



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

WOW! It is hard for me to believe, 2015 is almost half over! Our Chapter has been very busy the past two months. We had our State SAR Convention in Houston in which we were well represented and won our share of the awards - Gosh it is hard to be humble. We have been active in participating in School History Fairs, judging the Knight Essay contest and are in the middle of awarding SAR medals to outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC students in our area. We also, participated in selecting the winner of the EC Snyder Jr Memorial Scholarship Award.

It was a real honor to be asked to provide Color Guard SAR participants at the Texas Society State DAR Conference, held at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio on March 5th thru 8th. The DAR ladies really know how to conduct a State Conference. They know when to be formal and when to have a good time - I was impressed.

Our Chapter was again asked to provide the Color Guard at the Pioneer Ball during Fiesta. We also, participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo which is always a solemn event. **For more details, see page 5 .**

Tom Small, as Chapter President Elect, has really jumped in and has taken over the duties of the Office and is doing a superb job. He attended the Texas Society Annual Conference in late March and took some very detailed notes of interest that were announced and reported them to members during our Executive Committee (business meeting) on April 9th. Of particular note, Tom records our events as they occur in the Chapter for our Annual Report, which eliminates any guess work when the Chapter compiles its End of Year Report. Tom thanks! We are working on our Fall Chapter Gala in October; if you wish to help with the planning please let me know. I know it will be great success.

As a final note, I have appointed Compatriot Ed Snyder as our Chapter Chancellor replacing Compatriot Ben Wallis, Jr. I am grateful for Ben's service as Chancellor these past two year. Compatriot Snyder will be reviewing and updating our Chapter By-Laws.

Respectfully, *Bob Hancock*

## CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARDS AT TXSSAR MEETING

Because of the sustained work of members during the period March 2014 to April 2015, the

following Awards were presented to our Chapter during the TXS SAR Annual Meeting held March 27-29, 2015.

### Chapter Awards for Service to SAR

- **NSSAR Partners in Patriotism**—For service with veterans group in pursuit of common goals serving veterans.
- **NSSAR USS Stark Memorial Award**—Based on size with best record of service to veterans
- **John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award**—Participated in 8 of 10 Elements (Green Streamer and White Star)
- **Adrian Drouilhet Award**—Most new members < under the age of 50.
- **TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award**—White Star and a Repeat Winner from last year.
- **Ross Shipman Award**—Outstanding Chapter Newsletter (Multiple Page Division 2)

### Individual Awards for Chapter Members for Service to SAR:

- **NSSAR Meritorious Service Medal**—**Frank Rohrbough** for service as Chair of Gov't Relations Committee
- **Lamplighter Awards**—**Frank Rohrbough** for support Ctr for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) - \$500
- **NSSAR Roger Sherman Medal**—**Stephen Rohrbough** for his support as TXS SAR Trustee to NSSAR
- **TXS SAR Meritorious Service Medal**—**Frank Rohrbough** for services as Chairman Veterans Committee
- **Silver Service Medal**—**Compatriots Bob Hancock, Peter Baron, Schuyler Crist, Ed Heath and Mark Remington** for their service to the State Society.
- **Certificates of Appreciation**—**James Taylor and Peter Baron** for serving as State Chaplain and VP for Awards and Medals respectively.

Our Chapter can be proud of our services to the local community which has brought recognition to SAR.

## TEXAS SAR COLOR GUARD SUPPORTS 2015 TXDAR STATE MEETING



Compatriot Tom Green, Past TXS SAR President, gathered the Societies' Color Guard to Present the Colors at the Annual 2015 Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution Convention which was held at the Omni Colonnade in San Antonio in late March. Shown (L to R) are: TXS SAR President Bob Cohen, San Antonio SAR Chapter President Bob Hancock, (Center) Madam State Regent Pamela Wright, Compatriot Tom Green, TX District VP Ed Heath and Color Guard Commander John Thompson.

## CHAPTER MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICES TO SAR



At the Chapter Meeting on March 19th, several members were recognized for their outstanding service to SAR. **(Photo at Right)** Past President General NSSAR Edward Butler presented the Past President's Pin and Certificate to Compatriot Robert Hancock for his service as Chapter President for 2014. Such service led to his election for a second term as President for 2015. **(Photo at Left)** President Hancock gives a special "Thank You" to Compatriot Frank Rohrbough for being our Speaker where he spoke on "Washington's Secret War". This enlightened many of our members of the struggles General Washington faced during the Winter Encampment at

Valley Forge in early 1778 within his ranks and by selected members of the Continental Congress to remove him as Commander-in-Chief. **(Photo at Far Right)** President Hancock presented the prestigious Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Ed Snyder III for his service to the Chapter. Looking on is Past Texas SAR President Stephen Rohrbough. Also, President Hancock announced that Compatriot Snyder (who manages the Snyder Scholarship in memory of his father) was appointed Chancellor of the Chapter.



## INDUCTION OF MR. LARRY LUCKETT

On April 15th Compatriot

Larry Luckett was inducted into the SAR through his Patriot Ancestor Andrew Broga. Compatriot Luckett served 22 years in the US Army as Medical Service Corps Officer as a Nuclear Engineer and Certified Health Physicist and Retired in the grade of Lt Colonel. He now volunteers at the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society Library where he serves as a Secretary of the Society and Editor of their Journal "Our Heritage".

Compatriot Luckett's Patriot Ancestor Andrew Broga enlisted in December 1775 at Southwick, Massachusetts for the term of one year as a private in the company commanded by Captain Oliver Hanchet in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment commanded by Colonel Wyllys. On January 1, 1776 the 2nd Connecticut Regiment was redesignated as the 22nd Continental Infantry Regiment (Connecticut) which served in the Siege of Boston, the Battle of Long Island, the Battle of White Plains and the Defense of the Hudson River Highlands. We hope Compatriot Luckett will share more of his Ancestor's life at a Chapter Event.



## CHAPTER MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN PIONEER BALL

Compatriot Jay Lewallen and his Lady Diane once again hosted a table at the



96th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball on Saturday, April 18th at the River Plaza Room of the historic Granada Bldg near La Villita. Their Guests included: Chapter President Bob Hancock, Harold and Jeanette Atkinson, Paul and Rose Reynolds, James and Pat Taylor and Frank and Diane Rohrbough.

(Photo at Left) The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the Opening of the Pioneer Ball Celebration. Shown (L to R) are Compatriots Bob Hancock (Chapter President) guarding the U. S. Flag; Paul Reynolds (Chairman of the ROTC Committee); Frank Rohrbough (Commander of the SAR Color Guard and Past President of the San Antonio Chapter); James Taylor, Past President and current Chaplain and Jay Lewallen guarding the Texas Flag (Chairman of the Education Committee and member of the Pioneer Association.)

Compatriot James Taylor provided the Invocation. (Photo Below) Compatriot Jay Lewallen and his wife Diane (also a member of the Pioneer Association). Because of their membership in the Pioneer Association, they



were instrumental in getting the Chapter to Present the Colors since April 2012. (Photo at Right) Compatriot Hal Atkinson lead the Pledge to the U.S. Flag as part of the Opening Ceremonies.



## CHAPTER CELEBRATES 85TH BIRTHDAY

On April 15th at our Chapter Meeting, President Bob Hancock led the celebration



of the Chapter's 85th Birthday. Our chapter has been quite active as noted in the President's Remarks. Several of our members are serving in leadership positions of the Texas Society. Some of the Past Presidents present who are still actively contributing to the Chapters' success since its founding on April 19, 1930 include (**Photo L to R**): Frank Rohrbough (Jan 2007–Jan 2008), George Harcourt (Apr 2005-Dec 2005), Jimmie Massingill (Mar 2001-Mar 2002), Ed Butler (Mar 2002-Mar 2004), Bob Hancock (Jan-Dec 2014), Joe Ware (Mar 1993-Mar 1995), Harry Long (Mar 1988-Mar 1990) and Stephen Rohrbough (Mar 1998-Mar 2000). Others members to include Peter Baron (Jan 2010-Jan 2011) and James Taylor (Jan 2011-Jan 2013) are working hard as active members of the Executive Committee and participating in Chapter Events throughout the year. See **Page 5** for upcoming events.

## GUEST SPEAKER TELLS ABOUT ARMY'S PERSONNEL RECOVERY PROGRAM

On April 15th, Mr Doug Sanders, Retired Military and US Army Ranger was our Guest Speaker. He is currently serving as a Department of the Army Civilian, HQ. US Army South, as the Director of the Personnel Recovery Coordination Center.

Mr. Sanders stated that "Personnel Recovery is defined as the sum of military, diplomatic, and civil efforts to effect the recovery and return of US military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and contractors who are isolated in an operational environment." He spoke about the process of recovery of

U.S. personnel held as prisoners in hostile countries around the world who are returned home following extended periods of captivity. He explained how they were transitioned back into life within their home and military or civilian community. This re-integration process is usually a lengthy process, especially if the individual was held in captivity for many years like those held in Iran, Columbia or Vietnam. As a recent example, Mr. Sanders spoke about the re-integration process of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the controversial U.S. soldier who was recovered in Afghanistan last year after five years in captivity.



## CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL TEJEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY FAIRE

Meeting in Houston, several of our members participated in the Frank Tejeda Middle School History Faire. Compatriot Jay Lewallen took the lead role to provide selected demonstrations of the American Revolution events, period uniforms and weapons, camp life during the Revolution. **(Photo at Right)** Compatriot Lewallen is shown wearing the coonskin hat. Compatriot Fred Soupiset demonstrates loading an exact replica of a period rifle while Jay Lewallen while Tejeda Middle School Student look on. Also attending the event but not in the photo was Compatriot Bob Hancock, President, San Antonio Chapter .

On Saturday, March 28th, while many of our Chapter Leaders were attending the Annual Texas Society SAR



## PILGRIMAGE TO THE ALAMO

On April 20th eight members of the Chapter assembled at the Vietnam War Memorial near the Tobin Center to participate in the 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 on March 6, 1836. According to DAR sources, more than 30 of them were descendents of Patriots of the American Revolution. **(Photo at right)** Participating members included: Carrying the Parade Banner are Compatriots Larry Loop (L) and Tom Small (R). Standing behind the Banner is Former President-General NSSAR Edward Butler. Shown (L-R) are Color Guardsmen Jay Lewallen, Fred Soupiset, Chapter President Bob Hancock, Frank Rohrbough and Bob Brady.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Napa Flats Restaurant, 1301 N Loop 1604 W (in Vineyard Shopping Center), 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meetings are on May 14th and June 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 Meetings are on May 20th and June 17th .

**Operation Ancestry Research:** Training sessions are on Mondays

May 4th & 18th at Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX starting as 1 P.M. **(All Members are invited to participate.)**

**George Washington Prayer Breakfast,** Saturday, May 9th at 10:30 AM. at VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Hwy. **(All Members are invited)**

**Memorial Day Scouting Flag Placement Event,** Friday, May 22nd at 5:00 P.M. Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. (Assemble at 4:15 PM)

### Independence Day Events:

- Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Educational Program, **Jul 3rd**, 10 AM (Assemble at 9 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) All members are invited to participate or attend.
- Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service, Ft. San Houston National Cemetery, **Jul 4th**, 10 A.M. (Assemble at 9 AM)

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