



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: Our Chapter continues to be actively involved with our local community. Because May is Law Enforcement Month for SAR, we recognized Texas Game Warden Cody Russ Buckaloo - a ten-year veteran of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division. He was recognized at our Chapter Meeting on May 15th for his sacrifice and commitment to duty. Additionally, we also awarded the National Society Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal to Engineer Brian Harkins, San Antonio Fire Department for his service as a firefighter in the Fire Suppression Division and the Emergency Medical Services Division. More details are provided on both Awardees on **Page 2**.

During our May 15th Chapter Meeting, I inducted Compatriot William Wendall Hall into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. Following his Induction, he shared his Patriot Story of his Patriot Ancestor Aaron Hall. (**See Page 3**).

At the June 19th Chapter meeting I presented Officer Kenneth Hamilton, St. Mary's University Police Department, the SAR Heroism Medal and Citation for rendering service to free a woman from a burning car. (**See Page 3**) On Monday, May 27th, Compatriot Frank Rohrbough and his wife, Lady Diane, attended the Jointly hosted Texas DAR-SAR Memorial Day Event at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. (**See Page 4**) Our Chapter was honored to have Mr. John D. Baines as our Guest Speaker at our Chapter Meeting on June 19, 2019. His Topic was a "Story of Hill-882 South". His exceptional remarks told a "Story" of a veteran's experience during the War and his return home following the War. (**See Page 5**). I was pleased to present Compatriot Campbell Baron, son of Past Chapter President Peter Baron, with his 10-Year Pin as a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR). Campbell, our youngest member, has been an active member at several of our Chapter Events (**See Page 5**). During the June Chapter Meeting, I had the privilege of inducting two of my nephews - Compatriots John Burkhart Whittenburg II, son of my brother Compatriot George Whittenburg, and John Russell Thomasson, son of my sister Gracelyn Whittenburg Thomasson, into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. (**See Page 5**).

Compatriot Larry Loop, Chairman of the Education Programs, has worked with the Hardy Oaks Elementary School teachers seeking student participation in our Annual Poster Contest. He noted that this year that all of the 5th Grade Classes submitted over 150 posters. Emily Yun received the 1st Place Award for our Chapter, but placed 3rd in the Texas SAR State Competition on April 6th. Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Richard Wright made the State Award Presentation to Emily Yun at the School Awards Recognition Program on June 6th. Larry, thank you for making this program a huge success! (**See Page 6**). On June 29th, 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; I invite those members 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 and their family are invited to attend this annual event. 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, *Dustin Whittenburg*



CHAPTER PRESENTS NSSAR'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD AND CITATION



(Photo at Right) At our May 15th Chapter Meeting President Dustin Whittenburg presented the National Society Law Enforcement Award to Texas Game Warden Cody Russ Buckaloo - a ten-year veteran of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division. Game Warden Buckaloo graduated from the Texas Game Warden Academy in June of 2009. He has served in Maverick, Kimble, Kerr, and Medina Counties. He holds numerous certifications to include: helicopter rescue swimmer, tactical firearms instructor, swift water rescue, crime scene investigation, search and rescue, scuba diving, and interrogation.

During his years of service he has deployed to Hurricane Harvey, the Maverick County flood, the Wimberley flood, the Bastrop County-Cedar Creek flood, Llano-Kingsland flood, and the Junction flood. During these deployments he participated in numerous rescues and evacuations to include acting as a helicopter based rescue swimmer.

We recognize Game Warden Cody Buckaloo for this honor, sacrifice, and commitment to duty; these actions reflect great credit on himself, his family, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Citizens of Texas.

CHAPTER PRESENTS NSSAR'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE

Engineer Brian Harkins, San Antonio Fire Department (2018 Awardee) was presented the National Society Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal by President Dustin Whittenburg at the May 15th Chapter Meeting. This Medal was selected for him by our Chapter in 2018, but could not be presented to him until this Chapter Meeting. His Citation Reads in part:

“Engineer Harkins entered the San Antonio Fire Department in 2006. He has served the citizens of San Antonio as a firefighter in the Fire Suppression Division and the Emergency Medical Services Division. He is currently assigned as a Paramedic in the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Team and volunteers as a department Chaplain.

Engineer Harkin's current assignment has him assisting the City's most destitute residents. It is his responsibility to serve those that are in the most need and entirely dependent on Fire Department services and area hospital emergency departments. These residents are individuals that routinely call 911 daily. Engineer Harkins excelled in improving the welfare of our most needy residents.

Engineer Harkins has brought compassionate service to the Emergency Medical Services Division. His actions have improved morale and improved patient care this reflects great credit on Himself, the San Antonio Fire Department and the Citizens of San Antonio.”

(Photo at Right) Our fellow Member of the San Antonio Chapter Compatriot BT McEnery, as Engineers' Harkin supervisor, extended his own personal congratulations to Engineer Harkin, He shared further laudatory insight to Harkin's service to the San Antonio Fire Department.



INDUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER AT MAY CHAPTER MEETING

At the May 15th Chapter Meeting, President Whittenburg inducted Compatriot William Wendall Hall into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. Compatriot Hall's Patriot Ancestor was Aaron Hall. His "Patriot Story" follows:

Aaron Hall is the direct descendant of John Hall and Esther Ann Willicke Hall (and their five children) who emigrated from Kent, England, in 1633 to the British Colonies as a part of the Great Puritan Migration. John Hall was one of the first settlers of Hartford and Middletown, Connecticut.

Aaron Hall was born on October 15, 1759, in Litchfield, Connecticut, the son of Hannah and Gilbert Hall. Aaron's father fought in the colonial war and in the French and Indian War.

Aaron fought in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War having served in three different Connecticut regiments in the Revolutionary War. Aaron was drafted in August 1776 into the 4th Provisional Regiment. Due to illness, Aaron was discharged from that command. But in April 1777, he enlisted at Woodbury in the 8th Regiment for a term of nine months. Following his discharge from that unit at Valley Forge on March 15, 1779, Aaron was drafted into the 13th Regiment of the State Militia. He was guarding the lines when he was discharged. Again, in July 1779 Aaron was recall to serve in the 13th Regiment. Aaron's pension application (Pension No. 16,286) confirms service in these three outfits as well as his service at Valley Forge.

Upon his discharge from the Army, Aaron married Em Knowles on October 20, 1789, at the Presbyterian Church in Greenville, New York, Em's hometown. Aaron and Em lived in Woodbury, Connecticut. After their marriage they settled in Greenville, Green County, New York, where they raised their 11 children. Aaron died in 1836 having lived a long life of 77 years. Em died four years later on February 19, 1840. Both are buried in at the same cemetery in Greenville, New York, along with a number of their children.



CHAPTER PRESENTS NSSAR HEROISM AWARD



At the June 19th Chapter meeting President Dustin Whittenburg presented Officer Kenneth Hamilton, St. Mary's University Police Department, the SAR Heroism Medal and Citation.

On May 1, 2019, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Officer Hamilton was returning home on Bandera Road in San Antonio, after his night shift. He saw a vehicle on its side, with flames around the hood. AS he approached the vehicle two men arrived just before Officer Hamilton told him a woman was trapped inside the car. He immediately called for police and fire department response.

Approaching the driver's side, which was elevated, he observed the woman in the car and called out - "Fire" and "Get me out." Using his police baton, his feet, a large piece of concrete and his hands and the assistance of another witness, Officer Hamilton was able to break and remove part of the windshield. Flames were now coming through the fire-wall into the passenger compartment. Anticipating a fuel explosion, he entered through the windshield and cut the driver's restraining belts, causing her to fall onto the passenger side. He then grabbed her wrists and pulled her through the windshield and away from the burning car, with further assistance of the witness, removing her from the vehicle. A minute later the car exploded.

Officer Hamilton's heroism reflects great credit on himself and the community of San Antonio.

TEXAS DAR AND SAR MEMBERS CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY

A Memorial Day service was held on Monday, May 27 at the Texas State Cemetery 909 Navasota St (at 7th St) from 10 to 11AM. Kathi Thomas of the Thankful Hubbard DAR Chapter was the Memorial Day Service Chair for the combined effort of the SAR and the DAR. Kathi led the effort coordinating the functions with the help of numerous Capital Area Regents Council DAR Chapters included the Lohmann Ford, Thankful Hubbard, and Daniel Coleman Chapters. Texas SAR Color Guardsmen included members from the Patrick Henry, Alexander Hamilton, William Hightower, Robert Rankin and San Antonio Chapters.



Compatriot Jim Clements from the Patrick Henry SAR Chapter provided introductions of special guests and the Event's Guest Speaker Jeff Rose, Chief Justice 3rd Court of Appeals, Texas.

The Honorable Jeff Rose spoke on the merits of patriotism and service to country.

The Texas SAR Color Guard led by the State Commander Shiidon B. Hawley and Southern Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy processed the National and State Colors and Colors of the Military Services for the posting and retirement of the Colors.

(Photo at Left) Compatriot Frank Rohrbough and his Lady Diane attended the Memorial Day Event in period dress — Frank in his Virginia Militia Uniform and Diane in her Colonial period dress. Compatriot Rohrbough is a Past President of the San Antonio Chapter and Former Color Guard Commander of the Texas Society. Lady Diane is a Former Regent of the George W. Kendall Chapter of DAR in Boerne, Texas. She is currently serving as the Texas DAR Society State Chair for Project Patriot.

COMPATRIOT KANTER GIVES PRESENTATION TO DAR'S GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS CHAPTER



Our Chapter continues to work with local area DAR Chapters to give presentations on events of the American Revolution.

On May 9th, Compatriot Kevin Kanter spoke on DAR Liaison. In an effort to work together on projects which further both organizations' missions of patriotism, education and preservation of history, Kevin shares examples of how SAR and DAR can work together. He also encouraged DAR members to help their male relatives apply for SAR membership.

Compatriot Kanter was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation from Talea Paz, First Vice Regent of the Green Mountain Boys DAR Chapter .

FOUNDER OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL OF SAN ANTONIO SPEAKS AT JUNE CHAPTER MEETING



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(Photo at Left) President Whittenburg presented Baines the National Society Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate that was signed by President-General Warren Alder. Baines has been a member of SAR and our Chapter since May 31, 2007.

COMPATRIOT CAMPBELL BARON IS PRESENTED HIS 10-YEAR PIN



(Photo at Left) Compatriot Campbell Baron, son of Past Chapter President Peter Baron, was presented his 10-Year Pin as a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) by President Whittenburg. Assisting in the presentation is Former Past President-General NSSAR Edward Butler.

Unlike the Daughters of the American Revolution who cannot be a Member of the DAR until they are 18 years of age, Campbell was inducted into the NSSAR shortly after his birth. Campbell has been actively involved in the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and at the age of 10 is now serving as the President of the Denny Anderson CAR Chapter.

Campbell has helped us for the past 3 years at our Annual Independence Day Historical Event at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort assisting with the Ringing of the Bell to recognize the 13 Original Colonies.

SAR CHAPTER INDUCTED TWO NEW MEMBERS AT JUNE CHAPTER MEETING



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SGT Lewis Holloway, the Patriot Ancestor for both inductees, served in the 2nd Regiment of the GA Continental Line under the command of Colonel Samuel Elbert. As an enlistee, SGT Holloway would have witnessed the cause for freedom.

The 2nd Georgia Regiment was authorized on July 5, 1776 in the Continental Army and assigned to the Southern Department. It was organized in the fall at Williamsburg, VA and a Georgia Brigade was assigned on December 3, 1777 as an element of the Southern Department. The 2nd Regiment saw action in the Siege of Savannah in 1779 and the Siege of Charleston in 1780. It was captured on May 12, 1780 by the British Army under the Commander of Lt. General Henry Clinton. The Continental Army casualties were estimated to be 89 killed, 138 wounded and 3,371 captured. British casualties were approximately 76 killed and 189 wounded — clearly a British victory.

CHAPTER MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



(Photo at Right) Our Color Guard was again invited to participate in the Blue Skies Parade on June 29th at the formerly known Air Force Village II. It is located on Texas Hwy 90 West between San Antonio and Castroville. At 9:00 A.M. our Color Guard led the Parade several blocks to the Flag Pole located at the front entrance to the Residence Tower.

(L to R) Shown are Compatriots Dick Weitzel, Fred Soupiset, Larry Loop and Stephen Rohrbough and friend Ed Martin.

Many of the residents are retired military officers who have served our country in many different roles. Residents discover they have all the time they need to cultivate friendships, plus all

sorts of opportunities for social and travel activities.

HARDY OAKS STUDENTS ENTER POSTER CONTEST

In the Mar-Apr 2019 Chapter Newsletter, Compatriot Larry Loop, Chairman of the Education Programs, reported on his work with Hardy Oaks Elementary School teachers seeking student participation in our Annual Poster Contest. He noted that this year that all of the 5th Grade Classes submitted over 150 posters. On March 8th, we presented cash awards and winning Certificates to the students who were selected at the top 3 awards. All students were applauded for participating in the contest. All teachers were presented a Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation.

Emily Yun received the 1st Place Award for our Chapter, but placed 3rd in the Texas SAR State Competition on April 6th. **(Photo at Right)** Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Richard Wright made the State Award Presentation to Emily Yun at the School Awards Recognition Program on June 6th. Again, congratulations for your success!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meetings: No Meeting in July! Next meetings are on Thursday, August 15, 2019 and September 12, 2019, 11:30 AM, (New Location Being Considered)

Chapter General Meeting: No Meetings in July or August! Next Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2019, Petroleum Club (7th Floor), 11:30 A.M. Make reservations at reservations@sarsat.org.

Operation Ancestry Research: Training sessions will be announced when scheduled. Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; (Peter Baron) (All Members are invited)

Independence Day Events:

- **Annual Chapter Independence Day Education Program, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort will be held on July 3rd, 10 AM** (Assemble 9 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) (All members are invited)
- **35th Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony,** Hosted by Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez, San Antonio National Cemetery, **July 4th, 10 A.M.** (Assemble 9 AM). Chapter will present our wreath along with many other local patriotic organizations.

129th Annual Congress of the National Society: Orange County, CA, July 5 - July 10, 2019. For More Details, "Control Click" on <https://www.sar.org/annual-sar-congress>

206th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina: Saturday, August 17, 2019, Memorial Service at 10:00 A.M. and Historical Seminar at 1:00 P.M. in Pleasanton, TX. A News Release will be sent in early August with more details.

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