



MAY 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AMERICANISM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

One more good way to promote SAR is to promote our activities and contests. We have an immediate, exciting opportunity with a deadline of May 30th.

This is an important and easily accomplished contest: the National Americanism Poster Contest. It invites fourth or fifth graders to display their knowledge of American history. I am writing now to ask for a volunteer to work during the month of May to find a candidate for this contest.

This does not have to require a lot of work. Find one school and one willing teacher, then describe the contest. I know it is short notice, yet I believe few chapters supply candidates, and therefore we have a good chance of sponsoring an entry with a chance of winning.

The theme this year is:
WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE

Mrs. James Taylor has graciously volunteered to head up this effort.

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TEXAS STATE PRESIDENT TOM GREEN AND TXSSAR COMPATRIOTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SOLEMN PILGRIMAGE TO THE ALAMO

On a humid and unpleasantly warm afternoon, Monday the 24th of April, nine members of the Sons of the American Revolution paid homage to the brave men who, in 1836, defended the Alamo and by their bravery and supreme sacrifice did their part in securing the independence of the Republic of Texas from Mexico. This grand event took place but a scant sixty years from the time of our nation's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. That Declaration of Independence being a peculiar, idealistic and yet a very pragmatic act inspired and stirred the inalienable right to freedom in men's hearts and minds the world over. It was in this solidarity with freedom that members of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American shrugged off the petty and annoying nuisance of heat and humidity to honor the sacrifice made by true heroes and real patriots who in two distinct, yet directly related expressions of man's drive for freedom and self governance, the American Revolution and the Texas fight for Independence, gave their all; their comfort, their fortunes and even their lives. In addition to those identified in the photograph above, John Weir, Stephen Rohrbough and George Harcourt participated in the pilgrimage. We all, each and everyone of us, were humbled and honored to be a part of this tribute to heroes and patriots who by their sacrifices provided us with the freedoms we so enjoy, cherish and protect.



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

At the April meeting we had 18 members and guests. Compatriot Joe Ware provided an informative and entertaining historical vignette. Based on the exploits of one of our own member's patriot ancestor Col. Ware took us back to the time of the fighting and described how that fighting was not only against the British but also between the colonists. He went on to describe how this patriot "barely" escaped the British and certain death by using his yankee ingenuity. Next time you see Joe, ask him about it, I'm sure he would be delighted to tell you the tale.



Compatriot David Bowles, pictured at left, spoke about his recent participation in a memorial ceremony where he, on behalf of our chapter, placed a wreath of yellow roses and bluebonnets (the wreath was paid for by several chapter members). Compatriot Bowles was recognized at the ceremony as the person who travelled the greatest distance to attend. The wreath was greatly admired as well.

President Perese reminded us of events we will participate in over the next several months - see calendar on page 4- and that we have two more general meetings before our summer recess.

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:

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- 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.

2007 TEXAS STATE CONGRESS • SAN ANTONIO

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT GEORGE HARCOURT
SEE THE JUNE ISSUE FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS

GET WELL SOON TO COMPATRIOT JAMES DAVIS - WE MISS YOU AT THE MEETINGS

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS

MYSTERY COMPATRIOT

This Compatriot is a Texas native who served his country during wartime. He was in the 9th Army Combat Engineers in Europe during World War II.

He went on to earn a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin after the war and has lived in San Antonio since 1952. After 35 years of service in the U.S. Army, active duty and reserve, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He and his wife of 38 years, Beverly, have two daughters who are teachers and one grandson who is serving in the Army. They like to travel and he has been to 23 countries and 42 states.

Throughout his shooting career he has shot pistol, international pistol, and high-power rifle. He is a life member of both the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association.

Within the San Antonio Rifle & Pistol Club, he serves as the Statistics officer for both Rifle and Pistol divisions.

He is also an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT).

See box on page four for the identity of our Mystery Compatriot.

JUDGE ED BUTLER HONORED

The 2006 Minuteman Selection Committee announced Judge Ed Butler will be awarded the prestigious Minuteman Award at the 2006 National Congress in Dallas in July. It appears Compatriot Butler is the first member of the San Antonio chapter to receive this award.

The medal is rectangular in shape, struck in sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow in the back-ground. The Liberty Bell appears on it also. On the reverse is inscribed "Highest Award of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution." The medal is worn suspended from a neck ribbon of light blue silk. It is awarded only to individual members on a one time basis.

The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the National Society. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Members are selected by the Minuteman Committee which is appointed by the President General from previous recipients of the medal. The medal is presented by the President General at an Annual Congress to not more than six recipients. It is not presented in absentia. It was authorized in 1952.

Congratulations Compatriot Butler

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. The dining room has a capacity limit of about 30. 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 at least one week in advance.

STANDING RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED
WE HAVE MAY AND JUNE TO GO BEFORE OUR SUMMER RECESS IN JULY AND AUGUST

NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES FOR NEW CITIZENS

The Chapter plans to renew its participation in the Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the US District Court for new citizens. We hope to serve as the Color Guard for a few of these ceremonies during the year and be present to welcome these new citizens. Wearing of Revolutionary Period Uniforms will catch the eye of these new citizens and allow us an opportunity to inform them of our heritage.

While we cannot attend every monthly event, the Chapter plans to attend at least two of the naturalization ceremonies that will be held at Laurie Auditorium on **May 15th (Monday)** and September 29th (Friday) at 2 PM. Judge Primomo will introduce us as part of the ceremony.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND LET COMPATRIOT FRANK ROHRBOUGH
KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER OF THESE CEREMONIES

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To guarantee that the best submission from San Antonio receives a prize - even if the local poster does not win a prize at another level - we have received a commitment from an anonymous Compatriot donor to award a \$25 gift certificate from Borders bookstore. *Please contact me immediately.*

Here is a link to the contest information: <http://www.sar.org/youth/americanism.html>

Yours Fraternaly - *Dogan Perese*

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

**MAY 24TH - WEDNESDAY
LUNCH**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11:30 A.M. - \$10.00**

**JUNE 21ST - WEDNESDAY
LUNCH**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11:30 A.M. - \$10.00**

**JUNE 14TH
FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT
FORT SAM HOUSTON**

**JULY 4TH
PARTICIPATION IN CEREMONIES AT
FORT SAM HOUSTON & DOWNTOWN**

DETAILS IN JUNE NEWSLETTER

**EC MEETING
MAY 18TH - THURSDAY - 11:30 A.M.
NEW LOCATION
LOS PATIOS ON LOOP 410**

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 each
Ladies tour on Saturday morning will be gratis. They will have lunch at a local restaurant in Lake Jackson and will order from the menu, "dutch treat".

The Friday Historical Tour will be a bus tour of Early Texas Historical Sites in Southern Brazoria County leaving the hotel at 9:00 a.m. Friday. 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 contact Dr. Don Pugh, 979-265-6463 or dpugh1931@sbcglobal.net

We will be reserving a room at a local seafood restaurant for Friday evening arrivals by 6 PM. "Dutch treat", order from menu.

A N N U A L S U R V E Y

The Executive Committee is seeking *your* opinion regarding our monthly meetings. Please respond to this brief survey and add your comments so that the Executive Committee can better serve you. Please circle the option that you prefer or write in your opinion in the blank. If you have a location that you want to be considered please indicate that in the comment section.

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED SURVEY TO: PRESIDENT DOGAN PERESE - 124 W. FAIR OAKS PLACE – SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209

MEETING DAY: A. ANY WEEKDAY B. SATURDAY C. SPECIFIC WEEKDAY _____
 MEETING TIME: A. LUNCH - NOON B. EVENING C. BREAKFAST
 LOCATION: A. NC – LOOP 410 B. DOWNTOWN C. OTHER: _____
 PRICE OF MEAL: A. \$10 B. \$10 TO \$15 C. \$15 TO \$22
 PROGRAM: A. CURRENT EVENTS B. HISTORY C. MILITARY D. OTHER

The primary reason I attend a monthly meeting is: _____

The primary reason I don't attend a monthly meeting is: _____

Comments:

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TEXAS STATE SOCIETY • WWW.TXSSAR.ORG

NATIONAL SOCIETY • WWW.SAR.ORG

I N M E M O R Y

Robert J. "Bob" Boward

Born October 29, 1934 in San Antonio, Texas - Died February 9, 2006 in Tulsa Oklahoma

Epitaph

If the encouragement of how I have lived my life helps another person to flourish and be at peace, then rejoice with me, for I have been blessed indeed. I am with Almighty God. - Bob Boward

R E P O R T S

R O T C

The Chapter has now completed two thirds of its mission to present JROTC/ROTC medals and certificates to the outstanding Cadets at 28 area High Schools and Colleges that we support. A full report will be included in the next newsletter. Courtland Snyder, ROTC Chairman

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

The June issue will contain an article highlighting new members year to date and those in the process of obtaining membership. Rev Taylor.

T R E A S U R Y

At the April general meeting Treasurer Jay Higginson reported the chapter was in the best financial condition it had been in many years. This is due to donations in late 2005 and in March 2006. The donations were some \$2,300 - the total assets of the chapter on 20 April 2006 was \$5,424.69. Without those donations the chapter would be poor financial condition. Heart felt gratitude is offered to those Compatriots, many of whom wish to remain anonymous, who made those important contributions to further our chapter's goals and purposes.

V E T E R A N S

In March more than 80 magazines and a dozen books were delivered to Audley Murphy Veterans Hospital. In April it was over 100 magazines and nine books. Please continue to bring books and magazines to the EC and general meetings. The donations are truly appreciated by our veterans.