

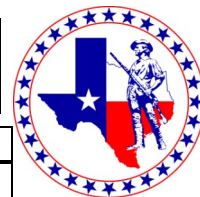


# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot James Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Compatriot and Friends of SAR: The second time around is twice as sweet" or so the song says. We have an outstanding leadership team with Pastor Joe Berkley as the President-Elect. He is eager to learn and will make an outstanding President next year of our Chapter. With his and our skilled Executive Council leaders, we are looking forward to an outstanding year in 2013. Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of being your Chapter President for the coming year. We have "hit the ground running". Our own soon to be "newly elected" TXSSAR State President Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough, and TXSSAR President Robert Clark were present for the installation of this years' Officers. We have participated in many events so far this year including Honoring our Veterans at the Audie Murphy VA Center and its area Clinics and participating in the largest George Washington Parade in the world at Laredo the weekend of 23 February. Youth Programs and Education are central to our continual success, contacting school and local communities to encourage participation in our youth activities and awards programs. Essay and oral contests for ROTC and Local High School students and poster contest for Middle School is a primary goal. Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Bud Davenport and their teams are already presenting programs to the youth in our community. Our color guard is a most visible asset; these compatriots devote considerable time to present SAR to our communities. New compatriots are always welcome. Contact Commander Frank Rohrbough if you want to become involved too. There are opportunities to serve the Veterans too — help with the Popcorn Concession or visit the veterans. This year we are trying to get a new program established of giving tool boxes (\$1000. + in value) to the Wounded Warriors. Once again, I am humbled by this opportunity and will endeavor to do my best to keep our San Antonio Chapter #4 on top. Respectfully, *James C. Taylor*

## NEW OFFICERS INDUCTED FOR 2012

At our January 20th Meeting, President Robert

Clark, Texas Society SAR, installed the new officers for our Chapter for 2013. The following members were elected by the members at the December 2012 Chapter Meeting: James Taylor, President and Chaplain; Mark Remington, Recording Secretary; Frank Rohrbough, Corresponding Secretary & Sergeant At Arms; Robert Clark, Treasurer, Peter Baron, Registrar and Genealogist; and Jim Massingill, Historian.

We were honored to have as our Guest Speaker Compatriot Robert Clark, President, TXSSAR, from Dallas, TX. President Clark began by inducting our elected officers to their elected positions by administering the SAR Oath of Office. Those present and taking the Oath (shown in the photo below from left and left to right) are Compatriots Jim Massingill, Frank Rohrbough, Bob Clark, Bill Clanton, Peter Baron, , James Taylor, Joseph Berkley, Mark Remington, and James Taylor. President Robert Clark is shown on the far right of the photo.

Following the induction ceremony, President Clark spoke of the state of the Texas Society and the upcoming State Conference in Dallas at the Wyndham Hotel (at Love Field) on April 5-7, 2013. The Annual Meeting, which is being hosted by the Dallas Chapter, will conducted its committee meetings on Friday until 3:30 PM. The General Session



(Above) President Clark shares his remarks about the Texas Society and its efforts to promote its youth programs and activities.



opens at 3:45 PM and continues through Sunday morning.

For more details, go to TXSSAR webpage at "www.txssar.org", go to the "Home" tab and select "Public Site" then click on the "Events" tab and select "2013 Annual Conference".

## SAR Celebrates George Washington Parade in Laredo

Through the extraordinary efforts of Compatriot Tom Green, TXSSAR Past President, a multi-state SAR group participated in the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo on February 23rd.

Joining in at the International Bridge Ceremony at 8 A.M. was Compatriot Michael Tomme, National Color Guard Commander and leaders of TXSSAR delegation including President Robert Clark and President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough.

The George Washington Pa-

rade is sponsored by the world renowned Budweiser Brewing Co.; the highly recognized Clydesdale Horses led the Parade. It is estimated that 300,000 plus parade viewers line the 3 plus mile parade route. Most likely, it is the largest Parade SAR participates in the country. Attendees from the San Antonio Chapter included TXSSAR President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough, Chapter President-Elect Joe Berkley and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough.

As a NSSAR national event, this event counts towards award of SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.



(Above) At the International Bridge Ceremony are President-TXSSAR Robert Clark (with SAR Flag) and other members of the TXSSAR Color Guard to include Tom Green, Frank and Stephen Rohrbough and Tom Jackson. Show behind Clark is Compatriot Frank Seidule, TXSSAR Sgt at Arms. **More photos are shown on page 4.**

**SAR — DAR Participate in GW Parade:** Because of the great efforts of Compatriot Tom Green and the hospitality and marketing efforts of Rick Ramirez, President of the Laredo SAR Chapter, over 30 SAR Members and their Ladies (several wearing period clothing) participated in this years' Parade. The chapter provides a float for those who prefer to ride. Following the parade, President Ramirez and his family hosted over 100 SAR guests and their ladies to a Chapter sponsored luncheon in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Compatriot Ramirez presented Parade Pins to all first time participants in the Parade. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Bernardo de Galvez were struck in 2010 specifically for SAR Color Guardsmen; the Bronze Medal is awarded to those who participate for the first time in this historic Parade.



**NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting:** Four members of the San Antonio Chapter attended the Spring Leadership Meeting at the Historic Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY Feb 28-Mar 2. **Shown at left** are James and Pat Taylor, Robin and Ed Butler, and Stephen and Frank Rohrbough. **Shown at right** is President-General Stephen Leishman inducting the honorable US Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell as a new member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Observing is National Color Guard Commander, Michael Tomme.







**Chapter Inductions:** At the February Chapter Meeting President-Elect Joe Berkley inducted two new members into the Sons of the American Revolution. These included Compatriots Frederic Soupiset and Peter Gill. **Shown at Left:** Compatriot Soupiset shared his story about his Patriot Ancestor Samuel Henderson, South Carolina Militia. Soupiset quickly showed his support of SAR by participating in our Program at the Tejada Middle School History Faire on April 6th; he demonstrated how to make a period appropriate Powder Horns. **Shown At Right:** Compatriot Gill shares some details about his Patriot Ancestor CPT Zeally Moss, Virginia Continental Line, Loudoun County, who served as General George Washington's Wagon Master, 1780. Certainly, Peter has more to tell us about his Patriot Ancestor.



**8th Grade Essay Contest Established:** Through Compatriot Jay Lewallen's leadership, a jointly sponsored essay contest was established by SAR & DAR. We chose the 8<sup>th</sup> grade because in the State of Texas this is the grade where the American Revolution is introduced, by law. To broaden the support base of the contest, we invited the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of DAR to join us in sponsoring and funding the contest, which they were pleased to accept and certainly made an excellent contribution. To gain some experience with the contest, we decided to focus on one middle school, Harris Middle School. The rationale for this school was that this is the school which has for many years included SAR in their annual History Faire. We coupled the timing of the contest to (1) the month in which the American Revolution was being introduced and (2) the month of the History Faire. This allowed our SAR History Faire participants to meet one-on-one with interested students to discuss revolutionary period topics and share our knowledge on topics already selected by the students. We had strong support from the school and the lead history teacher.

Three essays were selected by a committee composed of SAR and DAR members, using a grading protocol developed for this specific contest:

- (1) First place went to Lance Campbell for an essay entitled: Ranging . . . A New Type of Warfare.
- (2) Second place went to Elizabeth Pilotte for an essay entitled: John Trumbull: A Revolutionary War Artist.
- (3) Third place went to Sofia N. Lopez for an essay entitled: Hidden Heroine Heroism.

The initiative was well received. First place winner Lance Campbell will address our Chapter in March. Each winner received an SAR Certificate and a Gift Card.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Sonterra Blvd 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meetings are on Mar 14th and Apr 11th)

**Chapter General Meeting:** Usually held at the Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. Next Meeting is on March 20th.

### Special Events:

- The **Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of SAR** will be

hosted by the Dallas Chapter at the Wyndham Hotel at Love Field during the period April 4-7, 2013 . All members are encouraged to attend this TXSSAR Annual Meeting.

- **Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire**, Saturday, April 6th, 9AM - 4 PM. Compatriot Fred Soupiset will show students how to make a powder horn. All members are invited to participate in this history filled event and meet with students telling

them of your Patriot's contribution to the cause of liberty. Contact Compatriot Jay Lewallen at [jlewa@satx.rr.com](mailto:jlewa@satx.rr.com) to learn more.

- **Operation Ancestry Research:** Training sessions are on Mar 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX starting as 1 P.M. **(All Members are invited to participate.)** (Peter Baron)

For more, go to our Chapter Website: [www.sarsat.org](http://www.sarsat.org).



**George Washington Parade (Cont'd)**  
**Laredo TX, Feb 20. 2013**

