

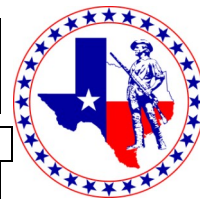


THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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Compatriot Thomas Small, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I want to thank everyone again for selecting me as your Chapter President for 2016. Thank you for all of your support and a special thank you to all of

the Ladies of the Chapter for your unwavering support.

Dave Brooks is joining our leadership team and will serve as the Vice President. Larry Loop is now serving as the DAR and CAR committee chairman. All of the other stalwart officers and committee chairman from 2015 will continue to serve this year as well. Thank you all for what you do in service to our Chapter.

And we are off and running!!! So far, we are keeping up with our community engagements.

In January our Chapter supported the VA Hospital with volunteers and support of "Salute to Veterans" week, we have made appearances at a local school and DAR meetings, participated in Naturalization ceremonies, conducted genealogy seminars at the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center, selected entries to represent our Chapter for the Americanism Poster contest and the Knight Essay contest at the Texas Society competitions, and joined the Laredo Chapter for the 119th George Washington's Birthday Celebration & Parade.

If you are wanting to participate and contribute, there are several great opportunities coming up in the next few months. Paul Reynolds will need volunteers to present the JROTC and ROTC medals to students; if there is a school with JROTC / ROTC near you then please help us by becoming our "Chapter Liaison" to their program. Dave Brooks is coordinating our support for the Tejada Middle School History Fair on 2 April. The Texas SAR Annual Meeting is going to be held in Richardson, Texas from 31 March to 3 April and everyone is welcome to attend but you must register by 9 March! If you can't make it to one of those events, please come to Executive Committee meetings held at Napa Flats Restaurant and/or the Chapter Meetings held at the Petroleum Club. See you soon! Compatriotly, *Tom Small*



NEW OFFICERS INDUCTED FOR 2016

At our January 20th Meeting, President Larry

Stevens, Texas Society SAR, installed the new officers for our Chapter for 2016. The following members were elected by the members at the December 16, 2015 Chapter Meeting: **Tom Small**, President, **Dave Brooks**, President Elect and Programs, **Paul Reynolds**, Recording Secretary; **Frank Rohrbough**, Corresponding Secretary & Sergeant At Arms; **Ed Snyder III** Chancellor; **Jim Massingill**, Treasurer; **William Clanton**, Historian, **Peter Baron**, Registrar, and **James Taylor**, Genealogist and Chaplain.

We were honored to have as our Guest Speaker President Larry Stevens, TXS SAR. **(Photo at Right)** President Stevens shared his goals for the



Texas Society. He went on to addressing the subject of Biological Warfare during the Revolution. Following his remarks, President Stevens inducted the officers who were elected in December

by administering the SAR Oath of Office. **(Photo Below)** From left to right are inductees who were present: Paul Reynolds, Tom Small, Frank Rohrbough and Dave Brooks. In closing, President Stevens noted that the Texas Society was planning its upcoming State Conference in Dallas, TX at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 31 to April 3, 2016. He encouraged members to attend the State Conference if possible. He expressed his personal appreciation for our Chapter hosting the social gathering to welcome him and First Lady Barbara.



SAR Participates in George Washington Parade

Compatriot Tom Green, TXS SAR Past President, took charge to recruit a multi-state SAR group to participate in the Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo on Feb 20th. Joining in at the International Bridge Ceremony at 8:00 A.M. was South Central District (SCD) Vice-President-General Stephen Rohrbough and leaders of TXS SAR delegation including President Larry Stevens and Past TXS SAR President Tom Green. Others notables attending the Parade include National SAR

Color Guard Commander David Hover, SCD Color Guard Commander Frank Rohrbough and TXS SAR Color Guard Commander Drake Peddie and Louis Raborg, Former Color Guard Commander of Maryland.

The George Washington Parade is sponsored by the world renowned Budweiser Brewing Co. It is estimated that 350,000 plus parade viewers line the 2.5 mile parade route.

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

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(Above) Leading the Procession to the International Bridge Ceremony are (L-R) Vice President General for the South Central District (SCD) Stephen Rohrbough, First Lady of Texas Society Barbara Stevens, President TX SAR Larry Stevens and Color Guard Commander SCD Frank Rohrbough. The Bridge Ceremony included Homeland Security Secretary Johnson as the Keynote Speaker and the exchange of greetings between the Mayors of Laredo TX and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Laredo Chapter Hosts SAR Members in George Washington Parade:

Due to the concerted efforts of Compatriot Rick Ramirez, President of the Laredo SAR Chapter, TXSSAR Members and their Ladies (several wearing period clothing) participated in this year's Parade. The chapter provides a float for those who prefer to ride. Following the parade, President Ramirez hosted all SAR guests and their ladies to a Chapter sponsored meeting in the Ballroom at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. The Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal which was struck in 2010, is presented to SAR members who participate for the first time in this historic Parade.

The Parade began in 1898 and is the anchor Event for 27 Festival Events over a 33 day period starting in late January. For more details, go to <http://www.wbcalaredo.org>. **(Photo)** Shown from left to right are Chapter Members and Ladies who participated in the Parade: Compatriot Larry Loop and Lady Marilyn, VPG Stephen Rohrbough and First Lady Marie, Compatriot Frank rohrbough and Lady Diane, Lady Stacy and President Tom Small and Compatriot Brad Crocket.



Chapter Awards Presented

(Photo at Left) Outgoing President Bob Hancock recognized the support given by Lady Rose Reynolds to the SAR Chapter through her longtime attendance at our Chapter Meetings by presenting her the SAR Lydia Darragh Award.

(Photo at Right) Compatriot Paul Reynolds, Chair of the ROTC Awards Program, continued his recognition of other members who supported the ROTC Awards Programs. During 2015. He recognized Compatriot Larry Loop with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



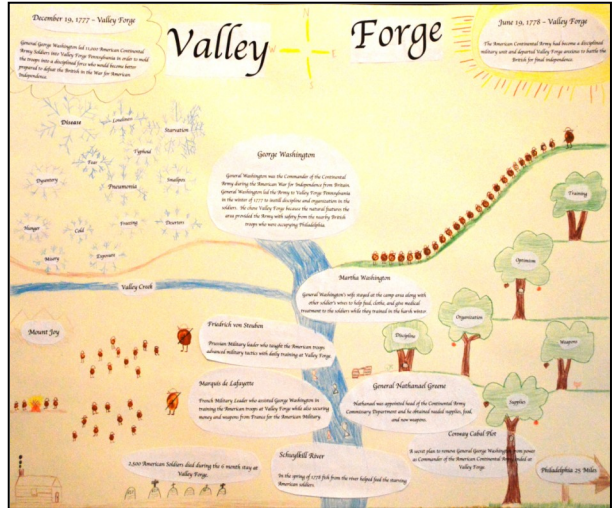
Chapter Selects Poster Contest Winners

NSSAR's Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is intended to stimulate interest in American History in support of the Elementary School curriculum where and when it is taught. Entries from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students can compete in this contest.

On Wednesday, February 16, 2016, our chapter members reviewed 25 Posters from Hardy Oak Elementary School who had entered the SAR

Poster Contest. The Theme of the NSSAR Contest was Revolutionary War Events.

Rease Bullock was selected as our winner. His topic was "Winter Encampment at Valley Forge". (Photo at Right) His Poster was sent to the state-level competition which will be held at the Annual Texas SAR State Meeting in Dallas starting on 1 April. Certificates will be presented to all participants later in the Spring.



National Salute to Veterans Week

Veterans Appreciation Week: During the week of February 16—19, 2016 the Veterans Administration conducted a national program celebrating "National Salute to Veterans Week" across the country at all Veterans Health Care Systems. Our Chapter participated in this annual event by hosting a Reception at the Shavano Park Veterans Clinic for all veterans who had scheduled appointments Tuesday thru Thursday. We greatly appreciate the \$50 donation made by the H.E.B Store Manager Mr. Jaime Lozano (located at DeZavala and IH-10) for his support of Veterans receiving care at the Clinic. We provided

refreshment to include veggie trays, fruit trays, baked goods and bottled water to every veteran. Each veteran was greeted, offered refreshments and given a heart-felt "thank you" for their service to our country. Under the leadership of Larry Loop, 10 members participated in this year's event; they include President Tom Small, SCD VPG Stephen Rohrbough and Compatriots Bud Davenport, Frank Rohrbough, Bob Hancock, Paul Reynolds, Dave Brooks, Curtis Wubbena, Larry Luckett and Al Metts III who provided a crafted "Coin" Holder". (Photo) Compatriot Larry Loop and VPG Stephen Rohrbough said "Thank you" to PFC Steven Hopkins, a veteran with 4 tours in Iraq, for his service to our country as a sniper with a Special Operations Unit in Southwest Asia. A Coin Holder was given to him.



National Salute to Veterans (Cont'd): On Friday, February 19th, President Tom Small and Compatriots over 30 other volunteer organizations at the Audie Murphy Medical Center to meet and greet hospitalized veterans. Each veteran was presented a hand-crafted Valentine Card made by local children from area schools, churches, scouting units and other supporting organizations.

This participation with other Veteran Organizations is a qualifying event for the Award of the National Society's Partners in Patriotism Banner to SAR Chapters. The Banners are presented each year at the National Congress.

(Photo at Right) President Tom Small and Compatriot Paul Reynolds extend their "Thanks" to "Tony" - a veteran for his service - while receiving treatment in the VA's Polytrauma Center.



Chapter Presents Knight Essay Awards to Four Contestants



The National Society has a broad range of topics for this Contest to include an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

As of July 2015, the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort agreed to be the sponsor of our Essay Contest. This \$500 sponsorship came about because the Chapter has partnered with the Resort to conduct its Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd each year since 2012. The event is designed to entertain the hotel guests and their families and share our thoughts about events, uniforms, weapons and Patriot Ancestor's service during the American Revolution.

As in years past we worked with the Minnie Piper Foundation to find candidates for this Essay Contest. This year our winners are:

Alexia Lazcano won 1st place with an essay entitled "The Radi-

cal Patriot of the South." She will read her essay and receive her Certificate and Check for \$250 at our June 15th Chapter Meeting.

(Photo Above) Rebekah Gardea won 2nd Place with an essay entitled "Nathanael Greene: The Pacifist General." Rebekah Gardea is a Junior at Castle Hills First Baptist School. She was presented her Award on February 16th during the school's lunch period and received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$150. **(See Page 5 for Essay)**

(Photo at Right Coggin Galbreath won 3rd place with an essay entitled "Nathan Hale: Patriotism and the Fire that Forged America." Coggin, who is a Senior at Geneva High School in Boerne, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$100 at his home in Fair Oaks.

Coggin's sister **Eleanor Galbreath** placed 4th in the Contest and received an Honorable Mention Certificate of Appreciation. As a freshman she was encouraged to compete again next year.



Chapter Awards Presented to Two Stalwart Compatriots



(Photo at Left) Each year the Outgoing Chapter President is allowed to present one Distinguished Service Medal to a member who has provided extraordinary services to the Chapter and to the local community. For 2015 President Hancock recognized Compatriot Peter Baron because of his dedicated work over the years as President, Color Guardsman, Chairman Operation Ancestor Search and School History Fairs.

(Photo at Right) Compatriot Max Strozier was recognized for his service to the Chapter as our Webmaster this past year. Outgoing President Hancock presented him the Chapter Service Award and the Certificate of Appreciation.



"Nathanael Greene: The Pacifist General."

Rebekah Gardea 's 2nd Place Essay reads in part: "General Greene used his military genius to strategize and optimize even the feeble situation of

the Continental Army, commanding his army in a similar style to Washington. He took advantage of their meager numbers by employing guerilla tactics — attacking the slow moving British army in rapid, bold movements." "The marksmanship and swift action employed by the colonials drastically decreased the British numbers and drove them further out of the South. One such example was the Battle of Guilford Courthouse."

"Nathanael Greene can be considered an American hero because he rose against great odds and dedicated his entire life to the cause he believed in. Despite his strict upbringing as a pacifist, Greene was able to recognize the importance of fighting for his country. His dedication was consummate, encompassing his mind, body and spirit. Though he desired the heat and conflict of battle, he accepted any position that would benefit the American cause." "His life ...can be best summarized in his own words: I am determined to defend my rights and maintain my freedom or sell my life in the attempt."

Guest Speaker Speaks on Catholicism in New Jersey

February's speaker was Compatriot Charles (Chuck) Allen whose topic was "Robert Erskine and the Birth of the Catholic Church in New Jersey." Robert Erskine was a Scottish-born engineer, inventor, and surveyor who was sent to America and New Jersey to save a failing mining and iron works company. Along the way, Erskine became an American Patriot, a close friend of George Washington, and the First Geographer and Surveyor-General of the Army. Erskine not only saved the company, he kept the company's work force together as a cohesive community that many years later would be recognized as the first Catholic community in New Jersey.

Compatriot Allen's Patriot Ancestor John Peter Tintle. Patriot Tintle was born in 1765 of parents who had recently arrived from Germany under contract to work in the American Mining and Iron Works

Company located in Ringwood, New Jersey. Patriot Tintle enlisted at age 17 in Colonel Moses Hazen's Regiment of the New Jersey Continental Troops on October 14, 1782. He was discharged at war's end on June 17, 1783.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meeting: Napa Flats Restaurant, 1301 N Loop 1604W, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meetings are on April 14th)

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club (7th Floor) on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. Next Meeting is on April 20th. Reservations are required via Chapter News Release.

Operation Ancestry Research: Next Training session, March 23rd, Wounded Warrior Family Support

Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX starting as 1 P.M. (All Members are invited to participate.)

Texas Society SAR Annual Conference: Will be held at the during March 31 - April 3, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Richardson TX (North Dallas). For Reservations, go to www.txssar.org and click on "Events".

Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire: Saturday, April 2, 2016, 9AM - 4 PM. (All members are invited)

Contact Compatriot Dave Brooks at Amydavebrooks@att.net to learn more.

Losoya Middle School History Faire: Saturday, April 9, 2016, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM (All members are welcomed) Contact Frank Rohrbough at frankr@gvtc.com to learn more.

Pilgrimage to the Alamo: April 18, 2016, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (All are welcome) (Contact Frank Rohrbough)

For more, go to our Chapter Website at: www.sarsat.org.

George Washington Parade (Cont'd)



(Photo at Left) The Senior National Society Representative attending was Vice President General Stephen Rohrbough (South Central District). Joining him (L-R) were: First Lady Barbara Stevens, TX SAR President Larry Stevens and Frank Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander for SCD.

(Photo Below Left) Standing are Tom Small, President San Antonio Chapter and his First Lady Stacy Small; seated are Marilyn Loop, State Curator for TXDAR (below flag) and Diane Rohrbough, TXDAR State Lineage Chair (left of Marilyn Loop)

(Photo Below Right) Shown (L to - R) are David Hover (MD), NSSAR Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Louis Raborg, MD Society, State Color Guard Commander and SAR Event Coordinator

Thomas Green attending the George Washington Association Parade (GWAP) Breakfast at the historic La Posada Hotel. (Bottom Left) The SAR Color Guardsmen led by TX Society CG Commander Drake Peddie (2nd from left) looking their finest for Parade viewers. (Bottom Right) Laredo Chapter President Rick Ramirez is presented the Texas Society's highest individual Award - the SAR Patriot Medal - from Past TX Society State President Tom Green. Compatriot Ramirez received this prestigious Award for his longtime support of SAR's participation in Laredo's George Washington Parade sponsored by Budweiser.

