



# Officer Reports

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Board of Managers

October 30, 2010

Houston, Texas

## **State President**

**James T. Jones, Jr.**

Sept. 11, 2010 – Attended the Cradle of Texas Chapter meeting and presented the program.

Sept. 16, 2010 – Attended the Texas Tech SAR Chapter and Nancy Anderson DAR Chapter and presented the program.

Sept. 18, 2010 – Attended the combined Amarillo area DAR Constitutional Day Meeting with Panhandle Plains SAR Chapter members and brought greetings from TXSSAR.

Sept. 24 – 25, 2010 – Attended NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Attended the Library dedication ceremony. Presented the Independent Audit Committee recommendation at the Trustees Meeting.

Sept. 28, 2010 – Attended the Capt William Barron SAR Chapter and Pineywoods SRT Chapter Meeting in Tyler and presented the program.

Communicated with State Society Presidents and representatives of Arkansas, Massachusetts, and Virginia during the Leadership Meeting in Louisville and since by email to draft language to revise the Medals and Awards Handbook.

## **State President-Elect**

**W. M. "Bill" Marrs**

Report not available at press time.

# State Secretary

Robert S. Cohen

1. Processing new member approved applications, and transfers between Chapters in the Texas Society as well as transfers in from and out to other Societies. Since April 1, 2010, there have been 126 new members, dual other primary state and transfers in while there have been 2 transfers out.
  
2. Society membership is as follows:

Total live members	4843
Active dues paying	2633
Dues not paid 2010	226
Dues not paid 2009 & earlier	1984
  
3. Distributed web page link to Texas Compatriot through DADA to 690 registered email addresses. Under guidance of Bill Marrs, President-Elect, published and distributed 325 mailed copies of Texas Compatriot.
  
4. Distributed web page link of promotional materials to Fall Board of Managers (BOM) meeting to 690 registered email addresses 3 or 4 times on behalf of Robert Rankin Chapter.
  
5. Under guidance of Bill Marrs, President-Elect, preparing to publish and distribute billing materials to 2859 Society members.

## **Staff Secretary**

**Robert M. Clark**

The Staff Secretary has prepared the committee meeting schedules after polling the committee chairmen concerning their needs. With the shortening of the time allotted for committee meetings and the concomitant requirement to have four meetings simultaneously rather than the historical three has created more conflicts than usual. The Fall 2010 Board of Managers meeting Tom Jackson, on behalf of the host chapter, is preparing the final programs. Be sure to check the webpage.

The Staff Secretary has edited and delivered by email the Committee Reports from the Summer 2010 Board of Managers meeting. He has updated the committee rosters and continue to refine the email directory of all State Officers, Committee Chairmen, Committee Members and Chapter Presidents. He continues to consult with the other State Officers in the areas of his responsibility. He has prepared the available Officer Reports in conjunction with the Houston October 2010 Board of Managers Meeting and has delivered them by email to the webmaster.

## **Treasurer**

Peter N. McLellan

Report not available at press time.

## **Registrar (Coastal Group)**

**Gerald W. Irion**

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members	Supplementals
1	Bernardo de Galvez	2	
4	San Antonio	9	2
5	Paul Carrington	3	
11	Patrick Henry	26	11
14	Corpus Christi		1
17	Major White		
18	Permian Basin	5	
19	Paul Revere		
26	Heart of Texas	12	
27	Capt. John McAdams		
33	Cradle of Texas	5	
35	William Hightower	3	1

38	Freedom	4	2
40	Independence		
42	Liberty	9	
49	Alexander Hodge		
50	Victoria	3	3
51	Piney Woods	3	1
54	Athens	1	
55	Live Oak		
59	Aaron Burleson		1
61	Laredo		
62	Robert Rankin	6	14
66	Alexander Hamilton	4	2
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	1	
31	Hill Country	30	

Totals 126 38

# Registrar (Inland Group)

Michael J. Radcliff

TXSSAR INLAND REGISTRAR REPORT  
JAN. 1, 2010 THROUGH Oct 24,2010

CHAPTER	CHAPTER #	New Applications	Supplementals
			0
SAN ANTONIO	4	6	6
DALLAS	2	6	3
Paul carrington	5	0	0
Maj. K.M. VAN ZANDT	6	17	2
ARLINGTON	7	0	0
COL. TURNER SHARP	9	1	0
PANHANDLE PLAINS	10	0	0
	4	0	4
TEXAS TECH	15	3	5
BIG COUNTRY	16	0	0
PERMIAN BASIN	18	1	0
DANIEL WOOD	22	0	0
DENTON	23	1	0
CAPT. WM BARRON	25	5	0
LT. NATHAN GANN	28	0	0
HILL COUNTRY	31	11	7
WACO	32	0	0
EDMUND TERRILL	34	2	0
NORTH CENTRAL TX	36	0	0
PLANO	37	1	1
Freedom	38	1	0
Blaine C Willhotie, Sr.	39	0	0
Independence	40	0	0
BLUE BONNETT	41	0	0
Amb. Fletcher			
Warren	43	0	0
Leon River Valley	44	0	0
Brazos Valley	45	7	0
Mesquite	46	0	0
East Fork Trinity	47	0	0
Alexander Hodge	49	6	0
Victoria	50	0	0
ATHENS	54	1	0
EAST TEXAS	57	1	0
FREDONIA	58	2	0
LAREDO	61	2	0
MCKINNEY	63	0	3
Boerne	64	3	0
PARIS	65	2	0
TOTAL		79	31

## **Chancellor**

**Henry J. Voegtle, III**

Report not available at press time.

## **Chaplain**

**The Reverend Doctor James C. Taylor, Th.D**

As Chaplain for TXSSAR I have sent 9 Letters of Condolences to deceased Compatriots Family members. I have attended three funerals and attended and participated in two gravemarking ceremonies, Flag Day, July Fourth ceremonies, 9/11 Memorials. I have been endorsed by TXSSAR as a candidate for the Office of Chaplain General for National Office, Sons of the American Revolution. Most of the opportunities and responsibilities as the TXSSAR Chaplain are preformed as the need arises.

## **Historian**

**Larry Stevens**

Report not available at press time.

# Vice President Americanism, Contest Medals and Awards

Steve Rohrbough

There are nine (9) items on which to report.

1. **Manual for Contests, Medals, and Awards.** The TXSSAR Society Manual dated in March 2000 is outdated and many topics are no longer used. A draft manual is being written and will be presented to the CMA Committee for review and approval.
2. **Youth Contest Programs – Updates on the TXSSAR web site.** Information on Youth Contest posted to the TXSSAR web site have been updated.
3. **Increase participation in Public Service Awards and Non-SAR/DAR Awards.**
  - a. On May 29, 2009, President Tom Lawrence asked TXSSAR Officers, Youth Contest Chairmen, and District Vice Presidents to work together to increase participation and recognize and present medals, certificates, and awards to citizens other than SAR and DAR members in 2009. We need to continue this important outreach effort in 2010.
  - b. Chairman Public Service Awards Committee, Art Mumford is working with District Vice President's and various Chapters to focus on the TXSSAR Society's goal to beat the number of presentations of 71 Public Service Medals to Fire, Law, EMS, and Heroism Award in 2009. With the help of District Vice-Presidents and Chapter Presidents, we want to increase the number of Chapters participating in this contest in 2010.
  - c. Based on the 2009 Consolidated Chapter Report only seventeen (17) medals were presented to non-SAR citizens – 13 BGC and 4 SGC Medals versus forty-eight (48) medals the prior year. This was a disappointing since we established a goal to increase recognition of non-SAR citizens and tell the SAR story. Local Chapters with the help of District Vice President's are in the best position to achieve the goal Past President Lawrence set for TXSSAR. Local Chapter Presidents are our first line of contact with this group of people. With the help of District Vice-Presidents and Chapter Presidents, we want to increase the number of Chapters participating in this program in 2010.
4. **Increase participation in TXSSAR Youth Contests.**
  - a. The TXSSAR Youth Contest Chairmen, using Youth Contest Brochures and working with District Vice President's, are encouraged to motivate TXSSAR Chapters to actively reach out to schools and teachers to attract more participation in TXSSAR Youth Contests. Based on Chapter Reports we had mixed success in 2009.
  - b. Robert Richie Oration Contest – We had 5 orations contests participate in the State Oration Contest. This was a major improvement over recent years when we had 2 or 3 contestants. We hope to continue to maintain this level of participation in this contest in 2010.
  - c. Knight Essay Contest – 8 Chapters participated in the contest in 2009 versus 10 in 2008 with 110 schools contacted, 103 contestants in 2009; versus 151 schools and 160 contestants in 2008. With the help of District Vice-Presidents and Chapter Presidents, we want to increase the number of Chapters participating in this contest in 2010 from 8 to 12 Chapters.
  - d. CAR Essay Contest – We had 3 Chapters participating in the contest, the same as last year. However, we had 4 contestants in 2009 versus 3 in 2008. We want to continue to work closely



with the Senior President TSCAR and extend invitations to all TSCAR members eligible to participate in the Contest.

e. James Looney Contest - We had only 8 Chapters participating in the contest versus 12 Chapters last year. Although we contacted almost the same number of schools (201 in 2009 versus 206 in 2008), we experienced only half of the contestants than last year (with 555 in 2009 versus 1094 in 2008). With the help of local Chapters and encouragement of District Vice-Presidents, we want to improve the participation in the contest in 2010.

f. Eagle Scout Contest – We had a significant improvement in this contest over last year having 14 Chapters participating in the contest in 2009 versus 7 Chapters in 2008. We contacted 294 Troops resulting in 96 Contestants in 2009 versus 155 Troops and 13 contestants in 2008. We need to continue this effort in 2010.

g. ROTC/JROTC Contest - We had significant improvement in this contest in 2009 over 2008 with 19 Chapters participating in the contest versus 15 Chapters last year. We contacted 131 Schools resulting in 45 Contestants versus 129 Schools and 13 contestants in 2008. With the help of District Vice-Presidents and Chapter Presidents, we want to increase the number of Chapters participating in this contest from 19 to 25 Chapters.

h. TXSSAR History Teacher Contest - We had significant improvement in this contest in 2009 over 2008 with 7 Chapters participating in the contest versus 3 Chapters last year. We contacted 56 Schools resulting in 22 Contestants with 2 entries nominated to State versus 12 Schools and only 1 contestant nominated in 2008. With the help of District Vice-Presidents and Chapter Presidents, we want to increase the number of Chapters participating in this contest in 2010 from 7 to 12 Chapters in 2010 contest.

#### **5. Annual Chapter Report Form and Instructions Revised in 2009.**

a. We had 44 of 49 active Chapters submit reports versus 40 Chapter in 2008 with a response rate of 91.7% versus 82% in 2008.

b. We know some activities and events did not get reported using the new Annual Report format. The “Lessons Learned” through the collection of reports will be reviewed and corrections will be made and discussed during the Summer and Fall BOM meetings.

c. The TXSSAR State Society Reports for the USS Stark Report; the Americanism Award, and the President General’s Award and the CAR Activities Report were submitted on time to NSSAR. We extend congratulations to the Reports Sub-committee for a job well done.

d. During the National Congress in Cleveland, OH in June 2010, the TXSSAR Society won **First Place** for the President General’s Award, the Americanism Award, and the USS Stark Veterans Award competition for our category. We also competed very well in the Youth Contests as well placing **Second Place** in the **Poster Contest**; and received the **CAR Activities Streamer** for the excellent work in our CAR Activities Program. We can build on the 2009 contest year results and continue to compete for National awards in 2011.

#### **6. Youth Contest Budget and Funding for 2010 Youth Program Awards.**

a. During the TXSSAR State Convention, in March 2010, the BOM approved the Youth Budgets for 2010 and 2011 at \$16,920 respectively.

b. During the Summer BOM, the ACMA Committee approved a change for the History Teacher Award to include either a trip to Valley Forge to attend the Freedoms Foundation Course, with TXSSAR funding the cost of Tuition plus \$400 for travel or a \$1,500 bond award. Should the winner decide to attend the Valley Forge Course, this increases the funding needs for the contest by \$1,050. This recommendation was approved by the Trustee and the BOM.

c. This funding now reflects a budget of \$17,970 rather than the \$16,690 shown in 6a above.

#### **7. Proposed Outstanding Citizenship Award (OCA) Changes.**

- a. The Americanism, Contest, Medals and Awards Committee (ACMA) recommended changing the wording for the OCA award in order to expand the use of the award beyond “students” to other persons noteworthy of recognition by National, State and Chapter Officers.
- b. This award is considered a worthy way to recognize non-SAR person and reach out to the public citizenry and recognize them for their work, patriotism, and position in society.
- c. The proposed wording has been submitted to the Chairman, NSSAR Awards Committee; however, it could not be submitted by the ACMA committee directly to the NSSAR Committee and was returned for submission through the TXSSAR Secretary. The State Secretary has subsequently forwarded the recommended changes as requested. The recommendation will be added to the agenda at the Fall Leadership meeting.

**8. Development of a George Washington Parade Challenge Coin or Pin.**

- a. The Americanism, Contest, Medals and Awards (ACMA) Committee approved the establishment of a Parade Awards Committee (work group) to coordinate the development of a Challenge Coin or Pin to recognize family members, guests, friends, and persons who participate in the Annual George Washington Parade held in Laredo, TX.
- b. The work group will explore options and report back to the ACMA committee at the Summer and Fall BOM meetings

**9. Need Compatriots to fill key positions in the ACMA Committee.**

- a. Need compatriots to understudy the Chairman Awards Sub-Committee and the Co-Chairmen for Chapter Annual Reports Sub-Committee.
- b. During the Summer BOM meeting, Chairman, Russell Dart, issued a call for two compatriots to fill these important positions. Compatriot David Temple, Dallas Chapter volunteered to be on the Awards Sub-Committee; however there is still an opening in the Reports Sub-Committee Committee for anyone wishing to learn how the Chapter Annual Reports are handled and consolidated for preparation of Society Reports to NSSAR.

## **District 1 Vice President**

**William H. Holcombe, Jr.**

District 1, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Report of activities conducted from July 2, 2010 to September 20, 2010.

**1. Col. Turner R. Sharp Chapter #9**

The chapter held its first regular fall meeting on September 18, 2010. This meeting was an annual joint luncheon with the local DAR chapter in the El Paso area. This year the DAR chapter acted as the host chapter. The SAR chapter Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies. The SAR chapter Vice President was selected to introduce the guest speaker for the

luncheon. The guest speaker was Representative Joe Pickett who is the Chairman of the Committee in the Texas State House of Representatives responsible for supervision of transportation and highways throughout the state of Texas. His presentation focused on the problems and progress of highway development and operation in the local west Texas areas adjacent to and within the El Paso County jurisdiction.

## **2. Permian Basin Chapter #18.**

The chapter varies in having spring or fall meetings, and to date has not held a known regular meeting for the year 2010.

## **3. District 1 Representation at Chapter Activities.**

**a. Chapter 9:** During the period of this report, I have attended all of the meetings of this chapter, the chapter to which I belong.

**b. Chapter 18:** During the period of this report, I have not attended any meetings of this chapter.

## **4. District 1 Overview**

All chapters submitted their annual chapter reports for the year 2009 on time and in good order. This is the sixth year in a row that this fine record has been achieved in District 1.

The chapters in District 1 are quite small, have limited capabilities, are aware and knowledgeable of the large number of the programs offered by the SAR and the TXSSAR, and constantly assess the chapter capabilities and limitations. The general result of these assessments is that these chapters continue to participate in the SAR and TXSSAR activities that their members select and are desirous of supporting.

Within the resources available to them, these two small chapters are performing in a creditable manner and are to be commended for the continuing contributions they have made to the overall SAR and TXSSAR patriotic efforts.

## **District 2 Vice President**

**William G. Harper**

Report not available at press time.

## District 3 Vice President

Winston Scott

1. District 3 consists of 6 chapters as follows:

Boerne Chapter-Static membership, no summer activity, VP District 3 will install new officers at January meeting.

San Antonio Chapter-Static membership, vibrant activity, awarded 4 public service awards and 3 flag certificates in October.

Victoria Chapter-9 new members and reinstated 2 members, presented 3 public service awards and 1 flag certificate in October.

Willian Hightower Chapter-Static membership, November is public service awards meeting, December meeting with DAR.

Live Oak Chapter-Meets twice a year, have received no answers to my repeated attempts by phone and email as to status, will keep trying.

Hill Country Chapter-Installed 26 new members since March, has 18 applications at NSSAR, presented 1 public service award and 2 flag certificates in October.

## District 4 Vice President

John W. Knox

Report not available at press time.

## District 5 Vice President

James E. Alderman

### The following chapters are in this District:

Chapter #	Chapter Name	City
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	Fort Worth
7	Arlington	Arlington

16	Big Country	Abilene
22	Daniel Wood	San Angelo
36	North Central Texas	Wichita Falls – Status Unknown
45	Brazos Valley	Granbury

**Report on District Activities:** July, 2010 through September, 2010

Daniel Wood Chapter # 22 – San Angelo	Attended regular chapter meeting on 9/7/10. Members have issues with continued chapter existence.
North Central Texas # 36 – Wichita Falls	No response.
Arlington Chapter # 7- Arlington	Attended regular chapter meeting on 9/10/10. Greeted potential new member and encouraged their efforts to nominate new officers. Chapter is motivated.
Brazos Valley Chapter # 45 – Granbury	Meet with multiple members during events in Glen Rose and Granbury.
K. M. Van Zandt # 6 - Fort Worth	Attended home chapter meetings.
Big Country Chapter # 16 – Abilene	Attendance at a fall meeting pending.

**Other Activities:**

- Attended the July BOM in Austin.
- Participated in Constitution events with the Brazos Valley Chapter and Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, DAR in Glen Rose and Granbury. Appreciation Certificate received from both organizations.
- Attended Constitution Week Luncheon sponsored by the Fort Worth Chapter, DAR in Fort Worth.
- Planned participation in CAR event at the Arlington Masonic Lodge Home on Oct. 3.
- Planned participation in a Flag Retirement event at the Texas Civil War Museum on Oct. 9.

**District 6 Vice President**

**Harmon L. Adair, Jr.**

Report not available at press time.

## **District 7 Vice President**

**Allan M. Henshaw**

Report not available at press time.

## **District 8 Vice President**

**Raymond W. Cox**

### **Capt. John M. McAdams Chapter #27**

Communication has been improved somewhat. This chapter still desperately needs new members that will help to inject new life and give some relief to the two members that do all of the work.

### **Freedom Chapter #38**

The Freedom Chapter continues to be active on many fronts and is doing well recruiting. They have an excellent presence in local public events such as parades, church festivals, and other events and are strong supporters of state events.

### **Independence Chapter #40**

The Independence Chapter has remained viable with a new meeting place. Attendance is adequate with interesting programs. They have a good core of members which are active at the local and state level.

### **PineyWoods Chapter #51**

The PineyWoods chapter has a relatively new and younger set of members as officers this year. They are proving to be interested and willing although participation in youth contests and other committees could be improved. Participation at state and national levels continues to be strong in this group.

### **Robert Rankin Chapter #62**

This group continues to be extremely strong and active. Participation and responsibilities are wide-spread throughout the membership and youth programs are exemplary. Meetings are always busy and involve almost all members and usually involve several members of the local community.

## **District 9 Vice President**

**Joe Bruce Barrett**

Report not available at press time

## **District 10 Vice President**

**Michael J. Everheart**

Report not available at press time.

## **District 11 Vice President**

**Peter Rowley**

District 11 consists of 5 chapters.

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**DENTON CHAPTER #23 REPORTS\***

The membership is becoming much more involved. Jim Johnson continues to provide solid programs for the members and as usual provides strong dynamic enthusiasm. Strong involvement in school, NATZ, parade programs including shared participation with adjoining chapters.

**Awards Presented by the Denton Chapter:**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

1. Flag Certificate to Jim Johnson for his Patriotic Display of the Flag.
2. A Flag Certificate to the Allen Historical Guild on Flag Day in Allen Texas.
3. A Flag Certificate to the Good Samaritan Village Retirement Community in Denton.
4. Installed new member Blake Slayton 177302.
5. Presented Jr. ROTC Medals to Denton HS, Denton Ryan, Lewisville Navy Jr. ROTC  
Total 3 medals.

**Sept. 25 Meeting**

1. Flag Certificate to Compatriot Bill Dareing for his Patriotic Display of the Flag.
2. Fire Safety Award to Chief Wayne Smith of the Valley View Volunteer Fire Dept.
3. War Service Medal to compatriot Captain Dale Bruce Dareing of the Denton Chapter.  
Stationed at Ft. Hood.
4. The Color Guard at Denton for this event: Jim Johnson, Chris Casey, Bob Flagg, Neil Campbell, Chris Strauss, of Denton, Drake Peddie, Howard Roach, Dennis DeAthley of Plano, John Greer of Greenville.

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**AMBASSADOR FLETCHER WARREN CHAPTER #43**



With the assistance of John Greer and continued involvement of Dr. Wendell Edwards, this chapter is involved with several activities including strong support for their Veterans programs and Veterans participation. Their activities include involvement with the local DAR chapter

also.

1. On September 23, 2010 Don Seilert and John Greer participated in a Flag Program at the Denton Chapter monthly meeting for the Good Samaritan Village.
2. On September 18, 2010 Don Seilert and John Greer helped to present the Colors at the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter's annual awards program.
3. Oct 14th we will furnish the deserts for the fall festival at the Bonham VA. There are usually around 300 veterans that we cook for.
4. Oct 19th we will present the Heroism awards (same as at our awards presentation) to the commerce police officers at the City Council meeting.
5. Oct 28th Wendell and I will represent the SAR for the North Texas Chapters at the Volunteer Committee meeting at the Bonham VA.
6. John Greer will be doing his Timothy Murphy program Oct 16th at the Van Zandt Chapter meeting.

### **RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER #65\***

President Geoffrey Grubb is providing excellent leadership and guidance for the chapter. Focus on membership is continuing along with interest on activities.

1. New member, David McKinney became a member at the June meeting as well as Bill Tribbey and Bill Hazelwood.
2. The Chapter has observed the following Patriotic Holidays; Constitution Week, King' Mountain Memorial and Yorktown.
3. Law Enforcement Medal w/Certificate was presented to Police Depart. Sgt James Womack by Mike Everheart
4. Chapter presented speaker subjects; US Navy history, Texas' role in the American Revolution, George Washington-Master of Misinformation, and information about Thomas Jefferson
5. Chapter members attended the August 1<sup>st</sup> BOM in Austin.
6. This chapter is doing extremely well. They are on top of their efforts to be involved in several activities. The chapter is continuously seeking new members.
7. Attendance at meetings is averaging between 19 and 24 members.
8. Current slate of Officers for 2010 is as follows:

Chapter President;	Dr. Geoffrey Grubb
1 <sup>st</sup> VP Northeast Texas;	Bloys Enloe
1 <sup>st</sup> BP Southeast Texas:	John Grimes
Treasurer:	Dr. William George
Secretary;	Bob Skinner
Sgt. at Arms;	Lester Edwards

Chaplain;	Open
Chapter Medals and Awards;	Mike Everheart
Chapter Youth Programs;	Mike Everheart
Chapter Grants;	Mike Everheart
Newsletter Editor	Mike Everheart

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**McKINNEY CHAPTER #63\***

The chapter under the guidance of Don Sielert is stable along with their activities and membership. This chapter is also moving forward to obtain new members.

1. The regular monthly [meeting](#) was held on October 14, 2010 at the El Chico Restaurant in McKinney. These are the meeting [minutes](#).
2. On September 23, 2010 Don Seilert and John Greer participated in a Flag Program at the Denton Chapter monthly meeting for the Good Samaritan Village.
3. On September 18, 2010 Don Seilert and John Greer helped to present the Colors at the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter's annual awards program.
4. The regular monthly [meeting](#) was held on September 9, 2010 at the El Chico Restaurant in McKinney. These are the meeting [minutes](#).
5. Compatriots Peter McClellan and John Greer represented the McKinney Chapter at the Board of Managers meeting in Austin June30-August 1st, 2010.
6. Compatriots Mike Ghormley, Don and Ann Seilert, Donald Babbs, John Greer from the McKinney Chapter and Wendell and Linda Edwards , James Roddy and Larry Freeman from the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter helped to feed over 400 Veterans and hospital employees June 30, 2010 at the Bonham VA hospital.
7. The regular monthly [meeting](#) was held on June 10, 2010 at the El Chico Restaurant in McKinney. These are the meeting [minutes](#).
8. The May 22, 2010 [meeting](#) was our annual flag retirement ceremony at the Gabe Nesbitt Park in McKinney.
9. On May 15, 2010, the SAR Color Guard [presented](#) the Colors at Collin County Historical Commission's Preservation Celebration & Awards Ceremony at the First Christian Church in Plano.
10. The McKinney SAR Chapter [greeted](#) returning troops at DFW airport on April 14, 2010.
11. The slate of Officers is listed below:

Officers for the year 2010:

President;	Don Sielert
Vice-President;	Pete McLellan
Secretary-Treasurer;	Billy L. Tompson
Registrar;	Don Babbs
Historian;	Mike Ghormley

Chaplain;	Mike Yarbrough
Webmaster;	Cecil Coale
Sergeant-at-Arms;	Earnest Martin

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### **EDMUND TERRILL CHAPTER #34\***

Lloyd Perkins is providing excellent leadership and encouragement to the members. The chapter has gained several new members. This chapter has limited activities but those activities are doing well. This chapter is committed to continuing to be engaged, seeking new members and supportive.

September 15, 2010 Chapter meeting

October 15, 1983 Chapter Chartered

October 29-31, 2010 BOM Houston, TX

November 17, 2010 Chapter meeting

January 19, 2011 Chapter meeting

1. Chapter had a good May meeting with 9 members present with 4 guests. Speaker was Dennis Cowhip presented PP Program as Probation Officer for Grayson County Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.
2. President Perkins presented a Past President pin to Delbert Taylor
3. Two chapter members attended Memorial Services at Fairview Cemetery in Denison
4. Delbert Taylor attended military funeral of his brother Charles at the DFW National Cemetery August 26.
5. Two new member applications at National, Glen Webber and T.L.Holden awaiting approval.
6. Current membership is 23. Attendance varies from 8 to 11 at meeting, very good percentage for a small chapter!
7. Delbert Taylor continues to write an excellent newsletter and William Woods records accurate chapter minutes.
8. List of 2010 Officers below:

President	Lloyd Perkins
Vice President	E. Graham Martin
Secretary/Treasurer	William Woods
Historian	Benny Smith

Registrar

Delbert Taylor

Chaplin

Calvin Hiatt

## **National Trustee**

**George T. West**

Report not available at press time.

## **President, Council of Chapter Presidents**

Stephen Lee, Chairman

Tom Jackson, Vice-Chairman

Art Munford, Secretary

Mission Statement. Provide a forum for discussion and dissemination of various aspects of operational information, community service programs and Chapter leadership between Chapter Presidents and Officers and Leadership of the Texas Society

The Summer BOM was held July 31-August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Austin. The Council of Chapter Presidents was called to order by Chairman Steve Lee at 8:00am. Wendell Edwards led the invocation and Chairman Lee requested that Tom Jackson keep the minutes as Secretary Art Munford was attending the Boy Scout National Jamboree. The council members were welcomed and guests and TXSSAR officers were recognized. It was pointed out that Judge Tom Lawrence had been elected Chancellor General at the NSSAR Congress.

NSSAR Registrar and National Color Guard Commander Joe Dooley was introduced and came forward to encourage participation of members in the individual chapter color guards. Registrar Dooley pointed out that the color guard was great for chapter camaraderie and for the visible presence of the society. He also said it was just fun!

The Vice President General of the South Central Division, Harry Fife, requested that members remember to submit nominations for the Patriot Medal on the requisite form in duplicate. He noted that the State Society could select five members and perhaps six members this year. Ray Cox was recognized and noted that this award was not limited to recognition of service at the state level, but also at the Chapter level. An example of this occurred last year with the recognition of a member

from the Robert Rankin Chapter, who while not active at the state level, was quite active within the chapter furthering the aims of the Society.

Charles Luna requested for compatriots to contribute to the Patriots fund. He also urged compatriots to become merit badge counselors of the three merit badges noted on the Eagle Scout contest form. Charles reported that a new initiative was underway with communication with the Boy Scout National Society resulting in the mailing of Eagle Scout certificates by TXSSAR.

Larry Stevens announced that he would prepare a State Yearbook and requested each chapter to provide a photo of state officers with biographical sketches, a photo of chapter officers and their names, a photo with description of the two or three significant events of each chapter, and a brief biographical sketch of the chapter. He also noted that the Ross Shipman award was reinstated for chapter newsletters. Tom Green reminded everyone that there were numerous national awards for newsletters as well.

District 10 Vice President Mike Everheart, presented a detailed presentation on recruitment, including a review of the names of chapters that had dissolved, signs of diminishing health of a chapter, and his concern regarding the health of the 48 chapters of TXSSAR. He noted that the community is the loser when chapters dissolve. He distributed a membership kit and suggested that each chapter develop one to use when meeting with new members. Ray Cox noted the importance of a web site in recruitment and offered to give a web site seminar at a future state meeting. Tom Green noted that the presence of the color guard was a powerful tool for recruitment. Joe Dooley announced that [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) was a content partner with the Society and applications before 1970 would be digitized and partially indexed.

TXSSAR President Jim Jones was recognized and welcomed the compatriots to the Council of Chapter President's meeting and expressed appreciation to the Chapters for their fine work, which led the TXSSAR being recognized as the outstanding large chapter nationally. He noted that this past year TXSSAR did not earn the furlong streamer for issuance of flag certificates and he wanted this to be remedied in the current year. Art Munford was tasked with oversight of the issuance of flag certificates by the chapters. President Jones reported that the Center for Advancing American Heritage is nearing completion and should open in September. Chapters were requested to make a \$500 donation and he expressed appreciation to the Patrick Henry Chapter for their fine contribution in this regard. Jim also noted that a school activity entitled "What's Wrong with this Picture" was available to be loaned to the chapters.

Past TXSSAR President Tom Green reminded the compatriots that they could contribute to the George Washington Endowment Fund and the funds would be used for the activities of the national committees such as travel expenses for the oratory contest. He also reminded the chapters to appoint a DAR Liaison Committee member and urged communication with the DAR. Special recognition would be afforded DAR members who sponsored 3 new members and reminded that there was a form to be used for documentation. After more excellent discussion and comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00a.m.

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