



# **Committee Reports**

Of Committee Meetings held at the  
State Convention  
March 26-29, 2015  
Houston, Texas

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

David Temple acting for Peter Barron, Chairman  
Committee Report March 27, 2015

Attendance:

Present:

Co-Chairman for Awards – David Temple

Chairman Orations Contest – Tom Whitelock

Chairman Public Service/Law Enforcement Contest – T.L. Holden

Member – Russell Dart

Absent:

Chairman and Vice President for Americanism – Russell Dart

Co-Chairman for Annual Reports – Larry Blackburn

Chairman CAR Essay Contest – Ron Carter

Chairman John Harrell CAR Activities/Contest – Stephen Rohrbough

Chairman Knight Essay Contest – Joe (Doc) Allen Rice

Chairman History Teacher Contest – K. B. Hallmark, III

Chairman JROTC/ROTC Contest – John Thompson

Chairman Eagle Scout Contest – Art Munford

Chairman Poster Contest – Stephen Lee

Visitors:

George Thompson, Vice President General; Al Gibson, Dallas Chapter

Gus Mistrot, Robert Rankin Chapter; John Merritt, Capt. William Barron Chapter

The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM by David Temple with 9 people present.

We had good reporting this year with 35 chapters?? sending in their reports covering both National and TXSSAR requirements. Some were incomplete but activities were counted where we could for the awards we present. This is two years now we have had pretty good reporting

but we can do better. Smaller chapters only submitted four reports, probably due to a lack of manpower.

The Chairman's view has been that the awards should be based on the TXSSAR Report in order to get credit.

A new Chairman is needed for the Public Service Awards. Thanks to Art Munford for his past work on this important project. We need to be sure the chapters send in the names and presentation date of all medals. The State has to send in a report to National.

Old Business:

1. Contest information on the TXSSAR web site was discussed. All Chairmen were requested to update their contest information for next year and provide it to the webmaster.
2. The TXSSAR CM&A Manual needs to be reviewed and updated. Stephen Rohrbough is updating the previous manual, tying it to the NSSAR national report and information from a few state requirements.
3. The Youth Budget for 2014 and 2015 was not reviewed. One item was discussed regarding travel expenses for contest winners. Last year it was recommended that a \$1,000 stipend be paid to any of our contestants that win at National, recognizing that we could have more than one winner during a year.
4. The Contest Chairmen were reminded to communicate with the participating chapters so that they can communicate with their contestants. Timely communication is a key to keeping people informed and allowing families to plan travel if needed. The chapters need to communicate with their contestants who may not have placed so they can encourage many of them to enter future contests and to thank them for participating.
5. The chapters are encouraged to complete and submit their Annual Reports even if they don't believe they are competing for awards. TXSSAR needs the information to track how well it is doing as a Society and to generate the TXSSAR Annual Report. Please take the time to complete and submit the report.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **Archives and History Committee Report**

No report at time of publication

Harmon Adair, Chairman

Dr. Jim Johnson, Vice Chairman

## **Audit Committee**

A joint meeting of the Finance and Internal Audit sub committee was held March 27, 2015 and the following were in attendance:

### Finance Committee

Members in attendance: Chairman Peter McLellan, Vice-Chairman Tom Jackson Robert Cohen, Russell Dart, James T. Jones, Jr.,

Not in attendance: John Beard (non-voting), Nick Gilliam, Mike Radcliff, David Temple, Allan Henshaw.

Guests in attendance: Stephen Rohrbough, Marvin Morgan, and Jim Mitchell.

### Audit Committee

Members in attendance: Chairman Tom Jackson, Vice-Chairman Peter McLellan, Russell Dart, James (Jim) T. Jones, Jr., Marvin Morgan, Jim Mitchell, Robert Cohen (as State President he is automatically a member of all committees.)

Not in attendance: John Dupree, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Nicholas Gilliam, Willard B. Ivy, James A. Nelson, Howard Roach, Andrew Smith, Tom C. Waldrop, Chris Courtier.

Guests in attendance: Stephen Rohrbough

The meeting was called to order by Internal Audit Chairman Tom Jackson at 11:20 am, Friday, March 27, 2015.

President Bob Cohen noted that he would have attended the Internal Audit Committee meeting in Brenham if he had been apprised of the meeting. As State President he is automatically a member of all committees. This matter will be rectified in the future.

Items of old business were discussed first.

The first item was a request that the Chancellor review if TXSSAR Investments, as they now stand, are subject to the "excess earnings/profit tax" as it pertains to IRS 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. General discussion ensued and Tom Jackson was requested to deliver this request to the Chancellor..

The second item was whether finance/internal audit committee members should be contacted to confirm their desire to remain on the committee. The consensus was that this should be done timely. Tom Jackson and Peter McLellan would contact members of the internal audit and finance committees, respectively. The results would be reported to the committees and to the TXS SAR President. It was the consensus that Dr. Wendell Edwards would remain as a member of the Internal Audit Committee.

The third item to be discussed was the financial viability of the perpetual fund to pay for its obligations. The perpetual fund is to pay all national dues, all state dues, and \$9.50 per person for chapter dues during the lifetime of the member. A general discussion ensued. The following action items were agreed upon:

1. Peter McLellan would request that all perpetual members consider buying a National Life Membership. This request would be sent through the Dada email system as well as contained in an article in the TXS SAR newspaper within sixty days of this meeting..

2. Jim Jones would find the national life membership analysis and determine its applicability to the Texas perpetual fund. If it was found to be applicable then a study would be undertaken to analyze the financial viability of the fund.

Chairman Jackson noted that it was appropriate to review items of new business.

Tom Jackson reported that the internal audit report was submitted digitally to the Executive Committee and he appeared before the committee to present the report. The discrepancy on the existence of the ACH existence between the Treasurer and the Internal audit report regarding San Antonio Chapter was noted for further follow up. Additionally the failure of the operating account to be properly reconciled to the general ledger was referred to the Treasurer Nominee for attention. The Treasurer nominee was requested to attend to uncleared chapter dues.

Chairman Jackson reported that the independent audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 was posted to the website. Marvin Morgan noted that the audit records were delivered to the independent auditor.

A discussion ensued as to errors and discrepancies that related to the Member Data Base and the reconciliation of Dues, State and National reports. Jim Jones and Bill Marrs would be heading a committee to review procedures, document anomalies and prepare recommendations.

Russell Dart, Treasurer Nominee, presented a very brief Treasurer's report to include: Revenues, expenses, cash flow, a discussion of unfiled 990-n postcards by chapters.

The following resolution was proposed by Jim Jones, seconded by Marvin Morgan and passed unanimously:

The Patriots Fund Budget in the amount of \$24,370 is approved by the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was proposed by Marvin Morgan, seconded by Peter McLellan, passed unanimously by the committee, and to be submitted to the Board of Managers for consideration after review by the Chancellor:

It is proposed that the State Society will pay up to \$250 for a course and course material in Microsoft Access to be completed by the incoming Treasurer.

The following resolution was proposed by Marvin Morgan, seconded by Peter McLellan, passed unanimously by the committee, and to be submitted to the Board of Managers for consideration after review by the Chancellor:

Resolved that Larry Stevens and Russell Dart be added as sole signatories on all TXS SAR checking and investment accounts with the exception of the registrar account and further

authorize them to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the same. They would be added as additional signees to the registrar account.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Jackson, Chairman of the Internal Audit Committee

## **By-Laws and Resolutions**

No report at time of publication.

Tracy Ponders, Chairman

## **CAR Essay Contest Committee**

The CAR Committee did not have a meeting during the State Meeting, as I was at the CAR Meeting in Temple.

Ron Carter, Chairman

## **Color Guard Committee**

2014-15 State Color Guard Commander John Thompson organized and ran the color guard committee meeting at the State Convention in Houston. Several individuals were presented and awarded the Gold and Silver Color Guard Medals for their dedicated service to the Texas State SAR Color Guard. Northern Commander Drake Peddie advanced to the State Color Guard Commander position and Compatriot Dan Reed of the Plano Chapter was elected for a two year term as the new Northern Commander. The change of command ceremony went well and Commander Peddie will lead the Texas SAR State color guard until the next convention in 2016.

Color guard activities around the state in both North and South continue at a very busy pace. In addition to the State Convention in Houston, other State events, including the Medal of Honor of Parade in Gainesville, Texas in early April 2015 and a memorial service for Past State President Graham Martin in for a North Texas were both well supported by color guardsman traveling in from all over the state. Upcoming state events for the remaining few months of 2015 include the Texas Board of Managers meeting in Galveston in early October 2015 and the Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston again the first Saturday in December. Additionally, all are looking forward to another successful George Washington's Birthday parade, next Feb 2016.

Medals to be awarded are as follows:

Gold Galvez Color Guard Medal with Certificate to Compatriots:

Thomas I Jackson, and Tom M. Whitelock.

Silver Galvez Color Guard Medal with Certificate to Compatriots: Edwin L Raines, Tom Whitelock

Bronze Galvez Color Guard Medal with Certificate to Compatriots: Ash Jackson

Regards,

Drake Peddie, Texas SAR State Color Guard Commander

## **Communications**

No report at time of publication.

Sam Massey, Chairman

## **Council of Chapter Presidents**

Attendees:

Peter Baron (San Antonio), Drake Peddie (Plano), John Greer (Ambassador Fletcher Warren), Allen Green (Robert Rankin), Lloyd Leitz (McKinney), Russell Dart (XXXXX), James Taylor (San Antonio), David Temple (Dallas), Lawrence Casey (xxxxx), Bill Watts (East Fork Trinity), Ray Cox (XXXXX), Harmon Adair (East Fork Trinity), Walt Thomas (East Fork Trinity), Ron Carter (Arlington), Ron Walcik (Heart of Texas), Bob Kuykendall (xxxx), Mike Miller (Heart of Texas), Bob Cohen (xxxx), Robert Clark (Dallas)

Invocation by Rev James Taylor

Opening/Introductions:

- Allen Greene, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
- Invocation by Rev James Taylor
- Council Officers present -
  - Allen Greene (Chairman – Robert Ranking Chapter)
  - Lloyd Lietz (Vice Chairman – McKinney Chapter)
  - Drake Peddie (Secretary – Plano Chapter)

Old Business

- Minutes were approved with some additions to the attendees list.
- Chapter Handbook overview and introduction
- Elections for new council leadership positions will occur at the Convention in March/April

New Business

- Important to report chapter leadership as soon as it occurs
- Reminder to do Form 990-N
- Make sure your chapter contact info is up to date on the TXSSAR website.
- John Greer re-introduced the TXSSAR Chapter Service Medal (Bronze) and the TXSSAR Service Medal (Silver).
- Allen Greene / Peter Baron talked about adding Patriot biographies to the national website.

State Officer Announcements:

- Bob Cohen, TXSSAR President

- Strategic / Long Term Planning discussion to be done at the chapter level and also the TXSSAR committee level
- The plan will be looking at a 3-5 year future outlook.
- The planning should start at the chapter level and look at what TXSSAR should be doing in the future to make it a better organization – form provided and can be provided electronically on the TXSSAR website
- Desire to do a SAR video for the Texas Society – need pictures or videos to get started on production.
- Hank Voetgle, State Secretary showed some dues statements that should have gone out this past week that shows what chapters each member is a member of.

#### TXSSAR Committee Announcements

- Peter Baron introduced a Genealogy appeals process motion that allows an applicant to bypass the state registrar that rejected the application that allows an applicant to get what he thinks is a worthy application to national review - 7 yes - 4 no – motion passed for endorsement by the CoCP.  
*“The committee moves that the society revise the bylaws to allow for a review process to allow the TXSSAR President to authorize new or supplemental applications to be forwarded to the NSSAR Genealogical staff for review.”*
- Annual report will be on the website within the next 2 weeks – no changes from last year – two changes from last year proposed by the Texas Society will be in next years’ report – not this year.

Other Business / Discussions: TBD

Adjournment

## **Credentials**

No meeting held  
Henry Voegtle, Chairman

## **DAR Liaison Committee**

There was no meeting  
Tom Green, Chairman

## **District VP Committee**

Chairman , President Elect, welcomed all to the meeting.

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



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

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

There were no new problems discussed.

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

Larry Stevensw

Chairman

### **Eagle Scout Committee**

The Eagle Scout Committee did not meet. Hank Voegtle

### **Education Committee**

TXSSAR Education Committee Report

July 20, 2015

Committee Members:

Bill Watts	<a href="mailto:bill_watts@att.net">bill_watts@att.net</a>
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Peter Baron	plbaron@hotmail.com
Ray Cox	coxmr@earthlink.net
Tom Green	tbgreen@gmail.com
John Hamlin	johnmhamlin@yahoo.com
Jim Kuykendall	jimkuy@aol.com
Drake Peddie	dmpeddie@aol.com
Ralph Mutchler	hickory@hal-pc.org

As the Committee Chairman I have been using the National SAR Education Mission Statement as a guide.

Work in progress;

1. Proposal for web page updates has been discussed via email. A suggested program was sent via PowerPoint.
2. Responses;
3. 1 Format may be too complex for current web page.
4. 2 Need to include the Texas Essential Knowledge and Standards (a link?)
5. 3 Educational Videos (May be YouTube)
6. We have not proceeded further due to National Congress in Kentucky. Will continue to work to develop programing for our web page
7. Update to Chapter Outreach on Texas web page is under construction
8. Letter to Chapter Presidents asking the following;

9. Does your chapter have an outreach program to the schools in your area? Any kind of education program and it could include color guard at games, schools, a flag program at local schools, Citizenship presentations at graduation, VA outreach, etc.....
10. Does your chapter have someone who is responsible for the education programs at your chapter? If you do could you provide his name and email as a contact?
11. Would your chapter like to share ideas and programs with other chapters in the State of Texas?
12. Due to a lack of response from the Chapters progress has been slow. At the present time 8 Chapters have responded. I have sent out two emails. A third will be sent out in August.
13. Looking at 4D and Aurasma for Augmented Reality as a way to provide educational outreach.
14. The Committee is working to provide Educational Programming on the TXSSAR web page.

### **History Teacher Sub – Committee**

Did not meet.

### **Knight Essay Sub- Committee**

We're inactive till November. Doc Rice

### **Executive Committee**

ExCom Meeting

March 26, 2015 Houston Texas

Members Present: Robert Cohn, President, Larry Stevens, President Elect, Stephen Rohrbough Immediate Past President, Hank Voegtle Secretary, Sam Massey Communications Secretary, Mike Radcliff Staff Secretary John Beard absent Treasurer, David Temple Coastal and Inland Registrar, Tracy Pounders Chancellor, Chaplain absent, Bill Marrs Past President, Tom Jackson and Russell Dart and VPG SCD George Thompson

President Cohen called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm, requested that everyone introduce themselves. He asked that the minutes from the last BOM meeting be read by staff secretary Mike Radcliff. After reading the minutes President Cohen called for any corrections and moved that the minutes be approved, was so moved.

President Cohen then asked for Officers report.

Tom Jackson noted the Internal Audit report is on file. He noted that one bank account did not reconcile with the general ledger and the difference was less than \$300.00. He noted that Internal

Audit would look at the member data base as a number of potential errors were observed.

Marvin Morgan had concerns with how the information is updated in the database. The internal audit committee has requested Jim Jones to review this matter.

Russell Dart presented the Treasurers Report noting John Beard's report on file 990's, assets are in excess of a million dollars and major donations were down this year.

Discussion followed on membership.

Hank Voegtle noted his report is on file with the State staff secretary; however, we need to talk about disbanding Major White Chapter and North Texas where to place the members

Stephen Rohrbough noted the nominating committee report was on file with staff secretary. He had a meeting of the nominating committee at the Fall BOM, with 16 chapters in attendance, to inform them of their responsibilities and remind them that their chapter should send representatives to this meeting. The committee developed a slate of officers and that report is on file. He noted that he has a new list of officers to review due to resignations and changes, Saturday morning there will be a meeting of the nominating committee. There are several vacancies which I have filled and the only vacancy remaining the Costal registrar. There was general discussion on the topic. The List of Officers is attached here to and incorporated by reference herein.

Robert Cohen reported on Challenge Coins he still has approximately 150 with a new batch. On Sunday the lapel pins will be on sale for \$5.00 with all proceeds to the patriot fund. There will be 2 bumper stickers in the packet and on Sunday they will be on sale for 2 for \$5.00.

Old Business: Tom Jackson presented an overview of the planning for the National Congress to be held in Houston in 2018 at the Westin Memorial City. He reviewed the tentative ideas for tours.

Bob Cohen reported that the Center for Advancing American Heritage had received received \$442.00 from Texas.

New Business:

Larry Stevens noted that we need to have changes or proposals come out of the proper committees and put the matter up to the BOM. This will keep us out of a lot of trouble. We need to follow proper procedures and we also need to fill out a motion form.

Bill Marrs noted that he has been working on a new web design and would like to call upon Texas to be the guinea pig for this project before it is rolled out nationally since we have a lot of chapters. National has contracted with a firm to set up a new membership data base, which has been approved by Ex Com and it will soon be announced..

Bob Cohen noted that he and Hank Voegtle were contacted by a member who wants to start a new chapter. It is from where a chapter has increased its dues we need to be careful when raising chapter dues.

David Temple brought up about service medals discussion followed. Bob Cohen would like to scatter out the awards during the Convention.

Stephen Rohrbough went to the \$1000 breakfast at Spring Leadership and has six awards to hand out.

Meeting Adjourned 5:51pm  
Mike Radcliff Staff Secretary

### **Expansion & Membership Committee**

Did not meet David Temple, Chairman

### **Fees and Dues Committee**

Did not meet Hank Voegtle, Chairman

### **Finance Committee**

Members of the Committee

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

#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Finance Committee The mission of the Finance Committee is to monitor, advise, and assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws.

Vice Chairman Jackson opened the meeting and noted that this committee meeting would be run concurrently with the Internal Audit Committee; however separate minutes would not be submitted.

Please see the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee for the combined minutes.

### **Former State Presidents Committee**

Did not meet. Stephen W Rohrbough, Chairman

### **Genealogy Committee**

David Temple, Co-Chairman  
Committee Report March 27, 2015

Present:

William Marrs, Co-Chairman  
James C. Taylor, San Antonio Chapter #4  
Mike Radcliff, Plano Chapter #37  
T.L. Holden, Edmund Terrell Chapter #34

George West, Panhandle Plains Chapter #  
Gerry Gieger, Maj. K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6  
W. M. Marrs, Heart of Texas Chapter #

Visitors:

James Alderman, District 5 Vice President, Pete Lenes, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1  
Larry Tidwell, Bernardo de Galvez Ch #1 Merlin E. Shoner, Bernardo de Galvez Ch #1  
Jim Pinkerton, Piney Woods Chapter #51 Charles Bush, Bluebonnet Chapter #41  
Bob Cohen, Independence Chapter #40 John Anderson, Arlington Chapter #7  
Chuck Hartline, George Thompson, Vice President General  
Wayne Courreges, Patrick Henry Ch #11  
Jim Barkley, Hill Country Chapter #31 Ben Pollard, Panhandle Plains Chapter  
Larry Spradlin, Turner Sharp Chapter Clayton Starr, Athens Chapter #54  
John Merritt, Capt. William Barron Ch James Berkley, San Antonio Chapter #4  
Raymond L. Leftwich, Maj. K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6  
Allen Greene, Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Gus Mistrot, Robert Rankin Chapter #62

The meeting was convened at 2:45 PM by Chairman David Temple, noting this would be a short meeting. All were reminded of State President Bob Cohen's goal of reaching 5,000 members by 2018. To do that all chapters need a registrar and frankly all members can be a registrar or genealogist. The Powerpoint presentation given during the Genealogy Workshop yesterday afternoon will be given to Ray Cox to post on the TXSSAR website.

As you work with prospective members please be sure to print copies of the Application Preparation Manual and the Genealogy Policies found on the National SAR website.

Changes to some of the Genealogy Policies were approved at the recent Spring Leadership and were reviewed. The changes covered were to the following policies: 2005-03, 2011-01, 2011-03, 2011-06, 2012-04,

The most significant change is that to 2011-06 involving the usage of DAR record copies approved after Jan. 1, 1985. It was emphasized that these will be accepted on their face value as long as no questions have been raised by DAR, SAR or CAR regarding the Patriot. This change should allow for an increase in application volume for all chapters and thus for the state.

2005-03 eliminated the requirement for the applicant to supply a copy of his birth certificate naming both parents. Other documentation may be used.

2011-01 added newspaper articles or broadsides and letters or other correspondence to contemporary sources to prove service.

2011-03 removed the renouncing of allegiance to the King of Great Britain as sufficient evidence of patriotic service.

2012-04 addressed proof documentation produced in a foreign language. An accurate translation into English must also be provided.

Application fees were discussed briefly. All were reminded to use the Fee Calculator located on the TXSSAR website under Membership. Type in the age of the applicant and click OK to refresh. All necessary fees should be reflected. By using the Fee Calculator the registrars can minimize in errors in checks written by the applicants.

## **Information Technology**

Ray Cox

The IT committee discussed the new Texas SAR web site responsive design and the availability of a simple responsive design for chapters to use for their websites. Responsive designs allow for good presentation of a web site regardless of the device that the site is being viewed on. Compatriot John Anderson presented the responsive designs (which he developed) at the meeting and stands ready for any consulting needed to make them work for the chapters.

## **Long Range Planning**

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

The Planning meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Stevens.

The 2018 Congress in Houston was deferred and reviewed later. See minutes for State Meetings.

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

President Cohen handed out a paper describing the Strategic Planning process.

A special presentation by Dr. Bonnie McGee on Strategic Planning was made.

A brief summary of her comments are included in the State Convention minutes.

Larry Stevens

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PROCESS:** Determine what you want to accomplish over a given time period -

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

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

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

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

## Newsletter

No report available at time of publication.

## Nominating Committee

Stephen Rohrbough, Chairman

1. Call to Order. Chairman Stephen Rohrbough called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, Marriott North at Greenspoint, Houston, TX, on March 28, 2015.
2. Attendees:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Tracy Paunders	Dallas #2	Ron Walcik	Heart of Texas #26
George Ramphrey	Dallas #2	Russell Dart	Cradle of Texas #33
Stephen Rohrbough	San Antonio #4	T L Holden	Edmund Terrill #34
Tom Small	San Antonio #4	Drake Peddie	Plano #37
James Taylor	San Antonio #4	Mike Radcliff	Plano #37
James Alderman	Major KM Van Zandt #6	Jim Jones	Independence #40
Larry Spalding	Turner Sharp #9	Jim Heath	Bluebonnet #41
Ben Pollard	Panhandle Plains #10	Gary Lovell	East Fork Trinity #47
Wayne Conrreges	Patrick Henry #11	K B Hallmark	Victoria #50
Marvin Morgan	Patrick Henry #11	Art Mumford	Victoria #50
Lawrence Casey	Paul Revere #19	Joe F Potter	Piney Woods #51
James Johnson	Denton #23	Allan Greene	Robert Rankin #62
Stephen Lee	Capt William Baron #25	Tom Jackson	Robert Rankin #62
John Merritt	Capt William Baron #25		

Of the 46 Chapters in the Texas Society Sons, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, there were 19 Chapters represented. This was a good turnout and shows a strong level of interest in participating in the election of State Officers for 2015-2016. The represented Chapters are responsible for preparing the Slate of Officers that to be presented to the General Assembly during the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting today.

3. The "Draft" Slate of Officers was prepared by the Chairman and distributed to attendees for review. All positions were filled with the exception of the Coastal Registrar. Although there were numerous inquiries of qualified candidates, no one was willing to step up to assume this position. The draft Slate is as follows:

### Slate of Officers 2015-2016

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	Member #	State #
President	Larry G. Stevens	129831	5836
President Elect	Mike J. Radcliff	149045	8149
Secretary	Henry J. Voegtle, III	149829	8239
Treasurer	Russell Dart	154222	8670
Chancellor	Tracy A. Ponders	148096	8068
Communications Secretary	Samuel P. Massey, Jr.	168406	8913
Historian	Harmon L Adair, Jr	157089	9917



Staff Secretary	Tom Jackson	162548	9384
Registrar Inland	David Temple	170342	10107
Registrar Coastal	(Vacant)		
Chaplain	Rev Kenneth H. Morrill	189593	11725
National Trustee	Robert S. Cohen	167775	9853
Alternate Trustee	Stephen W. Rohrbough	146567	7919
VP Contests, Medals, & Awards	Peter T. Baron, Jr	169832	10057
Vice President District 1	James E. Heath, PhD	144667	7881
Vice President District 2	Ben Pollard	166812	9766
Vice President District 3	Jimmie Massingill	137841	6816
Vice President District 4	Ronald J. Walcik	119809	4785
Vice President District 5	Ronald Carter	169740	10089
Vice President District 6	Drake Peddie	161054	9271
Vice President District 7	Lawrence K. Casey, Jr	149810	8233
Vice President District 8	Larry Blackburn	147358	10505
Vice President District 9	Arthur G. Mumford	160139	9175
Vice President District 10	Stephen W. Lee	165838	9667
Vice President District 11	Terry L. Holden	178314	10850

Jim Jones moved that the Slate of Officers be approved as presented. The motion was second by Reverend James Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of the 19 Chapters represented.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen W Rohrbough, Chairman

## **Oration Committee**

Texas Society  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
 2015 Annual Conference \* March 27-29 Houston

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical ORATION Committee Report

Prior to Conference: Former Chairman Peter Rowley and TxSSAR President Bob Cohen contacted me to consider stepping in to head up the Committee Contest and facilitate the program in time for the State meeting. I found that four of the six (listed on website) previous Regional Contest Chairmen no longer served (nor want to) in that capacity. In trying to acquire replacements to help expedite the final Regional Chapter's competition in time to have six contestants in Houston, I had to rely on various Chapter Presidents and the existing Committee members to vote approval to allow more than one youth contestant to move over to represent a Region that had no contestant.

I appreciate the favorable vote of Joe Cox, Bill Harper, Jim Heath, James

Johnson, Jr., Ralph McDowell, Drake Peddie Charles Luna & David Temple which allowed us to go forward with securing at least five finalists. Also, Fredonia Chapter stepped up to sponsor a contestant from a different Region.

Sub-Committee 2015 Conference Meeting: Compatriot Tom Whitelock introduced himself as the newly appointed Chairman to those Oration Committee members and other interested conference delegates attending the session. He voiced the sad news that former Chairman Peter Rowley had passed away in February. He stated that in the last phone visit, that Peter had asked him to discuss with the committee members the topic of moving the TxSSAR State Oration competition to the Fall BOM site by next year.

Peter had been asked by a number of High School coaches and Chapter Presidents to consider a later contest in order to gain more contestants that otherwise are choosing Spring UIL debate or drama contests. The Chairman stated that in a recent survey, he had received emails and confirmation that indeed there had been and still was an interest to move forward on the proposal.

Discussion by members centered on favoring the move to likewise benefit the BOM Host Chapter for increased revenue from a larger delegate attendance; it being the most popular youth program.

Since the number of contestants (and participating sponsor Chapters) has decreased over the past few years, the proposal seemed to have a favorable majority.

However, a few members voiced concern that staging the luncheon finals at the Fall BOM would not allow sufficient time for the regular scheduled Committee meetings and general working sessions on Friday or Saturday.

Other members asked if there was enough time to develop a marketing –promotion program in order to have a test-run at Galveston? Answered by others – Maybe not, but it could go into effect in 2016 and should be put to a vote to present the proposal as a resolution to the CM&A committee during their session. By voice & hand vote- it was approved.

Another topic discussed was on the Oration award amounts. The Chairman stated that there is a review concern, that although the winner's total was to be increased this year, no "BOND" was guaranteed for the second place (runner-up) by TxSSAR, even though it is published as \$500. That amount is actually a cash (check) donation by *War of 1812 Society*. No further comments about this matter were made during the morning session.

The final topic of discussion was added to the agenda by a number of delegates who said that the current procedure for obtaining *entry forms* is confusing and that in addition to students, coaches, Chapter Chairmen, that they too feel that all (National and State) filing information forms/procedures should be posted on only one link site instead of so many different locations. The Chairman said that he would address this issue in the upcoming proposed update/revision of the Oration Contest section on our website or NEW EDUCATIONAL PAGE.

The Chairman closed the meeting by extending his appreciation to former and remaining Regional Oration Chairmen, Chapter Sponsors that aided in securing at least five final contestants, as well as delegates that expressed interest in this particular youth program by attending this Sub-Committee Conference meeting. He suggested that all should attend the CM&A meeting in order to support their opinions.

CM&A Committee Conference Meeting Compatriot David Temple served as the stand-in Chairman for Peter T. Baron.

The resolution (pertaining to moving the TxSSAR Oration Contest to FALL BOMs) brought forth from the sub-committee, was discussed.

It was noted that the Committee establishes the dates for contests and not the BOM general session, thus it would only be a REPORT to the BOM and not up for vote.

BOM General Session: Report was given.

(A select few of the Officers requested that the proposal be re-discussed in Galveston prior to implementation.)

YOUTH LUNCHEON: Oration Contest-*Robert F. Ritchie* Winner

Breana Mobley representing Fredonia Chapter (sponsored by Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter) \$2,500 Scholarship & Medal \*

Runner-up 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Maria Henriquez, Galveston Chapter \$500\_ Scholarship and Certificate & \$500 cash/check from War of 1812 Society

\*Breana received an additional \$600+ from various N. Texas Chapters and Compatriots to offset travel expenses to and from Kentucky for NSSAR Oration Competition.

## **Operation Reach**

Disolved

## **ROTC Sub-Committee**

No report at time of publication

## **Poster Contest Sub-Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriots Fund Trustees Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee**

Did not meet

## **Patriot Fund Projects**

Did not meet

## **Patriot Graves Committee**

Filing date: Saturday, Mar 28, 2015

Larry Tidwell, Secretary

James E Mitchell, Chair & Sam Massey, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman

TXSSAR 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held

Mar 27 & 28, 2015

Houston Marriott North –225 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. East Houston, TX 77060

<http://www.txssar.org/graves.htm>.

**Mission Statement: “Members of our Committee join together to fund, mark, dedicate and register graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots found buried within Texas.”**

### **Call to Order / Room San Antonio at 10:15 am**

- A. Sign in sheet / Retain this doc., & return, pls.
- B. Welcome/ furnished Agenda & Patriot Index / Revolutionary War Graves Registry Cmte., Minutes dtd., Nov 8 & 9, 2014
- C. Rev. James C. Taylor gave the Benediction
- D. Treasurer’s Rpt., by Chrm Jas. E. Mitchell for Compatriot John Beard, expenses \$-0- payment from the annual \$150.00 Line item budget.
- E. Vice Chairman, Peter Baron, San Antonio, TX –Not Present;  
Sam Massey, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman’s Rpt., given in absence of Peter Baron.

#### **Attendees:**

Sam Massey, Jr. Paul Carrington #5 Chapter [sampmasseyjr@yahoo.com](mailto:sampmasseyjr@yahoo.com)

Peter Baron, Ad Hoc, Not Present; SA #4 Chapter, [ptbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com)

Larry Tidwell, Bernardo de Galvez (Bdo. de Galvez) #1 Chapter, [ltidwell011@yahoo.com](mailto:ltidwell011@yahoo.com)

James Taylor, Rev. [jamesctaylor22@gmail.com](mailto:jamesctaylor22@gmail.com)

Ken Morrill, Rev. East Fork Trinity Chapter, [morrillkj@aol.com](mailto:morrillkj@aol.com)

Bill Watts, East Fork Trinity Chapter, [bill\\_watts@att.net](mailto:bill_watts@att.net)

Bruce Alfredson, Robert Rankin Chapter, [Bruce.Alfredson@6mail.com](mailto:Bruce.Alfredson@6mail.com)

Fred Jackson, Robert Rankin Chapter, [f293@att.net](mailto:f293@att.net),

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

John D. Anderson, Jr. Arlington Chapter #7, and

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 [janders981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janders981@sbcglobal.net)

Charles Bush, Bluebonnet Chapter, [bushcharles7920@yahoo.com](mailto:bushcharles7920@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. **Old Business:**

- A. Review of **Nov. 8-9, 2014 Minutes**, above, at Temple, Texas SAR, BOM meeting; an approval Motion was made by Compatriot James Taylor, and seconded by Bill Whatley to accept and, approved by voice vote.
  
- B. Sam Massey, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, was asked to speak toward the Texas SAR webpage online found linked & captioned, Patriotic –Grave Marking Project. He noted that Ray Cox, Information Technology (IT) had completed re-formatting the online, Texas SAR webpage for Texas SAR Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Project, more commonly called, Patriot Graves (PG) Committee. Two, examples of re-dedication interest exemplified for RevWar soldiers: **Jean Joseph de la Baume** (aka Joseph de la Baume) whose cenotaph & Memorial headstone was re-dedicated by sponsoring Chapter –Alexander Hodge on Apr 12, 2014 at the Austin County Jail Museum at Bellville, Texas 77418; and, **Bailey Anderson whose grave marker is located within a gated pasture situated at Elysian Fields cemetery at Harrison Co., Texas**. Vice Chair., Sam Massey noted that an online review of the Texas SAR website noted East Texas Chapter #57 has posted online pictures dated Oct 25, 2003 featuring the Grave Marking Program with participating descendants, Texas SAR general members and Color Guardsmen during a Wreath Laying Ceremony, with

music, at a photograph of a bronze DAR Marker set adjacent to Revolutionary Soldier, Bailey Anderson, Sr.'s (1754-1840) granite, pillow grave marker.

- C. Attendees were encouraged by Chapter to annually if possible conduct a photographic & physical survey of cemetery within a site area for SAR chapters including Elysian Fields (private) cemetery. Art Munford, Victoria Chapter has previously stated that Bailey Anderson's grave might need fencing and mowing annually to prevent degradation of the Revolutionary soldier's pillow marker
- D. Members were asked by the Cmte. Chairman, if any chapter had participated within a RevWar grave flagging and/or Wreath Laying Ceremony since, last Texas SAR BOM meeting. Answer: -None.
- E. Mention was made by Chrm. Mitchell to attendees that during Apr., 2013, our Cmte. had approved (Texas SAR 118<sup>th</sup> Convention) implementation of a Texas SAR *Patriot Grave Updater form*. Also, from the Apr., Texas Annual Convention we agreed to promote membership to voluntarily conduct cemetery surveys in order to update, catalog and photograph the fifty-nine (59) American RevWar Patriots Buried In Texas. All the attendees, above, were asked to personally encourage all Texas SAR chapters to organize utilizing a position for *Patriot Grave Coordinator*, responsible for planning and tracking annual results of physical surveys of their area's RevWar Soldiers graves and reporting results in writing, recording findings with photographs that could include a search made upon, <Find A Grave.com>.
- F. A Patriot Graves Cmte. member noted orally that within past their chapter had a SAR Lug, bronze device removed after a Grave Marking Program dedication. Chrm. Mitchell informed cmte. members & guests that thanks to the Nat'l. Society of the SAR; the Medals & Awards Cmte., prior to Jul 22, 2013 approved usage of chapters purchasing upon availability a large, 6" x 12" x 6" brick size, stone (granite) **Patriot Grave Marker** sponsored by the Tennessee SAR. Simply, go to <tnssar.org>, homepage and near the bottom of the page appears an image of an inscribed grave marker. Click on it, to find dozens of templates. Then one can select their choice template and Xerox a copy *to present* to a local *monument firm*. The firm will be able to inscribe and copy your marker template causing no shipping fee payment for an order from Tennessee SAR. If a chapter representative or *Patriot Grave Coordinator* maintains a longstanding business relationship with a monument firm occasionally a reduced fee can be charged.

## II. New Business

- G. James E Mitchell, Chairman identified the new Nat'l. Society SAR Patriot Index / Revolutionary War Graves Registry Chairman effective at the Spring Leadership

Conference/Trustee Meeting at Louisville, KY on Mar 6 & 7, 2015 as Arkansas SAR member, *Dennis E Boyer*, a resident of Lorraine, KS. *Tony L Vets* a Louisiana SAR Trustee has been designated as Compatriot Boyer's replacement as Vice Chairman after completing several years as Secretary. During the transition between outgoing cmte. chairman, *Delbert White* with Compatriot *Boyer* our online, volunteer (uploading) program is presently suspended until *Delbert White* can furnish Chrm. *Boyer* a tutorial for transferring updaters entries to public database; we are currently at least 300 records in arrears at the moment. Still, over the past year well over 80,170 (NSSAR) Patriot Grave records of which 41,979 are new member lineages have been touched by volunteer uploaders.

- H. On Mar 26, 2015 the **Bellville Historical Society**, P. O. Box 67, Bellville, Austin Co., Texas was notified with a cover letter submitted by James E Mitchell, Texas SAR Patriot Index / Revolutionary War Graves Registry had while attending a Apr 12, 2014 Grave Marking dedication for **Don Juan Filhiol** (aka Jean Baptist Filhiol) at West Monroe City Hall, Louisiana determined that **Jean Joseph de la Baume** was identical to **Joseph de la Baume**, Filhiol's second in command at Fort Miro, Ouachita Post Louisiana after his transfer in late 1777-78 from Opelousas Post after the death of his wife, Dame Marie LeKentric (Anna Marie Kentree), a dau. of Joseph le Kentric of New Orleans. In a detailed two page, printed memorandum captioned: JEAN JOSEPH de la BAUME \*aka Joseph de la Baume 1731-1834 a detailed source recognition matching the captioned subject was furnished the **Bellville Historical Society, Austin Co., Texas** from the book: *Early History of Monroe*, Copyright 2012 by Sylvester Breard and publ., by Pelican Publ., Co., Gretna, LA., pgs 66-73. Compatriot Mitchell wrote that during 2010, he personally recalled participating in a "Memorial" grave marking dedication at the cenotaph & headstone at the Austin County Jail Museum for Joseph de la Baume, who is identical to **Jean Joseph de la Baume** buried at Austin County after his death. The **Jean Joseph de la Baume** memorial headstone is situated at Latitude: 29.949401 & Longitude: -96.257503, now, identified as the Austin County Jail Museum at Bellville, Texas.

<Find A Grave.com>, Memorial# 80045430 captioned," Joseph De La Baume" born 1731, France; death Apr 4, 1834 within Texas mentioned an online reference with <http://www.txssar.org/Buried.htm>.

### III. Announcements

- A. Compatriot Mitchell announced that Texas SAR general members are cordially invited to participate in the 10:00 am Sat., Apr 11th 2015 Natchitoches Chapter SAR grave marking ceremony to honor a Patriot of the American Revolution” **Ambrose LeComte** identical to NSSAR Grave Updater Patriot # P-234593 ,”Ambrose LECOMTE” born 24 Dec 1760 and died 1834 and buried at Natchitoches, Louisiana. A SAR members recorded role in the planned, Program was welcomed by the Natchitoches Chapter sponsor that included Chapter Pres., Charles “Sandy” McNeely [colgrampaw@aol.com](mailto:colgrampaw@aol.com),
  
- B. Please plan now, to attend the National Society SAR *125th Annual Congress* set for Louisville, KY, June 26-Jul 1, 2015. More importantly – DO VOTE - for our NSSAR Officer Candidates -Larry T. Guzy, Mike Tomme and our very own, Tom Lawrence and Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor, all who will make our Nat’l. Society SAR a better “domain”.
  
- C. Chairman Mitchell reminded Compatriot John K. Thompson, Freedom Chapter, for Revolutionary War **Capt. James Tinsley** buried near Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas; and, Compatriot James E. Heath, Bluebonnet Chapter a sponsor for the Jul., 2014 grave marking & SAR Lug set at Matagorda, Texas for Pvt. **Benjamin Wightman** to continue to utilize their draft version of the Patriot Grave Marking Manual, approved February, 2014.

Rev. James Taylor gave the Invocation.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sam Massey, Jr. and seconded by James Taylor and approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Respectfully Submitted by James E Mitchell, P & G Cmte., Chairman

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### **Patriot Medal Selection**

Lawrence K, Casey Jr.

Samuel P. Massey Jr.

Tracy A. Ponders

Ricardo Ramirez

Ronald J. Walcik

Bob Clark Chairman

### **Patriot Projects Committee**

No Report at Time of Publication



## **Perpetual Fund**

Texas SAR, Perpetual Fund Trustees, Committee Report  
Houston, TX (Marriott Greenspoint), March 27, 2015

March 27, 2015 Meeting:

Trustees Present:

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman  
Joseph W. Dooley, Vice Chairman  
Stephen Rohrbough, Trustee  
Robert S. Cohen, Texas Society President

Visitor Present:

Russell Dart, State Treasurer nominee

Russell Dart reviewed the 2014 investment performance of both Brinker Capital and Vanguard. The Chairman is to review the recent National Life Membership analysis to determine if it is applicable to the Texas Society Perpetual Fund. If so, he will prepare an analysis.

Trustees discussed methods to increase Perpetual Membership, and the Chairman will discuss membership applications during the General Session.

Respectfully submitted

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman  
Perpetual Fund Trustees

### **Subject: TXS-SAR Public Service Sub-Committee Report**

Date: October 5, 2015

The committee members currently are John Greer and myself. All other listings of the committee should be deleted.

**Flag Certificates:** Of the 66 chapters listed on the TXS-SAR webpage only 44 are listed as being active chapters. At the current time only 18 chapters and the TXS-SAR State President Larry Stevens have presented at least one flag certificate. In order to meet the minimum 50% standard for the NSSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Streamer/ Award, TXS-SAR needs to have 4 more chapters of the remaining 26 chapter to present a flag certificate by December 31, 2015.

**Law Enforcement Commendation Medal:** Edmund Terrill #34 and Victoria #50 are the only chapters reporting that they have presented this medal at the current time. The recipient is John L. Moore presented by the Edmund Terrill chapter and Drew E. Pilkington from the Victoria chapter.

**Fire Safety Commendation Medal:** Victoria #50 is the only chapter reporting that they have presented this medal at the current time. The recipient is Ronald Pray.

**Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal:** Victoria #50 is the only chapter reporting that they have presented this medal at the current time. The recipient is Dale Hartman.

**Medal for Heroism:** Victoria #50 is the only chapter reporting that they have presented this medal at the current time. The recipients are Tommy Hroch and Jeremy Wanuorq.

A final tally will be conducted from the Chapter President's End-of-the Year Report and that information will be submitted to the NSSAR Public Service Committee.

Respectively submitted,  
T.L. Holden, Chairperson, TXS-SAR Public Service Sub-committee

## **Publicity Committee**

### **Publicity Committee Report July 30, 2015**

#### **Committee Members**

<b>Jim Kuykendall</b>	<a href="mailto:Jimkuy@aol.com">Jimkuy@aol.com</a>	Chairman
<b>Bill Watts</b>	<a href="mailto:Bill_watts@att.net">Bill_watts@att.net</a>	Vice Chairman
Peter Barron	<a href="mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com">ptbaron@hotmail.com</a>	
Joseph Benham	<a href="mailto:jove@ktc.com">jove@ktc.com</a>	
Ron Carter	<a href="mailto:rcarter456@yahoo.com">rcarter456@yahoo.com</a>	
Ronald Graves	<a href="mailto:gravesronn@cs.com">gravesronn@cs.com</a>	
William Graham	<a href="mailto:w.l.graham@me.com">w.l.graham@me.com</a>	
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Tom Jackson	<a href="mailto:longhorntij@yahoo.com">longhorntij@yahoo.com</a>	
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John Thompson	<a href="mailto:johnkthompson@rocketmail.com">johnkthompson@rocketmail.com</a>	
Larry Stevens	<a href="mailto:Wardtracker@aol.com">Wardtracker@aol.com</a>	

#### **Committee work in progress**

1. Email with project proposals sent to committee on April 27, 2015 with details regarding the ongoing work of the committee and with new project proposals.

- a. No response from committee members which was taken as an affirmative vote for the new efforts.
  - b. No one volunteered to take on specific assignments such as the “vanity” license plate initiative for Texas SAR, or Elevator Speech oversight.
  - c. I will continue to oversee these efforts until a “Champion” can be recruited.
2. Due to a conflict with the final week of the Master’s Program I was completing I had to cancel my trip to Louisville to attend the National SAR meeting.
  - a. As a member of the State Meeting Committee, my objective was to see first hand how tours were conducted etc.
  - b. I also wanted to note how the State publicized the event (press releases, etc.) I will seek this information from their people.
3. Ongoing Projects.
  - a. Elevator Speech - this program had a good start last year. We were able to demonstrate how to approach someone about the Texas SAR.
    - i. This year we are going to look at taking it one step farther
      1. Our members will give a speech on why they joined the SAR and what it means to them.
      2. Speech time will be one minute.
      3. They will have the finalist give their speeches during lunch as we did this past year.
    - ii. We will seek to enhance the Awards given.
      1. Suggestion – since the speech is one minute we can call the award the “Minute-man Speaking Award”
    - iii. We will seek approval from the Executive Committee as needed.

## **New Projects**

1. Texas SAR Vanity License Plates - This is a new idea that was given to us at the State meeting in April.
2. We are seeking a state department that we can partner with and whom the plates will go through. The state Veterans department is one that come to mind.
3. We are working to get this started.
4. We are working on getting a special link on our state web site for Publicity.
5. This will include information on articles from the Presidents Manual
  - a. It will have links to sample articles that can be used by chapters.
  - b. Templates to “fill in the blank” for selected articles.
6. This may include an area for “speeches” that will have samples of speeches from members on selected topics that can be used and reused by other members to promote SAR.
7. This may include Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) for use by chapters for meeting/event information and given to local radio/television stations for free broadcast.
8. This site may have an area for video’s to be linked to. The new Texas SAR video would be an example.

9. This site may have an area for photos of SAR events and people that can serve as a reference for articles etc.
10. This may include a link to our state brochure and assorted chapter brochure.

### **Update on the work being done to date.**

1. I have been on contact with Compatriot Bill Watts who is the Chairman of the Education Committee.
  - a. We have decided to join forces and coordinate our efforts so we are not re-inventing the wheel. His efforts are much like ours and we can do more by coordinating our efforts.
  - b. We will seek this coordination at the meeting to be held on August 22 in Houston.
  - c. I have contacted Ray Cox regarding the link on the web site. He has replied and states that much of that information is in the Presidents Manual. We agree, but will continue to seek a link on the website that can specifically address our needs. We believe that if we can find clarity in this process on specific needs, we can make it happen.
  - d. Sample articles are ready to go when needed.

### **Registrar - Inland Committee**

See Officer Reports

### **Registrar - Coastal Committee**

See Officer Reports

### **State Meetings Committee**

State Meetings The Mission of the State Meetings Committee is to assist the State Society and Chapters when hosting a State Congress or a Board of Management Meeting by providing pertinent attendance and hotel occupancy data about past meetings, monitoring the progress and assisting when necessary in meetings in progress or scheduled, and helping select future locations on a rolling two year interval. As an integral part of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee, the State Meetings Committee will keep these entities informed of current progress and the scheduling of future meetings.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Tom Jackson

State Meetings Committee:

Larry Stevens, Chairman      Samuel Massey, Jr., Vice Chairman      Tom Jackson, Secretary  
James Alderman, Charles Baker, Tom Carswell, Bob Clark, George Harcourt, Jim Kuykendall  
Charles Luna, Frank Rohrbough, John Thompson, Hank Voegtle, Ron Walcik

Those in attendance and signing in:

Jim Heath DVP#1,	Tom Carswell,	DVP#3	Roy Walcik, DVP#4, State Meetings
James Alderman	Maj K.M. Van Zandt, DVP#5	Drake Peddie, DVP#6	
Lawrence K. Casey Jr.	DVP#7	Not Present,	DVP#8
Not Present	DVP#9	Stephen Lee,	DVP#10
George Ramphrey	Dallas, Pres.	Robert Kittrell,	Dallas, former Pres.
Art Munford	Victoria #50	Tom Green,	Former TXSAR President
Larry Spadlin	President Turner Sharp Chapter		
Jim Kuykendall	Freedom Chapter	Allen Greene,	Robert Rankin
Franic Rohrbough	San Antonio, State Plannings	Peter McLellan,	McKinney 63
Bob Cohen	Independent	Blair Rudy,	Plano, Guest
Ron Barker	Guest	Marvin Morgan	Guest
Wayne Courreges	Guest	Terry L. McKee,	Paul Carrington Chapt,
Ben Pollard	Parhandle Plains, Guest	Walt Thomas,	East Fork Trinity, Guest
G.W. Lovell	East Fork Trinity, Guest	Jim Barkley,	Hill Country 31, Guest
Ray Cox	Piney Woods	Tom Jackson,	Robert Rankin

Tom Juackson provided a power Point overview of the status of the State Meetings and the 2018 National Congress.

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

2015 Fall BOM will be in October in Galveston. Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1, Hilton Galveston Island Resort; 5400 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX, 77551, USPhone Number : 844-492-2969; October 9,10,11

2016 121th Texas Conference is open. Interest has been expressed by Houston (?) and Dallas/Plano? NCAA Final Four is in HTN 04/01-04/05

**2016** Board of Managers: Austin has accepted by Patrick Henry Chapter. They have identified a host hotel.

**2017** State Convention: San Antonio, Hotel approved, RFP received

**2017** Board of Managers: Interest expressed by College Station(?) and Dallas/Plano (?)

**2018** State Convention: Dallas/Plano?

Conflicting dates: NCAA March 15, 17 Big 12 First, Second Rd Dallas  
03/31-04/2 - Final Four: San Antonio

2018 Board of Managers: San Antonio is requested to host the BOM to help celebrate the tricentennial of the founding of the city.

## **National Congress 2018**

### **Committee members:**

John Beard, George Harcourt, Tom Jackson, Tom Lawrence, Sam Massey, Mike Radcliff, Larry Stevens, Nathan White,

National Congress Planning Committee Members from Houston:

Sam Massey, Larry Stevens

## **National Congress Planning Draft**

### **Funding**

- A total of \$30,000 is budgeted as reflected in the audited financial statements.
- \$10,000 has been set aside in a separate bank account as of December 31, 2015.
- \$5,000 is added each spring time.

### **Events**

#### **Friday: Pre Congress Event**

Greenville: Up Country Museum Reception (6pm to 9pm. Per person cost \$55.)

Houston idea:

- All day Genealogy conference held at Clayton Mansion, part of the Clayton Genealogical Library. To reduce transportation cost hold at host hotel.
- Note: This requires transportation. Catty-cornered to the Holocaust Museum & close to the Buffalo Soldier Museum; consider short side trips.

#### **Saturday: All Day tour** (Board buses at 8:30am, leave at 9 am, return at 4 pm sharp)

Greenville: Kings Mountain/Cowpens Tour, Per Person Cost: \$40.00

Houston Idea: San Jacinto Monument & Museum, Battleship Texas, Lunch at Kemah Boardwalk, NASA Space Center with light refreshments

Houston feasibility responsibility: Sam Massey & Paul Carrington Chapter

#### **Saturday: Host Reception** (5pm to 8pm)

Greenville: At Host Hotel, Cost is responsibility of Host Chapter

Houston Ideas:

- Host Hotel on premise, easiest with Saturday tour timing
- Banquet Facility (Chateau Crystale), 1 mile away
- Junior League of Houston, 30 minute bus ride from hotel
- Houston Museum of Natural Science, 30 minute bus ride from hotel
- Houston feasibility responsibility: Sam Massey, Tom Jackson, P Carrington/R Rankin Chapter

#### **Sunday: Memorial Service** (2pm to 3pm)

Greenville: Christ Church Episcopal, parade for those able, transportation for those with impaired mobility, Cost of church rental/bus transportation is responsibility of National?

Houston Idea:

- Note: There are 15 churches within a two mile radius of the Host Hotel. These will be investigated to determine feasibility, availability, and cost. The Memorial Drive United Methodist Church has an interior most similar to that which we accustomed and has one of the great organs in Texas. The Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church is comparable while the Tallowood Batiste Church is more contemporary, but nonetheless inspiring.

**Sunday: Memorial Service** (2pm to 3pm) (continued)

- Note: To reduce cost & since the Congress has the entire hotel, consider church service at the hotel
- Houston feasibility responsibility: Tom Jackson & Robert Rankin Chapter

**Sunday: Ladies Tea** (4:30pm to 5:30pm, no banquet Sunday night)

Greenville: Christ Church Episcopal

Houston idea:

- Open; perhaps follow the lead of Greenville. Tea at the church
- Tea at the Westin Galleria, followed by world class shopping

**Tuesday: Ladies Luncheon**, (Board bus at 9:30am, Lunch 11:30am to 2:30pm)

Greenville: Poinsett Club, Master's Paintings, Per Person Cost \$55

Houston Idea: Bayou Bend, Collection & Garden, Junior League for lunch?

**Wednesday: Narrow Focus**, (Board bus at 10:30am, 11:00am to 4:00pm)

Greenville: Ninety-Six Tour, per person cost \$40.00

Houston idea:

- Tour of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station
- Houston feasibility responsibility: Jim Kukyendahl, Freedom (Houston area) & Bob Cohen, Independence (College Station) Chapter
  - Note: This requires travel time one way of 1.25 to 1.5 hours.
  - Can you do box lunch on bus?

**Thursday: Post Congress Event**

Greenville: Biltmore Estate Tour, per person Cost \$90.00, 9am to 4pm

Houston Idea:

- Galveston to include Moody Garden, Tall Ship Elyssa, Railroad Museum, The Strand
- Transportation is required, 1.5 hour bus ride each way

**Medal & Challenge Coin**

Houston idea:

- Spanish Mill Dollar Motif
- Enhance with longhorn, star, Galvez

### **Back up Ideas:**

We have generally ignored the crown jewel of Houston, ie. the Museum District. We will continue to monitor travelling exhibitions in case this becomes a possibility.

### **Idea Input Thank you's**

#### **Friday: Pre Congress Event**

Houston idea:

- All day Genealogy conference held at Clayton Mansion, part of the Clayton Genealogical Library
  - Ed Butler

#### **Saturday: All Day tour** (Board buses at 8:30am, leave at 9 am, return at 4 pm)

Houston Idea:

San Jacinto Monument & Museum, Battleship Texas, Tom Green

Lunch at Kemah Boardwalk, Larry Stevens

NASA Space Center with light refreshments, Tom Lawrence

#### **Saturday: Host Reception**

Houston Ideas:

- Host Hotel on premise,
- Banquet Facility (Chateau Crystale), 1 mile away
- Junior League of Houston, 30 minute bus ride from hotel: Sam Massey
- Houston Museum of Natural Science, 30 minute bus ride from hotel

#### **Sunday: Ladies Tea**

Houston idea:

- Tea at the church
- Tea at the Westin Galleria, followed by world class shopping
  - Catherine Massey, Mickey Jo Lawrence

#### **Tuesday: Ladies Luncheon,**

Houston Idea: Bayou Bend, Collection & Garden

#### **Wednesday: Narrow Focus,**

Houston idea:

- Tour of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station
  - Larry Stevens



## Thursday: Post Congress Event

Houston Idea:

- Galveston to include Moody Garden, Tall Ship Elyssa, Railroad Museum, The Strand
  - Galvez Chapter Members

## Medal & Challenge Coin

- Spanish Mill Dollar, Hank Vogelle

## Veterans Committee

### Minutes for Veterans Committee

### Texas SAR Annual Meeting

Houston, TX, (Marriott North)

March 27, 2015, 10:45 A.M.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Frank Rohrbough called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M. Attendance included **TXSSAR members** as noted below.

2. **Attendance:** (15)

#### Members Appointed: (3)

Frank Rohrbough, Chairman

John Greer, Member

Peter Baron (OAS Chairman)

Harmon Adair, Vice-Chairman

James Alderman

Mike Everheart, Member

Dr. Jim Johnson, Member

Delbert Taylor, Member

#### Status

**Present**

**Present**

**Present**

Absent

Absent

Absent

Absent

Absent

#### Chapter

San Antonio (#4)

Amb Fletcher Warren (#43)

San Antonio (#4)

East Fork-Trinity (#47)

Maj Van Zandt (#6)

Capt. William Barron (#25)

Denton (#23)

Edmund Terrell (#34)

#### Visitors Attending: (12)

Bob Cohen (TXSSAR President)

Al Gibson

Jim Barkley

John Hamlin

Bob Hancock

T. L. Holden

Russ Leavens

John Merritt

Sam Massey

Jeff Gammon

Mike Smith

Russell DeVaney (NSSAR Vet Cmte)

Hill Country (#31)

Hill Country (#31)

Bernardo de Galvez (#1)

San Antonio (#4)

Edmund Terrill (#34)

Van Zandt (#6)

Capt Wm Barron (#25)

Paul Carrington (# )

Patrick Henry (#11)

Arlington (# )

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3. **Review of Minute:** The Minutes of the November 8, 2014 Meeting were handed out for review. (Attachment #1)

**(Action Item:** Motion made by Peter Baron to approve minutes as written; **motion passed.)**

4. **Old Business:**

- a. **Committee Appointments:** Chairman Rohrbough noted that In-Coming TXSSAR President Larry Stevens has appointed the members shown at Attachment #2 to the committee effective March 29, 2015. (Attachment #2)
- b. **NSSAR Corps Project Update:** Chairman Rohrbough reported that NSSAR continues to publish Certificates of Patriotism for those SAR members who served in WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War who have previously not been recognized for their service.
- c. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration Program:** Chairman Rohrbough noted that President General Joe Dooley announced at the 123 Congress in Greenville NC that the National Society had become a Supporting Organization for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Program that was launched by President Barack Obama on May 28, 2012. He called for all State Societies and SAR Chapters to become supporting Organizations too. The **National Point of Contact is Paul Callanan (E-Mail: [LTCMRSC@aol.com](mailto:LTCMRSC@aol.com) or phone (906)273-2424.**
- d. **Items for TXSSAR Compatriot Newsletter:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees that articles are needed for the Compatriot Newsletter; TXSSAR Chapters should report activities that support veterans in their local area. Articles should be sent directly to the Compatriot Editor.
- e. **Appointments to VA Volunteers Service (VAVS) Advisory Committees:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees to consider serving on local VAVS Advisory Committees at VA Hospitals as “appointed designees”, usually as a Primary and a Deputy. To be an official designee of SAR, he asked members to contact him regarding the “letter of appointment” process by NSSAR (Veterans Committee).
- f. **Service to Veterans Award:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees to document their “service to veterans” so that members can be awarded the NSSAR Service to Veterans Award and Medal; members need 5,000 Stark Points to earn this award and 3,000 Points for each Oak Leaf Cluster.
- g. **USS Stark Report Update:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded attendees to document their veterans’ activities using the TXSSAR VA Veterans Worksheet which would help in completing their Chapter Reports for 2015. Finally, he thanked the Chapters who submitted Chapter Reports for 2014. He noted that the Texas SAR did well and should receive recognition at the 125<sup>th</sup> Congress in Louisville, KY in June.
- h. **Operation Ancestor Research (OAS):** Compatriot Peter Baron, Chairman of the TXSSAR OAS Program, (under the Veterans Committee) reported that NSSAR has continued to highlight the Program and seek warrior participation at three locations - San Diego, Washington, DC and San Antonio. Warriors are invited to research their family heritage using documents available through Ancestry.com has made their data base available “free” to injured service members while they are undergoing treatment. NSSAR continues to expand the Program to other VA facilities and hospitals where veterans are living and SAR chapters are located. Compatriot Baron invited other Chapters in Texas to contact their local Veterans Organizations and launch OAS in their local areas.

- i. **Partners-In-Patriotism Reports:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded members to submit their reports about public events with other Veteran Organizations that are held during the period May 2014 to May 2015. Certificates will be handed out at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Louisville KY in June 2015.
5. **Other Business:**
    - a. **Local Veterans Events:** Chairman Rohrbough encouraged attendees to continue working to recognize veterans in their area and participate in local events where possible. Rohrbough noted that the San Antonio Chapter had participated in the **Salute to Veterans Week** sponsored by the National VA Offices which was held February 10-14, 2014. He noted that Chapters should contact their local VA Facilities and actively participate in this National Event as a means of recognizing veterans and showing their appreciation for their service.
    - b. **Upcoming Observances:** Chairman Rohrbough reminded chapters to participate in local observances, especially over Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day events and observances.
    - c. **Candidates for Westmoreland Award:** Chairman Rohrbough “called” for nominations for the NSSAR General Westmoreland Award for work in support of veterans and Wound Warriors.
  6. **Presentation of Awards:** Chairman Rohrbough noted that through the efforts of Compatriot John Greer, a Service to Veterans Medal and Certificate were prepared for Compatriot Wendell Edwards for his years of dedicated services to veterans through the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter. For health reasons, Compatriot Edwards was unable to attend the Meeting; Compatriot Greer agreed to deliver the Award to Compatriot Edwards.
  7. **Other Business/Discussions:** Chairman Rohrbough asked if there was any other business for the committee. There being no other business, the Chairman called for a motion to close the meeting.
  8. **Adjourn:** A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15A.M.

Frank G. Rohrbough, Chairman  
TXSSAR Veterans Committee

**Yearbook Committee**  
No Report at Time of Publication