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TXSSAR President
James T. Jones, Jr.

President's Message: One of the many advantages of being State President is the opportunity to visit chapters and meet the local compatriots that make the Texas Society strong. The local chapter is where youth are encouraged to participate, local public servants are recognized, school programs are presented, History teachers are honored, and state and national SAR leaders are developed. Unless we visit the local chapters, we do not have the opportunity to visit with those Compatriots who are unable to attend state and national meetings. Dianne and I plan to attend as many Chapter functions as possible, so please notify me of your functions so we can arrange our schedules to be with you.

We have had a great year under Tom's leadership. I plan to continue the efficient meetings that Harry and Tom started. During 2009 our membership increased by 100 and donations to the Patriot Fund were greater than previous years. There is no reason why we can not continue that growth in 2010. We need to contact our non paying members and encourage them to pay their 2010 dues. The Dallas Chapter is very effective in collecting dues from their delinquent members through the use of their "dues team". District VP's

can benefit from the Dallas Chapter's system. We need to continually identify potential members, encourage them to apply, and assist them with their applications. The DAR is our greatest source of new members. We need to continue to foster our relationship with the DAR.

We need to continue our Patriot Fund raising activity as in the past. Charles Luna and his Patriot Fund Endowment and Fund Raising Committee have worked very hard to contact and solicit donations from corporations and foundations and develop fund raising packages. The economy has prevented us from receiving donations, but with the turn around in the economy we are optimistic that donations will be forth coming. David Bowles of the San Antonio Chapter took the initiative to contact a major San Antonio Corporation and a donation request was sent to them by our State Treasurer. The donation request was favorably received but the economic conditions prevented them from making a donation in 2009. They did encourage us to send another request this year. Charles and his committee need your help in contacting local corporations and foundations as David did in San Antonio. Corporate and foundation grants can help us reach out to more youth and increase

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Upcoming Events

*NSSAR Congress—Cleveland
25-30 June 2010*

*TXSSAR BOM—North Austin
30 Jul—1 Aug 2010*

*So Central Dist Mtg.—Little Rock
27-28 Aug 2010*

*TXSSAR BOM—Houston/Katy
29-31 Oct 2010*



President George H. W. Bush Presentation of TXSSAR History Books

On the 2nd of March 2010, TXSSAR President-Elect James T. Jones, Jr. presented President George Hubert Walker Bush with Volumes I and II of the Texas Society History Books at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas. Larry Stevens, editor of The Texas Compatriot newsletter, Dianne Jones and Barbara Stevens, both DAR members, were also present. President Bush was very gracious and generous with his time. Mr. Jones told him of the various TXSSAR youth programs. President Bush was quite interested in these programs including the JROTC, Eagle Scout and oration contests.



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the number and amount of scholarships we provide. They will provide more earnings to reward more History Teachers and to increase the number and amount of savings bonds for our Poster Contest winners. We need more people like David Bowles' to step out of their comfort zones and contact their local corporations and foundations and sell the Texas Society's programs.

We also need to contact schools in our local community to encourage participation in our Youth Programs and the American History Teacher contest. We need to recognize those public servants who help provide us a safer place to live with Public Service Medals. To recognize local businesses and individuals who properly fly Patriotic Flags with flag certificates.

Our Color Guard is one of our most visible assets. We are fortunate to have Compatriots who devote considerable time to color guard activities through out the state of Texas and the Nation. This is a fun group that provides significant name recognition to the SAR. A good example is the annual George Washington Parade in Laredo that was attended by over 20 Color Guard members and ladies in period dress during the past two years. Many of them traveled from other States to participate in the largest George Washington parade in the world with 300,000 to 400,000 people lining the parade route. Color guard members participate in school programs, naturalization ceremonies, parades, and many other activities. If you do not belong to a color guard, think about

joining one.

One of the tough decisions President Tom Lawrence and the Board of Managers made during 2009 was to provide the State Newsletter electronically. The cost of mailing 2,700 copies of the newsletter was increasing and was requiring a significant part of our budget. One alternative was to raise dues to cover the cost, but no one was in favor of a dues increase. So, the decision was made to mail copies only to those Compatriots who submitted a written request for a mailed copy. Copies are also mailed to each chapter and the chapters are encouraged to make the copy available to their members who do not have an email address. At the recent National Leadership meeting, I learned, while attending the Council of State President's meeting, that only one State (of those with Presidents attending) was mailing newsletters to all of their members. Very few States mailed copies to any of their members. We have an outstanding newsletter, thanks to Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens and his number one assistant Barbara, and we could not afford to mail that caliber of newsletter in color. Communication is so important, so we must ensure our Chapters are making the newsletter available to their members.

Thank you for electing me your President this year. I am here to serve you. God bless each of you. God bless America and God bless the SAR.

James T. Jones, Jr.

TXSSAR Officers 2010 - 2011

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TXSSAR—115th Annual Convention—Houston, Texas—March 26 through 28, 2010 Celebrating the Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton

The 115th Convention was hosted by the Paul Carrington Chapter of Houston. It was reported that almost two-hundred members and guests attended functions. And to listen to attendees one can be assured a good time was had by all.

William Marrs, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there were 96 delegates in attendance.

The first session and a portion of the second session was spent considering the sixteen by-laws changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee. These are discussed separately on page 14 of this issue.

James T. Jones, Jr., the Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance Officer for the State and National Societies, presented several proposed policies designed to ensure compliance with these Acts. The policies passed unanimously. (See separate article on these policies on page 15 of this issue.)

The Americanism, Contest and Awards Committee recommended that the Outstanding Citizenship Pin instructions be changed to allow the pin to be given to deserving persons, not just students. The motion passed unanimously. A resolution will be sent to the National Medals and Awards Committee.

The Executive Committee recommended, and the body approved, the donation of \$2,500 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers. With no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers presented was elected by acclamation.

The Perpetual Membership Committee offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved the Texas State Society at its State meeting held in Houston, Texas on March 27, 2010, proposes and requests that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) recognize the value of these State Societies' Life and Perpetual Membership programs and accept annual dues for such members participating in said programs at the same level as those members partici-

pating in the NSSAR Life Membership Program. For example, the annual dues of the NSSAR are currently \$30.00. The NSSAR receives \$15.00 per year from its Life Members properties. The NSSAR would receive a like amount from Life and Perpetual members participating in the State Society programs.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

In the first session of the new administration TXSSAR President Jim Jones conveyed his goals for 2010-2011 including to (1) increase membership, (2) decrease dropped members, (3) increase contributions to Patriot Fund, (4) obtain at least one corporate or foundation grant, (5) increase the number of youth and history teacher participants, and (6) work with National to improve the financial status of the states' life membership programs.

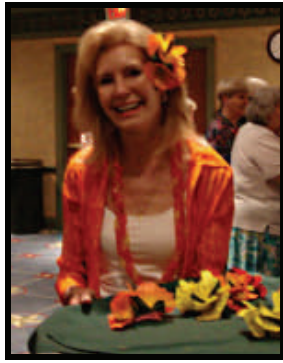
Webmaster Ray Cox indicated that clothing and accessories with the TXSSAR logo can now be purchased through the TXSSAR website. <http://www.txssar.org/clothing.htm>

New business included the application of a chapter to elect one of its members to Perpetual Emeritus status. (TXSSAR Constitution Article III, Section 8). The action was approved. Then followed a discussion with respect to long term fiscal implications of such actions since many chapters indicated they had like qualified members. An ad hoc committee, chaired by President-elect Wm. Marrs, was formed to investigate the issue. PPG Nathan White and State Secretary Robert Clark were also appointed to the committee. The committee was charged with reporting its findings at the July 2010 BOM meeting.



The 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule was established as follows:		
Date	Area	Host Chapter (s)
Jul 31 – Aug 1, 2010	North Austin Doubletree	Patrick Henry & Alexander Hamilton
Oct 30-31, 2010	Houston/Katy Marriott E C	Robert Rankin
Mar 25-27, 2010	Dallas	Dallas

TXSSAR Dues Schedule	
NSSAR	\$30.00
TXSSAR	\$12.50
Chapter	\$ 9.50*
Total	\$52.00
*Alexander Hamilton, Boerne, Plano, PineyWoods, Capt Wm Barron, Dallas, Robert Rankin and McKinney Chapters all have higher dues.	



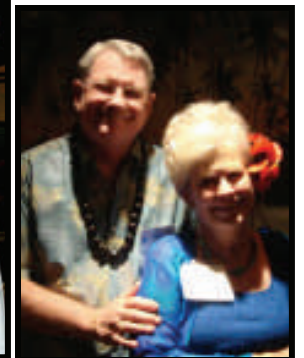
Mickey Jo hands out flowers
Sylvia & Wm Marrs



Top Center: Jack & Katherine
Morton;

Above Ed and Robin Butler

Below James & Pat Taylor



Friday Night, President's Reception: To

add a touch of history and some fun to Friday night TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence and his wife Mickey Jo pulled out all the stops. The couple chose a Caribbean theme for the reception to commemorate the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. There was a two-piece steel drum band. Awards were given for the best male and female Caribbean dress. Pictured center above are the contest winners with President Lawrence and the two judges Barbara Stevens and Conni Barker. Charles "Johnny Depp" Baker of Dallas won the men's competition and Joann "Scarlet" Robinette (dig those sun glasses) won the women's. Prizes were etchings of Alexander Hamilton, which oddly enough could also be used as currency of the Realm.

Caribbean Salute to Hamilton



Steve & Anna Lee



Sylvia Marrs, Ed Butler, Marty Cox and Dianne Jones



Dianne & Jim Jones



Saturday Banquet --State Convention-Houston — March 2010



PG Butler conferring the TXSSAR Presidential Medal on J. T. Jones, Jr.



The Jones Family Guests: Sherry, Cindy, Lauren, Jim Jones, Kaitlin, Jim, Dianne and cousins Linda & Thomas Taylor



Wendell and Linda Edwards



Above: PG Butler, TXSSAR President Jones and retiring TXSSAR President Lawrence.

At right the changing of the TXSSAR Color Guard Command. Don Stone is installed as the new Commander.

Picture: Don Stone, Bob Northcraft, Mike Ratcliff and Marvin Morgan.



Above: Peter and Dagny McLellan.

Right: Anna Lee, Dianne Jones & Barbara Stevens



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 members and wives at banquet. Seated (L to R) Mary Louise Gulley, John Gulley, Ron Whatley, Standing (L to R) George Dersheimer, Anne Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Darice Whatley, Sue Lenes, Pete Lenes, Elizabeth Whatley, Steve Whatley



Silent Auction: The Paul Carrington Chapter, hosts of the Annual Meeting, held a phenomenal silent auction. They also had a raffle on a long rifle.. The amount collected from these fund raisers was not available at the time of publication..

Pictured left are John and Mary Claire Beard. Mary Claire persistently bid on the beautiful plate and was overjoyed in winning the silent auction on this item. John Beard is the new TXSSAR Compliance Officer.

Above: LATXSSAR President Linda Edwards congratulating Tom Jackson the winner of the needlework by Anne Mitchell. The ladies donated \$1390 to the Patriot Fund as a result of the fund raiser .



Marvin Morgan confers the titles of "Yellow Rose of Texas" on Mickey Jo Lawrence and "Admiral of the Texas Navy" on outgoing TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence.

2010 Patriot Medal Awardees are pictured above: Larry Stevens (PineyWoods), Winston Scott (Hill Country), Ed Raines (Robert Rankin), George Harcourt (San Antonio) and Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas)



Pictured at right President General Ed Butler presented Steven Lee (Tyler Chapter) the Meritorious Service Certificate and Medal. Steve has served as the official videographer for the President General during his 2009-2010 term.



Meritorious Service Certificate and Medal Awardees are pictured above James T. Jones (PineyWoods), Ron Barker (PineyWoods), Mike Ratcliff (McKinney) and Sam Massey (Paul Carrington)



Fort Worth: The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter sponsored the TXSSAR Eagle Scout Award winner this year. Scout Brendan Luke was awarded a \$150 scholarship at the chapter level and \$1500 for winning the state level competition. He will now compete at the national level. Results of this competition will be announced in Cleveland in June. Brendan was not able to attend the state meeting in Houston.

Pictured left (l to r): Compatriot Mike Connelly, Vaughn Oliver, Eagle Scout Brendan Luke, and Robert Truitt, Sr

Penny Rosas of Mayde Creek High School in Katy was the winner of the Outstanding American History Award. She was sponsored by the Robert Rankin Chapter of Katy.

Pictured below: David Jones (Robert Rankin chapter sponsor), Penny Rosas and Stephen Rohrbough.



Pictured above is the 2010 Oration Contest Winner Lydia M. Olsen. Lydia is a junior at Lindale High School. She was sponsored by the William Barron Chapter of Tyler. Lydia will compete in Cleveland.

Pictured l-r Mr. Olsen, Lydia Olsen and TXSSAR President Jones.



Pictured below JROTC Committee Chair Ron Barker, JROTC Scholarship Award winner Cadet Stephanie Aviles (Robert G. Cole HS), Mr. and Mrs. Aviles, Peter Baron (San Antonio Chapter/sponsor) and Stephen Rohrbough. Stephanie will now compete at the national level.

One of the winning posters from this years contest.



TOM B. GREEN - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

The State Medal of Distinguished Service, authorized in 1998, is the highest medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during his term of office. It is awarded for service to the State Society on the state level. March 27, 2010, Past TXSSAR President Thomas Bruce Green III was presented this award for all his work for TXSSAR on National and State Committees, and Special Texas Committees. This past year Tom worked very hard, that is no exception. Tom has served our organization for years as the Texas President, National Trustee, a Chapter President, Chair of the SAR Council to State President, and many other State positions. Those who know Tom know how important SAR is to him. He has an infective enthusiasm which makes his contributions even more effective. Those who know him also know that his real passion is participating in Color Guard events, parades, and giving United States and Texas Flag programs to school children and civic organizations. He visits approximately 50 to 60 schools a year and also provides 10 and 15 flag programs to other organizations. Tom estimates over 30,000 students have listened



to his program and his message to preserve the History of the United States. If Tom is not busy enough, he is a member of the General Society of the War of 1812; he is Admiral in the Texas Navy, a member of the Texas Army, and the Sons of the Republic of Texas and a Knight of San Jacinto, which is the highest award of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He is a member of the American Legion. He is a member of the Bella Vita Veterans, his sub-division, where it was his idea to post over 600 flags on the 6 major holidays each year.

When I think of Tom Green, I think of Laredo, where Tom has organized the troops and marched the last 10 years; the Battle of Medina Memorial an event he organizes each year; Patriot grave markings and the history of these veterans; and, the Memorial Services at the Austin State Cemetery. Most important though, is his knowledge of our history and his passion to preserve the history of our fore fathers. Tom is Laredo, Medina, and Vexillology with a large dose of History all rolled in one package. Raise your hats to Tom. He is very deserving of this award.

And for those of you who were not there, the award left Tom speechless!

Larry Stevens, Editor



NSSAR Spring Leadership

Texas Compatriots traveled to Louisville March 4-6, 2010, to conduct the business of SAR as National Officers and Committee Members. Those attending the meeting from Texas were Ron Barker, PG Ed Butler, Genealogist General Joe Dooley, Jim Jones, Tom Lawrence, Steve Lee, Bill Marrs, Jim Mitchell, Art Munford, Larry Stevens, and James Taylor.

Pictured right: R. Barker, J. T. Jones, & J. Dooley

Pictured at left: A. Munford



President General Edward Butler and his lady Robin wish to invite you to the 120th NSSAR Congress in Cleveland, OH. The meeting will commence on the 25th of June. The Ohio Society has a planned wonderful activities including a genealogy seminar, color guard workshop, golf, a cruise, zoo trip and a Cuyahoga Valley tour.

For information on the schedule and activities you can check the NSSAR website <http://www.frogsncats.com/html/SAR/congress/cleveland/congress10-index.htm>

Our Texas President General would love to see a room full of Texans as he passes the gavel to his successor.





On 11 February 2010, Texas Governor Rick Perry was awarded the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal by TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence in Austin, Texas. The citation was awarded, in part, "in recognition of his outstanding achievements of National importance by improving the quality of life for all Americans along the U.S.-Mexican border".

Governor Perry was also inducted into the San Antonio Chapter, SAR by President General Edward Butler. Gov-



ernor Perry is the fourth great grandson of James Dinsmore, a private in George Maxwell's Company in Col. Isaac Shelby's NC Regt of the Continental Line. NSSAR Genealogist General Joseph Dooley was instrumental in the preparation of Governor Perry's application for membership. Governor Perry was very conversant on his genealogy and enjoyed discussions with the members present.

The Compatriots attending were: President General Edward Butler, TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence, TXSSAR President-Elect James T. Jones Jr., TXSSAR Secretary William Marrs, TXSSAR Staff Secretary Don Pugh, TXSSAR Treasurer Peter McLellan and Color Guardsmen Marvin Morgan (Southern Color Guard Commander), Peter Baron, Ray Cox, Past TXSSAR President James Heath, John Knox, Frank Rohrbough and Larry Stevens.



Athens: At the Athens Chapter January Annual Meeting, TXSSAR President the Honorable Tom Lawrence presented a program promoting increased public service recognition and involvement in youth activities. He also inducted the 2010 chapter officers.

Judge Lawrence, pictured above, presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to outgoing chapter president Charles Luna. Compatriot Luna qualified by serving in leadership capacities in at least six qualifying civil, military or governmental organizations.



Houston: TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence was one of the guests of TXDAR at their State Conference in March. President Lawrence is pictured left with TXDAR Honorary Regent Lynn Young.



Back row: J. Dooley, J. Mitchell, J. Duckworth, P. Rowley, J. Jones, P. Kerr, L. Brock, PG Butler, R Barker, F. Rohrbough, R. Cox, J. Terry, M. Ratcliff, S. Rohrbough, L. Stevens, kneeling. Ladies: B. Stevens, M. Cox, C. Barker, and D. Jones.



Laredo: On the 20th of February President General Edward Butler and Color Guardsmen from Texas, Virginia, California and Florida joined together to march the largest parade to honor George Washington in the world. The day began with an SAR delegation who attended a ceremony at the boarder bridge. (see photo top left) There was an exchange of greetings and flags with delegates from Nuevo Laredo. Later that morning the color guard and several ladies marched in uniform the three and a half mile route which was lined with over 300,000 people. They were greeted with flag waving and cheers. The local Laredo chapter sponsored a float and the Dallas chapter brought the replica Liberty Bell. This event has been established as a NSSAR Revolutionary War Event for color guard. This is only one of two west of the Mississippi.



Standing: Peter Baron, Mike Ratcliff, Barbara Baker, Pat Kerr, Jim Mitchell, Lindsey and Karen Brock (FL), Peter Rowley, David Hall, Ron Barker, Ann Terry (CA), Bob Northcraft, Larry Stevens, Kneeling: James T. and Dianne Jones, Barbara Stevens, Marty Cox, Conni Barker and Ray Cox

Marker Dedication

Bellville: The Alexander Hodge chapter sponsored a marker dedication for Joseph de la Baume on March 20th. De la Baume was a soldier under Lafayette who settled in Louisiana and Texas. Unable to locate the site of his burial, in a cemetery somewhere near downtown Bellville, a marker was dedicated on the grounds of the Austin County Jail House Museum. Color Guard from Alexander Hodge, Paul Carrington, PineyWoods and Robert Rankin attended the ceremony. The color guard fired a black powder volley. Distinguished guests included the French Council General, Honorable Pierre Grandjouan.



Pictured above: back l-r—Ray Cox (PW), James Jones (PW), Steven Tanner (RR), David Jones (RR), James Mitchell (BG), Tom Green (AH), David Ralston (AH), Tom Meinecke (AH), Pat Kerr (RR) Front Row: Tom Houston (PC), Shane Steele (AH), Ginny Evans (Tejas DAR), Larry Stevens (PW) and Carl Hill (AH)



Kingwood: Members from the Bernardo de Galvez, Freedom and Robert Rankin chapters joined the PineyWoods chapter of Kingwood in the Annual Mardi Gras parade. Participants were hosted to a great lunch at the home of Compatriot Mitchell before the parade. The group was joined by the Lord Sterling Drum and Fife group from Lone Star College of Conroe. PineyWoods member Ray Cox is a member of this group.

Pictured at left: l-r Pat Kerr (RR), Pete Lenex (BG), Steven Whatley (BG), Ron Barker (PW), Bill Whately (BG), Jim Mitchell (BG), Fred Hill (F), Larry Stevens (PW) front: Conni Barker and Barbara Stevens



Houston: Members of the TXSSAR Color Guard posted the colors at the Saturday banquet of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference held at the Westchase Marriott. Color guardsmen from Austin, Houston, Kingwood, Katy and Lake Jackson attended.

Color Guardsman pictured at right: Marvin Morgan (Patrick Henry), Tom Houston (Paul Carrington), David Jones (Robert Rankin), Larry Stevens (PineyWoods), Tom Green (Alexander Hodge), James Jones (PineyWoods), Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas), Ray Cox (PineyWoods)





Athens: The SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate was presented to W.P. "Mose" Trimble upon his recent retirement as enforcement officer and inspector for Lake Athens. Trimble became full time Lake Inspector in 2000, after serving part time while he was a patrolman for the Athens Police Department for several years. Pictured Sam Whitten presenting the award to Officer Trimble.



Plano: On February 18, 2010 Compatriots Bob Flagg (left) and Howard Taylor (right) delivered comfort items, back packs, gloves and laundry bags to the veterans in the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bonham, Texas. These items were donated by members of Plano Chapter # 37 to express their thanks to our nation's heroes for their service to our country.

Kingwood: Pictured right, new TXSSAR PineyWoods member Larry Blackburn, PhD, presenting the Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Major Blake Best, Humble HS, Humble, Texas. Larry voluntarily took over administering the chapter JROTC Youth program from "soon-to-depart-for-California" Ron Barker. Larry scheduled the presentation for 22 high schools, adding two new schools and making a special medal presentation at Lamar High School in Houston.

Freedom Chapter's John Thompson will replace Ron Barker as TXSSAR JROTC Committee Chairman.



Hill Country: The Hill Country Chapter collected diabetic socks and coupons books to donate to the VA Hospital. On the left is Ricardo Rodriquez, currently leader of the VA Volunteer Service, center is Bob Ogle who is an SAR member and weekly volunteer at the VA Hospital, right is Gerald Irion.



Above: Bruce Barrett, President of the Liberty Chapter, presented MSSgt Trevino JROTC, Pace High School, a check for \$750 for placing 2nd in the Skills Award. The 1st place check for \$1,000 was awarded Parker Hill High (Brownsville). The 3rd place check of \$500 was given to Hanna High School.





Sherman: At the Edmund Terrill chapter meeting on 20 January 2010, new member Benny Ray Smith was inducted into SAR as a new member. At the same meeting Compatriot Benny Smith was sworn in as the new chapter Historian. That is certainly the way to become active quickly. The new officers sworn in at this meeting are pictured at left (l-r) Benny Ray Smith, Historian; Delbert Taylor, Registrar; William Woods, Secretary/Treasurer; E. Graham Martin, Vice President and Lloyd Perkins, President.

Dallas: TXSSAR President James T. Jones attended the 17th April meeting of the Dallas Chapter. It was his honor during the meeting to induct David Hall into TXSSAR and the chapter. Many of you will remember David, as the Belladaire of the full size replica of the Liberty Bell. Since 2008 David has taken the bell to over 200 military & first responders funerals; traveled to 11 different states, been featured in 25 parades (including the 2010 Laredo George Washington); taught Liberty & Law at 150 Elementary, Middle, High Schools and two Universities; participated in city memorial and military dedications; visited 30 V. A. Hospitals/V. A. Homes; attended 25 military deployments and welcome home events; and traveled with the traveling Vietnam Wall on 12 occasions. David also does several radio interviews every year. You can see the Liberty Bell and Ten Commandments in the photos of the Laredo George Washington Parade in this issue.



Above President Jones, David Hall and Bob Northcraft



Tyler: Members of the Mary Tyler Chapter, DAR, and Captain Wm Barron Chapter, SAR welcomed 100 new American citizens in ceremonies in the Federal Courtroom of Judge Judith Guthrie in Tyler. The colors were presented during two different ceremonies and American flags were presented as each new citizen was welcomed following the naturalization. *Front row: Paula Warren (DAR), Judge Judith Guthrie, DAR Regent Anna Lee and Charlies Cottle (DAR). Back row, SAR members Tim West, President Steve Lee and Tom Copeland.*



Georgetown: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of Georgetown, Texas, celebrated the addition of two young members at its January meeting. Youth registration certificates were presented to Reese Henry IV, age ten months, and Ryan Llewellyn, age two. Reese IV joins his father Reese Henry III, grandfather Chapter Treasurer Reese Henry Jr. and great grandfather Reese Henry Sr, all members of Alexander Hamilton. Having four generations of male members in the same chapter at the same time is unusual if not unique. *Pictured are Dan Stauffer, his daughter Dianne Howell and granddaughter Jennifer Llewellyn, who with Ryan make up the four generations of that family*

Plano: Each spring the Plano High School JROTC has an awards ceremony to recognize cadets for special achievement in the program. Pictured is Compatriot Alan Roach, Chapter Vice President - ROTC, presenting the SAR JROTC Medal and Certificate for special achievement for the 2009 - 2010 school year to Cadet 1st Lt. Jarrett Bigelow.



Katy: President General Edward F. Butler, Sr. took time from his busy schedule to attend the Robert Rankin Chapter's March meeting. Judge Butler complimented the Rankin Chapter for having won the President's General Activities Award and Liberty Bell Americanism Award. He also made remarks about the state of the National Society, the library and the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Newly elected officers of the Robert Rankin Chapter had the honor of being installed by President General Edward R. Butler, Sr. Judge Butler also presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates for leadership to President Bobby Smith and Compatriots Douglas Thornton and Kelly McBride. Compatriot Thornton, a WWII Purple Heart recipient, also received a Wounded Warrior Medal from President General Butler.

Past President Tom Jackson (*see photo bottom right*) made a special presentation to President General Butler and Texas Society President-elect James Jones. President General Butler received copies of *On Seas of Glory* and *Middle Temple Lawyers and the American Revolution*. President-elect Jones received copies of Edmund Burke's speech *On American Taxation* and a book on Taxation in the American Colonies.



B. Smith, PG Ed. Butler & Compatriots D. Thornton and K. McBride



SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that publicly traded companies adhere to significant governance standards that increase board members' roles in overseeing financial transactions and auditing procedures. So how and why does this apply to TXSSAR?

Requirements for Not-for-Profit Organizations

- Independent and Competent Audit Committee
- Responsibilities of the External Auditors
- Certified Financial Statements
- Insider Transactions and Conflicts of Interest
- Whistle Blower Protection
- Document Destruction

What has TXSSAR Done?

TXSSAR formed an Audit Committee that is composed of experienced CPA and financial professionals from both public accounting and industry. The Audit Committee has an internal audit sub-committee that conducts semi-annual reviews of the TXSSAR's receipts and disbursements. The results of these reviews are then reported to the Board of Managers at their semi-annual meetings.

The Audit Committee interfaces with the external auditor for the production of the annual audited financial statements of TXSSAR.

TXSSAR receives unqualified opinions on its financial statements from a Texas licensed CPA firm.

TXSSAR in the 2009 fiscal year instituted a process whereby all officers and committee chairmen prepare and submit

signed conflict of interest statements that conform to the guidelines set forth under Sarbanes-Oxley. In addition, TXSSAR has adopted policies that govern conflicts of interest and insider transactions.

TXSSAR adopted a "Whistle Blower" policy and has established an anonymous web-based reporting mechanism on the TXSSAR website. These reports are received by the TXSSAR Compliance Officer or the Chairman of the Audit Committee (depending upon the circumstances) who are appointed by the President.

TXSSAR has adopted a record retention and destruction policy governing financial records and other vital records of the organization. The records destruction policy requires that when records are destroyed under this policy that a 'record destruction certificate' is prepared and witnessed and this document becomes a permanent record of the organization.

TXSSAR files an information return, IRS Form 990, and is available upon written request. In addition, the opinion by the independent CPA firm is also available upon written request. Each chapter is also required to file the IRS Form 990-N document with the IRS.

Texas is the first state society in the country to do so. We encourage everyone to check out this new section on the TXSSAR website and we invite any question or comments that you have. Questions and comments can be forwarded to the Compliance Officer using the email link for that position on the website.

By-Laws Amendments

Below is a brief discussion of the sixteen By-Laws amendments considered and approved by the convention body in March. See minutes of the Annual Meeting for full ext of amendments as approved.

#1. Article XVI Other Committees: To Add Section 7 which formalized the Executive Committee and established its structure and function. *Adopted*

#2 - ARTICLE III – LOCAL CHAPTERS: To remove language requiring an “election” of a transferring member and requiring new chapter to notify State Secretary and chapter from which member is transferring of the action. *Adopted*

#3 - ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS – Section 2- To remove the provision for more than one VP from any district. *Adopted.*

#4 - ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS - SECTION 5 – To correct the title of the VP for Americanism Contest and Awards Committee. *Adopted*

#5 - ARTICLE IX - STAFF SECRETARY – To clarify the duties of the Staff Secretary. *Adopted*

#6—Article XII REGISTRAR(S) - SECTION 3. Duties of the Registrar. To clarify and restructure the duties of the Registrar. *Adopted*

#7 - ARTICLE XIII HISTORIAN – To amend the duties of the Historian to remove the responsibility for shipping materials to Archives. *Adopted as amended.*

#8 - ARTICLE XVI- BOARD OF MANAGERS - SECTION 1. To remove language concerning State Headquarters and Presidential appointment of a Secretary to the Board of Managers. *Adopted*

#9 ARTICLE XVI - BOARD OF MANAGERS - SECTION 6. To remove language about site of Annual Conventions without an invitation issued. *Adopted*

10 - ARTICLE XVII - OTHER COMMITTEES - SECTION 2. To clarify the officer selection, chapter representation and appointment of the Chairman for the Nominating Committee. It also removed the specific meeting date requirement. The election of District VPs was also proposed. *Adopted.*

#11 - ARTICLE XVII - OTHER COMMITTEES - SEC-

TION 6. To clarify procedure for committee voting and to establish a minimum 24 hour response time to ballots. *Adopted as amended.*

#12 - ARTICLE XVIII FEES AND DUES - SECTION 1. To remove the actual amount and distribution of the annual dues. *Adopted*

#13 - ARTICLE XVIII - FEES AND DUES - SECTION 3. To clarify the procedures with respect to members delinquent in payment of their dues, their participation in meetings and requirements for reinstatement. *Adopted.*

#14 - ARTICLE XXVI - QUORUM FOR ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS - SECTION 1. A quorum of any Annual or Special Meeting of this Society shall be at least a total of twenty-five delegates from three or more local chapters. SECTION 2. A quorum at the Board of Managers shall consist of fifteen members of the Board of Managers. *Adopted*

#15 - ARTICLE XXVIII - PATRIOTS FUND – To restructure the language of Section 4 with respect to trustee terms of office. *Adopted*

#16 - ARTICLE XXVIII - PATRIOTS FUND - SECTION 13. To change the definition of “Available Funds” in two ways. First - a broadening the definition of earnings to add dividends and capital gains when describing the investment income. Second, to include the category of donations designated for “Patriot Fund expenses” to “Available Funds”.

To change the designated period of time for use of the “Available Funds” from the “preceding year” to “the year prior to the preceding year”.

To allow funds to accumulate as “Available Funds” from year to year.

Adopted



Wounded Warrior Program

NSSAR President General Edward Butler and his wife Robin established the SAR Wounded Warrior program to personally thank the wounded service men and women for their service and sacrifice. A coin has been struck (see photos at right) which can be given to honor this service. During the past year the President General Butler and Robin have given coins to servicemen during their visit to VA hospitals and military bases.

Chapters are encouraged to carry on this recognition program. Coins and reporting sheets can be ordered from the NSSAR Merchandise website.

From the Editor: We have had a busy quarter; the George Washington Laredo Parade, our TXSSAR Convention, chapter officer installations throughout the state, and the many local parades and other civic activities. Many of articles and pictures you send we feature in the Compatriot. We tried to use as many as we could fit. Unfortunately space does not allow using all of the great stories from around the state. There were a lot of actions taken at the Convention that needed to be shared with those who could not attend.

I would like to especially thank Larry Peik, of the Heart of Texas Chapter for sending me a disc with all the pictures he took at the March TXSSAR Convention. Many of these pictures were used in this newsletter issue. It is difficult to get pictures of every activity, even if present. Sue Lenes and Steven Lee also sent some great photos. So, if you have pictures and articles of chapter and state events, please e-mail or mail a CD of these to me. Please include the event, date, place and all the names of those in your pictures.

The publication of the Medals and Awards Supplement, as in years past, is issued as a web only issue. Please go there to see the wonderful work of our compatriots and chapters.

Thanks again for your support.

Larry Stevens

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Individuals who give \$500 to the Patriots Fund receive the Alexander Hamilton lapel pin. Individuals donating \$1,000 will earn the Alexander Hamilton Medal. Recognition will be given at the Annual Meeting in March.

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