



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot James C. Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: The summer months are upon us and in spite of the heavy rains in San Antonio and the fifty year floods, our Compatriots have been busy and having fun.

Ten of our Compatriots enjoyed a special event on Saturday, June 8th which featured two activities—the firing our Black Powder Muskets and Rifles and the making our very own Powder Horns from cow or buffalo horns. Of course, they enjoyed some of the best BBQ there is in south Texas; all was arranged by Compatriot Peter Baron at local ranch just outside of Castroville, TX. **For more details and photos turn to page 4.**

On June 15th, 8 Compatriots participated in a major event at Operation Homefront's Warrior Village where 21 Tool Boxes were donated to Purple Heart Wounded Warriors. Each tool box was filled with almost a thousand dollars worth of tools collected by Resource Exchange Association (REA) from Industry Manufacturers such as Snapper, Stanley, Husky and Home Depot and placed in Tool Boxes which are donated by NSSAR. Bud Shepherd, the CEO of REA, is a World War II airman whose B-17 was shot down over Germany on one of the raids. He was captured and remained a POW until released at the end of the War. His goal is to provide 48,000 Tool Boxes to Purple Heart Wounded Warriors residing in all 50 States.

Participating in the Event was Dino J. Sarracino, Vice President of Programs, from Operation Homefront. In his remarks, he stated there are 700 more wounded warriors in the San Antonio Area who are eligible to receive the Tool Boxes. Operation Homefront provides all types of services to wounded warriors and their families. These services include providing homes and apartments for those in a transitional period of their lives. The Tool Boxes then become “house warming” gifts when they move into their new home, either here in San Antonio or elsewhere, as they move on to rebuild their lives. **For more details, turn to page 3.**

Our Independence Day Celebration will be on July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort at 10 AM; All compatriots (in Uniform and with out uniforms) are invited to attend and share their stories of their Patriot Ancestor with the 200 plus Hotel Guests who will be attending the event.

Each member should have received a packet of Raffle Tickets for a magnificent Model of the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". Please help us sell these tickets to raise funds for our Youth Awards Programs. Tickets may be acquired for a \$5.00 donation for one or 5 for \$20.00. This 3 Foot Model will be won at our Annual Veterans Day Gala on Saturday, November 9, 2013. For more details, contact Compatriot George Harcourt. **See entry below .**

Are you looking to recruit new members, ask, see if your friends and neighbors are eligible. We have an outstanding Genealogist in Peter Baron and he and your president are more then willing to help prospective members. Remember: 10 new members get you a Liberty Medal to wear.

Have an enjoyable summer and we will see you at the September 18th Meeting at the Petroleum Club.

Respectfully, *James C. Taylor*

## CHAPTER PLANS VETERANS GALA

The Executive Committee has agreed to host another Veterans Gala on November 9th at the Petroleum Club in celebration of Veterans Day. As a fund-raiser for our Youth Awards Programs, the leadership agreed to conduct a Raffle and selected a 3 foot Model of the historic USS Constitution - still moored in Boston Harbor. Members are asked to take packets of tickets and sell them to our members, friends and others in our community. Tickets are offered at \$5 per ticket or 5 for a \$20 donation. All tickets must be turned in by November 9th; the drawing will be made after dinner at the Gala Celebration. For more details and a Flyer, **go to pages 6-7.**



## Bexar County Sheriff Addresses Chapter Members

County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau addressed our Chapter Members at the May 15th Chapter Meeting about the law enforcement issues in Bexar County. She was elected to the position on November 6, 2012, becoming the first woman to be elected to the post. Her number one priority as Sheriff is public safety, on a strong foundation of stewardship of tax-payer dollars; improvements in jail operations; and family violence prevention initiatives, a topic on which she is a nationally-recognized speaker.

She began her 32-year career in the United States Air Force when fewer than one-percent of the Armed Forces were women, and rose to the rank of Major General. She served in personnel management positions in Washington, D.C., and Texas and commanded the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. After her retirement from the Air Force, she also served in the highest levels of the corporate world, as Senior Vice President at USAA, a Fortune 150 company. For her services, TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough authorized our Chapter to present Sheriff Pamerleau with SAR's Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



## Law Enforcement Award

Each year we present the SAR's Law Enforcement Award to a deserving Law Officer. This year Sheriff Pamerleau supported the nomination of Deputy Sheriff Ross Garza for this Award. Deputy Garza was responsible for the implementation of the Departments' Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) which included extensive work on the development of the curriculum and training materials that are now in use today. Thanks to Deputy Garza's efforts, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office CIT training prepared over 1,500 detention officers and deputies to better serve the local community. Thus, he was awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.



## CHAPTER CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

On May 24<sup>th</sup> our chapter participated in the Opening Ceremony of the Scouts Annual Flag Placement Event at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. The VA provided small US flags for the scouts from the San Antonio Area to place in front of all 100,000 Veterans' Grave Markers in the cemetery.

The event honors all veterans who have served our country throughout previous and current wars. The Color Guardsmen include from left to right: Compatriots James Taylor (President SASAR), Bob Hancock, Stephen Rohrbough (President TXSSAR), Frank Rohrbough (Color Guard Commander, Southern Command TXSSAR) and Peter Baron (Genealogist).





## SAR Joins Operation Homefront in Gifting Tool Boxes to Wounded Warriors

On June 15th, the San Antonio Chapter of



SAR was the host organization to deliver 21 Tool Boxes to the Wounded Warriors living in the Operation Homefront Village in San Antonio. President James Taylor led the event on behalf of the National Society to begin the distribution program here in the San Antonio area. Mr. Dino J. Sarracino, Vice President of Programs, from Operation Homefront spoke of the importance of this program to Wound Warriors

to help them transition back to the community following treatment of their wartime injuries. Tool Boxes were assembled by Resource Exchange Association in North Carolina from donations made by Industry Businesses to include major suppliers of tool products as a Community Service Project supporting Wounded Warriors and their Families living at the Operation Homefront Village. These Tool Boxes is gifted to the Warriors at the time they are ready to move to a private home with their family. The target is to gift over 48,000 Tool Boxes to Wounded

Warriors over the next few years.

(Above) TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough addresses the families about this new program and thanks them for their service to our country. (At Left) President James Taylor (center) and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough check out the contents of the Tool Box delivered to a Warrior residing at the Village. (At Right) Compatriot Jay Lewallen speaks to another Warrior about transitioning to a new home in the local community. All of the families showed appreciation for the gifting of the Tool Boxes.



## Compatriot Phillips Huck Receives His 50 Year Pin

Compatriot Phillips Clark Huck joined the San Antonio Chapter,



Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution on 11 Jan 1956 proving Colonel Nicholas Lewis, Virginia Militia. He proved an additional 9 Patriots in 1956. One deserves special mention as seen in the Grave Marker at right.

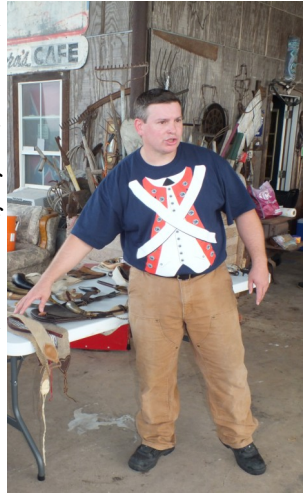
Huck has served the San Antonio Chapter in a variety of roles to include Chapter Vice President. He is being recognized for 50 years of Service to the San Antonio Chapter. Thank you Phillips.





## Chapter Holds Black Powder Shootout

On June 8th, 10 members of the San Antonio Chapter enjoyed a special event which featured two activities—the firing our Black Powder Muskets and Rifles and the making our very own Powder Horns from cow or buffalo horns. The event was organized by Compatriot Peter Baron and held at local ranch just outside of Castroville, TX. To top-off the day Peter arranged to have his father-in-law bring some of the best BBQ there is in south Texas. Peter explained the activities of the day to include selecting horns to make a Powder Horn, equipment available for sanding the horns, drilling a plug in the tip of the horn and finishing the horn and having fun firing our black powder weapons. Photos show activities of the day.



(Above) Peter explains the activities of the day.



(Left) From Left to Right are Peter Baron, Schuyler Crist, Stephen and Frank Rohrbough with their black powder weapons. The targets were 5 gal. plastic water bottles.



(Above) Finished Powder Horns varying in size and shape.



(Above) The Shootout begins. From left to right, Peter Baron, Schuyler Crist, Max Strozier and Frank Rohrbough.



(Above) Fred Soupiset (right) explains the process for shaving the horn using sanding tools. Looking on are Ben Ritchie and Jay Lewallen (left to right).



(Above) Bob Hancock and Fred Soupiset discuss which horns to use—buffalo (foreground) or cow.



(Above) Competition continued between Peter and Max—Max was 2 for 2.



(Above) TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough fires his new 45 cal. Black Powder Rifle for the first time.



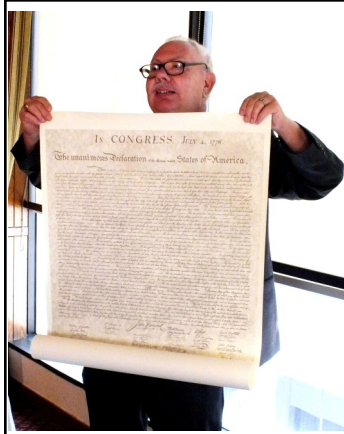
(Above) Max Strozier and John Orr hand filing their buffalo horns to a smooth finish.

## Inductions of New Members



(Above) Left to Right are President James Taylor, Compatriots Howlett and Connor Cohick and their grandfather, Compatriot Byron Howlett, Jr.

President Taylor inducted two more members of the Cohick Family at the June 19th Chapter Meeting into SAR and the San Antonio Chapter. Compatriot Connor Anderson Cohick and Howlett Donald Cohick are the grandsons of Compatriot Byron Howlett, Jr. who was inducted into SAR in December 2012. They are all descendents of their Patriot Ancestor John Hulett Howlett. John Howlett was born in 1760 in Baltimore, MD, and died 11 October 1848 in Bullitt CO, KY. He served in the American Revolution at Baltimore County, Maryland. He assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Private for the State of Maryland. He served under CAPTS Beatty, Price, and Beall in the First, Third, and Seventh Regiments respectively. That leaves two more grandsons - Martin Cohick and Byron Howlett, IV - to be inducted at a later date when they return to Texas. Another tidbit of information given to us was the Howlett Cohick has been accepted to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO and will enter the Academy in September. We wish him well in his service to our country.



Compatriot Charles

## Root Causes of the American Revolution

Wallace Miller, a member of the Hill Country Chapter in Kerrville, was our guest speaker at our June 19th Chapter Meeting. As a U.S. History Professor at the Alamo City Colleges, he asked "What was the Root Cause of the Revolution?" Was it the Declaration of Independence, the Stamp Act, the Boston Tea Party, the Taxation to pay for the French and Indian War? He went on to review the issues of the time that led the Colonies to revolt against the King George III of England and declaring our Independence from England in July 1776. He reviewed what was going on in other countries of Europe and around the world through trading and world markets before 1776.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Summer Recess:** No Chapter Meetings will be held in July or August. Our **next regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting will be held on September 18th** at the Petroleum Club.

**Next Chapter Business Meetings:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday of the month (Aug 8th and Sep 12th) at 11:30 A.M.

**Operation Ancestry Research:** Monday, Jun 24 at 1300. Dates in July and Aug are TBD. **All Members are invited to participate.**

**Independence Day Events:**

- Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Educational Program, 10 AM (Assemble at 9 :15 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) All members are invited to participate or attend.
- Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service, Ft. San Houston National Cemetery, 10 A.M. (Assemble at 9:15 AM)

**TXSSAR's Board of Managers Meeting:** The next BOM Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Houston, TX on October 11-13, 2013. For details, go to the TXSSAR's

Public Webpage and click on the Events Tab:

<http://www.txssar.org>

**Chapter's Veterans Day Gala, Nov 9th** at the Petroleum Club at 6 PM. Get your tickets for the Raffle of Model of the USS Constitution; contact Compatriot George Harcourt as noted on page 6 of this Newsletter.

To learn more about our many Chapter events, go to our **SASAR Chapter Website:**

<http://www.sarsat.org>





**SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER  
TEXAS SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Dear Fellow San Antonio Chapter Compatriot:

Thank you for participating in our important effort to raise funds for the chapter's youth programs. This year we are conducting a raffle of a fantastic scaled model of the USS Constitution - Old Ironsides. The drawing will take place at our Veterans Day Gala on Saturday 9 November.

Thank you for taking responsibility for raffle tickets to sell as well purchasing some for yourself. The numbers of the tickets you have received have been entered into our tracking system.

Please have anyone writing a check to make it payable to: SAR. Cash is certainly acceptable as well, but please don't put cash into the mail. After selling the tickets you may deliver the funds to Bob Clark our chapter treasurer, Joe Ware or George Harcourt who are the committee for this effort.

The stubs of the sold tickets may be presented to Bob Clark, Joe Ware or George Harcourt. This will ensure that the stubs will be placed into the raffle box for the drawing.

All unsold tickets must be returned to George Harcourt who has the responsibility to track the sales and report them to the executive committee and to the treasurer.

When you need more tickets contact Joe Ware or George Harcourt. They will either mail or otherwise deliver to you the number you request. Should you need additional fliers describing the USS Constitution contact George Harcourt. He will mail the fliers to you or if it is more efficient he will email the flier so that you may print copies as you need them.

Ticket sales will continue until just before the drawing.

Please make plans to attend the Gala at the San Antonio Petroleum Club on the evening of 9 November. Additional details on cost and meal selection will be forthcoming.

Bob Clark: 111 Merry Trail - San Antonio, TX 78232 - 402-0871

Joe Ware: 16247 Deercrest - San Antonio TX 78248-1732 - 493-2907

George Harcourt: 810 Wiltshire Ave - San Antonio TX 78209-2849 - 822-1960

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**VETERANS DAY RAFFLE**  
**SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER**  
**TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF**  
**THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



**NET PROCEEDS GO TO THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER**

**TICKETS \$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR FIVE**

**DRAWING ON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 AT 9:00 PM**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

This model is built scale down from hard wood and fully assembled. Model is ready for display.

What's Included: Boat with stand • List Price: \$671.88

## USS CONSTITUTION SAILING SHIP

Still a part of the U.S. Navy ship roster, and the oldest commissioned warship afloat, the USS Constitution was launched in Boston on October 21, 1797. In the late 1790's, her first mission was to guard American commerce in the Caribbean against French depredations. In 1803, commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson, The USS Constitution sailed to the Mediterranean to protect American ships and seamen from attack by the Barbary pirates. In battle during the War of 1812, the USS Constitution received her well-known nickname, "Old Ironsides." The seamen were amazed at how the British balls simply bounced off her hull and cried out, "Huzzah! Her sides are made of iron." A symbol of America's proud naval heritage, patriotism and pride, the USS Constitution is a tangible piece of American History.



- 🔔 Made from exotic wood
- 🔔 Plank-on-frame construction
- 🔔 Fittings and ornaments made of chrome and brass
- 🔔 Hand-built by skillful and creative master craftsmen
- 🔔 Overall dimensions: 31L x 10W x 27H inches
- 🔔 Weight: 24 lbs.

