



Officer Reports

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

March 27-30, 2014

San Antonio

President

Stephen Rohrbough

The Board of Managers (BOM) meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Houston, TX, October 11–13, 2013 was in my opinion a resounding success. My letter inviting fellow TXSSAR Compatriots to attend this BOM turned out to be everything I promised. The three Chapters (Freedom, Piney Woods, and Robert Rankin) hosting the meeting did an absolutely First Class job in planning, coordinating, organizing, and executing the meeting. The teamwork between the leaders of these Chapters was outstanding and the plan came together as planned. I am most pleased with the outcome and what was accomplished for the State Society.

The “Meet the Candidates” forum for Officers running for National offices for 2014-2015 was outstanding. Attendees got to meet the candidates and learn what their goals were, how they planned to achieve them, and how SAR will benefit. Most positions were uncontested, but we got to hear their messages and meet them. Only two positions were contested—Treasurer General and Librarian General. Larry Cornwell (ALSSAR) and Mike Tomme (GASSAR) are running for Treasurer General; and Larry Guzy (GASSAR) and Bruce Pickett (ALSSAR) are running for Librarian General. Candidates in each race presented their credentials and what they wanted to do if elected. Afterwards, the BOM endorsed all uncontested candidates. By close votes, the BOM endorsed Mike Tomme for Treasurer General; and Larry Guzy for Librarian General.

With a last minute change in plans, we were most please to have President Pamela Wright, Texas Society DAR join us for the dinner on Saturday evening. She brought greetings for Texas Society DAR to TXSSAR. President Wright was presented with the SAR Martha Washington Medal for her service during the Presidential term of President Bob Clark. Additionally, I presented her with the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal and Certificate for her continued support of the Texas Society and working together for the benefit of both DAR and SAR.

As the BOM came to an end, I was energized by the work of the three hosting chapters, knowing that TXSSAR is committed to hosting the National Congress in Houston, TX in 2018. I know we were building our skills and talents to show we can pull together and make Houston and Texas the showcase for an outstanding National Congress in 2018, as we did in 2006 when we hosted the National Congress in Dallas, TX.

Just a quick look back to our trip to Texas Panhandle in mid September 2013 – It was more eventful than mentioned in my remarks in the last edition of the Compatriot Newsletter. Past TXSSAR President George West and District Vice President Bill Harper joined us in Lubbock. After a short Chapter meeting, we had a joint DAR and SAR meeting. We had a great evening with the ladies DAR Chapter. We were greeted with a warm welcome and had a very nice dinner. As the honored speaker, I was most surprised with the interest everyone took with my presentation on the “German Immigration to Pennsylvania in the mid 1750’s.” There was much conversation and dialogue with the ladies who wanted to tell me about their ancestors and family history. It was an exciting evening for all.

Marie and I then drove to Canyon, TX and had a wonderful visit with George and Judy West. We toured Palo Duro Canyon, Canyon Texas, and had a great dinner at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo, Texas. George and Judy were excellent Host and Hostess. They showed us how it done in the Panhandle. As we had planned to return to San Antonio earlier on Saturday, September 21, 2013, we realized a great opportunity was staring us in the face. We had a wonderful opportunity to join George and Judy to celebrate "Constitution Day" with the DAR. It was hosted by two Amarillo area DAR Chapters at the prestigious Amarillo Club, high above the city with a fantastic view of the Panhandle plains. George and I wore our period uniforms, presented the Colors, and told the story of our respective uniforms. It was fun and we had a great day with the ladies and DAR. I was impressed and wondered why SAR does not celebrate Constitution Day in a similar fashion, as does DAR and add it to our calendar of events.

On November 9, 2013, Marie and I attended the 100th Anniversary on the Alamo Chapter DAR at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio, TX; where I was an invited guest representing TXSSAR. We enjoyed the singing by the Texas Youth Singers who have performed in Washington D.C throughout the U.S. and countries overseas as well. The Chapter looked back over 100 years and recognized their many accomplishments through a skit that was a wonderful program. The San Antonio SAR Chapter honored a San Antonio Police Officer for her heroism saving the life of her fellow Police Officer in a shooting incident recently. She was presented a SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate for her service. The picture and presentation was in the San Antonio Express Newspaper the following week.

Marie and I visited the Alexander Hodge Chapter on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 and had a great evening with the members of the Chapter. This visit was a result of contacts during the Battle of Medina Ceremony in August 2013 and Past President Tom Green's interest to visit the Alexander Hodge Chapter.

Marie and I attended the joint meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio Chapter Christmas meeting that has been an annual affair for 14 years. It is held at the San Antonio Country Club, a wonderful venue. I participated in the Color Guard with the San Antonio Chapter. This annual event is special and is shared with the local societies of the Children of the American Revolution.

We have successfully had several meeting on "GoToMeeting.com" with District 8 and the Houston area Chapters. On December 15 and 22, 2013, we had meeting with DVP John Thompson and Chapter Officers. We had a very good agenda to discuss National, State, and local topics. These are informational and training sessions for Districts and Chapter Officers. There is so much to gain in these sessions. There is an exchange of information between State Officers, District VPs, and Chapter Officers. District VPs are the catalyst for the introduction and education of Chapter Officers. It is an opportunity to learn how to perform important duties and take responsibility taking credit of what is done in the Chapter. This translates to doing what is required when preparing Chapter Annual Reports and receiving credit for the work and activities done in the Chapter.

In January 2014, we have been to three chapters in North Texas area installing new Officers at Plano, Athens, and Dallas Chapters on 7th, 9th, and 11th of the month respectively. Marie sold all of her Ladies Auxiliary Quilt fund raising tickets. Visits are planned for the Boerne and Independence Chapters as well.

In February, visits are planned with the Heart of Texas Chapter in Temple, TX and the Laredo Chapter. The big event is the 111th Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX. It will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 with a Bridge Ceremony with City dignitaries from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and Laredo, Texas. The parade will have over 170 units, bands, and floats with over 50,000 people in attendance. It is the largest George Washington Celebration and parade in the US.

President General Joseph Dooley will lead the SAR participants and other National Officers with 20-40 Color Guardsmen and wives marching and/or riding on the Laredo Chapter SAR float. The Laredo Chapter will hold its Annual meeting and all out of town SAR and TXSSAR guests will attend this chapter event. It is sponsored by Compatriot Rick Ramirez and his brothers and family members.

Many of the TXSSAR Officers and wives will attend the 2014 Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY February 27-March 1, 2014. The big topic of the day is the funding for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH), one five of President General Joe Dooley's PG Initiatives. The State Society has contributed \$2,750 to support the PG' Initiatives for 2013-2014. TXSSAR donated \$1,500 and received a 100% match from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell \$1.5 million gift in 2012. The Society also contributed \$750 for the USO Initiative recognizing the three major airports in Texas including DFW, HIA, and San Antonio. And, TXSSAR also contributed \$500 to Mount Vernon Ladies Association for George Washington Portraits to go to two Elementary Schools in Texas, specifically Pin Oak Middle School in Katy, TX and St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio, TX. TXSSAR will be recognized for its participation in the PG Initiatives during the National Congress in 2014 in Greensboro, S.C.

The TXSSAR Annual State Meeting is set for March 27-30, 2014 in San Antonio, TX. It will held be at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade at Wurzbach and IH-10 West. This is the same hotel where TX DAR held their Annual Meeting in 2012. It is a step up in hotel facilities and dining to the hotels we normally use for Annual Meetings. We negotiated a rate at \$99 per night and reserved 2012 food pricing as well.

Genealogist General Larry Cornwell will present his program of "Best Practices for the application process" of handling application for membership in SAR. With his 3 year experience as Genealogist General, he will tell us how best to make the best of time and energy when talking to new applicants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Rohrbough
President TXSSAR

State President Elect

Robert Cohen

March 15, 2014

- Participated in Fall BOM in Houston,
- Conducted training of Chapter Officers for District 8 via GoToMeeting,

- Attended the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, as a member of the IT Committee and as a Member of Council of State Presidents.
- Made a presentation to Hill Country Chapter.
- Made presentation to Robert Rankin Chapter.

State Secretary

Hank Voegtle

March 4, 2013

Activities since last report.

Received, add to database, sort, place in envelopes and mail new members and numerous supplements who were approved during October, November, December, January, and February.

-Update and enter new postal and e-mail addresses into the database.

- Set up database for 2013 and clean up inconsistent data.

- Prepare and submit Annual membership report to National for reconciliation.

- Make address changes in the Texas and National databases.

- Direct requests to join SAR to a chapter near requestor's residence.

- Obtain needed items from Merchandise Department and receive, inventory and process certificates and medals.

- Confer with Immediate Past State Secretary, President-elect and communicate with database specialist, Allan Henshaw, to coordinate updates to the TXSSAR database programs and maintain the database in the "cloud".

- Attend NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting and meet with National Staff Registrar. Attend Eagle Scout, Bylaws and Legal Affairs committees.

- Post by email to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries constitution, bylaws, and resolutions to be considered at the TXSSAR Annual meeting March 28-30, 2014.

Sincerely,
Hank Voegtle
Secretary

Staff Secretary

Larry G. Stevens

Minutes of the EXCOM Meeting completed and filed in the committee reports. BOM Minutes completed and sent out for review by BOM Officers March 5, 2014. Officer and Committee reports from the FALL BOM completed March 7, 2014.

As Staff Secretary I attended the National Congress in Kansas City and participated with the SAR Color Guard. I attended both Spring and Fall 2013 Leadership Meetings in Louisville as the Chairman of the Education Committee, Secretary of the International District, Vice Chairman of the Newsletter and Periodicals Committee, a member of the Patriot Graves Committee, a member of the History Committee, and the SAR Color Guard Committee. At the Spring leadership meeting I was added to the National Meetings Committee.

In 2013, I presented twenty-four history/educational programs to Elementary and Middle schools and one adult group.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry G. Stevens

Communications Secretary

Sam Massey

TXSSAR Communications Secretary Report - Samuel P. Massey, Jr.

Mar. 5, 2014

1. Forwarded requests to join SAR to the TXSSAR chapter nearest requestor's residence.

A. Interest request received via email for 2013 - 61, for 2014 year to date - 9

B. interest request received via phone call for 2013 - 7, for 2014 ytd - 3

2. DADA message work

Messages to:

DADA MESSAGES SENT		
RECIPIENTS	Number in 2013	Year to Date 2014
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP	15	6
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS	21	6
DISTRICT VP	2	0
STATE OFFICERS	1	0
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	0	0
BOARD OF MANAGERS	2	0
CHAPTER REGISTRARS	2	0
<i>(LIST CREATD 12/12/2013)</i>		

3. Color Guard participation

- A. TXSSAR BOM - Flag dedication ceremony for Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas - Oct. 11, 2013
- B. TXSSAR BOM - Presentation of colors, Houston, Texas - Oct. 12, 2013
- C. NSSAR - George Washington Birthday parade, Laredo, Texas - Feb. 22nd, 2014
- D. Paul Carrington Chapter - George Washington Distinguished Service Award, Houston, Texas - Feb 25, 2014

4. Attended VAVS Committee mtg at Michael E DeBakey VA Hospital, Houston, Texas as NSSAR Representative, Jan 15, 2014

5. Completed MEDVA Volunteer Training, March 5th, 2014

6. TXSSAR Eagle Scout Committee member

7. NSSAR IT Committee member

8. National SAR Convention 2018 TXSSAR Host Committee member and added as member of the National Meetings Committee at the Spring 2014 Leadership Meeting.

Best regards,

Sam Massey
Communications Secretary, TXSSAR

Treasurer John Beard

March 28-30, 2014

Checking Account Monthly Reconciliation

- Larry Stevens – Piney Woods Chapter – is assisting in this process.

Independent 2012 Audit Results – Frank Melvin, CPA completed 2012 audit report, and copy attached. There were no material adjustments to the financial statements. Frank Melvin has been engaged to perform the 2013 audit and return preparation. The 2012 Form 990 was filed on November 15, 2013 considered timely.

2012 IRS Form 990-N (e-postcard) – Should have been filed by May 15, 2013

- **Note from IRS:** *“If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ)*

for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year."

As of December 31, 2013, 44 out of 45 chapters (98%) have properly filed their respective 2012 IRS Form 990-N (e-postcard).

All chapters need to adopt a calendar year tax year.

UNCLEARED TXSSAR Chapter Dues Checks

08/14/2011	1015	Alexander Hodge Chapter #49	-104.50
08/14/2011	1028	Edmund Terrill Chapter #34	-9.50
08/14/2011	1045	Red River Valley Chapter #65	-9.50
03/11/2012	1103	No. Central Texas Chapter #36	-85.50
03/11/2012	1087	Daniel Wood Chapter #22	-85.50
03/11/2012	1099	Live Oak Chapter #55	-60.50
08/13/2012	1134	No. Central Texas Chapter #36	-199.50
08/13/2012	1141	Victoria Chapter #50	-38.00
08/13/2012	1122	Arlington Chapter #7	-29.00
03/03/2013	1160	Major White Chapter # 17	-57.00
07/04/2013	1199	Alexander Hodge Chapter #49	-9.50
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			-688.00

2013 Dues Notices – The 2013 TXSSAR Dues Notices were mailed in November 2013.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Highlights

Balance Sheet

- Total Assets exceeded \$1 million at year end as a result cash from unremitted dues and the increases in the carrying value of investments.

Revenue

- Total revenue favorable variance of \$95,711.49.
- Realized Earnings from Investments were favorable by \$9,787 from year end harvesting of gains and dividends
- Unrealized Gains on investments was \$82,130.94 year to date.
- Patriot Fund donations exceeded estimates by \$10,400 as a result of the silent auction at State and October BOM

Expenses

- Expenses had a total favorable variance of \$5,066.

Balance Sheet by Class as of December 31, 2013

Profit & Loss by Class as of December 31, 2013

TXSSAR Investment Status as of December 31, 2013

■ Patriot, Perpetual & Richie YTD Performance
TXSSAR 2013 YTD Budget Variance Report 2013

TXSSAR 2014 Proposed Budget

Patriot Funds Projects Committee –A 'Roll Forward Report' based upon the By-Laws, Awards Budget, and Investment Earnings Realized and Donations. The report provides guidance to the Patriot Fund trustees for making awards.

Chapter Banking Information I have received banking information for 29 of the 45 Chapters. By transferring the chapter dues via ACH it will eliminate the large group of outstanding checks as shown above.

Respectfully Submitted

John C. Beard

The following reports from the Treasurer General have been included to this document as attachments.

- Balance Sheet 12/31/2013
- Budget 2014
- 2013 Budget 2013 vs Actual
- P & L 2014
- Investment Account Growth 2013

Registrar (Coastal Group)

Gerald W. Irion

TXSSAR Coastal Registrar's Report

Gerald W. Irion

Applications Processed

January 1, 2013 - Dec 13, 2013

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members
1	Bernardo de Galvez	6
4	San Antonio	9
5	Paul Carrington	9
11	Patrick Henry	19
14	Corpus Christi	2

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members
17	Major White	
18	Permian Basin	
19	Paul Revere	3
22	Daniel Wood	
26	Heart of Texas	5
27	Capt. John McAdams	
31	Hill Country	17
33	Cradle of Texas	1
35	William Hightower	4
38	Freedom	18
40	Independence	9
42	Liberty	2
49	Alexander Hodge	5
50	Victoria	2
51	Piney Woods	1
54	Athens	5
55	Live Oak	
59	Aaron Burleson	
61	Laredo	
62	Robert Rankin	4
64	Boerne	1
66	Alexander Hamilton	5
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	2
7	Arlington	
15	Texas Tech	1
23	Denton	2

Totals 132

January 1,
2014 - Feb 17, 2014

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members	Supplementals
1	Bernardo de Galvez	3	0
4	San Antonio	0	1
5	Paul Carrington	2	6
11	Patrick Henry	0	2
14	Corpus Christi	0	0
17	Major White	0	0
18	Permian Basin	0	0
19	Paul Revere	0	0
22	Daniel Wood	0	0
26	Heart of Texas	0	0
27	Capt. John McAdams	0	0
31	Hill Country	4	0

Chapter #	Chapter Name	New Members	Supplementals
33	Cradle of Texas	0	0
35	William Hightower	0	0
38	Freedom	2	0
40	Independence	1	0
42	Liberty	0	0
49	Alexander Hodge	1	0
50	Victoria	0	0
51	Piney Woods	6	1
54	Athens	5	0
55	Live Oak	0	0
59	Aaron Burleson	0	0
61	Laredo	0	0
62	Robert Rankin	0	3
64	Boerne	0	0
66	Alexander Hamilton	0	0
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	0	0
7	Arlington	0	0
15	Texas Tech	0	0
23	Denton	0	0

Totals 24 13

Registrar (Inland Group)

Registrar (Inland Group)

Mike Radcliff and David J Temple

JAN 1, 2013 THRU DEC 31, 2013			
Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
DALLAS	2	16	5
MAJ K M VAN ZANDT	6	17	10
ARLINGTON	7	11	
COL TURNER SHARP	9	1	
PANHANDLE PLAINS	10	5	
TEXAS TECH	15		6
BIG COUNTRY	16	2	
PERMIAN BASIN	18	4	
DANIEL WOOD	22		
DENTON	23	1	
CAPT WM BARRON	25	8	

Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
LT. NATHAN GANN	28	1	
HILL COUNTRY	31		
WACO	32		
EDMUND TERRILL	34	9	2
NORTH CENTRAL TX	36		
PLANO	37	9	2
INDEPENDENCE	39		
BLUEBONNET	41	2	
AMB. FLETCHER WARREN	43	2	
LEON RIVER VALLEY	44		
BRAZOS VALLEY	45	3	2
EAST FORK TRINITY	47	5	9
EAST TEXAS	57	2	
FREDONIA	58	1	
MCKINNEY	63	3	
BOERNE	64	4	1
PARIS	65		
	TOTAL	106	37

David J Temple

JAN 1, 2014 THRU FEB 25, 2014			
Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
DALLAS	2	2	
MAJ K M VAN ZANDT	6	3	1
ARLINGTON	7	1	1
COL TURNER SHARP	9		
PANHANDLE PLAINS	10		
TEXAS TECH	15		
BIG COUNTRY	16		
PERMIAN BASIN	18		
DANIEL WOOD	22		
DENTON	23		
CAPT WM BARRON	25	3	
LT. NATHAN GANN	28		
HILL COUNTRY	31		
WACO	32		
EDMUND TERRILL	34		
NORTH CENTRAL TX	36		

Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
PLANO	37	4	2
INDEPENDENCE	39		
BLUEBONNET	41	1	
AMB. FLETCHER WARREN	43		
LEON RIVER VALLEY	44		
BRAZOS VALLEY	45	2	
EAST FORK TRINITY	47	1	1
EAST TEXAS	57	2	
FREDONIA	58	1	
MCKINNEY	63	1	
BOERNE	64		
PARIS	65		
	TOTAL	21	5

Chancellor Terry Pounder

February 18, 2014

Comp. Henry J. Voegtler, III
State Secretary
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
Via email: sec@txssar.org

RE: Proposed Amendment to TxSSAR Constitution

Dear Hank,

I have received one proposed amendment to the Texas Society's Constitution ("Constitution"), and no proposed amendments to the State Bylaws, for consideration at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

The amendment in red-lined version to Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution has been proposed for consideration at the Texas Society's 2014 Annual Meeting. See the attached PDF.

The amended section, as proposed and without red-line, shall read:

"SECTION 3. Local chapters shall hold an Annual Meeting not less than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers and transaction of business. The said officers shall be elected to serve for a one year term, to be determined by the Chapter. The retiring President (or current President if re-elected to office) shall immediately forward to the State Secretary the names, addresses and email addresses of officers elected."

ANALYSIS.

The amendment is proposed to correct a conflict in practice that exists in Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution. State President-Elect Robert Cohen brought this conflict to our attention at the recent Board of Managers meeting in Houston. At that meeting the Board of Managers requested that the Constitution be reviewed and a resolution to the conflict be prepared for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Compatriot Cohen and I jointly drafted this proposed amendment in response to that request.

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution currently requires all local chapter officers to serve the same fiscal year term as the state officers. This is contrary to the prevailing practice of many of our local chapters. A recent proposal to rectify the conflict by requiring all chapter officers to serve on a calendar year basis was rejected. It is my understanding that the prevailing reason for that proposal's failure was that many local chapters wanted the flexibility of setting officer terms convenient to their needs, rather than by State Society mandate. So this amendment instead proposes to rectify the conflict by providing that local chapter officers shall serve a one year term to be determined by the local chapter.

This amendment also proposes to identify the local chapter officer that is responsible for notifying the State Society of the results of the annual local chapter election. Currently, the Constitution does not specify who the responsible local chapter officer is. It is proposed that the responsible party be the outgoing local chapter President.

REQUIRED NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

Per Article XI of the Constitution, notice of the proposed amendment must be provided to the local chapter Presidents and Secretaries prior to the State's Annual Meeting (or special meeting called for such purpose).

Notice of such proposed New Constitution, Amendments, or change may be given by the deposit of said copy by the state Secretary in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, not less than thirty-three days prior to said convention and separately addressed to each President and Secretary at the last known mailing address of each respectively, or by e-mailing it to each President and Secretary not less than thirty-three days prior to said convention and separately addressed to each President and Secretary at the last known e-mail address of each respectively as shown by the records of the State Secretary, shall constitute a compliance with the requirements of this provision.

Please send out the required notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution by no later than Sunday, February 23, 2014. If you need any assistance with this, please let me know. I have copied the State President and State President-Elect on this email so that they may add this item to the Annual Meeting's agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy

Mr. Tracy A. Pounders
TXSSAR Chancellor
chancellor@txssar.org

Chaplain

Rev. Doctor James C. Taylor, TH.D.

TXSSAR CHAPLAIN REPORT 2013-2014

1. HELP THE CHAPLAIN SUBMIT CONDOLENCE LETTER: Please send to me following information so I can write condolence letters to the family of deceased compatriots: NAME of the deceased NATIONAL and STATE Numbers TXSSAR CHAPTER DATE of death NAME and ADDRESS of the family members to whom condolence letter is to be sent. email: jamesctaylor22@gmail.com

.2. As the TXSSAR Chaplain and in the Name of our State President, Stephen Rohrbough, I have sent Condolence letters to deceased Compatriots' Family members and attended 5 of these Funerals. I attended dedication and re-dedication of patriot grave markings. During the BOM meetings I have given the Invocation and Benediction at the General meetings and the Banquet Meal on Saturday evenings. I have been the Worship Leader for services on Sunday Morning's. I attended the National Spring and Fall Leadership Training in Louisville, Kentucky and the National Congress in Kansas City, Missouri. I have completed my second non-consecutive term as Chapter President and Chaplain for San Antonio Chapter 4.

35 compatriots from 2013 will be honored at our Memorial Service in San Antonio. As the name of each deceased member is read their fellow chapter members, friends and family will stand to honor them.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaplain James C. Taylor
TXSSAR Chaplain

Historian Harmon Adair

TXSSAR Board of Managers, October 12, 2013

Archives and History Committee – Minutes

In the absence of Chairman Harmon Adair, David Temple chaired the meeting.

Attending:	David Temple	Dallas, #2
	Don Stone	Conroe, #38
	George Harcourt	San Antonio, #4
	James Alderman	Van Zandt, #6
	Arnold Seidule	Cradle of Texas, #33
	Gerald Irion	Hill Country, #31
	Frank Seidule	Cradle of Texas, #33

- 1 An update was given on the status of processing the Archives at UNT. The University of North Texas Intern, Thomas Pickens, Jr., has completed an initial processing of the TXSSAR Archives. This project including identifying contents and organizing materials for accessibility. Things to note:
 - The Archives consist of 105 linear feet of materials, including unprocessed materials.
 - The collection needs to grow so all chapters are asked for materials to add to the collection. Most desired are copies of old newsletters, photos, scrapbooks and documentation of events.
 - A detailed Finding Aid has been prepared (01/AR0758) is located on the web thru the UNT Libraries website: <http://findingaids.library.unt.edu/?p=collections/findingaid&id=207> Select the "Research" tab and look under "Special Materials" for the "Finding Aids" tab. Select the letter "T" and click the appropriate link.
- 2 Additional funds need to be budgeted by TXSSAR to continue the processing of the collection and updating the Finding Aid.
- 3 Could chapters also make monetary donations to the Archives> Even an amount as small as \$25 has an effect when there are 48 chapter - \$1,200.
Need to send a DADA message out to the Chapter Presidents about the Archives.
- 4 A number of questions were raised for future thought.
How are photographs being processed?

When items are digitized how will we be able to access them?

Will a thumb drive be accepted?

What metadata is being used?

Will a consistent format be used throughout the process?

Can Dropbox be used? The Apple version is iCloud.

If Dropbox was set up would UNT make use of it to acquire additions to the collection?

Vice President Americanism, Contests, Medals, & Awards

Russell Dart

There are seven (7) 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 new manual will be prepared and presented to the CMA Committee for review and approval.
2. **Youth Contest Programs – Updates on the TXSSAR web site.** Information on Youth Contests posted to the TXSSAR web-site needs to be updated each year.

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 2014.
- b. Chairman Public Service Awards Committee, T. L. Holden worked with District VP's and various Chapters to focus on the TXSSAR Society's goal. The effort led to the presentation of 66 Public Service Medals to Fire, Law, EMS, and Heroism Award recipients, versus 68 in 2012. Seven Chapters presented all four of the Public Service Medals in 2013 versus 4 in 2012.
- c. Based on the 2013 Consolidated Chapter Report thirty-nine (39) medals were presented to non-SAR citizens – 36 BGC and 3 SGC Medals versus thirty-seven (37) medals the prior year. Our goal is to increase recognition of non-SAR citizens who tell the SAR story. Local Chapters with the help of District VP'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. I hope we can improve the effort in 2014.

4. Increase participation in TXSSAR Youth Contests.

The TXSSAR Youth Contest Chairmen, using Youth Contest Brochures and working with District VP's, are encouraged to motivate TXSSAR Chapters to actively reach out to schools and teachers to attract more participation in TXSSAR Youth Contests.

5. Annual Chapter Report Form and Instructions Revised in 2013.

The Annual Chapter Report Form and Instructions were revised in 2013 to be compatible with NSSAR PG and Americanism Reports and to include the Texas report as a part of the National Report. Most reports were made in a timely manner. We had 18 Chapters respond on the National Report, which is a response rate of 38.2%. We need to work hard during 2014 to get Chapters to do their reports for 2014.

6. Youth Contest Budget and Funding for 2014 Youth Program Awards.

During the Convention, at the recommendation of the Projects Funding Committee, the BOM approved the Youth Budgets for 2014 at \$24,370.

7. Need Compatriots to fill key position in the ACMA Committee.

Need compatriots to work with Chapter Annual Reports Sub-Committee. There is an opening in the Reports Sub-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

Dr. James Heath (ACTG)

District one contains two chapters.

Col. Turner Sharp El Paso meets four times a year including once with DAR.

They present more than 20 ROTC medals and participate in emergency personnel awards when appropriate. I met with the chapter president in December.

Permian Basin, Midland Odessa, meets once a year and participates in all award and youth contests when appropriate.

District 2 Vice President

William G. Harper

District 2 Report

Two chapters comprise District two, the Panhandle-Plains Chapter in Amarillo and the Texas Tech Chapter in Lubbock. Members of the Tech Chapter last met in September 2013 and the Chapter President, Reeves R. D. Winn, will be scheduling another meeting sometime in late spring. The chapter continues to be active in several areas including the presentations of ROTC and JROTC medals. The chapter will be installing their new officers at their next scheduled meeting.

The Panhandle-Plains Chapter in Amarillo does not have regularly scheduled meetings but the members did meet in 2013 to install two new members. The chapter president, George W. West, participated in the Fannin History Fair last October which provided some desperately needed publicity. The chapter is small in number with only three or four interested members. There is concern about it continuing to function as a chapter in the future and may be on the brink of folding despite the effort to recruit members.

Bill Harper
District 2 VP

District 3 Vice President

Edward A. Heath

District 3 Chapters:

Chapter #4	San Antonio
Chapter #31	Hill Country - Kerrville, TX
Chapter #35	William Hightower – New Braunfels, TX
Chapter #64	Boerne

San Antonio #4 The Chapter continues to be very active. It has regular Chapter meetings as well as executive committee meetings. There is a strong support and participation from its members. It has an active Color Guard and several community activities. Even though, the Chapter recessed in the summer, it continued to be active in several activities,

Hill Country #31 The Chapter has grown in number and activities. More members have purchased colonial uniforms and their Color Guard has participated in several events. This

Chapter has also recessed for the summer but plans for an active programs for the rest of the year. The members have a strong support from their wives.

William Hightower #35 Several of the members have been active for many years and continue to encourage new members in their activities. This Chapter has also recessed for the summer, but will continue their meetings and activities in September.

Boerne #64 Is the smaller of the Chapters in the District, but is very active. Several of the members are in the Color Guard and participated in parades and memorial events. It has regular meetings and executive committee meetings. They too have recessed for the summer, but have a full agenda for the rest of the year.

District 4 Vice President

Ronald J. Walcik

Report for March 2014 Convention

District 4 Chapters:

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

Report on District Activities:

- Patrick Henry # 11: Held regular meetings each month from October 2013 thru January 2014. Participated in a joint George Washington Birthday luncheon and program with Alexander Hamilton Chapter and Austin DAR Chapters in February, 2014.
- Heart of Texas # 26: Held regular meetings in November, 2013 and January, 2014. Participated in a joint George Washington Birthday Luncheon with Bell County DAR and CAR chapters in February, 2014.
- Bluebonnet # 41: Held regular meetings in November, 2103 and January and February, 2014.
- Aaron Burleson # 59: Chapter was dissolved by action of the TXSSAR BOM in April. Efforts to recover chapter records and property are ongoing.
- Alexander Hamilton # 66: Held regular monthly Chapter Meetings each month from April thru September.

Other Activities:

- Participated with Heart of Texas Color Guard in a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Waco.
- Participated in Naturalization Ceremony in Austin with Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry and Heart of Texas Chapter Color Guards.

- Attended November 2013 and January 2014 Heart of Texas Chapter meetings.
- Attended Bell County joint SAR/DAR/CAR George Washington Birthday Luncheon.
- Attended Austin's joint SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday Luncheon.

District 5 Vice President

James Alderman

The following chapters are in District 5:

Chapter #	Chapter Name	City
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	Fort Worth
7	Arlington	Arlington
16	Big Country	Abilene
36	North Central Texas	Wichita Falls – Inactive
22	Daniel Wood	San Angelo - Inactive
45	Brazos Valley	Granbury

TXSSAR District 5 Vice President Report – February, 2014

Submitted by: [James E. Alderman - District #5, Vice President](#)

Report on District Activities: September, 2013 through February, 2014

Arlington Chapter # 7- Arlington	Chapter is doing very well. Visited with the chapter on January 11, 2014 for their 20 th chapter anniversary since being re-activated. They are up to approximately 34 members now.
Brazos Valley Chapter # 45 – Granbury	Chapter is active and recruiting. I am scheduled to attend their officer installation on the evening of February 22 nd , 2014.
Major K. M. Van Zandt # 6 - Fort Worth	Chapter is doing well. Recruiting has been going very well and the Registrar has been working with out-of-state Registrars to induct new members who live in their respective areas.
Big Country Chapter # 16 – Abilene	Attended regular chapter meeting on September 7, 2013 for installation of new chapter member. Chapter

lost their Secretary/Registrar in November (Henry McGinty). They are busy trying to fill vacancy and reassign duties. They have two new members scheduled for installation at their April meeting.

Daniel Wood Chapter # 22 – San Angelo

See note under “Issues” below.

North Central Texas # 36 – Wichita Falls

Chapter is inactive.

Other Activities:

- Attended Constitution Week Luncheon sponsored by several DAR Chapters in Fort Worth.
- Attended State BOM in Houston
- Attended DAR Veterans Luncheon- Capt Molly Corbin Chapter-Grapevine
- Participated in Ft Worth Veterans Day Parade with Liberty Bell display in Nov
- Participated with Snowball Express honoring children of fallen military heroes in Dec
- Scheduled to participate in Colonial Day Event with local DAR Chapter members Feb 21
- Scheduled to attend George Washington Birthday Celebration with multiple DAR chapters in Fort Worth area on Feb 22
- Scheduled to attend DAR State Conference on March 8

Issues:

- Daniel Woods Chapter in San Angelo---
James Willis who was acting as Chapter President for the past couple of years died in October. Prior to his death, he had canvassed the remaining members, many of which were too infirmed to attend meetings, as to their position on the chapter going forward. A letter was sent to the remaining members asking if anyone would take over the leadership to keep the chapter viable. Responses indicated that they wanted to be assigned to other chapters if the chapter were to cease functioning. There were only seven members left showing on the roster and one of those lives in Arizona. James’ brother, Gene Willis (a SAR in Dallas Chapter) is working with me to obtain the records from the chapter.

District 6 Vice President

Drake M. Peddie

Report for March 2014, TXSSAR District 6 for the period between the TXSSAR State BOM Meeting (October 2013) in Houston and the TXSSAR State Convention (March 2014) in San Antonio - covering the following three District 6 Chapters.

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Current President</u>
Chapter # 2	Dallas	Dallas	Robert Kittrell
Chapter # 37	Plano	Plano	Howard Roach
Chapter # 47	East Fork Trinity (EFT)	Garland/Rockwall	Gary Lovell

District 6 - Summary:

All three (3) District 6 Chapter (Dallas, Plano and East Fork Trinity) continue to prosper with regular well-organized and planned monthly meetings with respectable attendance, consisting of educational and interesting programs - all are very active and very busy. I have managed to attend all of the monthly meetings of each of the chapters with the exception of one for each chapter when I was on business travel or ill. The leadership team of each chapter is fairly stable and consistent to what each has experienced in the past. There is a decent inflow of new prospects to each chapter. In each chapter, these prospects are well-received and best efforts are made to assist and process their applications when they are ready. All three chapters continue to do very well with follow-up with new prospects during the registration process.

All District 6 chapters continue to participate and support a good mix of community, veterans and school-related activities. The ongoing cooperation and synergy between these geographically close chapters and others in neighboring districts helps all those involved and presents a more significant SAR presence in District 6.

District 6 - Individual Chapter Reports:

Dallas #2: The Dallas Chapter, while not showing any significant signs of growth, has managed to maintain their support of all their recent past activities. They have passed off a select few of their youth awards to the Plano chapter who are geographically better equipped to handle some of those schools. With so many schools, it is an ongoing challenge for Dallas each year to cover the large number of schools and awards that they have to support. Regardless, they still continue to be the state's largest chapter and appear to have fresh leadership in place again this year and more coming over the next few years to maintain that position. Meetings continue on Saturday mornings in a more organized and formal atmosphere and attendance appears to be pretty stable at around 10-15% each month. The current membership count is about 285. Their future is dependent on lining up future chapter leaders and workers which appears to still be a growing concern as many of their newer members are not that active in most of the Dallas activities.

Plano #37: The pace of the Plano Chapter has slowed somewhat over the past year due to the injury, illness, death and job relocation of some of their key leaders and participants or their spouses. There 2014 President is also a former president and no other members stepped up to take that position. That being said, their support of the veterans,

community, scouts, JROTC and schools with SAR awards programs continues at previous levels, if not higher. Despite being stretched thin, they continue to support some of the smaller chapters (Denton, East Fork Trinity and Ambassador Fletcher Warren) with their color guard when possible. Their support for the VA Hospital in Bonham has been outstanding and continues to grow. Their Stark report showed an increase of nearly 50% over what was submitted last year. Request for their color guard continue to come in at increasing rates as their visibility in the community has reached significant proportions in the Plano and Collin County areas. Meeting attendance continues to be very good (15-20% or better) and business casual is typical at most meetings. Plano took a few hits in 2013, but continues to be model example of organization and getting things done. The current membership is about 115. They have a new registrar this year, which may impact the rate at getting new members in - that is still TBD. Plano's future is also dependent on lining up their next generation of chapter leaders which appears to be a growing concern as the majority of their newer members seem to be of the "wall-hanger" variety. They did add several new very active contributors in the past several months which will be a huge help to their ongoing growth. As always, solid participation across the entire spectrum of SAR activities continue to be well-supported by the current leadership team and chapter for 2013. Like 2013, they have a candidate for every youth award.....Few chapters can make that claim.

EFT #47:

The East Fork Trinity continues to thrive in their new location on the edge of Garland and Rockwall by Lake Ray Hubbard in far NE Dallas County. They seem to be able to draw good numbers from the Rockwall community and surrounding areas. The relocation of the meeting location to Texas Land & Cattle overlooking the lake has been a huge success and savior for the chapter who at one time, was down to 3-4 attending members. Their chapter meetings are typically exceptionally well-attended - about 30%. There is no lack of enthusiasm in this chapter! They have paired up with the Plano Chapter on several activities and the synergy has been good for both chapters. There are several dual members now from both. Likewise, EFT has now grown to also support Ambassador Fletcher Warren up I-30 on selected events in the Greenville area - again good for both chapters. Meeting organization has improved and members meet in an informal atmosphere with good speakers each month. The current membership is about 45. Their list of activities is growing and they continue to prosper.

District 7 Vice President

Lawrence K. Casey

I completed multiple visits to 5 of the 6 Chapters in District 7. I have been well received and brought greetings from the Texas Society and President Stephen Rohrbough. Each Chapter has a unique plan which works for them. Also the variety of programs and events is very positive.

Bernardo de Galvez #1, Galveston: This Chapter meets on a Regular Basis at Galveston Nicks at Noon on the 3rd Saturday of each Month for an excellent \$20 lunch. This certainly makes it easy for Members to plan meeting attendance. They have two joint meetings with the DAR each year. The DAR hosted the September Constitution day Meeting at an excellent venue, the private "Artillery Club". The SAR hosts another joint meeting in December, at the Railroad Museum, with participation in the Dickens on the Strand Parade. The Chapter has an active JROTC, Eagle Scout, and Flag Certificate Program. This Chapter has initiated an ambitious project to install a mounted bronze statue of Bernardo Galvez on the Seawall and is accepting donations. Go to their website at <http://galvezstatue.org/> and purchase one or more bricks with your name for \$100 each. Also you can get a small replica statue for \$10,000.

Paul Carrington #5, Houston: This Chapter meets at a variety of locations, times, and days. This allows members with a variety of schedules to attend meetings which fit into their schedules. The George Washington Dinner has a very large attendance. In 2013 Tom Lawrence, and US Senator Ted Cruz were honored. Mr. Stewart Morris Jr will receive the award in 2014 and will be the third person in his family to receive the George Washington Distinguished Service Award. His father, Steward Morris, Sr., and his uncle, C.W. Morris, Jr., have also received this recognition. Another interesting meeting is the Annual Installation at a breakfast meeting. This variety of meeting locations, times, and programs creates variation to stimulate interest. The Chapters several of the TXSSAR programs...

Paul Revere #19, Beaumont: This Chapter meets Spring, and Fall, primarily on the first Tuesdays of even Months at the Lamar University Cafeteria at 6:00 pm. Members go through the University Buffet Line for lunch with the meeting following. The Chapter has presented War Service, Military Service, and Bronze Citizenship. The Chapter has an active JROTC Committee. Several Applications are progress. This chapter and its members have been a leader in Contributions to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage via participation in the ExxonMobil Volunteer Involvement, and Matching Gifts Programs.

Cradle of Texas #33, Lake Jackson: This Chapter covers a large geographic area of three counties, and alternates the meeting location; typically they meet on the 2nd Saturday in the spring and fall. This works well in stimulating interest in each of the counties. For example: Jan-Freeport, Feb-Wharton, Mar-West Columbia, Apr-Freeport, May-Bay City, Sep-Louise, Nov Lake Jackson, and Feb-Angleton. They celebrated their 30th Anniversary of the Chapter. They also participate in various local events with Color Guard or enactment programs to stimulate community interest. Russell Dent also puts out an excellent Newsletter which won the Newsletter Award at the State Meeting in Dallas,

Alexander Hodge #49, Sugarland: This Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday every month alternating with a Social Meeting in odd months at Sweetwater Country Club, which is very well attended with many wives present). I would say the programs have been outstanding and I made every one in 2013 and found them varied and very interesting. They have a Business meeting in even months at a member's home. They have inducted a few members, and have several prospective members at the meetings, who are working on their applications. They are also active in, and supporting a number of SAR Programs including ROTC, Veterans, etc.

Major White #17, Baytown: This chapter is not currently meeting on a regular basis, and I have volunteered to go over and help recruit some new members.

Respectfully Submitted
Lawrence K. Casey, Jr
District 7 Vice President

District 8 Vice President

John K. Thompson

Report for TXSSAR District 8 for the period between the NSSAR Leadership Meeting in October 2013 and the TXSSAR Annual State Meeting of March 28, 2014. This report is then October 2013 through March 2014.

District 8 Chapters:

Chapter 27	Capt John McAdams	Huntsville
Chapter 38	Freedom	Conroe/The Woodlands
Chapter 40	Independence	Bryan/College Station
Chapter 51	Piney Woods	N Houston/Kingwood
Chapter 62	Robert Rankin	Katy / west Houston

Summary.

TXSSAR District 8's Chapter leadership and attendance continues to be strong with new members being added at almost every Chapter meetings. As before, the exception still remains the Captain John McAdams Chapter of Huntsville. SAR Color Guard support for the DAR events and CSAR attendance at Robert Rankin Chapter remains strong points.

Travel to and from Chapter meetings and other District 8 activities totaled approximately 4,862 miles during 2013. My service for these TXSSAR events should be in the order of 100 hours. Enclosed as an attachment is my detail of these 2013 events.

With the exception of two (2) Chapter meetings during the period, we were able to attend every District 8 Chapter meeting during this 6-month period. My wife, Mary Elizabeth, was able to join me for a number of these TXSSAR District 8 events, and Mary was able to assist with the Ladies Auxiliary at the TXSSAR Fall BOM Convention in west Houston, Texas plus assist with the tour of the Bible Museum at the Houston Baptist College.

On a personal note, through the wonderful assist of Ms. (Barbara) Larry Stevens, Ms. (Diane) Jim Jones, Mary's cousins' Ms. Mickey Lawrence and Compatriot Bob Cohen, my Mary Elizabeth (White) Thompson was honored with approval of her DAR Application during this 2013 period.

Report on Individual Chapter, District Activities:

See separate activity log as attached for detail of events including District Vice President duties and ROTC/JROTC for TXSSAR along with certain TXSSAR Color Guard duties for the Southern Command.

Other Activities:

I am pleased that we were able to participate in the National SAR event at Laredo, Texas this past week, present a program on the "Diversity of the American Patriot" to the Bluebonnet Chapter of Mineral Wells, and completed the submittal of a SAR Application for my brother-in-law, Mark Allen White, of Katy Texas.

Finally, participation with encouragement of Compatriot Tom Green in the Fall Leadership Meeting at National SAR Louisville was most rewarding, and I greatly enjoyed participating in Compatriot Tom Green's Flag program followed by a George Washington portrait presentation to the Highland Hills Middle School of Georgetown, Indiana on September 25, 2013.



And seeing 30 plus, new members inducted into our District 8 Chapters during 2013 has to be a highlight for this period. Mrs. Katherine Morton, former of our Compatriot and of past District VP John D. Morton, and our past Compatriot Steven Tanner would have been so proud of all our District 8 Chapter's efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
John K. Thompson
Dist. 8 VP

District 9 Vice President

Arthur G. Munford

District 9 Vice President Report

District 9 is composed of 5 Chapters and each chapter remains active. Laredo is preparing to host the George Washington Day Parade. Victoria has elected new chapter officers and will present an ROTC medal in mid March and also has 2 new members and one pending application. Corpus Christi remains involved in Civic activities and is active in promoting the Eagle Scout Scholarship program. Liberty chapter is very active and will again present a large number of ROTC medals. Live Oak is a small chapter but meets regularly with the local DAR chapter.

Respectful submitted,

Arthur Munford, District 9 VP

District 10 Vice President

Steve Lee

District 10 Vice President Stephen Lee

District 10 consists of five chapters:

Athens Chapter #54

Captain William Barron Chapter in Tyler #25

East Texas Chapter in Longview #57

Fredonia Chapter in Nacogdoches #58

Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter in Lufkin #28

1. Athens Chapter #54

The Athens Chapter remains very active in the community. Chapter members are always busy awarding and recognizing students and public officials throughout the Athens community. This year the chapter received hundreds of poster entries competing for the right to advance to the TXSSAR state convention poster contest. Sam Whitten has chaired the poster contest for many years and has had several national entries. Past state president Harry Fife and Charles Luna have worked to bring several new members into the chapter with several other prospective members working on their papers. The chapter was honored to have TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough speak at the January meeting and to then install their new slate of officers. The Chapter meets at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday in January, March, May, September and November.

2. Captain William Barron Chapter #25

The Captain William Barron Chapter is experiencing a very busy year and inducts new members at almost every meeting. Mike Everheart is the Registrar and works tirelessly to bring in new members. The chapter has a very active Color Guard posting the colors at numerous community events including Naturalization Ceremonies, Daughters of the American Revolution events and church and school events. The past few months have been busy presenting historical flag programs to schools and civic groups, holding a flag retirement to honorably retire over 350 American flags, posting the colors at Memorial Day celebrations and posting the colors at a reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. Youth programs have been a huge success with many students participating in oration, poster and essay contests. The chapter has been actively recruiting younger members who have taken over several leadership roles and have been brought into the Color Guard. The Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of every odd month at Tradition's Restaurant on South Broadway.

3. East Texas Chapter #57

The East Texas Chapter recently began a new program to actively recruit new members and to retain current members. The Chapter is working trying to finalize the papers for several potential new members. The Chapter recognizes local public officials for their service to the community. As District 10 Vice President I was honored to induct new chapter officers during the February meeting.

4. Fredonia Chapter #58

For many years the Fredonia Chapter met at the historic Fredonia Hotel, but in November the hotel was closed. Now the chapter meets every other month at 7pm at Bright Pavilion at the Nacogdoches

Memorial Hospital. The chapter has taken an aggressive approach to increase their membership and to retain current members. Two new members were inducted into the chapter during the November meeting. In attempting to reach out to community leaders the Nacogdoches Police Chief, Jim Seavy, presented a very inspiration program on the United States Constitution.

5. Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #58

The Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter Color Guard is popular in the Lufkin area and is called upon to post the colors at various civic and church gatherings and parades. The chapter purchased copies of the Constitution to distribute to local schools with each copy framed with Plexiglas. The chapter's winner of the poster contest, Annabelle Pierce, placed fourth in state competition. Several members carried 80 unserviceable American Flags to the flag retirement program in Tyler where they were honorably retired in a very moving ceremony. Several new members have been added over the past few months.

District 10 Overview

I am very fortunate to have so many talented and patriotic compatriots in District 10. I feel a surge in patriotism among these chapters and am anticipating a strong move to attract more members to the SAR through the remainder of 2014. My efforts have primarily been to allow the chapters to move at their own pace and direct them to the proper TXSSAR officers should they need assistance.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Lee, Vice President, District 10

District 11 Vice President

Peter H. Rowley

Trustee

Bob Clark

Since the last TXSSAR Board of Manger's meeting, I represented the state society at the National SAR Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on February 28 and March 1, 2014. At the 115th Texas State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, March 6-10, 2014, State President Stephen Rohrbough and I each received the TXDAR Legacy Certificate of Appreciation. On Thursday, March 6, 2014, my wife and I presented our daughter, Ashley, as a C.A.R-D.A.R. Debutante on opening night of the conference at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. In addition, I have continued my local SAR chapter duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Clark, Jr.

Alternate Trustee

James T. Jones

No Report.

President, Council of Chapter Presidents

Allen Greene

Attendees:

Allen Greene (Robert Rankin), Drake Peddie (Plano/Denton), Nick Harper (Dallas Chapter), James Alderman (Van Zandt), Peter Baron (San Antonio), Raymond Leftwich (Van Zandt), Ron Carter (Arlington), Ron Walcik (Heart of Texas), Jim Barkley (Hill Country), T. L. Holden (Edmund Terrill), Charles Bush (Bluebonnet), Mike Radcliff (Plano), Floyd Miller (Paul Revere), Jim Kuykendall (Freedom), John Thompson (VP #8), L. H. Blackburn (Piney Woods), Ed Heath (San Antonio), Tom Green. Stephen Lee (Capt. William Barron), John Merritt (Capt. William Barron), James Nelson (Patrick Henry), K.B. Hallmark III (Victoria), Art Mumford (Victoria), Lloyd Lietz (McKinney), Terry McKee (Paul Carrington), Pete Lenos (Bernardo de Galvez), George West (Panhandle Plains), David Temple (Dallas Chapter), Stephen Baldwin, Bob Cohen, Larry Stephens (Piney Woods)

Opening / Introductions:

- Allen Greene, Chairman called the Meeting to Order at 8:00AM.
- Chairman Allen Greene (Robert Rankin Chapter), Nick Harper (Dallas Chapter) - Vice Chairman and Drake Peddie (Plano/Denton Chapters) - Secretary were introduced to the Council.

Old Business

- Chapter Presidents Manual and Bylaws are posted on the website - Please resend the link again

New Business

- Tom Green talked about the George Washington Fellow program and would like to see more people donate and get involved.
- Tom Green talked about giving medals and awards to DAR ladies.
- Tom Green talked about giving the George Washington portrait (\$250) to schools.
- Peter Baron - Operation Ancestor done at veterans hospitals - can get a full membership to Ancestry.com at a VA facility.
- Ancestry REACH is providing leads to TXSSAR - got about 50 hits as described by Mike Radcliff. Would like some feedback on how those are proceeding through the system. There are some potential privacy issues.
- Steve Baldwin (National officer) talked about the NSSAR Friends of the Library which has a cost of \$25 / year.

State Officer Announcements

- None noted

TXSSAR Committee Announcements

- Peter Baron talked about the Annual Reports - separate meeting later today on the annual reporting to be done later this year
- Art Mumford talked about the Eagle Scout scholarship program and where to get the information.
- John Thompson has all the JROTC Medals available for pickup and has some flyers available to help promote the program.
- There was a discussion on the youth/school awards (Oration, Essay, Poster, and American History Teacher). It is important to get the word out - working with the school districts and local media channels.
- James Mitchell talked about Patriot Grave registrations - 50 potential candidates around the state. Work is in process to identify these and need some help to get these marked and identified.
- Ron Carter talked about the CAR Essay Contest.

Other Announcements / Discussions

- The Benediction was given by Compatriot James Taylor.
- **Adjournment - 9:40AM**

Regards,

Drake Peddie

Secretary – Council of Chapter Presidents

Editor, Compatriot

Charles Baker

No Report

Webmaster

Ray Cox

No Report