



# The Texas Compatriot

Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Harry M. Fife, Jr. TXSSAR President

Compatriots,

For nearly a year now we have not had the luxury of receiving the Texas Compatriot in any format. I would hope that each of you now have had the opportunity to view the latest winter 2008-2009, version issued 1 February 2009, that is posted on the Texas Society website at [www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org).

### Upcoming Events

**George Washington Parade**  
in Laredo—February 21

**Spring Leadership  
(Trustees) Meeting—**  
March 5-7

**Annual TXSSAR Meeting** in  
Nacogdoches—March 19-  
22 see page 13 for invitation  
and registration form

**119th NSSAR National Con-  
gress** Atlanta, Georgia—  
July 4-8 see NSSAR website  
for details

**TXSSAR Summer BOM—**  
Lake Jackson—31 Jul -2 Aug  
see pages 14-15 for regis-  
tration forms

It is greatly appreciated that once again we can receive this wonderful, informative and in vivid color, Texas Compatriot newsletter that is truly "first class". Our hats are off to

Larry Stevens, Editor, and everyone else for their hard work in publishing this outstanding work. A large "void" in our communication between compatriots, chapters and the state has been eliminated!

Hopefully, most of you have received you hardcopy newsletter by now. If so, I want you to compare your hardcopy issue to the digital newsletter posted on the state website. There is no comparison is there? Another testament to the current digital issue posted on the website is, "it is almost free" to the State Society. That is because we have some software and server costs.

With that said, let me give you some idea of the costs associated with issuing our hardcopy newsletter to all State Society Compatriots. The printing and mailing cost for the winter

2008-2009, issue hardcopy version was \$2,282.33. That is just one issue; we produce four (4) issues per. Today, all costs are going up; printing, postage, and even National are considering raising dues. If we could reduce the printing and mailing cost to some agreeable level by reducing the number of hardcopy newsletters produced, we could hopefully hold State dues constant as they are today.

I have been visiting our chapters across the state over the last year, and I have taken every opportunity to tell those compatriots about the State Society's efforts to begin utilizing the website for their newsletter instead of receiving a hardcopy through the mail.

In today's economic environment we need to make sound business cost decisions in conducting the business of the State Society. The advantages of a digital Texas Compatriot posted on the state website would reduce the printing and mailing costs to the State Society, digitally capable compatriots would be able to receive the newsletter in full, vivid color very quickly once it is posted on the site. It is the most effi-

cient and expeditious vehicle for delivering the newsletter to the membership. *We would like for all Compatriots that are digitally capable to please consider using the website for their newsletter instead of receiving a hardcopy as a means of reducing some of our rising expenses.* All hardcopy newsletters will still be in black and white and will be received by mail at a later date due to a "postalization" check for valid addresses, printing time and mailing delays.

I want to thank all Texas Society Compatriots for their patience and understanding and for bearing with us during the gap in the production of the Texas Compatriot during the year. We are back producing a quality product that all can appreciate.

Thank all of you for your support during my term and I hope to see many of you at the State Conference in Nacogdoches. We are planning a great event for all to enjoy.

*Harry M. Fife, Jr.*

*TXSSAR State President*



## ATTENTION!

If you have plans to attend the State Convention in Nacogdoches March 19th—22nd, be advise the Fredonia is filling up fast.

It is a delightful location and we are there at a wonderful time. There are so many things going on in Nacogdoches that week-end including the Azalea Trail. This draws a lot of visitors from outside the area. The Fredonia is the favored destination for out of town guests. **So, they are running out of rooms!**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS — PLEASE MAKE THEM NOW.**

## TXSSAR NEEDS YOU

The work of our organization is accomplished by our chapters and state committees. You are urged to get involved by joining a committee that may be in your area of expertise or interest. Listed below are the state committees

### TXSSAR Committees

Archives/History/Yearbook Committee  
Auditing Committee (CPA or extensive auditing experience)  
CAR Liaison Committee  
Color Guard/Flag Committee  
Compatriot/Newsletter Committee  
Contests, Medals and Awards Committee  
DAR Liaison Committee  
Expansion and Membership Committee

Finance Committee  
Genealogy Committee  
Information and Technology Committee  
Knight Essay Committee  
Long-Range Planning Committee  
Patriots Fund Project Committee  
Patriots Fund Endowment Committee  
Promotion and Media Relations Committee  
Richey-Rumbaugh Oration Committee  
State Meetings Committee  
Veterans Committee  
Eagle Scout Committee  
JROTC Committee  
CAR Essay Committee  
Elementary Poster Committee  
Membership Retention Committee

For a list of committee meeting times at Nacogdoches see the website:  
<http://www.txssar2009.info/>  
[PRELIMINARY%20PROGRAM.doc](http://www.txssar2009.info/)

## ATTENTION LADIES OF TXSSAR AUXILIARY

The Athens, Fredonia and Lt. Nathan Gann Chapters have expended special efforts to assure the 114<sup>th</sup> TXSSAR Annual Meeting is an enjoyable and delightful experience for our ladies.

A Cabana Room adjacent to the hotel's patio has been secured for the Auxiliary Hospitality Room.

### Friday Activities:

At 1:30 PM on Friday in the Fredonia Convention Center's Rusk Room, the Nacogdoches Visitors Center and the Downtown Merchants Association will provide an informative and interesting lecture followed by a guided "Downtown Tour" of historical Nacogdoches, "the oldest city in Texas". Stroll the brick streets and visit the unique shops and boutiques filled with antiques and treasures that are sure to please. Downtown merchants will offer refreshments and

special discounts on purchased items to identified TXSSAR Auxiliary members, so wear your badge. After dinner on your own in one of Nacogdoches' excellent restaurants (see list in welcome packet), a Host Welcome and President's Reception is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Convention Center's Lobby where hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Note: The Fredonia Hotel offers an outstanding seafood buffet on Friday evenings.

### Saturday Activities:

A trip to "Millard's Crossing", a reconstructed historic village, is scheduled to depart the hotel lobby at 8:30 AM and return to the hotel in time to attend the Noon Youth Awards Luncheon in Convention Center Ballroom B. An Auxiliary business meeting is scheduled in the Rusk Meeting Room at 2:00 PM. A cocktail hour in the Convention Center lobby will precede the Gala Banquet to begin at 7:00 PM in Convention Center Ballroom B.

For the early or late visitor:

The renowned "Nacogdoches Azalea Trail" will be in full bloom.

For a other information on the committees:

<http://www.txssar.org/Committees.pdf>

### NOTE

**Your Finance Committee would like your assistance. We are asking that you promptly deposit checks sent to you from TXSSAR. We are working to change the administration and close out the current bank accounts before the end of March 2009.**

**Thank you in advance for your assistance.**

*from Your Treasurer  
James T. Jones, Jr*