



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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CHAPTER INDUCTS 7 NEW MEMBERS

The first Chapter Meeting of the fall had almost 60 attendees. This best attendance of the year was the result of outstanding recruiting by Chapter members and the hard work of Compatriot James Taylor, our Genealogist and President-Elect. Recently, we have had 24 prospective members approved for membership in 2010; seven were inducted at the September Chapter Meeting. Three others will be inducted at the October Chapter Meeting. Compatriot Taylor was recognized at the September meeting for his Supplemental ancestor: Phinehas Sheldon, CT. Allan Baker was recognized and accepted the

Certificates for the Baker family (4) who proved their Supplemental ancestor: John Tatum, NC.

(Shown at Right Top from Left to Right) Scott Atkinson, Patriot Ezekiel Scott, CT; George Bechnell, Patriot Richard Brandon, SC; James Christensen, Patriot Conrad Grubb, PA; Harold "Bud" Davenport, Patriot Erastus Wolcott, CT; Sidney Francis, Patriot Benjamin Hawes, MA; David Richmond, Patriot John Frederick Seybert, PA; Scott Talbott, Patriot Jeremiah Carpenter, VA.. **(Bottom Right)** President Baron presenting SAR Rosettes to the new inductees.



(Photo at Left) On August 21st, 4 members of the San Antonio Chapter joined Past President TXSSAR Tom Green and 75 others fellow Texans to celebrate the 197th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina. Shown from left to right are Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Jack Cowan, Ed Heath and James Taylor. The Battle occurred on August 18, 1813 in Atascosa County about 20 miles south of San Antonio between the Republican Army of the North consisting of approximately a 1,400 men, called the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition by historians, and a Royal Spanish Army commanded by General Joaquin de Arredondo consisting of approximately 1,800 men. This was the bloodiest and largest

loss of life of any battle in Texas history. Five Patriots of the American Revolution were involved in the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition; one of these Patriots, Peter Side is known to have fought and died in the Battle of Medina. **(Photo at Right)** Shown are members of the Events' Musket Detail with Texian Squad firing and Spanish Squad to the left.



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots, I'd like to take a moment and welcome everyone back from our "summer break". Over the summer we have kept the fires burning and were able to induct 7 new members at the September luncheon. The September luncheon was attended by over 60 people, with 35 Compatriots attending. Our October meeting is going to be our Fire Department recognition meeting. I am hopeful that we will have a good showing for MY Fire Chief. We will also award the SAR Fire Commendation and the SAR EMS Commendation medals. Judge Butler will bring us up to speed on the goings on at National and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. The nominating committee is putting together a list

of candidates for the 2011 officers. Please consider assisting with the workings of the Chapter by volunteering to serve on one of our committees or projects.

We have many upcoming activities listed on the back of the newsletter so mark your calendars and plan to participate.

Of particular note, we have scheduled to assist in the decoration of the Audie Murphy VA Medical Center. Specifically, we will put up Holiday Decorations in the Recreation Services Center on Monday, November 29th from 9 AM to 11 AM. All members are invited to participate in this event and convey their appreciation to the veterans who have served our country throughout its conflicts from World War II to today in Southwest Asia.

Fraternally yours, *Peter Baron*

HEROISM AWARD PRESENTED TO SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER

The San Antonio Chapter was honored to have SAPD Officer Brandy Roell attend the September 16th Luncheon. Officer Roell graduated from the San Antonio Police Department Academy on 8 August 2008. She was assigned to South Patrol, B shift. Officer Roell was recognized for her role in a 2008 a shooting incident where her

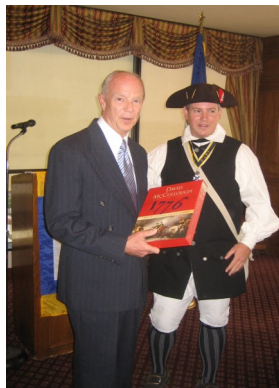
actions allowed for the escape of two SAPD Officers who were under fire by a suspect with an assault rifle. Officer Roell was shot in the altercation. Her training and perseverance contributed to her survival. The Sons of the American Revolution recognized Officer Roell with the SAR Medal of Heroism.



Shown are President Baron and the Roell Family



President Peter Baron and Officer Brandy Roell



Bruce Hoff, portraying President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was our guest speaker on September 15th. He spoke on his early experiences at Ft. Sam Houston and his courting and marriage to Mamie Doud. He recounted his military experience and rise to Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe in WWII and as our 34th President.

Hoff was our guest speaker in May when he portrayed General Eisenhower and spoke on events and insights pertaining to Allied Forces during WWII.

Following this wonderful portrayal, Compatriot John Orr, our Historian, recounted the comparisons of General Eisenhower (34th President) and General George Washington (1st President). Both were most Popular Presidents—Washington was unanimously elected by the Electoral College while Eisenhower received 53% of the popular vote in a general election. Both were Godly men—voluntarily chose to swear their oath of allegiance upon a “Holy Bible”, where Washington used his own personal Bible and Eisenhower borrowed Washington’s Bible for the first term and used his personal Bible for the second term.



Chapter members Compatriots Frank Rohrbough (carrying the US Flag) and Ed Heath (carrying the Texas Flag) joined the Boerne SAR Chapter in the Kendall County Fair Parade which was held in Boerne, TX on September 4th. Carrying the SAR Banner are Compatriots Larry Kinter, President-Elect (left) and John Knox (right). Compatriot Steve Locker carried the SAR Flag.

Note: Compatriot Frank Rohrbough reports that our efforts as Volunteers for the “Popcorn Concession” at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital has raised \$1,400 since early June. Volunteers are still needed as “alternates”. If you can give 5 hours a month, contact Compatriot Rohrbough at (830) 537-5452.

Quote: “A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.” Thomas Jefferson.

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:

- History Fair at Harris Middle School, October 2nd at 10 AM (Assemble at 9:15 AM) All members are invited. Come share stories of your Patriot Ancestor’s Life.
- Fall BOM Meeting, October 30-31, Houston, TX, Hilton Hotel Westchase. For more information, go to: <http://www.txssar.org/> and highlight “Events”.
- 11th Annual US Military Veterans Parade, November 6th, Noon to 2 PM (Assemble at 11 AM) All members are invited.
- **Joint SAR/DAR/CAR Holiday Luncheon:** Dec 4th at 11 AM, San Antonio Country Club.

Chapter Website: www.sarsat.org/