



AUGUST 2006

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Compatriots:

Although we are in the middle of a hot dry summer, my thoughts are turning toward a cooler December!

That is because we are honored to have received an invitation from Peggy C. Jared, Regent of the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter, NSDAR, to attend their combined DAR/SAR/CAR meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 11:30AM at the San Antonio Country Club.

Our chapter has attended in the past, and we will continue that tradition this year. As in years past, we will arrange for the event's musical entertainment.

Ms. Jared stated that members of other DAR and SAR chapters are invited to attend.

We will have information about the cost and deadlines for responses later.

Please mark December 2nd on your calendar as a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

Yours Fraternally -  
*Dogan Perese*

## REPORT ON JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER

The members of our Chapter participated in three events as our nation celebrated its 230th anniversary of our nation's independence from Great Britain. The first event was at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The second was on the Fort's grounds where canon fire celebrated the union of the fifty states (see photo on page 7).

The third event was "The Ring" - a nation-wide celebration of our participation in this page and an old fashioned dinner at more than 40 compatriots at Harcourt's home.

The grill was burning and ribs while the coleslaw stayed tortillas and plenty out the fare. For able to attend the town the gathering with its own bell ringing - 13 strikes on the bell - one for each of the original colonies. Later in the afternoon several United States of America flags were retired in a solemn and distinguished ceremony, one in which many of those in attendance took an active role in committing a strip of a flag to the flames. Upon the last ember burning down our Treasure, Jay Higginson, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We all turned to face the one that was waving over us in the warm afternoon and recited the Pledge. When we finished we all cheered, smiled and laughed. We appreciate our freedom - and we thank our Compatriot ancestors for the freedom they fought to secure for those who follow them.



the "Let Freedom wide celebration with held downtown (photo page 3). We also had gathering of more and guests at George

ing chicken, sausage potato salad and cool. Pinto beans, of beverages rounded those who were un-

bell ringing down-joined in at 2:00 PM

WE MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE IN YOUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



TOP PHOTO BILL WASHINGTON AND ED HEATH  
BOTTOM PHOTO BILL WASHINGTON AND STEPHEN ROHRBOUGH

# W A N T E D

A few more good men are wanted to participate in the Chapter's ROTC program. Not much time is required, but the reward is great! The young men and women in the local JROTC and ROTC programs are impressive, you will feel good about this segment of our youth as our country's future leaders, and you will enjoy being an active participant in the Chapter's programs. Your primary involvement will be to represent the Chapter by presenting the SAR ROTC Medal to an outstanding cadet at the unit's award ceremony. If you would like to help, please contact Compatriot Courtland Snyder at 210-877-2032 or [snyder63@satx.rr.com](mailto:snyder63@satx.rr.com).

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Plan now to attend the Texas Sons of the American Revolution Genealogy Seminar in San Antonio as part of the annual TXSSAR congress in March 2007. Speakers are to be announced. The seminar will be in the Doubletree Hotel, the congress hotel, and congress rates will apply. Cost of the seminar will be announced. A syllabus will be provided for all registrants. For further information contact Judge Ed Butler, NSSAR Chancellor General, acting chairman for this event, at [judge58@aol.com](mailto:judge58@aol.com) or at 210-698-8964

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
CONTACT GEORGE HARCOURT

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS

This will return in the September issue

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## L U N C H E O N R E S E R V A T I O N S

All compatriots who plan to attend Chapter Meetings on a regular basis are invited to add their names to the Standing Reservation List. To do so, just contact Compatriot Rohrbough by calling (830) 537-5452 or e-mailing him at [frankr@gvvc.com](mailto:frankr@gvvc.com).

**STANDING RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED**  
WE HAVE A GREAT SEPTEMBER MEETING PLANNED  
ALL DETAILS WILL BE IN YOUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES FOR NEW CITIZENS

The next major ceremony will be held on September 15th at Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University. I hope that you will join us for this historic and memorable occasion. You'll be rewarded beyond your expectations.

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough

# TEXAS SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 2007 STATE MEETING - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio, Chapter # 4 of the TXSSAR, has been honored to host the 2007 meeting of the TXSSAR. The meeting will take place in March of 2007 Our honor carries a great responsibility to meet the requirements of our organization and that of TXSSAR. For that purpose committees are being organized to plan and execute those plans to insure the meeting is of the highest quality and is representative of our chapter.

Volunteers are sought for the following committees. Chairmen and committee members both are needed:

- ★ Registration
- ★ Publicity
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Ladies Events
- ★ Ladies Hospitality Suite
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Audio/Visual
- ★ Luncheon - Saturday
- ★ Banquet- Saturday
- ★ Scrapbook and Poster Display
- ★ Goody Bags & information packets
- ★ Friday Night Host Chapter Reception
- ★ Sunday Prayer Service
- ★ Genealogy Presentation
- ★ Merchandise Sales

As you see we will need a great many of our compatriots to lend a hand during the planning process and even more during the event. Please contact George Harcourt, see page four for contact information and offer yourself for service in this undertaking

## C H A P T E R ~ R E P O R T S T O R E T U R N I N S E P T E M B E R

### INTERESTING ARTICLE TO LOOK UP ON WEB

Compatriots:

The web link listed below has an excellent news article covering Professor Gates who was inducted as a member of SAR at our 116th Congress.

Lindsey C. Brock - President Florida Society

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/EDUCATION/07/20/revolutionary.war.blacks.ap/index.html>

We are unable to reprint the article due to budget constraints. We sought permission from AP and here is the response:

Hello George-

The fee for permission to use this article is \$100.00. If you wish proceed please let me know and I will issue a payment form. Once we have payment I will email you a letter granting permission.

Regards, Amy



Three compatriots look on as the bell rings in downtown San Antonio on the fourth of July.

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THE MYSTERY COMPATRIOT IS:

resumes in September



**CHAPTER CALENDAR**  
**SEPTEMBER LUNCH**  
**TIME - DATE & COST**  
**TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE**  
**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**NO LUNCH MEETING IN**  
**AUGUST**

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**EC MEETING**  
**AUGUST 24TH - THURSDAY - 11:30 A.M.**

**GOLDEN CORRAL IH 10 WEST**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## TXSSAR SUMMER BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Full report in the September newsletter of the meeting in Lake Jackson.

### WEB SITES

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER • [WWW.SARSAT.ORG](http://WWW.SARSAT.ORG)  
TEXAS STATE SOCIETY • [WWW.TXSSAR.ORG](http://WWW.TXSSAR.ORG)  
NATIONAL SOCIETY • [WWW.SAR.ORG](http://WWW.SAR.ORG)

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## NSSAR CONGRESS IN DALLAS

### JULY 7-13, 2006

Report by Judge Ed Butler

Some 467 compatriots and their wives registered for the 116th Annual NSSAR Congress in Dallas. Some 25-30 others participated in one or more events without registering.

On Thursday evening, July 6th, incoming President General Judge Nathan White, and his wife Wanda, opened up their new three story home in McKinney to the General Officers, Executive Committee members and members of the Texas delegation. The invitation read the "McKinney White House".

The Congress was kicked off on Friday, July 7th, with an all day genealogy seminar, conducted by our chapter's Ed Butler, who was ending his second tour as SAR Genealogist General. The speakers were Lloyd Bockstruck and Don Raney from Dal-

That evening, busses took several hundred SAR members and wives to the Mesquite Rodeo. Everyone attempted to dress western, but some of our Yankee friends wore farmer's straw hats, thinking they looked like a cowboy.

On Saturday, while Texans relaxed and caught their breath, the out of towners enjoyed a tour of Dallas. That evening we all enjoyed a Texas Society Welcome Reception at the Storybook Ranch in McKinney. After a great western Bar-B-Que, we were entertained by a comical western folk singer, who was hilarious.

The Congress was opened on Sunday morning. That afternoon, about 80 SAR Color Guardsmen, led by our own drummer, Ed Butler, led the procession for the SAR Annual Memorial Service at the SMU Chapel. It was a hot day, and many jumped into the pool to cool off afterwards.

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The Congress began to handle routine reports from general officers and committee chairman on Monday. That evening was Awards and Recognition Night. The highlight was the Minuteman Ceremony. Six members were inducted into the very select Minuteman group. It is the highest award that SAR can bestow upon a member. The new class included:

David Appelby - MOSSAR

Judge Ed Butler - TXSSAR (our chapter)

Larry T. Guzy - GASSAR

Charles Lampman - CASSAR

J. Philip London - DCSSAR

Nathan E. White - TXSSAR

Our chapter picked up the President General's Activity Award, one of three awards which indicate that the chapter is one of the best in the nation.

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On Tuesday the following general officers were elected to lead the national society for the next year:

Judge Nathan E. White President General

Bruce Wilcox Secretary General

David Appleby Treasurer General

Judge Ed Butler Chancellor General

Chuck Bragg Genealogist General

Tim Bennett \*Registrar General

David Sympson \*Historian General

Mike Jones \*Librarian General

Dr. Dan Heller \*Surgeon General

Rev. Stan DeLong Chaplain General

The "\*" indicates those who were reelected to the same position. As Chancellor General, Judge Butler automatically become a member of the Board of Directors of the SAR Foundation.

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The ladies auxiliary toured the grounds of the new Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine, where there was ample time for shopping. That afternoon, Judge Butler sponsored three one hour workshops:

1) SAR Cox Application Software; 2) DNA Workshop; and 3) How to Form a New Chapter. All were well attended, with standing room only.

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Congress attendees participated in a tour of Ft. Worth on Wednesday afternoon.

At the banquet that evening, about 15 members of the TXSSAR Congress Committee were awarded the Sam Adams Convention Medal. Judge Ed Butler was awarded this medal for his work as chairman of the Genealogy Seminar.

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The night of the final banquet was Robin Butler's birthday. About 435 members and guests sang happy birthday to her. Robin is serving her second year of a two year term as Vice President of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary, and is schedule to take the reins of that organization at the 2007 Congress in Williamsburg, VA.

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On July 22, Judge Ed Butler threw his hat into the ring as a candidate for NSSAR Treasurer General.

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*At the Mexico Society Meeting, President Douglas Stansberry announced that the \$395 member's price per person at the Faro Mazatlan Resort in Mazatlan, Mexico, would include the \$30.00 fee for the genealogy and history seminar. The cost includes room for 6 days, 5 nights; all meals; all drinks, including mixed drinks, wine and beer, and entertainment. The dates are Oct. 6-11. This price does not include air. Deadline for \$50.00 reservations per person is August. 1. Mail to: Douglas Stansberry / 150 Allenwood Rd / Fayetteville, GA 30214*

## A MESSAGE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL RICE

*Ursula and I will be unable to attend the Dallas Congress due to my poor health. Ursula will especially miss seeing her many lady SAR friends and the Ladies Luncheon. I will especially miss the opening of the Congress and the opportunity to speak as a former President General. Attached are some of my thoughts. I would appreciate it if you would read or circulate them as you deem fit.*

Rice Aston

### I BID YOU FAREWELL

### THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

For hundreds of years the world had been governed by hereditary kings, despots, religious prelates, and a parliament of unlimited power, but with the coming the American Revolution their era began to ebb, and a new order of the ages began to ascend on the north American continent.. A new era in which the common man, for first time could choose the type of government under which he would live and the leaders that would serve him. In 1776 Thomas Paine spoke the thoughts of many Americans when he wrote in *The Crisis*:

“We have it in our power to begin the world anew ... America makes a stand, not for herself alone, but for the whole world.”

Over the next two hundred years the common man came to America by the millions to partake of the liberty, freedom and opportunity beckoning in her cities, villages, and wilderness. They became ordinary Americans, civil, military, religious, and world leaders.. They still come today.

America has sent men to the moon and returned them safely home; we are the economic role model of an envious world; and we are the world's only superpower; these things, born of the American Revolution we must never forget. Yet we must live humbly, be gracious in victory, never forget that there are many places in the world hostile to liberty and freedom, and that many would gladly see us fail.

These are your rallying points:

To have courage that liberty and freedom will prevail when others do not, to have faith in liberty and freedom when there seems to be little cause for faith, and to have hope for liberty and freedom when the situation seems hopeless

These words dictate what the Sons the American Revolution ought to be, what it can be, and what it must be:

**The preserver and standard bearer of our heritage and an humble messenger to the world of the blessings of freedom, liberty, and opportunity**

#### The SAR of the Past

What sort of men have composed the Sons of the American Revolution of the past?. Their deeds are well known to all of us; they gave their lives, their love, loyalty, and strength to America, all that mortality can give.

When I think of their unbending patience, their courage in the defense of our freedoms, I am filled with an admiration I cannot put into words. My estimate of them was formed many, many years ago, and has never changed. I regard them then as I regard you now – **as and standard bearers of our heritage and / a brave messenger to the world of the blessings of liberty, freedom and opportunity, and I hold you as some of the world's noblest people.**

#### The Tasks Ahead of Us

We now face a new world - a world of change. We reach for a new and boundless frontiers. Satellites, missiles, and space journeys mark a new era - the Space Age. And through all this welter of change, your mission remains fixed, determined:

To be brave and patriotic, to preserve for future generations the trials, tribulations, defeats, and victories of the men and women who gave us our independence and made America a land of liberty, freedom and opportunity, and to humbly spread throughout a modern, hostile, and unbelieving world the blessings of liberty, freedom and opportunity.

To accomplish these tasks your character must be like that of our Revolutionary forefathers, the men and women who fought hard, and bravely for eight long years to give America and the world freedom and opportunity, and who were willing to give all their “tomorrows,” so that their ancestors may live as free men and women.

We have many specific tasks ahead of us to preserve our heritage, two of them are:

(1) to build and operate the Center For Advancing America's Heritage,

(2) to fight like the devil against the demagogue, the cynic, the hypocrite, and the trouble maker who would destroy America rather than participate in the greatest democracy the world has ever known; and to be on guard against the misguided apologists who would have us believe the destroyers of our heritage are motivated only by high ideals and a noble desire to reform our social, governmental, and financial institutions, when their hidden goal is total destruction.

### President General and First Lady

My wife, Ursula, and I shall never forget the singular honor you bestowed upon us as your President General and First Lady. Being President General and First Lady is the most important undertaking of our lives. It has immensely enriched us and you have made us the most blessed two people in the world.

My wife and I shall never forget the celebrations in Paris, France, the graciousness of our French SAR hosts, the ceremonies honoring French and American Revolutionary heroes, the re-lighting of the flame of the tomb of the Unknown French soldier beneath the Arch de Triumphe; nor shall we ever forget Normandy-American cemetery, Omaha beach, the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, and St. Mere Eglise, the swearing in of the famous American historian Stephen Ambrose, the exciting exchange of letters with President George W. Bush, and the memorial ceremonies we conducted to honor the heroes of September 11, 2001 at Louisville, Kentucky, Trinity Church N.Y.C, the Pentagon, the fire department of Alexandria, Virginia, the heroes of United flight 93 at Somerset County, PA and the five flags emblazoned with "let's roll", and laying of the wreath on the tomb of he Unknown American in Arlington National Cemetery.

### Conclusion

The good Lord has decided that my days of the good fight in our courtrooms, legislative halls, and SAR caucuses, and my days of enjoying the company of patriotic men and women deeply in love with their country, are drawing to an end. We listen for the haunting melody of marching drums, thirst for the sight of men in Revolutionary war uniforms, the proud procession of colonial and American flags, the President General's command: "Color Guard Commander post the Colors," his reply "Colors posted, Sir," the spine tingling pledge to the American flag, and the companionship and high drama of it all.. We miss the many friends we have made, a special blessing that will sustain us forever. We can only add we have dedicated our lives to the noblest of all causes: America and the Sons of the American Revolution.

God bless each of you, the Sons of the American Revolution, and these United States.

Today marks my final appearance with you.

I bid you farewell!

*Rice Aston*



Judge Ed Butler (Chancellor General), from the Sons of the American Revolution, San Antonio Chapter and dual member of Boerne Chapter, rings the bell in tribute to the first 13 U.S. colonies while dressed in period uniform at Fort Sam Houston's Fourth of July Salute to the Union at the main post flagpole. The ceremony included a noontime cannon salute to honor each of the 50 states in order of when they joined the nation, starting with Delaware. As the states were announced, audience members cheered for their favorite, with the loudest applause going to Texas.

Photo and caption by Elaine Wilson of the Fort Sam Houston Newsleader as published in the July 6, 2006 edition - Vol. 38, No. 27