



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

September 2009

Dear San Antonio Chapter Compatriots and friends:

As you know President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Butler is a member of the San Antonio chapter. While his schedule and work load will be heavy over the next 12 months you will see him from time to time at our chapter meetings. The officers of your chapter invite you to join in with the program that President General Butler describes in his brief message below.

Dear Compatriots:

I wish to express my appreciation for being elected unanimously as your 106th President General at the 119th Congress in Atlanta. As Secretary General I led the Strategic Planning Committee in developing a comprehensive Long Range Plan. The 22 page document was approved by the new Executive Committee at its first meeting on July 9th in Atlanta. It will be posted on the SAR web site as soon as possible. It will be my pleasure to lead our organization this year.

My first objective is to negotiate a construction contract for our SAR Library on West Main Street in Louisville. Under the leadership of PG Wilcox we are well on our way. I have appointed PG Larry D. McClanahan to lead the Design Review and Construction Committee. Larry is a licensed engineer with decades of experience in dealing with architects and contractors. PG McClanahan plans to meet with the architect and contractor next week. As I said in my acceptance speech on July 8th, I firmly believe that that we have the talented manpower to "walk and chew gum at the same time". The approved Long Range Plan is the blue print which will guide us for many years in the future. From that plan I intend to concentrate on three areas:

MODERNIZE
PUBLICIZE
SOCIALIZE

Ian Toler of the Maryland Society is well on his way toward a new and innovative SAR web site. Members will be able to register for the SAR Congress and Leadership Meetings online using Pay Pal or a credit card. Online purchases will be available using either method. The new web site promises to be faster, with much greater storage capacity. For the first time, there will be a members only section, which can be accessed by your SAR membership number plus a secret code to be provided by the staff. In the members only section there will be several forums, where members can discuss genealogy, history, membership, etc. SAR financial statements, balance sheets and the budget will be available.

DVD's were passed out at Congress with a message from me directed toward prospective new members. The disc contained footage of our color guard at several functions and showed our members at work at Leadership meetings. Hopefully, this will be a great recruiting tool. We are already working on a new DVD which I plan to send to each chapter president with a request that it be shown at a chapter meeting. This is designed to show chapter members how other chapter are engaged in SAR activities, with the hope that it will stimulate them to participate in programs for the first time.

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On September 11, be sure to remember all our fellow citizens killed in the World Trade Center eight years ago, along with Police and Fire Departments, and volunteers

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Ed Butler
President

Veterans' Day—

November Eleventh

What will you be doing?

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Robin and Ed



President General



President General's Badge

As the First Lady and I travel around the country this year, we will be asking state presidents and Vice Presidents General to get us lined up to appear on morning TV talk shows, and to submit press releases to local media. It is in this manner we will focus attention on SAR activities

I plan to issue frequent updates to report our progress on the library and the other programs that will be of interest to you. I am retired and will devote my full time and attention to your SAR business. I am thrilled to serve as President General. First Lady Robin and I look forward to visiting every district. So far, we are booked to be on SAR business 40 week-ends. We will be away from home more than half of September, and will visit our home only a few days each in the months of October, November, March, April and May.

Fraternally,
Ed Butler

President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



Robin, President General Ed and Former San Antonio Chapter President, Frank Rohrbaugh

JROTC/ROTC Program

This year our Chapter awarded 2 Silver Medals at UTSA (1 each Air force ROTC and Army ROTC), 1 Silver Medal at St. Mary's and 32 Bronze Medals at area High Schools. This was accomplished with the dedication of 14 Compatriots including Ed Heath, Rueben Perez, Don Child, Michael Boland, John Orr, Lee Oliver, Ed Snyder, Jack Cowan, John Hollje, Stephen Rohrbough, George Harcourt, Rev. James Taylor and Frank Rohrbough. Several photos of our members presenting awards are shown. Our program continues to grow as we added 3 more high schools to our list of units that we support. This brings the total to 3 Universities and 33 High Schools. As the program grows, we need additional Compatriots to step forward and help support this important program for our youth. I hear many of our presenters comment on how impressed they are with the young men and women involved in JROTC and ROTC. Give me a call and learn how you can help. It requires only a small commitment for a large gain. Courtland Snyder, ROTC Committee Chairman.



John Hollje at Claudia Taylor Johnson H.S.



Don Child at Thomas Jefferson H.S.



Ed Snyder at Harlandale H. S.



Jack Cowan at South San Antonio H. S.

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Cortland Snyder

Compatriot Summer Activities Summer 2009



Memorial Day - 2009

Knox Duncan--Steve Locker--Larry Kinter--Ray Walls--Ed Heath.

First three are Boerne chapter members - Ed Heath is dual Boerne, primary San Antonio.

Ray Walls is district 3 Vice President.

The event took place in Kerrville.

We also won several major awards such 1st Place in the Oration Contest, 2nd Place in the Poster Contest and 2nd Place in the Enhanced JROTC Contest.

TXSSAR Has a Successful Congress

Compatriots I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Society had a very successful Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to Judge Ed Butler being elected as President General, Judge Tom Lawrence was elected as Vice President General of the International District and Bill Marrs was appointed to the Executive Committee. Although the list of committees is not yet on the web a number of Texas compatriots were appointed to committees and some as committee chairmen.

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TXSSAR won the following awards:

Furlong Memorial Award for flag certificate presentations, Senator Robert A. Taft Award for enrolling the largest number of new members, Robert L. Sonfield Award for the largest numerical increase of members, Arthur J. Trimble 1776 Trophy for the largest number of reinstatements,

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C.A.R. Activities Award for documenting our work with the C.A.R.,
 Edwin B. Graham Award for sponsoring the 1st Place Winner in the Oration Contest,
 The Officers Attendance Award for both our President (Harry M. Fife) and Trustee (George T. West)
 attending all national meetings.

TXSSAR Chapters won the following awards:

The President General Activities Award won by the Robert Rankin Chapter,
 The Americanism Liberty Bell Award won by the Robert Rankin Chapter,
 USS Stark Memorial Award, Honorable Mention to the Dallas Chapter,
 Partners in Patriotism Certificates to the following chapters,
 Ambassador Fletcher Warren
 Hill Country
 Independence
 Liberty
 Plano
 Robert Rankin
 San Antonio

TXSSAR Compatriots won the following awards:

Liberty Medals,
 Ray E. Walls
 Boyd C. Beyer
 Liberty Medals with one Oak Leaf Clusters,
 Victor A. Smith, Jr.
 Richard L. Robinett
 Donald W. Pugh
 William M. Marrs
 Thomas B. Green, III

Liberty Medals with multiple Oak Leaf Clusters

Daniel B. Stauffer (4)
 Michael J. Everheart (3)
 NSSAR Certificates of Appreciation
 Edward F. Butler (Secretary General, Member of the SAR Foundation Board and Chairman Strategic Planning Committee)
 Nathan E. White (Executive Committee, SAR Foundation Board)
 George H. Brandau (Chairman of the NSSAR Council of Presidents General)
 Thomas E. Lawrence (Chairman of the Americanism Committee and Member Services Committee)
 William M. Marrs (Chairman of the Information Technology Committee)
 Harry M. Fife (Chairman of the NSSAR Task Force for Registration, Education and Reporting)

You should be proud of your Texas Society and of the compatriots who received individual recognition.

Tom Lawrence
 TXSSAR President



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
VETERANS' DAY GALA
November 11, 2009
HEAR YE, HEAR YE

ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FRIENDS OF COMPATRIOTS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE VETERANS DAY Gala will be held on November 11, 2009 at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio. Cocktail Hour will begin at 6 pm with Dinner at 7 pm.

This fundraising event will benefit youth and patriotic programs of the local chapter of the SAR. "Honor our Patriots, Past and Present is the evening's theme. Guests of Honor will include President General of the National Society of the SAR, Judge Ed Butler and his wife/

The costs of the tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 per table. Table sponsors will be able to name their table in honor of their patriot ancestor.

The Buffett Dinner will include: Plated Tossed Salad, Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Gratiere, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Wild Rice, Green Bean Almondine, Seasoned Vegetable Medley, and Rolls. Desert choices are 1001 Chocolate Cake, Italian Creme Cake, and Key Lime Pie.

The event will also feature other fundraising activities that include a auction of a replica rifle of the Revolutionary era.



A silent auction will be held at the event.

All members are requested to help gather items for the silent auction.

Reservations and additional information can be obtained by contacting Jay Higginson, [jayh57@gmail](mailto:jayh57@gmail.com) or call 210-884-6900.

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Your Chapter invites you to be involved. Call any Officer for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

MEETINGS ON THE HORIZON

DATE/MEETING TYPE

2009 Fall BOM Oct 30—Nov 1
2010 State Conference, Mar 19—22

CITY

Richardson
Houston



Chapter Meetings

Lunch RSVP to Peter Baron—reservations@sarsat.org

♦ Sep 16th Wednesday Lunch Petroleum Club
11:30 AM \$23 Speaker — Ann Oppenheimer 'dresses up' and speaks about Decatur

♦ Oct 21 Wednesday Lunch Petroleum Club
11:30 AM \$23 Speaker — Chief Charles N. Hood
Chief Hood is confirmed provided there are no major incidents

Everyone is invited to participate in ALL meetings

EC BUSINESS MEETINGS (ALL AT 11:30 AM)
LION & ROSE PUB — BLANCO AND LOOP 410
Sept 10 All are welcome

Important web sites
San Antonio Chapter # 4
www.sarsat.org

Texas Society
www.txssar.org

National Society
www.sar.org

PUB NIGHTS — LION & ROSE PUB — 2ND TUES 5 PM
410 and Blanco Rd. location

September 14
Terrell Hills City Hall, 5 PM
Awarding of flag certificate to the City at City Council meeting
September 30
BAMC, Wounded Warrior
October 3
Harris Middle School, History Festival

Spanish Adventure

The National Society SAR is planning a trip to Spain in May 2010 to honor the contribution that Spain made during the Revolutionary War. Our travel agent is obtaining group rates for air from Washington, DC on May 10. We will fly into Madrid on May 11, and stay at the InterContinental Hotel. While in Madrid, we will tour Spain's capital – the Royal Palace, the Armory, the Plaza Mayor and the Old Quarter – and visit the US Embassy. We will travel to *El Escorial*, the palace from which King Philip II ruled the Spanish Empire, and view the tombs of Spanish Monarchs interred there, including King Carlos III, who assisted the Americans in their revolution against England. Plans are being made for an audience with the Royal Family. From Madrid, we will day-trip to Toledo, a former capital of Visigothic Hispania and the Spanish Empire. In Toledo we will see its famous Cathedral and the Jewish Quarter.

On May 16, we will take the train to Granada, the last of the Moorish kingdoms to be re-conquered by the Spanish; while there we will tour the *Alhambra*, before continuing on to Málaga, on the Costa del Sol. On May 17, we will day trip to Macharaviaya, the home town of Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez, and visit the monument to Gálvez. On May 18, we will have a reception with the Málaga Town Council, and then tour the town. On May 19, we will visit the shipyard where a replica of the brig Galveztown is being built. We will continue on to Ronda, the birthplace of modern bullfighting three hundred years ago. For those who want to stay longer, there is an optional post tour trip for three days to Marbella, including a day-trip to Gibraltar and an optional tour to Tangiers, Morocco. For more information, see the flyer at www.californiasar.org/events/ or contact David Eld, Magic Meetings and Incentives, (703) 379-8071 or deld@magicglobal.com.



San Antonio Compatriot Bob Brady, #174512, marked the grave of his ancestor James Brady. Attached is his report. Pictured are Matthew J. Brady to the left and Blair F. Brady to the right.

James Brady fought in the American Revolutionary War from 1778 to 1782 as a Private in the Cumberland County, PA militia. James Brady died in 1818 in Indiana County, PA. He is buried in the old Gilgal Presbyterian Cemetery where the attached photograph was taken and the S.A.R. marker was set on June 19,

Member Notices

Please remember

Ron Graves some minor surgery on the afternoon of 9/14

Col Thomas G. Morehead

Col. (Ret.) Thomas Garnett Morehead died peacefully in his San Antonio residence on the night of August 30th, 2009 at the age of 91. Throughout his career he received 2 Legions of Merit, a Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

James Tryon (J.T.) Bull

James Tryon (J.T.) Bull passed away on Monday, August 17, 2009. Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit and Special Breast Order of Yun Hui. J.T. is the father of Steven T. Bull (a member of San Antonio Chapter TXSSAR)

Jesse A Pfeiffer, Jr.,

Jesse A Pfeiffer, Jr., 75, died on September 5, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. He received numerous honors from the Army throughout his career, including medals for Exceptional Civilian Service and Meritorious Civilian Service. Fred N. Pfeiffer and Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, brothers of the late Jesse Pfeiffer, Jr. are members of the San Antonio chapter, SAR.

Registration Form

TXSSAR BOM October 30-November 1, 2009

Holiday Inn Select, Richardson, TX

Hosted by the Dallas Chapter

(Each Member should use a separate form.)

SAR Member Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Chapter Office (if any): _____

TXSSAR Office (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____ / _____

State: _____

Telephone #: _____

Confirm E-mail Address: _____

Name of Spouse (if attending): _____

Will you bring your car? _____

Names of other Guests: _____

Estimated Day and Time of Arrival: _____

Do you or any guest have special dietary or disability requirements? (Please Circle One): Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

The name of your patriot ancestor (for a prize drawing): _____

Registration Fee (SAR Members only): \$35

Friday Tour of New Dallas Cowboys Stadium and the TXSSAR Archives at University of North Texas, plus the wine & cheese party at Chancellor Bob Clark's home –

Bus leaves hotel at 1 p.m.; returns at 9 p.m.

\$37 (includes bus, tours, box dinner on bus, bus to party, and return) –

DEADLINE 10/20 or until bus is full (57 people)

Saturday Ladies' Tour of Crow Asian Art Collection

(Bus loads at hotel at 9:15 a.m.; returns at 2:30 p.m.):

\$15 (includes bus to Arts

District, to NorthPark, to Hotel)

Saturday Ladies' Lunch/Shopping (NorthPark Mall): Dutch Treat -----

Saturday Men's Luncheon BBQ Buffet: \$18

Saturday Night Banquet (Men and Ladies): \$22

TOTALS (Include check to TXSSAR BOM)**MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.**

Location: Holiday Inn Select, Richardson (West side of U.S. 75, 1/3-mile south of Campbell Road)

We recommend the Holiday Inn Select, Richardson, because of their great food and excellent value.

Holiday Inn Phone: 972-238-1900. You must mention the Sons of the American Revolution in order to get the great

price of **\$72.00** plus tax per room per night. Our room block will be available until they run out of rooms or October 16, whichever comes sooner.All hotel guests will receive a complimentary breakfast buffet , pool, & free parking. **Call 972-238-1900 for reservations.****Mail this form with payment to: Charles Baker Treasurer, TXSSAR BOM, 8600 Skyline Dr. #1005, Dallas, TX 75243 or [ONLINE at TXSSAR.org website.](http://TXSSAR.org)**

D A Y B Y D A Y I N T H E R E V O L U T I O N

In a letter to George Washington dated August 1st, 1775, Elbridge Gerry, struggling at the Siege of Boston, begged for gunpowder. To George Washington's "very great astonishment" he said he was down to only 36 barrels. Washington could have sworn that Gerry had 308 barrels.

Washington had asked the Committee of Supplies how much gunpowder they had. The Committee of Supplies, "not being sufficiently acquainted with the nature of a return (message) sent in an account of all the ammunition which had been collected, so that the report included not only gunpowder on hand, but what had been spent."

Washington banged his head against the wall . . . so to speak.

Gerry survived and went on to be James Madison's Vice President.

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August 2nd: Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence between June 11th and June 28th, 1776. On July 4th, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration. Delegates began signing it on August 2nd.

August 3rd: The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes on June 4th, 1777. On August 3rd, 1949, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress naming June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

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On August 7th, 1778, a British deserter had his bacon saved by a fish story. Closing questions to one of the court martial witnesses went like this:

"Do you recollect Colonel Morris buying a fish of the prisoner at Sandy Hook?"

"Yes sir."

"Did you hear any conversation between the Colonel and the prisoner?"

"No other than he told the Colonel that he had brought him a fish and the Colonel, asking what it had cost, paid him."

"Do you recollect hearing Colonel Morris tax him with being a deserter?"

"I believe that I have; I have often heard Colonel Morris during last summer speak very warmly against him for deserting."

After a bit more testimony, General Sir Henry Clinton gave the verdict:

"The Court having considered the Evidence for and against the Prisoner is of Opinion that he is Guilty of the crime laid to his charge, but having given himself up and been afterwards employed on different Occasions by Colonel Morris, instead of being immediately apprehended and brought to trial, the Court is of the further opinion that this implied a Pardon and gave the Prisoner reason to regard it as such; they therefore cannot under these Circumstances proceed to Sentence or Adjudge the Prisoner any Punishment."

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On August 8th, 1779, John Wentworth of New Hampshire signed the Articles of Confederation. Congress had adopted the Articles in 1777, but they were not fully ratified until 1781. They created a loose confederation of sovereign states and a weak central government. The need for a stronger Federal government led to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. The US Constitution replaced the Articles on March 4th, 1789.

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On August 10th 1780, Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, burst forth to lead the Williamsburg Militia. He recruited Patriots and ambushed British and Loyalists until he had gained control of the supply routes to Camden.



Francis Marion, The Swamp Fox