

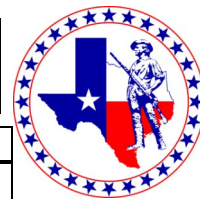


# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot Robert Hancock, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings: It is indeed an honor for me to have been elected your Chapter President for 2014 and I thank all of you for your support and confidence! This is going to be an exciting and challenging year, starting with our Chapter hosting the 2014 Texas

State SAR Conference. Since Stephen Rohrbough, a member of our Chapter and our State President, I ask all of you to support this Conference with your service and attendance.

We have a superb group of Officers for this year, supported by an outstanding Executive Council. Paul Reynolds was appointed to fill the vacancy of one of our Vice Presidents. He will assist our elected Vice President Bill Clanton. I have a number of goals for the year that I would like to share with you. I will follow Stephen Rohrbough's lead and make this the "Year of our Youth". One of the many things I most respect about SAR is the fine work they do with our youth. I hope to expand our efforts and work with other organizations that have similar goals. First, we have to provide our various Chairmen with help. I have a plan and will work with Schuyler Crist to make this happen. Ben Wallis Jr. (our Chancellor) and his team will review and update our Bylaws. In my opinion, they need some help. I would like to see more youth inducted and recruited to our Chapter. In order to have a healthy organization, we need a balanced age group.

I hope to retain our status as the Best Chapter, not only in Texas, but the Nation; we have the talent and organization to make that happen. However, we need more members to be involved so that we do not have to depend on the same people all the time. We must continue to support our veterans. They have been through so much and anything we can do to ease their burden, we must do. Again, I thank you for your support; I will do my best not to disappoint you.

Compatriotly, *Robert Hancock.*

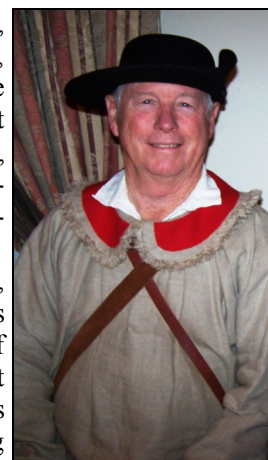
## NEW OFFICERS INDUCTED FOR 2014

At our January 15th Meeting, President Stephen Rohrbough, Texas Society SAR, installed the

new officers for our Chapter for 2014. The following members were elected by the members at the December 2013 Chapter Meeting: **Robert Hancock**, President; **Bill Clanton**, Vice-President, **Mark Remington**, Recording Secretary; **Frank Rohrbough**, Corresponding Secretary & Sergeant At Arms; **Ben Wallis, Jr.**, Chancellor; **Robert Clark**, Treasurer; **James Taylor**, Registrar, Chaplain and Genealogist; and **Jim Massingill**, Historian.

We were honored to have as our Guest Speaker Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough, President, TXSSAR, a member of our own Chapter. **(Photo at Right)** President Rohrbough shared his goals for the Texas Society focusing on promoting its youth programs and activities and the goals of President General Joseph Dooley, a dual member of our Chapter. He shared some details about his Patriot Ancestor during the migration of Germans to America in the mid-1700s. Following his remarks, he conducted the induction of officers who were elected in December by administering the SAR Oath of Office. **(Photo at Lower Right)** Bob Hancock was inducted first as our new Chapter President. **(Photo below)** From left to right are other inductees present: Frank Rohrbough, James Taylor, Bob Clark and Jim Massingill. Following the

induction ceremony, President Rohrbough noted that the Texas Society was planning its upcoming State Conference in here in San Antonio at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade on March 28-30, 2014. He encouraged all members, at a minimum, to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday. He expressed his personal appreciation for our Chapter hosting the meeting.



## SAR Participates in George Washington Parade in Laredo

Compatriot Tom Green, TXSSAR Past President, took charge to recruit a multi-state SAR group to participate in the Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo on Feb 22rd.

Joining in at the International Bridge Ceremony at 7:30 A.M. was President General Joseph Dooley, Compatriot Michael Radcliff, National Color Guard Commander and leaders of TXSSAR delegation including President Stephen Rohrbough, Past Presidents Tom Green and Jim Jones. Others notables attending the Parade include

TXSSAR President-Elect Robert Cohen and Southern Command Commander John Thompson.

The George Washington Parade is sponsored by the world renowned Budweiser Brewing Co. Leading the Parade were the highly recognized Clydesdale Horses pulling the historic Budweiser Beer Wagon. It is estimated that 350,000 plus parade viewers line the 2 mile parade route. Other attendees from the San Antonio Chapter included President Bob Hancock and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough. As a NSSAR national event, it counts towards award of SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.



(Above) At the International Bridge Ceremony are President-General Joe Dooley with US Representative Henry Cuellar as George Washington, TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough (far left), Frank Rohrbough, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander, Mike Radcliff NSSAR National CG Commander, Former State Presidents Tom Green and Jim Jones, and Bob Hancock, President San Antonio Chapter. See more photos on page 5.

### Laredo Chapter Hosts SAR Members in Parade:

Due to the concerted efforts of Compatriot Rick Ramirez, President of the Laredo SAR Chapter, TXSSAR Members and their Ladies (several wearing period clothing) participated in this year's Parade. The chapter provides a float for those who preferred to ride. Following the parade, President Ramirez and his family hosted all SAR guests and their ladies to a Chapter sponsored luncheon in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The Bronze Bernardo de Galvez, which was struck in 2010, is presented to SAR members who participate for the first time in this historic Parade. (Photo at right) Shown are those who participated in the Parade including TXSSAR's First Lady Marie Rohrbough and Former First Lady Diane Jones.



**NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting:** The Texas Society was well represented at the National Society's Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY on February 28-March 2, 2014. Attendees included (seated left to right) Mickey Jo Lawrence, Pat Taylor, Carol Radcliff, Mike Radcliff (National Color Guard Commander, and Hank Voegtle. (Standing from left to right) Jim Mitchell, Frank Rohrbough, James Taylor, Bob Cohen President-Elect TXSSAR, Stephen Rohrbough President TXSSAR, Former TXSSAR Presidents Bob Clark, Bill Marrs, Jim Jones and Tom Lawrence (and current Treasurer-General).



## Chapter Presents Historical Program to Scouts

Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Peter Baron, Frank Rohrbough and James Taylor joined President Bob Hancock for an American History Program for the scouts of Troop 285 at the Pike Davis Ranch Encampment on January 25th. This is a new opportunity for us to make a presentation on SAR and our Patriot Ancestor's contribution to the cause of freedom during the American Revolution. Compatriot Lewallen spoke of his patriot ancestor Moses Cavitt and his over the mountain uniform. He spoke about the field gear a soldier would carry - flintlock

rifle, powder horn for black gun powder, hunting knife, tomahawk and haversack. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough described the Continental Line Uniform that was designed by General Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778. Compatriot Baron gave a sterling presentation on the flags of the Revolution and the weapons used during the battles. He ended with the firing of his musket. Compatriot Hancock presented SAR Awards to the new Eagle Scouts and to their Adult Leaders for their years of service to scouting.



(Above) Compatriot Jay Lewallen, SAR's Event Coordinator, opens the Scouting Encampment telling over 200 scouts and their adult leaders about SAR, who we are and what we do and about his patriot ancestor did during the Revolution. More specifically, he described the differences in a flint-lock rifle and its use as compared to a traditional black powder musket used by infantry foot soldiers in the Continental Line. **For more photos, go to Page 6.**

### Veterans Appreciation Week:

During the week of February 10-14, 2014 The Veterans Health Care System celebrated "Salute to Veterans" Week. Our Chapter participated in this annual event by hosting a Reception at the Shavano Park Veterans Clinic for all veterans who had scheduled appointments Monday thru Thursday. We provided refreshment to include veggie trays, fruit trays, baked goods and bottled water to every veteran. Each veteran was greeted, offered refreshment and heart-felt "thank you" for their ser-

vice to our country. Members participating included President Bob Hancock, TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough, Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Bud Davenport, Paul Reynolds, Jim Hudson, Schuyler Crist, Gerald Ball, Terry Mendenhall, Santos Villarreal, Byron and Billie Howlett, and Dan Haynes, a pending Member. **(Photo at right)** Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Fred Goynes, a WWII Veteran survivor of Pearl Harbor (age 92) is greeted by President Hancock, VP Paul Reynolds & Terry Mendenhall.



### National Salute to Veterans (Cont'd):

On Valentines Day, February 14th, President Bob Hancock, VP Paul Reynolds and Color Guard Commander Frank Rohrbough joined a over 30 other volunteer organizations at the Audie Murphy Medical Center to meet and greet hospitalized veterans. Each veteran was presented a hand-crafted Valentine Card made by local children from area schools, churches, scouting units, etc. **(At left)** Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Bob Hancock extend appreciation to Warrior Wagner for his service to our country.



(Above) Warrior Gorby receives Valentine Card from Paul Reynolds.

**Chapter Inductions:** At the January Chapter Meeting the first order of business for President Hancock was to induct new members into the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Don Scott, a retired teacher and classic/antique car enthusiast, was inducted to the San Antonio Chapter. His patriot ancestor was James Seymour; he served in various Connecticut Regiments as Quartermaster from July 1776 to January 1783. Interestingly, he first enlisted at the age of 24 and participated in the Battle of New York and the evacuation from New York City when the British fought to take control of this center of world trade and commerce. To win the Revolution, Gen Washington's goal was to retake the City.



**Thousand Oak ES History Program:** Under Compatriot Jay Lewallen's leadership, a jointly sponsored historical program was conducted for the second time by SAR & DAR. Compatriot Hal Atkinson spoke about the Minutemen as "first responders" to the Revolutionary cause in the Battles of Concord and Lexington in Massachusetts. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough described



the Continental Line Uniform designed by Gen Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778. Jeanette Atkinson told about Mollie Pitcher supporting the cannons at the Battle of Monmouth.



Lewallen spoke of his patriot ancestor Moses Cavitt, his militia uniform and what personal field gear a soldier would carry - flintlock rifle, powder horn for black gun powder, hunting knife, tomahawk and haversack. Diane Lewallen described the clothing of a frontier women and the duties they performed while being a "camp follower".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Sonterra Blvd 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. Next meetings are on Mar 13th and Apr 10th)

**Chapter General Meeting:** Usually held at the Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. Next Meeting is on March 19th.

**Special Events:**

- The **Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of SAR** will be

hosted by the San Antonio Chapter at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade during the period March 27-30, 2014. All members are encouraged to attend this the Youth Awards Luncheon.

- **Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire**, Saturday, April 5th, 9AM - 4 PM. Compatriot Fred Soupiset will show students how to make a powder horn. All members are invited to participate in this history-filled event and meet with students telling

them of your Patriot's contribution to the cause of liberty. Contact Compatriot Jay Lewallen at [jlewa@satx.rr.com](mailto:jlewa@satx.rr.com) to learn more.

- **Operation Ancestry Research:** Training sessions are on Mar 17<sup>th</sup> and April 8th and 28th at the Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX starting as 1 P.M. (**All Members are invited to participate.**)

For more, go to our Chapter Website at: [www.sarsat.org](http://www.sarsat.org).

## George Washington Parade (Cont'd)



(Above) As the sponsor of the Parade Famous Clydesdale Horses lead the George Washington Parade. (Above right) The young children from Laredo are lined up ready to meet their counterparts from Nuevo Laredo on the International Bridge during the Bridge Ceremonies. (Below left) The SAR Color Guardsmen led by President General Joe Dooley looks on as the children walk to the center of the Bridge to exchange greetings. (Below right) Shown from L-R are Frank Rohrbough, TXSSAR CG Cmdr and Mike Radcliff, National CG Cmdr/TXSSAR Member.



## Scouting Event at Pike Davis Ranch (Cont'd)



(Above) Compatriot Peter Baron speaks about the Flags of the Revolution and explains how they came to exist. At the end of his Program, he challenges the scouts to join him and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough to fire the black powder muskets. Many of the scouts took up the challenge and were permitted to fire the weapons. (Below) Shown is Compatriot LeWallen explaining various items on display. President Hancock presented SAR's Eagle Scout Awards to four new Eagle Scouts; Scout Leaders from Troop 285 were also recognized for their long service to scouting. Firing challenge was met.

