



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Convention held in San Antonio, TX. during March 23-25th, was a total success. During the Convention, our Chapter was awarded several awards for exemplary work and outstanding performance.

I am very proud to announce that Frank Rohrbough was awarded the prestigious Patriot Medal and that Stephen Rohrbough was elected to the position of President Elect of TXSSAR. Individual award recognitions to members and wives for their contribution to the TXSSAR Convention were presented at our last monthly meeting.

At our April 18th Meeting, Compatriot Mark Collins, representing General George Washington, presented a strong and moving message. The principals of our democratic republic and the message that the principals that made this country great are slowly eroding. He noted "that as members of SAR we should strive to convey to the students and citizens of our community the freedoms we enjoy, the institutions that we often take for granted were the hard work of others who established this great country." Yes, it is our task to keep our founding principals vibrant and in focus as we present ourselves throughout our community. Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on May 16th.

Respectfully, *Edward A. Heath*

Compatriot and Friends: Thanks to the dedication and participation of many of our members, led by Planning Committee Chairman Frank Rohrbough, the annual Texas Society SAR

CHAPTER HOSTS TXSSAR ANNUAL MEETING

The Texas Society held its annual State Conference in San Antonio at the Hilton San Antonio Airport Hotel on March 23-25th. The Annual Meeting was hosted by the San Antonio Chapter and its members. One of the key events of the Convention was the Annual Youth Awards Luncheon where winners were announced and recognized. The Young Fife and Drum Corps of Kerrville, TX, led by Commander Bode McKay, performed admirably while they presented the Colors to open the luncheon. They gave an inspiring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and then marched smartly as they departed the Ballroom. These youngsters range in age from 9 to 18.

Their performance received a spirited applause which led to the TXSAR Color Guard Commander, Marvin Morgan, remarking that our guardsmen will need to practice for about three hours before the Opening Ceremony

later in the afternoon if we are to save face.

Bode McKay was one of the finalist in the Oration

Contest that was held later in the Luncheon. While all contestants were superb in their speeches, Bode took first place receiving \$1,500 as his monetary award. As a 'home schooled' student, Bode was to graduate from high school on May 12th and getting his Bachelors Degree in History.

The highlight of the Convention was the announcement of the Patriot Medal recipients for 2012. **Shown at the left** is Compatriot Frank Rohrbough receiving his Patriot Medal from President Bill Marrs. **(Continued on page 2)**



CHAPTER HOSTS TXSSAR ANNUAL MEETING (CONT'D)

Altogether, 5 Medals were awarded (**only 1 medal per 500 state members are permitted per year**). Others receiving the Medal were Bob Northcraft, Drake Peddie, John Thompson and Gary Sisson .

The Meetings' success can be attributed to those serving on our Planning Committee which was Chaired by Compatriot Frank Rohrbough. All of our members of the Executive Committee played a vital role to assure the Convention operated smoothly and effectively starting with the Registration Desk (led by Bud Davenport) to the Luncheon and Banquet (led by George Harcourt) and ending with the Memorial Service (by James Taylor) and Board of Managers Meeting on Sunday morning. President Heath presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medalions to members shown below.



At left and shown from L to R are: Judge Ed Butler, Sarah and Bob Clark, Peter Baron and Bob Brady. **At right and shown from L to R are:** Bud and Ginger Davenport, George Harcourt, Jay Lewallen and Harry Long. Other participants and members



supporting the Annual State Meeting (**shown at Bottom Right and L to R**) are: Marie and Stephen Rohrbough, Lt. Colonel Tom Small and Joe Ware.

Chapter Awards Received: Because of the hard work of the our members during 2011, we received the following awards:

- **Adrian Drouilhet Award** — most new members < age 50 — 19
- **Col Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award** — total contributions exceeding previous year and Repeat Winner from last year.
- **John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award** — met 7 of 9 CAR activity Items on CAR Report and Repeat Winner from last year.
- **TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award** — White Star and a Repeat Winner from last year.
- **John Bruce Stuart Jr. Award** — Group 4—Veterans Activities.
- **Ross Shipman Award** — Multiple Page Division 2 — Outstanding Chapter Newsletter.
- **TXSSAR Yearbook** — Group 4 — 2nd Place
- **TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest** — 1st Place was Morgan McMilian from the Denny Anderson Society.



Special Note: Without great help from our members, we could not support such State Meetings and do it smoothly and successfully. Our Chapter will host the 2014 State Meeting on **March 27-30, 2014 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel At The Colonnade at IH-10W**

Pilgrimage to the Alamo



On April 23rd, members of the Chapter assembled at the Municipal Auditorium to participate in the Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo — an annual event held by the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas. Many civic and patriotic organizations participate in the solemn procession as a tribute to those Texians who died at Alamo fighting for their independence from Mexico in April 1836. According to DAR sources, more than 30 of them were sons or grandsons of Patriots of the American Revolution. Participating were the following: (**In photo from left to right**) Carrying the Parade Banner are Compatriots Bud Davenport and Hal Atkinson. Behind them are Compatriots Tom Small, (Father) Jim Schellenberg, Jay Lewallen, Stephen Rohrbough, Ed Butler, Bob Brady and Mark Remington and (not shown) his son Mark Remington III.

Chapter Celebrates in 82rd Birthday

On April 18th at our Chapter Meeting, President Edward Heath led the celebration of the Chapter's 82nd Birthday. We have been quite active as noted in the President's Remarks. Several of our members have been active in the Texas Society as well. Most notably is the election of Stephen Rohrbough as President-Elect in March 2012; he'll become the State Society President in March 2013. Some of the recent Past Presidents are still actively contributing to the Chapters' success since its founding on April 19, 1930. They include: Harry Long (Mar 1988-Mar 1990), Joe Ware (Mar 1993-Mar 1995), Stephen Rohrbough (Mar 1998-Mar 2000), Jimmie Massingill (Mar 2001-Mar 2002), Ed Butler (Mar 2002-Mar 2004), Jack Cowan (Mar 2004-Mar 2005), George Harcourt (Apr 2005-Dec 2005), Frank Rohrbough (Jan 2007 -Jan 2008), David Bowles (Jan 2009-Jan 2010), Peter Baron (Jan 2010-Jan 2011) and James Taylor (Jan 2011-Jan 2011).



(Above) President Heath thanks Compatriot Collins with a Certificate of Appreciation.

George Washington' Visits our Chapter: Our Guest Speaker was Compatriot Mark Collins, who has portrayed General George Washington on many occasions to include the History Channel's historic feature series, "The American Revolution". During our meeting, Compatriot Collins reminded us "that as members of SAR we should strive to convey to the students and citizens of our community the freedoms we enjoy, the institutions that we often take for granted were the hard work of others who established this great country." During this election season we have much to ponder about the country established by our patriot ancestors. One of our Founding Fathers stated, when ask what the Constitutional Convention had done, "We have established on Republic—if you can keep it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Chapter Business Meetings: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday of the month (May 10 & June 14) at 11:30 A.M.

Next Chapter General Meetings: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday in of the month (May 16th and June 20th) at 11:30 A.M.

Operation Ancestry Research: Monday, May 14th at 1300 and Tuesday, May 29th at 1100. (All Members are invited to participate.)

Independence Day Events:

- Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Educational Program, 10 AM (Assemble at 9 :15 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) All members are invited to participate or attend.
- Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service, Ft. San Houston National Cemetery, 10 A.M. (Assemble at 9:15 AM)

Summer Recess: No Chapter Meetings will be held in July or August. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 19th at the Petroleum Club.

TXSSAR's Board of Managers Meeting: The next Meeting will be held in Garden Inn Hotel in Temple, TX on October 5-7, 2012. For details, go to the TXSSAR's Public Webpage:

<http://www.txssar.org>

To learn more about our many Chapter events, go to our Webpage shown below.

SASAR Chapter Website:

<http://www.sarsat.org>