



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



I want to thank everyone again for electing me as your Chapter President for 2017. Thank you for all your support. Roy Leonard is joining our leadership team as 1st Vice President; Dustin Whittenburg will serve as 2nd Vice President and will continue serving as our Treasurer. Many of the other stalwart officers and committee chairman from 2016 agreed to serve this year as well. Their long and loyal service will be invaluable to me as we prepare to **Host the Texas SAR Annual Convention on March 31 to April 2, 2017** and plan for our coming events in 2017 staying focused on maintaining our community engagements.

In January, under the able leadership of President Brooks, our Chapter conducted a wonderful and fun-filled Chapter Gala. Our Keynote Speaker was Immediate Past President-General of our National Society Thomas Lawrence and his First Lady Mickey Jo. He gave an exceptional educational review of the key initiatives that make SAR so relevant in the national affairs today. Also, attending was our current President of the Texas SAR Michael Radcliff and his First Lady Carol. I was pleased to have President Radcliff install our Officers for 2017 at the Gala Celebration.

On January 24th, we participated in Naturalization Ceremonies held at the Family Support Center at Ft. Sam Houston where our Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the special event. Eight service members from 6 different countries, renounced their country of origin and took the Oath of Allegiance to their adopted country and became United States Citizens.

In February, we supported the Veterans Affairs National Program in “Salute to Veterans Week” by hosting Mini-Receptions each morning and afternoon at the Shavano Park VA Clinic each day during the period of February 13-16, 2017. On Friday February 17th, we participated with many other Veterans Supporting Organizations to “Salute” Veterans at the Audie Murphy Memorial Medical Center. For more details, **go to Page 4.**

On February 18th we joined the Laredo Chapter for the 120th George Washington’s Birthday Celebration & Parade in Laredo, TX. For more details, **go to Page 3.**

With the able leadership of Compatriot Peter Baron, we continue to support Operation Ancestor Search by conducting genealogy seminars at the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center each month throughout the year.

We will continue participating in SAR’s Youth Contests to include Americanism Poster contest and the Knight Essay contest at the Texas Society competitions.

If you want 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.

Kevin Kanter is coordinating our support for the Tejada Middle School History Fair on April 1st. Because this date conflicts with our Texas SAR Annual Conference, Compatriots Jay Lewallen and Fred Soupiset will participate as our representatives at this longstanding educational event. If you want to participate let me know.

As I mentioned above, we will host the Texas SAR Annual Convention at the El Tropicano Hotel. Everyone is invited to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon on April 1st. This event will replace our monthly Chapter Meeting. If you can’t make it to one of those events, please come to Executive Committee meetings held at Egg & I Restaurant and/or the Chapter Meetings at the Petroleum Club.

Compatriotly, *Larry Loop*

NEW OFFICERS INDUCTED FOR 2017

(Photo Below) At our January 21st Chapter Gala, President Michael Radcliff, Texas Society SAR, installed the new officers for our Chapter for 2017. The following members (shown from left to right) were elected by the members at the December 14, 2016 Chapter Meeting: **Larry Loop**, President, **Roy Leonard**, President Elect and Programs, **Dustin Whittenburg**, Treasurer, **Paul Reynolds**, Recording Secretary; **Frank Rohrbough**, Corresponding Secretary; **Peter Baron**, Registrar, and **James Taylor**, Genealogist and Chaplain, **Harold (Bud) Davenport**, Sergeant-at-Arms and **Chris Lewis**, Historian. State President Michael Radcliff is shown at far right.

In his closing remarks, President Radcliff stated that the Texas Society was planning its upcoming State Convention in San Antonio at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk on March 31 to April 2, 2017. He encouraged members to attend the Convention if possible. He expressed his personal appreciation for our Chapter hosting him and First Lady Carol Radcliff.



President General Thomas Lawrence Guest Speaker

We were honored to host President-General Tom Lawrence and his Lady Mickey Jo at our Annual Chapter Gala on January 21 at the Petroleum Club. As our Guest Speaker he addressed the many advancements that are being undertaken at the National Society Headquarters in Louisville, KY. He noted the progress that is being made to revamp the Webpage to gain new members for the Society while expanding educational programs for the youth of America to know the founding principles of our country and attract them to visit our Headquarters while visiting Louisville.

In appreciation for his visit, Former Chapter President Bob Hancock and his Lady Prissy presented a large Gift Basket from the famous Castroville Bakery to Tom and Mickey Jo.

Chapter Participates in Naturalization Ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston, TX

On January 25, 2017 the Chapter Color Guard was invited to present the National Colors at the Monthly Naturalization Ceremony conducted at the Military and Family Readiness Center at Ft. Sam Houston for 8 service members from 6 different countries. The keynote speaker was Chapter President David Brooks who spoke on the benefits of citizenship and the founding of this country that brought us the U.S. Constitution which protects the Inalienable Right of all its citizens.

Participating as Color Guardsmen were Compatriots Peter Baron and Fred Soupiset; Flag Bearers were Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough (US Flag) and Paul Reynolds (Texas Flag). The Color Guard Commander was Frank Rohrbough .



SAR Participates in George Washington Parade

Former Texas SAR President Tom Green took charge to recruit a multi-state SAR group to participate in the 120th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo on Feb 21st. Former South Central District (SCD) Vice-President-General Stephen Rohrbough, the senior National Officer present, lead the procession to the International Bridge for the opening Ceremony at 8:00 A.M.. Accompanying him was the Texas SAR delegation including Staff Secretary as the senior

State Officer. Other notables participating were Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Ron Walcik and Stu Hoyt, Texas SAR Southern Command Commander.

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, participation in this event counts towards award of SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.

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(Above) Leading the SAR contingent (from right to left) in the 120th Annual George Washington Parade are Former Vice President General for the South Central District (SCD) Stephen Rohrbough and State Secretary Drake Peddie. Other participants included State Color Guard Commander Ron Walcik and Southern Command Commander Color Guard Commander Stuart Hoyt.

Laredo Chapter Hosts SAR Members in George Washington Parade: Due to the concerted efforts of Compatriot Rick Ramirez, President of the Laredo SAR Chapter, Texas 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 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 details, go to <http://www.wbcalaredo.org>.

(Photo at Right) Shown are Chapter Members and Ladies who participated in the Parade. Attendees from the San Antonio Chapter included President Larry Loop and First Lady Marilyn, Former VPG Stephen Rohrbough and First Lady Marie, Compatriot Frank Rohrbough and Lady Diane and Compatriot Kevin Kanter and Lady Jean Kanter.



Passing of Compatriot Jack Judson

(Photo at Left) Compatriot Jack Judson, Jr. passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on January 11, 2017. Jack was a patriotic man who loved his country, Texas and San Antonio where he lived all his life. He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from USAA in 1986. He was a lifetime collector, primarily of magic lanterns, the forerunners of the modern projector. His passions were numerous, his contributions were great and he will be deeply missed.

He was inducted into the San Antonio Chapter Sons of the American Revolution on February 11, 2010 based on the patriotic service of his Patriot Ancestor Captain James Judson who served in the Connecticut Militia during the period 1775-1776. His son Dan Judson has expressed interest in membership in the National Society of the American Revolution.



President Loop Inducts Two New Members into SAR

At the February 15th Chapter Meeting, President Loop inducted **William Kavanaugh Francis** and **Karl Chandler** into SAR.

(Photo at Far Right) Former Texas SAR State President Bob Cohen, who sponsored Compatriot Francis, assisted in the Induction by pinning an SAR Lapel Pin on Compatriot Francis.

(Photo at Center Right) Compatriot Carl Chandler was sponsored by Chapter Genealogist Dr. Rev James Taylor and given the SAR Lapel Pin.

Both members provided a brief statement about their Patriot Ancestors and will prepare a Patriot Ancestor Story.



National Salute to Veterans Week

Veterans Appreciation Week: During the week of February 13—17, 2017 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 De Zavala 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.

President Larry Loop, joined 5 members in this year’s event; they included Former SCD VPG Stephen Rohrbough, Compatriots Bud Davenport, Frank Rohrbough, Bob Hancock and Paul Reynolds.

(Photo at Right) President Loop and Compatriot Paul Reynolds greeted World War II Army Veteran Ernest Perales and his daughter Kathleen during our reception at the Shavano Park VA Clinic on February 13th. In March 1945, Perales was assigned to the Invasion Forces in the Philippines in preparation for the invasion of Japan. When the War ended in August 1945, he was reassigned to 80th Field Artillery 6th Division in Korea to help keep the peace in Korea until December 1946.



National Salute to Veterans (Cont’d): On Friday, February 17th, President Larry Loop and Compatriots Bob Hancock, Paul Reynolds, Frank and Stephen Rohrbough joined 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 in July.

(Photo at Right) President Larry Loop extends greetings to a hospitalized veteran for his service while receiving treatment in the VA’s Medical Ward.



Madam Regent Judy Ostler, Texas Society DAR, Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker at our February Chapter meeting was Madam Regent Judy Ostler, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a 37 year member of DAR. She joined as a Junior in 1977. She has served on many National and State committees and is on the board of both KDS and Tamasee DAR Schools. She has served as State Vice Regent, State Chaplain and State Registrar and now is the Texas State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She spoke of her initiatives to bring DAR and SAR closer together as both organizations have many of the same goals. She established the DAR/SAR Relations Committee for the Texas Society DAR to increase communications and membership in both organization. The Chair for that Committee is Jane Cohen, wife of Former Texas SAR President Bob Cohen, who was present at the Meeting.

In appreciation, President Loop presented Madam Regent Ostler a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Book Titled “ Desperate Sons”- Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, and the Secret Bands of Radicals Who Led the Colonies to War. The author, Les Standiford reveals how this group of intelligent, committed men, motivated by economics and political belief, began a careful campaign of interlocking events that would channel feelings of vague injustice into an armed rebellion of common cause, which would defeat an empire and give birth to a radical political experiment—a new nation known as the United States.



President Loop Recognizes Outgoing President Brooks

(Photo at Left) Following his installation as Chapter President, President Loop recognized outgoing Chapter President Dave Brooks by presenting him with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate for notable services to the Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution. Looking on is First Lady Marilyn Loop.

We were well served by his strong leadership when Dave Brooks stepped up to serve as Chapter President on the resignation of President Tom Small when he took on new employment that precluded his continued service to the Chapter.

Through President Brooks leadership, we achieved our goals supporting community and veterans programs and advancing our youth awards programs.

ANNOUNCEMET AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meeting: Egg & I Restaurant located at 9985 IH-10 (Colonnade III) on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meeting is on April 13th)

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 19th. Reservations are required via reservations@sarsat.org.

Operation Ancestry Research: Training sessions will be scheduled individually as needed. Training will be conducted at Wounded Warrior

Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX. (All Members are invited to participate when announced)

Texas Society SAR Annual Conference: Texas SAR will hold its Conference March 31 - April 2, 2017 at the El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, TX. For Reservations, go to www.txssar.org and click on “Events”.

Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire: Saturday, April 1, 2016, 9AM - 4 PM. (All members are invited) Contact Compatriot Larry Loop at lloop1@gvtc.com to

learn more.

Pilgrimage to the Alamo: April 21, 2017, 4:00 PM. Assembly will be at 3:30 PM at the Municipal Auditorium (Tobin Center). (All members are welcome). For details, please contact Frank Rohrbough at frankr@gvtc.com.

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

George Washington Parade (Cont'd)



(Photo at Left) Aboard the Laredo Chapter SAR Float are the Ladies of SAR members who are members of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Shown are Diane Rohrbough, State Lineage Chair (seated in light brown period dress), Jean Kanter, State Chair, TXDAR Military Awards- JBASA-Randolph (seated in blue Period Dress), Marilyn Loop, State Curator (seated in green period dress) and Diane Rohrbough, TSDAR State Lineage Chair (left of Marilyn Loop) (Photo Lower Left) The SAR Color Guardsmen are led by Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Ron Walcik looking their finest for Parade viewers who frequently applauded our presence in the Parade. Behind him on the left carrying a U.S. Flag is Commander of the Southern Command Stu Hoyt from the William High-

tower Chapter in New Braunfels, TX (Lower Right) Shown leading the SAR contingent with the SAR Parade Banner are Compatriot Larry Loop, President of the San Antonio Chapter (on right) and Compatriot Kevin Kanter (on left). (Bottom Left) Compatriot Drake Peddie, State Secretary Texas SAR and member of the Plano Chapter and behind him at the rear is Compatriot Jim Barkley, Vice President of District 3, Texas SAR and member of the Hill Country Chapter in Kerrville, TX. (Bottom Right) Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Former Texas SAR Color Guard Commander.

