



JUNE 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FLAG DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

In June and July we will have two wonderful opportunities to promote our Chapter activities. Please mark your calendars for Flag Day on June 14th and make time to participate in Chapter activities on July 4th.

On June 14th, Flag Day, please display our nation's flag prominently. Flag Day reminds me of my childhood. My father, an immigrant to this country in the 1940's, had an enormous steel flag pole in a concrete base erected in the front yard of our first home. He told me that one of my "chores" was to raise and lower the flag everyday. In my nine year old mind it was fun-for a few days. As time went on I missed some days, but I made sure to do it on Flag Day, Independence Day and most other days. While I have not erected a flag pole in the front yard of my current home, I have mounted a bracket for a short, wooden flag pole on a column at the entrance of my home. On my two block street, several people have similar flags. I leave my flag in place everyday, and a few neighbors do the same. Those who do

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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE FLAG DAY CEREMONIES JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS

Memorial Day will be observed nationwide with a National Moment of Remembrance. Turn to page five for the details.

Flag day ceremonies are planned at Fort Sam Houston. Compatriot Ed Heath is in charge of our participation in the ceremony, contact him directly since there is no information at press time. See page four in a special box for contact information.



The Chapter will participate in three anniversary of our nation's independence invited to participate. The first event Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston. We will stand where tribute will be paid to the freedoms we have since the final battles of the American

events as our nation celebrates the 240th anniversary from Great Britain. All members are will be held at 10:00 AM at the National march in procession to the ceremonial those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the founding of this great nation following the Revolution in 1782.

The second event will be the ringing of the Bell for each of the original colonies and then observe the firing of 50 cannons for each state on the date it joined the union. We will participate in the opening ceremony (at 1145) and then witness the thunder of each cannon shot ringing over Ft. Sam Houston at 1200. This feat is performed at every Artillery Post across the nation and oversea in observance of our hard-won independence and the admission of each state over the years forming these United States.

The third event is the "Let Freedom Ring" - a nationwide event to be held downtown. Contact President Perese directly to take part in this event. See page four for that contact information. Following the July 4th events there will be a free picnic at George Harcourt's home at 810 Wiltshire Avenue in Terrell Hills (contact information on page four). Please let him know in advance of your attendance (your guests are also welcome) so that food and drinks can be provided for all

M A Y G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

At the May meeting we had 20 members and guests. Compatriot Jim Massingill delivered another informative and entertaining historical vignette. Compatriot Phillips Huck was presented with two awards by Genealogist General Judge Ed Butler. Compatriot Huck has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution for 50 years and was presented with a medal and certificate in honor of his tenure. The War Service Medal and certificate were also presented to Compatriot Huck in recognition of his service to his country. His lovely fiancée, Barbara Daniels, a DAR, was present and joined the membership in a round of applause for Compatriot Huck. Photo at right, Judge Ed Butler congratulating Phillips Huck (at right).



Compatriot John DuPree - a recent member - provided the keynote presentation with an original and thought provoking insight into Patrick Henry's and Thomas Paine's use of the word rather than the sword to advance the cause of the revolution. Compatriot DuPree took us beyond text books and into the living words of two important figures in the cause. We hope to hear from him again - for he said there is more to the story. From left to right - Compatriot DuPree receiving a gift from the chapter presented by President Perese.



Chaplain Taylor asked each member to name his ancestor patriot and then he invoked their names into the Benediction - not only was this moving but see page seven for another facet of this honoring of our patriots.

See page three for information on June's program

116TH ANNUAL CONGRESS DALLAS • JULY 8 - 12, 2006

The Inter Continental Hotel in Addison, Texas - located just north of Dallas and a short drive from Ft. Worth - will be the unique setting for the 116th Annual Congress scheduled for the next July 8 through 12. The facility is close to upscale shopping (including the famed Galleria Shopping Mall), more than 150 restaurants, and entertainment to suit every taste.

Featuring over 500 guest rooms and suites on 15 floors, the hotel boasts such amenities as an outdoor pool, high-speed Internet access, sauna, whirlpool and an on-site health/fitness center. Personal services available range from baby sitting, beauty salon and concierge to dry cleaning/laundry, secretarial and foreign currency exchange. Complimentary outdoor parking is offered, as is valet and garage parking. **The room rate is a modest \$89 per night, single or double, plus tax.** The Winter 2006 Issue of the magazine will contain a form for making reservations (to secure your reservation now call the hotel at 972/386-6000).

Serving as Chairman of the Host Society Congress Planning Committee is Nathan E. White, Jr., a Past President of the Texas Society now holding the post of National Society Secretary General. He has been active for a number of years at the local, state and national levels of the SAR. Working closely with him are Co-Chairman James G. Robertson, Jr.; Mrs. Wanda J. White, who is coordinating the ladies' activities; a corps of Texas Compatriots assigned to specific responsibilities; and Maryland Compatriot Barrett L. McKown, who has been Chairman of the National Society Congress Planning Committee for many years.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED

In addition to the traditional business sessions and other programs, the Planning Committee has lined up a series of interesting entertainment events:

- Friday evening-Optional attendance at an authentic rodeo in Mesquite
- Saturday evening-Host Society Reception, a Western-style BBQ, held at Storybook Land Western Town. Wearing Western-style dress, attendees may also wander the old streets and buildings. Bus transportation from hotel included.
- Tuesday noon-Optional Ladies Luncheon held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center on Lake Grapevine, in a replica of San Antonio's River Walk area located at the Center's huge atrium.
- Wednesday afternoon-A variety of optional tours, ranging from visiting the site of President Kennedy's assassination to both large and boutique tours.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Plan now to attend the national Sons of the American Revolution Genealogy Seminar in Dallas, TX on Friday, July 7, 2006, the day before the annual SAR congress begins. Speakers are [Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck](#), former NSSAR Librarian General, and chief of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Pub. Library; [Gary Boyd Roberts](#), a noted genealogical author and speaker from Boston; Leland Meitzler, Publisher of [Heritage Quest Magazine](#); and Bill Dollarhide, editor of the [Genealogy Bulletin](#). The seminar will be in the InterContinental Dallas Hotel, the congress hotel, and congress rates will apply. Cost of the seminar will be \$25.00 for SAR members and \$30.00 for others. A syllabus will be provided for all registrants.

S P E A K E R S A N D T O P I C S

LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK

1. Research in the Southern States
2. Research in the Middle States
3. Research in the New England States
4. Papers and Journals of the Continental Congress
5. Correspondence and papers of Revolutionary War Figures.

GARY BOYD ROBERTS

6. Genealogical Evolution of the Western World
7. Southern Connections to New England

8. Royal Ancestors and Descendants of the First Families of Virginia

LELAND MEITZLER

9. Chasing Women: Finding your Female Ancestor

WILLIAM DOLLARHIDE

10. Census and Census Substitutes from the Colonial Wars to World War Two.

Vendors from around the country will be on hand to assist registrants find the genealogical books, software, and supplies they need.

For further information contact Judge Ed Butler, NSSAR Genealogist General, acting chairman for this event, at judge58@aol.com or at 210-698-8964.

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In Memory

JAMES DAVIS

Well known and well respected, Compatriot James Davis died Friday May 5, 2006. Service at Fort Sam Houston was held on Wednesday 17 May, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. He leaves one brother, John, and many friends. He was a 1944 graduate of TMI and in 1949 Texas A&M. He served in the Air Force from 1949 to 1958.

BETTY FULENWIDER

Wife of Compatriot Jerry Fulenwider died Friday May 12, 2006. Survived by Jerry, two daughters, Cynthia Miletta and Lisa Fulenwider; one son Adam Fulenwider as well as a host of loving friends.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS

MYSTERY COMPATRIOT

This Compatriot has been a member of SAR for 50 years and in 1968 he was vice president of the San Antonio chapter. He graduated from Texas Military Institute in 1945 and tried to enlist in the Naval Air program. Due to a previously broken nose he was rejected. He had the damage repaired and reapplied. But by that time the program had been closed. He also tried to get into the gunnery program and it too had been closed. He did finally find his way into the Navy and went to the U. S. Naval Training Center in San Diego. He then served at Guiuan, Samar, Philippines. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the Asiatic Theater Ribbon. After the war he attended University of Texas on the GI bill. Following that he worked with National Supply Company in the south Texas oil-fields. After some hard knocks in the oil field he became a school teacher in south Texas. For a number of years he was rancher at the family ranch with a calf-cow operation. In 1967 he attended Trinity University then went to work with Prudential Insurance Company with a successful career for a number of years. Following that stint he once again taught school in various school districts in the San Antonio area. He is now retired.

See box on page four for the identity of this Compatriot.

MYSTERY COMPATRIOT

He grew up in Uvalde, Texas, attended the University of Texas Austin and graduated with a BS in Pharmacy in 1952. Married the love of his life, a native Houstonian, in 1956 at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Our Mystery Compatriot worked in the drugstore in Uvalde for two years, and later joined Abbott Laboratories as a sales representative in Houston. He was promoted to District Manager in 1971 in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1982 they transferred to San Antonio and he retired in 1991. He is an active member of St. George Episcopal Church.

He and his late wife of fifty years have been active advocates for people with mental illness and their families since 1982 when a family member of his was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. He and his wife were recognized for their tireless work and as a result were awarded the Special Service Award by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians in 2004. His children are Cynthia, Lisa and Adam.

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L U N C H E O N R E S E R V A T I O N S

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. The dining room has a capacity limit of about 36. The First Presbyterian Church policy requires that we confirm the number of reservations by the Friday preceding the meeting. They do not make provision for any meals in excess of that confirmed number, therefore it is imperative you make a reservation in advance. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. Parking is available across the street in the lot - spaces marked reserved are for our use - for the other space one must pay. Some parking is available on the street with meters, so bring some change. Be certain to park more than 20 feet from the crosswalk - the city fine is \$25 for the infraction.

STANDING RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED

WE HAVE A GREAT JUNE MEETING TO GO BEFORE OUR SUMMER RECESS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Dr. Paul Davis is the featured speaker at the June meeting. According to Dr. Davis "The main thrust of the presentation is a discussion of why a Declaration of Independence was necessary, given the fact that the Continental Congress was not really a government and their previous vote on independence was as official as they could make such a decision." We will see you on June 21st. Casual summer dress.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES FOR NEW CITIZENS

Wearing my Virginia Continental Line uniform I attended the Naturalization Ceremony for new citizens at Laurie Auditorium on the campus of Trinity University on Monday May 15th. The oath of citizenship was administered to 540 immigrants from 72 countries by US District Court Judge Primomo. It was a wonderful ceremony with enthusiastic expectation shared by those long awaiting US citizenship. Three of the new citizens (one each from India, Indonesia and Canada) spoke on why they sought citizenship and what citizenship means to them. It made my eyes tear because it made me think of the freedoms, security and quality of life we enjoy, but all to often take so much for granted. Film clips were also provided of President Kennedy's comments about "...ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country". The ceremony ended with the playing of Lee Greenwood's recording of "God Bless the USA". It aroused the emotions of all attending the ceremony.

Unexpectedly, I was overwhelmed by the number of immigrants who wanted their picture taken with me. Out of respect for their quest for citizenship (some I spoke with have been working on it for 25 years or more), I stayed until over 40 had their picture marking this momentous occasion.

The court conducts such ceremonies every month but key events are scheduled for May and September. The next major ceremony will be held on September 15th at Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University. I hope that you will join us for this historic and memorable occasion. You'll be rewarded beyond your expectations.

[See photos on page seven.](#)

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

JUNE 21ST - WEDNESDAY
LUNCH
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11:30 A.M. - \$10.00

NO LUNCH MEETING IN
JULY OR AUGUST

JUNE 14TH
FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT
FORT SAM HOUSTON
SEE THIS ISSUE FOR INFORMATION

JULY 4TH
PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONIES AT
FORT SAM HOUSTON & DOWNTOWN
DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

EC MEETING
JUNE 15TH - THURSDAY - 11:30 A.M.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

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**. Special Room rate \$75 per night plus applicable taxes of \$9.75. Reservations may be made by calling the 800 number listed above. You must mention SAR to get this rate. This rate and accommodations are only guaranteed through July 13, 2006 and is on a first come-first served basis.

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/>) to:

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.

NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

The National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress, asks Americans wherever they are at 3 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day to pause in an act of national unity (duration: one minute). The time 3 p.m. was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. The Moment does not replace traditional Memorial Day events; rather it is an act of national unity in which all Americans, alone or with family and friends, honor those who died for our freedom. It will help to reclaim Memorial Day as the sacred and noble holiday it was meant to be. In this shared remembrance, we connect as Americans.

WHY?

- ☉ To provide a time of Remembrance for America's fallen and to make a commitment to give something back to our country in their memory.
- ☉ To have Americans participate in an act of national unity and demonstrate gratitude and respect for those who died for freedom since the founding of our Nation.
- ☉ To provide a sense of history to our citizens and ensure that younger generations understand the sacrifices made to preserve our liberties.

BACKGROUND

The idea for the Moment was born when children touring the Nation's Capital were asked by the Commission's Director what Memorial Day means. They responded, "That's the day the pool opens." A Gallup Poll revealed that only 28% of Americans know the meaning of this noble holiday.

The White House Commission on Remembrance was established by Congress (PL 106-579) to promote the values of Memorial Day by acts of remembrance throughout the year. The major initiative of the Commission is the National Moment of Remembrance.

Did you know ...

- ❖ Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, to honor those who died fighting the Civil War. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 and is now a day of remembrance for all who've died in America's wars.
- ❖ The holiday is also known as Decoration Day, based on the original tradition of placing flowers on the graves of Civil War soldiers. At Arlington National Cemetery today, small US flags are placed on each grave for Memorial Day.
- ❖ New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. Several Southern states also have a separate observance for the sacrifices of Confederate soldiers.
- ❖ The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance dating back to the Napoleonic Wars. In 1918, Moina Michael, a worker at the Overseas War Secretaries Headquarters, rekindled this symbol by wearing the red poppy to observe the nation's war dead.
- ❖ The poem "In Flanders Fields" inspired Frenchwoman Anna Guerin to sell artificial poppies to help servicemen and war orphans in need. Today, the Buddy Poppy is sold by the VFW to benefit disabled veterans in this tradition.
- ❖ The National Moment of Remembrance resolution asks that at 3PM local time on Memorial Day, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

We hope you will join us as we observe the National Moment of Remembrance this Memorial Day. Our hearts are with those who have passed in service; we honor their memories on this day and every day.

WEB SITES

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE FLAG

When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

CHAPTER ~ REPORTS R O T C

The stated purpose of The Sons of the American Revolution is Patriotism, History and Education. Our Chapter strongly upholds this mission through one of our more important endeavors-supporting the local JROTC/ROTC programs. This support encourages the local units and provides certificates and medals for presentation to cadets displaying a high level of merit in patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship and general excellence.

This year we continued the tradition by supporting the JROTC Units at 28 High Schools in 11 School Districts, as well as the two ROTC Units at UTSA and the one at St. Mary's. The following Compatriots assisted me by making the actual award presentations: Harry Long, John Hollje, Dogan Perese, Clarence Bell, Jack Cowan, Edward Snyder, Gil Trevino, Ed Heath, David Bowles, George Harcourt, and Stephen Rohrbough. My thanks to these volunteers. I myself have been impressed by the units and cadets I have seen, as I sure others have. I urge other members to join us in this important activity. Pictured at right are Bronze Medal recipient Cadet Alicia Debouff of Samuel Clemmons Air Force JROTC and George Harcourt. Report by Compatriot Courtland Snyder, Chairman ROTC Committee



M E M B E R S H I P & G E N E A L O G Y

Report in the July issue

T R E A S U R Y

Report in the July issue.

V E T E R A N S

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. 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

Those who do not usually display their flags on important dates. I encourage everyone to continue this tradition. If you cannot erect a steel flag pole, just find a simple way to display our flag. Try to do so by June 14th!

On Independence Day, our Chapter has been asked to participate in three activities commemorating our nation's independence. Whether you participate in Color Guard uniform or casual clothes, everyone is welcome. Please make time available in the morning and early afternoon for these activities. We will provide more details about our meeting times and locations next month.

Yours Fraternally - *Dogan Perese*

S P R I N G H O U S E : B O O K 1 I N T H E W E S T W A R D S A G A S
by David Bowles

When I was growing up, my relatives told wonderful stories about our ancestors. Those stories intrigued me because they really happened -- and they happened to people that were connected to me. I wanted to know more about my ancestors and developed an early interest in history, the only subject I ever excelled in. I'm writing The Westward Sagas, a series about my family's history, as fiction to include dialogue and to fill in the gaps in the historical records.

After many years of research, I've learned a lot, and I'm available to share what I've learned about the Revolutionary War and family history with clubs, schools, churches, and other organizations. Specific topics include The Role of Churches in the American Revolution, Women in the Revolutionary War, Farming During Revolutionary Times, and Turning Point of the Revolution: The Battle of Guilford Courthouse, as well as researching and preserving family history. If you know someone who needs a speaker, please contact me. You can learn more about the book and read reviews at <http://www.westwardsagas.com> or amazon.com.

S P E C I A L O F F E R F O R C H A P T E R M E M B E R S

Spring House is \$18.47 plus \$1.50 sales tax and \$3.50 shipping for a total of \$23.47. Compatriot Bowles will donate \$10.00 to the San Antonio Chapter of the S.A.R for each book *sold directly through him*. If sold through another venue the donation to the chapter cannot be applied.

E X T R A E X T R A S P E C I A L O F F E R

For only \$30 you can have lunch and a copy of the book - be certain to tell Compatriot Frank Rohrbough when you make reservations for the June meeting that you want a copy of the book (additional copies \$20 each only at this lunch). This is the best deal you can get and the chapter still benefits by the \$10.00 donation. Please take advantage of this offer and get your book in person from the author at the June meeting, He will inscribed it for you too!

TEXAS 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

As you see 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.



Compatriot Frank Rohrbough with new United States of America citizens in May of 2006.

Chaplain Taylor's asking for our revolutionary ancestors name at the May meeting was unique and should be repeated often. When Compatriot John Hollje announced his ancestor's name as McCuiston, I recognized the name from extensive research on my book. His ancestors and mine lived in close proximity to one another and are in my book Spring House in 3 separate scenes. One story of his ancestors saving the life of Rev. David Caldwell that I wrote about would make a great vignette for a future meeting. Another scene is when my ancestor Adam Mitchell was asking for volunteers for the Guilford County Militia and I quote from page 98 of my book, "As Adam stepped down and moved away from Reverend Caldwell's lectern, the volunteers started to come forward one by one. Their wives and children sat crying in the pews as Rachel Caldwell recorded each of the names into the church records. The first up were the McCuiston men --- James, Thomas, and John".

Had Rev. Taylor not asked us to name our ancestors I would have never known that John Hollje's patriot ancestors and my patriot ancestors worshipped together, broke bread in each others homes and even fought side by side in The Battle of Guilford Courthouse over 225 years ago.

David Bowles