



State Historian Visit



Historian Data Collection

- The **Notable Compatriots** discussions at the 2019 Spring Convention led to no resolutions nor motions.
- Pros include collecting data needed for statistical analysis of professions (doctor, lawyer, civic/governmental, self-employed, farmers, teachers, professional, laborers, etc.)
- Pros also include collecting data for future Vol. 3 of Texas SAR History book.
- Cons include the extra effort needed to collect the data. It was loudly stated the small chapters have more to do than personnel available accomplish it.
- Later discussions have led to development of a pilot program and optional new compatriot questionnaire. An early draft of that questionnaire is available. The thought is for Chapter Registrars to add that questionnaire to their new member packets along with any other chapter documents they currently add, like the Chapter President Welcome letter, etc. And optionally encourage older members to participate.
- Hopefully, success will be identified by the 2019 Fall BOM such that proper motions can be made and passed to expand throughout the state chapters.

Chapter Historian

- Is your chapter in danger of losing its history?
- Can you provide documents of the origins of your chapter? Do you know of what, when, where your Chapter was chartered? Do you have the Chapter Charter?
- Do you know who your previous members were? Do you have old rosters?
- Do you know the significant professional accomplishments of your current and past membership?
- What are the significant past events your chapter covered?
- What past awards has your chapter received and/or presented?
- What past awards has your chapter members received?
- Do you have a Chapter Scrapbook? Does it contain annual officers, committee chairs, meeting minutes, newsletters, rosters, event lists, event programs, event photos with captions, brief chapter history, etc.? This is the best place to not lose your chapter history!

Chapter UNT Archive

- Has your chapter ever archived documents to the UNT Willis Library?
- If not, then I bet a few of your members have boxes of stuff somewhere. It may not seem important to you, but I bet it is important for historical purposes. Keep what you're currently using, but please don't lose those documents, please archive them!
- The UNT Archive procedure is easy. First organize the documents by some category. Separate those with digital copies and those that are paper only. UNT much prefers digital copies. They can be put on DVDs or flash drives and donated to UNT. Paper copies, scrapbooks, etc. can be mailed or delivered to UNT. Identify your TX SAR District, Chapter name, number and the time period covered. It's just that simple.
- More UNT archival information is available on the Texas SAR Public website under "About Texas SAR" > "History" > "Texas SAR Archives at UNT". They are annually digitizing our archived documents. Those delivered in digital form are archived first. Thereafter, they get an annual priority statement from the Texas SAR Historian. They are guarding against putting online current member contact information, recent rosters, recent new applications, etc. It is my opinion our chapters should not archive digital or paper new applications because NSSAR has a plan for making them available online within the SAR.org system.

Website Admin

- Most chapters have websites. Some of those are using the responsive Texas SAR Chapter website templates made available 4-5 years ago.
- A chapter Web Admin is desired. But I offer to assist those chapters with minimal web admin experience to gain sufficient knowledge and learn how to administer for them.
- If your chapter fits this criteria, please check out the sample templates on the Texas SAR Private website at:
 1. <https://www.texassar.org/chsample1> - red
 2. <https://www.texassar.org/chsample2> - navy
- You're encouraged to start with these and then customize as you desire (any color scheme and any content desired).
- Contact John Anderson for more information at janders981@sbcglobal.net.

2019 Fall Board of Managers

- Scheduled for Friday Oct. 4 – Sunday Oct. 6 at the Hilton in Arlington.
- Your members are encouraged to attend and join in meetings.
- Raffle tickets are available now. You do not have to be present to win.
 1. Cowboy vs Redskins tickets 3:30 pm Dec. 29 in Visitors Bureau Box,
 2. 55" name brand TV,
 3. Cabela's Polar Cap ® Equalizer Cooler.