



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot Dustin Whittenburg, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough,

Jan-Feb 2019



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: I want to thank every-one again for your confidence shown in electing me as your Chapter Presi-

dent for 2019. Please accept my sincerest appreciation for the support every one of you gives to the office.

My brother George Whittenburg is joining our leadership team as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Michael Bowles will serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Many of the other stalwart officers and committee chairman from 2018 agreed to serve this year as well. Their long and loyal service will be invaluable to us all as we plan for and conduct our coming events in 2019, staying focused on maintaining our community engagements and remaining true to SAR's core objectives. For more details, **go to Page 2.**

On January 19th, under the able leadership of President Leonard, our Chapter conducted a wonderful and fun-filled Chapter Gala. Our Keynote Speaker was Lt. General Richard E. (Tex) Brown, USAF Retired, former Acting Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He spoke on the Air Force Core Values which are woven through Air Force policies, guidance, and focus areas. Also, attending was Texas SAR President Thomas Jackson and his guest Liz Muller. It was an honor to have President Jackson install our Officers for 2019 at the Gala Celebration. More details, **go to Page 2.**

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 11 -14, 2019. Compatriot David Brooks, thank you for engaging our members to staff our mini-receptions and greet the veterans and thank them for their service. For more details, **go to Page 4.**

On February 23rd, we joined the Laredo Chapter for the 122nd George Washington's Birthday Celebration & Parade in Laredo, Texas, to include an impressive ceremony showing international cooperation on the International Bridge that morning. For more details, **go to Page 3.**

We partnered with the Alamo Chapter DAR to host the Vietnam War Memorial Wall Exhibit at National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston during February 27 to March 3, 2019. This traveling Exhibit was open to the Public for 24-hours a day until Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. For more details, **go to Page 5.**

Please consider volunteering to be a committee chairman. Give a little in time and receive a great reward in satisfaction. Call me about how you can help.

Kevin Kanter will continue to serve as our Chapter Treasurer. Compatriot Larry Loop will continue to serve as Chairman of our Education Programs to include our Poster Contest and participation at the Tejada Middle School History Fair on April 1st. Because this date conflicts with our Texas SAR Annual Conference, Compatriots Bob Hancock, Paul Reynolds and Fred Soupiset will serve as our representatives at this longstanding educational event. They will need some help, so if you want to participate let me know.

If you want to know what events we will be conducting or participating in or for a listing of Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen, go to our Chapter Website at <http://www.sarsat.org>.

Our Executive Committee (Business Meeting) will meet at Denny's Restaurant located on Blanco inside Loop 410. The next EC Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019. You are welcome to attend these monthly planning sessions.

We will continue conducting our Chapter Meetings at the Petroleum Club on the third Wednesday of the month, with a brief recess for the summer; no Chapter meetings in July or August.

Compatriotly, *Dustin Whittenburg*



## Chapter Conducts Annual GALA

(Photo Below) At our January 19th Chapter Gala, President Thomas Jackson, Texas Society SAR, installed the new officers for our Chapter for 2019.

The following members (shown from right to left) were elected by the members at the December 12, 2018 Chapter Meeting: **Frank Rohrbough**, Corresponding Secretary, **Joe Ware**, Historian, **Dustin Whittenburg**, President, **George Whittenburg**, 1st Vice President, **Peter Baron**, Registrar, **Kevin Kanter**, Treasurer, and **Richard Weitzel**, Sgt at Arms. Others present but not shown are: **Ed Snyder III**, Chancellor and **Michael Bowles**, 2nd Vice President. Other elected members not present were: **Christopher Janak**, Recording Secretary and **James Taylor**, Genealogist. In his closing remarks, President Jackson stated that the Texas Society was planning its upcoming State Convention in Austin, TX April 4-7, 2019 and encouraged members to attend the Convention if possible.



## Lt. General Richard "Tex" Brown, USAF (Ret) Speaker for Our Gala



We were honored to host Lt. Gen. Richard E. "Tex" Brown III former acting Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He was responsible for Air Staff organization and administration, served as Deputy Chairman of the Air Force Council, and was the Air Force accreditation official for the Corps of Air Attaches. General Brown was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at Texas Christian University in 1970. He had commanded an operational fighter squadron, a composite wing and fighter wing, and the Air Force Personnel Center. A command pilot, General Brown has flown more than 3,500 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft, with 140 combat missions in Southeast Asia in the A-1 Skyraider.

His remarks focused on the Core Values of the USAF (Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do). He retired in August 2004.

In appreciation for his visit, a large Gift Basket from the famous Castroville Bakery was presented to General and Mrs. Brown.

## Chapter Gala (Cont'd)



(Photo at Left) In appreciation for his attendance and Installation of Officers for 2019, Compatriot Peter Baron presented a large Gift Basket from the Castroville Bakery to President Tom Jackson and his guest Liz Muller.

(Photo at Right) Before the Installation of Officers for 2019, outgoing President Leonard recognized the services of Cynthia Watson, a DAR Member, who has now completed 23SAR Applications for prospective members under the TSDAR's "Finder Form Program".



She was presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation Medal and Certificate. President Leonard noted Cynthia was presented the SAR Martha Washington Medal in 2016 and an Oak Leaf Cluster in 2017 for her strong support in earlier years.

## SAR Participates in George Washington Parade

Former Texas SAR President Thomas (Tom) Green continues to recruit a multi-state SAR group to participate in the Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo. The 122nd Parade was held on February 23rd and we were there again for the 19th year.

**(Photo at Right)** Texas Society President Thomas Jackson (Holding the Texas Flag) led the procession to the International Bridge for the opening Ceremony at 8:00 A.M.. Accompanying him was the Tex-

as SAR delegation including the Former Texas SAR President Thomas Green. Other notables participating were SAR Color Guard Commander Stuart Hoyt (Carrying US Flag), Former SAR Color Guard Commander Frank Rohrbough (Holding Banner) and 5 other SAR members. With next year being our 20th Year of SAR's participation, we hope to get more National Officers to attend this event. This NSSAR Event counts towards the award of SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.



The George Washington Parade is sponsored by the world renowned Budweiser Brewing Co. Leading the Parade were the highly recognized Clydesdale Horses pulling the historic Budweiser Beer Wagon.

It is estimated that 350,000 plus parade-goers line the 2.5 mile parade route to observe the 160 plus entries that include school bands, debutants floats, marching units, dancing units, etc.

**Laredo Chapter Hosts SAR Members in George Washington Parade:** Compatriot Rick Ramirez, President of the Laredo SAR Chapter, has hosted SAR Members coming to Laredo. There were 9 Texas SAR Members who participated in this year's Parade. The chapter provides a float for those who prefer to ride.

The Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal which was struck in 2010, was presented to SAR members who participated for the first time in this historic Parade.

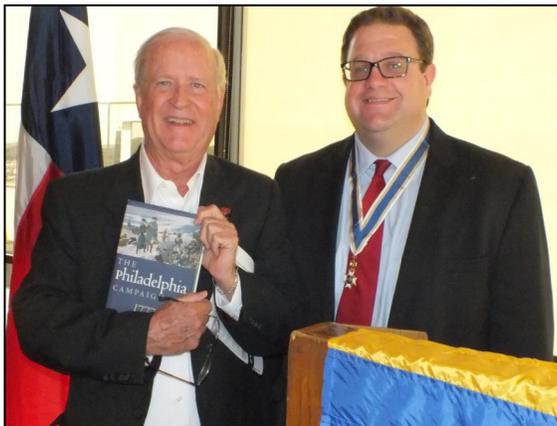
The Parade began in 1898 and is the anchor Event for the GWCA Festivities. Go to <http://www.wbcalaredo.org>.

**(Photo at Right)** Shown are SAR Members who participated in the Parade. Attendees included State President Thomas Jackson, Past State President Tom Green (Middle Front) and Stu Hoyt (Standing on Float behind them and other members from chapters across the state. Compatriot Green is the



Texas SAR Event Coordinator who launched our participation in this longstanding event in 2000.

## February Chapter Meeting Highlights



On February 20th, we had Judge Tom Rickoff, a veterans of the Vietnam War, as our Speaker. He spoke about the life of "Bigfoot" William Wallace, a Texas frontiersman of Scottish decent, son of Sir William Wallace, leader of the Scottish Army against King Edward. William, the son, had a legacy of violence and a penchant for war. There are many tales about him capturing Indians, fighting Santa Anna's Mexican Army as a member of the Meir Expedition and being held in prison in Mexico City. In 1850, "Bigfoot" was called to duty with the Texas Rangers and served as one of the commanders to halt Indian deprivations from Goliad to the Rio Grande River. During his days as a Texas Ranger, he was "one of the most technologically advanced fighters in the world." For his presentation, President Whittenburg presented Judge Rickoff a book "The Philadelphia Campaign 1777-1778" by Stephen R. Taaffe.

## Guest Speaker Judge Tom Rickoff

### Meeting Highlights Cont'd

### President Whittenburg Inducts New Members Into SAR



At the February 20th Chapter Meeting, President Dustin Whittenburg inducted three new members. **(Photo at Right)** Shown are Col (USAF, Ret) Tom McNish and Thomas Keeton. Compatriot's Keeton's Patriot Ancestor was Valentine Leonard, Sr. who was a Tax Collector for Davidson Co. North Carolina. He was killed by Tories following the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Compatriot McNish's Patriot Ancestor was William Schooler who was a Sargent in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line under Captain Thomas Minor and Colonel John Taylor. **(Photo at Left)** Compatriot Keeton Jorgenson's Patriot Ancestor was Thomas Hadley who on November 12, 1776 represented Campbellton at the North Carolina Constitutional Convention. During the American Revolutionary War he served as a Captain in the state militia. On August 31, 1781 Hadley fought in the Battle of Cross Creek and the following night, he was assassinated at his home by a party of Tories. Thomas died on Sep 1, 1781 in Wilson County, North Carolina.



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### Other Service Awards

President Whittenburg presented two SAR Certificate to members who served at the 128th Annual NSSAR Congress in Houston in July 2018. Shown from Left to Right are Compatriots George Harcourt, Past Chapter President (2008) and Robert Brady Chapter Liaison to the San Antonio Area Scouts.

### Chapter Participates in "Salute to Veterans" Week Program

**Veterans Appreciation Week:** During the week of February 11—14, 2019 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 Monday thru Thursday. 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. We scheduled 8 three-man shifts to provide mini-receptions for the morning and afternoon clinic hours. President Dustin Whittenburg joined 10 members in this year's event; they included Compatriots Larry Loop, Bud Davenport, Dave Brooks, Dick Weitzel, Richard Wright, Michael Bowles, Paul Reynolds, Roy Leonard, John Jansma and Melvin McElfresh.

**Photo at Right)** Shown from left to right at one of the shifts are: Paul Reynolds (Chairman ROTC Awards Program), Roy Leonard (Immediate Past President) and Larry Loop (Former Chapter President).



### Chapter Honors Knight Essay Contest Winner

At our February Chapter meeting, President Whittenburg introduced our Chapter Winner

of the SAR Knight Essay Contest Jasmine Manansala. Her Essay was “The Saga of Reason—The Influence of Thomas Paine”.

In part it reads: “Paine’s strength came in through his appeal to the general public. His 1776 pamphlet, *Common Sense*, published after a string of personal failure, proved to be one of the most cited works of the Revolutionary era. In the first volume of *The American Crisis*, Paine’s opening line formed an echo not only in the ears of soldiers, but in those of the common citizen: “these are the times that try men’s souls” (Paine, “Crisis I”). His publications proved to be essential in motivating the nation out of such a vulnerable state against the intimidating British superpower. All aspects of Paine’s Revolutionary pamphlets aligned to maximize their availability. Paine’s strategy of making his pamphlets extremely cheap failed him a profit, but resulted in a quarter of a million copies of *Common Sense* making it into Americans’ hands.” To read more of the Essay, go to the Chapter Website at <https://www.sarsat.org>. For her winning Essay, Jasmine received an SAR Certificate and a check for \$500.



### Vietnam War Memorial Exhibit Comes to San Antonio

During the period of February 27 to March 3, 2019, “The Wall That Heals” was on display at the Ft. Sam National

Cemetery for public viewing. The Replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC was brought to San Antonio by the Alamo Chapter, Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as the host organization. The San Antonio Chapter Sons of the American Revolution joined the Alamo Chapter and six other Gold Level Sponsoring Organizations in support of this event. Twenty other local, business and veteran organizations also supported this event.

**(Photo at Right)** The Opening Ceremony was held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 28th with Regent Joy Collins, Alamo Chapter DAR, presiding. The Guest Speaker was John Baines, a Navy Veterans of the Vietnam War and Former Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The Exhibit was open to the public from that moment 24-hours per day until closing at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 3rd. His exceptional remarks told a “Story” of a veteran’s experience during the War and his return home following the War. **(Photo Below)** The Wall Replica is three-quarters scale to the Wall in Washington, DC and is 375 feet long and 7.5 feet high at it tallest point. It

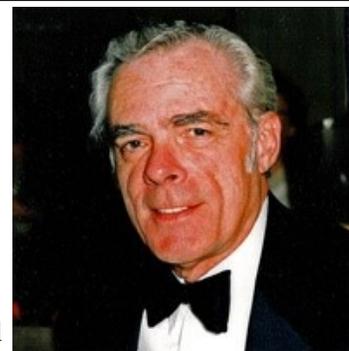


contains 140 panels with 58,318 names that are placed in order of date of death starting in the middle of the Wall proceeding to the West to its lowest point and continuing on the far East Panel at its lowest point and returning to the middle panel. The Wall has visited over 600 cities. There are 8 women named, 31 sets of brothers named and 3 sets of father and sons named. The average age of service members on the Wall is 22 years, 9 months. **(Photo at Right)**

Lt. Colonel, USAF, Retired Stephen Rohrbough searched for his friend Colonel Norman M. Green, an F-4 squadron commander at Ubon RTAFB who was shot down while on a combat mission and crashed in North Vietnam. The following chapter members served as volunteer security staff: Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough, Dustin Whittenburg, Bob Watson, Mike Bowels, Kevin Kanter, Larry Loop, Roy Leonard, Dave Brooks and Peter Baron.



## Passing of Compatriot Charles E. Allen



Charles E. Allen, 87, passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at his home in Boerne, Texas. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Boerne at 2:00 PM, with committal to follow at Boerne Cemetery.

Charles E. (Chuck) Allen was born on September 8, 1931 in Paterson, New Jersey. Chuck enlisted in the Navy in June of 1951 and advanced rapidly to Electrician's Mate 1st Class (E6). While on active duty he was awarded the Korean War Service Medal among other awards. He was transferred to reserve status in June of 1955 and began his studies in the electrical engineering focusing on power option- motors, generators and power distribution at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

In September of 1959 he began working as a test engineer at a high-energy test lab for Allis-Chalmers Corporation. One year later, he accepted a job as a technical writer on the Titan II Ballistic Missile program with the AC Electronics Division of General Motors. Thus, he began his work in the space and defense industries where he would remain for the rest of his career.

In early 1962 Chuck was transferred to Vandenberg Air Force Base to participate in the test phase of the Titan II. Shortly thereafter, he returned to Milwaukee and began work on the Apollo (moon shot) program. In early 1968 he accepted a job with TRW (formerly Space Technology Laboratory) at the Johnson Space Center in Houston Texas where he continued work on the Apollo program and worked on the Apollo 11 lunar-landing flight. Astronaut Neil Armstrong presented Chuck an Award on September 8, 1969, Chuck's birthday, for his work. In 1973, Chuck switched to flight planning as a system engineer and worked on the Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz missions. In 1975, he went to work for the Lockheed Electronics Company. He advanced to an Advanced Systems Engineering Specialist and retired on December 31, 1993. In February of 1994 he moved to Boerne, TX.

Chuck was a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as the Commander of VFW Post 688 in Boerne from 2002 to 2005. He was also a Life/Endowment/Patron Member of the National Rifle Association, a Life Member of the National Republican Party, and a member of the San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He was also a parishioner at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where he served as a Lector.

Chuck is survived by his son Craig E. Allen (Bernadette), daughter Lisa A. White, daughter Alison M. Roy, step-daughter Debra K. Williams; and his sister Ann M. Losco, and brother John R. Allen. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and four step-grandchildren.

Arrangements for his funeral and burial were handled by the staff of Holt & Holt Funeral Home of Boerne.

## Announcements and Coming Events

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Denny's Restaurant located inside Loop 410 on Blanco on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meeting is on March 14th.

**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 March 20th. Reservations are required via [reservations@sarsat.org](mailto:reservations@sarsat.org).

**Operation Ancestry Research:** Training sessions will be scheduled individually as needed. Training will be conducted at the Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX. (All Members are in-

vited to participate when scheduled.)

**Texas Society SAR Annual Conference:** Texas SAR will hold its Conference April 5-7, 2019 Omni Hotel in Austin, TX. For Reservations, go to [www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org) and click on "Events".

**Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire:** Saturday, April 1, 2019, 9AM - 4 PM. (All members are invited) Contact Compatriot Larry Loop at [lloop1@gvvc.com](mailto:lloop1@gvvc.com) to learn more.

**Pilgrimage to the Alamo:** April 22, 2019 4:00 PM. Assembly will be at 3:30 PM at the Municipal Au-

ditorium (Tobin Center). (All members are welcome.) For details, please contact Frank Rohrbough at [frankr@gvvc.com](mailto:frankr@gvvc.com).

**Naturalization Ceremony:** April 23, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Family and Readiness Center, Ft. Sam Houston (Speaker and Color Guard, Assemble at 1:00 P.M.) (All Members are Invited.)

**For more information, please go to our Chapter Website at:**

**[www.sarsat.org](http://www.sarsat.org)**