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The President's Message

Compatriots, I greet you in the new SAR year. I thank you for electing me to this position of leadership, and I will do all in my power to justify your selection.

This year I urge each of you to work for a better and stronger Society. Any effort will be productive and appreciated. I am available to assist each Chapter in any way to achieve a goal of a better Society. Please call me. I await your invitation to visit the Chapters.

At the very successful State meeting in Fort Worth in March, I announced two innovations which I will mention here.

I have established, with the approval of the Board of Managers, two contests that will recognize the efforts of the Chapter presidents. One award will recognize the Chapter president whose Chapter has the largest numerical gain in membership. The other award will recognize the Chapter that has the largest percentage of increase in membership. Unlike other awards, these will be distinctive plaques and will be a permanent award to the Chapter president whose Chapter prevails. It will be most difficult for one Chapter to win both awards. Details of these awards will be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Also, for this SAR year, most committees that I have appointed will have all members living in the same geographical area. I hope this will enable the committees to be more functional as a unit with all members contributing. There will be some exceptions, however, these will be at a minimum. I am asking each committee chairman to furnish me with a brief written report at a mid-

point between meetings of the Board of Managers. I firmly believe this change will enhance our Society if the Committee chairmen perform as expected. Your help will be essential.

This column is my way of communicating with each member of our Society. I solicit your suggestions for a better Society, a better SAR Bulletin, or comments on any other subject you might want to discuss. My address and telephone number appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

Compatriots, the next twelve months can be most interesting and fascinating if we make only a small effort to support the objectives of this Society. I urge all Chapters to have regular meetings. I hope each Chapter will have a minimum of four meetings this year. A good program is essential to a good meeting. Please do your best.

The 92d National SAR Congress will be in Portland, Oregon June 12-16. The scenery is superb, the climate is excellent, and the SAR fellowship is unsurpassed. I hope many of you will plan now to attend. A most exciting week is being planned by the Oregon Society.

The Texas Society was privileged to have President General Richard H. Thompson, Jr. meet with us in Ft. Worth. He contributed greatly to the success of the meeting by his attendance and by his inspiring speech on the final night. Thank you President General Thompson.

Fly your nation's flag each day as your patriotic effort. I do--do you?

Clovis H. Brakebill
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President

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TEXAS SAR CONVENTION 1982



Our Hosts - K. M. Van Zandt Chapter Compatriots and Ladies.



1982-1983 Texas Society officers
President Clovis H. Brakebill
Senior V-P R. Carl Tumey, Sr.
Sec-Treas. Adrien F. Drouilhet



President General Richard Thompson
is made an Honorary Citizen of
Fort Worth by Mayor Bob Bolen.



Captain Clovis Brakebill gives
his annual report to the dele-
gates.



President General Thompson con-
gratulates DeWayne Layfield, the
winner of the Douglas G. High
Historical Oration Contest.



President Brakebill presents
Patriot Medal to Past President
Kenneth E. Ingram.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIST. MEETING

The South Central District meeting was held in Kansas City March 20th. Six delegates from Texas headed by VP General Louis J. Rumaggi attended. Augustus diZerega of the Kansas Society was nominated for VP General for the coming year. Compatriot diZerega encourages all the chapters to adopt a "Thank You" program to the DAR's in our area to let them know we appreciate their support of the SAR.

LOCAL ACTIONS

El Paso Chapter - Mrs. Mainz, a second generation American from the Bal-kans, gave a tape and slide presentation on the evolution of the Great Seal of the US.

Panhandle Plains Chapter - In February, Compatriot Finley presented a picture program on Egypt, and Dr. Merrill Winsett gave a talk on Biblical History in March.

Nathan Gan Chapter - Meeting jointly with the DAR, they received a talk from Dr. John Harper on "heraldry."

Capt. John McAdams Chapter - Held an election of officers and Langston Goree was a principal speaker at the March meeting.

Hill Country Chapter - Compatriot George Tate presented a program about the life of George Washington in February. Detective Keith Saurer gave a talk on Crime Prevention in January.

Patrick Henry Chapter - Compatriot Byron Short had as his topic, "Some things found in Genealogical Research." Pres. Robert Winston discovered another Revolutionary Soldier grave in the Texas State Cemetery.

Paul Carrington Chapter - In February, the chapter presented to Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia the "George Washington Distinguished Service Award." This consisted of a portrait of Washington in prayer. This meeting was held at the River Oaks Country Club.

Dallas Chapter - In March, State President Clovis Brakebill gave a slide presentation on Yorktown and the chapter sponsored a Drill and Rifle Competition for the JR. ROTC in the area. In April, Gen. Andrew P. Rollins spoke on "Washington's Legacy for Engineers."

Houston Chapter - Sponsored the winner of the Texas Oration contest, Dewayne Layfield, of Vidor High School. He will represent the Texas Society in Portland this summer at our National Congress.

Heart of Texas Chapter - Winner of the Walter Sterling plaque for being the outstanding Chapter in the State during the year 1981.

NATIONAL NEWS

Plan now to attend the National Congress in Portland on June 12-16, 1982. If you plan to attend, contact Adrien Drouilhet to be listed as a delegate.

The Liberty Bell is now enshrined in our National Headquarters. If you are in Louisville go by and see it, as well as our Headquarters.

The National Society has established an Eagle Scout Foundation to recognize and honor outstanding Eagle Scouts throughout our nation. National has asked our State Society to select a top Eagle Scout in our State for consideration of this award.

Walter G. Sterling Plaque

This award to the outstanding SAR Chapter in Texas was established by the Board of Managers in 1973. It has been won over the years by various Chapters who have always enjoyed an outstanding year.

In recent years, the entry list of Chapters has declined and the principle criteria for winning has been the Chapter scrapbook.

The rules for judging the Chapters competing for this award were listed in the Fall 1973 edition of the SAR Bulletin. These rules are again listed for the guidance of the Chapters. Additionally, the Board of Managers has assigned a point value to each category. This has been done to make the judging more objective in nature.

The rules and point values of each category are as follows:

	<u>Each</u>
1. Written Annual Report	25 pts.
2. Member % Increase	5 pts.
	each 1%
3. Number of Meetings Held	5 pts.
4. Number of Awards Presented	5 pts.
5. Sponsorship of Douglass G. High Oration Contest	50 pts.
6. Participation in Civic Activities	10 pts.
7. Americanism Activities	10 pts.
8. Publicity in Media about Chapter	10 pts.
9. Scrapbook Presented	25 pts.
10. Any Other Activity that Chapter Feels Should be Considered	10 pts.

All activities for consideration shall take place during the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual State Convention. Only Items 1 and 9 are excepted. These items will be presented at the State Convention.

Included in the media publicity will be Chapter news that appears in the SAR Bulletin. To be published in the SAR Bulletin, the articles must be especially written and mailed to the editor.

This revision in contest rules is made in an effort to induce more activities in the many Chapters of this Society. The participation of each Chapter is urged.

Each Chapter will prepare its own numerical scoring sheet and forward it to the Chairman of the Awards Committee not later than February 15 following the Contest year. Documentation must accompany the score sheet, except for the annual report and the scrapbook.

The Walter G. Sterling Plaque will be awarded at the banquet at the State meeting.

PATRIOTS' FUND PROJECTS

We can all take pride in that our Patriots' Fund has invested in Americanism. We voted in our State Convention to send our 2nd place winner in the Oration Contest, Jason Tirado of San Antonio, to the Freedom Foundations at Valley Forge to attend a Youth Leadership Seminar. We also voted to send \$1,000 to our National Society Eagle Scout Foundation to assist in recognizing Eagle Scouts throughout the nation. You may support our TSSAR Patriots' Fund by making a tax deductible check in that name and sending it to Adrien F. Drouilhet, Secretary TSSAR, Drawer 4199, Baytown, TX 77520.

Application for New Members

Our Registrar has suggested that in assisting prospective new members we follow the information in the pamphlet, "Preparation of Application Papers" by our National Headquarters. This will save time, postage and, most of all, embarrassment to the new prospect.

You may get these pamphlets for 10 cents and Application Sets for 50 cents each from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Initiation Fee for new members is \$45.50.

Be sure to send the applications to Comp. E. Marshall Hunter, TSSAR Registrar, 2429 Sunnybrook, Tyler, TX 75701.

STATE OFFICERS 1982-1983

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R. Carl Tumej, Sr.

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- Dist. No. 1 - Paul P. Prichard
- Dist. No. 2 - Charles B. Morgan
- Dist. No. 3 - Kenneth C. Emery
- Dist. No. 4 - Robert N. Winston, Sr.
- Dist. No. 5 - William H. Thompson
- Dist. No. 6 - Col. Wm. H. Hastings
- Dist. No. 7 - Joseph F. Blanton
- Dist. No. 8 - Nathan W. Gann
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Genealogist - Lloyd D. Bockstruck

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LTC. Kenneth Ingram

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James E. Meadows Sr.

PATRIOTS' FUND TRUSTEES

- Lorne C. Parks 1983
- B/G Graber Kidwell 1984
- Wallace E. Lowry 1985
- George C. Thompson 1986
- Charles B. Morgan 1987

1982-1983 STATE COMMITTEES

These compatriots have been appointed to serve on the State Committees this next year.

AMERICANISM

Chairman - Col. Clarence F. Roberts
Members - Dr. Buddy Patterson
John K.H. Whitehead

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chairman - Thomas Nelson
Co-Chairman - Carl Tumej, Sr.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Chairman - Kenneth Ingram
Members - Each District Vice-Pres.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Tom Bresnehen
Members - Robt. Winston, John Frizzel

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Chairman - George W. Stanley
Members - Dr. Wallace Lowry and
Dr. Dan B. Meadows

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman - Robert C. Hill
Members - Robert M. Ives
J. B. Bishop, Jr.

ORATION

Chairman - Judge John Mc. Marshall
Members - William G. Simmons
Raymond Carter

PATRIOTS' FUND PROJECTS

Chairman - Dr. George H. Brandau
Members - Joe Blanton
Doyle F. McAdams, Jr.

PUBLICITY

Chairman - Kenneth Emery
Member - Joe Blanton

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman - Wm. R. Eddleman
Member - James L. Worthington

CAR Liason - Albert Welch

President's Membership Awards

These awards were first suggested by President Clovis Brakebill at the State meeting in Fort Worth on March 6, 1982, and approved by the Board of Managers on March 7, 1982.

There will be two permanent plaques given each year to the President of a Chapter that excells in one of two categories of growth. One plaque will be awarded to the Chapter President whose Chapter has the largest numerical increase between April 1 and December 31. The other plaque will be given to the Chapter President whose Chapter has the largest percentage of increase between April 1 and December 31.

The April 1 Chapter membership count will be the one submitted by the State Secretary to the National Office. The closing date of December 31 will enable the awards committee adequate time to determine the winning chapters. In event of a tie in either category, the starting date shall be moved back one year.

The awards committee will accumulate data from the State Secretary and will have status reports published in each issue of the SAR Bulletin.

The award plaques will be personalized and will be the permanent property of the winning Chapter Presidents.

These awards are authorized to stimulate Chapters in obtaining new members under the leadership of the Chapter President.

Chapter Awards to Be Given at
State Meeting in March, 1983

Walter G. Sterling Award
Outstanding Chapter
Karl Wallace Award
Largest percentage of increase
in membership
Adrien F. Drouilhet Award
Most new members under 50 af-
ter the first 5 new members.

1982 Texas Society Directory - Enclosed is your 1982 SAR Directory of Texas Compatriots. At the 1980 State meeting, the annual state dues were raised, but a stipulation was made that \$1.00 of the annual dues would be placed in escrow for a directory.

The dues collected in 1981 and 1982 were adequate to cover the cost of printing and mailing this directory to you. Also included is an up-to-date constitution and bylaws.

This edition of the directory features three groups of our compatriots:

1. Our three compatriots who have been President of the National Society,
2. All compatriots who sustain the Society by keeping their membership paid up, and
3. Those individuals who have been recognized by the National Society for their devoted work at the National level of involvement. These men are recipients of the Minuteman Award, the Society's highest.

This directory is being mailed to all compatriots on the membership rolls as of March 31, 1982. If you did not pay your dues, you are urged to promptly send your check to the Secretary-Treasurer, Texas Society SAR in the amount of \$30 for reinstatement costs and dues for 1982.

We hope you enjoy your 1982 directory.

JULY 4 CEREMONY

Plans are being made for a rededication of the grave of Past President General Benjamin H. Powell III in Huntsville, Texas on July 4, 1982 at 2:00 p.m.