

# **Committee Reports**

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

TXSSAR STATE BOM Hilton Garden, TempleTX

November 7 - 9, 2014

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

No report at time of publication

# Archives and History Committee Report 28 March 2014

#### **TXSSAR History and Archives Committee Meeting**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Harmon L. Adair, Jr. called he meeting to order at 10:05 am. Attendance included 11 TXSSAR members as noted below.

#### 2. Attendance:

Name	Chapter
Harmon L. Adair, Jr.	East Fork Trinity
W. J. Scott	Hill Country
Charles Hartline	Panhandle Planes
Al Gibson	Hill Country
Pete Lenes	Bernardo De Galvez
Larry D Tidwell	Bernardo De Galvez
Bill Whatley	Bernardo De Galvez
Stu Hoyt	William Hightower
Bob Kittrell	Dallas Chapter
Terry McKee	Paul Carrington Chapter
Jim Barkley	Hill Country

Report on status of UNT Archives, (Meeting 22 Mar 2014 UNT Library)

3. The Archives needs a complete set of the following publications:

SAR Magazine

TXSSAR Compatriot

- 4. UNT Archives requested our digital copies of TXSSAR Compatriot with a letter from TXSSAR President to put the files on line. We already have digital copies of the TXSSAR web site do we want to put the TXSSAR Compatriot on The Portal to Texas History UNT.
- 5. The next \$5000.00 payment will include the digitization of the first five reels of TXSSAR applications, which cover the years 1898 through 1954. The Archives request we authorize them to be posted on The Portal to Texas History- UNT.
- 6. Scrap books are not being sent to the Archives (The binders are not necessary to be sent to Archives)
- 7. Chapters should send Monthly Newsletters only once a year by email or digital media if possible include copy of accession form.
- 8. Sold three copies of TXSSAR History Vol. I & II.
- 9. Request A \$5000.00 check made out to UNT Foundation from Treasurer to fund this years Intern salary.
- 10. Recommend to the BOM that \$5000.00 be funded for the 2015 budget.
- 11. We have a question: Do we need TXSSAR approval to post society information on The Portal to Texas History, if we need approval who can approve the items to post.

#### **Audit Committee**

To: The Executive Committee

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Internal Audit Committee conducted its semi-annual review of the books and records of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (the Organization) using the review procedures and guidelines as enumerated in the audit guide and herein and such other procedures as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Review Committee. This review was conducted August 16, 2014 at the La Quinta Inn located in Brenham, Texas.

The review included but was not limited to the following transactions for the period January 1 through June 30, 2014:

- Cash, cash receipts, cash disbursements, donations, and Pay Pal
- Select review of all bank statements and monthly bank reconciliation reports
- Review of the dues account:
  - o 70% of the funds deposited for dues were examined.
  - o Fifteen deposits totaling \$19,799 were examined. Receipts were traced from individual checks to the bank statements and to the database for correct recording.
  - o 79% of the funds disbursed from the dues account were examined.
  - o Fourteen disbursements totaling \$97, 960 were examined. Disbursements were traced to bank statements and agreed to supporting information.
- Review of Patriot Fund donations & distributions were reviewed and traced to appropriate bank account. 100% of the deposits (\$9,357) and 100% of the disbursements (\$7,620 were examined.
- Review of Pay Pal procedures, posting, and controls. Five items were selected.
- Review of Registrar transactions. Twelve transactions or 21% of all transactions were reviewed.
- The NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report was reviewed.
- The 2013 Audit report will start in September 2014. Only the audit for the year ending 2012 is on the web site.
- Form 990 for 2013 extended to November 2014. Only Form 990 for 2011 is on the web site.
- Review of the operating account.
  - o 83 % or \$24, 827 of disbursements from the operating account was examined.
  - o 72 % or \$11,081 of deposits to the operating account was examined.
  - o 100 % of all transfers to and from the operating accounts were examined.
- Investment accounts were examined and traced to statements.
- Financial records for the calendar year 2009 were destroyed in accordance with the document retention requirements.
- Confirmations were sent on five of the ACH chapter dues payments. No response as of yet.

No material exceptions were identified. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Jackson

Chairman, Internal Audit Sub Committee

#### Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

#### Audit Sub-Committee Report of Immaterial Exceptions and Recommendations

For the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

#### Recommendations from the Audit Committee:

- 1. The treasurer should furnish to the host chapter of a State Convention or a Board of Managers Meeting a statement of policy on unreimbursed expenses.
  - a. If a donor makes a single contribution of \$250 or more in the form of unreimbursed expenses, e.g., out-of-pocket transportation expenses incurred in order to perform donated services for an organization,
  - b. then the donor must obtain a written acknowledgment from the organization containing:
    - i. a description of the services provided by the donor,
    - ii. a statement of whether or not the organization provided goods or services in return for the contribution. (See IRS publication 1771.)
- 2. Chapter sponsor of the State Annual meeting each year should provide records of the fees and expenses with the reimbursement check to TXSSAR.
- 3. Registrar
  - a. Request Registrars send prior year bank statements to the Treasurer for submission to the independent auditor.
  - b. Request Registrars to prepare written bank reconciliations at the end of the year. The Treasurer in turn should reconcile these to the general ledger.
  - c. There <u>is uniformity</u> in the preparation of summary information from the registrars. This information provides the basis of documentation for journal entries into the books and records of the Society.
  - d. The Treasurer is requested to prepare reverse bank reconciliation for each of the registrar accounts as of the fiscal year end.
  - e. Request the Registrar to add the Treasurer to the registrar bank accounts.

#### 4. Stipends

- a. The Treasurer presents to the delegates at the state convention a budget that contains a schedule of stipends by officer for the year. The budget is approved by the delegates. This practice should continue.
- b. The Executive Committee approves stipend changes, if any, during each annual meeting. These changes should be included in the ExecCom minutes.
- 5. Audited financials
  - a. The Executive Committee is requested to approve posting of the most current audited financial statements with footnotes and opinion letter on the public website.
  - b. The Board of Managers is requested to approve the Chairman of the Audit Committee to sign the audit engagement letter.
- 6. Web Site

- a. The most current copy of the audited financials and Form 990 should be posted to the web site.
- 7. Outstanding remittances to Chapters.
  - a. Article 8, Section 5, Local Chapters and the By-Laws article 19, section 1, in brief provide that in the event chapters lose their charter by surrender, forfeiture or revocation then the delegates would approve disposal of chapter assets.
  - b. There are currently 11 checks totaling \$688.00 outstanding from 08/14/2011 through 07/04/2013. The Texas Comptroller website notes "if they cannot after a one to five year period, state law requires the assets to be turned over to the Comptroller's office."
  - c. 2011 checks: Hodge #49 \$104.50, Terrill #34 \$9.50, Red River #65 \$9.50
  - d. 2012 checks: No Central #36 \$85.50, Wood #22 \$85.50, Live Oak #55, \$60.50, No Central #36, \$199.50, Victoria #50, \$38, Arlington #7, \$29.00
  - e. 2013 checks Maj White #17, \$57, Hodge #49, \$9.50
  - f. The Treasurer should identify which of these chapters are active, not active but their charter still exists, and not active and their charter has been surrendered, forfeited, or revoked. An action plan should be developed for each category with approval by delegates when required.

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Audit Sub-Committee Report of Immaterial Exceptions and Recommendations

For the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

#### Acknowledgements from the Audit Committee:

- The Treasurer is to be congratulated on an exceptional job.
- Registrars are to be recognized for submitting uniform reports documenting the activity.
- Committee members are thanked for conducting the review as well as driving to/from Brenham from College Station, Houston, Kingwood, and Katy.
- Members participating were Tom Jackson, Russell Dart, Chris Courter, and Jim Jones. John Beard, Treasurer, and Larry Stevens, President-elect were present. Not attending were Peter McLellan, Dr. Wendall Edwards, Nick Gilliam, Jim Nelson, and Marvin Morgan.

#### Notes to the Audit Committee:

- 1. The Internal Audit started at 9 am and ended at 2:05 pm with a break to hold the committee meeting over lunch.
- 2. The brief committee meeting was held over lunch and took an hour.
- 3. John Beard transferred the trial balance and transaction register transferred to MS EXCEL. Tom Jackson transferred the excel files onto all of the flash drives in addition to prior period report and prior period minutes prior to the audit. This process worked and should be repeated.
- 4. The audit work papers for the operating account were digitally prepared.
- 5. The following were assignments that consumed the time allotted.
  - a. Russell Dart reviewed the dues account.
  - b. Tom Jackson & Chris Courier examined the operations account and registrar activity.
  - c. Jim Jones reviewed investment account and related profit/loss items.

- d. Jim Jones reviewed the NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report.
- e. Larry Stevens destroyed financial records for the calendar year 2009 in accordance with the adopted document retention requirements.
- 6. John Beard booked the room at the La Quinta for March 14, 2015.
- 7. Finalization of the report and minutes required four hours.

#### Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

#### Audit Sub-Committee Report of Immaterial Exceptions and Recommendations

For the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

Status of prior year accounting recommendations made by the Audit Committee. A summary of selected items are as follows:

- Registrar Accounts
  - o Separate files were kept for each of the two registrar accounts.
  - Deposits from the two registrars were not comingled on the same deposit slip. This
    permits a simplified audit trail. Account analysis is also simplified.
  - Registrar deposits were comingled with other deposits making the audit trail more difficult.
  - The registrars are to be complemented on the accuracy of their excel spreadsheet detailing and then summarizing the transactions.
- Treasurer retained processed check copies for transactions over \$1,000 as required in Treasurer's approved procedures. No exceptions were noted!

#### Summary of Immaterial Exceptions Noted and Resolutions

- 1. In the review of Patriot Dues Account (GL Code 1025) Deposits & Disbursements through 06/30/2014), the following item was noted: Transfer dated 03/31/2014 to the National Congress Account did not have the corporate authorization required for the opening of a new account.
- 2. In the review of Patriot Operations Account (GL Code 1026) Deposits & Disbursements through 06/30/2014), the following items were noted:
  - a. 03/30/2012 -- Check # 846 -- \$5,000 payment to University of North Texas. The acknowledgement of the receipt of the donation was not retained.
    - 1. A donor claiming a deduction of \$250 or more is also required to obtain and keep a contemporaneous written acknowledgment for a charitable contribution. To be contemporaneous the donor must generally obtain the written acknowledgment no later than the date the donor files the return for the year the contribution is made. See IRS publication 1771.
  - b. Deposit Batch 14-02-01-31, dated 02/03/14, for \$1,761.50 was recorded to the operations account and should have been recorded in the dues account. The deposit was to the dues bank account. The reconciliation of the Dues account and the operating account failed to

disclose this discrepancy. The item was found by the Internal Audit Committee. This system of internal controls worked.

- i. The Treasurer will record a correcting journal entry.
- 3. In the review of Comerica Registrar Account (GL Code 1034) Deposits & Disbursements through 06/30/2014), the following items were noted:
  - a. Check number 2127, dated 04/28/2014 and made payable to TXSSAR for \$414.00 did not have the schedule of the registrar attached.
- 4. Review of the trial balance. It is not clear that a detail of the payables related to National, State, and Chapter dues is available. This should be reviewed in greater detail.

#### Investment accounts - Brinker Capital and Vanguard

#### **Investment Accounts – Brinker Capital and Vanguard:**

The review included the following for the period January1 through June 30, 2014:

- Reviewed the Brinker Capital and Vanguard statements for the six months ending June 30, 2014 for all five investment accounts.
- Compared the Fee Expense, and Income items (Dividends, Interest, and Realized Capital Gains/Losses) from the monthly Brinker Capital and Vanguard statements to the QuickBooks investment accounts.
- Verified the beginning and ending balances of the Brinker Capital and Vanguard monthly statements to the QuickBooks investment accounts.
- Verified the monthly Unrealized Gains or Losses posted to the QuickBooks investment accounts.

#### Observations:

• There were errors in posting Realized Gains and Losses of \$1,242.30 from Brinker Patriot and \$40.49 from Brinker Perpetual for June 2014. This resulted in understatement/overstatement of earned income and overstatement/understatement of Unrealized Gains/Losses for June. Corrected June Realized Gains and Losses for Brinker Patriot is \$4,319.20 and corrected Unrealized Gain of \$199.02. Corrected June Realized Gains and Losses for Brinker Perpetual is \$1,423.66 and corrected Unrealized Losses of \$331.00.

#### Recommendations:

• The correct amounts have been provided to the State Treasurer, so he can correct posting to the QuickBooks income and asset accounts.

Summary of Immaterial Exceptions Noted in Review of Form 990 and Resolutions

(1) 2013 not Filed, (2) Treasurer has notified those chapters who have not yet filed their 990 Postcard.

**NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report:** 

The Annual Reconciliation Report and attachments were reviewed to ensure dues payments to National were accurate.

#### Observations:

A brief review noted the following:

- The Annual Reconciliation Report noted 264 additions, but the Attachment for additions totaled 504
- The payment to National was dated March 23, 2014, in the amount of \$53,115
- An additional payment to National was dated April 19, 2014 in the amount of \$14,180
- National does not reconcile by adding who pays. They record who is dropped, so if a Compatriot was erroneously dropped in a prior year they will never by recorded as paid.
- The new National database will go online in the near future, which requires the State and National Compatriot records agree.

#### Recommendations:

The 2014 Annual Reconciliation report needs to be examined. The examination must include reconciliation with National by Compatriot to ensure Texas Society records agree with National Society records.

Because of William Marrs knowledge of the reconciliation process, he needs to be included on the Audit team for this examination.

# **By-Laws and Resolutions**

Previously Submitted on File

# **CAR Essay Contest Committee**

CAR Essay committee did not have a separate meeting Ron Carter

#### **Color Guard Committee**

# San Antonio, TX (Omni Hotel) March 28, 2014

Call to Order at 14:52 by Commander Frank Rorhbough

Presentation of Awards by President S. Rorhbough

Gold Galvez Medal Presented to John Thompson, Peter Rowley, Frank Rorhbough, Drake Peddie, and Marvin Morgan. Compatriot Marvin Morgan not present to receive.

Minutes of October 12, 2013 Meeting Reviewed and Approved

Committee Membership – Voting Members and Other Attendees reviewed by Com. Rorhbough

Process for Awarding National Color Guard Medals discussed and forms handed out by Adj. Baron. Discussion by past NSSAR Commander Tomme.

Process for Awarding Texas Galvez Medals discussed and Forms handed out by Adj. Baron

Call for Candidates for Color Guardsman of the Year 2014-2015, with discussion of process and applications handed out by Adj. Baron

Posting of TXSSAR CG Manual and all forms on TXSSSAR Webpage discussed by Adj. Baron

Quarter Master Position and Inventory of Products was discussed and left as an open item. Drake Peddie presented the Committee with the final TXSSAR Flag for inventory. Com. Rorhbough presented the color guard with a wooden flag pole to hold the official TXSSAR Flag with streamers.

Election of Officers: There was a caucus of northern and southern delegates. Commander Rohrbough presented Southern Commander Thompson as the candidate for the TXSSAR Commander. The southern caucus nominates Larry Stevens. The northern caucus nominated Drake Peddie. Commander Rorhbough called three times for additional nomination. Hearing none. The nominees we voted on and accepted.

There was discussion of the need for Color Guardsmen for Convention Duties

Meeting Adjourned at 1528

#### **Communications**

No report at time of publication

# **Council of Chapter Presidents**

No report at time of publication

#### **Credentials**

No meeting held

#### **DAR Liaison Committee**

There was no meeting - Tom Green, Chairman Former TXSSAR President

#### **District VP Committee**

No Report

# **Eagle Scout Committee**

The Eagle Scout Committee did not meet. Art Munford

# **History Teacher Sub – Committee**

Did not meet. K. B. Hallmark

# **Knight Essay Sub- Committee**

Knight Essay did not meet Doc Rice

#### **Executive Committee**

Omni Hotel San Antonio, Texas 7:00 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2014

#### Atendees:

Stephen Rohrbough, President
Bob Cohen, President Elect
Larry Stevens, Staff Secretary
John Beard, Treasurer
Sam Massey, Communications Secretary - absent
Hank Voegtle, Secretary
Tracy Pounders, Chancellor - absent
Gerald Irion, Coastal Registrar
Mike Radcliff, Inland Registrar
Bob Clark, Trustee

President Rohrbough opened the meeting at 7:00 AM and passed out the meeting agenda.

President Elect Bob Cohen said his report has been filed with the Staff Secretary.

Guests - Bill Marrs, Past President and IT: Mike Radcliff - Special Committee

Treasurer John Beard reported his report is on file. But he said the 2014 Budget in not on file which has to be approved by incoming officers at the BOM Sunday. He said we had a good year in 2013. He said we need to do something about our unrealized gains. We had a good year and need to take advantage of this. He said we would be meeting with Brinker Capital in our Finance Committee this afternoon. He said our performance to budget in 2013 was good overall. John reported in preparing for Texas hosting the SAR Congress in 2018, we are setting up a separate account for the congress with \$5,000 each year, beginning in 2013, to be put in an interest bearing account. He said this will be a cash account but one everybody can see. John said he has sent out the chapter dues; he said there have been some problems and he is working to correct these. Bill Marrs asked what would happen to our Perpetual Members account if National raised dues \$10 as reported may be brought up. John Beard said there is \$175,000 in the fund and that we realized about \$8,000 and with the unrealized gains we would have about \$15,000. With the some 375 perpetual members, what would happen to us if we had to pay the increase to National. And, John said there are 33 national life memberships so this would be an additional 350

times the increase dues amount. This is something we made have to deal with next year. There are some chapters that have not cashed their dues checks.

Registrar David Temple said his report was filed.

Registrar Irion said his report was on file but wanted everyone know that Louisville is becoming stricter on proofs submitted.

Rohrbough said Peter McLellan, Audit Committee Chairman, could not be here but had sent in his report to be reviewed. Stephen said there were recommendations from the committee for state meetings and for those planning state meetings to follow the State Meetings Manual due to some problems with the Dallas contract and the contract approval procedures. The recommendation is to review this and learn from it.

Stephen reviewed a requested given to him by Peter Baron concerning a meeting of the Federation of Genealogy Services in San Antonio August 27 – 30, 2014 at the convention center and that he is requesting \$200 to pay for an information booth for the SAR. David Temple said that the meeting in San Antonio should be well attended. Ancestry.com will have a booth as well as other organizations. Rohrbough asked if there was a motion to approve this \$200 for the fee for a booth at the conference. John Beard made the motion. A second was made by Stevens, and the EXCOM voted to support this expenditure.

Staff Secretary Stevens said the minutes from the last EXCOM were handed out. President Rohrbough said the minutes had been posted on the Texas Web-site. The minutes were approved. Stevens added that, as an event planner with state meetings committee that Temple has agreed to host the Fall BOM. He stated Temple is the only chapter that has agreed to do this. He said currently they are looking at October 4<sup>th</sup>. He said the next State conference is scheduled for Houston. He said he would learn next Tuesday if Houston would host the 2018 Congress.

Secretary Voegtle said his report was on file. He said the January 1, 2014 members list showed 2180 members but the report was not complete.

Stephen said there were some proposed bylaw changes that will be presented in the general sessions; National Bylaw 23 proposed by Tom Lawrence and this will be presented by Bob Clark and some languages changes proposed to Texas Article 8 Section 3 that Tracy has reviewed and would propose changes. This concerns when chapters hold their elections and when state officers are elected. In the current Article due to the language, the dates which are in conflict due to a fiscal year requirement. The proposal will correct the problems of conflict between the state and the chapters.

President Rohrbough said he had Texas Challenge Coins, 90 left, for sale provided by PG Dooley. Proceeds go the perpetual fund.

**New Business:** 

Bob Cohen proposed, after discussing this with others, that a Credit Card be obtained for the Secretary to purchased supplies and other items and that the secretary would keep the receipts to submit to the Treasurer for bill payment. Instead of a credit card, John Beard suggested a preloaded debit card by used. He said this would act like a credit card; you could issue the card for \$500 and add money as needed as receipts come in from the Secretary. He said this limits your exposure to credit card theft.

John said he could do either but would need a letter from the secretary to the bank. After discussion, it was decided to pursue this. President Rohrbough asked if there was a motion. Gerald Irion motioned to accept the proposal, second by Cohen, the EXCOM approved.

Cohen stated that there was a problem with a committee changing and due date but did not change it on the web-site. He said this was the Newsletter. When he contacted the committee, he was told the due date was January 1<sup>st</sup> but the Website said February 15. He told the committee that they cannot just change a due date without permission. Stevens said that when he wrote the procedures for the newsletter contest that the date for submission was December 15, the same as the National Contest. This was agreed in a BOM meeting about five years ago.

Bob also raised a point concerning the Secretary and Treasurer from the point of view as a former secretary that application fees should be changed to a two fee in Texas. This would apply only to the application fee. One issue is that the fees are refundable on the national site but not on the state. The increase would \$52 or \$225 for the application fee. This will be referred to the Fees and Dues committee.

Cohen discussed is new lapel pin and that all members attend the Saturday banquet will receive one. Bob said the thought behind the new Texas SAR Pin is branding. Anyone looking at it will see the shape of Texas and SAR.

Cohen said there is talk of creating a virtual chapter for chapter that never meet and could meet on line. This would be for members than cannot physically meet anywhere. These members could meet of Facebook, etc., it was suggest that Texas consider having a "Member-At-Large" membership for these members.

A question was raised by President Rohrbough concerning a member having to use his personal credit card a security to a hotel at the signing of a meeting contract. After discussion it was agreed that the state would provide a letter of credit to the hotel after a motion was made by John Beard and second by David Temple. \

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Larry G. Stevens – Staff Secretary

# **Expansion & Membership Committee**

this committee did not meet

#### **Fees and Dues Committee**

Did not meet

# **Finance Committee**

See Treasurer's Report

# **Former State Presidents Committee**

No report at time of publication

# **Genealogy Committee**

No report at time of publication

# Information Technology

The IT Committee did not meet, hence no report. Ray Cox

# **Long Range Planning**

See State Meetings Committee Chairman: President Elect Robert S. Cohen

#### Newsletter

No report at time of publication

# **Nominating Committee**

See Business Meeting Minutes

# **Oration Committee**

The Oration Contest Committee did not meet since spring BOM. No report to file. Peter Rowley

# Operation Reach No meeting

#### **ROTC Sub-Committee**

Saturday, March 28, 2014

Meeting was called to order by John K. Thompson, ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved. These copies along with the budget projections of ROTC/JROTC medal activity for 2013 were presented. Discussion topics included the following:

- 1. TXSSAR Award Cost. A copy Invoice dated September 12, 2013 was presented and discussed. The TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee acknowledged the reimbursement to ROTC Chairman John Thompson in the amount of \$3,270 for a total of 290 Bronze (JROTC) medals and 30 Silver (ROTC-College) medals. A copy of the invoice was presented to the members for reference.
- The 2013 audit of ROTC/JROTC medals and certificates in TXSSAR inventory was reviewed. As of September 8, 2013, the TXSSAR ROTC award remaining inventory totaled 37 JROTC (Bronze) medals and 40 JROTC certificates along with 19 ROTC (Silver) medals and 43 ROTC certificates. A copy of the audit results was presented to the committee members.
- 2013 Allocations. Discussion of the ROTC/JROTC Committee budget and the money allocated by TXSSAR was undertaken. During the 2012-2013 School year, 335 JROTC awards and 41 ROTC awards were supported by TXSSAR, and the present level of payment by the individual chapters was discussed.
- 4. The recommended allocation as discussed is the individual Chapter would be expected to pay for 1 medal and 1 certificate for each 16 Chapter members with any additional awards to be funded by TXSSAR.
- 5. Chapter Level, Medal Projections for 2014-2015. Chairman John Thompson encouraged the individual Chapters and coordinators to advise, if at all possible, their Chapter projections for the 2014 and 2015 School year, so that orders might be placed to National before September 15 and in order to minimize TXSSAR shipping cost for medal distribution.
- 6. Enhanced JROTC. Discussion of the Enhanced JROTC program was undertaken. With the information from the National Convention youth award presentations, discussion was held to investigate the situation where Junior-level Cadets may be graduating as Seniors and may be receiving special consideration as a result of the advancements wrt the Enhanced JROTC National award.

With no additional JROTC/ROTC matters brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman John K. Thompson.

#### **Poster Contest Sub-Committee**

Did not meet- Steve Lee

# **Patriots Fund Trustees Committee Budget Proposal**

**TXSSAR** 

Patriot Fund Trustees Committee Report San Antonio, TX (Omni Hotel) March 27 & 30, 2014

#### March 27, 2014 Meeting:

#### **Trustees Present:**

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman John Beard, Treasurer Peter McLellan, Trustee Stephen Rohrbough, President William Marrs, Trustee

# Visitors Present:

Joseph Dooley, PG Nathan White, PG Tom Lawrence, TG

A joint meeting with the Perpetual Fund Trustees was held at 1:30 pm on March 27, 2014.

Robert Kinnally with Lincoln Financial discussed TXSSAR investments with Brinker Capital and responded to questions from those present. TXSSAR began investing with Brinker Capital in June of 2006 and the portfolio has performed well during the 8 years.

Treasurer John Beard reviewed the 2013 investment performance of both Brinker Capital and Vanguard. TXSSAR investment 2013 growth including unrealized gains was 18.5%. The adjusted growth after eliminating unrealized gains was 5.6%.

The Patriot Fund Trustees met separately after the combined meeting and discussed the following:

- The Patriot Fund Projects budget for 2015 was discussed and approved. The 2015 budget was the same as the 2014 budget.
- The Patriot Fund Trustees voted to continue awarding scholarships to Knight Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout, JROTC Enhanced, and CAR Essay winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman
Patriot Fund Trustee
March 30, 2014 Meeting:

#### Trustees Present:

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman John Beard, Treasurer Peter McLellan, Trustee Stephen Rohrbough, Trustee William Marrs, Trustee Tracy Pounders, Chancellor Robert Cohen, TXSSAR President

A meeting of the Patriot Fund Trustees was held following the Board of Managers Meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairman for 2014-2015. William M. Marrs was elected as Chairman on a motion made and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted James T. Jones, Jr. Trustee

# **Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication

# **Patriot Fund Projects**

Patriots Fund Projects Budget 2014-2015 -Proposed

Contest Name	Chairman	Scholarship	Travel	Other	Total
		Amounts	Expenses	Travel	Rqmt
Knight Essay	Joe(Doc) Allen Rice				
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd Place	Colonial Wars \$500.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3rd Place		\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
Net		\$2,800	\$270	\$0	\$3,070
Am Poster	Steve Lee				
1st Place		\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250
2nd Place		\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
3rd Place		\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
4th Place		\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
5th Place		\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
Net		\$600	\$0	\$0	\$600
History Teacher	Peter Baron				
	Award or				
	Seminar	\$1,500	\$270	\$1,000	\$2,770
Net		\$1,500	\$270	\$1,000	\$2,770

Eagle Scout	Art Munford				
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
Net		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
Oration	Peter Rowley				
!st Place	\$1,000 -Richie Fd	\$1,500	\$270	\$1,500	\$3,270
2nd Place	\$500 - War 1812	\$0	\$270	\$0	\$270
3rd Place		\$300	\$270	\$0	\$570
4th Place		\$200	\$270	\$0	\$470
5th Place		\$100	\$270	\$0	\$370
6th Place		\$100	\$270	\$0	\$370
Net		\$2,200	\$1,620	\$1,500	\$5,320
ROTC	John Thompson				
Medals		\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Enhanced Cadet		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
Net		\$4,500	\$270	\$0	\$4,770
CAR Essay	Stephen Rohrbough				
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd Place		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
3rd Place		\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
4th Place		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5th Place		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net		\$3,300	\$270	\$0	\$3,570
Travel for					
National Winner				\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Budget		\$17,400	\$2,970	\$4,000	\$24,370
Total		40000			
Requirement		\$24,370			

Richie FD \$1000: War 1812 Society pays \$500 2nd Pl. Oration: Colonial Wars pays \$500 2nd place Essay

# **Patriot Graves Committee**

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

**Patriot Graves Registry Committee** 

Minutes

Filing date: Wednesday, Apr 2, 2014

# James E Mitchell, Chair & Peter Baron, Vice Chairman TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting held Mar 28 & 29, 2014

Omni Hotel, W I-10/McDermott Frwy, San Antonio, TX 78230

http://www.txssar.org/graves.htm.

# Call to Order / Room A/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 11:00 am

- A. Sign in sheet / Retain this doc., & return, pls.
- B. Welcome/ passed out separate, Agenda & Patriot Index/Revolutionary Grave Registry -Minutes dtd., Oct., 11 & 12, 2013
- C. Treasurer's Rpt., by Chrm Jas. E. Mitchell, expenses \$78.50 payment from the annual \$150.00 Line item budget. This amt. was paid to successfully re-cover the Revolutionary War service records [Pension File S.31426] from the US Nat'l. Archives (NARA) at WDC for Capt. (SC) Whig militiaman, James Tinsley b., 1759 at Culpeper Co., VA, who died at age 86, and buried at his 1844 Tinsley tract at (Huntsville) Walker Co., Republic of Texas. This lost grave is currently being researched through Walker Co., Historical Commission Chairman, James Patton, et al.
- D. Vice Chairman's Rpt., given in absence for Peter Baron, as he was required to attend another scheduled committee meeting at same time. In Apr., 2009, the TXSSAR was invited to the Texas State Cem., at Austin by the NSDAR Regent to dedicate a red granite obelisk. At present, during TXSDAR Pamela Wright's term & TXSSAR Pres., Stephen W. Rohrbough's concurrently running term, an opportunity exists to research names of additional RevWar Soldiers names for addition to the monument. The approval process will be directed through the DAR Historian General's Office. If the TXSSAR desires to research and add names for evaluation, it may do so through contacting Martha Hartzog at: m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu

[Our Patriot Index / RevWar Patriot Graves Registry committee is currently engaging with above, NSDAR contact and to determine if it is necessary, to add James Tinsley's name upon the obelisk on condition that NSDAR accept our proofs of US Revolutionary War service, death and burial within Texas.]

#### Attendees:

Peter Baron, Ad Hoc, Chairing another meeting; SA #4 Chapter, <a href="mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com">ptbaron@hotmail.com</a> Art Munford, Victoria #50 Chapter, <a href="mailto:goaggies@suddenlink.net">goaggies@suddenlink.net</a> George West, Panhandle Plains #10 Chapter, <a href="mailto:gtwest@arn.net">gtwest@arn.net</a> Pete Lenes, Bernardo de Galvez #1 Chapter, <a href="mailto:jplwso@comcast.net">jplwso@comcast.net</a> Bill Whatley, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, <a href="mailto:jblw.whatley@hayoo.com">bill.whatley@hayoo.com</a>,

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Bob Kittrell, Dallas Chapter, kittrell@Tx.rr.com,

Al Gibson, Hill Country, alg38@me.com>,

Jim Barkley, Hill Country, sa3jrb1@stx.rr.com>

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Harmon Adair, East Fork Trinity Chapter, hadair2@gmail.com,

Stephen Lee, Captain William Barron Chapter, LGR1207@yahoo.com,

Gene H Pilgrim, Sr., Athens Chapter, gh Pilgrim@yahoo.com,

Lindsey C Brock, San Antonio Chapter, lindsey.brock@comcast.net,

Tom Lawrence, Paul Carrington #5, tlawrence01@sbcglobal.net

#### I. Old Business:

- A. Review of **Minutes**, above, held for the Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14919 NW Frwy., HO, TX 77040; and, an approval Motion was made by Compatriot Bill Whatley to accept and, seconded by Art Mumford; also, approved by voice vote.
- B. Attendees were asked if any chapter has flagged TXSSAR RevWar Soldiers graves and/or attended another state society RevWar Wreath Laying Ceremony since, last TXSSAR State meeting. Answer: -None.
- C. Mention was made by Chrm. Mitchell to attendees that recently, our committee had approved at the Apr., 2013, TXSSAR 118<sup>th</sup> Convention implementation of a TXSSAR Patriot Grave Updater form, and also, the formation & promotion of an Ad Hoc P & G Subcommittee for members to voluntarily conduct physical surveys in order to update, catalog and photograph the fifty-nine (59) TXSSAR online, American RevWar Patriots Buried In Texas. All the attendees, above, were asked to personally encourage all TXSSAR chapters to organize utilizing a position for Patriot Grave Coordinator for the purpose of planning and tracking annual results for conducting physical surveys of their area's RevWar Soldiers graves and reporting results and recording any findings with this committee.
- D. As of Jul 22, 2013 availability exists for society members to utilize a large, 6" x 6" brick size, granite, Patriot Grave Marker template, now offered online by the Tenn. Society SAR (TNSSAR) for utilization for our NSSAR Members & RevWar Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies. See: Compatriot, Rick Hollis <a href="mailto:tnssar@bellsouth.net">tnssar@bellsouth.net</a> for details of Granite Patriot Grave Marker TEMPLATES.pptx.
- E. The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nat'l. Congress President General's. (PG) Jos. W Dooley Initiatives for 2013-14 include: Memorials, Markers & Monuments. These initiatives were posted on <a href="www.sar.org">www.sar.org</a> website, updated: Jul 4, 2013 and posted online. Mark Anthony, Chairman of the Historic Sites, Celebrations and Reenactments Comm., is our Nat'l. Society "point-of-contact" on this PG Initiative. If you or any Chapter Member of TXSSAR has any question(s) about the PG Initiative, please contact Mark at <a href="macgt90@bellsouth.net">mcgt90@bellsouth.net</a> Importantly, TXSSAR P & G Comm., Chairman, noted that, for purposes of the Americanism Contest, a state society or chapter's

- participation in this PG Initiative may be recorded on the Americanism Score Sheet in either Tab 10 (if a historic marker) or Tab 11 (if a grave marker).
- F. Utilization of the Nat'l. Society SAR's Patriot Graves Report (Update).... Recently, at the Sep 27 & 28, 2013 Fall Trustee Meeting held at Louisville, HQ our P & G Comm., was reminded the importance of submitting an online, registration form Patriot Graves Report to update every, grave marking and/or placement and dedication of a SAR Lug. If one desires Not to submit the electronically available registration form, the webform page may be printed out so that any submitter that desires to complete the form by hand may do so, then mail away the draft version to: Revolutionary War Graves Comm., NSSAR 1000 South Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40203.

# II. New Business

- G. On Feb 27, 2014 attending the Spring Leadership Meeting held at Louisville, KY NSSAR P & G Comm., Chairman Delbert "Del" White advised that Phase III state volunteers including Texas Society has touched over 80,170 NSSAR Patriot Grave records of which 41,979 are new member lineages.
- H. On Mar 11, 2014 James E Heath jimheath@txwinet.com advised TXSSAR P & G Chrm., Mitchell electronically that Bluebonnet Chapter understands (?) that Benjamin Wightman, a proven Private in company raised for Tryon County, and commanded by RevWar Col. Willet's (NY) militia is buried at Matagorda, TX. The Bluebonnet Chapter desires to place a NSSAR Grave Lug upon his grave whereas this soldier is a relative of one of their chapter members. Past TXSSAR State Pres., Heath stated that for the purpose of marking this Revolutionary War soldier, the Bluebonnet Chapter desires to print and to lead the Program planning, conduct a Wreath Laying ceremony and set, the NSSAR Grave Marking Lug. For this purpose the chapter will purchase an appropriate NSSAR Lug in addition to coordinating the official TXSSAR Program with authorities at the Matagorda County cemetery and make arrangements for a color guard, and mailing invitations to guests and Matagorda County officials, etc.

# III. Announcements

- A. Compatriot William "Bill" Whatley was invited to give a brief sketch of the time table and funding profile needs for the planned & City of Galveston approved, life size bronze -statue of Galveston's founder, "Don Bernardo de Galvez". They also need 300k\$ to complete project to raise the 12' statue. Also needs ideas for fundraising. Drake Peddie suggested a DADA broadcast.
- B. Please plan to attend the 124th Annual Congress set for Greenville, SC, July 18-24, 2014. More importantly DO VOTE for our NSSAR Officer Candidates Robert L. "Bob" Bowen. Larry T. Guzy, Mike Tomme and our very own, Tom Lawrence, all who will make our Nat'l. Society SAR a better "domain".
- C. Chairman Mitchell presented Compatriots John K. Thompson, Freedom Chapter, (Capt. James Tinsley) and James E. Heath, Bluebonnet Chapter (Pvt. Benjamin Wightman) with separate copies of the newly drafted version of the Patriot Grave Marking Manual, approved February, 2014.

# Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted by James E Mitchell, P & G Comm. Chairman

#### **Patriot Medal Selection**

No Report at Time of Publication

# **Patriot Projects Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication

# **Perpetual Fund**

TXSSAR
Perpetual Fund Trustees
Committee Report
San Antonio, TX (Omni Hotel)
March 27, 2014

March 27, 2014 Meeting:

#### Trustees Present:

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman Joseph Dooley, Vice Chairman John Beard, Treasurer Peter McLellan, Trustee William Marrs, Trustee Thomas Lawrence, Trustee

#### Visitor Present:

Nathan White, PG Stephen Rohrbough, TXSSAR President

A joint meeting with the Patriot Fund Trustees was held at 1:30 pm on March 27, 2014.

Robert Kinnally with Lincoln Financial discussed TXSSAR investments with Brinker Capital and responded to questions from those present. TXSSAR began investing with Brinker Capital in June of 2006 and the portfolio has performed well during the 8 years.

Treasurer John Beard reviewed the 2013 investment performance of both Brinker Capital and Vanguard. TXSSAR investment 2013 growth including unrealized gains was 18.5%. The adjusted growth after eliminating unrealized gains was 5.6%.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman
Perpetual Fund Trustees

# **Public Service Awards Committee Subject: TXSSAR Public Service Awards Summary for CY 2013.**

Listed is a summary of the TXSSAR chapter's activities on the recognizing of personnel and presentation of awards for public service. Information obtained is a recap of the chapters reporting to the TXSSAR Public Service Sub-Committee and the TXSSAR Reports Sub-Committee for the period 1 January to 31 December 2013.

# Chapter 1 – Bernardo de Galvez, Galveston, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0
Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0
Heroism - 0
Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0
Flag Certificate - 13

#### Chapter 2 – Dallas, Dallas, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal SGT Todd Limerick 3/9/2013 Fire Safety Commendation Medal **Craig Lewis** 3/9/2013 Heroism Officer Ryan Mabry 3/9/2013 Officer Sean Mock 3/9/2013 SGT Matthew Williamson 3/9/2013 Mike Arnold 3/9/2013 Officer Rene Fernandez 11/15/2013 **Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal** David B Pinales 3/9/2013

#### Chapter 3 – Texarkana, Texarkana, TX (Inactive)(NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Fire Safety Commendation Medal Heroism Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 4 - San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

Flag Certificate - 15

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Dep Sheriff Ross Garza 5/15/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

LT. Brett T Joiner 10/16/2013

Heroism

Officer Jolanda Sanchez 12/7/2013

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal Eng Gabriel C Garcia 10/16/2013

Eng Matthew W Ripley 10/16/2013

Flag Certificate - 2

#### Chapter 5 – Paul Carrington, Houston, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 2

Woodforrest Bank

Trustmark Bank

#### Chapter 6 - Major K. M. Van Zandt, Ft. Worth, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Barry Sawyer 1/1/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Heroism - 0

**Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal** 

Ronnie Thompson Mar/2013

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 7 - Arlington, Arlington, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 2

# Chapter 8 – Temple, Temple, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 9 - Colonel Turner Sharp, El Paso, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0 Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 10 – Panhandle Plains, Amarillo, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate – 1

Benjamin C Pollard 12/2013

#### Chapter 11 – Patrick Henry, Austin, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

#### **Chapter 12 – Arlington, Arlington, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)**

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 13 – Jesse Watkins, Henderson, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 14 – Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 15 – Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 16 - Big Country, Abilene, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

# Chapter 17 - Major White, Baytown, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 18 - Permian Basin, Midland, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 19 – Paul Revere, Beaumont, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 2

#### Chapter 20 – Lt. Mordecai Baldwin, Longview, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 21 – Rio Grande Valley, McAllen, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 22 - Daniel Wood, San Angelo, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 23 – Denton, Denton, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0
Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0
Heroism - 0
Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0
Flag Certificate – 4
JROTC (3)
AFROTC

#### Chapter 24 – Houston, Houston, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0
Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0
Heroism - 0
Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0
Flag Certificate - 0

# Chapter 25 – Captain William Barron, Tyler, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Chris Swiftx 5/22/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Reese Hunt 5/22/2013

Heroism

CPL Scott Randall 5/22/2013

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal

Paul Wheeler 5/22/2013

Flag Certificate - 1

# Chapter 26 – Heart of Texas, Salado, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

#### Chapter 27 – Captain John McAdams, Huntsville, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 28 - Lt. Nathan Gann, Lufkin, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 29 – Lt. Abraham Cantine, Bandera, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 30 – Mineral Wells, Mineral Wells, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 31 – Hill Country, Kerrville, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

Veterans Day

#### Chapter 32 – Waco, Waco, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 33 - Cradle of Texas, Lake Jackson, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 34 – Edmund Terrill, Sherman, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Judge Rayburn "Rim" Nall 1/16/2013 Captain B.F. Wade 11/20/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 2

Grayson College 11/20/2013 BSA Troop 605 12/22/2013

#### Chapter 35 – William Hightower, New Braunfels, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

Seele Elementary 5/2013

#### Chapter 36 – North Central Texas, Wichita Falls, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 37 - Plano, Plano, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Brandon Williams 6/4/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Feed Garcia 6/4/2013

Heroism

Fireman Nicholas B Berry 4/29/2013

**Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal** 

Anthony DiMarco 6/4/2013 Georjon Jones 6/4/2013

Flag Certificate - 8

Capital One

Wells Fargo

Plano Centre

**Fobarte Commerical** 

**Hope Center** 

Capital One

Capital One

Sunrise at Hillcrest

#### Chapter 38 - Freedom, Conroe, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Sheriff Tommy Williams 10/12/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

#### Chapter 39 - Blain C. Wilhoite, Jr., Irving, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 40 - Independence, College Station, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Dep Michael Stumpf	10/22/2013
Officer Jason Smith	10/22/2013
SGT Jason James	10/22/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

LT Jimmy Yow 10/22/2013
Jonas Brooks 10/22/2013
Jon Stickland 10/22/2013

Heroism

Dep Art Senteno 10/22/2013
Officer Brodderick Bailey 10/22/2013
PPO Steven Laughlin 10/22/2013
Inv Andt Murph 10/22/2013
SGT Travis Lacox 10/22/2013
Kaitlyn Matejka 11/26/2013

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal Waylon Wendler 10/22/2013 CPT Billy Bradshaw 10/22/2013

Flag Certificate - 7

#### Chapter 41 - Bluebonnet, Marble Falls, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Justin O Bough 12/9/2013

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate – 3

Fredericksburg NJROTC

Delvalle JROTC

Stony Point JROTC

#### Chapter 42 - Liberty, McAllen, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 3

**ROTC** 

#### Chapter 43 - Amb. Fletcher Warren, Greenville, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

W. Walworth Harrison Library

9/21/2013

#### Chapter 44 – Leon River Valley, Hamilton, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 45 - Brazos Valley, Granbury, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 46 – Mesquite, Mesquite, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 47 – East Fork- Trinity, Garland, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

#### Chapter 48 – Canadian River Valley, Canadian, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 49 – Alexander Hodge, Sugar Land, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 50 - Victoria, Victoria, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 1

Homewood Suites 7/5/2013

#### Chapter 51 – Piney Woods, Kingwood, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

SGT Larry Franks

10/11/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate – 26 JROTC Schools – Presented with JROTC Medals-

#### Chapter 52 – Brenham, Brenham, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 53 – Uvalde, Uvalde, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 54 – Athens, Athens, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 2

#### Chapter 55 - Live Oak, George West, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 56 – Samuel Marcom, Kingsland, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 57 – East Texas, Longview, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 58 - Fredonia, Nacogdoches, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 59 - Aaron Burleson, Smithville, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 60 – Peters Colony, Carrollton, TX (Inactive) (NO REPORT)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 61 - Laredo, Laredo, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 62 – Robert Rankin, Katy, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

 Aland Bragg
 10/12/2013

 Larry Franks
 10/12/2013

 Warren Kelley
 10/12/2013

 Al Blenderman
 10/12/2013

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 23

#### Chapter 63 – McKinney, McKinney, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

LT Andrew Hawkes 9/19/2013 Officer Dustin Hoya 9/19/2013 Fire Safety Commendation Medal

CPT Brian Chandler 9/19/2013 Eng Thomas Kosten 9/19/2013 Dan Summers 9/19/2013 Matt Mordecal 9/19/2013 Michael Clastko 9/19/2013

Heroism

LT Andrew Hawkes 9/13/2013 Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal

F/P Brian Roether 9/19/2013

Flag Certificate -1

McDonald's 9/30/2013

#### Chapter 64 – Boerne, Boerne, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 65 – Red River Alley, Paris, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### Chapter 66 - Alexander Hamilton, Georgetown, TX

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate - 0

#### **TXXSAR President**

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal - 0

Fire Safety Commendation Medal - 0

Heroism - 0

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal - 0

Flag Certificate – 2

# **Publicity Committee**

The publicity Committee did not meet. J. M. Kuykendall

# **Registrar - Inland Committee**

See Officer Reports

# **Registrar - Coastal Committee**

See Officer Reports

# **State Meetings Committee**

March 28, 2014

Chairman Tom Jackson – Absent

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Committee Member Larry Stevens

Attendance: Larry Stevens, George Harcourt, Nathan Taylor, Lawrence Casey, Gary Lovell, T. L. Holden, Drake Peddie, John Merritt, Stephen Lee, Gene H. Pilgrim Sr., Larry D. Tidwell, Bob Clark, Rick Ramirez, Mike Miller, Harmon Adair.

Past Committee Chairman and Staff Secretary conducted the meeting for Chairman Jackson. The last State meeting April 4-7, 2013 was briefly discussed; the final numbers attending was not complete but a fairly accurate account was determined by the number of meals served although others could have registered for the event.

The Fall BOM in Houston was discussed. This was a successful event hosted by the Freedom, PineyWoods and the Robert Rankin Chapters and the spread sheet used by Robert Rankin tracked those that attended, rented rooms, paid for meals, etc. .

Stevens said the forms used to compile the data; Appendix G and H of the States Meetings Manual, of past meetings have not been kept up to date with the last entries in 2009. The Manual is on the TXSSAR Web-site. He said data from the past meetings should be posted before it is lost. He said some portions of the States Meetings Manual should be reviewed. He said there was a recommendation from the Audit Committee discussed in the EXCOMM meeting that morning that language stating the all state meetings should be subject to audits. He said the EXCOMM recommends that this be done before the next state meeting this fall.

Also, Stevens said there was a recommendation brought to the EXCOMM that the TXSSAR Treasurer explore providing a letter of credit to hotels in lieu of chapter members using their personnel credit cards. This recommendation of providing a letter of credit to the hotel will be started with the next State conference.

Further, Stevens stated that it was time the state society trail using a Professional Meetings Planner to help secure a hotel with adequate space and negotiate the contract for the state; along with the state committee and/or state officers. He said the California Society just did this using the same planning group as NSSAR used for the National Congresses. California officers said this made the whole process much easier and more cost effective. Those in attendance supported a trial of using a planner for the next state convention.

Stevens said there had been chapter wanting to host the Fall BOM; however, Bill Marrs had said Temple or the Heart of Texas chapter would and that they were working dates with the Hilton Garden Inn were we had met in 2012 and 2008. Chapter President confirmed this and said the dates would be November 8 and 9, 2014.

Stevens said no work had been done on the March 2015 state conference. He said the dates would have to be March 26 - 29, 2015 due to the DAR state convention. He said he would begin immediately to find a hotel. He said we are far behind schedule and need to get to where we are secure a hotel two years out as agreed in the past. The San Antonio Omni contract for this conference had been signed two years ago. He said the meetings committee needs to begin looking at March 2016; and that a location and a hotel for the fall 2015 BOM should be found.

Stevens discussed the status of the 2018 National Congress in Houston. He said he would be on a Called the next Tuesday with the National Meetings Committee and would be told if Houston would host the 2018 Congress. He said that we began budgeting \$5000 a year for this event beginning in 2013. He said the budgeted money would be in a separate line account in the TXSSAR Budget for tracking purposes. He said the budgeted money would be used to offset costs not covered by congress fund raising projects.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Stevens

#### **Veterans Committee**

# Minutes for Veterans Committee TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting

San Antonio, TX, (Omni Hotel at the Colonnade) March 28, 2014, 1:30 P.M.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Frank Rohrbough called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Attendance included **TXSSAR members** as noted below.

#### 2. Attendance:

Members Appointed:	<u>Status</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Harmon Adair, Chairman	Present	East Fork-Trinity (#47)
Frank Rohrbough, Vice Chairman	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Peter Baron, Member	Present	San Antonio (#4)
James Taylor, Member	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Harold A. Davenport	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Drake Peddie, Member	Absent	Plano (#37)
James Alderman	Absent	Maj Van Zandt (#6)
Mike Everheart, Member	Absent	Capt. William Barron (#25)
John Greer, Member	Absent	Amb Fletcher Warren (#43)
Dr. Jim Johnson, Member	Absent	Denton (#23)
Delbert Taylor, Member	Absent	Edmund Terrell (#34)
Ron Carter, Member	Absent	Arlington (#7)

#### **Visitors Attending:**

Al Gibson	Hill Country (#31)
Jim Barkley	Hill Country (#31)
W.J. Scott	Hill Country (#31)
Bill Whatley	Bernardo de Galvez (#1)

Pete Lenes Larry Cornwell (Genealogist General) Stephen Rohrbough (TXSSAR President) Stu Hoyt Art Munford Bob Hancock Bernardo de Galvez (#1) San Antonio (#4) (Dual) San Antonio (#4) William Hightower (#35) Victoria (#50) San Antonio (#4)

3. **Review of Minute:** The Minutes of the October 5, 2013 Meeting were handed out for review.

(<u>Action Item</u>: Motion made by James Taylor and seconded by Peter Baron to approve minutes as written; **motion passed**.)

#### 4. Old Business:

- a. **Committee Appointments:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough called for any changes in membership of the committee. Only Jim Barkley sought membership status.
- b. **World War II Corps Project Update:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reported that NSSAR continues to publish Certificates of Patriotism for those SAR members who served in WWII who have not previously been recognized for their service.
- c. **Korean War Veterans Corps Project Update**: Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reported that this initiative was launched by Past President-General Steve Leishman to honor those who served in the Korean War. He noted that NSSAR Application Form is on NSSAR Webpage and asked Chapters to identify their members who may be eligible for the Certificate of Patriotism.
- d. Vietnam War Veterans Corps Project Established: Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reported that President-General Joe Dooley had announced at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in Kansas City in July that members who served in Vietnam would be recognized for their service in Vietnam with a President-General's Certificate of Patriotism. This program follows the same guidelines as for veterans of World War II and Korea. (NSSAR Application Form can be found on NSSAR Webpage) The Certificates are signed by the President-General upon approval by the VRC. The Certificate is mailed to the State Society and forwarded to the chapter for presentation.
- e. **Items for TXSSAR Compatriot Newsletter:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees that articles are needed for the Compatriot Newsletter; TXSSAR Chapters should report activities that support veterans in their local area. Articles should be sent directly to the Compatriot Editor Mark Remington. Rohrbough noted that the San Antonio Chapter had participated in the Veterans Appreciation Week sponsored by the National VA Offices. He noted that Chapters should contact their local VA Facilities and actively participate in this National Event as a means of recognizing veterans.
- f. Appointments to VA Volunteers Service (VAVS) Advisory Committees: Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees to consider serving on local VAVS Advisory Committees at VA Hospitals as "appointed designees", usually as a Primary and a Deputy. To be an official designee of SAR, he asked members to contact him to get a letter of appointment mailed by NSSAR to the VAVS Office in the local area. Sam Massey reported he had submitted his application to NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman to be a SAR Representative to the DeBakey Medical Center in Houston.

- g. **Service to Veterans Award:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees to document their "service to veterans" so that members can be awarded the NSSAR Service to Veterans Award and Medal; members need 5,000 Stark Points to earn this award and 3,000 Points for each Oak Leaf Cluster.
- h. Candidates for Westmoreland Award: Vice-Chairman Rohrbough "called" for nominations for the NSSAR General Westmoreland Award for work in support of veterans and Wound Warriors.
- i. USS Stark Memorial Award Update: Vice-Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees that the NSSAR Veterans Committee had modified the Stark Scoring Sheet and posted it on the NSSAR Webpage on February 16, 2014. It updates the entry elements and modifies the number of points that are allowed to be reported. He noted that the Texas Society did very well once again and will receive recognition of their work at the National Congress in Greenville SC in July. He reminded attendees to document their veterans' activities using the TXSSAR VA Veterans Worksheet which would help in completing their Chapter Reports for 2014.
- j. **Partners-In-Patriotism Reports**: Vice–Chairman Rohrbough reminded members to submit their reports about public events with other Veteran Organizations that are held during the period May 2013 to May 2014. Certificates will be handed out at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Greenville in July.

#### 5. New Business:

- a. Operation Ancestor Research (OAS): Compatriot Peter Baron, Chairman of the TXSSAR OAS Program, (under the Veterans Committee) reported that NSSAR has continued to highlight the Program and seek warrior participation at three locations San Diego, Washington, DC and San Antonio. They are invited to seek out their family heritage using documents available through Ancestry.com which has made their data base available "free" to injured service members while they are undergoing treatment. NSSAR continues to expand the Program to other VA facilities and hospitals where veterans are living and SAR chapters are located. Compatriot Baron invited other Chapters in Texas to contact their local Veterans Organizations and launch OAS in their local areas.
- b. **Local Veterans Events:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough encouraged attendees to continue working to recognize veterans in their area and participate in local events where possible.
- c. **Upcoming Observances:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded chapters to participate in local observances, especially over Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day events and observances.
- 6. **Presentation of Awards:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough presented the Service to Veterans Award and Medal to the following Compatriots for their service at the South Texas Veterans HealthCare System, Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio.
  - Harold A. Davenport (VSM)
  - James Taylor (4<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster)
  - Peter Baron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
- 7. **Other Business/Discussions:** Vice-Chairman Rohrbough asked if there was any other business for the committee. There being no other business, the Vice-Chairman called for a motion to close the meeting.

8. **Adjourn:** A **motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

(Signed)
Frank G. Rohrbough, Vice-Chairman
TXSSAR Veterans Committee

# **Yearbook Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication