



Committee Reports

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

TXSSAR STATE CONVENTION

**Sheraton Grand DFW Hotel, Irving, TX
March 25-26, 2011**

Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards (ACMA) Committee

- I. Attendance:
 - a. Present:
 - Chairman, ACMA Committee – Russell Dart
 - Vice President CMA – Stephen Rohrbough
 - Co-Chairman for Annual Reports – Robert Schwart
 - David Temple – Co-Chairman- Awards Committee
 - Chairman CAR Essay Contest – Stephen Rohrbough
 - Chairman, Orations Contest – Peter Rowley
 - Chairman Newsletter Contest – Larry Stevens
 - Chairman Knight Essay Contest – John Gulley
 - Chairman State Historian/Yearbook – Larry Stevens
 - Chairman Poster Contest – Stephen Lee
 - Chairman Public Safety – Arthur Munford
 - Chairman, Eagle Scout Contest – Charles Luna
 - Webmaster – Ray Cox
 - William Marrs, TXSSAR President Elect
 - Tom Green, TXSSAR Past President
 - Tom Lawrence, Chancellor General
 - Joseph W Dooley, Genealogist General
 - b. Absent: Co-Chairman for Annual Reports – Robert Cohen
 - Chairman Veterans Committee – Frank Rohrbough
 - Commander, Color Guard – Mike Radcliff
 - Chairman CAR Liaison Committee – Mike Radcliff
 - Chairman ROTC/JROTC Contest – John Thompson
 - Member – James Taylor
 - c. Visitors:
 - Gerald Irion – TXSSAR Coastal Registrar
 - Drake Peddie, Past President, Plano Chapter # 37
 - Tim West, President, William Barron Chapter #25
 - Tom Copeland, Vice President, William Barron Chapter #25
 - Larry P Cornwell, National Nominee Genealogist General
 - John Bolton, Vice President, East Texas Chapter #57
 - Howard Roach, President, Plano Chapter #37
 - Stephen W. Tanner, President, Robert Rankin Chapter #62
 - James Mitchell, Past President, Freedom Chapter #38
 - Jay M. Lewellen, Member San Antonio Chapter #4
 - James Alderman, District 5 Vice President
 - Robert A. Harris, President, Arlington Chapter
- II. **Mission Statement:** The Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards Committee is composed of as many sub-committees as deemed necessary by the BOM to conduct the Awards Program and Youth Contests of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Sub-Committee Chairmen conduct and administer the Awards and Youth Programs including Orations, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, JROTC/ROTC, Poster, CAR Essay, and History Teacher Contests. Other Sub-Committee Chairman includes Chapter Annual Reports, Public Service and Law Enforcement, Color Guard, Yearbook, Newsletter, CAR Activities, CAR Liaison, and CAR Award Programs.
- III. **Goals/ Projects to implement mission.**
 - a. Chapter Annual Reports - All Chapters submit Annual Reports by January 30th each year. (Note that suspense date is January 10th of each year). The Chapter Annual Report was revised adding line items contained in the NSSAR PG and Americanism Reports were

added to the Annual Chapter Report. The National PG/Americanism Reports are changed for the year 2010. The TXSSAR Chapter reports will be changed to use National reporting for Americanism and PG report starting in 2011. ***The Reports Committee recommends that the National Form be used to track events as they happen during the year.*** There will be a cover page to capture the items needed for TXSSAR reporting requirements. There are bonus points for early submission and penalty points for late submission. **The goal is for all Chapters to submit reports by e-mail using the automated excel worksheet format.**

- b. Chapter CAR Activities - Chapters participate in nine (9) of the twelve (12) reporting elements of the Chapter Annual Report and participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest or Program. **The goal is to have at least 10 Chapters win John K. Harrell CAR Activities Streamers each year.**
- c. Youth Contest Due Dates – Develop a handout and post it to society web site for easy reference so that all chapters and society officers know and are aware of Youth Contest Programs, contacts, and contest due dates. We now have a standardized permission form posted on the TXSSAR web-site. Each contestant will be required to complete the permission form to enter a Youth Contest. **The goal is to have 50% of Chapters participate in one Contest.**
- d. Youth Budget - Develop a budget for Youth Contests to include scholarship amount, meals, and hotel and authorized travel expenses.
- e. Youth Program Expense Matrix - Prepare a Matrix to clarify who pays for what expenses; i.e. Patriots Fund, Richie Fund, War of 1812, Chapter, Escort, or Sponsor. The award amounts were changed in 2010 so that the winners of the Youth Contests all receive the same amount of Scholarship Award. For this year it is \$1,500. Also the winner of the Essay Contest and the C.A.R. essay contest will be invited to participate at our Youth Luncheon at our State Convention. These expenses should be highlighted in Youth Contest and Program Instructions.
- f. Youth Programs - 30 Chapters participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest.
- g. Poster Contest Rules Revised – Chairman Stephen Lee has revised the Poster Contest rules so that they are in line with the National rules. The changes have been posted on the TXSSAR web-site.
- h. Youth Medals Awarded - Track the number of medals presented to youth contestants to determine how to increase youth participation in Youth contests.
- i. Flag Presentations – **The Goal is to have 30 Chapters present flag certificates to an individual, company, or organization that flies the flag and deserves recognition.**
- j. Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund – **The Goal is to have 25 Chapters make annual contributions to the Patriot fund or a selected Youth Program.**
- k. CAR Activities and Awards – **The Goal is to have 20 Chapters participate in the John K. Harrell Awards Program by submitting end of year CAR Activities Report.**
- l. History Teacher Award – **The Goal is to have ten (10) Chapters nominate outstanding history teachers for this Award and recognize their work to educate the Youth in public, private, and home school programs.**
- m. CAR Essay Contest – **The Goal is to have ten (10) Chapters nominate an applicant from the Texas Society CAR to participate in the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest.**
- n. Medal for Veterans – Genealogist General Joe Dooley suggested that there was a need to create a medal to give to deserving Veterans. There is no SAR Medal that is appropriate for presentation to Veterans.

- o. Increase Recognition of Citizens (non-SAR) and number of Contestants participating in the TXSSAR Youth Contests. This is a theme of President Tom Lawrence's year in office as President, TXSSAR. He asked that the CMA Committee, District Vice-President's and Chapter Presidents work on this effort. Open
- p. TXSSAR Veterans Activities Report. The USS Stark Report Veterans activities are part of the Chapter Annual Report. John Greer has agreed to work with the Chapter Annual Reports Sub-Committee to receive Chapter USS Stark Report from the Committee and prepare the State Society USS Report and submit it to NSSAR. **The Goal is to increase Chapter participation from 10 Chapters to 20 Chapters.** Open
- q. All Contest Chairs should contact participating Chapters and notify them of the results of their respective contests. They must advise them of the travel rules and accommodations if a contestant plans to attend the TXSSAR State Convention to receive their awards. Open
- r. NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award. Change the criteria to include any person whom a Chapter, State, or National Officer feels that a person meets the criteria to receive the award. Closed
- s. Form a Working Committee to develop a Challenge Coin or Pin to commemorate the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas and recognize those compatriots, wives, SAR guests, family members, and dignitaries participating in the parade each year. Completed
- t. Form a Working Committee to create an award for 911 Operators. Committee will develop the criteria for the award. Based on approval by the BOM, it could be forwarded to NSSAR to create an award. Another option would be to have the 911 operators included as part of the EMS award. Committee to develop the options for a proposal. Closed

IV. **Projects Status – Open or Completed.** (Note these items track with goals and projects in Paragraph III above.)

- a. Chapter Annual Reports – Motion made by the ACMA Committee to the BOM that a change to our Chapter reporting be made by adopting the National reporting for Americanism and PG reports. There will be a cover page to capture the items needed for TXSSAR reporting requirements. The BOM approved the motion. The Reports Committee requests that all chapters send their Chapter reports as early as possible and use the automated excel worksheet format. There are bonus points for early submission and penalty points for late submission. **Open.**
- b. Chapter CAR Activities – see paragraph III b. **Open**
- c. Youth Contest Due Date – The due dates for Youth Contests is placed on the TXSSAR web site for reference. **Open**
- d. Youth Budget – Expenses for meals, hotel, travel, and awards are pre-determined and paid to awardees by the TXSSAR Treasurer when awardees attend the Annual State Convention - see paragraph III d **Completed.**
- e. Youth Program Expense Matrix – see paragraph III e. **Completed.**
- f. Youth Programs – **The Goal is to have 30 of the 49 Chapter participate in one (1) Youth contest each year. For 2010 we had 27 Chapters participate. Open**
- g. Poster Contest Rule Changes – The Chairman, Poster Contest has developed new rules that align the state contest with the rules of the National Society Contest for the Poster Contest. Completed
- h. Youth Medals Awarded – **The Goal is track the number of medals presented to youths and determine if we are increasing youth participation in the Youth Contests. Open.**

- i. Flag Presentations – This is an on-going program each year. This year we had a goal of 30 Chapters present Flag Certificates. We had a total of 31 Chapters give flag certificates in 2010. **The Goal is to reach a majority of Chapters presenting Flag Certificates; i.e. 25 Chapters. Open.**
- j. Chapter Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund – X Chapters made contribution to the Patriots Fund in 2009. This is a result for a call for help to pay for Youth Contests in 2010 that were not funded because of an effort to comply with the Society by-laws. Compatriot members donated over \$31,000 to the Patriots Fund Expenses while paying Dues for 2010. These donations covered the transition for the change in the by-laws to cover under funded Contests for Contest Year 2010 and 2011. **The Goal is to fund both 2010 and 2011 for \$16,080 each year - see paragraph III j. Open.**
- k. TXSSAR John K. Harrell CAR Activities and Awards We had twelve (12) of forty-nine (49) Chapters participate in the CAR Activities Award competition in 2010 versus twelve (15) in 2009. The Goal is twenty (20) Chapters participating in the program – see paragraph III k. **Open.**
- l. History Teacher Award – ACMA Committee voted to change the Award amount to a choice by the winner of a trip to Valley Forge for an educational program or a \$1,500 Savings Bond. TXSSAR would pay for the tuition for the Seminar and up to \$400 for travel. This action was approved by the BOM. – see paragraph III l. **Open.**
- m. CAR Essay Contest – We had eight (8) contestants in 2010 Contest. Awards were presented at the Annual TSCAR Convention in Arlington, Texas on March 18, 2011. For the first time, President James Jones invited the CAR Essay Contest winner to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon at the TXSSAR State Convention. **Open.**
- n. Medals for Veterans - The motion to create a Medal for Veterans was approved by the BOM earlier and was to be presented in Louisville, KY at a Leadership meeting. The status of the motion is unknown at this time. **Open.**
- o. Increase recognition of people (non-SAR) for SAR Medals; and, increase the number of Contestants who participate in the TXSSAR Youth Contests. **Open**
- p. TXSSAR Veterans Activity Report. The USS Stark Report is part of the Chapter Annual Report and is attached to the Cover Form for Chapter Annual Reports. We had 10 Chapters reporting 100,070 points for USS Stark activities in 2010 versus 110,038 points in 2009. **Open.**
- q. Contest Chairmen Notify Chapters of Contest Winners. Contest Chairmen alerted Chapters of Contest Winners. Also, they advised Chapters to notify contestants of the Travel Rules if the contestant plans to attend the State Convention to receive an Award. Hotel, meal and mileage expenses are paid to contestants during the State Convention rather than mailing them checks after the convention. **Open.**
- r. Change wording for presenting Outstanding Citizenship Award. Send proposed changes to Chairman, Medals and Awards NSSAR. The change in the wording was denied by NSSAR. **Closed**
- s. The CMA Committee approved the request to form a Working Committee to develop a Challenge Coin or Pin to commemorate the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX and recognize those compatriots, wives, SAR Guests, family members, and dignitaries participating in the parade each year. This project has been completed and awards made in 2011. **Completed**
- t. Form a Working Committee to create an award for 911 Operators. Committee will develop the criteria for the award. Based on approval by the BOM, it could be forwarded to NSSAR to create an award. Another option would be to have the 911

operators included as part of the EMS award. Committee will develop the options for a proposal. This action has been dropped for 911 operators as they can receive a Good Citizenship Award if not qualified for one of the Public Service Awards. **Closed**

V. Other Action

- a. ACMA Committee made a motion to the BOM to accept an offer from Compatriot Joe Dooley to design and pay for 500 Challenge Coins to be used raise money for Patriots Fund. These coins will be sold for no less than \$10.00 each. The BOM approved the motion.
- b. None

VI. Other Information:

- a. Chapters submit Chapter Annual Reports to report activities in 12 categories including: chapter meetings, programs, media relations, patriotic special events, presentation of medals and certificates, donations to state society and national programs, participation in Youth contests, submission of membership applications, attendance at State and National conventions, color guard activities, veterans activities, and participation in Children of the American Revolution programs and events. By submitting Chapter Annual Reports, Chapters compete for awards in categories by size of membership to win TXSSAR Awards including:

Adrian Drouilhet Award	John Bruce Stuart Jr. Award
Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Streamers	Karl E. Wallace Award
Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award	Marshall Hunter Attendance Award
E. A. Limmer Award	Outstanding Chapter Award
Frank Watkins Award	Wilbur S. Strong Award
Galveston Award	TXSSAR Americanism Award
Hartsell O. Stephens Award	TXSSAR Flag Recognition Award

- b. The Committee recommended and the BOM approved a change in the size of groups for competition for awards based on the Chapter Annual Reports.
 - Group 1 will be for Chapters with up to 25 members.
 - Group 2 will be for Chapters with 26 to 39 members.
 - Group 3 will be for Chapters with 40-100 members.
 - Group 4 will be for Chapters with more than 100 members.
- c. The Committee encourages Chapters to compete for National Awards including the President General's Americanism and Activities Award, and USS Stark Memorial Award. Information is found on the NSSAR web site.

The Committee supports the TXSSAR Society by completing Award Report Forms to compete for National Awards.

 - i. Using the Consolidated Chapter Annual Reports Summary, The Reports Sub-Committee can prepare the Society Reports to compete for the President General's Americanism and Activities Awards, the USS Stark Memorial Award.
 - ii. The CAR Liaison Committee prepared the Society CAR Activities Award;
 - iii. The Flag Committee prepares the report for the Admiral Furlong Flag Award; and
 - iv. The Editor of the Compatriot prepares the report for Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Newsletter Award.

Archives and History Committee Report:

Chairman: Larry Stevens

Attendance: Don Stone, W. J. Scott, Allen Greene, Pete Lenex, Dr. Jim Johnson

Don Stone reported there are still some TXSSAR History books, Vol. 1 & 2, so please contact Chairman Stevens, Peter Baron or Don Stone should you need books. These should be offered to all new members and to libraries that have genealogy department.

Dr. Johnson discussed the state of our archives at the University North Texas Denton including staff changes and budget cutbacks. He said Edward Hoyenski has been loaned to another part of the library for a year and not backfilled. He state had has been appointed by Chairman Stevens as the Archives and History Committee liaison to the Library's Rare Books and Texana Collections Curator and will us posted of any changes that could affect our archived materials.

Chairman Stevens and Dr. Johnson then discussed the Texas Silver Service Medal presentations to Dr. Jennifer Sheehan, Curator, and to Edward Hoyenski, Asst. Curator, and a Certificate of Appreciation to the Library on April 15th by Bill Marrs and Larry Stevens.

Chairman Stevens stated he is requesting a budget for the Archives and History Committee of \$200. No other business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Audit Committee

Attendance: Marvin Morgan, Chairman; John Beard, Vice Chairman

Mission: The Mission of the Audit Committee is to provide oversight of internal and external audits of all functions involving the finances of the Society in order to maintain adequate internal control over the Society's procedures and operations; make recommendations for the selection of external independent auditors; review the scope of audits; and review the findings of the external independent auditor.

Minutes

1. Opening
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by Marvin Morgan. Committee members present included: Jim Jones, TXSSAR President, Peter McLellan, TXSSAR Treasurer, Tom Jackson, John Beard, Russell Dart, and Dr. Wendell Edwards. Minutes were taken by John Beard.
 - b. Peter McLellan moved and Tom Jackson seconded approving the minutes from the October 30th, 2010 meeting, passed by voice vote.
2. Report of the Internal Audit Sub-Committee
 - a. Copies of the report and Internal Audit Procedures were made available to all members prior to the meeting. On February 11, 2011 the Internal Audit Sub-Committee met in Fairfield, TX and conducted an Internal Audit. An Internal Audit Report was prepared based on the selected procedures that were performed.
 - b. A copy of the Report has been provided to each Executive Committee Member. The report was presented by Marvin Morgan its February 11, 2011 meeting in Fairfield, TX.
3. Destruction and Retention of Records. The internal audit sub-committee conducted records destruction in accordance with TXSSAR policy during. A Destruction certificate was prepared and given to Peter McLellan for TXSSAR records.
4. Tom Jackson has agreed to serve as Vice Chairman of the committee going forward.
5. Marvin Morgan informed the committee that John Dupree from San Antonio will join the committee.
6. The Internal Audit sub-committee has set its next meeting for Brenham, TX on July 23, 2011. The location to be determined.
7. The engagement letter for the 2010 audit was executed with Frank Melvin. A target date for completing the audit is July 2011.

8. John beard has agreed to research MD&A language for the financial statements as well as revising the Treasurer's position description. The results of both to be provided to Marvin Morgan.
9. Peter McLellan discussed the 2011 budget with the committee.
10. There was no new business.
11. The Committee adjourned at 12:03 PM

Respectfully submitted, John Beard, Co-Chairman

CAR Essay Contest Committee:

Although there was no CAR Essay Contest meeting, the Chairman Stephen Rohrbough reported that we had eight (8) contestants in 2010 Contest. This is the highest number of participants in the Contest since it began in 2002. It is a direct result of the interest, support, encouragement, and goal set by Mrs. Deidre Grawl, Senior President, TSCAR, to have increased participation between TXSSAR and TSCAR.

On March 11, 2011, President James Jones attended the TSCAR State Convention in Arlington, TX, the first time by a sitting TXSSAR President in over four or five years because of scheduling conflicts between two State Society meetings. President Jones extended greeting from TXSSAR to TSCAR participants; presented medals to both Mrs. Grawl, Senior State President TSCAR and Ms. Katilee Ralph, President TSCAR; and presented the Essay Contest Awards during the TSCAR State Convention in Arlington, TX.

President James Jones changed the practice of not inviting the winners of the Knight Essay Contest and CAR Essay Contest to the Youth Awards Luncheon and asked that the Chairman, ACMA review the Youth budget and extend invitations to both winners of these Youth Contests. Thus, this is the first time, Ms. Alexis Carr, winner of the Knight Essay Contest and Mr. Nathaniel Ames, winner of the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest, attended the Youth Awards Luncheon during the TXSSAR State Convention.

Color Guard Committee (No report at time of publication)

Council of Chapter Presidents:

The Council of Chapter Presidents meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Stephen Lee with a quorum being present. State Chaplain, Rev. James Taylor offered the invocation, followed by the pledge to the US and SAR Flags. Chairman Lee welcomed members and guests and thanked the Dallas Chapter for hosting the 116th Annual Meeting.

This Council meeting marked the first time that the Long Range Planning Committee and District Vice Presidents were included. It was discussed and agreed that both these committees would be invited to attend future Council meetings. The minutes of the 2010 Fall BOM was then read and approved. IT Committee Chairman Ray Cox discussed the upcoming Web Site Seminar designed to help chapters better develop their websites. He pointed out that this meeting would help the various chapters to create their own sites with the aid of available free software.

The election of Council officers for the year 2011 was conducted. Art Munford was elected Chairman and Peter Barron was elected Vice Chairman. There were no volunteers to serve as Secretary, however following the meeting Drake Peddie agreed to serve and he will be voted on at the next meeting of the Council.

Harry Fife, Vice President General of the South Central District and former State President presented a very interesting report on membership and retention. He reported that the 1.7 acres adjacent to the old headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky had sold with a portion of the proceeds to be used for remodeling the new building on Main Street. Compatriot Fife discussed President General Sympson's recommendations to the Genealogy Committee that should speed up the application approval process. District 10 Vice President, Mike Everhart led a discussion concerning membership retention, listing several reasons why members drop out. Mike then distributed a detailed handout to each attendee for future reference.

Chairman Lee recognized State President, Jim Jones, who thanked the attendees for their support during the past year and reported that 14 chapters have each contributed \$500.00 to the Foundation Fund. Peter Barron reported that future year-end state reports would be the same as the 45 page National report.

Russell Dart was recognized and presented the Galveston Award to the Paul Revere Chapter with the Hill Country Chapter receiving honorable mention; the Frank Watkins Award to the Athens Chapter, with the Galvez Chapter receiving honorable mention; the Carl E. Wallace Award to the Hill Country Chapter, with the Victoria and Laredo Chapters receiving honorable mention and the Adrian Drouliet Award to the Patrick Henry Chapter.

Art Munford, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Flag Certificates and Public Service Awards, reported that 29 chapters presented Flag Certificates, which will qualify TXSSAR for the Furlong Award. A total of 90 Public Service Awards were presented with 6 chapters presenting all four of the metals. Forty-one Bronze Good Citizenship medals were presented and four Silver Good Citizenship metals were presented. Twenty-two chapters did not present any medals and Art encouraged all chapters to actively participate in the presentation of Public Service Medals.

Publicity Chairman, Joe Allen (Doc) Rice, led a lively discussion entitled "A Chapter Is Slipping If". He also passed out a very informative handout to all attendees listing 49 reasons why chapters struggle. Eagle Scout Chairman, Charles Luna, gave his sub-committee report. Fourteen chapters participated in the Eagle Scout Scholarship program and 18 Eagle Scouts submitted applications for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award. Charles encouraged more chapters to participate in the Eagle Scout program and also asked the attendees to consider recommending SAR members for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award.

Chairman Lee asked if there was any new or old business to discuss and there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Credentials Committee (No report at time of publication)

DAR Liaison Committee:

The DAR Liaison Committee met and discussed plans to have a "booth" at the DAR Annual Convention to let the ladies know what the SAR can do for them. We also talked about the changes that the DAR has made in their data bank for Record Copies of approved DAR applications. I reported that I had brought greeting at the annual DAR convention in Dallas two weeks before our convention, and had given Former State Regent Lynn Young a *Martha Washington Medal and certificate* for providing me with the necessary data for 5 of her male relatives for SAR membership. I reported that our Color Guard also presented the Colors for the DAR Banquet again this year. We discussed the importance in participating

in as many DAR functions as possible, and I gave a report on one planned event in Houston scheduled for November 12, 2011 when we will meet with the Lady Washington DAR Chapter and the newly formed Alexander Hodge DAR Chapter and clean and re-dedicate the marker the Lady Washington Chapter erected in 1908 in the Sam Houston City Park in downtown Houston.

Tom Green, Former TXSSAR President
District VP Committee (No report at time of publication)

Eagle Scout Committee:

Chairman Luna, with the assistance of TXSSAR Gold Citizenship recipient, H. Ross Perot, presented the 2010 TXSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner, Eagle Scout Roland Salatino, with the Eagle Trophy and scholarship award. Mr. Perot gave an inspiring presentation on the value and importance of Scouting, with particular emphasis on the leadership role of Eagle Scouts with future endeavors.

Compatriot Steve Lee has agreed to provide me a copy of the presentation, which was captured on video. Plans are to make and distribute copies of same to TXSSAR Chapter Eagle Scout Committees to be utilized in promoting and securing 2011 TXSSAR Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship entries. Prior to the Awards Luncheon, I had reported to the CMA Committee the number (100+) of Eagle Scout Certificates, Congratulatory Letters and Eagle Scout Scholarship Information mailed on behalf of TXSSAR and the number (18) of Eagle Scout Scholarship entries for the year 2010. All Scholarship entrants were mailed Finalist Certificates and Congratulatory Letters on behalf of TXSSAR.

I, also advised that there was no requests for the Burt Volunteer Scouting Award in 2010 and urged TXSSAR Chapter Officers present at the CMA Meeting, Council of Chapter Presidents and Annual Meeting to recognize their Chapter Members, having long term service and dedication to Scouting, with this prestigious National Award. One application for the award has been received, endorsed and sent to President Marrs for further action. Please note, only two awards per state are available on an annual basis. To date, Fifty-Six requests have been received from NSSAR to send Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates, Congratulatory Letters and Eagle Scout Scholarship information to Texas Eagle Scouts. All have been processed and mailed on behalf of TXSSAR. A list of Eagle Scout names and contact information will be available for TXSSAR Chapter usage at the end of Summer. This will allow the list to be up to date when distributed as many Scouts complete their Eagle requirements at Summer Camp.

Executive Committee

Minutes TXSSAR Executive Committee Meeting

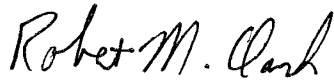
Date: March 25, 2011

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 a.m., Friday, March 25, 2011 by TXSSAR President Jim Jones. The minutes had been posted on the private internet site and were, therefore, not read by the Staff Secretary. The following were in attendance: President Jim Jones, President-Elect Bill Marrs, State Secretary Bob Cohen, Staff Secretary Bob Clark, Treasurer Pete McClellan, Chancellor Hank Voegtle III, and Immediate Past President and Chancellor General Tom Lawrence. Also attending as guests were Larry Cornwell of the Alabama Society, John C. Beard of the Piney Woods Chapter, and Stephen Rohrbough of the San Antonio Chapter.

2. TXSSAR Challenge Coin – President Jones explained that Genealogist General and Texas Society member Joe Dooley was offering to provide 500 TXSSAR Commemorative challenge coins to the TXSSAR gratis for use in fundraising for the perpetual fund. Six have already been struck. Upon motion by Treasurer Pete McClellan and seconded by Staff Secretary Bob Clark, the gift of 500 minted TXSSAR coins from Joe Dooley was accepted and the coins will be sold for \$20.00. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Compatriot Rick Ramirez of the Laredo Chapter has previously purchased George Washington (Laredo) Parade Lapel Pins. It was proposed by Chancellor General Tom Lawrence and seconded by State Secretary Bob Cohen to reimburse Rick Ramirez \$400 for the lapel pins. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Staff Secretary Bob Clark announced that Mr. H. Ross Perot would receive the SAR Gold Good Citizen medal at the Youth Awards luncheon the next day. He will be seated at the luncheon with the Eagle Scout award winner and will speak for a few minutes about scouting.
5. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Immediate Past President and current Chancellor General Tom Lawrence announced a list of TXSSAR members who had agreed to serve as state officers for the next year. He also announced that the nominating committee would meet the next morning at 8:00 a.m. to determine the selections of the Nominating Committee.
6. Tom Lawrence also indicated that a study of the insurance needs of the national and state is being done. He described that the activities of the color guard might create legal risks. This matter will continue to be studied. The NSSAR Insurance Committee has studied the issue of a national insurance policy in which state societies could opt in; however, it was unable to have such a policy implemented.
7. President-Elect Bill Marrs proposed and Staff Secretary Bob Clark seconded a motion of support of a National SAR Congress to be held in Houston in 2016 or later. The resolution passed unanimously. It will be discussed and announced in the general convention.
8. Chancellor Voegtler announced his opinion as to voting in this year's contested District Vice President-Election. He ruled that the past rotation plan by the four chapters for the District Vice President position was not controlling and that all delegates to the annual meeting were eligible to vote.
9. State Secretary Bob Cohen announced that all members attending were already or were being credentialed for the meeting.
10. Treasurer Pete McClellan then presented the 2011 TXSSAR budget proposed by the Finance Committee compared with the actual 2010 TXSSAR income statement. It passed unanimously with the addition of a \$400 payment to Rick Ramirez. The Medals and Awards Committee requested \$16,000.00 for Youth Awards.
11. Treasurer Pete McClellan then discussed the funding for the Youth Awards. The awardees were to be announced the next day.

12. President Jim Jones then brought up that the National C.A.R. President was from Texas. A request has been made for a donation to his project. President-Elect Bill Marris proposed a donation of \$500 for the National C.A.R. project. The motion was seconded by State Secretary Bob Cohen and passed unanimously.
13. President Jim Jones reported that the Audit Committee had thoroughly reviewed the TXSSAR financial records and found no material exceptions.
14. Bill Marris suggested that a committee study establishing a new state officer called Assistant State Secretary or Communication Manager to handle email addresses and communications. He believes that a need exists but that his idea needs further study.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. by President Jones
Respectfully submitted,



TXSSAR Staff Secretary

Expansion & Membership Committee (No report at time of publication)

Finance Committee:

Minutes: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Peter N. McLellan at 1:30PM.

Attendees:

Peter N. McLellan, Chairman, John C. Beard, Lawrence K. Casey, Jr., Ray Cox, Russell Dart, Wendell Edwards, Bob Harris, President Jim Jones, Tom Lawrence, President-Elect W.M. "Bill" Marris, Marvin Morgan, Stephen Rohrbough, Robert Truitt.

Key issues discussed:

1) 2010 IRS Form 990-N (postcard) - Status Update - To date, only 20% of all active chapters have filed as of March 26, 2011.

2) Review of Financial Statements - 2010 Balance Sheet, 2010 Profit and Loss by Class (Income Statement), 2010 TXSSAR Investments, 2010 Budget Review, and 2011 Proposed Operating Budget.

Arnold Seidule, Chairman of the Patriot Funds Project Committee, requested an increase in the Patriot Funds Project budget to \$16,308.00 for the 2011-2012 year. This was approved by the Finance Committee based upon expected cash-flow. No further consideration was given to moving any portion of the Patriot Funds Projects to TXSSAR 's General Fund.

The Finance Committee approved the 2011 Proposed Budget as presented. The 2011 Proposed Budget was presented in the TXSSAR Annual Meeting and was amended and approved by the Delegates to the convention. A copy of the amended 2011 TXSSAR Budget is attached to this report.

3) PayPal Transaction Status - 2011 Dues - 293 members paid \$15,986.59 Gross as of March 22,2011. TXSSAR netted \$178.59 in revenue.

2011 MAR STATE CONVENTION - As of March 22, 2011, 43 registration transactions were processed generating a total of \$6,008.07 Gross. TXSSAR netted \$43.07.

4) 2009 & 2010 Audit Activity - The final 2009 audit report was received with a "nonqualified" opinion and distributed to TXSSAR EXCOM and Internal Audit Committee. No material items were noted.

2010 Audit Engagement - TXSSAR executed an engagement letter for the 2010 Audit with Frank Melvin PC. A meeting was held with Frank Melvin on March 10,2011 in Roundrock, Texas to discuss the 2010 Audit and expectations. John Beard and Peter McLellan were in attendance.

5) Outstanding Dues Checks - The following chapters had outstanding dues checks:

UNCLEARED TXSSAR Chapter Dues Checks

07/06/2009	2182	Liberty Chapter #42	-57.00
07/06/2009	2172	Heart of Texas Chapter #26	-38.00
07/06/2009	2185	Alexander Hodge Chapter #49	-28.50
07/06/2009	2176	Edmund Terrill Chapter #34	-19.00
07/06/2009	2177	No Central Texas Chapter #36	-9.50
07/06/2009	2168	Major White Chapter #17	-9.50
07/06/2009	2183	Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter #43	-9.50
07/06/2009	2186	Victoria Chapter #50	-9.50
07/06/2009	2191	Laredo Chapter #61	-9.50
07/06/2009	2164	Col Turner Sharp Chapter #9	-9.50
02/24/2010	2249	Major White Chapter #17	-114.00
02/24/2010	2262	North Central Texas Chapter #36	-104.50
08/04/2010	2318	Freedom Chapter #38	-115.00
08/04/2010	2315	Edmund Terrill Chapter #34	-35.00
08/04/2010	2332	Boerne Chapter #64	-20.00
11/19/2010	2344	San Antonio Chapter #4	-101.50
11/19/2010	2350	Captain William Barron Chapter #25	<u>-21.00</u>
Total UNCLEARED CHAPTER Checks			-710.50

6) 2011 TXSSAR Chapter Dues - checks were distributed during March 2011 for all 2011 Dues and newly approved member applications received from October 1,2010 through February 28,2011.

7) New TXSSAR Post Office Box Address - Effective April 1, 2011, the new address for TXSSAR Treasurer is PO Box 5419, Kingwood, TX 77325.

The 2010 TXSSAR Budget and Variance Report showing revenue and expenditures by account (for the Operations, Patriot, Perpetual, Richie accounts) by Total versus Actual is available from the Treasurer.(Note: The spreadsheet was not formatted and could not be contained in this web site document)

Report respectfully submitted by:

Peter N. McLellan, Past TXSSAR Treasurer, 469.667.5363

Former State Presidents Committee (No report at time of publication)

Genealogy Committee (No report at time of publication)

Nominating/Patriots Fund Trustees Committee (Did not meet)

Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee:

The Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee did not meet at the 2011 TXSSAR Annual Meeting due to major conflicts in meeting time for most members of the Committee. However, since the meeting, a plan has been conceived to determine the name of all current or retired TXSSAR members who are / were employed by major corporations or businesses i.e. EXXON-Mobil, TX Instruments etc. who match contributions of current and / or retired employees, or make donations for hours of service performed in the name of a 501 (c) 3 organization. The current thought is to have a request for this information placed on the annual dues notice. The Committee will compile a contact list, from this information, to determine the requirements, timing of request etc. applicable to the contact list of organizations that participate in gifting programs for current and / or retired employees. In my research, I have determined a number of major companies and businesses require the initial request for gifting must be on an individual basis from current and / or retired employees. I further propose to compile a manual to assist TXSSAR members in securing these funds, upon determination of organization that have these type funding programs in place, as there are numerous differences in requirements for securing these funds. Requests to Foundations will continue to be submitted in the fall. However, I expect little positive results due to the continuing economic situation with most of available funds earmarked for projects previously funded on a continuing basis and any excess funds currently being utilized for human needs projects. Respectfully Submitted, Charles Luna, Chairman

Patriot Graves & Markers Committee

Patriot Graves & Markers Committee Report

Filing Date: Monday, May 16, 2011

Committee Name: Patriot Graves

Chairman Name: James E. Mitchell

Chairman Contact: jemitch46@gmail.com

Tel. Number: 281/ 361-3112 (Private/ Protect By Request)

Committee Communication (Commo) by Electronic (Email) and *telephone, Dates: Mar 30th, May 14th & May 16th / Co-chairman Everheart's E-mail

Caveat: All TXSSAR Chapters and members are encouraged to participate in these Texas Society's grave marker dedications. If a chapter and/or member desires to assist in financing the manufacture, engraving and setting of Patriot grave markers, WRITE a donation check payable to the, "TXSSAR, Patriot Graves." This will importantly, help to pay for the necessary expenses. If any member may in fact wish to donate money to a specific chapter, for a specific marker dedication, that's fine, too!

See: Addendum set out below

Tel. Polling Dates: Not Applicable (N/A)

MEMBERS:

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| 1. *James E. Mitchell (Chair) | 2. **Mike Everheart Vice-Chair) | 3. **Peter Baron |
| 4. Col. Arthur G. Munford | 5. **Larry G. Stevens | 6. Tom Green III |
| 7. Dale Williamson | 8. Harry M. Fife, Jr. | 9. Raymond Cox |
| 10. Ronald Whatley | 11. William Whatley | 12. Stephen Tanner |
| 13. John K. Thompson | 14. Carl Hill | 15. Rev. James C. Taylor |

Expenses: N/A

PARTICIPATION: (Identify Member by Number):

Attendance Mar 25th at Meetings: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Attendance at the Apr 9th 2011 re-dedication of the TXSSAR Historic Bi-centennial Marker commemoration held at Huntsville, Walker Co., TX: 1, 6, 9, 12, and 13.

Activities:

Compatriot Grave and Historical Monument activities, Guests: Apr 9th 2011-- B. J. Thompson, James Kuykendall, James T. Jones, Donald Stone, Frank D. Roberts and Jack Morton

Apr 9th Rededication at Huntsville Courthouse, Walker Co., 1 of 5 American Bicentennial TXSSAR Plaques that listed over 50 Patriots of the Revolutionary War, who are known to be buried in Texas. Event co-sponsored by the Captain John McAdams Chapter with direct assistance by Compatriot Frank D. Roberts, TXSSAR & NSDAR.

Submit a feature story of the Bicentennial (TXSSAR) Plaques to the Editor of SAR Magazine, with several color photographs taken Apr 9th

Submit after action, Report to TXSSAR Staff Secretary for the Patriot Graves & Markers Committee before May 22nd

Plan with TXSSAR Compatriot Dale Williamson, the Jul 7th 2011 travel & coordination to dedicate Revolutionary War Patriot Micajah Williamson's grave marker at Washington in Wilkes Co., GA, hosted by the Washington-Wilkes Chapter, GASSAR.

Assist TXSSAR Compatriot Mike Everheart during 2011-12 to plan, coordinate & execute several Memorial Grave Markers for Revolutionary War Patriots known to have been buried in Texas.

Plan with TXSSAR Compatriot James Mitchell, the Oct 15th 2011 travel & coordination to dedicate a new, granite slab for Revolutionary War Patriot Benjamin Head's Cenotaph at Westover UM Church cemetery at Ruckersville, VA hosted by the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, VASSAR.

Addendum: An electronic message dated May 16th from Patriot Graves Committee Co-chair Mike Everheart advised that TX Society's Fredonia and Lt. Nathan Gann Chapters had agreed verbally to dedicate a "Memorial" grave marker for Revolutionary War Patriot Benjamin Anderson in Nacogdoches, TX during 2011. Also, Capt. William Barron Chapter of Tyler and East Texas Chapter of Longview, TX plan to dedicate a "Memorial" grave marker for Patriot William Delafield, whose burial site within Harrison Co., TX has been lost over the passage of time.

Patriot Projects Committee

Arnold Seidule, Chairman of the Patriot Funds Project Committee, requested an increase in the Patriot Funds Project budget to \$16,308.00 for the 2011-2012 year. This was approved by the Finance Committee based upon expected cash-flow. No further consideration was given to moving any portion of the Patriot Funds Projects to TXSSAR General Fund.

Patriots Medal Selection Committee (Did not meet)

Public Service Awards Committee:

2010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2010 was a very good year for TXSSAR. A total of 349 flag certificates were presented by our 48 chapters and the State presented one flag certificate. This is a total of 350 flag certificates. Twenty-nine chapters presented flag certificates, which will qualify TXSSAR for the Furlong Award, which requires a state to have over 50% of their chapters presenting at least one flag certificate.

The state also had a very good year presenting Public Service medals. A total of 90 Public Service Medals were presented and four chapters presented all four Public Service Medals. A total of 41 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were presented and four silver Good Citizenship medals were presented. Twenty-two of our chapters did not present any Public Service Medals and hopefully we will improve this number in 2011.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Munford, Chairman

Public Service Medal/Flag Certificate Sub-Committee

Publicity Committee:

A six-month survey reveals that:

A Chapter is slipping if:

- * 1. Member age is rising. That's inevitable? Or neglect of younger SAR candidates? What programs appeal to them? Does the chapter discuss it? "Rising age" is not first on this list by accident.
2. There's not an active phone committee to check on absences.
3. Spouses are not involved.
- * 4. Spouses (or a spouse) are too involved and want to run the chapter. (Don't laugh. It's happening.)
5. Addresses aren't updated.
6. Members don't greet visitors or ask them to come back.
7. Members aren't aware of crony-clusters: old cronies chatting away while visitors stand in discomfort.
8. Visitors aren't written-up in the newsletter.
9. The chapter has a narrow focus; it's a do-just-one-thing chapter. ("We won the children's art contest. The winner happens to be the son of . . .")
10. Officers isolate themselves, don't answer e-mails. Messages get "lost."
11. Newsletters don't come out regularly. And they're boring . Pro forma. Bad photos of members eating. Rear views of bald heads.
- * 12. The chapter website isn't updated. Who's assigned to monitor it?
13. Chapter officers don't work to bring state officers to meetings.
14. Chapter officers are often recycled.
15. There isn't a photographer at every function. Whose job is that?
16. Annual party dates/locations don't receive member-input.
- * 17. Members are called and treated "new" even after six months.
18. There's no effort to hold joint meetings with DAR/SRT.
19. Speakers are chosen for their titles ("an Award-Winning Firefighter") Not for their expertise or ability to present an interesting program.
20. Suggestions from members aren't solicited.
- * 21. Shut-ins, injured, hospitalized are ignored. (The wife of a chapter's immediate past president is ill. He quits coming. Nobody notices.)
- * 22. Community people who merit an SAR award are ignored.

23. Few speakers meet the, "What can you do for us?" test.
24. There's no competition with other chapters. Too much competition is awful, however. Scoring brownie points is not the goal.
25. Chapter President/V.P. don't regularly look for good speakers. One president recently reviewed 10 years of speakers, found one from 2001 that everybody thought was terrific and brought her back. Keep a log.
26. TXSSAR and NSSAR events are ignored as of no importance. (This draws a comment and examples from past NSSAR President Butler.)
- * 27. Chapter invites political candidates of only one party. NSSAR has not recognized the current (D) President. TXSSAR initiated the current (R) Governor. Some, with ancestors who served with distinction, are themselves veterans and Democrats. They shouldn't have to apologize.
28. Chapter does not send speakers out into the community and schools.
29. Chapter does not note member birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, kin in the armed forces, weddings, christenings, promotions, retirements, puppy-litters, canary-hatchings, other good news.
30. At a meeting of the officers, somebody says, "We should get together for a ball game," instead of, "We should honor the principal who turned the failing high school around."
31. Nobody from the chapter attends state meetings.
32. Member birthdays aren't noted in the newsletter or at meetings.
33. Nobody checks newspaper for 1) speakers and 2) community people deserving awards.
34. Nobody thinks to invite a speaker to attend the meeting-before, to get acquainted with members.
35. A year passes without chapter name in state or national publications.
36. People without computer access are neglected.
37. The chapter is hermetically sealed — no outside influences, not even an awareness of good ideas that keep other chapters humming.
38. "Age" gets the blame for chapter's lack of vitality. Not a good excuse. Retired members can be valuable, active and alert in lots of ways.
39. Wives of long-term members don't make an effort to visit with wives of new members or wives of visitors.
- * 40. The chapter officer introducing a speaker decides to showboat. He "enlivens" the page the speaker has written-out for him. Draws attention to himself-the-introducer. Advice: Stick With The Script You're Handed.
- * 41. Next month's speaker isn't mentioned. A handout wouldn't hurt.
42. Visitors aren't given paper copies of chapter's electronic newsletter.
43. Visitors don't hear their names called by officers.
44. The chapter treasury is hoarded. Spend a little.
- * 45. The chapter doesn't invite a media-member at least once a year.
46. Members don't introduce themselves and name an ancestor.
47. There's no "to call" list — of members who haven't been showing up and might appreciate a call.
48. The chapter doesn't allow a roundtable-discussion meeting at least once a year. Members let their hair down. Feedback rules!
- * 49. The chapter's slipping if meetings aren't fun.

(After twenty SAR/DAR/ SRT/ DRT visits.)

Failing Chapters, Phantom Chapters Friendship Chapters

FAILING: Three TXSSAR Chapters are below 10 members: Laredo, Captain John McAdams (Huntsville), Live Oak (George West). A dozen are below 20 members. (Yes. Small chapters can be healthy. Some aren't): Arlington, Corpus Christi, Big Country (Abilene), Major White (Baytown), Daniel Wood (San

Angelo), Denton, North Central Texas (Wichita Falls), Aaron Burleson(Smithville), Permian Basin (Midland), Bluebonnet (Marble Falls), Fredonia (Nacogdoches).

PHANTOM: Two Failing Chapters are recent Phantoms: Captain John McAdams (27), Major White (17).
Definition: A Phantom Chapter fails and TXSSAR denies it. It lingers on the books, though it doesn't exist.

FRIENDSHIP: These chapters begin with a TXSSAR member who wants to be a Friend. A neighbor Chapter fails. The Friend and that Chapter's President chat. "Let us help you stay in touch," says the Friend. "Would you like our newsletter? Announcements? Bulletins?"

The President of the Phantom Chapter finds men who'd like to keep up. He adds a few widows, rounds up a dozen names. Some are dues-payers. Some haven't kept up. They're elderly, dealing with the frailties of age —night-blindness, limited mobility, illness, Alzheimer's, and transportation. The Friend takes the Phantom-Chapter list to his own Chapter . . . and he finds that nobody wants, "one more burden." His Chapter has no interest in a list of elders/strangers/non-dues-payers. "Hah!" he says. So the Friend looks for a Chapter that will share news-and-events with brothers about to be cut off. He finds a chapter glad to show Friendship, switches to that Chapter and brings a dozen names with him. He holds the list aloft and says to compatriots, "These are our fathers." — True TXSSAR 2010 story, unfortunately —The need for Friendship Chapters will grow in the years ahead.

Respectfully, Joe Allen Rice Chairman, Publicity Committee

Registrar - Inland Committee (No report at time of publication)

Registrar - Coastal Committee (No report at time of publication)

State Meetings Committee:

Chairman George Harcourt called the State Meetings Committee session to order at 11:00 AM on Friday 25 March 2011.

Those attending and chapter represented:

George Harcourt, San Antonio – Chairman	Don Pugh, Cradle of Texas - member
Sam Massey, Paul Carrington – member	Robert Cohen, Independence - member
Tom Lawrence, Paul Carrington	Tom Jackson, Rankin
David Temple, Dallas	Bob Clark, Dallas - member
Ray Cox, Piney Woods	Lawrence Casey, Dallas
Wm. Marrs, Heart of Texas	Frank Rohrbough, San Antonio

Members not attending the committee meeting:

James Alderman	Jim Hoffman	Charles Luna	Leo McIntyre
Terry McKee	Alex Montgomery	Larry Stevens	Charles Baker, Vice-Chairman

The members of the committee voted on a motion that was approved by a majority of those eligible to vote to recommend to the General Session: The TXSSAR shall hold two (2) Board of Managers meetings a year rather than the three (3) that are currently held.

A discussion followed regarding the possible dates for the Annual General meeting and for the BOM. The consensus was that the Annual meeting move to an earlier date and the BOM be held

approximately six (6) months later, but after the NSSAR annual congress. It was acknowledged the term of officers in the year of adjustment would be less than 12 months.

The committee discussed holding the Annual Meeting at a time so as not conflict with meetings held by: DAR, CAR and SRT. The committee agreed that TXSSAR should not hold a meeting in conflict with DAR and CAR, and would make every effort to not conflict with SRT annual meetings.

SUMMER 2011 BOM: The Freedom volunteered to host the summer BOM. The offer was approved in the General Session on Sunday. Compatriot Jim Beal is heading up the effort as chairman.

FALL 2011 BOM: The Bernardo de Galvez chapter offered to host the fall BOM. Compatriot George Deshiener is chair of the meeting. The offer was approved in General Session on Sunday.

117TH TXSSAR ANNUAL STATE MEETING: The San Antonio chapter offered to host the annual meeting in late March 2012. The offer was approved by the committee for submission to the BOM on Sunday. No properties were presented. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough is the chairman for the event.

Veterans Committee:

Called Meeting to Order: Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 2: 03 PM. Members and Guest attending include:

Members Attending:	Status	Chapter
Frank Rohrbough, Chair	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Harmon Adair, Vice Chair	Absent	East Fork-Trinity (#47)
Delbert Taylor, Member	Present	Edmund Terrill (#34)
Mike Everheart, Member	Present	Tyler (#25)
Patrick Kerr, Member	Absent	Robert Rankin (#62)
Tom Copeland, Member	Present	Tyler (#25)
James Taylor, Member	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Don Babbs, Member	Present	McKinney (#63)
Jim Johnson, Member	Absent	Denton (#23)
John Greer	Absent	Ambassador Fletcher Warren (#43)

Visitors Attending:

Don Stone	Freedom (#38)
Wendell Edwards	Ambassador Fletcher Warren (#43)
Don Sielert	McKinney (#63)
John Bolton	East Texas (#57)
Art Munford	Victoria (#50)
Gerald Irion	Hill Country (#31)
Tom Whitelock	Dallas (#2)
Larry Stevens	Piney Woods (#51)
Dan Reed	Plano (#37)
Graham Martin	Edmond Terrill (#34)

Old Business:

Candidates for Westmoreland Award: Chairman Rohrbough called for Chapters to nominate candidates for the Westmoreland Award.

VAVS Advisory Committee: Chairman Rohrbough reminded Chapters to consider serving on local VAVS Advisory Committee at VA Hospitals as “appointed designees”, usually as a Primary and a Deputy. To be an official designee of SAR, contact him.

Stark Awards: Chairman Rohrbough stated Chapters did a good job submitting their Stark Reports for 2010. Collectively, TXSSAR reported over 100,000 points in supporting Veterans this past year. This is the second highest total points submitted and may result in a NSSAR Award at the Annual Convention later this year.

World War II Corps Project: Chairman Rohrbough noted there was still time to identify our members who served in World War II and present them with their WWII Service Medal. He noted that this is a personal initiative of President-General Sympson and outlined the process for reporting eligible members to NSSAR for public recognition at the Annual Convention in July 2011 and in the SAR Magazine later in 2011. A question was raised about the period of service during WWII as a qualification. (Note: As a follow up, research reveals that the World War II Victory Medal was awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946. This period of service is the basis for NSSAR’s WWII Service Medal and entry into the Project.)

Review Chapter Veterans Activities and Events for 2011: Chairman Rohrbough asked for discussions on what Chapters are doing to support our Veterans and note what events they are planning in 2011. Such events of interest would include Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and the VA’s “Annual Appreciation Week” Events. Based on comments of the attendees, it appears that Chapter are in fact very active in their local communities via public appearances of all sorts and serving local veterans in many ways. This is confirmed in the Stark Reports submitted for 2010.

Service to Veterans Award: Chairman Rohrbough reminded Chapters to document their “service to veterans” so that members can be awarded the NSSAR Service to Veterans Award.

New Business: Chairman Rohrbough noted that we need to better document our veteran activities and events in the Texas Compatriot Newsletter. He stated that he would like to start a “Veterans Activities” Column in the Newsletter. Compatriot Larry Stevens welcomed the input and asked that the Committee submit an input for the Spring Newsletter.

Adjourn: There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Frank Rohrbough, Chairman

Yearbook Committee (No report at time of publication)