



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER #4 • TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Compatriot Peter Baron, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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AWARDS PRESENTED TO CHAPTER OFFICERS

President Peter Baron recognized selected members for their services to the chapter during the past year by presenting them with an award/medal as follows:

Meritorious Service Medal

Al Metts
Courtland Snyder

Martha Washington Medal

Carole Baron
Sara Baron
Tina Baron
Hilda Bronner
Nancy Schmid

Bronze Color Guard Medal

James Taylor

TXSSAR Bronze Svc Medal

Jerry Fulenwider
Jay Lewallen
Harry Long
John Orr
Rueben Perez
Frank Rohrbough
Stephen Rohrbough
Ed Snyder
Max Strozier
James Taylor
Rene Villarreal
Joe Ware

Outstanding Citizenship Award

Sarah Ann Clark
Bettie Metz
Marjorie Orr
Dorothy Perez
Diane Rohrbough
Marie Rohrbough
Pat Taylor
Nita Ware

Certificate of Appreciation

Bob Brady
John Dupree
John Hollje

Military Service Medal

Carter Price

War Service Medal

David Richmond

Compatriot of the Month

Joe Ware

JOINT DAR/SAR CHRISTMAS MEETING

At the invitation of Mrs. Mary Eck, Regent, San Antonio de Bexar NSDAR Chapter, we held a Joint Christmas Luncheon on December 4, 2010 at the beautiful San Antonio Country Club. SASAR Color

Guard presented the Colors. Shown (At Right) are Compatriots Peter Baron, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough and Jay Lewallen. The Churchill High School Show Choir and Pops and Cambridge Chorale provided the entertainment with a wide range of beautiful Christmas music. Following their program, President Peter Baron conducted the induction of Master Landon Villarreal,



son of Compatriot Rene Villarreal. (At Left) President Baron presents the Certificate of Membership to Landon Villarreal (on chair) while his and Compatriot bough (left) gent Eck then presentation to hoff. As a rectorian and Thonhoff was

his research and documentation of the Spanish Revolution thereby awarding him the NSDAR that award, President Baron joined in the recognition of \$151 (Center Photo). Also attending the Max Strozier, David Richmond, Harold Atkinson, Henry Ortega, Joe Ware, and Bob Clark.



and Texas contributions to the American Historic Preservation Award. Accompanying tion by giving Judge Thonhoff an Honorarium Luncheon were Compatriots Ruben Perez, Jack Cowan, Courtland Snyder, Ed Snyder,

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

ing to make my Presidency memorable. I will remember every handshake and every smile. We truly have had an exciting year. I have so many Compatriots to thank for our Chapter's successes. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough for taking up the call and publishing the newsletter. Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough for putting up with my endless questions. Compatriot Lewallen who hit the ground running and only managed to dodge a few chores.

Compatriots: I wish to thank all of you for help-

Compatriots Harcourt and Long for the tedious task of revising our Chapter Bylaws. Compatriot Orr for our "5 minute" vignettes. Compatriot Strozier for maintaining our excellent website, www.sarsat.org. And Compatriot Taylor whose leadership and determination will continue to lead us in 2011. Each and every member is important to our Chapter. SASAR gave out 120 medals, 3 plaques, 36 History Books, 51 Certificates, 4 Challenge Coins, and \$1500 in Scholarships in 2010. That was made possible by YOU. Thank you. May Christ bring Joy into your life during this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas.

Fraternally yours, *Peter Baron*

History Fair: On Thursday December 2, 2010 and on behalf of President Peter Baron and the San Antonio Chapter, Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough visited Tejada Middle School. The purpose of the visit was to recognize Randy Guzman for his support and our participation in the History Fair in April 2010. Compatriot Rohrbough presented Volumes I and II of TXSSAR Society History to Principal Sharon Shelton for their School Library. Also, Compatriot Rohrbough presented the NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award and Pin to

Randy Guzman for his outstanding leadership and work on the History Fair. Randy's ongoing fund raising projects including sale of 4,700 poinsettias and olive oil from planted olive trees on the school grounds, continues to provide needed money to build pavilions and erect structures to develop the ground for future History Fairs. Randy Guzman is truly a devoted teacher who educates Tejada School students about the American Revolution and our Patriot ancestors.



On Apr 10th, SASAR participated in the 3rd Annual Frank Tejada Middle School History Fair. Compatriot Peter Baron demonstrates the firing of his Revolutionary Period Brown Bess Musket. While students look on, one calls out the commands for firing the musket.

The Year in Review

We have had a very active year participating in many activities, events and happenings. This portion of the Newsletter reviews those activities that highlight the Chapter and its members.

Officers for 2010: At the January 20th Chapter Meeting President-General Edward F. Butler, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution installed the officers for 2010. The following members were inducted: Peter Baron, President; James Taylor, President-Elect, Chaplain & Genealogist; Rubeen Perez, Vice President; Bob Brady, Recording

Corresponding Secretary & Sergeant At Arms; Harry Long, Chancellor; John Dupree, Treasurer; Rene Villarreal, Registrar; John Orr, Historian; and Al Metts, Honorary President. **(Photo at Right)** Seated from Left to Right are President-General Ed Butler, Peter Baron and Master Campbell Baron (center), son of President Baron, (and at 17 months is the our youngest Compatriot) and Reverend James Taylor. Standing from Left to Right are Compatriots Harry Long, Bob Brady, Rene Villarreal, John Orr, Rubeen Perez and Frank Rohrbough.



Veterans Appreciation Week: The Annual Salute to Veterans is conducted throughout the Veterans Administration System in the second week of February each year. See below how the San Antonio Chapter recognized veterans in Kerrville and San Antonio.



President-General Edward Butler presenting Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin to J.T. Stem, US Army at the Kerrville VA Hospital. Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough is looking on.

As part of the Annual Salute to Veteran Patients Programs and Appreciation Week, President General Edward Butler, head of the National Sons of the American Revolution, led a delegation to the Kerrville Veterans Hospital on February 9th to thank hospitalized veterans for their service. President-General Butler presented special commemorative me-

COMPATRIOTS SHOW APPRECIATION TO VETERANS

dallions to 3 Purple Heart veterans. The delegation included SASAR's President Peter Baron Jr., President-elect Rev. James Taylor, and Past Presidents Frank and Stephen Rohrbough of the San Antonio Chapter, and President Gerald Irion, Chaplain Joseph Benham and Bob Ogle, Veterans Committee Chairman of the Hill Country Chapter. SASAR Chapter members also

visited veterans at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital on February 12th to thank them for their service to our country. President Baron, accompanied by Compatriots Frank and Stephen Rohrbough, visited veterans residing in the Extended Care Treatment Clinic and hospice ward giving them valentine cards. A Reception followed in the Recreation Center.

The Year in Review (Continued)



On February 19, we joined many other SAR members in Laredo for the Anheuser-Busch Washington's Birthday Parade. This is the largest George Washington Parade in the world drawing over 300,000 spectators along the Parade route. The Laredo Chapter sponsors the SAR Entry by funding a SAR Float for members who prefer to ride in the 3.5 mile Parade. Following the Parade the Laredo Chapter hosts all SAR members and their guest to a Luncheon Meeting in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn. Please consider joining us again on Saturday, February 19, 2011 for a fun-filled day.

(At Far Left) Chapter President Baron leading the SAR float and eight other San Antonio Chapter Compatriots participating in the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 20th. (At Near Left) Color Guard Commander Frank Rohrbough carries the Easton Flag (1777).



(Photo at Left) One of the highlights of the year came on November 6th when the San Antonio Chapter participated in the 11th Annual US Military Veterans Parade in San Antonio. This parade celebrates the contributions made by active duty members and veterans who have served in the past for their service to this great country. From SASAR are Past-President-General Edward F. Butler with his son, Compatriot Jeff Butler riding in the car; other Color Guardsmen of the San Antonio and Boerne Chapters are shown in the background. From left to right are Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander (SASAR), President-Elect Larry Kinter (Boerne), Compatriots Jim Griffes (Boerne), Jay Lewallen (SASAR), Edward Heath (SASAR), Steve Locker (Boerne) and John Weir (Boerne).

From left to right are Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander (SASAR), President-Elect Larry Kinter (Boerne), Compatriots Jim Griffes (Boerne), Jay Lewallen (SASAR), Edward Heath (SASAR), Steve Locker (Boerne) and John Weir (Boerne).

Chapter Celebrates Its 80th Birthday: At our April Chapter Meeting, President Baron led the celebration of the Chapter's 80th Birthday. Shown below are many of the Past Presidents who have contributed to the Chapters success since its founding on April 19, 1930.



July 4th Celebrations:

Our chapter participated in two major events on July 4th. The first, event was at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery sponsored by the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez where 16 Patriotic Organizations placed wreaths at the Flag Pole followed by a formal program saluting our Nation's Founders and all servicemembers who died in service to their country. President Peter Baron with Compatriot Campbell Baron carries the Chapter Wreath while Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Phillips Huck carry the SAR Banner. (Photo at Top Right).

Major General Simeon Trombitas, Commanding General of U.S. Army South was the Keynote Speaker. He spoke on the services of Patriots of the American Revolution and the services being performed by today's heroes to maintain the freedoms that were won 234 years ago.

The Musket Detail from SASAR and the Granaderos fired their muskets during the Roll Call of the 13 Colonies. Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough and Jay Lewallen appear at Left & Right of the Photo. The second event was at the Main Parade Grounds (Go to Pg 4) at Ft.



Guest Speakers: During the past year, Vice President Rueben Perez has selected many good speakers to address our membership. One of the most interesting speakers was Bruce Hoff who portrays David Eisenhower as noted in the photo at Right. In May, Ms. Melissa Skinner, Assistant District Attorney for Bexar County, gave a thought-provoking presentation on the “Constitution and the Law”. In June, Dr. Joe Allen Rice and his wife Lynn re-enacted conversa-

tions between “John Adams and his wife Abigail” on life in the colonies leading up to and during the American Revolution. In October, Fire Chief Charles Hood, spoke about Fire Safety in the San Antonio Fire Department. He proudly observed as SASAR recognized Battalion Chief Brooke Hildreth with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Assistant Chief Yvette Granato with the SAR EMS Commendation Medal.



Bruce Hoff, portraying Dwight D. Eisenhower, was our guest speaker in April and September. As General Eisenhower, he recounted his military experience and rise to Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe in WWII. As President Eisenhower, he spoke on his early experiences at Ft. Sam Houston and his courting and marriage to Mamie Doud.

(Cont'd from Pg 3) Sam Houston for the U.S. Army’s Salute to the Union. Before the Cannon Firing, President Baron noted SAR’s Purpose and Goals; then TXSSAR Color Guard positioned around the Flag Pole looked on as Compatriot Frank Rohrbough struck the bell as each Original Colony was announced. Also shown are Compatriots Ed Heath & John Weir (Boerne). Other Boerne Chapter members also participated. **(Photo at Right)** The Salute to the Union is a “traditional ceremony commemorating the Declaration of Independence and consists of firing one gun for each state starting at noon on the Fourth of July at every Post with artillery.” Colonel Mary E. Garr, Commander of the 502nd

Mission Support Group was host for the ceremony. Following a test of each cannon, the Cannon Salute began. The event was well attend by the public. SAR was recognized by the news media and local TV Station giving us good publicity within the greater San Antonio area.



On December 11th, President Baron (R) and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough (L) attended the “Wreaths Across America” Program at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston. This year over 2600 Christmas Wreaths, donated by many organizations and individuals, were placed on the graves of veterans by the ROTC cadets, scouting units and other supporting organizations. Event coordinator Shorty Salmans holds a wreath. **(Photo Above)**



This year we decorated the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital as our service to veterans. Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough decorates the tree while Compatriots F. Rohrbough, Ed Heath and Bud Davenport lend a hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Round Table: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 P.M. (Jan 11th)

Chapter Business Meeting: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. (Jan 13th)

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at

11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (Jan 19th)

Special Events:

- **Christmas Decorations:** Take down Christmas decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio, 9-11 AM, Jan 3rd).

- **George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX, Saturday, February 19th:** All

members are encouraged to participate in this **NSSAR designated event**. For more information, contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at frankr@gvvc.com.

To learn more about our many Chapter, events, go to our Webpage :

Chapter Website:
www.sarsat.org.