



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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



June-July 2010

## CHAPTER CELEBRATES JULY 4TH

Our chapter participated in two major events on July 4th; first, at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery sponsored by the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez. Where 16 Patriotic Organizations placed wreaths at the Flag Pole followed by a formal program saluting our Nation's Founders and all servicemembers who died in service to their country. President Peter Baron with Compatriot Campbell Baron carries the Chapter Wreath while Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Phillips Huck carry the SAR Banner. **(Photo at Top Right)**. MGen Simeon Trombitas, Commanding General of U.S. Army

South was the Keynote Speaker. He spoke on the services of Patriots of the American Revolution and the services being performed by today's heroes to maintain the freedoms that were won 234 years ago. The Musket Detail from SASAR and the Granaderos fired their muskets during the Roll Call of the 13 Colonies. Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough and Jay Lewallen appear at Left & Right of the Photo. **(Photo at Right)** The Master of Ceremonies was Compatriot Jack Cowan, Governor, Founding Chapter of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez.



Later in the morning, the San Antonio and Boerne Chapters joined in the U.S. Army's Salute to the Union at the Main Parade Ground on Ft. Sam Houston. Before the Cannon Firing, President Baron noted SAR's Purpose and Goals; then TXSSAR Color Guard standing at the Flag Pole observed Compatriot Frank Rohrbough Ring the Bell as each Original Colony was announced. Also shown are Compatriots Ed Heath & John Weir. Boerne Chapter members also participated. Again, the Musket Detail participated. **(Photo at Left)** The Salute to the Union is a "traditional ceremony commemorating the Declaration of Independence and consists

of firing one gun for each state starting at noon on the Fourth of July at every Post provided with suitable artillery." Colonel Mary E. Garr, Commander of the 502nd Mission Support Group was host for the ceremony. Following a test of each cannon, the Cannon Salute began. The event was well attend by the public and news media. **(Photo at Right)**



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots, with the year over half over, we are having an amazing 2010. We have participated in over 160 activities, utilizing 700 San Antonio Compatriots and over 150 Color Guardsmen participating. We have increased the San Antonio Chapter by 20 new Compatriots and had 10 Compatriots add a Supplemental Ancestor. The State meeting in Austin was recently held and our own Mark Collins, aka George Washington, was the guest of honor. At the TXSSAR State meeting statistics were presented on the state of TXSSAR Chapters. 16 TXSSAR Chapter had no new members in 2009. 9 TXSSAR Chapters had only 1 new member. Half of all TXSSAR Chapters are struggling. San Antonio is growing! Thanks to each of you and your efforts to be active and to bring in new membership. Recording Secretary Bob Brady is spearheading an effort to get our chapter involved with more Boy Scout activities. Corresponding Secretary Frank Rohrbough has been extremely effective at increasing

our visibility with the Veterans Administration. Compatriot Bud Davenport has stepped up and will be the incoming Chairman of the JROTC/ROTC programs. Compatriot Snyder has served most honorably and has decided to not chair the program next year. We are very grateful for the leadership he has provided and the relationships he has made with each of the Senior Instructors. We have been blessed to have Judge Butler back amongst our ranks. He is prepared to speak at the October Chapter meeting on the past year's successes. I will continue to encourage all members to recruit and to work on supplemental ancestors. For each supplement you approve, you open the avenues for more of your cousins to join. For each new member inducted, you bring another family into the brotherhood of the SAR. Our next major event is the Harris Middle School History Fair on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. I encourage all Compatriots to attend.

Fraternally yours, *Peter Baron*

## CHAPTER INDUCTS FOUR MEMBERS OF PRICE FAMILY

Local San Antonio Chapter President Peter Baron presided over the induction of three new members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter SAR in an afternoon ceremony on June 4, 2010, at Air Force Village II in San Antonio, Texas. The new members, brothers William Sidney Price Jr, Carter Price, and Harry Hemphill Price are along with Compatriot Bill

Price descendants of John Hudnall (1763-1844) of Bedford County, Virginia. Their patriot ancestor served two tours as a Private in the state militia from 1780 to 1781. His service included duty near Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia during the spring of 1781 as Lord Cornwallis moved north from North Carolina to Yorktown. He also performed patriotic

service in 1782 as a drover in Campbell County, Virginia.

Members of the San Antonio Chapter and President Baron were dressed in period attire in honor of the occasion. The three Price brothers will transfer their memberships to chapters in the Texas Society later this year. Each graduated from Texas A&M University, currently resides in Texas and

has served in the United States armed forces. Compatriot Bill Price (son of William), also a graduate of Texas A&M, lives in Virginia and continues as a member of the Fairfax Resolves.

Subsequent to their induction, William Price passed away and was buried at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on July 14th.



Cadet Stephanie Aviles from Cole High School, who is our **Outstanding JROTC Medal** Recipient in February, was announced by Ron Barker as the Texas Society's JROTC Scholarship Award Winner. President Peter Baron and Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough look on during the Award presentation at the State Convention on March 27th. She was our nominee to the National Society SAR for national recognition.

At the NSSAR Congress in Cleveland, Ohio on June 28-30, President General Ed Butler presented our chapter members with National Awards. Those receiving awards are as follows:

Peter Baron - National Meritorious Service Medal (N-MSM),  
George Harcourt - N-MSM  
Joe Ware - N-MSM  
Stephen Rohrbough - N-MSM  
Frank Rohrbough - N-MSM  
Rev James Taylor - N-MSM  
Rev James Taylor - Liberty Medal (41)  
Nita Ware - Martha Washington Medal  
Patricia Taylor - Martha Washington Md  
Diane Rohrbough - Medal of Appreciation  
All awards are National Awards and were dated June 28-30, 2010; President General Ed Butler will personally present these awards to members at the October 20th Membership Meeting.



Of particular note is that our Compatriot Mark Collins, member of our chapter since September 2009, was a featured speaker at the Summer BOM. As Gen George Washington, he spoke on the US Constitution and the merits of our form of government. His picture above was taken when he was filmed in the History Channel's 13 Part Mini-Series on George Washington.

Our Chapter also received other Awards at the TXSSAR State Convention as noted on our sterling Webpage as maintained by Compatriot Max Strozier. Compatriot George Harcourt received the Patriot's Medal; Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough was re-elected as State Vice President of Americanism and Compatriot James Taylor was elected as the State Society Chaplain. The Chapter was awarded the Outstanding Chapter in Group 3 for excellence in all areas.

**Compatriot Frank Rohrbough is looking for more Volunteers to operate a "Popcorn Concession" at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital one day a week.** We are now providing a community service but need 14 members commit to only one Friday each month. We need members to volunteer their time as an "alternates". Contact Compatriot Rohrbough at (830) 537-5452.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Round Table:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 P.M.

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M.

**Chapter General Meeting:** Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

### Special Events:

- Battle of Medina, August 21st at 10 A.M. (Call (830) 537-5452 for driving directions)
- History Fair at Harris Middle School, October 2nd at 10 AM (Assemble at 9:15 AM) All members are invited.

**Chapter Website:**  
[www.sarsat.org/](http://www.sarsat.org/)