



**TEXAS SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OFFICER REPORTS TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING**

March 26 – 29, 2020

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

**Officer reports cover the period from the Board of Managers Meeting
in October 2019 to the posting date.**

President Elect - David J. Temple

President-Elect - Drake M. Peddie

- * Made several updates and enhancements to the membership database.
- * Continued working on training and transition for the new State Secretary.
- * Continued working on training and transition for the new State Treasurer.
- * Attended Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 January meeting to swear in new officers and present my privateering program in Bay City, TX.
- * Attended Hill Country Chapter #31 March meeting to swear in new officers and a short presentation in Kerrville, TX

Immediate Past-President - Thomas I. Jackson

Secretary - James R Clements, Jr.

Communications Secretary - Sam Massey

Staff Secretary - Jim Kuykendall

All Officer and Committee reports that were sent in have been completed and posted to the Society website. Likewise, all minutes from the October Board of Managers meeting have been completed and posted.

At this writing, schedules and scripts are in process with no current complications.

Attend the Paul Carrington Chapter's George Washington Birthday Dinner representing President David Temple and brought greetings.

Jim Kuykendall, Staff Secretary

Treasurer - Nicholas B. Gilliam

Registrar (Coastal Group) - Jack A. Muggli

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SEP 18, 2019 THRU Mar 07, 2020

Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals	DAR Finder Forms
Bernardo de Galvez	1	1	0	0
Dallas	2	0	0	0
San Antonio	4	8	5	4
Paul Carrington	5	18	6	4
Col. Turner Sharp	9	0	0	0
Patrick Henry	11	5	2	0
Corpus Christi	14	4	0	0
Big Country	16	0	0	0
Major White	17	0	0	0
Paul Revere	19	0	0	0
Heart of Texas	26	0	0	0
Lt. Nathan Gann	28	1	0	0
Hill Country	31	2	1	0
Waco	32	0	1	0
Cradle of Texas	33	1	0	0
Edmund Terrill	34	0	0	0
William Hightower	35	4	1	0
Freedom	38	11	4	2
Independence (1 expedited)	40	4	0	4
Bluebonnet	41	0	0	0
Liberty	42	0	0	0
Brazos Valley	45	0	0	0
Alexander Hodge	49	6	1	6
Victoria	50	0	0	0
Piney Woods (1 memorial)	51	5	1	0
Athens	54	3	0	0
Live Oak	55	1	0	1
Laredo	61	0	0	0
Robert Rankin	62	3	0	1
Boerne	64	0	0	0
Alexander Hamilton	66	5	2	0

Total received:		82	24	22
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Transmitted to National:		70	20	
Awaiting Chapter Response		7	2	
Coastal Registrar Review		5	2	

Transmitted Approved:		25	0	
Pended to Date:		1	0	

Registrar (Inland Group) - Jerry Brown

The Inland chapters for October 2019 and including March 2020 submitted the following applications to National:

- New Applicants = 50
- Junior Applicants = 6
- Supplementals = 20
- Total = 66

Thanks to Assistant Registrar Bill Hurst for his great assistance

Jerome R Brown
 Registrar TXSSAR Inland
 214 906 0386

Chancellor - Tracy A. Pounders

Chaplain - Rev. Frank Pounders

No report

Historian - John Anderson

Vice President, CM&A - John M. Hamlin

CONTEST In the Knight Essay Contest there were twelve entries in this contest from around the state. The winner was Jakob Sogan of the Dallas Chapter with an essay

entitled "Who was John Paul Jones" His Essay has been sent to National for consideration.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. Has a new Chairman in Mark Harrison. There will be six contestants for the Oration Luncheon.

MEDALS: At the October BOM the membership voted to approve a design for a 125th Anniversary medals. 200 medals were ordered from the Pin Company in Las Vegas. Medals will be sold for \$30 a set starting with the March 2020 Annual meeting. There will be no reorder.

AWARDS: The Americanism Committee will be making a proposal to have a Chapter Website Contest added to our Contests to go along with the Shipman Newsletter and the Chapter Yearbook Contests. It is suggested that the Award be called the David H, Peterson Chapter 'Website Award in honor of the longest living state president. This contest will hopefully encourage chapters to have a website that will make people come to know more about the SAR, The Award will be ribbons for 1-3 place with Certificates in 3 groups according to Chapter Membership

Vice President, CM&A - John M. Hamlin

Vice President, District 1 - Larry D. Spradlin

Vice President, District 2 - Ben Pollard

District 2 Chapters:

Chapter 10 Panhandle Plains Amarillo

Chapter 15 Texas Tech Lubbock

The Texas Tech Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to Lubbock Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar, on 30 December 2019.

The Texas Tech Chapter inducted and installed new officers as soon as they qualified on 6 February 2020 as noted below. Our new chapter president and secretary-treasurer both have a keen interest in genealogy, with our chapter president having served as President of West Texas Genealogical Society.

The newly inducted & installed officers:

President: Henry Ray Lozada

Vice President: Gregory H. Westmoreland

Secretary-Treasurer: Randolph L. Reddick

Chaplain: David L. Veal

Compatriot Henry Ray Lozada (who lives in Lubbock but is a member of San Antonio Chapter) requested that he hold a secondary membership in our chapter, which was necessary for him to qualify to service as an officer in our chapter.

The Texas Tech Chapter recommended that Compatriot Montie L. Monroe, who is a member of our chapter and has been appointed by Governor Abbott as the Texas State Historian, to receive the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. This recommendation was forwarded by our new Chapter President Henry Lozada to TXSSAR President David Temple, who approved it. This award will be presented at our next chapter meeting on Monday, 30th March 2020, to be held at the Lubbock Women's Club, 2020 Broadway Street, Lubbock, Texas. The speaker at that meeting will be Compatriot Monroe.

An application for membership for Dan Tarver to the TXSSAR Inland Registrar (Inland Group) Jerry Brown on 4 March 2020 by the Texas Tech Chapter

The Texas Tech Chapter requests that President-Elect Drake M. Peddie visit our chapter for the SAR-DAR Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in September (16th of Sept), 6 p.m., to be held at the Lubbock Womens Club, 2020 Broadway Street, Lubbock, Texas

Vice President, District 3 - Al Gibson

There are 4 Chapters in TXSSAR District 3

San Antonio #4

Hill Country #31 (Kerrville)

William Hightower #35 (New Braunfels)

Boerne #64

The Chapters do not hold Chapter Meetings during the summer months, but do re-convene their monthly meetings in the fall beginning in September through May or June with some off for December.

All Chapters are active and provide various speakers and programs at their meetings for their members. They are all very active in the community and have Color Guards participating in local parades and patriot events.

Chapter Activities: I visited the New Braunfels, San Antonio and Boerne Chapters this past fall and have attended the Hill Country Luncheons and Executive Board meetings throughout this period.

- **Wm. Hightower Chapter #35:** President Steve Polk is providing good leadership to the Chapter. See the New Braunfels Chapter Website <www.nbsar.net> for further details. They meet at a local barbeque restaurant and members begin showing up at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. From 6-7 they eat and socialize. Each person attending orders their own meal at the counter. The restaurant has a private room in the back that they use. Their President and others set up the room for the meeting that begins at 7:00. The US, Texas & SAR flags are set up flanking both sides behind the podium. There were some members in uniform. They conduct the US, Texas and SAR pledges and the invocation prayer. At this meeting they also performed the "Broken Arrow" Ceremony for Everett Delashmutt, (one of their members who had recently passed). It is quite an impressive ceremony with the reading of the person's full life story in detail.

Also at this meeting was a brief review of the revolutionary Battle of Eutaw Springs in the Carolinas and its somewhat humorous ending by the Chapter Historian, and the short talk on an ancestor's biography by one of the members. There was a brief business meeting to inform all attendees on the chapter status and upcoming events. SAR President David Temple gave a talk on the various currencies issued and used during the war of independence and the struggle of Robert Morris to provide funds and supplies for the continental forces. By the end of the war Robert Morris had used all of his personal fortune in this endeavor and was completely without any money of his own.

The Chapter actively participates in the following SAR Programs: Color Guard Events; Veteran Programs, Genealogy, Support for Our Active Duty Military Programs, J.R.O.T.C. Awards, Veterans Projects, Recognition of Good Citizenship & Acts of Heroism, and Awards for Outstanding Police and Firemen with emphasis on recruiting new members.

- **Hill Country Chapter #31:** President Robert Smith is providing good leadership through his Executive Committee. They are a growing organization with new members applying regularly. They provide continued care and support for our Veterans at the Kerrville VA Hospital. As I am a member and past President of this chapter I attend monthly meetings and Executive Board meetings that are held on each Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday Luncheons each month. The Chapter holds meetings eight months of the year and are off during the months of June, July, August and December. They meet at a local restaurant, The Rails Annex at 11:30-1:30 on the second Tuesday of the month. They have speakers at each monthly meeting usually from outside the organization to speak on topics that may be related to the History, Education and Patriotism related to the Revolutionary War, our Founding Documents and their relevance today's culture and events. They also hold a "Summer Social" in late June or July where no SAR business is conducted. This is so the members can bring their families for a social gathering separate from SAR formal meetings. The Chapter is actively participating in the following SAR Programs: Color Guard Events, Americanism Poster Contest; BSA Eagle Scout; Scholarship Contest; Essay Contest; Oration Contest; ROTC/JROTC; Veteran Programs; and Genealogy. The Chapter is routinely involved with the local DAR Chapters and provides Color Guards at some of their meetings. There is a new/updated Website in development and should be coming online in the March/April 2020 time frame. See <txssar.org/HillCountry/>

- **San Antonio Chapter #4:** Current President George Whittenburg is providing good leadership to the Chapter. They are a growing organization with new members applying regularly. They meet at The San Antonio Petroleum Club Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the General meeting Luncheon and the 2nd Thursday of the month for the Executive Meeting. Reservations are required for the General meeting. See the San Antonio Chapter Website <<http://www.sarsat.org>> for further details. They had an SAR Evening Gala 18 January, 2020 and also work closely with the local DAR chapter. There will be a DAR Lineage Workshop on 29

February, 2020 for members to learn more about genealogy research methods. The Chapter has an active Color Guard and is very involved with Veterans at the Sam Houston VA Hospital Center.

I visited the Chapter in Sept 2019.

• **Boerne Chapter #64:** : President Pat Blackman, <jackpat@gvtc.com>, is providing good leadership to the Chapter. They are a growing organization with new members applying regularly. They have grown significantly in the past few years. They meet at the Fair Oaks Country Club 7900 Fair Oaks Pkwy, Boerne, TX at 11:30AM on the 4th Saturday each month. Summer meetings & others may be suspended so check with the Chapter for those wishing to attend. See the Boerne Chapter Website <<https://www.txssar.org/Boerne>>

I visited the Chapter in Sept 2019.

Al Gibson

TXSSAR Vice President District #3

Vice President, District 4 - Ronald J. (Ron) Walcik

District 4 Chapters:

Chapter 11	Patrick Henry	Austin
Chapter 26	Heart of Texas	Salado
Chapter 32	Waco	Waco
Chapter 41	Bluebonnet	Marble Falls
Chapter 66	Alexander Hamilton	Georgetown

Report on District Activities:

- Patrick Henry # 11: Held regular meetings in November and December 2020 and January and March 2020. Participated in a joint George Washington Birthday luncheon and program with Alexander Hamilton Chapter and Austin DAR Chapters in February 2020.
- Heart of Texas # 26: Held regular meetings in November 2019, January and March 2020. Participated in a joint George Washington Birthday Luncheon with Bell County DAR and CAR chapters in February 2020.
- Waco # 32: Held regular meetings in September and November 2019 and January and March 2020. Color Guard participated in the Moody Corn Huskers Parade in October. Several members attended the February Bell County joint George Washington Birthday Luncheon in Temple.
- Bluebonnet # 41: Held regular meetings in November, 2109 and January and February 2020.
- Alexander Hamilton # 66: Held regular monthly meetings in November and December 2019, and January and March 2020. Participated in a joint George Washington Birthday luncheon and program with Patrick Henry Chapter and Austin DAR Chapters in February 2020.

District VP Activities:

- Attended October 2019, Patrick Henry Chapter meetings.
- Attended November 2019 and January 2020 Heart of Texas Chapter meetings.

- Attended October 2020 Alexander Hamilton Chapter meeting. Presented Liberty Medal to Compatriot Ray DeVries.
- Participated in the Moody Corn Huskers Parade with the Waco Color Guard in October.
- Participated in the Georgetown Field of Honor Opening Ceremony with the Patrick Henry Color Guard in November.
- Attended Waco Chapter meetings in November 2019 and January 2020. Installed new chapter officers at the January meeting.
- Conducted a Genealogy Workshop with Waco Chapter prospective members in December.
- Participated in posting Colors at an internment at the Texas State Cemetery with the Patrick Henry Color Guard in January.
- Attended Waco Chapter meeting in
- Attended Bell County and Austin Area joint SAR/DAR/CAR George Washington Birthday Luncheons in February.
- Participated in a total of 8 Operation Ancestry Search program with members of the Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton Chapters at the Fort Hood Warrior Transition Brigade and Temple VA.
- Attended and worked the SAR table at DAR State Convention in March.

Vice President, District 5 - Bob Mearns

Vice President, District 6 - Gary W. Lovell

Chapter#	Name	Location	Current President
2	Dallas	Dallas	Thomas Van Fossen
37	Plano	Plano	Nick Gilliam
47	East Fork-Trinity	Garland/Rockwall	Robert Vickers

Dallas Chapter #2

The Dallas Chapter still meets at the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community, 8600 Skyline Dr. on the second Saturday at 8:30 AM. Prior to meetings, a full breakfast is available beginning at 7:30. One exception this year was the January 2020 meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM and relocated to the Crown Plaza Dallas Galleria, Addison.

This was combination 90th Anniversary celebration and 2020 Chapter Officer installation. A fine meal plus great entertainment was provided and the entire event was recorded live and available for viewing on YouTube at SAR Dallas Chapter, courtesy of Historian Joseph A. Slonaker. Hopefully this type of event can be continued into the future.

Dallas, this year, has awarded all public service awards that the SAR offers, in addition to Essay Contest, Poster Contest; Oration Contest; and Veterans Affairs. The Chapter also contributes financially to several community events, including the Jane Douglas Chapter, DAR. Their

tradition of service continues.

Texas SAR - Membership Roster by Chapter, dated January 28, 2020, shows Dallas with 204 active/current members. Active /New Members for this year are 21. Membership Roster by Chapter, dated February 26, 2019, shows an active/current membership total of 201.

Plano Chapter #37

The Plano Chapter continues meeting at the Outback Steak House in Plano on the first Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Meetings are well attended by members and spouses. Plano also is very active in Youth Award Programs, and Veteran support programs and has a most active Color Guard.

The December 3, Plano meeting was held at the “Ye Shire Tavern” in Richardson. 2020 Officers were installed in at this at this time.

Texas SAR - Membership Roster by Chapter, dated January 28, 2020, shows Plano with 117 active/current members. Active /New Members for this year are 26. Membership Roster by Chapter, dated February 26, 2019, shows an active/current membership total of 113.

East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47

The East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets the Second Thursday at 7:00 PM. At this writing EFT continues the search for a permanent meeting place. They have evaluated, through trials, several different locations. The March meeting, and possibly future meetings, will be held at Soul Man’s BBQ, 691 East Interstate 30, Rockwall. This marks a return to a meeting location that was used in 2011. We’ll see how things work out. In spite of the location problem, meetings are still well attended with many WOSAR’s as regular guests.

EFT Registrar, David Powell, continues to maintain a complete listing and status of chapter applications These are published in the EFT Monthly Newsletter.

Texas SAR - Membership Roster by Chapter, dated January 28, 2020, shows East Fork-Trinity with 58 active/current members. Active /New Members

for this year are 19. Membership Roster by Chapter, dated February 26, 2019, shows an active/current membership total of 47.

Summary

I am able to attend most of the District 6 Chapter meetings. Meetings are well attended, well organized and efficiently run with interesting speakers. Committee reports on past and upcoming events maintain interest and activity.

My last report mentioned a District wide problem in reporting the Public Service and Heroism Commendations. The proper reporting procedures were discussed with the three chapters and also discussed at the District 6 Meeting. District 6 should now show improvement in this reporting process.

The three District 6 Chapters maintain websites. Dallas and East Fork-Trinity publish monthly newsletters. Dallas, Plano, and East Fork-Trinity all maintain web sites and all have a Facebook page. The Dallas Chapter publishes meetings and other notable events on You Tube. All District 6 chapters have active Color Guards. Many chapter level events occur monthly with standing invitations for all SAR to attend. There is great Color Guard cooperation between all Chapters and Districts.

The interest and activity levels in District 6 are great.

Annual support of and cooperation with local DAR Chapters continues, most notably with the Jane Douglas Chapter's invitation the SAR during State Fair to their Continental House for the purpose of public relations and recruitment.

The Continental House constantly needs maintenance. At the 2019 State Convention DAR Liaison Tom Green brought from Committee a motion to contribute \$1000.00 for building maintenance to the Jane Douglas Chapter. The motion was approved on the Convention Floor and the donation has been

made. It is my hope that this level of support can increase in the future, or at a minimum be continued. While this event is located in North Texas, the entire Texas Society benefits from this public exposure. The State Fair of Texas is attended by Texans from all over the State...even some non-Texans from out of state attend.

Plans are being made for the 2021 State Convention. Plano and East Fork- Trinity will be co-sponsors. Location is the Hyatt Regency 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson Texas, 75081.

Member retention remains to be, at least in my view, the SAR's most pressing issue. A quick review of the statistics listed above show District 6 with 66 new inductions in the previous year, but only 18 member increase.

27% retention.

This is also a state wide issue. Feb 2019 roster show a statewide membership of 2379. We show 361 new members inducted. January 28, 2020, roster shows statewide membership of 2544. We inducted 361 new members, resulting in a net membership increase of 165. 45% retention.

I still do not have a solution for this problem. Suggested solutions: 1) Get and keep new members involved with chapter activities, committee membership is a good beginning. 2) Try to interest family members, WOSAR's in attendance at chapter meetings are a great asset. 3) Children and grandchildren are a source of new members we cannot afford to overlook.

4) Chapter mentoring.

District 6 has some issues, but we have competent Compatriots working on these issues. All three District 6 Presidents for 2019 are repeating in 2020. This greatly adds to the stability of the Chapters 2, 37, and 47, and to District 6.

District 6 is solid.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Vice President, District 6 for the past few years. I am confident of the continued success of this District and the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution!

Vice President, District 7 - Ronald W. Brown, P. E.

Vice President, District 8 - H. Allen Greene II

Vice President, District 9 - Art Munford

Vice President, District 10 - William Sekel

Sep 28, 2019 attended Grave Marker Dedication of Compatriot Wayne Stafford.

Oct 4 – 6, 2019 attended the TX SAR BOM.

Oct 24, 2019 attended the Athens Chapter meeting in Athens.

Nov 9, 2019 represented the SAR at a Veterans Day Ceremony in Mabank, TX.

Nov 10, 2019 represented the SAR at a Veteran Day Ceremony in Edom, TX.

Nov 11, 2019 represented the SAR at a Veterans Day Ceremony in LaPoynor, TX.

Nov 14, attended the Lieutenant Nathan Gann Chapter meeting in Lufkin.

Nov 19, attended the Captain William Barron Chapter meeting in Tyler.

Dec 5, 2019 attended the East Texas Chapter meeting in Longview.

Dec 14, 2019 represented the SAR at a Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Mabank, TX.

Dec 18, 2019 attended the Fredonia Chapter meeting in Nacogdoches, TX.

Jan 9, 2020 attended the Athens Chapter meeting in Athens, TX.

Feb 19, 2020 represented the SAR at the Daniel McMahon Chapter of the DAR George Washington Tea.

Mar 14, 2020 attended the Athens Chapter meeting.

Mar 24, 2020 attended the Tyler Chapter meeting.

District 10 is comprised of the following Chapters:

Captain William Barron in Tyler #25, Lieutenant Nathan Gann Chapter in Lufkin #28, Athens Chapter in Athens #54, East Texas Chapter in Longview #57 and the Fredonia Chapter in Nacogdoches #58.

1. Captain William Barron Chapter #25 in Tyler.

The Captain William Barron Chapter continues to grow and inducts new members at almost every meeting, it is the largest Chapter in the District. Their Youth programs have been a huge success with many students participating in oration, poster and essay contests. This year's oration contestant won at the State Level and competed at the National Congress. The Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of every odd month at Tradition's Restaurant on South Broadway.

2. Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #28 in Lufkin.

The Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter is maintaining their membership. However, their Chapter is being run by two of its officers and there seems to be a lack of interest to hold meetings due to lack of participation. I have assisted with several of their administrative functions to reduce the burden.

3. The Athens Chapter #54 in Athens.

The Athens Chapter is a very important part of the Athens community. For many years the chapter has awarded and recognized students and public officials throughout the Athens area. Their poster contest candidate won at the State level and competed at the National Congress. The Chapter meets on the second Thursday in January, March, September and November.

4. East Texas Chapter #57 in Longview.

The East Texas Chapter continues their program to actively recruit new members and to retain current members. The Chapter works closely with the local DAR Chapter to recognize local public officials for their service to the community. The Chapter meets on the first Thursday of every even month.

5. Fredonia Chapter #58 in Nacogdoches.

The Fredonia Chapter has taken an aggressive approach to increase their membership and to retain current members. Following my advice they have started to think outside the box and to reconnect with programs that should bring them some publicity while fulfilling the goals of the Society. They meet on the second Thursday of March, May, September and November.

R/S Bill Sekel

Vice President, District 11 - Ted Wilson

Overall District 11 has had a steady growth in participation and membership. New members have been added to all chapters in the district. More time has been spent with some chapters than others. Each of the Chapters Presidents were asked to submit their goals for 2020. I plan on using some of their ideas in increasing membership and helping all chapters in the district achieve their goals. When possible the DAR has helped in increasing the SAR numbers this past year, and medals will be presented to those who helped increase the SAR membership. In an attempt to get more members involved in the SAR I have challenged each chapter to send one person to the Bonham VA on June 23rd (11-1) to serve pre- July 4th dinner to the Veterans. Also, December 10th (9-12) to hand out Christmas gifts to the Veterans. Each Chapter had been challenged to present 10 Flag Certificates for the year, and look at doing one of the youth programs.

With the help of Mike Connelley, we now have new officers in the Denton Chapter and they are meeting quarterly. They wish to continue doing ROTC and JROTC recognizing and

issue Flag Certificates in the Denton area. There are plans to do something with the DAR during Constitution week. They have been able to contact some of those who were approved for membership in the past and presented their certificates to the, At the meeting in January 2020 there were plans to induct two new members. Their web site has been changed and can be accessed via the Texas web site. It has new information about the chapter. Mike has plans to work with Veteran within the chapter and get them involved with Veterans. He plans on pushing the Youth Contests and has created a “New Member” handout hoping to get new members more involved. Along with this there are members inquiring as to where to get a uniform. A report from the registrar says they have seven new application in the pipeline.

The McKinney Chapter continues to grow and add new members. In 2019, they added 24 new members and 4 junior members. They did loose two of their members in the same year. It continues to meet on a monthly basis. Their past officers decided to remain in office for another term so that they might be able to finish some projects started in 2019. They have more members who attend some the other National SAR meetings. They have given out all the Safety and Heroism medals for 2019 along with numerous Flag Certificates, JROTC medals; plus other Certificates and medals. The chapter has made a donation to the CAR; Calin Kimball for Veterans painting and Wreaths Across America. The chapter continues to grow, but attendance remains low at their meetings. An area that needs to be addressed. They are looking forward to working with the Edmund Terrill Chapter and hosting the BOM in October 2020.

The Edmund Terrill Chapter was hit the hardest with four deaths in 2019; however they have gained some new members to compensate for the losses. New officers were installed in January for 2020 – 2022. The chapter was not able to accomplish everything in 2019 that it would like to have. It was able to move forward and continue its prior path. It increased the issue of Flag Certificate over the past few years and hopes to keep that movement going forth. With the new officers came some new goals for the chapter plus others presented by the District 11 VP. At least two of the new members are looking to make a complete uniform for themselves. They will joining forces with the McKinney Chapter in hosting the BOM for 2020.

Red River Valley Chapter in Paris, TX did not meet for most of 2019 as their President had a stroke and was recovering. This drew a concern from the State, District, and Chapter as to what it was going to do. That was addressed at a meeting in February of 2020, among the members present (12 members and 3 guests from Edmund Terrill). It was decided that they would meet every other month alternating day and evening. Thus this give all members a chance to attend a meeting. They are in hope that this will keep their membership active. The also had concerns about who is notified when an application is rejected and what should be done. Bill Hurst and T.L. Holden addressed these problems for them. They will be installing a new member at their next meeting. They would like to do more publicity in the East Texas area in hope of getting some new member. Even though Dr. Grubb's is paralyzed on the right side he still has a sharp mind.

Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter in Greenville, TX, still has its problems. No one wants to lead plus a lot of the past members are no longer in the area or their age keeps them

from getting out for a meeting. The current President Delbert Frances moved to Justin, TX, and will join the Denton Chapter. I will be getting the Chapters uniform back from him and returning it to Greenville as it was given to the chapter by a past member. I am working with the Chapter Treasurer to get somethings that are the Chapter's history. My plans are to do more work in the area to increase membership. This would include using the Libraries in Greenville and Sulpher Spring. Information on the area indicates there are a number of things to get involved with there.

Trustee – Thomas Jackson

November, 2019 through Spring Leadership 2020

Although there was some committee communication, the majority of my work as trustee was conducted at Spring Leadership in Louisville from February 27-February 29. The meeting started promptly at ___ and had the standard greetings and presentation of gifts.

PG Tomme reported on the database update, noting that chapters and states would be reporting medals awarded into a database. Any medals which were inappropriately awarded would be requested to be returned to National from the awardee. Although chapters and states would have their own dashboards, chapters would be required to report all medals to the State Secretary, who would then be required to data input this information. PG White raised a question regarding this and PG Tomme indicated that some states required this. PG Tomme noted that various security fixes had been installed and the new website was in beta testing and hoped that it would be up in several weeks. National dues is in beta testing with three states and one foreign society.

Paul Callaghan reported that the Virginia Congress scheduled for July11 - July 16 registration would go live in mid-May. He anticipated that tours would sell out. If a room is needed, please contact him directly as he may be able to assist. If you need to cancel a room, please contact him and let him cancel. The host reception is at the Library of Virginia and a Wednesday tour is planned featuring a re-enactment of the Patrick Henry debate.

The headquarters building project update was presented. Six minor projects totaling \$30k and one major façade project totaling \$10k were submitted to the trustees for consideration. The trustees voted to approve the projects limited by funding availability.

General Officer reports were submitted.

The Executive Committee report was presented and certain highlights were noted. Pennsylvania is the 2024 Congress site. The Color Guard Safety Policy was approved. The Naming Rights Policy was postponed. The new logo is under review and will be voted on National Congress. Patriot grave marking changes were approved and will be posted on the website. Hillsdale College issued a Cease & Desist order with a return of all documents. The

National Society will comply, but noted that over 90% of all documents were in possession of one individual and directed Hillsdale College to contact that individual.

Certain matters were brought before the Trustees for approval:

1. Move forward on the next phase of the solid light proposal, subject to financing – approved
2. Application fee increase to \$100.00 – approved
3. A damage claim of \$3,000 denied by the insurance carrier and the motion was not to pursue a lawsuit – approved
4. The investment allocation – approved no change
5. Musket be deaccessioned. Trustee approved.

Certain matters were discussed on the floor where no action to be taken by the Trustees to include Hillsdale College and the Kings College Project Net Extension.

Alternate Trustee - Mike Radcliff

Chairman, Council of Chapter Presidents - Lawrence "Mike" Connelley

Editor, Compatriot - Jim Dougherty

Webmaster - Ray Cox