



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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AWARDS PRESENTED TO SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

On 20 October 2010, the San Antonio Chapter, SAR recognized Battalion Chief Brooke Hildreth with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal for her success and dedication in the SAFD. The SAR also recognized Assistant Chief Yvette Granato with the SAR EMS Commendation Medal. Chief Granato's efforts to improve the communications and EMS operations have improved morale, response times, and overall care provided by

SAFD. Chief Hildreth's & Chief Granato's commitment to the citizens of San Antonio and to the firefighter's they work with is in keeping with the high ideals of our Colonial Ancestors. The SAR extends its appreciation to each of these individuals and to all members of the San Antonio Fire Department. Fire Chief Charles Hood was present and assisted in the recognition of each of these pioneering women.



President Baron (far right) presents the Fire Safety and EMS Commendation Medals respectively to Battalion Chief Hildreth (center in black) and Assistant Chief Granato (center in white); looking on (from left to right) are Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Chief Hood and Captain Joseph Hemann.



(Photo at Left) On November 6th, the San Antonio Chapter participated in the 11th Annual US Military Veterans Parade Association's Parade in San Antonio. This parade celebrates the contributions made by active duty members and veterans who have served in the past for their service to this great country. From SASAR are Past-President-General Edward F. Butler with his son, Compatriot Jeff Butler riding in the car; other Color Guardsmen of the San Antonio and Boerne Chapters are shown in the background. From left to right are Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander (SASAR), President-Elect Larry Kinter (Boerne), Com-

patriots Jim Griffes (Boerne), Jay Lewallen (SASAR), Edward Heath (SASAR), Steve Locker (Boerne) and John Weir (Boerne). **(Photo at Right)** Shown is SAR's entry with Past President John Weir (Boerne) leading with the SAR Banner followed by Color Guardsmen (left to right) Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough, Ed Heath and Steve Locker. Campaign Flag Bearers in second row are Compatriots Jim Griffes and Larry Kinter.



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I want to thank all of you for your participation and support of the Sons of the American Revolution. We have had about 200 activities with 900 SAR members attending in 2010. Your membership allowed this to occur.

I encourage each of you to contact a member of the executive committee and ask about additional opportunities to help with future activities. We are increasing our participation with the Boy Scouts of America, with the Veterans Administration, with Audie Murphy Hospital, and with local schools. Opportunities continue to present themselves and you may just know where our next one is. We can send color guard members to your grandchildren's school or scouting event. Any chance to get out into the public and promote the ideals of our forefathers is a benefit to our Society and to our

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society. Our membership continues to grow. As of this writing we have increased our membership by 21 members in 2010 to 224. We have chosen a new slate of Officers to be elected at the December meeting and we are excited about the possibilities held in 2011.

I want to close with a reminder that the SAR allows membership to men and boys of any age. I mailed my nephew's application the day after he was born. Memberships for Children and Grandchildren of active members who use the same line cost \$73 for those under 18 and \$120 for those over 18. Annual dues for members under the age of 18 is only \$5 a year. I strongly encourage joining your grandchildren and young family members. History is essential for the development of our youth. Please help the SAR to ensure that our founding fathers ideals remain essential to the teachings of our young people. Fraternaly yours, *Peter Baron*

Scholarships

The E. C. Snyder SAR Scholarship is presently available to students enrolled in the JROTC program at San Antonio area high schools. This currently encompasses forty schools. Seventeen JROTC Cadets from these schools applied for the first annual Scholarship. Cadet Major Victoria Ellen Wixon was selected as this year's recipient. She was recognized as such during the Awards Ceremony at LTC Karen Wagner High School in late May. Cadet Wixon will be

attending Our Lady of the Lake University here in San Antonio. The E. C. Snyder SAR Scholarship is funded for several years into the future. Nevertheless, we would like to ensure its continuation and, if possible, expand it to an additional annual scholarship. Tax Deductible contributions to the Scholarship Fund are encouraged and welcome. Should you have any questions, please contact Compatriot Courtland Snyder (210-877-2032)



(Shown from Left to Right) At the October Meeting, Past President-General Edward F. Butler gives the SAR Oath to Compatriots:

- **Thomas Noel Osborn II**, (Patriot Private James Tappin, NJ),
- **Terril Ray Mendenhall** (Patriot Mordecai Michener, PA), and
- **Alexander Price Rubin**, (Patriot Private John Hudnall, VA).

Passing of Three Compatriots:

- Compatriot LCDR Paul Woodman Adams, Jr. NSSAR # 117012, Died 16 September 2010
- Compatriot COL Perry Hummel Burnham NSSAR # 62731, Died 4 November 2010
- Compatriot LTC Lester Reed Dillon NSSAR # 103803, Died 11 November 2010

Compatriots Burnham and Dillon were valued leaders in our Chapter for many years.

Although memorial services were held in Houston on November 10th, Compatriot Burnham will be buried at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston in early 2011.

The Chapter will be advised of the date so that members may attend the Military Burial Services.

Les Dillon, son of Compatriot LTC Reed Dillon, responded to our Memorial Resolution with the following remarks which he asked to be shared with Chapter members: **"My family was touched not simply by your presence, but the fact that this appeared to be more than a mere formality."** We are gratified to know that he really made a difference with an organization that he deeply admired. I do not know of anything he did in his later years that he enjoyed more than his SAR work". Compatriot Dillon, a member of our chapter for 38 years, served as our Chapter President in 1992 and received the Patriot Medal in 1996.



Compatriot Christopher Long, Professor of History and Theory at the University of Texas at Austin provided an excellent program on "The Architecture during the American Revolution" at our November Chapter Meeting. Above, President Baron presents a certificate and gift to Christopher Long as proud father Compatriot Harry Long looks on.

Note: The By-Laws Committee has drafted a revised version of the Chapter By-Laws. Please review them by going to the Chapter Web page @ www.sarsat.org. **Provide your comments to Compatriot Harry Long at hlong4@satx.rr.com . NLT December 4th.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Round Table: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 P.M. (Dec 7th)

Chapter Business Meeting: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. (Dec 9th)

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at

11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (Dec 15th)

Special Events:

• **Christmas Decorations:** Set up Christmas decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio, 9-11 AM, November 29th.

• **Joint DAR/SAR Christmas Luncheon:** December 4th at the San Antonio Country

Club at 11 AM.

- **Wreaths Across America:** The Chapter Color Guard and other Chapter members will participate in a ceremony set for 11 AM at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston on December 11th. Come join us for this event honoring our fallen veterans.

Chapter Website:
www.sarsat.org/