



# The San Antonio Compatriot

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER #4 • TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APRIL 2009

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Fellow Compatriots:

What a wonderful time to be an active member of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Meetings have been so well attended that we out-grew the meeting room at Aldino's and moved to the Petroleum Club where in March we had the largest attendance in recent history. This was due to the wonderful programs brought to us by V.P. and Program Chairman Rueben Perez and the great food the Petroleum Club offers.

Genealogist James Taylor has brought in 15 new members since the beginning of the year and has 13 applications awaiting approval at National and is working on the paper work of 27 prospective members. WAY TO GO! Not to worry, we have plenty of room to grow at the Petroleum Club.

Congratulations to Judge Ed Butler who will be sworn in as President General of The National Society of SAR at the National Congress in Atlanta on July 8, 2009. He has reserved a very special table up front for members of the San Antonio Chapter for the Inaugural Dinner. See registra-

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## NEW MEETING PLACE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

### A P R I L A C T I V I T I E S

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>

The color guard and others will participate in the Fiesta de los Niños - USA Parade at the Port of San Antonio. Contact Peter Baron for specifics.

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 to 5 PM

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas has staged its Pilgrimage to the Alamo since 1925. The pilgrimage is a memorial tribute to the Alamo heroes and the heritage of Texas. A solemn and silent, wreath-bearing procession of historic, civic, patriotic, military and school groups walks silently to the Alamo. At the same time, an announcer intones the names of the Alamo defenders from within the Alamo walls. The ceremony concludes with a brief memorial service. We will meet at the Municipal Auditorium at 3:30 to form our group.

The Executive Committee meets on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lion & Rose Pub - Blanco at Loop 410 at 11:30 AM to conduct the chapter's business meeting. All Compatriots are invited to attend - no reservation or notice needed.

The next chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. at the Petroleum Club. The speaker will be Nancy Brennan, a D.A.R., on the topic of Genealogy. Make your reservations with Peter Baron by calling 210-913-3458 or emailing [ptbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com). The cost for the spectacular buffet is \$23.00 inclusive; payment by check is greatly preferred - no credit cards.

## OUR CHAPTER CELEBRATES ITS 79TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE APRIL MEETING

### 2009 OFFICERS INSTALLED IN JANUARY



From left to right: TXSSAR President Harry Fife, Peter Baron, Jim Massingill, Rev. James Taylor, George Harcourt, David Bowles, Frank Rhorbough.

### NOTES ON TXSSAR & CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

The TXSSAR has moved to an all electronic form of communication. The Texas Compatriot will be distributed by email and available on the TXSSAR web site (see page 4 for the address). TXSSAR has entirely revamped the web site and has a members only page. More in the next issue on how you sign up and get access to the members only feature. Compatriot Ray Cox has done a great job following Compatriot Dr. Charles Baker's many years of service.

Your chapter has been moving toward email distribution too. When you want to know something about an upcoming event, check the web site - the information is right there and easy to access. When you want to know what happened - it is on the web site. Your San Antonio chapter newsletters will be delivered by email; therefore it is imperative that we have your email address. Don't be left out - send your email address to: [gharcourt@satx.rr.com](mailto:gharcourt@satx.rr.com). It will added to the chapter email list and will be sent to TXSSAR as well.

## 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, contact Compatriot Peter Baron by calling 210-913-3458 or email him at [reservations@sarsat.org](mailto:reservations@sarsat.org)



### RESERVATIONS FOR THE APRIL MEETING NEED TO BE MADE BY MONDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

tion form in this newsletter. It is a great honor that one of our own will be the President General of the 28,000 member National SAR Society for 2009-2010. Let's show our support for Ed and First Lady Robin Butler by attending the installation banquet.

George Harcourt, Jay Higginson, James Taylor, Peter Baron, Ed Butler, Frank and Steve Rohrbough and I attended the Texas Society annual meeting in Nacogdoches on March 19-22 where we had the distinct pleasure to see our own Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough receive the SAR State Medal of Distinguished Service with a standing ovation from fellow compatriots at the President's formal banquet. The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Texas Compatriot - only one is given each year. Congratulations Stephen.

Compatriot Taylor assumed the Chairmanship this year of the Tejeda Middle School history fair. School officials estimated 3,000 people came to the day long event on Saturday April 4, 2009 to celebrate the history of our Nation. Activities included the landing of a Black Hawk helicopter. Compatriots Ed Heath and James Taylor were in uniform and had their pictures taken often with the students (see elsewhere in this newsletter) and John Orr answered their questions on the flags we had displayed. John Dupree arrived early to help with set-up. Other Compatriots assisting were George Harcourt, Joe Ware, Rene Villarreal, and Robert Brady, a prospective member whose application is pending.

This newsletter will be the last published by George Harcourt who has been our editor for several years. Harry Whitney has offered to assume the position of newsletter editor and is already working on future issues. Please let both of them know how much we appreciate their efforts and send all newsletter information to Harry at [hewhitney@msn.com](mailto:hewhitney@msn.com). On the subject of newsletters, if you wish to receive color copies of the state and chapter newsletter we must have your email address (see article on page 1).

This month's program will be given by Genealogist Nancy Brennan, Certified Genealogist for the Texas Society DAR. Please make reservations early and remember that it is also the San Antonio Chapter's 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Fraternally, David Bowles*



Left: TXSSAR President Fife presents Stephen Rohrbough with the Distinguished Service Medal.

Right: David Bowles taking on the Presidency from Jay Higginson

Below right: In Paris France - Judge Ed Butler and Robin Butler, Nita Ware and Joe Ware.

Below left: Compatriots Taylor and Heath with participants in the History Fair.



The next issue will have information on the President General's excursion to Spain. PG Ed Butler will lead SAR members from around the USA to Spain to meet with King Juan Carlos, a member of SAR! This is a trip you do not want to miss.

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WANT TO BE INVOLVED? CALL ANY OFFICER FOR MORE INFORMATION - WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

## M E E T I N G S O N T H E H O R I Z O N

DATES/MEETING TYPE	CITY	HOTEL
SAR National Congress 4 - 8 July 2009	Atlanta Georgia	RenaissanceWaverly a Marriott hotel
2009 Summer BOM 31 July - 2 August	Lake Jackson	Cherotel
2009 Fall BOM 30 October - 1 November	Richardson	Holiday Inn Select
2010 State Conference 19-22 March	Houston	Westchase Hilton



### W E B S I T E S

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### CHAPTER MEETINGS

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> • WEDNESDAY  
LUNCH • PETROLEUM CLUB  
11:30 A.M. • \$23  
**SPEAKER • NANCY BRENNAN**

MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> • WEDNESDAY  
LUNCH • PETROLEUM CLUB  
11:30 A.M. • \$23  
**SPEAKER • RALPH G. DIAZ • FBI**

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> • WEDNESDAY  
LUNCH • PETROLEUM CLUB  
11:30 A.M. • \$23  
**SPEAKER • DAN CORBETT  
AMERICAN HISTORY • WW II**

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN  
JULY OR AUGUST**

**EC BUSINESS MEETINGS  
ALL MEETINGS AT 11:30 AM**

**LION & ROSE PUB  
BLANCO @ LOOP 410**

**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY  
JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY**

**PUB NIGHTS AT THE LION & ROSE  
BLANCO AT LOOP 410  
2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ALL MEETINGS**



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER  
 SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
 119TH ANNUAL CONGRESS  
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 JULY 8, 2009



PRESIDENT GENERAL INSTALLATION  
 JUDGE ED BUTLER

Compatriot Judge Ed Butler has arranged for San Antonio chapter members and wives to attend the Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> evening installation banquet without paying the registration for the Annual Congress. The cost of the banquet is \$65.00 per person.

In order to register for this event under the special arrangement, payment must be received by SAR Louisville before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Congress registration form does not list this special arrangement, therefore, please complete the form below and submit it with your check by May 15<sup>th</sup> to chapter president David Bowles.

Reservations at the Marriot [Renaissance Waverly](#) are now available. Group Rate Code is NSANSAA. Rooms start at \$95 per night. Free parking. The SAR group rate is available 3 days pre and post event, based on availability. If anyone has problems making a reservation, please contact Alicia Sneed; she will be delighted to assist you. Her number is 770-953-4500 x 4142

Enclosed is my check payable to NSSAR in the amount of  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the July 8<sup>th</sup> evening banquet.

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