



JULY 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have seen one half of this year pass by already. According to our schedule, we will not meet again until our monthly luncheon in September. This is a good time to reflect on our progress so far.

First, I would like to remind our fellow compatriots who have lost family members and friends this year that our chapter stands ready to honor their memories. We have visited compatriots; attended memorial ceremonies; and prayed for our families and friends. I encourage compatriots to call on our Chaplain and to attend our events whenever you would like.

Second, we have received several substantial leadership gifts. These investments in our chapter have allowed us to upgrade our resources such as our permanent wreath; distinctive banner; and flags.

Third, we have enjoyed widespread support and participation from chapter members. I would like to recognize in particular Mrs. Jean Edwards, wife of Compatriot Hermann Edwards. On short notice she volunteered to lead one of our most important annual contests.

At our June meeting Courtland Snyder, Chairman of the ROTC Committee presented ROTC Service Awards to (see photo at right) Stephen Rohrbough, Dogan Perese, George Harcourt, Ed Heath, John Hollje, Clarence Bell, David Bowles. Not pictured but receiving certificates were,

JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Chapter will participate in three events as our nation celebrates the 230th anniversary of our nation's independence from Great Britain. All members and guests are invited to participate in these ceremonies.

The first event will be held at 10:00 AM at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. We will assemble at 9:30 AM in an area about four streets east into the cemetery where the cars are parked. At 10:00 AM we will march in procession with the Los Granaderos and Damas de Galvez to the ceremonial stand and post the colors. The program will pay tribute to those who have made supreme sacrifices for the freedom we all hold so dear. The guest speaker will be LT General Davis, Commander 5th Army. Entrance is on Harry Wurzbach; no entry onto Fort Sam Houston is necessary for this event.

The second event will begin about 11:45 AM at the Flag Pole on the Parade Field at Ft. Sam Houston. The SAR Chapter Color Guard will kick off the ceremony by marching around the Flag Pole and standing in position for the ringing of the Bell by the Color Guard Commander as each of the original 13 colonies are announced. Following this commemoration, we will observe the firing of 5 cannons firing a total of 50 shots, one for each state called in the order of the date it joined the union. This feat will be performed at noon and simultaneously at every US Army Artillery Post across the nation and overseas in observance of our hard-won independence 230 years ago. For those who do not have a military decal on their car, entry to the Ft. Sam Houston Post is only possible through the Walters Street Gate on the south side of the post. Expect some delay entering Ft. Sam Houston. Driver's license and proof of insurance is required for admittance. CONTINUES ON PAGE 6



JUNE GENERAL MEETING

At the June meeting we had a good showing of members and guests. Compatriot Jim Massingill regaled us in a historical vignette regarding the "Tarleton" flags" (see page two). Dr. Paul Davis, leftmost photo below, of TMI entertained the lunch crowd with a lively discussion on the Declaration of Independence. No one who attended will ever think of that document as they did previously. Dr. Davis made this thought provoking exploration into new knowledge great fun.



L to R - Dr. Davis; Color Guard receiving Certificates for Service; President Perese presenting Courtland Snyder the TXSSAR Chapter Service Medal for service as Chairman ROTC Committee.



CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH JR ROTC AWARDS

AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLAGS SELL FOR \$17,400,000

June 15, 2006 - 10:01 AM EDT By RICHARD PYLE Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- An anonymous bidder paid nearly \$17.4 million Wednesday, Flag Day, for four rare flags from the American Revolution. The remarkably intact regimental standards captured by a British officer in 1779-80 were put up for auction by one of his direct descendants 225 years later.

"These are inspirational, an extraordinary window into the birth of our country," said David Redden, a vice chairman of Sotheby's, which conducted the sale.

Redden said that during wars of the 18th century, the primary targets in a battle were the opposing commanders and their units' flags, as trophies of victory.

"You can imagine the soldiers carrying them, who suffered grievous wounds and made sacrifices to defend what were sacred objects," he said. "You look at them, and you really get a sense of looking at something that has a great deal of spiritual significance."

The final sales price for the four flags was well over Sotheby's pre-sale estimate of \$4 million to \$10 million. The buyer, who bid by telephone,

asked not to be identified, Sotheby's spokeswoman Lauren Gioia said.

Only about 30 Revolutionary War flags are known to exist, and all except the four sold at auction are in museums or other institutional collections, Sotheby's said. Most are in fragments, with only bits of historic information available about them.

The four flags, by contrast, are in good condition and their histories were well documented by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, a firebrand British officer who captured them in battles nearly a year apart.

On July 2, 1779, the 24-year-old Tarleton led his cavalry unit, known as the Green Dragoons, in a surprise attack on the Continental Army's 2nd Light Dragoons, a Connecticut regiment also known as Sheldon's Dragoons, at Pound Ridge.

The redcoats routed the Americans, capturing supplies, weapons and the unit's battle flag - a banner with 13 red and white stripes and a field with a painted thundercloud.

Nine months later and almost 600 miles to the southwest, Tarleton did it again on May 29, 1780, capturing three flags belonging to a Vir-

ginia regiment led by Lt. Col. Abraham Buford, in a clash at Waxhaws, on the line between North and South Carolina.

In a postwar memoir, Tarleton said "upwards of 100 officers and men were killed and "three colours ... fell into the possession of the victors."

The three flags, Sotheby's said, are "the only intact set of American battle flags surviving" from the Revolutionary War."

The main flag is of gold silk, depicting a beaver gnawing on a palmetto tree, the state symbol of South Carolina. The others are gold and blue silk, bearing the word "Regiment."

Sotheby's identified the seller of the flag collection as Capt. Christopher Tarleton Fagan, a direct descendant of the officer whose forces captured them.

The Connecticut Dragoons flag, with an estimated presale value of \$1.5 to \$3.5 million, was sold for \$12.36 million. The group of three Buford flags, known as the Waxhaws Colors, went for \$5.056 million, after a presale estimate of \$2.5 to \$6.5 million.

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The American Revolution lasted seven years, affording plenty of men the opportunity to go down in history as patriots.

Since 52 years went by between the end of the struggle that separated the 13 colonies from England (1783) and the beginning of Texas' fight against Mexico (1835), it would seem unlikely that any of the men who fought the British ever ended up in Texas. But some did.

By the time America celebrated its bicentennial in 1976, the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution had identified 13 veterans - their word is patriot, which holds up with only a few exceptions - buried in Texas. Additional genealogical research since then by the DAR and the Sons of the American Revolution has increased the list to 44 names.

Of those two score and four who came to Texas after having a hand in making the United States, three had an even more notable claim: They also fought to make Texas free.

Alphabetically, the first two-time patriot on this short list is Bailey Anderson, born in Virginia in 1753. He fought Redcoats and redskins, eventually coming to Texas with his wife and family in 1818 or 1819.

The Andersons settled near present San Augustine when Texas still was a Spanish province. After Mexico pulled away from Spain and admitted Anglo colonists, Anderson participated in the Battle of Nacogdoches in 1832. Three years later he fought with the Texans who defeated Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos (brother-in-law of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna) in San Antonio.

Anderson died in 1840 and is buried in his family's cemetery in Harrison County. The grave is not marked.

The second known revolutionary double-dipper is Alexander Hodge. Born in Pennsylvania in 1760, he eventually moved with his family to South Carolina. There, at 18, he volunteered to serve under Gen. Francis Marion, better known as the Swamp Fox.

Following the revolution, Hodge moved his family to Arkansas. That's where he met Stephen F. Austin and decided to join the young empresario in Texas. In 1825, Hodge settled his family along the Brazos in what is now Fort Bend County.

After the Alamo fell in 1836, Hodge shouldered his flintlock and helped protect the women and children as Texans fled eastward in what came to be called the Runaway Scrape. Maybe the strain of that finally wore him out. He died at 76 that summer. His grave is in the Hodge's Bend Cemetery near Sugarland.

The final Revolutionary War veteran who fought for Texas is Stephen Williams, born in North Carolina in 1760. He served three enlistments in the Continental Army. Clearly not one to back down from a fight, he also participated in the War of 1812.

When his wife died in 1830, Williams decided to move to Texas with his sons. They put down roots in Jasper County at Bevil's Settlement.

Five years later, when Williams got word that a fight was on at San Antonio, he and three of his grandsons walked half-way across Texas to take part. He enlisted in the Texas army and served until his discharge at age 75 on Jan. 2, 1836.

Williams lived until 1848, three years after Texas became a state in the union he fought to create. First buried in Jasper County, his remains were exhumed in 1936 and taken to the State Cemetery in Austin.

Not every American Revolution veteran who found his way to Texas could be described as a model citizen. One patriot-scalawag was John SoRelle, at least that's how researchers believe he spelled his name.

SoRelle fought the British in North Carolina, eventually moving to Georgia. Somewhere along the way, he became a man of the cloth. He came to Texas in 1837, settling in Fayette County. He lived there four years, dying in 1841 at his daughter's home in La Grange. She buried her father near West Point in Fayette County, but the grave is unmarked.

If the burial site is ever found, it will take some additional research to determine what last name to carve on his tombstone. Records show he had variously been known as Sorrell, Sorel, Sorell, and finally, SoRelle in Texas.

One reason for that may have been necessity. Before coming to Texas, family legend has it, Rev. S. was known for the tent revivals he staged with his beautiful daughter.

While the men in the audience divided their attention between the possibility of salvation and the preacher's good-looking daughter, other members of the family slipped up and stole the attendee's horses.

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*In Memory***ALBERT LEE JAMISON**

May 4, 1933 June 4, 2006 Albert Lee Jamison, 73 at his residence in Boerne, TX. He was born to David F. and Minnie Mabel (Perry) Jamison in Summerville, SC, on May 4, 1933. Mr. Jamison retired as a Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force, he served one tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968-69. Before joining the Air Force, Mr. Jamison served in the United States Army from 1953-1956, including a tour of duty in Korea from 1953-1954. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for the Army at Fort Sam Houston. Overall he spent 30 years in military and federal service. He was a Master Mason, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of Stars and Bars, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of St. Helena's Episcopal Church in Boerne, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, David F. and Minnie Mabel Jamison; his brother, William Perry Jamison; and his first wife Aileen (Davis) Jamison. Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Jamison of Boerne; sister Margaret Jamison of Summerville, SC; sister-in-law Frances Jamison of Summerville, SC; stepson Clarence Scott of San Antonio, TX; step-grandson Brian Scott of San Antonio, TX; stepdaughters Laurie Barnett of Bella Vista, AR, Penny Byrnes of Lago Vista, TX, Debbie Nutt of Houston, Kathy Lopes of Melissa, TX, Mary Gomillion of Fair Oaks, TX; a stepson, Pat Abernathy of San Antonio; 10 step-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the building fund at St. Helena's Episcopal Church, 410 Main, Boerne, TX. 78006, or to the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, P. O. Box 1657, San Antonio TX US 78296.

CHARLES BENNETT MYLER

79, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater during World War II and a longtime theater professor at St. Mary's University, died of kidney failure at his San Antonio home in the first week of June. Myler, often known simply as "Doc," began teaching in 1958 at St. Mary's University and was a legend there by the time he retired in 1991. With a fondness for acting, Myler founded the Shoestring Players drama group a 25 years ago, often directing plays and sometimes acting in them said Josephine Myler, his wife of 54 years. The Marshall-born Myler saw war before he developed his affection for the arts. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and traveled all over the Pacific at the height of the American campaign to take Japanese-controlled islands in 1944 to the end of the war in 1945. Myler volunteered for war duty over the protests of his father, a World War I submariner. There was no stopping the patriotic youngster from trying to follow in his father's footsteps. He served as a sailor on the troop transport USS Elkhart in the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, China and Pearl Harbor and was honorably discharged after the war ended in 1945. Myler then continued his education and developed his love of acting and history. He attended the Pasadena Playhouse in California for a time and latter began his studies in theater at the University of Texas, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees and a Ph.D. in fine arts. Myler's dissertation was the history of English-language theater in San Antonio before 1900. He taught briefly at Burbank High School and then began his 30 year tenure at St. Mary's. Myler was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Republic of Texas and a past president of the San Antonio Historical Association. In addition to his wife, Myler is survived by three children, Mark, Madeline and Malcolm; and four grandchildren.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS

Married for 62 years this Spotlight Compatriot has been a member of SAR since October 29, 1992 when the chapter met at Earl Abel's. In 1996-97 he was president of the San Antonio chapter. After a start as a Private he retired 33 years later at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He spent much of his career in south east asia in military intelligence. He is a double doctor - being a Veterinarian and holding a PhD in nuclear chemistry. He and his wife, Norma, have three sons who are scattered across the US.

SEE PAGE FOUR FOR IDENTITY

HISTORY CHANNEL PREMIERS A SERIES ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

PREMIERING July 2

TOWARD WORLD WAR: Benjamin Franklin heads to Paris to seduce the French to join the war against their common enemy, England. British General William Howe delivers a crushing blow to Washington's troops at the Battle of Brandywine, taking Philadelphia. To the North, Horatio Gates defeats British General Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga, a victory that convinces France to enter the fight, turning the American Revolution into a World War.

PREMIERING July 9

FORGING AN ARMY: As Washington's losses add up, some in Congress begin to question his leadership. Washington's concern is sustaining and rebuilding his ragged, starving and dwindling army through the frigid winter at Valley Forge. With the help of Baron Von Steuben and Nathanael Greene, the Continental Army becomes a more professional fighting force. Washington rebuilds his reputation by holding back the British at the Battle of Monmouth.

PREMIERING July 16

TREASON AND BETRAYAL: General Benedict Arnold turns his back on his cause and country in an act of pride, sealing forever his legacy as a traitor. Washington takes his war to the frontier, burning the Iroquois Indians out of New York State and leaving a wake of destruction and devastation.

PREMIERING July 23

THE WAR HEADS SOUTH: Failing to defeat Washington, the British turn their attention southward. In a last ditch effort to quell the rebellion, they lay siege to Charleston, South Carolina, the third largest city in the colonies. General Benjamin Lincoln, commander of the Southern wing of the Continental Army, braces for the attack but his outnumbered force will fall.

PREMIERING July 30

FIGHT FOR THE SOUTH: After the fall of Charleston, the war explodes into the Carolina back-country. The Americans, under General Gates, suffer a humiliating defeat at Camden, forcing Congress to send Nathanael Greene to lead the southern forces. In an unconventional strategy, Greene and General Daniel Morgan split the army, leading Cornwallis on a harrowing chase, which culminates in the Battle of Guildford Courthouse.

PREMIERING August 6

THE END GAME: Washington faces two mutinies, Congress is broke, and the army desperately needs more help from the French. In England, the opposition to war grows. The French are tired of supporting the war, but Franklin continues to beg for aid. The French finally send their fleet to America. Cornwallis moves his army to Yorktown, and the Allied forces close in for the last major battle of the war.

PREMIERING August 13

BECOMING A NATION: The news of the American victory at Yorktown spreads like wildfire around the globe. Patriots celebrate and Loyalists begin evacuating, as Washington awaits the next British move. John Adams joins Benjamin Franklin in France to negotiate the treaty of 1783. The thirteen American states convene a Constitutional Convention to hammer out a new form of government, and urge a reluctant Washington to become America's first President.

The series began in June. Mark Collins, who has presented programs to our chapter in the past and is seeking membership to SAR through our chapter, appears as George Washington. Check for times - it appears the premier of each episode is aired at 6PM. Thanks to Ed Butler for sending the information.

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

**NO LUNCH MEETING IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

NEXT ONE IS

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

**WATCH FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER
ISSUE FOR ALL THE DETAILS**

JULY 4TH

**PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONIES AT
FORT SAM HOUSTON & DOWNTOWN**

**PATIO PARTY AT GEORGE HARCOURT'S
FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL EVENTS
DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

EC MEETING

**AUGUST 10 THURSDAY - 11:30 A.M.
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME
GOLDEN CORRAL IH 10 WEST**

MAKE VACATION PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE TXSSAR SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING AUGUST 4-6, 2006 LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

Cherotel Hotel
925 Highway 332 • Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Fax: 979-297-1249 • 1-800-544-2119

Rates and accommodations can only be guaranteed before **JULY 13, 2006** on a first come-first served basis.. Special Room rate is only \$75 per night plus applicable taxes of \$9.75. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-544-2119.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is \$30.00. Meals and other events are extra as noted below.

Please mail a check for registration, meals and other events payable to Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 along with the form from the TXSSAR website <http://www.txssar.org/RegBOM.pdf>:

Russell Dart • 3315 S. Peach Hollow Circle • Pearland, TX 77584-2039

REGISTRATION \$30.00 • SATURDAY LUNCH \$20.00 each • SATURDAY BANQUET \$30.00 each • FRIDAY HISTORICAL TOUR \$35.00

Ladies' tour on Saturday morning will be at no charge. Lunch in a local restaurant in Lake Jackson, ordered from the menu, "Dutch treat".

Friday's Historical Tour will be a bus tour of Early Texas Historical Sites in Southern Brazoria County. Departure from the hotel at 9:00 a.m.. Cost of the tour includes a barbecue lunch. All proceeds will go to the Patriot Fund. First Come-First Served.

The hotel has approved reservations at the special rate for Thursday night also. For information about the tour or any other information about the meeting please contact Dr. Don Pugh, 979-265-6463 or dpugh1931@sbcglobal.net

SAR will reserve a room at a local seafood restaurant for Friday evening arrivals by 6 PM. "Dutch treat", ordering from the menu.

**THIS NOTICE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE AUGUST ISSUE
SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT NOW AND COME JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL WEEKEND**

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

All compatriots who plan to attend Chapter Meetings on a regular basis are invited to add their names to the Standing Reservation List. To do so, just contact Compatriot Rohrbough by calling (830) 537-5452 or e-mailing him at frankr@gvtc.com.

STANDING RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED
NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS IN SEPTEMBER - SEE YOU THEN!

MEXICO SOCIETY SAR - MEETING & GENEALOGY SEMINAR

October 6 - 11, 2006 At Faro Mazatlan Resort - Mazatlan Mexico

Contact Judge Ed Bulter, 210 698-8964, for information.

Cost is only \$395.00 pp, for room, meals & all drinks included. Reservations due by 1 August for this special rate.

WEB SITES

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER • WWW.SARSAT.ORG
 TEXAS STATE SOCIETY • WWW.TXSSAR.ORG
 NATIONAL SOCIETY • WWW.SAR.ORG

CHAPTER ~ REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On June 15 the EC met in regular session with the following present: Dogan Perese, Frank Rohrbough, John Knobelsdorf, Joe Ware, Cortland Snyder, Harry Long, Ed Heath, John Hollje, Jim Massingill and George Harcourt. A motion was passed to approve funds to aid Compatriot Knobelsdorf in the re-working of the web site. Compatriot Knobelsdorf is donating a like sum to the effort as well as his time. Events for the 4th of July were discussed and approved. The summer schedule for EC meetings was modified and a motion passed setting August 10th as the next EC meeting. The EC is considering new venues for the monthly general meetings based on member comments.

MEMBERSHIP & GENEALOGY

The National Society has confirmed the following approved applicants: Donald Eugene Child, Tommy Gene Richardson, Harold O'Hanlon Atkinson, Curtis F. Andrews and John Jay Orr. We welcome our new compatriots.

VETERANS

In March more than 80 magazines and a dozen books were delivered to Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital. In April it was over 100 magazines and nine books. In May we delivered 74 magazines but no books. In June we were able to provide 166 magazines and no books. Please continue to bring books and magazines to the EC and general meetings. The donations are truly appreciated by our veterans.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - continued from page one

Harry Long, Jack Cowan, Ed Snyder III, and Gil Treviño.

As you read our newsletter, it will become apparent that the activities scheduled for the 4th of July this year are the most ambitious our chapter has ever undertaken. Please participate in at least one of these activities. If it is your first time doing so, I am sure you will be impressed and you will decide to participate year after year.

Although we will not have monthly luncheons in July and August, our Executive Committee will meet in August. We will be planning on making the second half of this year even more exciting than the first half!

Fraternally yours, Dogan Perese

This issue is one of our mailed newsletters; it is also sent by email in a PDF file to all Compatriots who provide an email address - they get the full color version. As are all of our newsletters, it is available on our web site. We mail at least four newsletters a year to all members of the San Antonio chapter and email each of the 12 copies yearly to those who have provided an email address. Newsletters are always available on our web site - please visit the site often for chapter news. If you have no internet access you will be mailed each of the newsletters by sending a request to the chapter secretary, see page 4 for information.

THE AUGUST ISSUE WILL BE EMAIL ONLY
PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO GEORGE HARCOURT
THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE EVERY ISSUE BY EMAIL

193RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE **BLOODIEST** BATTLE IN TEXAS HISTORY

The public is invited to attend the 193rd anniversary of the Battle of Medina, at a site overlooking the Galvin Creek where between 800 and 1,300 men died August 18, 1813. This was the bloodiest and largest loss of life in any battle in Texas history, and it occurred about 20 miles south of San Antonio, Texas. The ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006, and everyone interested in Texas history is invited.

This battle was between the 1,400 man Republican Army of the North, called the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition by historians, and the 1,800 man Royal Spanish Army commanded by General Joaquin de Arredondo. This was at a time when only about 2,000 people lived in San Antonio, then called San Fernando de Bexar. At least 5 Patriots of the American Revolution were involved in the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition, and one of these Patriots fought and died in the Battle of Medina. This man was Peter Sides, and he is one of over 50 Patriots of the American Revolution who are believed to have been buried in Texas. Direct descendants of Peter Sides are eligible for membership in both the Sons and Daughter of the American Revolution and The Sons and Daughters of The Republic of Texas. Some of the descendants of Peter Sides will be in attendance to dedicate a Sons of the American Revolutionary Patriot Grave Marker. A Grave Marker will also be dedicated by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, as descendants of all the approximately 3,200 men who fought on both sides of this battle are eligible for membership in the SRT and the DRT. The descendants of Benjamin Allen, who also died in the battle, will dedicate the SRT marker, and the award winning author, Robert Thonhoff will be the key note speaker at the event. Members of the Mayflower Society will also be on hand to dedicate a marker, and we hope to include many other Societies in this ceremony, to honor the many other participants of this, the largest land battle in Texas history.

Another interesting fact about the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition is that the Republican Army of the North won all the battles leading up to the August 18, 1813 Battle of Medina, and had declared Texas free from Spain and had written and signed the First Declaration of Independence in Texas on April 6, 1813. Before coming to San Antonio, the Royal Spanish Army surrounded the Republican Army of the North for four months at the La Bahia fort in what is today Goliad. This is believed to have been the longest siege in American military history, and is the reason La Bahia flies the Emerald Green flag of the Republican Army of the North.

To reach the site of the ceremony, proceed south from San Antonio on Highway 281 some 15 miles from the intersection of Loop 410 South and Highway 281, to the community of Espey, Texas, and turn west where signs will direct you to the ceremony. For other details, contact Tom Green, at (281) 922-1118, or Cell phone (832) 687-3474.

http://www.geocities.com/jcsrt57/The_Battle_of_Medina.htm

<http://www.sonofthesouth.net/texas/battle-medina.htm>

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I N D E P E N D E N C E D A Y NEW EVENTS FOR CHAPTER THIS YEAR

The third event is the "Let Freedom Ring Ceremony" - a nationwide event - which will be hosted locally by our Chapter at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center (northwest corner) at Market and Alamo Streets across the street from the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel.

The program will begin at 1:45 PM with the ringing of the bell 13 times at 2 PM in recognition of the 13 original colonies. This nationwide celebration honors those who helped achieve our country's independence from England and "revive the spirit of patriotism for millions of Americans who love their country and have faith in its future".

United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel Alito will be the National Guest Speaker for the 2006 Let Freedom Ring Celebration! That Celebration will be in front of Independence Hall.

Quote from Justice Alito: *"I am looking forward to being in Philadelphia, our nation's birthplace, this July 4th and speaking at the Let Freedom Ring Celebration as bells are rung across the nation at 2:00 PM."* <http://www.let-freedom-ring.org/>

Following the July 4th events at Fort Sam Houston our fourth event, starting at 1:00, will be a free picnic, rain or shine, at George Harcourt's home at 810 Wiltshire Avenue in Terrell Hills (map and information page eight). Please let him know in advance, if possible, of your attendance (guests are welcome) so that food and drinks can be provided for all. 822-1960

At the picnic we will hold a flag retirement ceremony. For those who are unable join the Color Guard in the bell ringing downtown there will one at the picnic at 2 PM.

THE TEXAS STATE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 2007 STATE MEETING - SAN ANTONIO-TEXAS

San Antonio, Chapter # 4 of the TXSSAR, has been honored to host the 2007 meeting of the TXSSAR. The meeting will take place in March of 2007 Our honor carries a great responsibility to meet the requirements of our organization and that of TXSSAR. For that purpose committees are being organized to plan and execute those plans to insure the meeting is of the highest quality and is representative of our chapter.

George Harcourt is chairman of the Host Committee. Volunteers are sought for the following committees - chairmanships and committee members both are needed:

- ★ Registration
- ★ Publicity
- ★ Silent Auction- Goody Bags and information packets
- ★ Ladies Events
- ★ Ladies Hospitality Suite
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Audio/Visual
- ★ Luncheon - Saturday
- ★ Banquet- Saturday
- ★ Scrapbook and Poster Display
- ★ Friday Night Host Chapter Reception

- ★ Sunday Prayer Service
- ★ Genealogy Presentation
- ★ Merchandise Sales

We will need a great many of our compatriots to lend a hand during the planning process and even more during the event. Please contact George Harcourt, see page four for contact information and offer yourself for service in this undertaking. Many thanks to those who have responded to offer their assistance in this undertaking

FLAG DAY CEREMONIES AT FORT SAM HOUSTON



Above right: Compatriots Knox Duncan, Dogan Perese and Edward Heath above with 3 Army personnel in period uniforms.

Below: US Army personnel in period uniforms with Compatriots Heath and Perese.



The San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

4TH OF JULY PICNIC

WHEN: TUESDAY - JULY 4TH

TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

WHERE: GEORGE HARCOURT'S HOME
810 WILTSHIRE AVENUE - TERRELL HILLS

NO COST

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY JUNE 30TH (IF POSSIBLE)
ALL ARE WELCOME EVEN WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE

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PLEASE COME AND PARTAKE IN THE FESTIVITIES
FOLLOWING OUR 4TH OF JULY CEREMONIES

SMOKED CHICKEN - RIBS - SAUSAGE
POTATO SALAD - PINTO BEANS - BROWNIES
WINE - BEER - SOFT DRINKS - SPRING WATER

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