



# **Committee Reports**

**120th TXSSAR Annual Convention**

**Houston Marriott North**

**March 26 – 29, 2015**

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

No report at time of publication

## **Archives and History Committee Report**

No report at time of publication

### **Audit Committee**

#### Members of the Committee

Chairman	Tom Jackson	Vice-Chairman	Peter McLellan
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Members: Chris Courtier, Russell Dart, John Dupree, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Nicholas Gilliam, Willard B. Ivy, James (Jim) T. Jones, Jr., Marvin Morgan, James A. Nelson, Howard Roach, Andrew Smith, Tom C. Waldrop.

#### Mission Statement

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

In attendance: Tom Jackson (Robt Rankin #62), John Beard, James Nelson (Van Zandt #6), Jim Jones (Piney Woods #51), Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas #33), Larry Stevens (Piney Woods #51), George West.

Chairman Jackson opened the meeting and noted that this committee meeting would be run concurrently with the Finance Committee, however separate minutes would be submitted.

Chairman Tom Jackson noted that the report of the Internal Audit subcommittee was submitted to the Executive Committee. The report is also on the private website under committee reports.

Chairman Jackson noted that he received an email from Dr. Wendell Edwards, formerly Chairman of the Department of Accounting at Texas A&M Commerce, offering his resignation from the committee and the resignation was not accepted. Dr Edwards and Jim Jones were recognized for the creation and shepherding of this committee.

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Submitted by Thomas Jackson

## **By-Laws and Resolutions**

Previously Submitted on File

## **CAR Essay Contest Committee**

CAR Essay did not meet

## **Color Guard Committee**

No report at time of publication

## **Communications**

Did not meet

## **Council of Chapter Presidents**

No report at time of publication

## **Credentials**

No meeting held

## **DAR Liaison Committee**

There was no meeting - Tom Green,

## **District VP Committee**

November 8, 2015

Hilton Garden Inn

Chairman Larry Stevens, President Elect, welcomed all to the meeting.

Present were Dr. Jim Heath, Thomas Carswell, Ron Walcik, and Ron Carter for James Alderman, Drake Peddie, Larry Casey, John Thompson, and Peter Rawley. Districts 2, 9, and 10, were not represented.

All District VP's said their reports were on file. Chairman Stevens asked each beginning with District 1 to talk about their Chapters.

Jim Heath said he would continue to be the interim District 1 VP until a new representative to be elected.

There were no new problems discussed.

Ron said they were still attempting to get the Waco Chapter started again. Red river is meeting led by Wayne Wise.

Larry Stevensw

Chairman

## **Eagle Scout Committee**

The Eagle Scout Committee did not meet. Hank Voegtle

## **History Teacher Sub – Committee**

Did not meet.

## **Knight Essay Sub- Committee**

Knight Essay did not meet

## **Executive Committee**

Members: Bob Cohen (Pres.), Larry Stevens (Pres. Elect), John Beard (Treas.), Hank Voegle (Sec.) , Mike Radcliff( Staff Sec.) , Gerald Iron (Coastal Reg.), David Temple ( Inland Reg.), : Stephen Rohrbough ( Past Pres.) : Bill Marrs, Tom Lawrence, Peter Baron, Tom Jackson, Sam Massey Communication Secretary

President Bob Cohen called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Called for Officers Reports.

Tom Jackson Audit Committee, is still listed stated his report was on file however made a motion that the TXSAAR Treasurer shall be a additional signature to any Registrar bank account in which application fees are deposited, further the TXSSAR Treasurer shall be entitled to access financial data relating to said registrar bank account data by electronic or other means as reasonably requested by the TXSSAR Treasurer. No second needed motion carried. Nest motion All Chapters will provide current ach or routing information to the TXSSAR Treasurer to facilitate the deposit of chapter dues payment, no second required motion carried .Hank Voegtle,

North Central & Major White Chapter status. North Central Chapter is as still active, do not recall where the Society has ever voted to disband the chapter. Receive a e-mail from a individual that said he was the only active member in the Major White Chapter every one else is up in age and do not want to be a chapter officer. Two chapters that really need to be dissolved and the BOM has the authority to create chapters so BOM should have the authority to dissolved chapters and at some point the State should take control of their assets and have no motions at this time but should be addressed at some time and move the members to other chapters. And Unclaimed Chapter dues payments should be aged and put back into the State treasury bring them up as information items only and have no motions at this time Chapter dues in excess of \$9.50 and perpetual members ,that some chapters are raising their dues the Galvez Chapter raised theirs to \$25.00 making their dues \$34.50 the by-laws state that if you have a perpetual member you are only entitled to \$9.50 and a letter should be sent to remind the chapters that a perpetual member is still \$9.50 .

David Temple minutes correction for registrar shows Mike as the registrar I had all ready assumed the position, Larry Stevens the minutes are corrected. Items referred to Fees committee Bob Cohen that we should refer to all fees as application fees not be refunded Hank Voegtle it has that if the application is approved the state will pay the first year dues. TXSSAR Fees national raised their fees our fees will raise also supplemental to \$98.

John Beard Reimburse Chapter JROTC awards we have been buying the JROTC medals though the patriot fund. The full amount of the medals are budgeted by the Patriot Fund why even bill the chapters

as these are given out as awards so why bother to collect from the chapters , the money is budgeted in the Patriot Fund we buy the medals so why not give the medals to the chapters. Bring it up at the General session.

Larry Stevens mailing the newsletter to membership we are budgeted to mail the news letter to a few members like a recommendation from the committee on mailing out the news letter to the membership cost is \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 per issue. Larry Stevens National Congress 2018 hotels Texas State committee, Sam Massey, Tom Jackson, Nathan White, Tom Lawrence , Bob Cohen. The Committee looked at four (4) hotels and listed them 1,2,3,4 we were charged to look at the four properties , The Royal Sonesta Galleria , Western Memorial, Marriott West Chase , Marriott Woodlands.If we use the Western Memorial it be too small we exceed the room limit have to have a over flow hotel and hat be a Western propery and that's a 1 ½ miles away and we be fighting for parking there. Room rate \$159 a night. The Royal Sonesta pretty nice rooms are small and they have small closets and \$149 a night and they have a \$50,000 food and beverage minimum, The Marriott West Chase is a older Hotel they said there were going to remodel take out the closets and put a rack in to hang your cloths their rooms are \$169.00 also they have a \$50,000 guarantee , The Marriott Woodlands great place every one loved it rate is \$195 a night they want a \$90,000 guarantee talked to Paul Calahan and Don Shaw the only way they do it is Texas have to guarantee \$20,000 Texas Society have to have their reception there and dump about \$20,000 . Our recommendation is not what National will choose.

Peter Baron Genealogy appeal process will be brought up in Council of Chapter Presidents when State registrars says that's it there is no appeal process as at National. The State President would review the application and decide if it should go to National.

Bob Cohen endorsements of National Officers on those offices not being contested we to a broad base motion on the other officers we hear from them or their representative. Larry Stevens there are some committee changes Bill Marrs will hand out the changes tomorrow. Stephen Rohrbough at the National Congress Joe Dooley singed for the SAR to become Partners of the DOD with the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Vietnam War how States can become partners the papers have been approved that Texas is now a partner in this program it will run for 13 years. Chapters can also become partners. Meeting adjourned 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Radcliff Staff Secretary

## **Expansion & Membership Committee**

did not meet David Temple

## **Fees and Dues Committee**

Did not meet Hank Voegtle

## **Finance Committee**

### Members of the Committee

Chairman

Peter McLellan

Vice-Chairman

Tom Jackson

Members: John Beard (non-voting), Robert Cohen, Nick Gilliam, Allan Henshaw, James T. Jones, Mike Radcliff, David Temple.

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### **Proposals and Resolutions**

**Perpetual Fund Proposal** – The proposal was made to form a committee to size the value of offering existing Perpetual members the opportunity to purchase a NSSAR LIFETIME (PERPETUAL) MEMBERSHIP with TXXSAR Perpetual Fund funding up to 50% of the cost of the NSSAR LIFETIME (PERPETUAL) MEMBERSHIP. This plan would be offered to a limited number of existing TXSSAR Perpetual Members each year going forward. After discussion, Jim Jones noted that he would urge attendees to acquire a National Lifetime Membership.

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### **Agenda items not discussed**

**Question to be referred to Chancellor** – A discussion was held on the value of having the Chancellor review if TXSSAR Investments, as they now stand, are subject to the “excess earnings/profit tax” as it pertains to IRS 501(c)(3) exempt organizations.

**Finance Committee Member Review** – it was discussed that current finance committee members should be contacted to confirm their desire to remain on the committee. It was agreed that only “active” committee members should be on the committee.

With no further business coming before the committee and the allotted time expiring, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Thomas Jackson

### **Former State Presidents Committee**

Did not meet



## **Genealogy Committee**

No report at time of publication

## ***Information Technology***

The IT Committee did not meet, Ray Cox

## **Long Range Planning**

### **Long Range Planning Committee Report**

November 8, 2014

Hilton Garden Temple November 2014

The Planning meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Stevens. The 2018 Congress in Houston was reviewed.

A Texas Society Long Range Plan was discussed and it was decided that the plan needs to be written and presented to our members.

President Cohen handed out to all committees a paper describing the Strategic Planning process and asked all committees to review this and furnish a 3-5 years plan to him before the 120 Conference.

A President's Binder was discussed. The binder would contain the Texas Long Range Plan and reports from the Treasurer with the budget and financial statements; membership reports from the Secretary; and a list of projects. This will be discussed at the 120 Conference.

Larry Stevens  
President Elect

Attachment



## Texas SAR Sons of the American Revolution

### Strategic Planning

November 8, 2014, Fall Board, Temple



Texas SAR Committees and Chapters are encouraged to develop a three to five year Strategic Plan to identify needs and priorities to help strengthen Texas SAR. Strategic or long-range planning is important so that SAR remains relevant and very clear on the organizational mission, priorities, target groups and objectives. Strategic planning helps Texas SAR define its vision for the future and determine how it will get there.

Consider how your Committee and/or Chapter can help members; promote membership; develop committee/chapter leadership; promote education, history and patriotism; serve as a resource to chapters and members; and strengthen Texas SAR. Many Texas Committees and Chapters are excellent about carrying out their responsibilities. Let's consider ideas and plan to help Texas SAR continue to be an outstanding state SAR.

**Mission/Purpose:** Patriotism, History and Education  
SAR seeks to maintain and extend:

- 1) the institutions of American freedom,
- 2) an appreciation for true patriotism,
- 3) a respect for our national symbols,
- 4) the value of American citizenship,
- 5) the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

**Vision:** Discuss with Committee Members/Chapter Presidents to define a clear vision of what their committee/chapter and Texas SAR should be. Record every idea proposed. Summarize and combine ideas until they will fit into about five general categories. Change is constantly happening around us. Take action to deal with that change and keep your committee/chapter, members and SAR growing. Define/review mission statement and vision for the future.

**Goals, Plans:** Help keep everyone on the same team and moving ahead in the same direction. A critical part of good management and governance, planning helps assure that SAR remains relevant and responsive to the needs of its community and contributes to organizational stability and growth. If you don't have a plan for the future, anything you do will take you there.

**Process** - Use strategic planning to determine what you want to accomplish over a given time period and how to do that. As a Committee/Chapter, talk about where we are and where we want to be:

1. What did you enjoy most this past year? (program, project, community service, other?)
2. What was our most successful event?
3. How are we doing on recruiting new members?

**Dialogues:** Discussing status helps affirm committee/chapter programs, projects, service, and events. Why do you exist? How do you know if you are succeeding? Periodically, ask your committee/members 3 to 5 questions about activities, education and planning to develop your Strategic Plan. Here are 3 questions and possible answers. Ask your member's opinions on ways to strengthen SAR.

1. How does SAR meet your needs?  
A. Friendship B. Learning/Education C. Service
2. Why is SAR important to -  
A. You? B. New members? C. Our community/state?
3. Identify 3 to 5 priorities -  
A. Needs based activity and focus  
B. Integrate with community activities  
C. Have a unified theme for sharing

**Planning:** Effective organizations regularly take time to ask and answer a few critical questions:

1. What do we do and for whom?
  2. Where are we today?
  3. Where do we want to be in the future?
  4. How do we close the gap?
  5. How will we know if we are succeeding?
- Stay relevant to member's needs and viable as an organization.
1. What is the desired social outcome, or "public good" we will achieve? (Goals)
  2. How do we expect to contribute to, or influence, the outcome? (Strategies)

**General:** Make suggestions on what you can do to improve SAR and make your committee/membership more rewarding? How can you help strengthen SAR?

## **Texas SAR Strategic Planning - Texas SAR Committees and Chapters**

A strategic plan helps document decisions and communicate ideas and processes , but the most valuable part of a plan is the periodic process of confirming goals, assessing progress toward an outcome, evaluating what is effective and what is not, and adjusting strategies to improve performance.

What can SAR do to improve SAR and make your committee/membership more rewarding? Other suggestions? How can you help strengthen SAR? Recruiting new members helps SAR chapters continue to grow and rejuvenate programming. This can also help new officers in planning for their year. Keep the discussion positive in developing future plans. Some use a check list for planning.

From the perspective of this \_\_\_\_\_ committee or \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter -

**VISION:** my vision for SAR is ... (list 5 things)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**GOALS:** Discuss our responsibilities, activities, education and planning -

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**PLANNING:** Where do we want to be in the future? Refer to previous Planning/Critical Questions -

1. Promote membership
2. Develop leadership
3. Education
4. History & Genealogy
5. Patriotism

Texas SAR Committees: Begin the process. Share some of your discussion on Sunday. Continue to communicate by email to finalize your three to five year plan. If needed, schedule a GoTo Meeting session to stimulate or complete the process.

## Newsletter

Meet had a informal meeting was very good

## Nominating Committee

Stephen Rohrbough, Chairman

1. Call to Order. Chairman Stephen Rohrbough called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in room Trintiy II, Hilton Garden Inn, Temple ,Texas on November 8, 2014.

2. Attendees:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Drake Peddie	Plano #37	Mike Miller	Heart of Texas #26
Charles Bush	Bluebonnet #41	Gary Lovell	East Fork Trinity #41
John Thompson	Freedom #38	James Jones	Independence #40
Michael Radcliff	Plano #37	Russell Dart	Cradle of Texas #33
Russell Levens	K M Van Zandt #6	Larry Casey	Paul Revere #19
Lloyd Lietz	McKinney #63	T L Holden	Edmund Terrill #34
John Anderson	Arlington #7	Bob Clark	Dallas #2
Tom Whitelock	Dallas #2	Tom Jackson	Rober Rankin #62
James Johnson, Jr	Denton #23		

There were 16 Chapters represented. This was a very good turnout and shows the level of interest in who wants to participate in the election of Offeres for 2015-2016. The chapters that are represented is responsible for preparing the Slate of Officers that will be presented to the general assembly during the Annual State Meeting in March 2015.

3. Although this committee does not meet during the BOM, I thought it would be helpful to address the potential slate of Officers for 2015-2016. The idea was to see which officers would remain for another year and determine wich postitions would be vacant and need to be filled.
4. The Draft Slate of Officer was prepared by the Chairman and distributed to attendees for review. All postions were initially filled except Vice-President District #2, Vice-President District #3. The draft Slate is as follows:

### Slate of Officers 2015-2016 (Draft)

#### Position:

President  
President Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chancellor  
Communications Secretary  
Historian  
Staff Secretary  
Registrar Inland  
Registrar Coastal  
Chaplain  
Trustee

#### Nominee

Larry Stevens  
Mike J. Radcliff  
Henry J. Voegtle  
Russell Dart  
Tracy A. Ponders  
Samuel P. Massey, Jr.  
Harmon L Adair, Jr.  
Tom Jackson  
David Temple  
Gerald Irion  
Rev Kenneth H. Morrill  
Robert S. Cohen

Alternate Trustee	Stephen W. Rohrbough
Contests, Medals, & Awards	Peter T. Baron, Jr.
Vice President District 1	James E. Heath, PhD (temporary)
Vice President District 2	Undetermined
Vice President District 3	Undetermined
Vice President District 4	Ronald J. Walcik
Vice President District 5	Ronald Carter
Vice President District 6	Drake Peddie
Vice President District 7	Lawrence K. Casey, Jr.
Vice President District 8	John K. Thompson
Vice President District 9	Arthur G. Mumford
Vice President District 10	Stephen W. Lee
Vice President District 11	Peter H. Rowley

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W Rohrbough, Chairman

## **Oration Committee**

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

## **Operation Reach**

Disolved

## **ROTC Sub-Committee**

No report at time of publication

## **Poster Contest Sub-Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriots Fund Trustees Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriot Fund Projects**

## **Patriot Graves Committee**

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Patriot Graves Registry Committee (Cmte)

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 Cmte., 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 Cmte. 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](mailto:m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu)
- E.

[Our Patriot Index / RevWar Patriot Graves Registry Cmte., 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, [ptbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com)

Art Munford, Victoria #50 Chapter, [goaggies@suddenlink.net](mailto:goaggies@suddenlink.net)

George West, Panhandle Plains #10 Chapter, [gtwest@arn.net](mailto:gtwest@arn.net)

Pete Lenex, Bernardo de Galvez #1 Chapter, [jplwso@comcast.net](mailto:jplwso@comcast.net)

Bill Whatley, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, [bill.whatley@hayoo.com](mailto:bill.whatley@hayoo.com),

James E Mitchell, Bernardo de Galvez #1, [jemitch46@gmail.com](mailto:jemitch46@gmail.com)

John Kenton Thompson, Freedom #38, [johnkthompson@rocketmail.com](mailto:johnkthompson@rocketmail.com)

Dr. James "Jim" Heath, Dist. 1, VP, Bluebonnet Chapter, [jimheath@txwinet.com](mailto:jimheath@txwinet.com)

Charles Hartline Panhandle Plains, [chuck.hartline@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck.hartline@yahoo.com),

Bob Kittrell, Dallas Chapter, [kittrell@Tx.rr.com](mailto:kittrell@Tx.rr.com),

Al Gibson, Hill Country, [alg38@me.com](mailto:alg38@me.com)>,

Jim Barkley, Hill Country, [sa3jrb1@stx.rr.com](mailto:sa3jrb1@stx.rr.com)>

Terry L McKee, Paul Carrington Chapter, [colmckee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colmckee@sbcglobal.net)

Stu Hoyt, William Hightower Chapter, [stu\\_hoyt@yahoo.com](mailto:stu_hoyt@yahoo.com)

Harmon Adair, East Fork Trinity Chapter, [hadair2@gmail.com](mailto:hadair2@gmail.com),

Stephen Lee, Captain William Barron Chapter, [LGR1207@yahoo.com](mailto:LGR1207@yahoo.com),

Gene H Pilgrim, Sr., Athens Chapter, [gh\\_Pilgrim@yahoo.com](mailto:gh_Pilgrim@yahoo.com),

Lindsey C Brock, San Antonio Chapter, [lindsey.brock@comcast.net](mailto:lindsey.brock@comcast.net),

Tom Lawrence, Paul Carrington #5, [tlawrence01@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 Cmte. 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* position 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 [tnssar@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnssar@bellsouth.net) 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 [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) website, updated: Jul 4, 2013 and posted online. Mark Anthony, Chairman of the Historic Sites, Celebrations and Reenactments Cmte., 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 [mcgt90@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcgt90@bellsouth.net) Importantly, TXSSAR P & G Cmte., 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 Cmte., 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 Cmte., 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 Cmte., 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](mailto:jimheath@txwinet.com) advised TXSSAR P & G Cmte., 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 Bernardo de Galvez #1 Chapter & City of Galveston approved, life size bronze – ‘Statue Project’ of Galveston’s founder. They also need 300k\$ to complete project to raise the 12’ statue. Also needs ideas for fund-raising. Drake Peddie suggested a DADA broadcast.
  
- B. Please plan to attend the National Society SAR *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 and Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor, all who will make our Nat’l. Society SAR a better “domain”.
  
- C. Chairman Mitchell presented Compatriots John K. Thompson, Freedom Chapter, for **Capt. James Tinsley** and James E. Heath, Bluebonnet Chapter for 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 Cmte., Chairman

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### **Patriot Medal Selection**

Lawrence K, Casey Jr.  
Samuel P. Massey Jr.  
Tracy A. Pounders  
Ricardo Ramirez  
Ronald J. Walcik

Bob Clark Chairman

### **Patriot Projects Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication

## **Perpetual Fund**

### **No report at time of publication**

## **Public Service Awards Committee**

Subject: **Public Service/Flag Sub-Committee Report – Corrected Copy**

To: Chairman- TXSSAR Americanism Contests, Medals and Awards (ACMA);

Chairman- NSSAR Public Service Committee

Cc: TXSSAR President, TXSSAR Secretary, TXSSAR Staff Secretary

Date: 9 February 2015

1. **Flag Certificate:** As of the end of 2014, 26 of the 48 TXSSAR active chapters have reported the presentation of at least one flag certificate since January 1, 2014. Those chapters are: (1) Bernardo de Galvez #1, (2) Dallas #2, (3) San Antonio #4, (4) Paul Carrington #5, (5) Arlington #7, (6) Colonel Turner Sharp #9, (7) Paul Revere #19, (8) Denton #23, (9) Captain William Barron #25, (10) Heart of Texas #26, (11) Hill Country # 31, (12) Cradle of Texas #33, (13) Edmund Terrill #34, (14) Wm. Hightower #35, (15) Plano #37, (16) Independence #40, (17) Bluebonnet #41, (18) Liberty #42, (19) Amb. Fletcher Warren #43, (20) Brazos Valley #45, (21) East Fork-Trinity #47, (22) Piney Woods #51, (23) Athens #54, (24) Robert Rankin #62, (25) McKinney #63 and (26) Alexander Hamilton #66. One additional flag certificate was presented by the TXSSAR President during the annual conference. Based on the current information this reflects a 54.2% of the chapters presenting flag certificates this year, qualifying TXSSAR for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award.
2. **Medal for Heroism:** 4 of the 48 TXSSAR active chapters have reported the presentation of the Medal for Heroism since January 1, 2014. Those chapters are: (1) Bernardo de Galvez #1 presentation to Micah Fowler on 30 May, (2) Dallas #2 presentation to Joseph Robinson and Chase Ganchow on 8 March, (3) Independence #40 presentation to Phil Dorsett and Kristin Johnson on 28 Oct, Joshua Vargas and Ft Hood Soldier on 29 November, and (4) Amb. Fletcher Warren #43 presentation to Ranger Laura Simmons on 20 September.
3. **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal:** 7 of the 48 TXSSAR active chapters have reported the presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal since January 1, 2014. Those chapters are: (1) Bernardo de Galvez #1 presentation to Hector Dominguez on 29 May, (2) Dallas #2 presentation to Mark Mason on 8 March, (3) San Antonio #4 presentation to Michael Beers on 18 June, (4) Edmund Terrill #34 presentation to John Hunt on 15 January, Ken Steelman and Brandon Blair on 21 May, (5) Independence #40 presentation to Steve Smith, Terrence Nunn, Ryan Clements and Garrett House on 28 Oct, (6) Amb. Fletcher Warren #43 presentation to Joel Littlefield, Jason Rector and Alex Suraez on 20 September, and (7) McKinney #63 presentation to Chris Mohr, Keith Royston and Ron Cherry on 14 May.
4. **Fire Safety Commendation Medal:** 5 of the 48 TXSSAR active chapters have reported the presentation of the Fire Safety Commendation Medal since January 1, 2014. Those chapters are: (1) Bernardo de Galvez #1 presentation to Mike Wisco on 20 May, (2)

Dallas #2 presentation to Eric Wisdom on 8 March, (3) Independence #40 presentation to Michael Lamb on 28 Oct, (4) Amb. Fletcher Warren #43 presentation to Sylyia Rodriquez on 20 September, and (5) Robert Ranking #62 presentation to Kenneth Redding on 14 May.

5. **Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal:** 4 of the 48 TXSSAR active chapters have reported the presentation of the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal since January 1, 2014. Those chapters are: (1) Bernardo de Galvez #1 presentation to Thomas Leigh on 30 May, (2) Dallas #2 presentation to Scott Henry on 8 March, (3) Independence #40 presentation to Chris Lamb and Michael Middleton on 28 Oct and (4) Amb. Fletcher Warren #43 presentation to Reagan N. Olsen on 20 September.

## Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee met on Saturday November 8, 2014. We had several Compatriots present including State President Bob Cohen.

Those attending that signed in were:

Larry Tidwell, Bill Whatley, John Hamlin, Charles Bush, Pete Baron, Peter Rowley, Mike Connelley, Lloyd Lietz, Jim Kuykendall

This committee has been given responsibility for three efforts by President Cohen.

- Elevator Speech - headed up by Jim Kuykendall
- Brochure Contest - headed up by Steve Lee
- Video project - headed up by Steve Lee

Committee Chairman Jim Kuykendall called the meeting to order and presided over the session.

The agenda items all had to do with the Elevator Speech Contest that this committee has been given to do. The Brochure and Video efforts will be part of this committee and headed up by Steve Lee. The items discussed for the Elevator Speech are as follows:

- Development and implementation of a "Texas SAR Elevator Speech" process, including
  - guidelines,
  - samples
  - event coordination at the state convention
- Development of a brochure for Texas SAR members to use
- Development of a video for use in recruiting members

1. Overview of the Elevator Speech Contest was presented to the group by Jim Kuykendall. Group was given handouts regarding the event and all aspects of the contest.

- Purpose
- Contest guidelines
- Judging Criteria
- Contest Format

Members present affirmed all of the above as the criteria for the Contest.

2. Copy of the information that will be sent out was presented to the group and approved.
3. All of the information for the contest will be sent out to all members of the Texas SAR.
  - President Cohen will send a letter via email to all members with attachments on the contest.

Jim Kuykendall will send emails to all members and officers asking for their support and giving them the information

### **Registrar - Inland Committee**

See Officer Reports

### **Registrar - Coastal Committee**

See Officer Reports

### **State Meetings Committee**

The meeting was called to order at by Chairman Larry G. Stevens.

2015 120<sup>th</sup> Texas Convention would be in Houston in the west, northwest, or north area and the dates would be March 26-29, 2015. The Texas Society for the first time will post the hotel contract grantee and the services of a professional meetings planner would be used to help with hotel contract negotiations for rooms, conferences areas and meals, etc.

2015 Fall BOM will be in October. No chapter as of this meeting has volunteered to host the BOM. Stevens asked each District and Chapter to consider hosting an event.

Tentatively, 2016 121th Texas Conference would be in Houston, followed by 2017 122th Texas Convention in Dallas, and 2018 122th in San Antonio. This schedule is tentative and is taking into consideration that Houston would have to host the 2018 Texas convention and the 2018 National congress in the same year.

Stevens said he and Sam Massey had been added to the National Congress Planning Committee. Stevens said that the Texas 2018 Congress Planning Committee would be Nathan White, Tom Lawrence, Sam Massey, Mike Radcliff, John Beard, George Harcourt, Tom Jackson, and himself. He said this could change as the event gets nearer. Stevens said the Texas Society had agreed to place \$5,000 a year beginning in 2013 until 2018 in anticipation of the cost of the meeting to the Texas Society. He said this should be offset by event sales items and good planning. Stevens said this event as well other future meetings was also a part of the agenda of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Stevens said we have not done a very good job of keeping data concerning Attendance, rooms, meals, guests at our conventions and BOM and this committee should be charged with recovering this data for

the past three years for not only state meetings but for long range planning purposes. He said the States Meetings Manual which is on the TXSSAR Web-site needs updating.

Stevens said the minutes of this meeting would be included in the committee reports for the March 26-29, 2015 Texas Conference.

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President Elect

Chairman – State Meetings Committee

20 Jan 2015

## Veterans Committee

**Minutes for Veterans Committee  
TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting  
Temple, TX, (Hilton Gardens Inn)  
November 8, 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:** (17)

**Members Appointed:** (5)

	<b><u>Status</u></b>
Frank Rohrbough, Chairman	<b>Present</b>
Harmon Adair, Vice- Chairman	<b>Present</b>
John Greer, Member	<b>Present</b>
Drake Peddie, Member	<b>Present</b>
Peter Baron (OAS Chairman)	<b>Present</b>
James Taylor,(Tool Box Chairman)	Absent
James Alderman	Absent
Mike Everheart, Member	Absent
Dr. Jim Johnson, Member	Absent
Delbert Taylor, Member	Absent

**Chapter**

San Antonio (#4)  
East Fork-Trinity (#47)  
Amb Fletcher Warren (#43)  
Plano (#37)  
San Antonio (#4)  
San Antonio (#4)  
Maj Van Zandt (#6)  
Capt. William Barron (#25)  
Denton (#23)  
Edmund Terrell (#34)

**Visitors Attending:** (12)

Bob Cohen (TXSSAR President)  
Al Gibson  
Jim Barkley  
John Hamlin  
Bob Hancock  
T. L. Holden  
Russ Leavens  
John Merritt

Hill Country (#31)  
Hill Country (#31)  
Bernardo de Galvez (#1)  
San Antonio (#4)  
Edmund Terrill (#34)  
Van Zandt (#6)  
Capt Wm Barron (#25)

Sam Massey  
Jeff Gammon  
Mike Smith  
Russell DeVanney (NSSAR Vet Cmte)

Paul Carrington (# )  
Patrick Henry (#11)  
Arlington (# )  
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3. **Review of Minute:** The Minutes of the March 28, 2014 Meeting were handed out for review. (**Action Item:** Motion made by Peter Baron to approve minutes as written; **motion passed.**)
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Committee Appointments:** Chairman Rohrbough called for any changes in membership of the committee. Chairman provided attendees a list of possible appointments and would seek approval of the State President.
  - b. **World War II Corps Project Update:** 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:** 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:** 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. He noted that the 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. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration Program:** Chairman Rohrbough noted that President General Joe Dooley announced at the 123 Congress in Greenville NC that the National Society had become a Supporting Organization for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Program that was launched by President Barack Obama on May 28, 2012. He called for all State Societies and SAR Chapters to become supporting Organizations too. The **National Point of Contact is Paul Callanan (E-Mail: [LTCMRSC@aol.com](mailto:LTCMRSC@aol.com) or phone (906)273-2424.**
  - f. **Items for TXSSAR Compatriot Newsletter:** 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.
  - g. **Appointments to VA Volunteers Service (VAVS) Advisory Committees:** 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 regarding the “letter of appointment” process by NSSAR (Veterans Committee).

- h. **Service to Veterans Award:** 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.
  - i. **USS Stark Report Update:** 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 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:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded members to submit their reports about public events with other Veteran Organizations that are held during the period May 2014 to May 2015. Certificates will be handed out at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Louisville KY in June 2015.
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. Warriors are invited to research 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:** Chairman Rohrbough encouraged attendees to continue working to recognize veterans in their area and participate in local events where possible. Rohrbough noted that the San Antonio Chapter had participated in the **Salute to Veterans Week** sponsored by the National VA Offices which was held February 10-14, 2014. He noted that Chapters should contact their local VA Facilities and actively participate in this National Event as a means of recognizing veterans and showing their appreciation for their service.
  - c. **Upcoming Observances:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded chapters to participate in local observances, especially over Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day events and observances.
  - d. **Candidates for Westmoreland Award:** Chairman Rohrbough “called” for nominations for the NSSAR General Westmoreland Award for work in support of veterans and Wound Warriors.
6. **Presentation of Awards:** Chairman Rohrbough called for any Awards or Certificates to be presented for Service to Veterans. (No Awards were presented.)

7. **Other Business/Discussions:** Chairman Rohrbough asked if there was any other business for the committee. There being no other business, the 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 2:30 P.M.

(Signed)

Frank G. Rohrbough, Chairman  
TXSSAR Veterans Committee

### **Yearbook Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication