See below for an update on the chapter's growing new member prospects.

Membership report from Registrar Brooks Boye:

Approved and waiting for induction

Charles Richter

Dalton Hand (Jr membership)

Paul Curs

Submitted and pending approval

James R. Bruner

Kenneth Hays

Chris Dion

Bobby Hull

Thomas Hughes

Daniel Geddes

Rodney Townsend

Finalizing paperwork

Dean Cox

*(How about a rousing "Huzzah"
for our hard working and very
effective registrar, Brooks Boye!)*



More recognition for our chapter from Texas state NSSAR headquarters

At our May meeting, district vice president Frank Kebelman (right above) presented president Dale Tidwell with two recognition certificates. One of the Certificates is a Texas SAR Flag Presentation Award and the other Certificate the Karl C. Wallace Award for the chapter having the highest % of membership increase in 2023.

2nd quarter speaker's gallery



Boerne Star's managing editor speaks to April chapter meeting

At our April chapter meeting, Jeff Flinn managing editor of the Boerne Star shown left being presented with a certificate of appreciation by president Dale Tidwell enlightened us about the role of newspapers in the age of electronics, enumerating the differences in quality coverage and the importance of on-site local interviews and reporting.

Martha Boye presents abbreviated part one of The Edenton Resolution, the Other Tea Party at the May meeting. Due to technical problems and low attendance, Martha Boye (shown right with VP Pat Blackman) was only able to give us an introduction to her subject, but she has agreed to return for the whole presentation this coming November. In gratitude we gave her a certificate of appreciation.



Presenting special awards to police and fire personnel



As part of the National Society's initiatives calling for recognition of law enforcement and fire departments along with those that fly the American flag every day, our chapter on June 12 presented awards to the Boerne police officer of the year and the Boerne Fire Department.

The presentations were made by president Dale Tidwell, and immediate past president, and current vice president Pat Blackman.

"There are other Boerne institutions who qualify for the certificate and we will be recognizing them over the next few months," said Tidwell.

In the photo upper left, Pat Blackman, right, and Dale Tidwell, left, present a medal and certificate to Boerne Police officer of the year, Christopher Dingman, while police chief Steve Perez and officer Greg Irvin look on.

In photo upper right, Pat Blackman, left, and Dale Tidwell, right, present a fire safety medal along with a flag appreciation certificate to Boerne fire chief Manuel Casarez in recognition of the fire department's commitment to fly the American flag every day.

A grave marking ceremony story with a local twist

Here is a great story about a Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Soldier Corporal Augustine Lawless (1752-1832). It involved three states and included members of. Both our SAR chapter and our local DAR chapter.

The ceremony was organized and conducted by the following NSDAR members: Ernestine Bennet, Lila Ford, Jane Grant, Anita Dial, Melanie Wrench, Beulah Hughston, Laurie Ackels, and Karen Gibson.

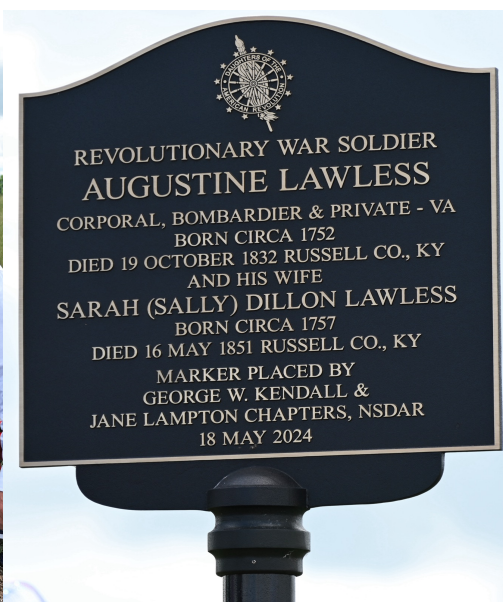
Three SAR members attended, two from the Boerne Chapter, Sean Ackels and James Gibson. Paul Abell, as the husband of Cathy Hoots Abel, descendant of Augustine.. The Jane Lampton Chapter of DAR set up an American Flag and a NSDAR Flag. The pledge of allegiance was led by USAR Master Sergeant Kathy Gibson, descendant.

Taps was played by US Navy Petty Officer 3rd class, retired, Billy Carroll.

The unveiling of the marker was done by the Honorable Jeffrey Scott Lawless, (retired) Chief Judge, 28th Judicial District at Kentucky Court of Justice and Karen Gibson, PharmD. Both are descendants. Eighty-five people signed the guest book.

Augustine Lawless was born in 1752 in Virginia, died in Russell County, Kentucky on 19 October 1832. He enlisted as a private on 20 December 1776, for three years of service in the Virginia Continental Line, in the company commanded by Captain Ragsdale, Major Holman's Battalion, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Randall. He served until discharged at Little York, in Virginia

He had re-enlisted for an additional three-year term in the company commanded by Captain Lewis Booker, under Colonel Charles Harrison. He was then marched to New Jersey and encamped at White Plains, New York, where he was attached to the brigade commanded by General Henry Knox. Both enlistments he was a bombardier with the 1st Continental artillery regiment.



On the left, descendants Ackels, Gibson and Abell

On the right, a patriot properly remembered

Notice! Our chapter meeting date has changed

Please take note: Beginning in September, we will be meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month instead of the 3rd. In case of conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas we may revert to 3rd Saturday on those dates. Same time and same place at Albi's Restaurant. In the meantime, have a great Summer!

Tentative Fall speaker lineup

Here is our tentative list of speakers for this coming Fall season:

September: Rich Sena, school board trustee

October: Don Frazier, director of of the Texas Center at Shreiner University

November: Martha Boye on the Edenton Resolution: the other tea party

December: Kolby Lanham, senior researcher, Alamo Trust , Inc.