



# The Texas Compatriot

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## A Jewel in a Crown

by Stu Hoyt

Each year, the Outreach Education Committee stresses the need for chapters to submit a PG Outreach Education Streamer form by 31 May to award chapters who meet the requirements for recognizing the outstanding efforts of its SAR speakers. In a given year, this may not be a problem, but during the pandemic of 2020, it became a huge hurdle to overcome. Social distancing became such an obstacle that organizations were not willing to reach out for speakers.

As we moved into the spring of 2021, some were willing to ease up these restrictions. With a little persistence, a door opened. One of my fifth grade history teachers was able to convince her principal to allow visitors into her classroom. Ms. Kristin Wright has a deep love for history and is dedicated to her profession as a teacher. She goes above and beyond to make the subject come alive to her students.

In Feb of 2020, the William Hightower Chapter was promoting George Washington's Birthday by getting as many municipalities in our area to proclaim Feb 22nd as George Washington Day. I covered the city council for Drippings Springs. The editor for the local paper, and a friend of mine, was in the chamber covering a local issue. He not only took pictures but put one in an article on the front page of his paper the next day.

Ms. Wright saw the paper, and with excitement, contacted me to come to speak to all her fifth grade history classes. She also convinced the Superintendent of that ISD to send a crew to video one of the sessions and put it on YouTube. We made arrangements to come back the next year but Covid-19 hindered that visit. Because of her love and efforts for her work, she was voted Teacher of the Year for her elementary school.

The Patrick Henry Chapter has a unique individual with a special talent. His name is John Knox. He is a Vexillologist, an expert on Flags. Our goal before the pandemic hit was

to use one of Ms. Wright's classes to video one of his presentations and make it available to the Outreach Education Program. When the door opened for me to bring the American Revolution to five of her classes, I asked her for a time to film John Knox's flag presentation. We were able to come to Rooster Springs Elementary School just after noon on 20 May 2021 and record that presentation.



For her effort to make all this possible, we presented Ms. Wright with a framed citation of a Silver Martha Washington Medal. From Left to right are Wayne Courreges of the Patrick Henry Chapter, and Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter, who assisted with the flags displays, John Knox, Ms. Kristen Wright, and Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter, who coordinated all the videoing.

**Save the Date!**

**2022 Texas Society  
State Convention**

**MARCH 30—APRIL 3**

The Hilton—Richardson-Dallas  
701 East Campbell Road  
Richardson, Texas 75081

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# Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter

By John L. Greer

During the first half of 2021, the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter presented three flag certificates. Members participated in a Flag Day program with the Elks Lodge on June 14th. They presented a flag certificate at a Greenville City Council meeting and a Bronze Good Citizenship medal to the out-going Mayor. They have scheduled presentations for all five Public Safety awards. Also, the chapter presented a JROTC medal. Sometime in the early Fall, the chapter will mark Ambassador Fletcher Warren's grave with a SAR marker. He walked on water in Greenville and the civic center is named after him. And after many years, I find out one of the charter members is kin to Ambassador Warren and we now have a relative that not only approves of the marking but offered to pay for the marker.

[Editor’s Note: John reported that “years ago when Jeff Meadows was the editor of *The Texas Compatriot* and [John] was a District VP, [he] suggested that a portion of the newsletter be devoted to small chapters. As every member gets the link to the [newsletter], those members in the small chapters look to see if there is anything written about them. No matter how insignificant it is, they will know the Society cares about them. When members see that their chapter is doing something, [such as] giving a flag certificate, then more members are included to join in the enjoyment.]

No matter what size your chapter is, there is always something on which to report. Even the smallest chapters have some activity, even if it’s a simple flag certificate presentation, that all Society members can enjoy reading about. What is your chapter doing? Find someone in the chapter to write about it and submit it for publication in *The Texas Compatriot*.



# Memorial Day at TSC

Text by Ron Turner

Photos provided by James Clements

A crowd of almost 200 people gathered on a cloudy and wet day at the Texas State Cemetery (TSC) in Austin for Memorial Day commemorative ceremonies hosted by the Patrick Henry Chapter. The chapter has hosted the event to honor members of the military for almost 50 years. This year, the event was held at the grave sites of Lt. Rankin and Sgt. Williams.

State Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy, accompanied by Color Guard Southern Commander and Vice President, Patrick Henry Chapter, Shiidon Hawley, commanded the unit advancing and posting the Colors. The Color Guard was made up of Compatriots from Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Heart of Texas Chapter, Patrick Henry Chapter, Robert Rankin Chapter, San Antonio Chapter, and the William Hightower Chapter. Patrick Henry Chapter Past President Ken Tooke led the Pledge of Allegiance. Compatriot Fred Duncan led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Compatriot Steven Warner led the Pledge to the SAR. Patrick Henry Chapter Past President Wayne A. Courreges provided the welcome.

Before Compatriot James Clements introduced the speakers, he asked those in attendance to look around at the beauty and solemnity of the beautiful Memorial Grounds surrounding the event. He told the crowd that the TSC would not be as beautiful as it is were if not for the efforts of the Past State President of the Texas SAR, Dick Robinson, who passed away earlier this year. He then related how Dick got then Texas Lt. Governor Bob Bullock to designate a dirt road as Texas Highway 165 which allowed the state to take over the management and maintenance of the TSC.

Speakers included: Cathrine Jackson, Texas C.A.R. State President; Guest Speaker Brigadier General Johnny Davis who brought greetings from Army Futures Command, and Keynote Speaker President George Washington (aka Mark Collins).

Eulogies of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the TSC were offered for Lt. Robert Rankin by Compatriot Austin Courreges and for Sergeant Stephen Williams by Lenice Smithwick, Robert Livingston Chapter NSDAR.

James Clements, Past President, Patrick Henry Chapter, provided the never-changing message during an interview with a reporter from KXAN in Austin:

“Memorial Day is not a day to represent the first day of summer. It’s a day to pay our respects to the many military service men [and women] that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country’s freedom and liberty.”



The Texas State Cemetery in Austin



Part of the large crowd gathered for Memorial Day



The Texas Society Color Guard





Guest Speaker Brigadier General Johnny K. Davis  
 Chief of Staff, Army Futures Command  
 Austin, Texas

Texas C.A.R. State President  
 Cathrine Jackson



Keynote Speaker  
 General & President George Washington  
 [aka Mark Collins]



Collins says his mission is to teach people how important Christianity was to Washington and call them to a similar faith in Jesus. While some Christians in previous generations wrongly portrayed America's first president as a super-Christian, in the last 50 years the pendulum has swung too far the other way with secularist's attempting to erase Washington's Christianity from historical memory.



## DECORATION DAY

by Stu Hoyt

For many years, the graves of heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, have been honored with special times of decoration and celebration. This tradition became more popular in the South during the Civil War and a tradition in many states just after that period of conflict.

WWI expanded that list of cities and states that celebrated the remembrance of those lost in the service of their country but it was not until after WWII that the term “Memorial” became more popular than “Decoration” and not until 1967 that it became the official designation. In June of 1968, with the passage of the Uniformed Mondays Holiday Act, the last Monday in May became the official day to celebrate Memorial Day.

Each year for the past fifty years, the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has honored those fallen, at the Texas State Cemetery, in Austin. It has not always been the Texas State Cemetery and not the pristine sight that it is today but that is a story for another time.

A number of years ago two heroes of the American Revolution were re-interred at this cemetery so the Patrick Henry Chapter felt it fitting to invite members of those families to say a few words on behalf of those heroes at this years dedication. Those Patriarchs were Lt. Richard Rankin and Sgt. Stephen Williams. In addition, two generals, one from the past and one representing the future were also invited to speak. For years Pastor Mark Collins, aka George Washing-

ton, has come representing the Father of our Nation and mesmerized those gathered with his words of wisdom from the first Commander-in-Chief and our first President. Also invited was Brigadier General Johnny Davis, Chief of Staff of the Army Futures Command of the Texas National Guard. He spoke from the heart about those fallen in our most recent conflicts and gave us a look at what is to come.

The ceremony ended with the reading of the names and the ringing of the bell for those SAR and DAR members lost in the past year. The Color Guard for the Society turn out in large numbers and are always available for a photo shoot. We won't take time to mention all those in this picture but would like to draw your attention to just two of them. The tall gentleman standing behind Blair Rudy, the State Color Guard Commander (kneeling) is George Washington (aka Pastor Mark Collins) and to his left is Brigadier General Johnny Davis.



# New Member Orientation

By Mike Connelley

On Sunday afternoon, June 13, 2021, the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Fort Worth, Texas, held a new members orientation meeting at the Ol' South Pancake House in Fort Worth. Through the COVID quarantine timeframe, new member meetings were held electronically via the ZOOM format but there is nothing like sitting down around a table eating chicken fried steak, topped off with a piece of apple pie (or pie of your choice) and talking about what we do, and don't do, as an organization.

The basis for discussion was the chapter's New Member Manual and a sampling of topics included:

- Why are we called chapter number 6?
- What are the various SAR youth programs and awards?
- What is the significance and meaning of the neck ribbon that several chapter members wear?
- Where do I find a Revolutionary War uniform?
- How do I order the SAR name tag that so many wear at our chapter meetings?
- How do I find my place to serve?

The Van Zandt Chapter had three new members present at this informal gathering; they were Mike Fussell, Bob Jacobs, and Bill Taylor. The officers present at this meeting were current President Ron Turner, along with Bobby Gresham (VP), Kevin Shellman (Secretary) and Past Chapter Presidents James Alderman, Gerry Gieger, and Mike Connelley. Questions were asked, answers were provided and the chicken fried steak, pie, and fellowship was excellent.



Pictured above are (L to R): Past President James Alderman, Past President Mike Connelley, Bob Jacobs, Bill Taylor, Secretary Kevin Shellman, Immediate Past President Gerry Gieger, President Ron Turner, Mike Fussell, and Vice President & Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham.

# What's really inside a flagpole ball?

By [american-flag-store](http://american-flag-store)

It is an age-old question...what is inside a flagpole ball? The correct answer is NOTHING. The main purpose of a flagpole ball is for decoration. A flagpole ball is constructed of two curved pieces of aluminum welded together and placed on a 1/2" threaded rod to be inserted into the flagpole truck. The ball has been commonly referred to as a truck but the correct terminology would be final. The truck is the housing for the pulley system. Attaching the ball to the truck also prevents water from going into hollow flagpoles, as most trucks come standard with threaded holes to accommodate the ball.



Urban legends suggest that there are symbolic items placed in the ball to ensure that invading enemies would not capture our nations flag. The items themselves vary, as do the stories.

The most popular items claimed to be stored in the ball are a razor blade, a match, and a bullet. In this scenario, when the military unit has been decimated, the last soldier would take down the flag, cut it into strips with the razor, burn the strips, and use the bullet to commit suicide so that his secrets cannot be captured. In most cases, the gun belonging to the bullet is buried at the base of the flagpole.

There are of course variations on this simple story. One popular variation is that the razor is used to cut the flag away from the halyard and not used on the flag itself. Another variation is that the bullet is used to defend the flag instead of using it to commit suicide.

In some cases, additional items are hidden with the original items. Depending on the version, the extra item can be a grain of rice or a grain of wheat. The rice is used as fuel for the soldier to defend the flag and the wheat is to be used to rebuild food supplies should the soldier prove victorious in defense of the flag. Another additional item said to be inside in the case of victory would be a needle and thread to repair the flag if it has taken damage.

There has also been mention of a pencil in order to write down events for historical documentation. A penny is often rumored to assure that the United States will never be broke. Most legends pertain directly to the military so the average person need not be concerned with installing the appropriate items. In conclusion, there are many different scenarios to be considered.



## REGISTER NOW!

### Fall Board of Managers Meeting 2021

October 8 – 10, 2021

Hilton NASA Clear Lake in Webster, Texas

Sponsored by Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

#### First Step

**Carefully read the instructions for the hotel!**

**Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the hotel before September 16, 2021.**

[Make your reservation online](#) or call the Hilton at 281.333.9300

#### Second Step

[Carefully read the Instructions!](#)

**Register for the Meeting**

**Dress/Attire**

Business Casual for meetings and Saturday lunch, with SAR shirts also acceptable.

For Dinner Banquet, Jacket and Tie; Ladies - nice business attire or dress.

As always, Colonial attire is appropriate for any and all functions.

## Let's Promote SAR!

By Sam Massey  
Communications Secretary

Compatriots, Get the word out!! Likely there are more people like me and you. People who don't know their history but could learn from you and SAR. Promote SAR in your community.

- Talk to people about what you've learned about your own history or a topic you heard at a recent SAR meeting.
- Contact your local "yard" paper or city paper and tell them about SAR. Get the editors email address and have announcements about chapter meetings either listed in text as an article or put in the listing of community events. Send pictures and text of awardees following meetings.
- Connect digitally with genealogists, historians, announce chapter meetings through local apps like The NextDoor app. Here is a link to join [https://nextdoor.com/?init\\_source=other\\_share](https://nextdoor.com/?init_source=other_share)
- Post meetings on community bulletin boards at City Hall, barbershops, local eateries, etc...
- Offer to be a speaker at community club meetings: Seniors clubs, Rotary clubs, special interest meetings, etc...



# Fort Worth Flag Day Ceremony

By Ron Turner

## Mark Your CALENDAR

On a very hot, still Monday in June, the 14th to be exact, the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the Flag Day Ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park in Fort Worth. The sponsors for the event were the Fort Worth Chapter NSDAR, the Mary Isham Keith Chapter NSDAR, and the Six Flags Chapter NSDAR.

The hostess for the ceremony was Margaret Mayo, Regent, Fort Worth Chapter NSDAR. Following the welcome by Regent Mayo, the Rev. David F. Klein, Rector, St. John's Anglican Church, Fort Worth, offered the Invocation. Then, the SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. Mrs. Marcy Carter-Lovick, State Regent-elect at the time, Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Harl, Regent, Six Flags Chapter NSDAR, led the American Creed. Abby Lawson of Girl Scout Troop 1176 led the singing of the National Anthem. Jeremy Lanning of Boy Scout Troop 43 presented a short program on Flag Retirement Protocol. Dr. Mary Spradlin, Senior Pastor, Arlington Heights United Methodist Church offered the Benediction. Following the Benediction, the Color Guard retired the Colors.

The Boy Scouts were accepting flags for a retirement ceremony. Members of the Color Guard donated a total of six flags for retirement.

In the photo below, from left to right, members of the Color Guard were: Past Chapter President James Alderman, Chapter President Ron Turner, Chapter Vice President and Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, and Chapter Secretary & Historian Kevin Shellman.

### 2021

- Sep 23-25 Fall Leadership  
Louisville, KY
- Sep 25 Medal of Honor Parade  
Gainesville, TX
- Oct 7-10 Fall BOM  
NASA Hilton, Clear Lake, Webster,  
TX
- Dec 4 Dicken's on the Strand  
Galveston, TX

### 2022

- Feb 19 George Washington's Birthday Parade  
Laredo, TX
- Mar 3-5 Spring Leadership  
Louisville, KY
- Mar 30-Apr 3 Texas Society State Convention  
Richardson, TX
- Sep 29-Oct 1 Fall Leadership  
Louisville, KY



Members of the Color Guard are pictured with Mrs. Marcy Carter-Lovick, State Regent-elect, Texas Society, NSDAR & Margaret Mayo, Regent, Fort Worth Chapter NSDAR.



# Plano Flag Retirement

By co-authors Ted Wilson and Tom Van Fossen

After a year of group gathering restrictions due to covid-19, the Plano Chapter of the Texas Society SAR was glad to see the restrictions lifted. The Plano Chapter sent invitations to groups that had attended past Flag retirements. One group missing this year were the Lone Star Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America Honor Guard. Ted Wilson was told they had disbanded; hopefully, they will regroup again in the future.

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, the invitees gathered at Plano Fire Station #12. The program began at 11:00 am with Shelby Williams of the Plano City Council welcoming everyone. He considered it an honor to be a part of the program. Captain Peggy Harrell of the Plano Fire Station extended a welcome on behalf of the fire and emergency personal stationed at that location. Drake Peddie, Texas State SAR President, described the proper procedure to depose of torn, tattered, and weathered flags. It was great to see a large number of SAR members in uniforms along with the other guests present. He introduced Jeanette Prasifka, who would act as MC for the morning.



To begin the program, one of the flags that had been collected was raised. We stood and joined Jeanette in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Tom Whitelock, of the Dallas Chapter, read “I am Your Flag” as it was being lowered by members of the SAR. Once lowered, the Plano Police Explorer Post 911 joined the SAR and a total of four torn, tattered, worn, and weathered flags were presented for inspection and retirement. They were inspected by Chief Warrant Officer Emery LaPoint (retired). Once inspected and announced unusable, Ian Dickson played the National Anthem before the flags were disassembled. Instructions were given by Jeanette that the Canton was to be separated

from the Stripes. The Stripes represented the 13 original states and the Canton contained a star for each state. One garment was to be saved from each flag to be retired to help establish a final count. Once separated “You are the Stars and Stripes” recitation was read by Shelby Williams and Peggy Harrell. A prayer by Robert Matthews, PFD chaplain was offered.

The separated parts of the flag were then burned with the Stripes being burned first, followed by the Cantons. SAR members carried both the Stripes and Cantons to the fire and all were burned. Taps was then played to announce the completion. After which, Jeanette and Tom give instructions for the burning of the remaining flags.



The Plano Police Explorer Post 911 was represented by Amanda Nee, Aviv Peleg, Aiden Helms, Thomas Price, Jacob Weiser and Hayden Helms; plus other fire and first responders assigned to station #12.

SAR members from the Plano Chapter: Drake Peddie, Bob Johns, Dan Reed, John Ray, Nick Gilliam, Howard Roach, Steve Driever, and Larry Melton.

SAR members from the Dallas Chapter: Bill Watts, Brent Harshman, Tom Van Fossen, Mark Harrison, Robert Kittrell, Jerry Pinkerton and Tom Whitelock.

SAR members from Edmund Terrill Chapter: John Greer and Ted Wilson.

SAR member from the McKinney Chapter: David Kinsey.



## Archives/History/Yearbook

by Texas SAR Historian

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF CHAPTER HISTORIANS

Many chapters have Historians, but some do not. I wish to congratulate those with Historians and encourage those that don't to find a Historian.

Start small but keep in mind the kind of activities to save. Can your chapter answer the following questions? Are those answers contained in your yearbook and/or website or at least written? Will your chapter history be lost without your older member's knowledge?

- Does your chapter know when it was **chartered** and who the charter members were?
- Is there a list of **past chapter presidents** by year? Who are your past officers?
- What **activities** has your chapter conducted and/or attended? Are photos and sign in sheets available?
- Are your chapter **committee reports** reflected in your chapter minutes? Do they include Speaker's Bureau, Veterans, Color Guard, etc.?
- Can your chapter identify the history of **awards and recognitions** presented and received by the chapter? See the latest *Chapter President's Manual* for a complete list of all awards.
  - Chapter Awards presented to its members, DAR, C.A.R., Veterans, Youth, 1st Responders and Community
  - State awards received by members
  - National Personal awards received by members
  - State awards received by the chapter
  - National awards received by the chapter
- Does your chapter **collect documents** like meeting minutes, newsletters, significant emails and chapter activities?
- Does your chapter encourage the use of **new member questionnaires**? Note: older members may wish to update their questionnaire with more complete information. This information is used to collect member profiles and saved for historical uses including future *Texas SAR History* volumes. A blank questionnaire may be downloaded from the Texas SAR public website.
- Does your chapter have a **timeline** of roster size or have enough information to create one?
- Has your chapter organized or participated with any Patriot or Compatriot **Grave Markings**? Does your

Chapter collect obituaries and seek compatriot death information?

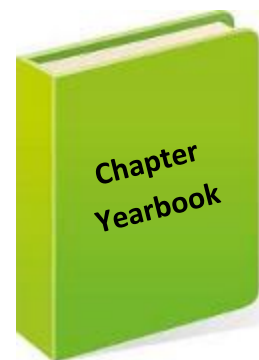
- Has your chapter prepared annual **yearbooks** or scrapbooks with brochures, photos, documents, clippings, minutes, newsletters, awards, etc.? For Youth Awards, be sure to get a written parental permission statement and add a paragraph or caption of how they fared at the state level! Yearbooks are an easy way to preserve your chapter history! And don't forget to enter it into the annual Scrapbook judging contest.
- Does your chapter annually or regularly **archive** to UNT Special Collections Library? Digital copies on DVD or flash drives are preferred but papers, scrapbooks, photos, etc., are acceptable. Please redact living people's personal information. And please don't archive new and supplemental SAR applications at this time as National SAR is working on an application database. Include your annual reports if you choose. Send your archives to the UNT Special Collections Library or bring them to the State Historian at an annual meeting for him to archive.
- Does your chapter **meeting agenda** contain a topic for the Historian to provide insight to significant historical events? Is a Historian report part of your meeting agenda?
- Does someone in your chapter routinely send chapter announcements and activities, including new officer lists, for publication in *The Texas Compatriot* newsletter?

Yes, some chapters are more organized than others. The larger chapters have the advantage. The Chapter Historian has a chance to capture and retain its chapter history. Share the effort. All the above and more can be accomplished by chapter members. Please interview your older compatriots for their memories to preserve your chapter history. Start with the topics you can manage and annually add to them. A little effort can make a lot of difference. Please don't lose your chapter history.

The UNT Special Collections Library already has some documents that may assist with your investigations. They have some old rosters, old newsletters, old state meeting minutes, etc., that can help you learn your chapter's past.

Also available are the previously published Texas SAR History volumes. They may contain some of your chapter's history.

All Chapter Historians are encouraged to attend and join in the Archives / History / Yearbook committee meetings. The State Historian is here to support the Chapter Historians.



# Independence Day Historical Event at Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

By Frank Rohrbough

At the Invitation of the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio, the San Antonio Chapter conducted its 10th Educational and Historical Independence Day Event for hotel guests visiting the resort on July 3, 2021. The event was held at 10:30 a.m. in the Luckenbach Pavilion near the golf course. This was the 244th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence from England.

The Chapter Color Guard, which included Guardsmen Peter Baron and Frank Kebelman and Flag Bearers Stephen Rohrbough (US Flag) and Jason Bourgeois (Texas Flag), opened the event with the Posting of Colors and closed the event with the Retirement of Colors. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Past Chapter President, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Sixteen members participated in this year's event. He welcomed approximately 130 hotel guests to the event to celebrate the founding of our country. Chapter President Kevin Kanter spoke on "What SAR Is" and does. Chapter Historian and Compatriot Larry Loop gave the overview on "Why We Celebrate Independence Day". He noted that as British subjects, the British Parliament had placed heavy taxes on them and increasingly denied them the freedoms they expected and self-rule they wanted.

Compatriot Peter Baron explained the evolution of the Patriot Uniforms during the Revolution starting with the Minutemen of Massachusetts and Mountain Men of Virginia and the Carolinas and the Regimental Uniforms that were approved by the Continental Congress in 1778. He explained the various Battle Flags of the Revolution, highlighting the "Continental Colors" flown in early 1776 at General Washington's Headquarters in Cambridge overlooking Boston, also known as "Grand Union Flag".



Peter Baron – "Compatriot Continental Color" or "Grand Union Flag"

Compatriot Baron provided an overview of the guns used by Foot Soldiers in the Militia and the Continental Line Army during the Revolution, notably the 75-caliber flintlock musket and a 50-caliber flintlock rifle. He noted that a well-seasoned soldier could load and fire a musket four times in one minute. He stated that the musket was not very accurate beyond 50 yards and thus during a battle, muskets were fired in volleys in succession at the enemy standing in

formation over 50 yards away. Comparatively, a rifleman could load and fire only once every 90 seconds. However, Compatriot Baron conceded that the rifle is a more accurate weapon used for targets up to 250 yards away. Baron described the firing positions of soldiers in formation — shoulder to shoulder and standing 3 rows deep — when engaging the enemy on the field of battle. Following several volleys, the command was given to fix bayonets and advance against the enemy.

Compatriot Campbell Baron rang the bell as a salute to each of the Original Colonies as they were announced. We closed the Program with the playing of the song composed by Country Artist Lee Greenwood "God Bless the USA".

To allow greater interaction with the hotel guests, ten (10) Demonstration Tables were set up where guests could visit to learn more about the various aspects of the Revolutionary War. These included Weapons and Accouterments, Revolutionary Period Uniforms, Making a Powder Horn, Flags of the Revolution, Medical Practices during the War, Currencies of the Colonies, Patriot Ancestor Stories, Family Genealogy Charts, Camp Followers of the Revolution, and Coloring Sketches of the Revolution.



Scott Woodard "Practice of Medicine during the Revolution" US Army Museum at Ft. Sam Houston



Compatriot Fred Soupiset  
"Makin A Powder Horn"

At the conclusion of the event, Compatriot Baron gave instructions to young recruits from the hotel on loading and firing the musket. Over 40 guests took turns shooting the "Big Gun."

## Archives/History/Yearbook Committee Projects/Announcements

By John Anderson

The committee is recruiting members and welcome all past Texas State and current Chapter Historians, or at least one member from each Chapter. Contact John Anderson if you can assist.

The Patriot Medal was started in 1966. For the next Texas Society History Volume (unscheduled), Compatriot John Greer is collecting photos of past presentations. Group, gauntlet, or individual photos; if you've got some, please send or contact him at [johnlgreer@juno.com](mailto:johnlgreer@juno.com). We are missing several years, especially the older years.

As announced last year, we are collecting photos of your chapter charter and a list of charter members. Some chapters have not yet submitted them. Please send them or questions to John Anderson at [janderson981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janderson981@sbcglobal.net).

A Grave Marking ceremony is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 24th, in Wolfe City for Ambassador William Fletcher Warren, the namesake of Texas SAR Chapter #43. If you can attend, please contact Bill Watts at [bill\\_watts@att.net](mailto:bill_watts@att.net) or John Greer at [johnlgreer@juno.com](mailto:johnlgreer@juno.com).

The Texas SAR History Volumes are available. Download their order form from the Texas SAR public website under the History menu.

The UNT Willis Library Special Collections department is actively working on our archives. They now have on-line all of *The Texas Compatriot* newsletters from the Winter 1986 to -date and the Texas Society SAR Bulletin newsletters from 1976 – Fall 1986. All chapters are encouraged to archive their old Yearbooks, Newsletters, Minutes, Committee documents, etc. and photos. Please add meaningful captions where possible. Electronic copies are preferred, but if paper is what you have, then please archive it. The simple UNT Gift Agreement Form is required and available on the Texas SAR public website under the History menu. John Anderson will collect your documents at any in-person meeting and routinely deliver them. Please don't let your chapter history be lost, archive it!

We are happy to announce that in-person Yearbook competition and judging for calendar years 2019 and 2020 is planned for the Fall BOM on October 7-10th in Clear Lake City, TX. All chapters are invited to submit their yearbooks for this competition. Please deliver your yearbooks to our tables by 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 8th. Judging volunteers may be needed. If you would like to help, please contact Carl Wiggins at [cmwiggins1@comcast.net](mailto:cmwiggins1@comcast.net).



### Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Entry from McKinney Chapter

#### AWARDED 1ST PLACE AT STATE

Junior Compatriot Jack Webb, McKinney Chapter, was awarded 1st place at the State level in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. This award included a cash price of \$300 which was presented to Compatriot Webb by David Kinsey, State Treasurer. Compatriot Webb's poster topic was "Benjamin Tallmadge – Culper Spy Ring Leader".

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### Patriot Research System Project

By Ron Turner

If you have not checked out SAR's Patriot Research System (PRS) lately, you should! A team of volunteers from across the nation have been working for several years now to update the database. This project involves connecting members to their patriots, transcribing lineages from member applications, adding patriot biographies, and identifying patriot graves as marked by SAR chapters.

Gary O. Green, Lt. Col, USAF (Ret) is the Chairman of the Patriot Records Committee and oversees the project. Compatriot Green is a member of the North Carolina Society and issues a monthly status report on how the project is proceeding.

On the next two pages, you can read the project status that Compatriot Green sends to all the volunteers on a monthly basis. The report is for the month ending July 31, 2021.



## NATIONAL SOCIETY—Applications 1889-July 2021

We have involved volunteers from across the nation to update the System with meaningful data that will allow future generations a significant step-up in applying for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

To show the exponential growth of the PRS in 2020, as of 17 Jan 2020, we had 66% of the members connected to their patriots and we had 24.3% of the applications transcribed to the database for applications from January 1981 to July 2020.

We only have 13 societies which are below the current national average in transcribing applications (84.1%). Now we are starting to transition to the maintenance of most of our societies' records and adding historical records to identify sources for our patriots who are not currently connected to any application. This next step will demonstrate our true worth to future members wishing to join the SAR.

As of 31 July 2021, we have

98.8% members connected to their patriots (0.8 % increase)

84.1% lineages completed and members connected to their patriots [3.8 % increase]

16,007 patriot biographies published for different patriots (29 increase)

3,744 patriot graves have been identified as marked by SAR chapters [43 increase]

## BIOGRAPHIES

10,347 biographies contributed since 15 Jan 2018

South Atlantic District	Central District	Mid-Atlantic District	Honorable Mention
GA 3.682	OH 2.426	MD 911 + 3	AZ 191
NC 422 + 1	IN 122	PA 410	<b>TX 202 + 4</b>
FL 202	KY 43 + 3	VA 299 + 2	Non Members 303
SC 119 + 7	WV 23	DC 39	
		DE 19	
Total 4425 +8	Total 2613 + 3	Total 1671 + 5	

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Activity since 17 Mar 2020

121 volunteers have been active participants in the PRS from 1 Jul-31 Jul 2021

421 volunteers have contributed over 162333.9 hours [6,689.69 increase since 1 July 2021] of time to input data to the PRS

44 volunteers review/publish the inputs

-- Publishing an average of 178.9 lineages per day

-- Connecting about 101.2 members to their patriots per day

**SOCIETIES OF DISTINCTION:** Additions are indicated by an asterisk [\*]

[100% in connecting members to their patriots + 100% lineages transcribed from 1889 to Jun 2021]

\*Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom, \*Spain [European District]

\*Indiana, \*Ohio [Central District]

Idaho, Utah, Wyoming [Inter-Mountain District]

District of Columbia, \*Delaware, \*Maryland [Mid-Atlantic District]

\*New Hampshire [New England District]

Alaska, Washington, \*Oregon [\*Pacific District]

\*Dakota, Iowa [North Central District]

\*Arizona [Rocky Mountain District]

\*Louisiana, \*Mississippi [Southern District]

\*North Carolina, \*South Carolina [South Atlantic District]

\*Missouri, \*Oklahoma [South Central District]

Hawaii, Nevada [Western District]



## HONOR ROLL [100% in connecting members to their patriots 1889-Jun 2021]

UK, SP, SW, GE, \*FR [\*European District]  
IN, OH, KY, MT [\*Central District]  
IL [Great Lakes District]  
ID, UT, WY,\*MT [\*Inter-Mountain District]  
CN, MX & IT [International District]  
DC, \*DE, \*MD [Mid-Atlantic District]  
CT, VT, ME, \*NH, \*RI [\*New England District]  
ND, SD, MN, IA [North Central District]  
AK, WA,\*OR [\*Pacific District]  
\*FL, NC, GA,\*SC [\*South Atlantic District]  
MO, OK [South Central District]  
\*LA, MS [Southern District]  
\*AZ [Rocky Mountain District]  
NV, HI [Western District]

**CHAIRMAN'S LIST**—Most applications transcribed by society (+/- sign shows change from last month)

1. Texas	10,462 + 557
2. California	8,358 + 303
3. Florida	7,761 + 296
4. Ohio	6,028 + 48
5. Georgia	5,133 + 42
6. Pennsylvania	5,696 + 447
7. Virginia	5,090 + 249
8. North Carolina	4,239 + 66
9. Indiana	3,036 + 72
10. South Carolina	3,014 + 17
11. Maryland	2,767 + 48
12. Arizona	2,607 + 72

**Societies of Excellence** (Patriot Records transcribed exceeding the National Average of 84.1%)

Pacific District  
New England District  
Inter-Mountain District  
International District  
Western District  
  
NJ – North Atlantic  
DE, DC, MD – Mid-Atlantic  
NC, SC – South Atlantic  
AL, LA, MS – Southern  
IN, OH, KY, WV – Central  
WI – Great Lakes  
AR, MO, OK – South Central  
DA, IA – North Central  
AZ, CO – Rocky Mountain  
GE, SP, SW, UK - European


Check out the PRS Database!

Go to [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

Click on **PRS** in the blue menu bar.

The simplest way to explore is to click on **Member Search** and input your national membership number. You will see a list of all your Patriot ancestors.

If you click on a Patriot's name, you will see everything in the database for that Patriot, including every SAR member that has an approved supplemental application for that Patriot. Check out the Grave Detail and Biography tabs.

When you see a View Application column with this  icon, click on it to view the lineage for that application. Keep in mind that due to privacy concerns, no one can see information for generations 1 to 3 of the application. You also have the ability to purchase an application if you are also working on an application based on a Patriot.

The public also has access to this system and is able to use it when working on new member applications.

The committee has plans for many more enhancements in the system in the coming years, so stay tuned!

# JROTC Cadets and Instructors Recognized

By Tom Jackson

During the springtime, and following COVID-19 protocols, JROTC Chairman John Thompson and Trustee Tom Jackson made several stops to present top cadets in the Extended JROTC Program with a medal, certificate, and scholarship/stipend award letter. They visited General Benjamin O. Davis High School to recognize Diana Cantu for finishing First Place in the Extended contest. She was sponsored by the Robert Rankin Chapter, received a scholarship award of \$2,500 and was entered into the National contest. In addition, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor Lt. Col. (Retired) Porfirio Munoz received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Munoz had previously been recognized as one of the top instructors nationally by his peers and was named to the Wall of Fame at Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Further, his cadet nominees have earned a First-Place finish in the Texas contest five times, Second Place once and one First Place at the national level.



Cypress Ridge High School (L to R): Chairman John Thompson, Principal Stephanie Meshell, Cadet Donny Ho, Lead JROTC Instructor Lt. Col. Haider Khan, Instructor Sgt. James, Core, and Trustee Tom Jackson

The Piney Woods Chapter sponsored the Third-Place finisher Karli McMillin of Cypress Creek High School, the recipient of a cash stipend of \$500.



Benjamin O. Davis High School (L to R): Trustee Tom Jackson, Chairman John Thompson, Principal Anthony Watkins, Instructor Lt. Col. Porfirio Munoz, and Cadet Cantu



Cypress Creek High School (L to R): Chairman John Thompson, Principal Vicki Snokhaus, Cadet Karli McMillin, Instructor Lt. Col. Paul Hinson, and Trustee Tom Jackson

The John and Tom Show next went to Cypress Ridge High School to recognize Donny Ho, sponsored by the Freedom Chapter, the runner-up in the contest, who received a scholarship award of \$750.

The last visit was to Ambrosia's Crossing in Hempstead, TX where Waller High School held their military banquet. This was a special stop as MSgt (Retired) Joel L. Barnett was awarded a Silver Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his being named one of the top instructors in the nation, his unarmed female cadet drill units placing in the top ten nationally for several years and his strong support of the SAR program, including the First-Place finisher in the Extended Contest in 2018 and 2020 Third-Place finisher Justin Benassi. Cadet Benassi was presented a medal that he earned in 2020 but never received because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Notably, the high school principals were



present for each presentation. The Texas SAR JROTC Committee has established a goal of recognizing one JROTC instructor a year.



Waller High School (L to R): Chairman John Thompson, Principal Stephanie Fletcher, Lead JROTC Instructor Lt. Col. Byrl Engel, Silver Good Citizenship Medal recipient Master Sergeant Joel Barnett, Cadet Justin Benassi, and Trustee Tom Jackson

## Texas Society C.A.R. Receives Texas Society SAR Donation



On Saturday, July 31st, 2021, the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution (TSCAR) held their State Workshop at the Junior League of Arlington in Arlington, Texas. The Workshop is an event where the C.A.R. members from all across the state meet to learn about the upcoming State Project by performing skits and holding a board meeting. This year's TSCAR State Project is coined "Honoring Our Texas Lady." Honoring Our Texas Lady seeks to benefit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin Texas. Joe Sogan, TXSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee Chairman, represented the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR). Compatriot Sogan presented TSCAR's State President Catherine Jackson with a donation of \$500.00 to help the TSCAR. Catherine Jackson graciously accepted the donation. Catherine Jackson's senior is Jill Jackson.



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# **Texas SAR hosts the 2021 South Central District Annual Meeting (MOKAT) In Richardson, Texas**

By Mike Connelley & Jim Akers

Over the weekend of August 27-28, 2021, the Texas Society of the SAR hosted the annual meeting of “MOKAT” at the Hilton Hotel in Richardson, Texas. So, what is “MOKAT”? Glad you asked. **MOKAT** stands for **M**issouri, **O**klahoma, **K**ansas, **A**rkansas and **T**exas, the states that make up the South Central District (SCD). The district is led by Texas’ own Vice President General (VPG) Larry Stevens, Texas SAR. It was also mentioned that the SCD has been in existence since 1975.

On Friday afternoon, August 27th, five candidates for National SAR offices spoke to the assembled attendees, explaining their qualifications for the position. Those that spoke included Fred Olive, Librarian General; Darryl Addington, Treasurer General; Tony L. Vets, Treasurer General; Gary O. Green, Genealogist General, and Brooks Lyle, Historian General. Each candidate introduced themselves, described their qualifications, and then took questions from the attendees.



On Friday afternoon, the flags flying at the Hilton Hotel were momentarily lowered to half-staff by the Color Guard, at the request of the President of the United States, while the Color Guard stood in honor of the 13 service members recently killed in Afghanistan.



Texas SAR Color Guard commander, Blair Rudy, announcing the meal selection for the Friday evening South Central District dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Richardson, Texas.

The Friday evening banquet was well attended with close to 50 attendees. It was especially gratifying to see several wives in attendance also. Mr. Rob Shenk, Chief Museum Content officer for the National Medal of Honor Museum planned for construction in Arlington, Texas, was the guest speaker. In addition to an impressive power point presentation about the anticipated physical design of the museum, Mr. Shenk described the ideas that will be incorporated in the design to not only tell the stories of Medal of Honor recipients, but also to highlight the common heritage around what it means to be patriotic and to “inspire the hero within ourselves.” Mr. Shenk explained that the project has raised over \$100 million of the planned \$185 million that will be needed to build the museum, which is expected to open in 2024.

The Saturday morning session included the attending delegates from the five member states of the SCD, along with the visiting National SAR officers and candidates for National SAR leadership positions. The various candidates spoke to the group and responded to questions from those in attendance.





Top picture: The above photograph captures Texas SAR Color Guard members and Guardsmen from MOKAT, along with VPG Larry Stevens at the South Central District annual meeting.

Bottom picture: The Color Guard posting the colors at the beginning of the Friday evening dinner & meeting.



The attendees also discussed the issues of membership retention and new member training ideas, all in an effort to improve retention of those members that join the organization. The consistent theme is that each State should tailor their membership retention programs to match their members and prospective members interests and do what they think will work for the membership of that particular State.

Each State president/representative described the number of chapters in their state, and the total SAR membership for that State. Oklahoma has 5 chapters and 332 members; Arkansas has 10 chapters and 227 members; Kansas has 13 chapters and 958 members; Missouri has 15 chapters and 790 members and Texas has 48 chapters and 3102 members, with the recent addition of a chapter in Atlanta, Texas. Interestingly, if you add up the numbers from the other four states in the SCD (43 chapters and 2307 members) it is less than the comparable numbers from the State of Texas.

The business session concluded late Saturday morning, August 28, 2021, with the announcement that the annual meeting for next year will be in the State of Arkansas. Although the details are still being finalized, Rogers, Arkansas, was announced as the location of the 2022 annual meeting of the South Central District.



[left to right] Jerry Pinkerton, Bill Watts, District 6 Vice President Tom Van Fossen, Brent Harshman, & Texas Society Treasurer David Kinsey display the Dallas Chapter flag.



Denton Chapter member Jim Akers with Darryl Addington, Foundation Board member, Tennessee SAR, at the Saturday morning business session



In front: Gary O. Green (NC), District 11 VP Gary Barker (TX), Art Munford (TX), Immediate Past President David Temple (TX), in back: Jim Akers (TX), Denton Chapter President Mike Connelley (TX), and T.L. Holden (TX), listen attentively.



SCD Vice President General Larry Stevens, [left] Texas Society President-elect & SCD Secretary Jim Kuykendall [center], & Texas Society President Drake Peddie [right]

Photo credits: Brooks Lyles, Tom Whitelock, & Bill Watts





Mr. Rob Shenk, Chief Museum Content Officer, Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas, was the keynote speaker at Friday night's dinner.

Mr. Shenk presented an overview of the National Medal of Honor Museum.



South Central District Immediate Past Vice President General Darrell Hefley [left] (OK Society) & Vice President General Larry Stevens [right] (TX Society)



NSSAR Past President General Nathan E. White, Jr. [left] (2006-2007) and Gary O. Green [center], Lt. Col. (ret), USAF, Past President of the North Carolina Society (2016-2017), and Chair of the Patriots Records Committee (2017-). Compatriot Green is a candidate for Genealogist General.



Texas Society Immediate Past President David Temple [left] and President-elect Jim Kuykendall



The state flags for each of the societies in the South Central District - Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, plus the SAR flag.





Texas Society President-elect Jim Kuykendall [left] & SAR South Central District Vice President General Larry Stevens



Mike Connelley & Jim Akers



Friday night's dinner & program

## Ladies Auxiliary of Texas SAR Raffle

The Ladies Auxiliary of Texas SAR is excited that we will be able to begin selling tickets for our fundraiser at the October BOM in Richardson, Texas. You may remember that we are raffling off two beautiful stained glass pieces created



by Leslie Anderson.

We will officially begin ticket sales at the October BOM. The stained glass will be on display at this meeting for you to see. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held at the State Convention in 2023. You do not need to be present to win. However, I do need to be able to read the phone number you write on the ticket!

We will have our tickets and flyer ready soon. If you would like to purchase tickets before the BOM, contact me, Meg Anderson at [meganderson981@gmail.com](mailto:meganderson981@gmail.com). I can get them to you before the October meeting.

Finally, all of the money collected (after expenses) will be used to purchase one or more artifacts for the SAR museum.

Meg Anderson  
President



The Color Guard rehearses Posting the Colors for the Opening Friday Dinner & Meeting.

# Newsletter Competitions

To all Chapter Newsletter editors and presidents, now is the time to start thinking about entering the SAR national and state competitions

## TEXAS SOCIETY

At the state level, The Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Competition Award is presented to a Texas SAR Chapter with the best Newsletter for the calendar year. The Award is presented for three categories.

The Multi-sheet Newsletter – This competition is for the best newsletter using the multi-sheet format and issuing at least 8 issues a year.

The Single-sheet Newsletter – This competition is for the best newsletter using the single-sheet format and issuing at least 6 issues per year.

The Electronic Newsletter – this competition is for the best newsletter using the electronic format and issuing at least 6 issues per year.

Copies of the newsletters should be sent to the Editor of *The Texas Patriot* ([compatriot@txssar.org](mailto:compatriot@txssar.org)) and Chairman of the Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Sub-Committee after every publication. The Chairman will file the newsletters and use them when the Ross Shipman Newsletter Committee meets to evaluate them. Contact information is available at [https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/ccontest\\_contacts.htm](https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/ccontest_contacts.htm)

The Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Committee will review and evaluate Newsletters in February of each year and determine the winning chapters in each category.

Announcement and awards are presented during the state annual convention.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY

At the national level, there are four 2021 year competitions.

- The two Carl F. Bessent Awards are presented to SAR chapter editors for the best multiple sheet and single sheet periodicals.
- The Jennings H. Flathers Award is presented to the state-level society with fewer than five hundred members. State membership levels at the end of the preceding year - 2020 in this case - will determine which of the contests should be entered.
- The Paul M. Niebell, Sr., Award is presented to the state-level society with over five hundred members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with ten or fewer pages. State membership levels at the end of the preceding year - 2020 in this case - will determine which of the contests should be entered.

- The Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., Award is presented to the state-level society with over five hundred members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with more than ten pages.

The guidelines for judging newsletters can be found at the [sar.org](http://sar.org) website via this link accessed by logging into the SAR site and [accessing the committee's web page](#). Please read these guidelines to understand what and how your publication will be judged.

Every chapter editor considers his newsletter to be excellent and deserving of recognition. Editors are to be commended for their efforts expended on their newsletters. However, there are only a few awards available and the competition is fierce, with little room for error. There is also some subjectivity incorporated into the judging process in order to provide flexibility in determining the best newsletters. These guidelines should help editors determine if they are meeting the requirements necessary to be competitive. If so, then the editors can submit their publications for judging. If not, then the editors should work towards meeting the requirements before submitting. Remember, good communication is the goal, not awards or accolades.

To be eligible for competition, submission should be the single issue as determined by the editor/chapter to be the best published issue per calendar year (January to December 2021) to be submitted to the Newsletters and Publications Committee chairman. Submissions are preferred by email attachment (PDF/WORD files) or by the issue's URL if located on a web site. Submissions should be of acceptable quality. See Handbook for ideas for what a good newsletter can be. **The submission must be received by December 15.** When submitting your single issue for a State entry, please state which contest you are entering: Flathers, Niebell, or Smallwood. Sending all newsletter issues to the committee chair does NOT enter the publication into any contest.

To repeat some language from the Newsletters and Periodicals Handbook: *“There is a distinct obligation on the part of a local chapter's leadership to inform the membership as a whole of a chapter's activities, goals, and achievements. We all know that many of our supportive members find it difficult or impossible, for any number of reasons, to attend chapter meetings. Without written communication received on a regular basis, these men would receive nothing, and may feel no obligation to continue membership in the organization and be one of those individuals who drops membership when the dues notices are sent. No news is not good news. No news is just that: nothing.”*

To re-cap:

1. Submit a SINGLE issue to the committee contact. Preferred method is an email PDF attachment.
2. Submit by December 15, 2021'
3. (For state society submission,) state which contest you are entering

## Newsletter Committee

Ron Turner, Chairman of the Texas Society Newsletter Committee, is seeking members of the society who have an interest in serving on the committee.

The Mission of the Newsletter Committee is to insure the history of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is reported and preserved in a timely manner in a publication named *The Texas Compatriot*. It is a goal of this committee to publish newsletters featuring member activities at the National, State, and Local Chapter level, and to report on educational, public, and veteran activities, our Youth Programs, and those events honoring our public servants in each issue.

Compatriot Turner desires that every chapter in the Texas Society have a representative on the Newsletter Committee. Every chapter president should ensure that his chapter is represented on the committee. If your chapter has a newsletter, the editor of said newsletter should be on the committee as your chapter's representative.

All interested parties should contact Ron Turner at [compatriot@txssar.org](mailto:compatriot@txssar.org).

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### *The Texas Compatriot*

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1. Keep your article as short as you can while still telling the story. Send stories in Microsoft Word format to [compatriot@txssar.org](mailto:compatriot@txssar.org).
2. Send digital photographs as attachments and not embedded into the Word document. They also should be sent to [compatriot@txssar.org](mailto:compatriot@txssar.org).
3. Make sure your images are high resolution, at least 300 DPI, and that no time or date stamps appear on the images.
4. Limit the number of photographs to those you would most like to see published.
5. Meet the deadlines published for and in each issue.

## New Picture Policy

To publish photos of children under the age of 18 in *The Texas Compatriot*, your local chapter newsletter, or on your chapter website, you must have a signed parental form that gives us (the Texas Society SAR) permission to publish the child's name and photo. You can find the form on the Society's public website under **Contest/Programs > Permission/Release Form**.

[https://www.txssar.org/pdf/Permission\\_Youth.pdf](https://www.txssar.org/pdf/Permission_Youth.pdf).

Before the child's picture can appear in *The Texas Compatriot*, the signed consent form must be on file in the editor's office.

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## PG FACTOIDS

Did you know that of the nineteen living Presidents General for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, three are members of the Texas Society?

- ◆ Nathan Edward White, Jr., McKinney, 2006-2007
- ◆ Hon. Edward Franklyn Butler, Sr., San Antonio, 2009-2010
- ◆ Hon. Thomas E. Lawrence, Montgomery, 2015-2016

What year was the first year that a member of the Texas Society was President General?

- ◆ 1948 when Ben H. Powell (TX) was appointed as President General upon the death of PG Shaler (PA).

How many Presidents General have died while in office?

THREE

- ◆ 1931, Benjamin Newhall Johnson (MA)
- ◆ 1948, Charles B. Shaler (PA)
- ◆ 2000, Bruce B. Butler (LA)

How many other Texas Society men have served as President General since 1889?

FIVE

- ◆ 1963, Robert L. Sonfield
- ◆ 1968, Walter G. Sterling
- ◆ 1986, Clovis H. Brakebill
- ◆ 1991, George H. Brandau, M.D.
- ◆ 2002, B. Rice Aston