



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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



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CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2010

At the January 20th Chapter Meeting, President General Ed Butler of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution installed the officers for 2010. The following members were inducted: Peter Baron, President; James Taylor, President-Elect, Chaplain & Genealogist; Rueben Perez, Vice President; Bob Brady, Recording Secretary; Frank Rohrbough, Corresponding Secretary & Sergeant At Arms; Harry Long Chancellor; John Dupree, Treasurer; Rene Villarreal, Registrar; John Orr, Historian; and Al Metts,

Honorary President. Following the induction, PG Butler addressed the Compatriots about happenings across the National Society and at the headquarters in Louisville. He touched upon the Library for the Advancement of American Heritage and the new headquarters building. He noted that a fellow fraternity member had arranged for a large donation to be made to the National Society in order to advance our cause of educating the public about our American Heritage and the principles of our Founding Fathers.



New Officers were installed by President General Ed Butler, National Society of SAR on January 20, 2010. Members are listed in the article to the left. Master Campbell Baron (center), son of President Baron, at 17 months is the our youngest Compatriot.

PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER INDUCTS GOVERNOR PERRY INTO SAR

On 11 February 2010, a contingent of Texas Society, SAR Compatriots assembled in the Reception Room on the second floor of the Texas State Capitol. Compatriots had traveled from across the great state of Texas to witness two significant events. Texas Governor Rick Perry was selected to receive the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Texas Society President Tom Lawrence had spearheaded the efforts and set up the meeting to award the medal. The Citation stated "in recognition of his outstanding achievements of National importance by improving the quality of life for all Americans along the U.S.-Mexican border". The second event was the Induction of Governor Perry into the San Antonio Chapter, SAR by PG Ed Butler. Governor Perry is the fourth great grandson of James Dinsmore, a private in George Maxwell's Company in Col. Isaac Shelby's North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line.



PG Butler presents SAR Certificate to Governor Perry at the Capitol. Witnessing are TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence and Color Guard.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The San Antonio Chapter has started strong in 2010. As of this writing, we have recorded 37 SAR activities with 185 Compatriots and 38 Color Guardsmen participating. We have 18 applications submitted to National awaiting approval. We have selected our first Enhanced ROTC Chapter winner and our first Eagle Scout Chapter winner in years. State Senator Wentworth has accepted our invitation to speak at our next Chapter meeting; Compatriot Rueben Perez has put together an exciting speaker program to finish out our year.

I encourage everyone to make an effort to participate in something they don't normally participate in, such as our VA Popcorn Project or ROTC medal presentations. March and April are very busy. Go to our website or call a member of the Executive Committee for more information or assistance. I am excited

about the possibilities 2010 has to offer. The Chapter has been given a "Presidential Challenge" to encourage recruiting on an individual bases and a medal/award program which is focused on increasing our visibility within the community. The Executive Committee has authorized mailings to local Compatriots who are not active in attempts to encourage our silent membership to enjoy all of our community actions. We have recruited and inducted our own Governor Perry into the San Antonio Chapter.

I want to close with thanks to our new, if only temporary, newsletter editor Frank Rohrbough. He has done an excellent job and is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Peter Baron

COMPATRIOTS SHOW APPRECIATION TO VETERANS

As part of the Annual Salute to Veteran Patients Programs and Appreciation Week, President General Edward Butler, head of the National SAR, led a delegation to the Kerrville Veterans Hospital on February 9th to thank hospitalized veterans for their service. President General Butler presented special commemorative medallions to 3 Purple Heart veter-

ans. The delegation included SASAR's President Peter Baron Jr., President-elect Rev. James Taylor, and Past Presidents Frank and Stephen Rohrbough of the San Antonio Chapter, and President Joseph Irion, Chaplain Joseph Benham and Bob Ogle, Veterans Committee Chairman of the Hill Country Chapter. SASAR Chapter members

also participated in recognizing veterans at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital to thank them for their service to our country. President Baron, accompanied by Compatriots Frank and Stephen Rohrbough, visited veterans residing in the Extended Care Treatment Clinic and hospice ward giving them valentine cards. A Reception followed in the Recreation Center.



PG Butler presenting Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin to J.T. Stem, US Army at the Kerrville VA Hospital. Compatriot Stephen Rhorbough is looking on.



At left: Color Guard Commander F. Rohrbough at the Geo. Washington parade, above: President Baron, Color Guard Commander F. Rohrbough, Cadet Aviles, past president S. Rohrbough at the February meeting, at right: chapter President Baron leading the SAR float as he was joined eight other San Antonio Chapter Compatriots participating in the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 20th.



Cadet Stephanie Aviles from Cole High School was presented the **Outstanding JROTC Medal** by Compatriot Courtland Snyder and President Peter Baron at the Chapter Meeting on February 17th. The award comes with a \$250 check.

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough needs Volunteers to operate a "Pop Corn Stand" at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital one day a week. With 10 members we can provide this service as a community service thereby having members commit to only one day a month. Please contact Compatriot Rohrbough by calling (830) 537-5452.

Chapter Round Table:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, March 9th, 5 P.M.

Chapter Business Meeting: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, March 11th, 11:30 A.M.

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club, March 17th, 11:30 A.M.

CAR State Convention, March 5th, Austin.

TXSSAR Convention, March

25-28, Houston at the West-chase Hilton, 9999 Westheimer Road.

History Faire, Frank Tejada Middle School, April 10th at 8 A.M.

Fiesta de los Ninos Parade, Port of San Antonio, April 17th, 11 A.M.

Pilgrimage to the Alamo April 19th, 3 P.M. (Assemble at Municipal Auditorium).