



## **Officer's Reports**

### **Board of Managers Meeting**

### **Temple, Texas**

### **October, 2008**

**Prepared October 18, 2008**

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## State President

Harry M. Fife, Jr.

Attended the South Central District (MOKAT) in Oklahoma City, OK Aug. 22-23.

Attended two (2) chapter meetings, Texas Tech chapter in Lubbock Sept. 17, and the Panhandle Plains chapter in Amarillo Sept 20.

Attended the National Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY Sept. 25-27.

Will be attending four (4) chapter meetings, Cradle of Texas, Bluebonnet, William Hightower, and Independence chapters prior to the BOM in Temple.

## State President-Elect

Thomas E. Lawrence

I attended the South Central District meeting in Oklahoma City in August. I also communicated with the State Registrars about a joint meeting between the Expansion and Membership committee and the Chapter Registrars, to be held at the Temple BOM. I also communicated with the Registrars about plans for the Genealogy committee.

## State Secretary

W. M. "Bill" Marrs

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT Texas Society

Fall Reconciliation		2008
<b>Active Membership as of Jan 01, 2008</b>		<b>2199</b>
National Life Members	32	
New Members	122	
Transferred In	3	
Dual /Other States	23	
Reinstatements	195	
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Gross membership in TXSSAR</b>		<b>2551</b>
<b>Membership Losses</b>		
Deceased	18	
Transferred Out	5	
<b>Total Losses/members removed from count</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-23</b>
<b>Total Membership as of October 08, 2008</b>		<b>2528</b>

## Staff Secretary

Donald W. Pugh, DMA

The Staff Secretary has edited and delivered by email the Committee Reports from the Summer Board of Managers Meeting. He has prepared a schedule for the Temple Board of Managers meeting in conjunction with the State Secretary, W. M. "Bill" Marrs. He has updated the committee rosters and continues 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 Officer Reports in conjunction with the Temple Board of Managers Meeting and has delivered them by email to all Chapter Presidents, State Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committee members.

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## Registrar (Coastal Group)

Arthur H. Hall

Applications Processed

January 1, 2008 - October 5, 2008

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members	Supplementals
1	Bernardo de Galvez	4	2
4	San Antonio	9	6
5	Paul Carrington	6	
11	PatrickHenry	39	4
14	Corpus Christi	1	1
17	Major White	1	
19	Paul Revere		
26	Heart of Texas	8	3
27	Capt. John McAdams		
33	Cradle of Texas	9	
35	William Hightower	2	
36	North Central Texas	1	
38	Freedom	3	4
40	Independence	5	
49	Alexander Hodge	3	3
45	Brazos Valley	2	
50	Victoria	3	2
51	Piney Woods	6	1
54	Athens		3
55	Live Oak		
59	Aaron Burleson		
61	Laredo		62
62	Robert Rankin		
63	McKinney	3	
64	Boerne	1	
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>28</b>

## Registrar (Inland Group)

Michael J. Radcliff

JAN. 1, 2008 THROUGH Oct.08,2008

CHAPTER	CHAPTER #	New Applications	Supplementals
DALLAS	2	7	2
Paul carrington	5	5	0
Maj. K.M. VAN ZANDT	6	5	0
ARLINGTON	7	1	0
COL. TURNER SHARP	9	1	0
PANHANDLE PLAINS	10	1	0
TEXAS TECH	15	4	0
BIG COUNTRY	16	1	0
PERMIAN BASIN	18	2	0
DANIEL WOOD	22	2	0
DENTON	23	0	3
CAPT. WM BARRON	25	4	3
LT. NATHAN GANN	28	4	0
HILL COUNTRY	31	0	0
WACO	32	1	0
EDMUND TERRILL	34	1	0
NORTH CENTRAL TX	36	0	0
PLANO	37	5	17
Blaine C Willhotie, Sr.	39	0	0
Independence	40	0	0
BLUE BONNETT	41	1	0
Amb. Fletcher Warren	43	1	0
Leon River Valley	44	0	1
Brazos Valley	45	4	0
Mesquite	46	1	0
East Fork Trinity	47	1	0
Alexander Hodge	49	12	0
Victoria	50	0	0
ATHENS	54	0	0
EAST TEXAS	57	2	0
FREDONIA	58	2	0
MCKINNEY	63	4	1
	64	6	0
PARIS	65	0	0
	TOTAL		
		78	27

## Chancellor

Robert M. Clark, Jr.

Since my last report in March 2008, I have continued to be available, advise and assist our state officers, chapter presidents, color guard commanders, and some committee chairs on a variety of legal issues, mostly related to bylaw interpretation, contract issues, or insurance issues. In addition, I have been available to act as legal advisor to the Patriot Fund as required by its bylaws.; I continue to be active in the process of reviewing Texas Society bylaws to insure compliance with existing and proposed state and federal legislation; and, I continue to serve as chairman of the resolutions committee as well as a member of several other committees, and president of the Dallas Chapter (term ends December 31, 2008).

## Chaplain

Wendell E. Edwards, Ph.D.

My perception of the Chaplain's position, as stated in other organizations, other SAR Members have explained to me, and I have adopted as my guide, is the staff position that is purposefully committed to the well being of every TXSSAR member. His work strengthens the TXSSAR Members by helping to connect the members one to another in a genuine atmosphere of care and concern.

1. As the Chaplain of the TXSSAR, I have been present and participated in the proceedings of the Annual and the Board of Managers Meetings. I lead the Invocation at the opening meetings and gave the Benediction as scheduled. The opening and closing of the activities on the night of the Banquet are also big responsibilities
2. One of the primary responsibilities of the Office of the TXSSAR Chaplain is to lead the Memorial Service at the Annual Meetings. I have officiated at these Memorial Services. This requires close coordination with the TXSSAR Secretary and the local Chapters. This is a time to demonstrate Care, Honor, Respect and Appreciation on behalf of the TXSSAR for members who have deceased. It is attempted to conduct this service with Dignity and Respect for the benefit of the family, friends, and fellow TXSSAR Members.
3. Another opportunity of service for the TXSSAR Office of the Chaplain is to plan, organize, schedule, and conduct the Worship Services at the Annual Meetings and Board of Managers Meetings. It has been a delight and blessing to perform these duties. I have attempted to conduct these Worship Services consistent with the Chaplaincy during the American Revolution and the current needs and interests of Members, loved ones, guests, and friends.
4. Another responsibility of the Office of the Chaplain is to write letters expressing caring sympathy to the families of the deceased TXSSAR Members. This has been carried out to the best of my ability. This requires close coordination with the State Secretary and the local Chapters' Officers and Members.
5. Another opportunity of service is to represent the TXSSAR as Chaplain in special services. As examples, I represented the TXSSAR at the Meeting of the Texas Society of Children of the American Revolution at a meeting in Greenville, Texas at the Audie Murphy and Cotton Museum during a luncheon and a special ceremony to place a wreath on a memorial. I also represented the Society on other occasions such as Memorial Day Services, Constitution Day, Grave Markings, etc.

## Historian

### Tom M. Whitelock

*.....It pays to advertise*

Over the last couple of months more and more Presidents have responded to my earlier request for sending their Chapter's historical records to the TXSSAR Archives Collection at UNT. We have logged in a wide variety of documents, everything from framed original "charter certificates" to old minutes to a treasure trove of identified photos as well as almost ancient newsletters.

In addition, Compatriots who were unable to have their BIO's included in the last volume of the Texas Society History Book are starting to fill out the forms and send them to the State Historian. Likewise, a few more Presidents have either assigned an Officer or member to serve as their Historian for the purpose of collecting a record of their Chapter's activities and sending them to the Archives in Denton. These men have also been added to the Archives Committee network which has grown to over 48 as of this date.

Committee Treasurer Donald Stone has recorded a donation of \$500 from the Denton Chapter to aid in the Archives Collection acquisitions and maintenance. We also hope that other Chapters and fellow Compatriots will consider including donations when the dues notice is sent out. They can make a notation (Archives) on the "Other" line of the return card when they send in their check to the State Treasurer.

Various committee members have selected different past presidents of TXSSAR to research and to write up trivia information for listing on the [TXSSAR History](#) tab of the society website. Other members are to be "volunteered" into helping on this unique project during the months ahead so that we'll have both an entertaining and additional informative section to our history. My thanks to those who stepped up to start on this fun cause. With extra effort from more committee members we should be ready to post the "facts" by this time next year. A few of the first trivia collections will be listed in a couple of months (after factual confirmation.)

Notices and rules for the annual yearbook competition will be sent out to all Chapters by year's end and a request for even minor participation by Chapters that normally don't send a scrapbook to State carries a new financial incentive to do so. Since there may be a lag in recovering photo/documentation of all the Chapters' activities and Color Guard events within limited issues of the *Compatriot*, it is now more important than ever to archive this year's TXSSAR history. All Chapter Presidents need to make sure they at least send in copies of their minutes and newsletters. Any identified photos are always welcome.

*.....as for the PR operations*

Contact has been made with a Compatriot who specializes in computer programs and he has agreed to help with developing a CD with various information and promotion flyers/brochures that can be distributed to each Chapter for them to use and/or customize for reflecting emphasis on their particular activities. Included in the different styles of fold-overs will be Recruitment, Color Guard, Mini Membership Applications, Youth Programs, Genealogy Questionnaires and General SAR & TXSSAR Information flyers.

Plans are underway to create a multi-purpose New Compatriot Membership Kit in order to excite them to take a more than active role in their Chapter.

In the months ahead emphasis will be placed by the committee on resurgence of the outstanding media packages created by Compatriots over the years.



## Vice President, CM&A

Stephen W. Rohrbough

There are 4 items that remain open for action.

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 need to be updated and contests instructions need to be posted on the TXSSAR web site. This should include:
  - a. How the contest is organized,
  - b. The application process,
  - c. Due dates, points of contact, administration of contests, and
  - d. Provide links to national contest information on the NSSAR web site.
3. Youth Program Contest Brochure. A draft brochure has been prepared and forwarded to Tom Lawrence for comment. The final version of the brochure will be available and presented at the BOM in Temple. This brochure is provided to market the TXSSAR Youth Contests and help encourage contestants to participate in the Society Youth programs. It is an information tools to assist Chapters and TXSSAR members to enhance and encourage active participation in these outstanding contests.
4. The Knox Medal was approved by the BOM in Tyler, Texas. It has been submitted to NSSAR for committee approval. This medal was submitted so that SAR Chapters, Societies, and Officers could recognize U.S. Military members serving their country in various assignments and positions. Once approved the medal and certificate will be available for purchase through the SAR Merchandise Department.

Four (4) items were closed.

1. New Sub-Committees were established including the addition of the:
  - a. Awards Sub-Committee filled by Compatriot Russell Dart, and
  - b. Annual Chapter Reports Sub-Committee filled by Compatriot Bob Cohen.
2. The John K. Harrell CAR Award Contest and the John K. Harrell Activities Award Contest has been announced for the 2008 contest year. This information is included in the Annual Chapter Report material and has been posted to the TXSSAR web site.

TXSSAR Service Medals have been given to the Bud Schwart and will be available at BOM and state meetings for sale to Chapter officers during such meetings.

3. Youth Contest Budget requirements for 2008 were distributed to members of the Contest, Medals and Awards Committee during the BOM meeting in Tyler, Texas. It was approved by the CMA Committee and will be included in Youth Contest instructions established by respective Program Chairmen.

## District 1 Vice President

Col. Wm. H. Holcombe, Jr.

		Chapter #9	Chapter # 18
		Col. Turner R. Sharp	Odessa Permian Chapter
		El Paso, TX	Odessa, TX

<u>Category</u>			
# of Members as of 12/31/07		27	25
# of Members as of 9/30/08		28	22
# of Chapter Meetings Since 1/1/08		6	1
<u>For 2008 Calendar year</u>			
# of ROTC Contests		0	0
# of Knight Essay Contests		0	0
# of Oration Contests		0	0
# of Eagle Scout Contests		0	0
# of Poster Contests		0	0
# of History Teacher Contestants		0	0
Chapter Total		0	0
<u>For 2008 Calendar year</u>			
# of Law Enforcement Awards		0	0
# of EMS Awards		0	0
# of Fire Safety Awards		0	0
# of Heroism Awards		0	0
Chapter Total		0	0
<u>For 2008 Calendar Year</u>			
# of News Articles Paper/TV/Radio		0	0
# of JROTC/ROTC Medals Awarded		24	4
# of Awards to DAR		0	0
# of Awards to Citizens		0	0
# of Flag Cert Presented		0	0
# of Color Guard Events by Chapter		1	0

## **District 2 Vice President**

William G. Harper

The Texas Tech Chapter in Lubbock had a joint SAR/DAR meeting in September when President Harry Fife visited the chapter. It was the chapter's first meeting in four months and had a very good attendance. President Winn Reeves discussed the chapter's achievements and membership status during the past year as well as it's goals for 2009. Their next meeting will be sometime early next year.

The Panhandle-Plains Chapter #10 in Amarillo also had a meeting in September. The meeting was a joint meeting with the Esther McCrory Chapter DAR and was on September 20, 2008 in recognition of Constitution Day. Four SAR members attended the meeting and participated in the ceremonies. President Harry Fife and Mrs. Fife were in attendance. Following the luncheon President Fife was the guest speaker at the meeting. A brief SAR meeting was held by the members present.

## **District 3 Vice President**

George W. Harcourt

Report not available at Press time

## **District 4 Vice President**

John W. Knox

The Patrick Henry Chapter met in a joint meeting with the DAR to hear Gary Sissons for a joint meeting on Constitution Day. Gary did his superb job in his performance of Patrick Henry's Oration at Christ Church.

The New William Hightower has a joint meeting with the DAR on Oct 21. Harry Fife and his wife are scheduled to attend. The Steel Magnolias sing patriotic songs and Mark Collins presents a segment of the History Channel's George Washington in "American Revolution".

No report on the Aaron Burleson Chapter.

The Heart of Texas Chapter is hosting the Fall BOM in Temple.

## District 5 Vice President

Victor A. Smith

Chapter #	Name						
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	6*					
7	Arlington		7				
16	Big Country			16**			
22	Daniel Wood				22		
36	North Central Texas					36*	
44	Leon River Valley						44**
45	Brazos Valley						45
<u>Category</u>							
# of Members as of 12/31/07			19	19	16		5 41
# of Members as of 9/30/08			18	21	16		4 41
# of Chapter Meetings Since 1/1/08			8	2	7		0 7
<u>For 2008 Calendar year</u>							
# of ROTC Contests			0	0	0		0 0
# of Knight Essay Contests			0	0	0		0 0
# of Oration Contests			0	0	0		0 0
# of Eagle Scout Contests			0	0	0		0 0
# of Poster Contests			9	0	0		0 2
# of History Teacher Contestants			0	0	0		0 0
Chapter Total			9	0	0		0 0
<u>For 2008 Calendar year</u>							
# of Law Enforcement Awards			0		0		0 1
# of EMS Awards			0		0		0 0
# of Fire Safety Awards			0		1		0 0
# of Heroism Awards			0		0		0 0
Chapter Total			0		1		0 1
<u>For 2008 Calendar Year</u>							
# of News Articles Paper/TV/Radio			3				0 6
# of JROTC/ROTC Medals Awarded			7		2		0 4
# of Awards to DAR			0				0 0
# of Awards to Citizens			4				0
# of Flag Cert Presented			0				0 0
# of Color Guard Events by Chapter			0				0 6
Membership					+ 2 new -2 deaths		+2 new -2 deaths

\*No report at this time\*\*info by VPD

## **District 6 Vice President**

J. Mark Hansen

There have been no new developments of earth-shaking significance as far as the Dallas Chapter is concerned. It continues to be one of the flagships of our society. As they do every year, Dallas Chapter compatriots are presently staffing a desk in the DAR house on the grounds of the State Fair of Texas, recruiting new potential members for our society, and forwarding their information sheets to the appropriate chapters.

The Mesquite Chapter, which meets quarterly, will not have its next meeting (on October 16) until after this report is submitted. The Mesquite Chapter president, Glen Collier, has informed me that the Chapter has presented a flag certificate and will participate in the Essay, Eagle Scout, and Junior ROTC contests. The speaker for the October Chapter meeting will be the President of the Texas Society CAR. On a disturbing note, President Collier recently informed the Mesquite Chapter compatriots that, due to reasons of health and family, he is unable to continue in his office for

another year. President Collier has served as president of the Mesquite Chapter for the past two years, almost single-handedly keeping the chapter going. He has issued a challenge for one of the other compatriots in his chapter to step forward and assume the presidency. He mentions in his letter that the president, secretary, and treasurer positions have been recycled between only three compatriots for some time now.

The Garland Chapter continues its revival under the leadership of Chapter President Delora Lewis. Compatriot Paul Ridenour has volunteered to act as webmaster for the chapter's future website. The chapter continues to have programs at each of its monthly meetings, usually presented by members of the chapter itself. I presented the program at the September meeting. The chapter's newsletter editor recently resigned, and it appears that that additional duty will fall to President Lewis for remaining months of his term.

## **District 7 Vice President**

Allan M. Henshaw

Report not available at Press time

## **District 8 Vice President**

Raymond W. Cox

Report Not available at Press time

## **District 9 Vice President**

Joe Bruce Barrett

Report Not available at Press time

## District 10 Vice President

Michael J. Everheart

### Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter

Chapter Location: Lufkin, TX.

Population: 40,000

Chapter membership: 37

Local DAR Chapter: Anthony Smith #6007

#### 2008 Chapter Activities Completed:

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Regular membership meetings held (4)

Color Guard members (3)

Newsletters published (4)

New members (2)

Robert Prendergast

Bob Inselmann

Reinstatements (1)

Harold Newsom

Applications at National (4)

Aubrey Gann

Willard Burl Ivy

Harry Albert Taylor, III

Joe Allport

Applications in process (4)

Poster Contestants (35 posters)

Scholarship money awarded (3 students)

Flag Retirement Ceremony (2 members in uniform)

Pineywoods Academy

Color Guard (2 members)

Pineywoods Academy Ceremony

Flag Certificates (1)

Peltier Chevrolet

Newspaper articles (4)

Certificates of Appreciation (4)

Grants submitted (1)

Wal-Mart-Lufkin

Fifteen Declaration of Independence documents to be framed and presented to local schools by uniformed members of Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter.

Chapter members giving presentations at other organizations (1)

Fred Preston in uniform-Anthony Smith Chapter, DAR, Lufkin

Chapter Constitution and By-Laws written, voted on, and approved.

Law Enforcement Medal/Certificate (1)

David Cross-Lufkin Police Detective

Length of Service Medal/Certificates (4)  
Lester Sparks-15 yrs.  
Tom Gann-35 yrs.  
Woody Gann-35 yrs.  
Fred Hutson-35 yrs.  
Meritorious Service Medal/Certificates (2)  
Fred Preston-Chapter President  
Neal Naranjo-Chapter 1<sup>st</sup>. V.P.

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Chapter activities to be completed in 2008  
Membership meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Certificate of Appreciation (1)

Fred Preston, Chapter President  
Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #28

### **Fredonia Chapter**

Chapter Location: Nacogdoches, TX.  
Population: 30,000  
Chapter membership: 11  
Local DAR Chapter: Nacogdoches Chapter

2008 Chapter Activities Completed:

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Membership Chapter meetings (5)  
Newsletters Published (4)  
Law Enforcement Medals/Certificates (1)  
Heroism Medals/Certificates (1)  
Meritorious Service Medal/Certificates (3)  
Length of Service Medals and Certificates (3)  
SROTC Medal and Certificate/SFA University (1)  
New Members (1)  
Newspaper articles (6)

2008 Chapter Activities to be completed:

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Fire Safety Medal and Certificate (1)  
EMS Medal and Certificate (1)  
Flag Certificate (1)  
Martha Washington Medal and Certificate (1)  
Membership meetings to be held (1)  
Newsletters to be published (1)  
Wal Mart Grant to be submitted (1)

Tommy Slay, Chapter President  
Fredonia Chapter #58

## **East Texas Chapter**

Chapter Location: Longview, TX.

Population: 78,000

Current Chapter Membership: 40

Local DAR chapters: Aaron Burleson Chapter #6001

Capt. William Young Chapter #6021

2008 Chapter activities completed:

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Membership meetings held (5)

Color Guard members (3)

JROTC Medals and Certificates (1)

Newsletters published (5)

Newspaper articles (11)

Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate (1)

Fire Safety Medal and Certificate (1)

Heroism Medal and Certificate (1)

Flag Certificate (1)

Applications ready to submit (6)

Number of new members (2)

Charles Pruitt II

Charles Pruitt III

2008 Chapter activities to be completed:

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EMS Medal and Certificate (1)

Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate (1)

Membership meetings to be held (1)

Newsletters to be published (1)

Grants to submit (1)

Newspaper articles to submit (2)

## **Athens Chapter**

Chapter location: Athens, TX.

Population: 10,000

Current Chapter membership: 37

Local DAR Chapter: Daniel McMahon Chapter #6030

2008 Chapter Activities Completed:

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Chapter meetings held (10)

New members (0)

Medals and Certificates presented:

Heroism Medal/Certificates (1)

War Service Medal/Certificate (2)

JROTC Medal/Certificate (1)

Eagle Scout Medal/Certificate (1)

Fire Safety Medal/Certificate (1)



Bronze Good Citizenship Medal/Certificate (1)

Additional Certificates presented:

SAR Speaker Certificates of Appreciation (7)  
Murchison Foundation Certificate of Appreciation (1)  
Chapter Service Pin/Certificate (1)  
Non SAR Program Participant (1)  
School Poster Certificates (233)  
Flag Certificate (1)

School Programs Completed (4)

Southside Elementary-April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Lakeview Elementary-May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Central Elementary-May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Athens Christian Academy-May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grants Submitted YTD (3)

Cain Foundation  
Murchison Foundation  
Wal-Mart

2008 Chapter Activities to be completed

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Chapter Meetings (3)

Medals/Certificates

Silver Citizenship Medal/Certificate (1)  
EMS Medal/Certificate (1)

### **Capt. William Barron Chapter**

Chapter Location: Tyler, TX.

Population: 107,000

Chapter Membership: 72

Local DAR Chapter: Mary Tyler Chapter

2008 Chapter Activities completed:

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Meetings held (10)

School programs given (51 classes)

Medals with Certificates:

Heroism Medals (7)  
Texas Medal of Appreciation (7)  
Lady Liberty Medal (1)  
Meritorious Service Medal (7)  
Color Guard Medal (1)  
Martha Washington Medal (3)  
Law Enforcement Medal (1)  
Eagle Scout Medal (1)

Certificates of Appreciation (69)

Color Guard Activities:

- Revolutionary War Grave Dedication-Jasper area (1 member)
- DAR George Washington Tea program for DAR chapter (three members)
- Flag Day Ceremony at UT-Tyler-Flag Program (3 members)
- Memorial Day Color Guard (4 members)
- Naturalization Ceremony-Federal Courthouse in Tyler (3 members/three ceremonies)

JROTC Medals and Certificates

- John Tyler High School JROTC (1)
- Gilmer High School JROTC (1)
- Marshall High School JROTC (1)

Newspaper articles (32)

New members (1)

Applications at National (3)

Applications in process (2)

TV articles (9)

Grants submitted (2)

Chapter Activities to be completed in 2008:

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Membership meetings (1)

Executive Board meetings (1)

Annual Capt. Barron Community Flag Retirement Ceremony (November 8th)

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate (1)

## District 11 Vice President

William K. Walker

### Red River Valley Chapter (Paris)

Number of Meetings: 2 (The Red River Valley chapter meets every even month.)

Newsletters: 2

Speakers:

August: John Sellers

October: James Mitchell

Number of Medals for the reporting period:

Number of Certificates for the reporting period:

### Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter (Greenville/Commerce)

Number of Meetings: 0

Newsletters: 2

Number of Speakers: 0

Number of Medals: 0

Number of Certificates: 0

Notes: The Ambassador Fletcher Warren chapter has a meeting scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Audi Murphy Cotton Museum in Greenville followed by a Dutch treat lunch.

## **McKinney Chapter**

Number of Meetings: 2 (The McKinney chapter meets monthly except July and August)

Newsletters: 1

Number of Speakers: 2

September: Collin County Sheriff Terry Box

October: Don Jacobs of the "Texas Fallen Soldier Project"

A supplemental was presented to Donald Babbs in October Number of Medals: 1; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Number of Certificates: 2; Law Enforcement and Certificate of Appreciation

Notes: Two new members installation, Marshall Lee Battle Jr. and Tyson Till; Two supplemental certificates awarded, Ernest Martin and Milton Lentz

## **Denton**

Number of Meetings: 1

Newsletters: 2

Number of Speakers: 0

Number of Medals: 0

Number of Certificates: 0

Notes: The Denton chapter is having a leadership crisis. The current leadership has served the chapter for 10 plus years. No one else was willing to step forward and assume a leadership position. The chapter is seriously considering dissolving. The Denton chapter voted to donate \$400 to the TXSSAR Archives and \$400 to the Color Guard

## **Plano**

Number of Meetings:

Newsletters: 3

Number of Speakers: 3

August: Open

September: Jim Miller

October: Plano Police Chief Gregory Rushin

Plano Fire Chief Hugo Esparza

Number of Medals:

Law Enforcement: 1

Fire: 1

EMS: 1

Bronze Good Citizenship:

Number of Certificates:

Certificates of Appreciation: 8

Flag: 1

Fire Safety: 1

Bronze Good Citizenship

Other: 2

Martha Washington: 1

Notes: Plano meets monthly

## Chairman, President's Council

Charles E. Luna

The Chapter Community Service Grant Program proposed and approved at the August 2008 Tyler BOM has been completed and submitted for viewing and distribution via the TXSSAR website. TXSSAR Chapters have been advised of the availability of the program in the Fall issue of the ***COMPATRIOT***. A brief overview and description of the project will be posted in the TXSSAR Chapter President's Manual with information to obtain access to the complete program. Due to the proprietary and confidential nature of the material, it will be password protected and it is proposed TXSSAR District Vice Presidents be "gatekeepers", controlling information access. The Program was introduced to TXSSAR District VPs at their 2008 Tyler BOM meeting and, at that time, were given a preliminary hard copy of the Program. A CD containing the revised and complete program will be distributed to District Vice Presidents at the October 2008 Temple BOM for reference and instructional purposes. The Chairman and Council wish to express thanks to former COCP Chairman Ray Cox for his assistance in this project.

The Chapter Annual Report will be the primary focus of the COCP meeting at October 2008 Temple BOM. Fully realizing the importance in completing the Chapter Annual Report in an accurate and timely manner, a working seminar re the Chapter Annual Report will be conducted at the 2008 Temple BOM for COCP members and any other interested parties. State President Fife will detail the electronic filing of the report utilizing the digital spreadsheet annual report form

available on the TXSSAR website. I have requested TXSSAR VP CMA Rohrbough, District 11 VP Walker and others to participate in presenting the seminar.

A brief discussion in implementation of the Chapter Community Service Grant Program will follow if time allows.

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## Web Master

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In the past three months, we have been able to accommodate several TXSSAR Chapters to use the TXSSAR.org cyberspace for their individual websites. So far, there is plenty of memory available as long as the chapters don't get too picture-intensive.

We are looking at reorganizing the layout of the TXSSAR.org homepage, as the number of menu items is getting too large to fit across the top of the screen. We may have to go to a system like the [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) site uses.

A hidden folder has been established and its address is available to any officer who "needs to know" it. Semi-confidential info like TXSSAR member info, chapter officers, etc., will be placed there.

We will soon be changing web hosting services to a host that is more friendly to CGI-type sites. This will allow gathering of information as well as dispensing information. Information-gathering can include things like conference and BOM registrations and credit card info for payment of fees. Also, perhaps membership renewals. Another feature of the new host will be a bulk e-mail program.

I would like to set up the new hosting service for automatic billing to the State Treasurer rather than my having to pay by credit card and then bill the Treasurer.