



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot Larry Loop, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Just two months ago I was installed as President of the Chapter. We have been on a fast track since our Gala Banquet in January. Immediate Past President Dave Brooks was a sterling leader and he did everything to prepare me for this office. I will do my best to serve as your new President with equal determination and commitment shown by our President Dave Brooks to serve the members of this Chapter.

We were the Host Chapter for the Annual Texas Society SAR Conference that was held at the El Tropicana Hotel here in San Antonio, TX from March 29th to April 2, 2017. Because of our efforts in 2016, our Chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter of the Year (Large Chapter Category) for the Texas SAR. Many of our members received Individual Awards as noted on **Page 3**. Of note, Compatriot Frank Rohrbough was elected as Vice President for Texas SAR District 3. He will serve our District well. Thanks to our Conference Planning Committee Chairman George Harcourt, and all those members who served on the Committee, the Annual Conference was a huge success. Texas State President Michael Radcliff recognized our members with special SAR Awards. (**Pages 3 & 6**)

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To kick off "Fiesta San Antonio", Compatriot Jay Lewallen and his Lady Diane, once again, sponsored a table for our Color Guard to attend the 98th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball (aka Pioneer Ball) on Saturday, April 21st at the Villita Assembly Hall. Our Color Guard opened the Ball with the posting of National and State Colors. The highlight of this event is the Visit by King Antonio to extend his personal greetings of "Viva Fiesta". This is one of the premiere events for "Opening Fiesta Celebrations". On Monday, April 24th, six Compatriots participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo to honor the 180 Texians, several of them having served in the American Revolution, who fell at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. (**Page 2**). Hardy Oaks Elementary School participated in our Annual Poster Contest submitting 40 posters. The Poster Winners and the Teacher coordinating the Contest are shown on **Page 7**.

Our Color Guard also participated in two Naturalization Ceremonies at Ft Sam Houston. Past President David Brooks gave remarks at the January 25th event and I gave the address at the April 25 ceremony.

We have received over 20 references for prospective members from our State Registrar since the first of the year. Compatriots Peter Baron (Registrar) and Chaplain Rev. James Taylor (Genealogist) are each working on over 20 new applications in addition to these new inquiries from our State organization. We are looking for new ways members can help relieve their workload so new applicants can jump-start their efforts before turning them over to Peter and Rev. Taylor.

During our April Meeting we celebrated on Chapter's 87th Birthday and honored Compatriot Albert Metts and his Lady Betty for their service to our Chapter, CAR and to our Country while serving in uniform for more than 33 years. (**Page 4**) As our CAR Essay Winner, Millie Camp read her Essay. (**Page 5**)

Under the able leadership of Compatriot Paul Reynolds, our members are in the process of awarding SAR medals to outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC students in 41 area high schools and 3 universities. I appreciate all members who are attending these ROTC Awards Programs to make our SAR Awards more meaningful to the Award Winning Cadets.

With Memorial Day and Independence Day Events coming up, we will be equally busy seeking the participation by many of our compatriots. I know you will be up to the challenge. Respectfully, *Larry Loop*



CHAPTER MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN 98TH PIONEER BALL

As members in the Pioneer Ball Association, Compatriot Jay Lewallen

and Lady Diane have been instrumental in getting the Chapter to Present the National and State Colors each year since April 2012. As has been their custom, they hosted a table for our Color Guardsmen at the 98th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball (Pioneer Ball) on Saturday, April 21st at the historic Villita Hall near the historic San Antonio River Walk. The 98th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball is among the first of the galas to open Fiesta. The first Ball took place in 1919 to honor San Antonio's military personnel and has continued since that time. Military personnel from local installations and organizations are special guests for the evening.



The Lewallen guests this year included: Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Compatriot James Taylor and his Lady Pat, Compatriot Paul Reynolds and Compatriot Kevin Kanter and his Lady Jean. We are grateful for their support of us. We "thank you" for a fun-filled evening of entertainment and Fiesta celebration. Viva Fiesta!

(Shown from Left to Right) The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the Opening of the Pioneer Ball Celebration. Serving as Guardsman of the U.S. Flag is Compatriot Frank Rohrbough (Commander of the SAR Color Guard and Past President of the San Antonio Chapter); James Taylor, U.S. Flag Bearer, (Past Chapter President and National Chaplain of the National Society SAR), Compatriot Paul Reynolds, Texas Flag Bearer (Chairman of the ROTC Committee and Chapter Recording Secretary) and Compatriot Kevin Kanter, Guardsman of the Texas Flag (Chairman Chapter Education Programs).

PILGRIMAGE TO THE ALAMO

On Monday, April 24th, six Compatriots participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo to honor the 180 Texians who fell at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. According to DAR sources, more than 30 of them were descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution.

Shown from left to right participating in this year's Pilgrimage to the Alamo were: Compatriot Roy Leonard (Vice President), Fred Soupiset (Color Guardsman), President



Larry Loop, Former Vice President

General (South Central District) Stephen Rohrbough, Frank Rohrbough (Color Guard Commander and Former Chapter President) and Jay Lewallen (Past Chairman Education Programs).

(Photo at Left) Many of our members are also members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Compatriot George Harcourt (seated in foreground) has been an active member of SRT and has participated in the conduct of this event by announcing the names of the those who died at the Alamo seeking the cause of Independence from Mexico.



CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARDS AT TEXAS SAR ANNUAL MEETING

Because of the sustained work of chapter members under the leadership of Past President David Brooks during his term of service 2016, the following Awards were presented to our Chapter during the Texas SAR Annual Meeting held March 30 to April 2, 2017 at the El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, TX. For selected photos, **go to Page 5.**

Chapter Awards for Service to SAR

- **Texas SAR Outstanding Chapter Award for Chapters—Gp. 4 (100+ Members)**
San Antonio Chapter #4 (23,752 pts) District #3
- **Silver Star for Streamer for Flag Certificate Award**—White Star and a Repeat Winner from last year.

Individual Awards for Service to Texas SAR

- **Silver Roger Sherman Medal**
George Harcourt (For all planning of events, programs, schedules and hotel room and conference arrangements)
- **Silver Texas Society Service Medal**
Kevin Kanter (Database for all Registration Information)
Dustin Whittenburg (Managing all Convention Financial Collection/Payments and Records)
Roy Leonard (Managing the Musket Raffle)
Frank Rohrbough (Serving on the Planning Committee, Volunteers for Conference Registration and Color Guard, Signage for Conference and Proclamations from the City and County Offices)
- **Bronze Texas Society Service Medal**
Stephen Rohrbough (For service on the Planning Committee, Protocol/Convention Requirements and Color Guard)
Ed Snyder (For conduct of the Silent Auction)
Peter Baron (Work on the Silent Auctions/Musket Raffle, Seating for Luncheon/Banquet)
Paul Reynolds (For service on the Planning Committee/Registration Activities)
- **Certificate of Appreciation**
David Brooks (Service on the Planning Committee and Registration)
Bud Davenport (Service on the Planning Committee/Advising on Registration Processes)
- **Abigale Adams Certificate of Appreciation**
Marilyn Loop – Chair of Hospitality and Ladies Bus Tour
Prissy Hancock (Conducting Ladies Tour of Castroville)
Jean Kanter (Ladies Tour, Registration and Hospitality)
Aida Snyder (Work on the Silent Auction)
- **Chapter Certificate of Appreciation**
Steve Wilson (Prospective Member) (Service on Registration and Luncheon/Banquet)



President Larry Loop noted at the April Chapter Meeting that the 200 plus members of our Chapter can be very proud of what we have achieved in service to our community. Most notably, we have given public recognition to those who serve the Greater San Antonio Area every day such as the Fireman and Law Enforcement Officers. These achievements speak well of our chapter and the greater good of fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Texas Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

CHAPTER CELEBRATES 87TH BIRTHDAY



On April 19th at our Chapter Meeting, Recording Secretary Paul Reynolds (shown at far left) led the celebration of the Chapter's 87th Birthday using a Revolutionary Period British Sword donated by Compatriot James Hudson. In brief President Larry Loop noted that our chapter has been quite active as noted in his President's Remarks on Page 1. Some of the Past Presidents present are still actively contributing to the Chapters' success since its founding on April 19, 1930.

Shown from left to right are: Joe Ware (Mar 1993 - Mar 1995), Frank Rohrbough (Jan 2007 - 2008), Stephen Rohrbough (Mar 1998 - Mar 2000), Larry Loop (Current President), George Harcourt (Apr 2005 - Dec 2005), Bob Hancock (Jan 2014 - Jan 2016), Albert Metts (Honorary President 2009), Peter

Baron (Jan 2010 — Jan 2011), Dave Brooks (Apr 2016 - Jan 2017) and Jimmie Massingill (2001 - 2002). Others Former Presidents not shown remain active as members of the Executive Committee and participating in Chapter Events throughout the year. These include Former President-General Edward Butler (Mar 2002 - Mar 2004), Jack Cowan (Mar 2004 - Mar 2005) and James Taylor (Jan 2011 - Jan 2013).

COMPATRIOT ALBERT METTS HONORED AT APRIL MEETING

On April 19, 2017, the San Antonio Chapter held its' Monthly General Membership Meeting at the Petroleum Club, San Antonio, Texas. This was a special day as it was the Chapters' 87th Anniversary since it was chartered on April 19, 1930. Also, it was a special day because the Chapter honored one of our SAR Veterans Corps Members and his wife for her distinguished service to SAR over many years.

Colonel Albert C. Metts, Jr., was recognized for National War Service for faithful service to the National Society Sons of the American. Colonel Metts was presented the **SAR War Service Medal and Certificate for campaign service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam**. Mrs. Metts was presented the **National SAR Lydia Darragh Medal and Certificate**

for her many years of dedicated service to multiple SAR Presidents at the Chapter, State and National level and assistance in bringing many prospective members into SAR.

In recognizing Colonel Metts, Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough reviewed his Memoirs "Four Score and Ten Years - A Story", published in 2012. Colonel Metts wrote his life's story at age 90, and he wanted his children and grandchildren to know his life's story. And, what a story it is!

Due to length of his Story and his incredible military service and a notable assignment at the end of World War II, the Story will be published in the July - August 2017 Chapter Newsletter.

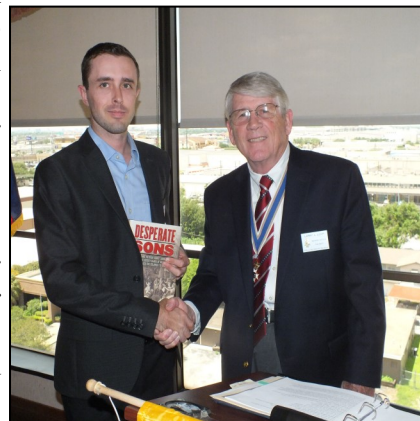


GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Our Guest Speaker at our April 19th Chapter Meeting was Assistant Professor William Kiser, Ph.D. at Texas A&M at San Antonio. His topic was “Texan Manifest Destiny, 1836—1862”. He reviewed the political aspirations of the founders of the Texas Republic from its Independence to 1862 just as the Civil War consumed the affairs of the Union.

Dr. Kiser spoke specifically about the Texan-Santa Fe Expedition in 1841 when Texas President Mirabeau Lamar sent an expedition to establish trade with the U.S. settlers in Santa Fe. The group was intercepted in the New Mexico territory by the Mexican army and marched into Mexico where they were held prisoner in Mexico City or Perote, Mexico for almost a year before being released. The publicity brought by this situation served to strengthen US -Texas ties and increased hostile feelings between the United States and Mexico.

According to Professor Kiser Texas continued to seek ways to take over the New Mexico Territory for its own but with the onset of the Civil War in 1861 those objectives died. For his presentation, President Loop presented Professor Kiser a book entitled “Desperate Sons: The Secret Band of Radicals Who Led the Colonies to War” by Les Standiford.



Millie Camp Awarded CAR Essay Contest Award

Ms. Miller “Millie” Andrew Camp was selected as our CAR Essay Scholarship Contest Award Winner on April 19th at our April Chapter Meeting. President Larry Loop presented her with a \$250 cash award for 1st Place. Her Essay was advanced to the Texas SAR CAR Essay Contest which was held during the Texas SAR Annual Meeting in late March. Millie’s essay was awarded 3rd Place. She was asked to read her essay at our Chapter Meeting.

(Photo at Right) President Loop presented Millie her SAR Certificates. Holding Millie’s 1st Place Certificate is Millie’s mother (Muffin) who has been a longtime Senior Advisor for the local CAR Chapter. Millie will graduate from Lee High School graduating Summa Cum Laude in May.



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



On April 25th the San Antonio Chapter was invited to participate in the Naturalization Ceremony for 4 foreign national members who are serving in the U. S. Air Force. All were in training at Ft. Sam Houston to be medical service technicians upon graduation. Our first event was held on January 25th.

President Larry Loop was the Guest Speaker. Our Color Guard presented the National and State Colors. President Loop spoke on the benefits of being a U.S. citizen and how his Patriot Ancestor served during the American Revolution.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS SERVICE TO THE TEXAS SAR (CONT'D)

Chapter members who strongly supported the Texas SAR Annual State Meeting are shown below.



(Left) Texas SAR President Mike Radcliff and President Elect John Beard presenting the Texas SAR Flag Presentation Certificate to Michael Corral, Hotel General Manager, for the flying of the U.S. Flag at the Hotel. (Middle) Past Chapter President David Brooks and Kevin Kanter working the Registration Table welcoming guest members to the Convention. (Top Right) Convention

Coordinator, Chapter Chairman George Harcourt welcoming Russell Dart and Chaplain James Taylor. (Right) Texas SAR Veterans Committee Chairman Frank Rohrbough noted that three San Antonio Chapter members were eligible for the "Service to Veterans Medal" based on USS Stark Report Points - President Michael Radcliff presented the Medal to Compatriot James Schellenberg and Oak Leaf Clusters to Compatriots Peter Baron and James Taylor.



MORE TEXAS SAR AWARDS FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS (CONT'D)



Several of our Chapter members who supported the Texas SAR Annual Meeting were not present to receive their Service Awards from Texas Society President Michael Radcliff. Accordingly, Chapter president Larry Loop presented those Awards at our



April 19th Chapter Meeting. (Left) Compatriot Dustin Whittenburg was presented the Texas SAR Sliver Service Medal and Certificate for Managing all Convention Financial Collection/Payments and Records. (Top Right) Bronze Service Medals and Certificates were presented to Compatriots Peter Baron for his work on the Silent Auctions/Musket Raffle, Seating for Luncheon/Banquet and Compatriot Paul Reynolds for service on the Planning Committee/Registration Activities.

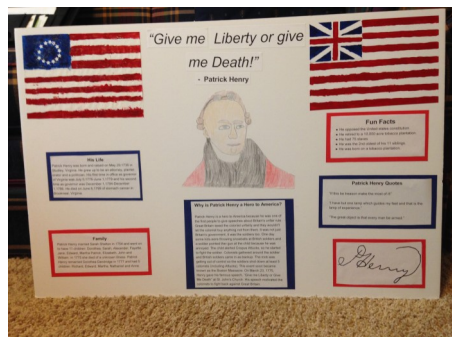
CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL TEJEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY FAIRE

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HARDY OAKS ENTERS POSTER CONTEST

Compatriot Kevin Kanter, Chairman of the Education Programs, worked with Hardy Oaks Elementary School teachers seeking participation in our Annual Poster Contest. This year the 3rd Grade Class submitted 40 posters.



(Photo at Left) The winning poster was submitted by Noah Cedillo.

(Photo at Right) The Poster Winners and the Teacher coordinating the Contest (shown from left to right) are

Compatriot Kevin Kanter, Amber Flanagan (2nd place), Teacher Michelle Albrecht, Noah Cedillo (1st place), Carson Lotz (3rd place) and President Larry Loop.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meeting: June 15, 2017, 11:30 A.M., 9985 IH-10W (Colonnade) on Spectrum One Street, San Antonio, TX 78232

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 is May 21st.

Operation Ancestry Research: Training sessions are on Mondays May 4th &

Flag Placement Scouting Program: Presentation of Colors, Friday, May 26th at 5:00 P.M. Ft. Sam

Houston National Cemetery. (Assemble at 4:15 PM)

Flag Day Event Hosted by San Antonio DAR Regents Council

Flag Day Luncheon: June 10, at 11:30 A.M., Canyon Springs Golf Club, 24405 Wilderness Oak, San Antonio, Texas, 78260. Reservations Required. (Frank Rohrbough) (All Members are Welcomed)

Blue Skies Parade, June 24th at Air Force Village II. Located on Hwy 90 West - Patriotic Celebration Event (Frank Rohrbough) (All Members are Welcomed)

Independence Day Events:

- **Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Educational Program, Jul 3rd, 10 AM** (Assemble 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 9 AM)

For more, go to our Chapter Website at:

www.sarsat.org