



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

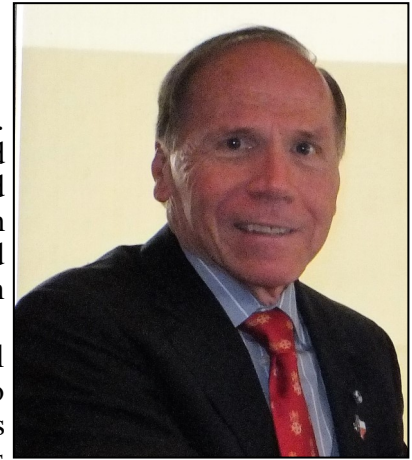
SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER #4 • TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN

Compatriot Roy Leonard, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Compatriots: Our Chapter remains actively involved with our community. On May 24th, we attended the Gold Star Pinning Event which recognized Immediate Past President Larry Loop's Father Carlin Loop who was killed in World War II in Papua New Guinea in 1944. The plane he was on crashed and was lost for 38 years. In 1983, the wreckage was found, and his Father's remains were sent home in 1984 for interment in his home in Salina Kansas. (See Page 2)

Because May is Law Enforcement Month for SAR, we recognized several members of the San Antonio Police Department for their heroic service to the San Antonio community at our Chapter meeting on May 16th. This year, we recognized Officers Mike Medina and Nathan Becerra, Veterans of the San Antonio Police Department for their service. SGT Scott Foulke, Motorcycle Supervisor of the San Antonio Police Department, was our guest speaker. (See Page 3).

On May 24th, we attended the Opening Ceremony of the Memorial Day Annual Flag Placement Program at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston. Many volunteers, including Boys and Girl Scout units, military units and local civilian organizations, assisted in the placement of more than 100,000 small US Flags at the head of the Tombstones of every veteran who is buried there.

With June 16th being National Flag Day, we scheduled Mr. George Says to be our Guest Speaker at our June 20th Chapter Meeting. He spoke about National Sojourner's "Build a Flag Presentation". (See Page 4) During the last two meetings in May and June we inducted 10 more new members. These inductions bring our total new inductees for the year to 17. We have had a total of 27 new members of NSSAR who were referred to our Chapter and are now members; of these, 10 have not attended a Chapter Meeting to participate in our Induction Ceremony. (See Page 4).

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough represented our Chapter at the Annual Memorial Day Flag Placement Program at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. (See Page 5)

Compatriot Paul Reynolds continues to do an outstanding job coordinating the JROTC events with the 43 San Antonio Area High Schools and 3 Universities. I extend my grateful appreciation to Paul, and all the members who participated in these presentations this year. (See Page 5)

On June 23rd, our Color Guard participated in the Blue Skies Patriotic Parade at Air Force Village II near Castroville. Residents of this Retirement Community have served our country well during their military careers and use this event to celebrate the nations Independence Day early. (See Page 6)

We have two Independence Day Events coming up in early July and I ask for those who live in the San Antonio area to participate in these events. Our biggest program is our Independence Day Celebration which will be held on July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort at 10:00 A.M. All compatriots (in Revolutionary Period dress or appropriate dress of the day) are invited to attend and share their stories of their Patriot Ancestor with the 100 plus hotel guests who will be attending the event. I ask that if you can, please join us. Our second event is the Wreath Laying Ceremony conducted by the Granaderos de Galvez y Dames at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on July 4th. As your President, I will assist in placing our Chapter Wreath before the attendees and give the benediction.

As a reminder, there will be **NO chapter meetings in July or August**. We will continue to have our Executive Committee (Business) Meetings in August and September. Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Compatriotly, *Roy Leonard*

GOLD STAR MEMORIAL FOR PVT CARLIN LOOP

After the attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, our country found itself in yet another World War. The entire country supported the war effort. The American people, the homefront, as they became affectionately known, supported the boys...over there. Young boys left their sweethearts and families, while young married men left their wives and children....all in support of our Country. In Kansas, there was a young family...A Father, a Mother, and a Baby Boy. The Father's name was Carlin. The Mother's name was Martha, and the Baby Boy was Larry. Carlin opted to support our country and entered service in the Medical Department of the United States Army Air Corps. It was January of 1943. Carlin was not the typical GI....he was married, had a baby, and was nearly 26 years old. Martha was 19. And Larry....he was not even two months old when his Father reported for military service.



It was March of 1944 when PFC Carlin E. Loop was returning to his unit after a brief leave. He boarded an aircraft, a B-24 Bomber. The aircraft was on a non-combat flight, being used as a transporter on a flight from the capitol of Port Moresby to Nadzab in New Guinea. The flight carried 3 crew members and 19 passengers. A total of 22 on board. The flight crashed into the dense jungle for unknown reasons and all 22 lost their lives that day. Searches for the aircraft were unproductive. 22 families lost their dreams somewhere in the jungles of New Guinea on that fateful day in March of 1944. In an effort to bring closure to the 22 families, the military declared the missing service members dead in 1946. More than likely, a way to begin survivor benefits and allow the families to find the new normal that was lurking in their thoughts. Memorial services were set, memorial stones laid, and life went on....sort of....there were marriages, births, and even some more deaths. Yet, there were still unfilled promises and dreams of 22 families.

It was early in 1980 or 1981 when some backpacking native bird hunters, looking for parakeets and parrots, came across a crash site of a B-24 Bomber, with the aircraft number 42-41081. Indeed, it was the Air Force plane that was last known to have flown over the jungle on March 22, 1944, carrying 22 United States Military servicemen.

After years of processing the crash scene, funeral services were scheduled around the United States, and the 22 families finally had a little more to add to the closure of the death of their war hero. PFC Carlin E. Loop was laid to final rest in his home of Salina Kansas on March 5, 1983 -- 39 years after his death. PFC Loop had a hero's welcome, which included his wife Martha, his Sisters, a Brother, and his only Son -- Larry. PFC Loop was buried near the graves of his parents, George and Rozetta, who died in 1963 and 1971, respectively. They died, never knowing the whereabouts of their Soldier Son.

GOLD STAR CEREMONY

Candy Martin, Past National President Gold Star Mothers, organized and sponsored this Gold Star Banner and Gold Star Pin Ceremony. The summary above was written and spoken by her at this ceremony. She arranged for this event to be hosted by the VFW Post 76 on May 24th. She noted: "After military deaths, surviving family members are recognized as a Gold Star Family. When there is a military loss, the whole family looses. It's not just the Mother, or the Father, or the Spouse, or the Sibling, but the children, too. The Children of the Fallen are part of this family we call Gold Star. Children....no matter their age. We call these special ceremonies Blue to Gold Ceremonies....whereby the Blue Service Star that would once hang in the window of the family home has turned gold, signifying the death of that service member. Thank you for sharing in this special event today, whereby Larry Loop, only child of PFC Carlin E. Loop, was honored with a Gold Star Banner and a Gold Star Lapel Button, while we continue to remember PFC Carlin Loop." The VFW Post 76 Auxiliary hosted a reception following the Ceremony.



LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Chapter recognized two officers from the San Antonio Police Department for their bravery as our Law Enforcement Awardees.

(Photo Right) First to be recognized was Officer Nathan Cody Becerra is a 6 year veteran. On July 27, 2017 Officer Becerra was dispatched to a home invasion/robbery call. Officer Becerra approached a vehicle with three suspects and contacted the driver.

The driver began fighting with Officer Becerra. While attempting to arrest the driver, a backseat passenger shot Officer Becerra twice. He was shot in the abdomen and in the leg. He drew his weapon and engaged the suspect. Officer Becerra fought through the attack and his injury.

Officer Becerra's actions on July 27th represent the dedication and excellence he exhibits daily as a San Antonio Police Officer. His strength of character and dedication to his family, both natural and his family in Blue, is evident to all who meet him. We recognize Officer Nathan Becerra for this sacrifice, honor and commitment to duty; these actions reflect great credit on himself, his family, the San Antonio Police Department and the Citizens of San Antonio. He was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Citation.



(Photo Left) Officer Michael Medina is a 3 year veteran of the San Antonio Police Department.

On July 27, 2017 Officer Medina was working an extra shift and responding to a home invasion/robbery call, when a suspect vehicle was identified and contacted by other officers. Upon approaching an active scene, Officer Medina engaged suspects in a gunfight as they were attacking another Officer. Officer Medina was then able to secure the remaining suspects and render aid to the injured Officer.

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President Roy Leonard presented the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY CHAPTER MEETING



Medal and Citation to both awardees. **(Photo Left)** SGT Scott Foulke, Motorcycle Supervisor of the San Antonio Police Department, was our Guest Speaker giving support for his award recipients as noted above. He spoke about what officers of the Department face everyday while on the job protecting the San Antonio community. Sgt Scott Foulke presented out program with a discussion on the daily perils and challenges faced by our San Antonio Police Officers. Sgt Foulke is a Family Assistance officer and personally handled the incident involving our awardees. His lecture enlightened us as to the quality of our police department officers and the need for continued support of Officers Nationally. Sgt Foulke was presented the SAR Good Citizenship Medal for his years of Service to the Citizens of San Antonio. He is currently assigned as the SAPD Motorcycle Division Supervisor. For his presentation, SGT Foulke was presented the SAR Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate by President Leonard.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Our Guest Speaker was George Says, a member of the National Sojourners. He presented their historic “Build a Flag Program”. This is the second time we have had the Sojourners make this presentation at a Chapter Meeting.

The Heroes of '76 is a sub element of the National Sojourners, Inc. It is composed of Masons who have served in the military services or have been selected as Honorary membership due to their Masonic services. They put on Flag Programs for any organization which would like to have a program. The motto is "Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism". The one given to us was "Building the Flag". They started with a platform which represented the “Government” and upon that platform developed the “United States Flag” as it currently is today, providing a narrative with each stripe and star.

For his presentation, Says was presented a book entitled “American Revolution By Those Who Shaped Our Nation”.

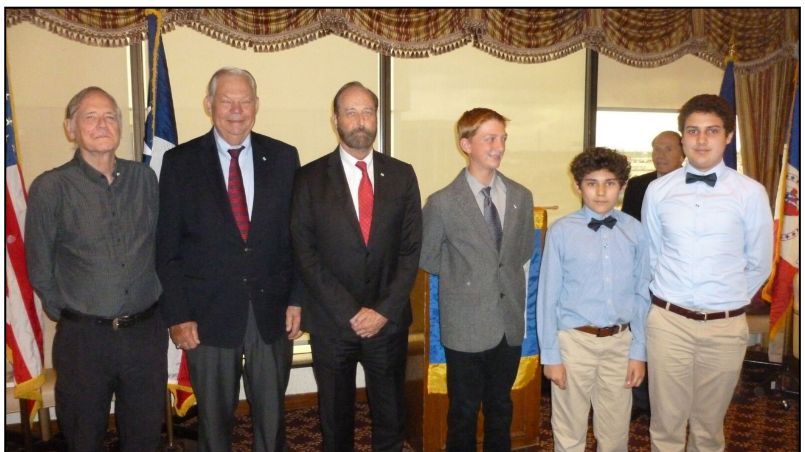


PRESIDENT INDUCTS MORE MEMBERS



At the May 18th Chapter Meeting, President Roy Leonard inducted 3 more members into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. Their Patriot Ancestors are noted in parenthesis. (Shown Left to Right) Compatriots **Oren Kirk Upton** (Peter Sperry, Pvt, Rockingham County, VA); **David Arthur Byrd** (Robert Young, Sr., Tennessee Militia, Washington County, under Col. John Sevier where he served at the Battle of Kings Mountain); and **Brian Gregory Scott** (Martin Martin; Private, 10th Towles Company, 3rd Carolina Regiment).

(Photo Below) Seven more members were inducted at the June 20th Chapter Meeting. From Right to Left they are: **Joshua A. Galaviz** and his brother **Ryan A. Galaviz**, (Joseph Humphrey, public service, took charge of public weapons, Georgia); **Sonny S. Mann**, (Nathan Slawson - private under Captain Samuel Lewis and Col Thaddeus Crane, 4th Regiment Westchester County Militia, NY); **John Freeman Barclay Prather** (Thomas Prather, took oath of allegiance to obtain land warrant under settlement and preemptive rights); **Ellert R. Weitzel, III**, (John Frederick Rose, Private in Col Thomas Polk’s Regiment, N.C. Militia, and also with Georgia Troops under Col Elijah Clarke); **John L. Jansma**, (John Dudlan, Pennsylvania Associator, Private, Plumstead County, PA under Captain W. McCalia, 7th Co, 2d Bat, 21 Aug). Not present was **John Michael Hinchman**, (William Williams, NCO, Orderly Sargent, Virginia).



With these inductions, our current Active Membership totals 203 members as of the end of June.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT PROGRAM



Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation to kick off this event. The Director of the Cemetery would then give instructions to the volunteer groups on where to pick up Grave Marking Flags and the assignment locations throughout the Cemetery.

However, on May 24th, the Scouting Council had the scouts conduct this Opening Ceremony. Many other supporting volunteer organizations assist the staff of this Cemetery in this extraordinary and time consuming effort on the day before Memorial Day. Volunteers placed over 100,000 small US Flag centered one foot in front of each headstone. **(Photo**

Left) Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Chapter Color Guard Commander, attended this event to show our support for this national event. Shown with Compatriot Rohrbough is Michelle Chapman from the Boys Scouts of America Alamo Area Council and a few the Cub and Brownie Scouts. **(Photo Right)** Air Force students from Ft. Sam Houston volunteered their time to assist in the Flag Placement Event placing flags at many of the headstones of veterans at this national cemetery.



CHAPTER PRESENTS ROTC AWARDS TO LOCAL STUDENTS



According to Chairman Paul Reynolds, SAR ROTC Bronze Medals and Certificates were mailed to 43 high school JROTC units for presentation during their Annual Awards Programs. In total, our members presented 35 SAR Awards at local high schools to selected students for their outstanding leadership qualities. Members wore their Revolutionary Period Uniforms at 18 of these events. Additionally, Certificates and Silver Medals were presented at 3 local Universities. **(Photo Left)** Chairman Reynolds attend the Southwest HS Navy ROTC Awards Program and presented the Bronze Medal to Corps Commander, Kaitland Jowers. He noted one Cadet received a Naval Academy Appointment while several other cadets were seeking military service in the Marines and Army. **(Photo Right)** President Roy Leonard attended the JROTC Award Program at Lee High School. Shown is President Leonard presenting the SAR

Flag Certificate to Cadet LtCol Ysabelle Katigbak, the Unit Commander and Cadet Captain Amaris Rodriguez, the Color Guard Commander. He noted that 5 of the cadets are seniors who are going on to college and/or military service.

Although all JROTC units conducted numerous flag presentations performances throughout the school year, six were singled out and presented the SAR Flag Certificates. Other high schools recognized include: John Marshal, Southwest, Floresville, Lanier and Judson.



USA INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AT BLUE SKIES OF TEXAS (FORMERLY AIR FORCE VILLAGE)



II. It is located on Texas Hwy 90 West between San Antonio and Castroville on June 23th. At 9:00 A.M. our Color Guard stepped off leading the Parade several blocks to the Flag Pole located at the front entrance to the Residence.

Our Color Guardsmen included (L to R) Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough, Paul Reynolds, Larry loop, President Roy Leonard and Bob Hancock.

Many of the residents are retired military officers who have served our country in many different roles. Blue Skies offers a variety of residential choices on two campuses and multiple dining venues. Residents discover they have all the time they need to cultivate friendships, plus all sorts of opportunities for social and spiritual activities.

For the second year, our Color Guard was invited to participate in the Blue Skies Parade on June 23rd at what is formerly the Air Force Village

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL WALL REPLICA

The San Antonio Sons of the American Revolution Chapter was approached by the Alamo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) about co-sponsoring placement of the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in San Antonio. Your Executive Committee (EC) has voted to participate with the Alamo Chapter of the DAR, and other co-sponsoring lineage organizations, in this project. An application will be entered in the National competition for sites for the Wall during 2019 is being submitted by the Alamo Chapter of the DAR. The proposal is for placement of the Wall at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The administration of the Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery have initially approved the siting. If San Antonio is selected, the Wall will be on display for 24 hours a day for 4 days.

Our discussions about the SA SAR funding are ongoing, but your EC has decided to seek participation by individual members in the way of donations to fund our share of the project. All amounts contributed will be designated for this project only. If the Alamo Chapter of the DAR does not receive an award for placement of the Wall in San Antonio, contributions will be returned. The base cost to have the Wall for a week is \$10,000. Your EC will continue to discuss limits on participation. We hope to be a major contributor and see this as a unique public relations and educational event. We will seek volunteers to assist during the week the Wall is on exhibit locally. If you wish to contribute, please submit your contributions to Kevin Kanter, our Treasurer, to me as President, or to any member of the EC who will transmit those contributions to Compatriot Kanter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meetings: No Business Meeting in July;

Next Meetings: Thursday, August 9 and September 13, 2018, 11:30 A.M., Denny's Restaurant south side of IH 10 just to the east of Wurzbach located at 9550 I-10 West.

Chapter General Meeting: Usually held at the Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M.

No Chapter Meetings in July or August 2018.

Next Meetings: September 19, 2018.

Operation Ancestry Research:

Training sessions will be announced as they are scheduled. Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; (Peter Baron) (All Members are invited)

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)
- **Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service:** Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, **Jul**

4th, 10 A.M. (Assemble 9 AM)

National Society, SAR Annual Congress: Westin Memorial City, Houston, TX, July 12 - 18, 2018. Volunteers from the Texas Society are needed (Frank Rohrbough)

Fredericksburg Veterans Day Parade: November 11, 2018, Fredericksburg, at 2:00 p.m. (Roy Leonard)

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