



OCTOBER 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Compatriots:

In September we enjoyed active participation from local compatriots, and we're looking forward to an exciting October. Here are some highlights.

Our Treasurer, Jay Higginson, reported at our September Chapter meeting that our financial condition is excellent thanks to substantial leadership gifts made by Chapter compatriots. We are using those funds wisely to continue our important work of promoting patriotism, the study of American history, recruiting and retention of members, and many more objectives.

Our Genealogist, Chaplain James Taylor, reported that he has been working on six active new membership applications. At our September luncheon we inducted four new members and we have received several more certificates pending induction. Our Awards Committee chair, Stephen Rohrbough,

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FOUR NEW COMPATRIOTS BARN DOOR A SUCCESS TXSSAR PRESIDENT TOM GREEN TO ADDRESS CHAPTER IN NOVEMBER

The Barn Door, as our new meeting place, was well received by our membership - see the president's column.

We had the privilege of welcoming four new compatriots into our chapter. In photo at right are Herman Edwards, John Orr, Don Child, Tommy Richardson, and president Dogan Perese.



Compatriot Frank Rohrbough will speak on the Battle of Camden, South

Carolina, which took place on August 16, 1780, reviewing the strategic importance of the Southern Campaign for both the British and Continental Forces. The presentation will provide some insight as to what the foot soldier experienced in battle and how they responded



Texas Society President Tom Green has agreed to address the chapter at our scheduled November meeting. Always entertaining, President Green will provide us with a view of TXSSAR and its progress during his administration.

Pictured at left are Jim Massingill, Jean and new compatriot Herman Edwards, Dr. Gil Treviño and Geronimo Treviño all enjoying the lunch and fellowship at the Barn Door.

The fall BOM will be held in Houston on the 4 & 5th of November. See TXSSAR President Green's reminder on page 4. The December newsletter will provide full coverage.

You are invited - *really encouraged* - to attend the executive committee meetings and become involved in the chapter - there are many areas in which you can serve.

Our September speaker, James Mendoza, Emergency Management Specialist with the City of San Antonio Office of Emergency Management, at right with Dogan Perese, receiving a token of our appreciation.



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obtained and provided guidance on awarding the Fire Safety Commendation medal to City of San Antonio Fire Chief Nim Kidd, Manager of the Office of Emergency Management.

Compatriots Clarence Bell, David Bowles, Herman Edwards and his wife, Jean, all are continuing fine work on their committees. Of course Compatriot Courtland Snyder has everything under control with the JROTC program.

At our September luncheon we had a record number of compatriots and guests for this year. The total was 35, and we still had room for more. The speaker planned for that event was called to Dallas on an emergency, but his assistant, James Mendoza, Emergency Management Specialist with the City of San Antonio Office of Emergency Management, gave an overview of issues his department faces and how they have changed since 9/11. He then entertained a wide range of questions.

Our chapter was represented, by our color guard, at the September naturalization ceremony at Laurie Auditorium on Sept. 29th.

I recommend you read our excellent newsletter thoroughly and find areas where you can volunteer and participate in our activities. Feel free to contact any of the Chapter officers with any questions you might have about the opportunities we have available. We will accommodate your availability and interest.

Yours Fraternally - *Dogan Perese*

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SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER
WWW.SARSAT.ORG

TEXAS STATE SOCIETY
WWW.TXSSAR.ORG

NATIONAL SOCIETY
WWW.SAR.ORG



Chapter members engaged in lively discussions prior to lunch at the September general meeting.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Plan now to attend the Texas Sons of the American Revolution Genealogy Seminar in San Antonio as part of the annual TXSSAR congress in March 2007. The seminar will be held on Thursday, March 22nd. The speakers are Harry and Mary Alice Dell who have dedicated the past 14 years to genealogical pursuits at their home in Boerne, as well as nationally, and internationally. They have researched their ancestors and those of other people in over 150 libraries, scores of court houses, and more graveyards than they can remember. The seminar will be in the Doubletree Hotel, the congress hotel, and congress rates will apply. Cost of the seminar is only \$35.00. A syllabus will be provided for all registrants. *We will preview the topics in future newsletters.*

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

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PLEASE VISIT THE SITE OFTEN FOR CHAPTER NEWS. THE NEXT MAILED NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE NOVEMBER ISSUE.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS

This compatriot has just finished his autobiography. It is being printed by a printing company in Austin. The book deals with his life since he was four years old, and details the story of a young Mexican American who was in the military service of our country through three wars, and who began his elementary schooling in Laredo without knowing one word of English. During his career, he earned a degree in Veterinary Medicine, plus a Master of Science in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at Texas A & M University; and a Ph.D. in Pathology from Michigan State University. He was a Private in the Marine Corps during the battle for Iwo Jima, and retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel. Following Army retirement, he accepted the Directorship of The Institute of Tropical Veterinary Medicine and retired as a Professor of Veterinary Pathology from A & M after 29 creditable years. The book will be available o/a November 15. Among many other topics, he discusses is being a descendant of James White, founder of Knoxville, TN, and his acceptance in our San Antonio Chapter in September, 2001. See page four to learn the identity of this fine compatriot.

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@gvvc.com.

STANDING RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED
WE HAVE A GREAT OCTOBER MEETING PLANNED

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES.
 CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS BOTH ARE NEEDED.

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| ★ Registration | ★ Entertainment for Saturday Gala | ★ Friday Night Host Chapter Reception |
| ★ Publicity | ★ Audio/Visual | ★ Goody Bags and information packets |
| ★ Silent Auction - at Gala Dinner | ★ Luncheon - Saturday | ★ Programs and printed materials |
| ★ Ladies Events • Tour McNay Museum | ★ Banquet- Saturday | ★ Merchandise Sales |
| ★ Ladies Hospitality Suite | ★ Scrapbook and Poster Display | |

We 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 assistance. Committee meetings will start in November.

C H A P T E R ~ R E P O R T S

V E T E R A N S / M I L I T A R Y

In September 85 magazines and 1 book were delivered to Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. Please continue to bring books and magazines to the EC and general meetings. The donations are truly appreciated by our present and past service men and women. We have begun donating in alternate months to Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital and to BAMC.

E X E C U T I V E C O M M I T T E E

The meeting was held on September 19th. Compatriots present were: John Knoblesdorf, Frank Rohrbough, Courtland Snyder, Stephen Rohrbough, Jim Massingill, Harry Long, Joe Ware, George Harcourt and chapter president presiding - Dogan Perese. The slate of compatriots offered for election to office will be published in the November newsletter. The membership will vote at the December 20th meeting.

W E B S I T E

The SARSAT.org Website has been completely re-done. The original seven pages have been replaced by thirteen new pages. Although seven is supposed to be a "lucky" number, the seven pages didn't work very well. And, while thirteen is supposed to be an "unlucky" number, the thirteen new pages are working much better. Actually, if we think in terms of the original Thirteen Colonies, thirteen is a pretty lucky number. One of the major changes is the addition of a special page that was created exclusively for information about the 2007 State Meeting of TXSSAR in San Antonio. Be sure to check this page often for revised and additional information that will be forthcoming from George Harcourt, Committee Chairman for the State Meeting.

One big improvement of the website permits users to view the pages with either a PC type (MS Windows), or Macintosh computer using their various operating systems, and accessed by several different Browsers. The website was developed using Microsoft FrontPage software, and the new pages still display better with a PC and MS Internet Explorer. We will leave that information posted on each page until such time as that circumstance can be completely corrected.

Each of the new pages will be reviewed and discussed in future issues of the Newsletter.

Compatriots can assist with the continued improvement of the website by reviewing the information on, and the arrangement of the pages. Contact the Webmaster by e-mail to jksatx@satx.rr.com and tell him what you would like to see added, removed, modified, etc. An example of this would be related to having music play when a page is opened. That was the case with the old pages, and there were an equal number of pros and cons about that music. The music does not play when the new pages are opened. Please report your personal preference. *The webmaster is laying odds that he will receive no more than eleven individual responses to this opportunity for you to comment.*

Please do not offer simple compliments. The webmaster is not on an ego trip. He will continue to work at this volunteer position for some unknown period of time while doing what his imagination leads him to do. He will be able to do a much better job for you, with your help.

Fraternally, John Knobelsdorf - Webmaster

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THE MYSTERY COMPATRIOT IS:

Gil Treviño

MESSAGES FROM TEXAS SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Compatriots,

I just spoke with Larry Stevens, President of the Piney Woods Chapter, and he reported that few of us have registered either with the hotel or with the chapter for the November 4 & 5, 2006 BOM. The cut-off date at the hotel for the lower rate is October 13, 2006 so I suggest that you make your reservations as soon as possible, and also inform your chapter members, and encourage them to attend. I picked up the ROTC medals in Louisville last week, so make sure a representative for each chapter wishing to participate in the program is present at the BOM along with a chapter check for those medals the chapters must purchase.

The registration form in on the Web Page, as is the planned agenda for the BOM meeting. The Piney Woods chapter members have also arranged for a History Seminar on Friday, November 3, 2006 and I encourage you to sign up, as we all love history.

Thanks,
Tom Green



Compatriots,

As you all know, the income from the Patriot Fund is not adequate to adequately pay for the cost of our Youth Programs. As an effort to improve this situation, I have appointed a new committee temporarily called the Patriot Fund Raising Committee which will have the task of finding new ways to fund our various Youth Programs. As many of you know, Judge Tom Lawrence has done a magnificent job as a member of the National George Washington Fund, so I have appointed him Chairman of this new TXSSAR Committee and I have asked Steve Rohrbough, Tom Whitelock, Jim Johnson and James Alderman to serve on this most important committee. This committee will meet for the first time at the November BOM and I encourage each of you to put on your thinking hats and advise this committee of any ideas you have that will significantly increase the funds needed for the conduct of the Youth Programs.

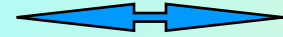
I know you will all join me in thanking these men for volunteering for this much needed task!

Tom Green



CHAPTER CALENDAR

CHAPTER MEETINGS



OCTOBER 25TH • WEDNESDAY
LUNCH • BARN DOOR
11:30 A.M. • \$17



NOVEMBER 29TH • WEDNESDAY
LUNCH • BARN DOOR
11:30 A.M. • \$17
TXSSAR PRESIDENT TOM GREEN



DECEMBER 20TH • WEDNESDAY
LUNCH • BARN DOOR
11:30 A.M. • \$17

ELECTIONS

EC MEETING

OCTOBER 19TH - THURSDAY - 11:30 A.M.
GOLDEN CORRAL IH10 WEST
ALL ARE WELCOME



Special Holiday Meeting

Saturday December 2nd

San Antonio County Club

In conjunction with

D.A.R and C.A.R

PAID ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
DETAILS IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER