



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot David Brooks, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: At our Chapter Meeting on September 20th we had a wonderful program that included Brigadier General John Jernigan, a retired Air Force Medical Service Officer. Gen Jernigan spoke of his Father's experience in World War II while serving as a pilot on B-17 and making bombing runs over Central Europe. We completed the meeting with the induction of Compatriot Michael Alvarez into SAR and our Chapter. See details on **Pages 2 and 3**.

Let me note once again the able leadership of Past President David Brooks where our Chapter received many Awards during the Spring at the Texas Society Annual Meeting which our Chapter hosted at the El Tropicana Hotel. Those Awards were noted in the March-April 2017 Chapter Newsletter. Well, again that work was recognized at the recent Texas Society Board of Managers Meeting held in Galveston in October 13-15, 2017 where we received an additional three National Society Awards. These include:

· **President General's Activities Award** (For the most complete practice of implementing SAR Programs and Resolutions 2016 – 2017)
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· **USS Stark Memorial Award Honorable Mention** (For best record of service to veterans during the year 2016 – 2017).

These awards speak well of our chapter and the hard work of many of our members who serve on our Executive Committee and our numerous Chapter Committees. I should also note that Compatriot James Taylor was awarded the SAR Minuteman Award, the highest SAR Medal that can be bestowed on a member of SAR, at the 127th Annual Congress in Knoxville, TN this past July. We are very proud to have Reverend Taylor as a member of our Chapter. We had several members of our Chapter attend the recent Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Galveston. Our members included Compatriots Ed Butler, Stephen Rohrbough and Frank Rohrbough and me. We witnessed a sterling performance of 6 Oration Contestants. There is no doubt that our Texas SAR winner will compete very well at the National Congress in Houston in July 2018. With October being SAR's Public Service Awards Month, our Guest Speaker was Dr. David Miramontes, Medical Director for the San Antonio Fire Department. He addressed the risks of fire service that occur such as occupational injuries, wellness, and coping skills. He provided his insight into the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire on May 18, 2017. He thanked the awardees for their service. Dr. Miramontes was presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. We recognized 10 outstanding Awardees with SAR's public Service Awards. Specifics about their community service is provided on **Page 3-4**.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 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 3rd 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 will be 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**

CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS AT THE TEXAS SOCIETY BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

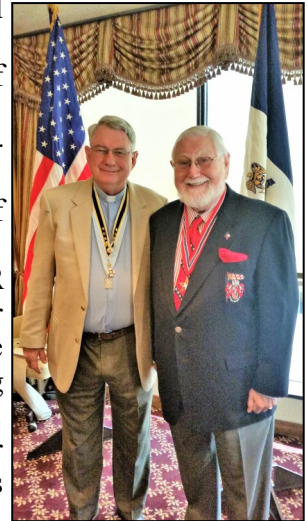
President Larry Loop noted at the April Chapter Meeting that our Chapter could be very proud of what we have achieved in service to the our community. Due to the able leadership of Past President David Brooks our Chapter received many Awards at the Texas Society Annual Meeting that we hosted at the El Tropicana Hotel. Those Awards were noted in the March-April 2017 Chapter Newsletter.

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Most noteworthy is that **Compatriot James Taylor** was awarded the **SAR Minuteman Award**, the highest SAR Medal that can be bestowed on a member of SAR, at the Annual Congress in Knoxville, TN. We are very proud to have Reverend Taylor as a member of our Chapter. **(Photo Right)** Extending Congratulations is Former President General Edward F. Butler (2009/10).

These results speak well of our chapter and the hard work of many of our members who serve on our Executive Committee and one of our numerous Chapter Committees. Congratulations Compatriots!



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



On September 20th at our Chapter Meeting, President Loop inducted Compatriot

Michael Alvarez into SAR and our Chapter. His Patriot Ancestor is Daniel Kautz (Kouts) - a Private, PA Militia from Berks Co.

Daniel Kouts Sr. my 5x Great Grandfather was born in Pennsylvania in 1755 and was the son of German immigrants who formed the Pennsylvania Dutch movement at that time. His father Hans George Kouts first came to America into Philadelphia in 1752 on the ship "Nancy" out of Rotterdam Germany.

Daniel appears in the Pennsylvania Archives Fifth series v.05 Revolutionary Service 1781-1782 County of Berks on the payroll of Lt. James Gleave's detachment of Berks Co. Militia guarding convention prisoners. Daniel, age 26, was 1 of 21 men on the roll who were mustered in on December 17, 1781 and discharged on February 17, 1782 after serving as a Private for 63 days. Daniel went on to marry Anna Maria Zell where they had 10 children (6 boys & 4 girls) and made their living as farmers in Pennsylvania until he died in 1831 at the age of 76.

I come from a long and proud military heritage. My 2X Great Grandfather Samuel George Kouts served the Union in the 73rd Indiana Infantry, my great grandfather George Kouts was a medic in WWI and my grandfather Alvin Kouts was a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

(Photo at Far Right) Brigadier General John Jernigan, USAF (Ret) served in the USAF for just short of 30 years. For his first 14 years, he served as an Aerospace Medicine Physician. During his last 16 years he served in a variety of leadership positions. He claims that he is the only officer in USAF Medical Service to command all of the following units: an Air Force hospital, an AF Medical Center, an AF Medical Wing and an AF Medical Center. Gen Jernigan spoke of his Father's experience in World War II while serving as a co-pilot on B-17 and making bombing runs over Central Europe. He noted that his father's aircraft was shot down on his 7th mission over Belgium and where he made an emergency landing in a farmers field. He and his Pilot were rescued and held by Underground Freedom Fighters for several weeks until the German Gestapo raided the house and took them captive. They were imprisoned at Stalag 3 in Southern Germany. For his presentation, President Loop provided Gen Jernigan a book titled "Band of Giants" by Jack Kelly.



DONATION SUPPORTING VETERANS

In support of Veterans Programs, the Chapter donated \$438 to support the Occupational Therapy Department at the Polytrauma Center at the Audie Murphy Medical Center. The donation was made on October 5th to assist Active Duty Service Members and Veterans to practice their skills in a real world environment and transition to their home community. Ms. Maria Teresa Gomez-Lansidel expressed her gratitude for the contribution on behalf of Polytrauma Occupational Therapy Department. Shown L to R are Compatriot David Brooks, VAVS Representative Harry Robinson, Ms. Gomez-Lansidel, President Larry Loop and Compatriot Bud Davenport.



PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS GIVEN TO LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS



The San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution recognized some of San Antonio's finest First Responders at its Public Service

Awards Luncheon on October 18th, 2017. The San Antonio Chapter has recognized members of the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) annually for the past 20 years by awarding them the SAR Public Service Medals and Certificates. At this year's luncheon, 10 individuals and 2 Engine Crews were recognized for their extraordinary service to the San Antonio community. A total of 29 firefighters and family members attended this Public Service Awards Luncheon.

Shown Left to Right are Firefighter (FF) Alexander Tovar, FF Joshua Torres, Engineer Melvin Fitzgerald, Engineer Damian Torres, Chief Walter Yates, Lt. David Willis, Captain David Tundel, FF Jesse Torres, Acting Engineer Ryan Barnes and FF Joshua Hubbard. **(Cont'd on Page 4)**

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS (CONT'D)

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This Awards Program was planned and conducted under the stewardship of Compatriot Peter Baron. Through his work we recognized 10 outstanding Awardees with SAR's Public Service Awards as noted below.



(Photo Left) (R to L) San Antonio SAR President Larry Loop recognized SAFD Engine Crew 27-A for its heroism at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire on May 18, 2017. Lieutenant Kevin Willis was given the SAR Heroism Commendation for his skill in leadership in locating and extricating a down firefighter in a deteriorating condition hostile environment. His crew Engineer Damian Torres, Firefighter Joshua Torres, and Firefighter Alexander Tovar were recognized with Certificates of Valor for the actions. Fire Station 27 was presented a Shadowbox with

Medals and Certificates commemorating the critical services of Lt. Willis and his crew.

(Photo at Far Right) (R to L) President Loop also recognized SAFD Engine Crew 32-A for its heroism at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire. Captain David Tundel was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal for he and his crew's extrication of a second downed firefighter. Engine 32's Crew was made up of Acting Engineer Ryan Barnes, Firefighter Jesse Torres, and Firefighter Joshua Hubbard. Their bravery assisted in the extrication of the second firefighter and was recognized with the SAR Commendation for



Valor. Fire Station 32 also received a Shadowbox with Medals and Certificates to remember these heroic men.



(Photo Left) Fire Safety Award Commendation Medal: Battalion Chief Walter Yates was recognized for his service to the citizens of San Antonio with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Chief Yates has served the citizens of San Antonio for 29 years and is known for his calm demeanor, attention to detail, and exemplary tactics. His many years at Rescue has prepared him to succeed at any endeavor. The SAR recognized him for his skilled leadership.

(Photo Bottom Right) Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal.

President Loop presented SAFD Medic 27 -D Team the SAR EMS Commendation Medal for its actions at the Ingram Square Shopping Center fire. Engineer Melvin Fitzgerald and Engineer Dennis Parks (Not Present) established triage and treated the extricated firefighters. Their actions preserved life, decreased pain, and speeded the recovery of those injured.

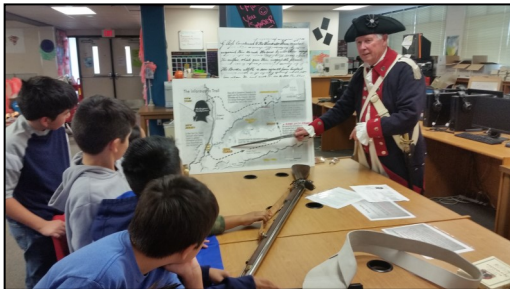


CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN LOSOYA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HISTORY FAIR



Our Chapter participated in the Annual History Fair at Losoya Intermediate School (Southside Independent School District) on October 19th. Unlike in past years where the event was held on Saturdays where only 100 students attended the event, the school held this event on a school day so all 800 students could visit the Table Demonstrations that were set up on the school grounds and in the school Library. **(Photo Top Left)** Compatriots Peter Baron and Paul Reynolds dressed in Revolutionary

Uniforms, discussed activities the uniforms, Campaign Flags, and weapons of the American Revolution. One of the highlights of this Demonstration was the loading and firing of the Brown Bess Musket used as the primary weapon of both the Continental and the British Armies. **(Photo Right)** Compatriot Paul Reynolds discusses a British Officers' Sword that was in the collection of Compatriot Jim Hudson.



This historic relic and prized possession was donated by Compatriot Hudson to the Chapter so it could be shown to students at school History Fairs so they could learn more about the American Revolution and our British adversaries.

(Photo Left) Compatriot Frank Rohrbough gave a presentation on General Washington's Spy Ring in New York during the period 1779 to 1781. He described what information General Washington wanted collected so that he would know the strength and locations of the British Forces, including naval ships and troops housed

aboard the ships and any plans of attack against the Continental Army. He explained how Major Benjamin Tallmadge organized the Ring and how the intelligence was gathered and delivered to General Washington at his HQ in upper New York of Eastern New Jersey. Compatriot Rohrbough stated that the information

provided was very valuable and informative to General Washington. **(Photo Right)** Dressed in period clothing, Lady Diane Rohrbough spoke about the Camp Followers of the Continental Army. She explained why family members would follow a husband, brother or uncle to the Army or Militia in order to assist in the war effort and receive food and safety within the camps. Doing services for other soldiers such as cooking, washing and mending of uniforms, camp followers would receive small payments in coin, food or goods on which to live and sustain themselves.



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (CONT'D)

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We continue to receive a steady stream of referrals of prospective members interested in membership from our State Organization. To relieve the load from our Registrar and our Genealogist, I have solicited members of DAR who are skilled in preparing SAR Applications. They have completed four applications and are still working hard to get as many completed as they can before the end of the year.

As we come to the end of this year, make sure all members report any meetings, presentations or other activities that qualify for submission in our President General Americanism report. If you have any questions about what qualifies, contact Vice President Roy Leonard.

We are planning our next GALA. It will be at the Petroleum Club on January 20, 2018. Our Keynote Speaker will be Lt. General Tom Jaco. Our State President John Beard will be present to install our new Officers for 2018.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you will have a wonderful time with family and friends.

Respectfully, Larry Loop

REFLECTION OF A FOUNDING FATHER

A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.

Samuel Adams, letter to James Warren, February 12, 1779

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Executive Committee: Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 11:00 A.M., Lion and Rose Pub (at Loop 410 and Blanco)

November General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 11:30 A.M., The Petroleum Club (7th Floor), San Antonio, TX

Joint DAR/SAR Christmas Meeting: Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:30 A.M. Hosted by San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter, San Antonio Country Club. (Must Make and Pay for Reservations NLT Nov 27th) (Larry Loop)

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.) (Peter Baron)

December Executive Committee: Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 11:00 A.M., Lion and Rose Pub (at Loop 410 and Blanco)

December General Membership Meeting: December 13, 2017, 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 17, 2018 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>