



The San Antonio Compatriot

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

FALL 2009

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Fellow Compatriots:

I look forward to seeing you all at the Veterans Day Gala on November 11th. It will be a great opportunity for Compatriots and their guests to pay homage to our veterans past and present.

Well known speaker and author Dr. Kenneth Allard a former US Army Colonel, military analyst for NBC, and newspaper columnist will be our Keynote Speaker.

Our own President General Edward F. Butler, Sr. and First Lady Robin will be our honored guests. Dignitaries of other hereditary and genealogical societies will also be in attendance.

The Gala will be in lieu of the San Antonio Chapter's November Luncheon Meeting. See elsewhere in this newsletter for information on a special December Chapter/EC meeting and the annual event with the DAR.

I'm excited about the opportunity to participate in a program for deployed soldiers to get free e-books, please see page four for more on this.

*Fraternally,
David Bowles*

VETERANS DAY GALA

SPECIAL EVENING CHAPTER MEETING

A Gala on Veterans Day to honor all American veterans, past and present will take place on the 11th of November at 6:00 P.M. at the Petroleum Club. Reservations are required and must be made by November 1st.

President General Edward F. Butler, Sr. will make a brief address and Dr. Kenneth Allard, US Army Colonel retired, will be the keynote speaker.

If you are unable to drive at night please call Jay Higginson 884-6900 - to arrange for transportation. For reserving an entire table contact Compatriot Higginson at the number above.

There will be a silent auction and a special raffle of a Pedersoli Brown Bess Musket. Tickets for the raffle are available from Compatriot Peter Baron at \$10 each or for six for \$50. The list price on the musket is approximately \$1,100. The net proceeds from the sale of tickets to the Gala will benefit the youth and patriotic programs of the chapter. The net proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will go to the youth activities of the chapter, the TXSSAR Patriot Fund and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The Buffet Dinner will include: Plated Tossed Salad, Carving Station with Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Gratinée, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Wild Rice, Green Bean Almondine, Seasonal Vegetable Medley. Desert choices are 1001 Chocolate Cake, Italian Creme Cake, and Key Lime Pie. Cash bar serving wine, beer and mixed drinks.

The cost of the Gala ticket is \$50 per person, of which \$17 is a donation to the chapter, a 501 c 3 entity. See page 2 for details on reservations for the Gala and to purchase raffle tickets.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON WITH THE DAR

The Holiday meeting with the DAR will be on Saturday, December 5th at the San Antonio Country Club at 11:00 A.M. This year's menu is Roasted Beef Sirloin with Mushroom Sauce, Batonet Vegetable Medley, Roasted Tri-Color Potatoes, Chocolate Toffee Crunch Cake. The entertainment is "Made to Order" who appeared last year at the meeting. This is always a festive holiday meeting and many SAR members attend. Our Color Guard will present

the colors and our Chaplain Rev James Taylor will deliver the benediction.

The price is \$25.00. The deadline for reservations to be received is Friday, November 27th. Send them to:

Mrs. Valerie Guenther, Treasurer
San Antonio de Bexar Chapter NSDAR
1 Ironwood Road
San Antonio, TX 78212-2541

CHAPTER MEETING AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING COMBINED IN DECEMBER AT THE LION & ROSE PUB

The December Executive Committee meeting will be combined with the Chapter's general meeting on the 10th. The business before the chapter will be the election of officers for 2010. For this meeting at the Lion & Rose Pub on Blanco at Loop 410 contact Compatriot Peter Baron by calling 210 913-3458 or email him at reservations@sarsat.org. Meal service is from the menu and each member is responsible for paying his bill and gratuity.

CHAPTER EVENTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

US Military Veterans Parade: On November 7th, our Chapter, along with the Boerne Chapter, will march in the 10th Annual San Antonio Veterans Day Parade. The parade route will be from the Alamo and onto Commerce Street to San Saba Street near Market Square and Santa Rosa Hospital (about 1.5 Miles). We will assemble at 10:30 A.M. in the area on Ave E between 4th and 6th streets. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VETERANS DAY PARADE.** A Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at the Alamo at 11:00 A.M.; the Parade will begin at Noon.

Date: November 7, 2009 • Saturday • Time: Assemble at 10:30 A.M. • Place: Avenue E between 4th St. and 6th St.

For more information, contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at 830 537-5452 • Cell 703 868-8006 • by email at frankr@gvtc.com.



Christmas Decorations for the VA Hospital: Our Chapter will join with MOAA's Alamo Chapter to decorate the Cancer Clinic at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital on December 4, 2009 beginning at 9 AM. All we need is to provide them some manpower. Our hours will be credited to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Date: December 4th, 2009 • Friday • Time: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. • Place: Cancer Clinic (ECTC) (West End of the Main Hospital building), 7400 Merton Minter Boulevard

Parking: Parking is Free – Use Valet Parking in front of Main Entrance to the Hospital.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at (830) 537-5452 • Cell (703) 868-8006 • by email at frankr@gvtc.com.

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. Reservations are required. Compatriots who make a reservation and fail to show up will be billed if not canceled in advance.

Contact Compatriot Peter Baron by calling 210-913-3458 or email him at reservations@sarsat.org



YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED

The San Antonio chapter and the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have been moving toward solely using email for distribution of information and publications. 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. It will added to the chapter email list and will be sent to TXSSAR as well. We will continue to send one or two newsletters a year by mail. Should you not have an email address, please let us know so that special arrangements can be made to furnish you with information concerning your chapter. Mailing address for notification is 810 Wiltshire Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78209



GALA RESERVATIONS

Send your check **before November 1st** to:

Compatriot Jay Higginson
7026 Elk Trail
San Antonio, TX 78244-1574



RAFFLE TICKETS

To purchase raffle tickets for the \$1,100 Pedersoli Musket send \$10 for each ticket or \$50 for six tickets to:

Compatriot Peter Baron
P.O. Box 1712
Lytle TX 78052-1712

Tickets may be purchased at the Gala • Drawing at conclusion of Gala • Need not be present to win

For more information: reservations@sarsat.org or 210 913-3458



PG Butler with various Compatriots at Kings Mountain commemoration



Jay Lewallen, on right, takes delivery of his LeJacob Dickert rifle from Andy Thomas, the gunsmith.



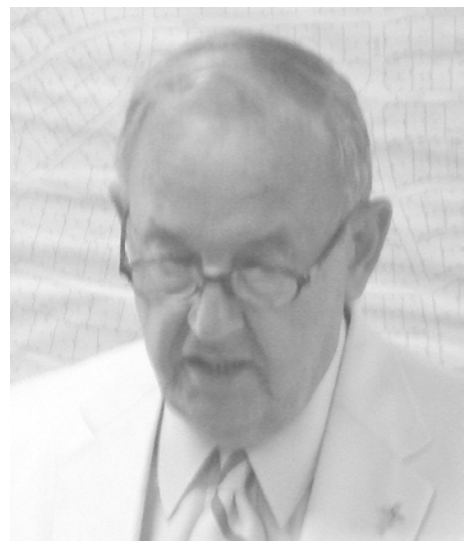
San Antonio Fire Chief Hood receives a Liberty Bell from chapter president David Bowles at the 21 October meeting.



Rev. Dr. James Edward Schellenberg receives his membership certificate from President Bowles as Chaplain/Genealogist Rev. Dr. James Taylor assists.



Compatriots Peter Baron and David Bowles at the flag certificate award ceremony to the City of Terrell Hills on 14 September 2009. Mayor Pro Tem Parish and Mayor Camp - left to right in background.



Flag Committee chairman John J. Orr reads the flag award proclamation to the Terrell Hills city council upon the presentation of the award.

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

TXSSAR MEETINGS ON THE HORIZON		
DATES/MEETING TYPE	CITY	HOTEL
2009 Fall BOM 30 October - 1 November	Richardson	Holiday Inn Select
2010 State Conference 19-22 March	Houston	Westchase Hilton

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NATIONAL SOCIETY WWW.SAR.ORG		

Free Books for Deployed Soldiers

Having served a stint in the Navy, I've always been a big supporter of our troops. Now that I have a grandson deployed to Iraq, I do everything I can to let our military know how much I appreciate their service.

Author [Ed Patterson](#) chatted in an online forum about the Kindle with a soldier deployed to Iraq. The soldier owned a [Kindle](#) but couldn't download books from Amazon to his e-book reader because the Whispernet service doesn't work in Iraq. Ed offered to send the soldier his books for free, but he went further than that. He started spreading the word to other authors and soldiers— and the result is [Operation EBook Drop](#).

Deployed soldiers contact Ed, who sends the information to participating authors. The authors then send soldiers the address of their book pages on [Smashwords](#) along with a coupon code for a 100% discount. Soldiers order from Smashwords using the discount code and receive their books for free. Smashwords publishes e-books in a variety of formats so soldiers who read on various e-book devices or on a computer or on a PDA can find a format that works for them.

As soon as I heard about this program, I knew I had to be part of it. Now [Spring House](#) and [Adam's Daughters](#) are both available on Smashwords, and deployed soldiers can request a discount code to download the books at no cost.

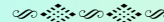
If you know a soldier who would enjoy downloading free e-books, pass on the information about Operation EBook Drop. Deployed military members wanting free e-books can follow the instruction given on [the Smashwords blog post about Operation EBook Drop](#), and they will soon start receiving links and discount codes from participating authors. I encourage my fellow authors to participate in this program. Authors will find instructions on how to join in the same [blog post about Operation EBook Drop](#). *-David Bowles*

CHAPTER MEETINGS

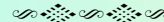


NOVEMBER 11TH • WEDNESDAY
PETROLEUM CLUB
6:00 P.M. • \$50

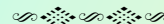
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
COL. KENNETH ALLARD, RET
SPECIAL ADDRESS
P.G. EDWARD F. BUTLER, SR.



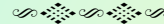
DECEMBER 5TH • SATURDAY
11:00 AM • \$25
SAN ANTONIO COUNTRY CLUB
DAR - SAR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



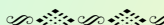
DECEMBER 10TH • THURSDAY •
11:30 A.M.
JOINT EC - CHAPTER MEETING
VOTE FOR 2010 OFFICERS
LION & ROSE PUB • BLANCO @ LOOP 410



JANUARY 20TH • WEDNESDAY
LUNCH • PETROLEUM CLUB
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
11:30 A.M. • \$23



EC BUSINESS MEETINGS
ALL MEETINGS AT 11:30 AM
LION & ROSE PUB • BLANCO @ LOOP 410
NOVEMBER 4TH • WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10TH • THURSDAY



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