



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another year, we can reflect on all the activities of our Chapter and the unselfish support of our members. Your dedication to the principles of our American heritage is the foundation of the Sons of the American Revolution. I want to

thank you for your support and commitment. As I finish my year as President of the Chapter, I am confident that you will continue to support the programs of our incoming Officers. May the joy of the holiday season be abundant in your

family and as we rush to fulfill our activities, take time to pause when you see our National Flag and give thanks to the many patriots that gave us the great gift we enjoy, freedom and the greatest country in the world. Thank you for perpetuating this gift.

Edward A. Heath

CHAPTER CELEBRATES OUR VETERANS

To celebrate Veterans Day and give tribute to those currently serving and veterans who have served our country in years past, we held a Veterans Day Gala Dinner on Saturday evening, November 10th at the Petroleum Club. Forty-three members and their spouses and friends attended the event led by our President Ed Heath. Our guest speaker was Dr. Jeffrey Addicott (**see below**). The Color Guard opened the evening's activities and were led by our Chapter Color Guard Commander, Frank Rohrbough. Shown at right and from right to left are Color Guardsmen Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough (not visible) and Bob Hancock. President Heath recognized all of our members who are veterans or who are current serving. Also, we participated in the Annual US Military Veterans Association Parade in San Antonio.

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(Above) President Heath presents Dr. Addicott the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (Medallion) and Certificate for his presentation.

GALA CELEBRATIONS (CONT'D)

Our keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Jeffrey Addicott, Law Professor at St. Mary's University. An active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps for twenty years (he retired in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel), Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as the senior legal advisor to the United States Army Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security law, terrorism law and human rights law, Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad (over 500), but he is also a frequent contributor to national and international news media outlets to include FOX NEWS Channel, MSNBC, New York Times and Washington Post. Addicott is a prolific author, publishing over 20 books; Addicott's most recent book (2011) is entitled: *Terrorism Law: Cases, Materials, Comments, 6th edition*.

US MILITARY VETERANS PARADE

The U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association (USMVPA) conducts the annual Veterans Parade in San Antonio, Texas, every November as part of San Antonio's Celebrate America's Military (CAM) Week.

On Saturday, November 10th, the San Antonio Chapter again participated in the 13th USMVPA Parade in downtown San Antonio. This parade celebrates the currently serving active duty members and thank all veterans for their service in years past to this great country. This year we had Compatriot Lan Kelly and his wife Pat carry our banner from Alamo Plaza to Milam Park. Our newest compatriot, Jim Hudson provided his 1952 Vintage Korean Jeep with trailer which allowed members to ride in the parade for the first time. Hopefully, more members will join us in this and other parades in the future.



(Photo Above) Shown from left to right are SASAR Compatriots Lan Kelly, Stephen Rohrbough, Ed Heath (Chapter President), Bud Davenport, Mark Remington (seated in jeep), Jim Hudson, Frank Rohrbough and Jay Lewallen. Also, joining us was Pat Kelly, Lan's wife.

SAR-DAR YOUTH AWARD

The San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has recognized Jacob Hoyumpa, as the winner of their annual Middle School, Essay Contest and presented him with a specially designed DAR Certificate and medal, and an SAR Gift Card to a local book store.

The award was made at the annual DAR/SAR Christmas Luncheon, held at the San Antonio Country Club. Joining Jacob in the presentation (left to right) is Jay Lewallen, Chairman, Education Committee, SAR; Martha von Nimitz, Regent, DAR and Mary Eck, Past Regent.

Jacob Hoyumpa is an 8th grade student at Tejeda Middle School. His essay was entitled "Joel Clark, Fife and Drum Corps, American Revolutionary War" and his current history teacher is Sandra Guenther. One of the unique features of his essay was that the narrative connected with his own Patriot, Joel Clark, who fought in the Revolutionary War - eight generations ago. In the closing paragraph, Jacob mentioned that "Joel Clark and the other Patriots left us a great legacy" and then made a personal promise "I'll try my best to preserve it." And, Jacob is likely to do this, as his accomplishments are quite impressive. For example, he was awarded the Outstanding 7th Grade Musician for the Tejeda Symphony Orchestra in 2012 and has almost 50 merit badges toward becoming an Eagle Scout, which he should achieve next year. He was accompanied at the luncheon by his parents, sister and grandparents.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) seek to acknowledge and preserve the patriotic spirit of America and the values established by our Founding Fathers which are the values that lead to our freedom. **(For photo, go to pg 4.)**

INDUCTION OF FIVE NEW MEMBERS

On December 19th, President Edward Heath inducted 5 new members into SAR. Through the efforts of Compatriots Peter Baron (In-coming Genealogist for 2013) and James Taylor (Genealogist), 25 new members have been inducted into our Chapter and the Texas Society this year. Members are encouraged to find new candidates so we can continue to grow our Chapter's membership. **(Photo at Right)** Shown from left to right are: Byron Howlett (John Howlett), Russell Aldrich (George Aldrich), Gerald (Jerry) Ball (Job Broughton), Bill West (Aristotle Eldrige) and James (Jim) Hudson (John Fleming). Patriot Ancestor is shown in parenthesis.



SAR ESSAY AWARD



Miss Dakota Russell was awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her essay on "Women of the American Revolution". Her essay was our Chapter's nomination to compete for the 2012 TXSSAR Knight Essay Contest last March. She was a senior at John Marshall High School at the time of this selection, but was unable to attend our meetings until December 19th. She now attends Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX. As our Guest Speaker, she read her essay to the membership.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS CHAPTER AWARDS TO 2012 OFFICERS

As noted in the "President's Farewell Message", the efforts of all of our Chapter Officers and Chairmen of our various committees and program made this a very successful year. Several highlights of the year include our participation in the George Washington Parade in Laredo, history fairs at local elementary and middle schools, the Independence Day Program at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, the US Military Veterans Parade, our Veterans Day Gala Dinner and our Joint DAR/SAR/CAR Christmas Holiday Luncheon. All of these activities support SAR's goal to promote the education of citizens about the history and events of the American Revolution. **(Photo Below)** Shown from left to right standing are: Jim Massingill, Jay Lewallen, James Taylor, Jerry Fulenwider, Peter Baron, Edward Butler, Bob Clark, and Bob Hancock. Seated from left to right are Joe Ware, Harry Long, George Harcourt, and Frank Rohrbough. Not shown but recognized was Bud Davenport. Others not present are: Stephen Rohrbough, Bob Brady, Bill Clanton and Tom Small who will receive their Awards in January.





(Shown at Left) Compatriot Jay Lewallen, Education Committee for SASAR, spearheaded the selection process for this Joint Youth Award. Receiving the Award was Jacob Hoyumpa, 8th Grade Student at Tejada Middle School. Co-presenters are Martha von Nimitz, Regent, San Antonio de Bexar Chapter, DAR and Mary Eck, Past Regent.

OFFICERS FOR 2013

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 19th Chapter Meeting:

President: James Taylor
Vice President: Joseph Berkley
Recording Secretary: Mark Remington
Corresponding Secretary: Frank Rohrbough
Sergeant at Arms: Frank Rohrbough
Treasurer: Bob Clark
Registrar: Peter Baron
Historian: Jim Massingill
Chaplain: James Taylor
Genealogist: Peter Baron

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND

Chapter Business Meeting: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. (Jan 10th)

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (Jan 16th)

• **Operation Ancestry Research:** Our training dates are on Jan 11th and 25th at the Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX starting as 1 PM .

JOINT SAR-DAR-CAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The joint meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 1st at the San Antonio Country Club. Regent Martha von Nimitz was our hostess for the annual event. Joining Jacob are our Award Winner's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Don Hoyumpa, and our Chapter's Color Guard who includes (from left to right) Compatriots Bob Hancock, Jay Lewallen, Edward Butler and Stephen Rohrbough.



• **Remove Christmas Decorations:** Take down Christmas decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio, 9-10 AM, January 3rd.

• **Reception for President Clark:** No-Host Dinner at the Tre Trattoria Restaurant, Jan 15th at 6:30 PM.

Chapter Website: www.sarsat.org/