



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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Compatriot David Brooks President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots: Season's Greetings to you all. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's celebration as Marilyn and I had with all our family here in San Antonio for the first time in several years.

As my year as President comes to an end on January 20, 2018 at our Chapter Gala, I wish to thank all of the members who have helped to make my time as President a rewarding one. I have really enjoyed working with all of those members who have actively served our Chapter in some capacity. Whether your service was as an Officer, Committee Chairman, ROTC presenter, or as a participant at one of our special events, I sincerely want to thank you for your service. For Chapter Awards go to **Pages 5 and 6**.

We had a very busy and challenging year hosting the 123rd State Convention in March. Several of our Members worked tirelessly to assure that the event went off without a hitch. We received many wonderful comments about the events, how well organized it was and one of the best Ladies tour put on by Prissy Hancock and my First Lady Marilyn. The Chapter received many awards from both State and National Societies this year; many from the great work done by Past President David Brooks in 2016. I expect to see some additional Chapter Awards next year based on your efforts this year. Once again we promoted our Patriotic support through many events such as School History Fairs, the Hyatt Hill Country Resort Independence day program on the Revolutionary War and Colonial History, Color Guard events and tremendous support of our Veterans at the Veterans Hospital and Clinics.

At the Chapter Meeting in December we conducted our annual election of Officers for 2018; the slate of candidates led by Compatriot Roy Leonard for President was elected by acclamation. My best wishes to our new Officers, I feel secure in the knowledge that our organization will be in good hands for the coming year.

Don't forget our **6:00 PM Chapter Gala on Saturday, January 20, 2018** at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio (where we usually hold our chapter meetings). We have scheduled this event on a weekend so that members who cannot attend our Chapter meetings during the week can join us for this special celebration.

This event takes the place of our monthly Chapter meeting for January. Our guest speaker will be Lt. General Thomas Jaco U.S. Army (Ret), an outstanding and entertaining spokesman. Also attending will be our Texas Society President John C. Beard; he will Install our new Officers for 2018 at this event. I encourage you to attend and help us give them a warm San Antonio welcome. For more details see the Gala Invitation on **Page 6**.

In closing, I wish all Chapter members a healthy, happy and prosperous 2018; it has been an honor to serve you as your President. *Larry L. Loop*

CHAPTER ANNUAL GALA

The Chapter's Gala Banquet will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Petroleum Club at 6:00 P.M. Our Keynote Speaker will be Lt. General Thomas Jaco, Former Commander 5rd Army.

Texas SAR President John Beard will also be present to Induct our Officers for 2018.

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.

A Chapter News Release was sent in mid-December reminding members to make their Reservations!

Save the Date!

San Antonio SAR
Chapter GALA

**Saturday
January 20,
2018
6:00 PM**

SALUTE TO VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY

On November 10th and 11th, several members of the Chapter supported various local events as a means of honoring veterans on Veterans Day Events in our community.

- Compatriots Frank and Stephen Rohrbough, together with their brother Leonard Rohrbough (Louisiana Society), had a Wreath placed at the grave of their father, Colonel Leonard M. Rohrbough, USAF (Ret) in Mandeville (Louisiana) City Cemetery as part of the Nationwide “Wreaths Across America” Program. (See **Photo.**)



- President Larry Loop and President-Elect Roy Leonard participated with the Alamo DAR Chapter in saluting over 100 Veterans at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Spring Branch on November 11th. Each Veteran received the Vietnam Lapel Pin as a symbol of appreciation for their service to country.

Compatriots Loop and Leonard participated with the Knights of Columbus in the presentation of Colors as Color Guardsmen.

- At the request of Compatriot Bud Davenport, our Color Guard was invited, as in years past, to participate at the Annual Veterans Day Event at the First Presbyterian Church on November 10, 2017. Compatriots Larry Loop, Roy Leonard, Fred Soupiset and Bob Hancock served as the Color Guardsmen for their Annual Veterans Day Program.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING



At our November 15th Chapter meeting, our Guest Speaker was Candy Martin, Past President of Gold Star Mothers Inc. We were honored to have her provide short History of Gold Star Mothers and the story about the son she lost. Tom, a 2005 graduate of the United States Military Academy, was killed while serving in Iraq in October 2007. Notably, Candy is the Vice-President of the 1LT Tom Martin Memorial Foundation. Candy Martin retired as a Chief Warrant Officer Five in 2013 after a 38-year career in the U.S. Army. She deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006 and notably served as the Theater Property Book Officer.

Candy earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and holds a Master of Arts Degree in Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. She is a graduate of multiple military schools. Her awards include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. She is a

distinguished member of the Quartermaster Regiment and was recently inducted into the United States Army Quartermaster Hall of Fame.

Candy is a very busy lady. She is a member of the Alamo Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, serves as a Director on the United States Army Women’s Museum non-profit board, is appointed as an Army Reserve Ambassador, and frequently volunteers with at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital, and the USO, both in San Antonio Texas.

Candy and her husband Sergeant Major (Retired) Ed Martin make their home in San Antonio Texas. They raised four children – one Son and three daughters.

For her presentation, President Loop presented Candy with a book entitled “George Washington’s Secret Six” by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager.

JOINT DAR-SAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



(Photo L to R Above) Seating at the Head Table are Former NSSAR President-General Edward F. Butler, Gaby Hadyka DAR Texas State Recording Secretary, and San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter Regent Ann Dennis.



The Joint Meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 2nd at the San Antonio Country Club. Regent Ann Dennis was our hostess for the annual event and provided us with wonderful hospitality.

(Photo Below at Left) For the second year now, the Reagan High School Show Choir provided our Holiday entertainment. The Choir is directed by Mary Cowart who is in her thirteenth year at Reagan High School and her seventh year as the head choir director. Her choirs have consistently received Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest. For the last five years, Reagan HS has had the highest numbers of students place in the Texas All-State Choirs each year.

The Reagan Show Choir has performed in many countries in Europe and South America, including Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris France and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy.

Joining Regent Dennis at the Head Table were Chapter President Larry Loop and his First Lady Marilyn Loop DAR Texas State Curator.

Color Guardsmen included Commander Frank Rohrbough, Kevin Kanter, Peter Baron and Bob Hancock.

Others Chapter Members attending the Joint Meeting were Peter and Tina Baron and son Campbell Baron, Frank and Diane Rohrbough, Stephen and Marie Rohrbough, Bob and Prissy Hancock, Joseph and Nita Ware, Kevin and Jean Kanter, Dustin and Brooke Whittenburg, George and Shelli Whittenburg, Lan and Pat Kelly, Tom and Susanne O'Brien, Sharon and Michael Bowles, and Max Strozier.

DAR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO SAR

President Larry Loop recognized the support given by two Daughters of the American Revolution who assisted in the preparation of Membership Applications for applicants to the Sons of the American Revolution. This work is a Texas State DAR Program, SAR-DAR Relations Committee, where DAR members assist in recruiting new SAR members and helping them to complete their membership applications.

(Photo at Right) Shown are Georgianne Brochstein (Llano Uplift Chapter) (Center) and Jean Kanter (Green Mountain Boys Chapter) (Left) who were awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal for completing 11 SAR Applications for our chapter.



FEATURED SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER MEETING



Our Guest Speaker for the December 13th Chapter Meeting was Compatriot William Patrick (Pat) Blackman. Compatriot Blackman is a member of the Boerne SAR Chapter. As President-Elect, he will be installed at the January 27th Chapter Meeting by Texas SAR President John Beard,

Pat is a native Texan, born in Brownsville, who grew up in New Orleans where he met his wife of 57 years, Jackie, also a native Texan. Both he and Jackie graduated from Louisiana State University after which Pat completed a 42-year career in business-to-business advertising, public relations and corporate marketing in Houston. Pat is a lifelong student of world history and has a particular affinity for American history. Pat is a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust and the Kendall County Historical Society.

Since moving to Boerne in 2004, Pat has given dozens of lectures and presentations to various groups including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the War of 1812, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Daughters of the Union Army, the Kendall County Genealogical Society plus a five-year-long series of monthly American history lectures to residents of Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs.

As a student of Early American History, Blackman has prepared numerous presentations on the American Revolutionary War to include the leaders promoting the cause of freedom, the Battles during the Revolution and, more specifically, “Who Were the Loyalists?” in the Colonies who remained loyal to King George III of England. He noted that about 450,000 colonists or 15—20 percent of the population in the Colonies were active Loyalists or had Loyalist tendencies. Another 80,000 slaves were Loyalist supporters. He stated that most native American tribes supported English rule.

For his presentation, President Loop presented Compatriot Blackman with a book entitled “Band of Giants” by Jack Kelly.

TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO SAR



At the December 13th Chapter Meeting, President Loop inducted two new members into the San Antonio Chapter. These new members are Compatriot David Michael Baker, a retired physician, and Thomas Steven Foley, an Air Force Chaplain.

Photo At Left) Compatriot Foley (in Air Force Uniform) noted that his Patriot Ancestor was William Tarbell who was born 13 October 1764 in Groton, Massachusetts. According to Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors, (volume 15, pp 388 and 391), he entered the Continental Army on 23 April 1781 for a term of three years. He was a Private in Captain Eliphalet Thorp’s company, Lt Col John Brook’s 7th regiment. He mustered at West Point, Phillipsburgh, Peekskill, York Huts. Tarbell was tried and acquitted by regimental court martial on 5 October 1781, with Captain Lincoln, President, “on charge of stealing a fowl and cabbage or suffering it to be done when on guard.” He

later served in Captain Nathaniel Allen’s 8th company, 4th Massachusetts regiment from May to September 1783. After the Revolution, William Tarbell the Patriot married three times and died 2 August 1851. He is buried in the Old Burying Ground in Groton, Massachusetts. The inscription on his grave marker reads: “William Tarbell detailed to headquarters of Gen. Washington from Mar. 20, 1781 to close of war.”

Compatriot Baker noted that his Patriot Ancestor was Jacob Plunk. He was a Private in the NC Militia and fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain in Col Phifer’s NC Regiment.

OFFICERS FOR 2018

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 13th Chapter Meeting:

President: Roy Leonard
1st Vice President: Dustin Whittenburg
2nd Vice President: George Whittenburg
Recording Secretary: Frank Russell
Correspond Secretary: Frank Rohrbough
Sergeant at Arms: Bud Davenport
Treasurer: Kevin Kanter
Registrar: Peter Baron
Historian: Joe Ware
Chaplain: James Taylor
Genealogists: James Taylor
Chancellor: Edward Snyder

NOTE: Officers will be Inducted at the January 20th Chapter Gala by Texas SAR President John Beard

2017 IN REVIEW

President Loop noted in his "Message" on Page 1 the efforts that Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen undertook to make this another very successful year. Some "Highlights of the Year" included participation in the three Naturalization Events at Ft. Sam Houston, TX by providing the Color Guard and a Guest Speaker, National "Salute to Veterans" held throughout the South Texas Veterans Health Care System during the week of February 13th, the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 18th, hosted the 123rd Annual Texas State Convention, history fairs at local schools, the Independence Day Program on July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and our Joint DAR/SAR Christmas Luncheon on December 2nd.

All of these activities support SAR's goal to educate local students and the public about the history and events of the American Revolution.

At our Chapter Meeting on December 13th, President Loop presented Service Awards to Officers and Committee Chairman for their service to the Chapter throughout the year. Members were presented the various SAR Medals and Certificates or an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) if they had previously received the Medal. **Awards are noted below and Page 6.**

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2017



As noted above, President Loop thanked Chapter members for their service to the Chapter during the past year.

(Photo Left) The following members received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal (BRSM) or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) are shown from Left to Right: James Taylor (1st OLC) (Genealogist and Chaplain); Dustin Whittenburg (Medal) (Treasurer) and Roy Leonard (Medal) (President-Elect).

(Photo Right) Members receiving Chapter Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) are shown from Left to Right: Bud Davenport (5 OLC) (Sgt. At Arms), Bob Hancock (3 OLC), Edward Butler Sr. (4 OLC), Henry Garcia Jr. (1 OLC) (Membership Chairman), David Brooks (OLC) (Veterans Chairman).



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(Photo Left) Members receiving Chapter Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) are shown from Left to Right: George Harcourt (10 OLC) (Chair of Texas SAR Annual Convention), Joe Ware (8 OLC) (Historian), Frank Rohrbough (6 OLC) (Corresponding Secretary and Color Guard Commander), and Stephen Rohrbough (8 OLC) (Awards Chairman).

13 Other Officers and Committee Chairman who were not present will be presented their Awards at future Chapter Meeting or Event.

Invitation to Chapter Gala

Who Can Attend: All Members and their Guests and Friends of SAR and DAR are Invited to attend our Chapter Gala

Keynote Speaker: Lt General Tom Jaco, USA (Ret)

Reservations: Send name/s and select meal choice of

- Filet Mignon \$55 or
- Petroleum Club Shrimp \$45 for each person in your party.

Payment: Send check made payable to San Antonio SAR in the amount for each person to:
Mr. Dustin Whittenburg
999 E. Basse Road, Suite 180-136
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Checks must be received by January 15, 2017

Dress: Men - Black Tie or a dark suit or Revolutionary War Period Dress

Ladies: Formal evening gown or cocktail dress

For Additional Information: Contact President Larry Loop at (830) 438-0412.

CHAPTER AWARDS (CONT'D)



The following members were recognized for their service to the Chapter with Certificates of Appreciation for their Service To Veterans

working the Popcorn Concession at Audie Murphy Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.

(Photo Above) President Loop presented Certificates to Tom O'Brien (left) and Richard Weitzel (center).



(Photo Left) President Loop presented a Certificate to Compatriot Michael Bowles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 11:00 A.M., Denny's Restaurant, Blanco and Loop 410.

Chapter General Meeting: Normally at Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. **There will be No Regular Chapter Meeting in January 2017 because a Chapter Gala will be Held on Saturday, January 20, 2018.**

Annual San Antonio SAR Gala: January 20, 2018, 6:00 P.M. San Antonio Petroleum Club. Keynote Speaker - LTG Tom Jaco U.S. Army (Ret). To Attend, **your reservations**

must be received by the Treasurer No Later Than January 15 2018. (See Invitation Above)

Special Events:

- **Operation Ancestry Research:** Training Sessions will be announced as they are scheduled. Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; (All Members are invited to participate.)
- **Pike Davis Scouting Ranch:** n War Period Program, Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. For more details, contact, Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at

frankr@gvtc.com.

- **George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX:** Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 9:00 AM (All Participants must sign a Release Form and send it to Compatriot Tom Green at TBGreen3@gmail.com NLT December 31st).

For more information about what your Chapter is doing, go to our Chapter Webpage at:

www.sarsat.org