



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: For the past two months much of our time at the Executive Committee has been taken up with the planning for the Chapter Gala scheduled for the evening of January 21, 2017 at the Petroleum Club. I hope that many of our members will be able to come, as we have put together an entertaining evening with an excellent banquet and a lineup of entertaining speakers and activities. The keynote speaker for the event will be Immediate Past President General Tom Lawrence along with Texas Society President Mike Ratcliff giving remarks and swearing in our Chapter Officers for 2017.

Thanks to George Harcourt, I am pleased to announce that a newly revised Chapter Handbook is now available for all members to review on our San Antonio Chapter Web-Page.

At our Chapter Meeting on September 21st we enjoyed a wonderful program from Dr. Paul Davis, Instructor of American History at San Antonio College; his topic was "Why the British Lost the American Revolution". It was a wonderful educational experience hearing the British side of our Revolutionary War period. Tying this together, Compatriot James Hudson presented the Chapter with a Revolutionary Period Sword that was captured from a British Officer no less. We completed the meeting with the induction of Compatriot Roger Don Tietz into the SAR and our San Antonio Chapter.

In late September three of our most active members attended the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. They were Former President-General Ed Butler, Immediate Past Vice President General South Central District Stephen Rohrbough and Past Chapter President Frank Rohrbough. They attended various Committee Meetings and recently reported on matters concerning the Board of Trustees and membership. The new NSSAR Webpage has been launched and shows great strides towards providing better services and information to SAR members. Keep watch for new venues come on-line.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on October 13th at the Egg & I Restaurant, Colonel Thomas Spruiell (USAF Retired) was inducted. Chad and John Lewis were inducted at our October 19th Chapter Meeting. Details about our new Inductees are provided on **Page 2**. Additionally, at the Executive Committee Meeting the members voted to give the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Award to Christopher Michael Heron a student at Texas A&M University.

We had several members of our Chapter attend the Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Austin, TX on October 14-16. Those attending included Compatriots Ed Butler, Stephen Rohrbough, Frank Rohrbough, George Harcourt, Kevin Kantor and Chapter President-Elect Larry Loop. While many of our members were in Austin on October 15th; I along with members Larry Luckett and Ron Powell attended the Annual Seminar of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Also during this period, we presented two Flag Awards; one to the JROTC Unit at Brandeis High School and another to a decorated Vietnam War Army Veteran Marcos Lopez. See additional Information on **Page 4**

With October being SAR's Public Service Awards Month, our Guest Speaker was Fire Chief Charles Hood. Following his remarks, we recognized three outstanding Awardees. Fireman Lt. Charles Reinhard received the SAR Fire Safety Award while Fire Engineers Jaime M. Reyes and Trey Alder Votion were presented the SAR Emergency Medical Service Awards. Specifics about their award winning Community Service is provided on **Page 3**. Also, we were pleased to announce at the Chapter meeting that our Chapter had won the National SAR Stark Award for our Service to Veterans in 2015. I look forward to seeing all of you at our November 16, 2016 meeting when our speaker will be Dr. Allen Hamilton, History Professor at St. Phillips College speaking on the Battle of Trenton.

Respectfully, David Brooks

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL GALA

The Chapter's Gala Banquet will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Petroleum Club at 6:00 P.M. Our Keynote Speaker will be Former NSSAR President-General Tom Lawrence (July 2015-July 2016).

Our primary purpose is to have fun and share in fellowship with many of our members who usually cannot attend our monthly Chapter Meetings during the work week.

Save the Date!

**San Antonio SAR
Chapter GALA**

**Saturday
January 21, 2017**

COMPATRIOT INDUCTIONS



(Photo Above L to R) Former NSSAR Chaplain-General James Taylor, Mrs. Tietz, Compatriot Roger Tietz and President David Brooks.

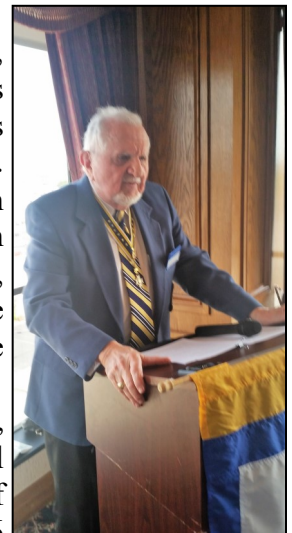
President Dave Brooks conducted the induction of Compatriot Thomas Spruiell during the Executive Committee Meeting that was held on October 13th at the Egg & I Restaurant near the Colonnade on HI-10 West.

Compatriot Spruiell's Patriot Ancestor is Lazarus Solomon (1765-1831) who served as a Pvt. in the 9th and 10th Regiments of North Carolina Militia. Pvt. He was very active in the Southern Campaign under the command of General Nathanael Greene. Solomon's grandfather was Lewis O. Solomon who immigrated from England to America in early 1700s. Compatriot Spruiell is possibly eligible for a Supplemental Patriot through his mothers lineage which goes back to Jamestown, VA. (Photo Below) On October 19th at our Chapter Meeting, President Brooks



inducted Chad Anderson Lewis and his son John David Lewis, age 8, into SAR. Their Patriot Ancestor is Gabriel Enoch who served as a Captain in the North Carolina Militia from Rowan County, Salisbury District. He served under the command of General Nathanael Greene during the Southern Campaign.

(Photo at Right) Compatriot Joe Ware, Chapter Historian, presents an historical vignette on the "Declaration of Independence" published in July 1776 that became the catalyst for other countries in Europe and South America to justify their call to arms and liberty from tyranny.



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Roger Don Tietz into SAR and our Chapter.

Roger's Patriot Ancestor is Michael Braun (Brown) who was born in 1725 in Pennsylvania. He signed the Oath of Allegiance in 1777 in Lancaster County, making him a patriot at age 52.

Following the American Revolution he settled in Hanover TWP in Lancaster County, PA. He married Anna Karger, 26 Jan 1746 in Warwick TPW, Lancaster County, PA. The line to Roger Tietz runs through his son Andrew Braun. He died and is buried in Hanover TWP Lancaster County, PA



(Photo Above) Compatriot Spruiell (center) is was sponsored by Peter Baron who was his sponsor for admission into SAR; President Brooks welcomes. Tom into SAR and the Chapter.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTED TO LOCAL OFFICERS



(Photo Above Left to Right) Fire Chief Charles Hood, Mrs. Reinhard and Lt. Charles Reinhard, Mrs. Votion and Engineer Trey Votion and Mrs. Reyes and Engineer Jaime M. Reyes.



(Photo at Far Right) San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood was our Special Guest Speaker at the October 19th Chapter Meeting. He has been a frequent visitor and speaker over the last 6+ years helping us to recognize deserving Public Servants. Chief Hood spoke on the challenges facing the Department to meet the demand of the City. He noted that recent annexation of areas northwest of the city will require two additional Fire Stations, vehicles and staffing to meet the response times established by the City.

Following his remarks, President Brooks presented Three SAR Public Service Awards for Fire Safety and Emergence Medical Service. Our Fire Safety Award recipient was Lieutenant Charles Reinhard. Firefighter Fire Engineers Jaime M. Reyes and Trey Alder Votion were presented the SAR Emergency Medical Service Awards. Their Citations are provided in the section below.

CITATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS



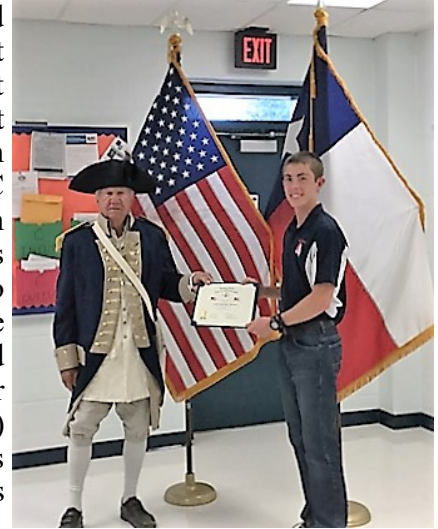
Fire Safety Award Commendation Medal: (Photo at Right) The Citation for the Fire Safety Award reads in part: “Lieutenant Charles Andrew Reinhard has distinguished himself and the San Antonio Fire Department through his professionalism, his expertise, his commitment to training, and his desire to provide the best firefighting capabilities to the citizens of San Antonio. It is this commitment and dedication to Service and to Fire Safety that resonates from Lieutenant Reinhard and those he leads. His actions reflect great credit on Himself, the San Antonio Fire Department and the Citizens of San Antonio.



Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal. (Photo Above) The Citation reads: On 20 April 2016, Fire Engineer Jaime M. Reyes and Fire Engineer Trey Alder Votion responded to a Motor Vehicle Collision that critically injured an occupant. The female patient had her entire right arm amputated below the shoulder. The actions of the medics and firefighters allowed for the extrication and evacuation of the patient and her arm (to the San Antonio Area Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston). These efforts were exceptional and allowed for the first reattachment procedure of a complete arm in the state of Texas. The patient is now undergoing physical therapy and is able to use her arm. These Fire Engineers have brought strong service to the Emergency Medical Services Division. Their actions have saved lives, improved patient outcomes, and bettered the lives of those they meet reflect great credit on themselves, the San Antonio Fire Department and the Citizens of San Antonio.

FLAG PRESENTATION AWARDS PRESENTED

As a result of recognizing Outstanding Cadets at 33 High Schools around the Great San Antonio Area throughout the Spring of 2016, Compatriot Paul Reynolds noticed the excellent performance of the Cadet Corps at Brandeis High School. Upon his recommendation that the JROTC Unit should be singled out for Award of the SAR Flag Certificate. On September 14th Compatriots Paul Reynolds (Chairman of the ROTC Awards Committee) and Ron Powell (Chairman Flag Presentation Committee) jointly conducted a Flag Presentation Ceremony at Brandeis High School. This event was held to recognize the excellent service the JROTC Program in honoring and handling of the US Flag during their School events. **(Photo at Right)** Receiving the SAR Flag Certificate is Cadet Aaron Peasley, the Corps Commander of the JROTC Unit.



(Photo at Left) A second Flag Presentation Event was held on September 13th to recognize Sergeant Marcos Lopez, US Army, Retired, for his flying the American Flag on a daily basis. President Brooks asked him to wear his uniform to contrast his uniform to that the Revolutionary War Period uniform worn by Larry Loop. Sergeant Lopez is a decorated Vietnam War Veteran who has been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor and received two Purple Hearts for his battle injuries incurred while in Service in Vietnam.

REFLECTION OF A FOUNDING FATHER

"If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy." Thomas Jefferson in a Letter to Thomas Cooper, November 29, 1802.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Chapter Meetings: November 16, 2016, 11:30 A.M., The Petroleum Club (7th Floor) San Antonio, TX. **Speaker:** Dr. Allen Hamilton, History Professor St. Phillips College; **Topic:** The Battle of Trenton.

Operation Ancestry Research: November 2, 2016 (Wednesday) and November 14, 2016 (Monday); December (TBA); Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; Session starts at 1 P.M. **(All Members are invited to participate.)** (Peter Baron)
Veterans Day Wreath Laying Event, November 11, 2016

(Friday), Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery at 10:00 A.M. (David Brooks)

Christmas Decorations Set Up at the VA Medical Center: Thursday, December 1st at 8:30 to 11:00 AM (Decorate Recreation Center)

Joint DAR/SAR Holiday Luncheon: San Antonio Country Club, Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11:30 AM. (Must Make Reservations NLT Nov 28th)

Annual Dickens on the Strand Parade: December 3, 2016, 2:00 PM, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Galveston, Texas.

December General Membership

Meeting: December 14, 2016, 11:30 A.M., The Petroleum Club (7th Floor) San Antonio, TX. **Speaker:** Dr. Amy Porter, Texas A&M University San Antonio; **Topic:** The Role of the Missions in the American Revolution.

George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX: Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 9:00 AM (All Participants must sign a Release Form and send it to Tom Green at TBGreen3@gmail.com NLT December 31st).

For more information, go to **SASAR Chapter Website:**

<http://www.sarsat.org>