



Committee Reports

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
Hilton Westchase Hotel

October 30-31, 2010

Americanism Contests & Awards

Russell Dart, Chairman

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

I. Attendance:

a. Present:

Chairman, ACMA Committee – Russell Dart
Vice President CMA – Stephen Rohrbough
Co-Chairman for Annual Reports – Robert Cohen
Chairman CAR Essay Contest – Stephen Rohrbough
Chairman, Orations Contest – Peter Rowley
Chairman Newsletter Contest – Larry Stevens
Chairman Knight Essay Contest – John Gulley
Chairman State Historian/Yearbook – Larry Stevens
Chairman Poster Contest – Stephen Lee
Chairman Public Safety – Arthur Munford
Webmaster – Ray Cox

b. Absent:

Co-Chairman for Annual Reports - Bud Schwart
Chairman Veterans Committee –Frank Rohrbough
Commander, Color Guard – Mike Radcliff
Chairman CAR Liaison Committee – Mike Radcliff
Chairman ROTC/JROTC Contest – John Thompson
Chairman Eagle Scout Contest – Charles Luna
Chairman History Teacher Contest – David Jones
David Temple – Co-Chairman- Awards Committee
Member – James Taylor

c. Visitors

Gerald Irion – President, Hill Country # 31

Drake Peddie, President, Plano Chapter # 37

Tim West, President, Tyler Chapter #25

Bill Holcombe, District 1 Vice President

Jim Beal, President, Freedom Chapter #38

Kim Kuykendall, Member Freedom Chapter #38

Tom Copeland, 1st VP, Tyler Chapter #25

II. **Mission Statement:** The Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards Committee is composed of as many sub-committees as deemed necessary by the BOM to conduct the Awards Program and Youth Contests of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Sub-Committee Chairmen conduct and administer the Awards and Youth Programs including Orations, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, JROTC/ROTC, Poster, CAR Essay, and History Teacher Contests. Other Sub-Committee Chairman includes Chapter Annual Reports, Public Service and Law Enforcement, Color Guard, Yearbook, Newsletter, CAR Activities, CAR Liaison, and CAR Award Programs.

III. **Goals/ Projects to implement mission.**

- a. Chapter Annual Reports - All Chapters submit Annual Reports by January 30th each year. (Note that suspense date is January 10th of each year). The Chapter Annual Report was revised adding line items contained in the NSSAR PG and Americanism Reports were added to the Annual Chapter Report. The National PG/Americanism Reports are changed for the year 2010. The TXSSAR Chapter reports will not be changed for this year. The Chapters will have to consolidate their data in order to complete the NSSAR form if they desire to compete at the National level. The Reports Committee recommends that the National form be used to track events as they happen during the year. There are bonus points for early submission and penalty points for late submission. **The goal is for all Chapters to submit reports by e-mail using the automated excel worksheet format.**
- b. Chapter CAR Activities - Chapters participate in nine (9) of the twelve (12) reporting elements of the Chapter Annual Report and participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest or Program. **The goal is to have at least 10 Chapters win John K. Harrell CAR Activities Streamers each year.**
- c. Youth Contest Due Dates – Develop a handout and post it to society web site for easy reference so that all chapters and society officers know and are aware of Youth Contest Programs, contacts, and contest due dates. We now have a standardized permission form posted on the TXSSAR web-site. Each contestant will be required to complete the permission form to enter a Youth Contest. **The goal is to have 50% of Chapters participate in one Contest.**
- d. Youth Budget - Develop a budget for Youth Contests to include scholarship amount, meals, and hotel and authorized travel expenses.
- e. Youth Program Expense Matrix - Prepare a Matrix to clarify who pays for what expenses; i.e. Patriots Fund, Richie Fund, War of 1812, Chapter, Escort, or Sponsor. The award amounts were changed in 2010 so that the winners of the Youth Contests all receive the same amount of Scholarship Award. For this year it is \$1,500. Also the winner of the Essay Contest and the C.A.R. essay contest will be invited to participate at our Youth Luncheon at our State Convention. These expenses should be highlighted in Youth Contest and Program Instructions.
- f. Youth Programs - 30 Chapters participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest.
- g. Poster Contest Rules Revised – Chairman Stephen Lee has revised the Poster Contest rules so that they are in line with the National rules. The changes have been posted on the TXSSAR web-site.
- h. Youth Medals Awarded - Track the number of medals presented to youth contestants to determine how to increase youth participation in Youth contests.
- i. Flag Presentations – **The Goal is to have 30 Chapters present flag certificates to an individual, company, or organization that flies the flag and deserves recognition.**
- j. Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund – **The Goal is to have 25 Chapters make annual contributions to the Patriot fund or a selected Youth Program.**
- k. CAR Activities and Awards – **The Goal is to have 20 Chapters participate in the John K. Harrell Awards Program by submitting end of year CAR Activities Report.**

- l. History Teacher Award – **The Goal is to have ten (10) Chapters nominate outstanding history teachers for this Award and recognize their work to educate the Youth in public, private, and home school programs.**
- m. CAR Essay Contest – **The Goal is to have ten (10) Chapters nominate an applicant from the Texas Society CAR to participate in the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest.**
- n. Medal for Veterans – Genealogist General Joe Dooley suggested that there was a need to create a medal to give to deserving Veterans. There is no SAR Medal that is appropriate for presentation to Veterans.
- o. Establish a position in the Sub-Committee for Awards – The person holding this position maintains an inventory of TXSSAR Award Streamers, handles the TXSSAR Service Medals, and sells Service Medals to Chapters. This is a service provided by TXSSAR to Chapters when attending BOM and State Convention Meetings. Otherwise, Chapters need to arrange buying medals and paying mailing costs to get the medals.
- p. Establish a sub-committee for Annual Reports – The chairman for this sub-committee receives Chapter Annual Reports and consolidated them into a Consolidated Summary Report in order to provide data and information to prepare Society Reports for national awards; and determine TXSSAR Awards for Chapters.
- q. Increase Recognition of Citizens (non-SAR) and number of Contestants participating in the TXSSAR Youth Contests. This is a theme of President Tom Lawrence’s year in office as President, TXSSAR. He asked that the CMA Committee, District Vice-President’s and Chapter Presidents work on this effort.
Open
- r. TXSSAR Veterans Activities Report. The USS Stark Report Veterans activities are part of the Chapter Annual Report. John Greer has agreed to work with the Chapter Annual Reports Sub-Committee to receive Chapter USS Stark Report from the Committee and prepare the State Society USS Report and submit it to NSSAR. **The Goal is to increase Chapter participation from 10 Chapters to 20 Chapters.** Open
- s. All Contest Chairs should contact participating Chapters and notify them of the results of their respective contests. They must advise them of the travel rules and accommodations if a contestant plans to attend the TXSSAR State Convention to receive their awards. Open
- t. NSSAR Outstanding Citizenship Award. Change the criteria to include any person whom a Chapter, State, or National Officer feels that a person meets the criteria to receive the award. Open
- u. Form a Working Committee to develop a Challenge Coin or Pin to commemorate the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas and recognize those compatriots, wives, SAR guests, family members, and dignitaries participating in the parade each year. Open
- v. Form a Working Committee to create an award for 911 Operators. Committee will develop the criteria for the award. Based on approval by the BOM, it could be forwarded to NSSAR to create an award. Another option would be to have the

911 operators included as part of the EMS award. Committee to develop the options for a proposal.

- IV. **Projects Status – Open or Completed.** (Note these items track with goals and projects in Paragraph III above.)
- a. Chapter Annual Reports – The Reports Committee recommends that the National form be used to track events as they happen during the year. The National PG/Americanism Reports are changed for the year 2010. Chapters will have to consolidate their data in order to complete the NSSAR form if they desire to compete at the National level. The Reports Committee requests that all chapters send their Chapter reports as early as possible and use the automated excel worksheet format. There are bonus points for early submission and penalty points for late submission. **Open.**
 - b. Chapter CAR Activities – see paragraph III b. **Open**
 - c. Youth Contest Due Date – The due dates for Youth Contests is placed on the TXSSAR web site for reference. **Open**
 - d. Youth Budget – Expenses for meals, hotel, travel, and awards are pre-determined and paid to awardees by the TXSSAR Treasurer when awardees attend the Annual State Convention - see paragraph III d **Completed.**
 - e. Youth Program Expense Matrix – see paragraph III e. **Completed.**
 - f. Youth Programs – **The Goal is to have 30 of the 49 Chapter participate in one (1) Youth contest each year. Open**
 - g. Poster Contest Rule Changes – The Chairman, Poster Contest will develop new rules that align the state contest with the rules of the National Society Contest for the Poster Contest. **Completed**
 - h. Youth Medals Awarded – **The Goal is track the number of medals presented to youths and determine if we are increasing youth participation in the Youth Contests. Open.**
 - i. Flag Presentations – This is an on-going program each year. This year we had a goal of 30 Chapters present Flag Certificates. We had a total of 22 Chapters give flag certificates. We missed receiving the Furlong Award by 3 Chapters. **The Goal is to reach a majority of Chapters presenting Flag Certificates; i.e. 25 Chapters. Open.**
 - j. Chapter Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund – X Chapters made contribution to the Patriots Fund in 2009. This is a result for a call for help to pay for Youth Contests in 2010 that were not funded because of an effort to comply with the Society by-laws. Compatriot members donated over \$31,000 to the Patriots Fund Expenses while paying Dues for 2010. These donations covered the transition for the change in the by-laws to cover under funded Contests for Contest Year 2010 and 2011. **The Goal is to fund both 2010 and 2011 for \$16,080 each year - see paragraph III j. Open.**
 - k. TXSSAR John K. Harrell CAR Activities and Awards We had fifteen (15) of forty-nine (49) Chapters participate in the CAR Activities Award competition in 2009 versus twelve (12) in 2008. This is a noted increase over last year and is on track to reach the Goal of twenty (20) Chapters participating in the program – see paragraph III k. **Open.**

- l. History Teacher Award – ACMA Committee voted to change the Award amount to a choice by the winner of a trip to Valley Forge for an educational program or a \$1,500 Savings Bond. TXSSAR would pay for the tuition for the Seminar and up to \$400 for travel. This action was approved by the BOM. – see paragraph III l. **Open.**
 - m. CAR Essay Contest – We had four (4) contestants in 2009. Awards were presented at the Annual TSCAR Convention in Austin, Texas on March 5, 2010. **Open.**
 - n. Medals for Veterans - The motion to create a Medal for Veterans was approved by the BOM earlier and was to be presented in Louisville, KY at a Leadership meeting. The status of the motion is unknown at this time. **Open.**
 - o. Establish Sub-Committee for Awards. **Completed.**
 - p. Establish Sub-Committee for Annual Reports. **Completed.**
 - q. Increase Recognition of Citizens (non-SAR) and number of Contestants participating in the TXSSAR Youth Contests. **Open**
 - r. TXSSAR Veterans Activity Report. The USS Stark Report is part of the Chapter Annual Report and is attached to the Cover Form for Chapter Annual Reports. We had 10 Chapters reporting 110,058 points for USS Stark activities in 2009 versus 68,000 points in 2008. **Open.**
 - s. Contest Chairmen Notify Chapters of Contest Winners. Contest Chairmen alerted Chapters of Contest Winners. Also, they advised Chapters to notify contestants of the Travel Rules if the contestant plans to attend the State Convention to receive an Award. Hotel, meal and mileage expenses are paid to contestants during the State Convention rather than mailing them checks after the convention. **Item Open.**
 - t. Change wording for presenting Outstanding Citizenship Award. Send proposed changes to Chairman, Medals and Awards NSSAR. **Open**
 - u. The CMA Committee approved the request to form a Working Committee to develop a Challenge Coin or Pin to commemorate the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX and recognize those compatriots, wives, SAR Guests, family members, and dignitaries participating in the parade each year. **Open.**
 - v. Form a Working Committee to create an award for 911 Operators. Committee will develop the criteria for the award. Based on approval by the BOM, it could be forwarded to NSSAR to create an award. Another option would be to have the 911 operators included as part of the EMS award. Committee will develop the options for a proposal. **Item Open**
- V. **Other Information.**
- a. Chapters submit Chapter Annual Reports to report activities in 12 categories including: chapter meetings, programs, media relations, patriotic special events, presentation of medals and certificates, donations to state society and national programs, participation in Youth contests, submission of membership applications, attendance at State and National conventions, color guard activities, veterans activities, and participation in Children of the American Revolution programs and events. By submitting Chapter Annual Reports, Chapters compete

for awards in categories by size of membership to win TXSSAR Awards including:

Adrian Drouilhet Award	John Bruce Stuart Jr. Award
Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Streamers	Karl E. Wallace Award
Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award	Marshall Hunter Attendance Award
E. A. Limmer Award	Outstanding Chapter Award
Frank Watkins Award	Wilbur S. Strong Award
Galveston Award	TXSSAR Americanism Award
Hartsell Stephens Award	TXSSAR Flag Recognition Award

- b. The Committee recommended and the BOM approved a change in the size of groups for competition for awards based on the Chapter Annual Reports.
Group 1 will be for Chapters with up to 25 members.
Group 2 will be for Chapters with 26 to 39 members.
Group 3 will be for Chapters with 40-100 members.
Group 4 will be for Chapters with more than 100 members.

- c. The Committee encourages Chapters to compete for National Awards including the President General's Americanism and Activities Award, and USS Stark Memorial Award. Information is found on the NSSAR web site.
The Committee supports the TXSSAR Society by completing Award Report Forms to compete for National Awards.
 - i. Using the Consolidated Chapter Annual Reports Summary, The Reports Sub-Committee can prepare the Society Reports to compete for the President General's Americanism and Activities Awards, the USS Stark Memorial Award.
 - ii. The CAR Liaison Committee prepared the Society CAR Activities Award;
 - iii. The Flag Committee prepares the report for the Admiral Furlong Flag Award; and
 - iv. The Editor of the Compatriot prepares the report for Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Newsletter Award.

Eagle Scout Committee

The Texas Society Eagle Scout Committee is pleased to report a most successful year. Over 100 Certificates of Recognition and Congratulatory Letters have been sent to Eagle Scouts through out Texas at the request of NSSAR. TXSSAR Chapter Presidents were sent an advisory, listing names with contact information for these Eagles and Scouts attending the 100th Anniversary Scouting Jamboree who visited the NSSAR booth, requesting distribution of same to Chapter Eagle Scout Chairmen for possible contact. The TXSSAR 2010 Eagle Scout Scholarship

competition received 18 entries as follows: 13 TXSSAR Chapter entries and 5 at large entries. The following TXSSAR Chapters had entries: Captain Wmn. Barron, San Antonio, Patrick Henry, Athens, Plano, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, Big Country, Dallas, Houston, Denton, Paul Carrington, Bernardo de Galvez and Amb. Fletcher Warren. There were a number of excellent entries in the 2010 competition, however the entry of Eagle Scout Roland Michael Salatino, grandson of Compatriot Jay Lewallen (San Antonia Chapter), was the unanimous selection of the Committee. Eagle Salatino's application was most impressive and his qualifications for selection will become evident to TXSSAR Compatriots attending the State Meeting in March. I feel that TXSSAR's entry in the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition will most certainly impress the Eagle Scout Scholarship Judges at the NSSAR Spring Work Shop in March. The 18 Eagle Scouts applications had a total of 992 Merit Badges; 1 (126), 1 (106) 1 (91), 3 (50+) and 4 (40+). The Committee and my personal congratulations to the TXSSAR Chapter Presidents and Eagle Scout Committees that made the TXSSAR Committee's efforts successful in 2010. The only disappointment is that there were no applications submitted for the Robert Burt Volunteer Scouting Award. In as much as this award is limited to 2 per State annually, most certainly TXSSAR can fill this quota and the Committee plans to promote applications for this award in 2011. The Committee continues to request and appreciates suggestions that will enhance their 2011 efforts to increase participation in all aspects of the Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs.

Charles E. Luna, Chairman

TXSSAR Eagle Scout Committee

Archives/History/Yearbook

Larry Stevens, Chairman

Items to be discussed at the October 30th, 10:00 AM meeting:

Attendance: Don Stone, W. J. Scott, Allen Green, Pete Lenes, and Larry Stevens. We have several copies the TXSSAR History Volumes are still for sale and around \$700 has booked this year. Don Stone says he still has sets at home for \$50 for the two volumes.

The Archives and History Committee Budget was discussed. The Committee voted to send a donation of \$200 to the University of North Texas (UNT), Rare Books and Texana Collection. And, the chairman will submit a request for \$300 for the next budget year.

It was suggested that chapters send the newsletters to the Rare Book and Texana Collection room at UNT by e-mail or US Mail so their newsletter can be archived. There will be a TXSSAR Yearbook. All board members and chapters should submit bio and activities with pictures to the TXSSAR Historian. There has been no Texas "Scrapbook" for three years or more so Texas history has not been recorded. Past TXSSAR Presidents and Texans serving in national offices were asked to submit bios to be included in the 2010 yearbook. Ray Cox has posted the forms on the TXSSAR Website. The forms should be submitted before the end of January 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Audit

Marvin Morgan, Chairman

Auditing

Marvin Morgan, Chairman; Dr. John C. Beard, Vice Chairman

Mission

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

Minutes

1. Opening

- a. The meeting was called to order by Compatriot John Beard, 2010-2011 Vice-Chairman at 9:15 am Saturday October 30, 2010 at the Marriott West Chase, Houston, Texas.
- b. The following committee members were present: John Beard, Vice Chairman; Wendell Edwards, Arnold Seidule, Peter McLellan, Treasurer and Compatriot James T. Jones, TXSSAR President.
- c. The Vice-Chairman passed out the meeting agenda, incorporated by reference herein, and John Beard was designated as the committee's minute scribe.

2. Business

- a. Compatriot Beard then proceeded to review the results of the Internal Audit sub-committee's meeting held July 31, 2010 in Austin TX. A report was also provided to the TXSSAR Executive Committee. A copy of this report is incorporated into these minutes by reference.
- b. Discussions were held over the content of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Earnings to be included with the audited financial statements.
- c. There was an update provided by Compatriot Beard on the status of implementing Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance at the TXSSAR level.
- d. Compatriot Peter McLellan, Treasurer held a brief discussion of the budget.

- e. The interim meeting for the committee was scheduled for February 11, 2011 in Fairfield, TX.
- f. Compatriot Beard presented a position description for the TXSSAR Treasurer post, copy of which is attached.
- g. Compatriot McLellan reported that the Treasure's computer had been purchased and he will be upgrading the version of Quick Books to version 2011.
- h. Compatriot McLellan reviewed the TXSSAR's annual audit and noted that the notes to the audit included Sarbanes-Oxley as well as language concerning the scholarship donations.

3. Adjournment

- a. The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Beard

Bylaws and Resolutions

Henry Voegtle, Chairman

The Bylaws committee met on Saturday, Oct. 30. Changes to the TXSSAR Constitution were discussed. The proposed changes have submitted to the TXSSAR secretaries for dissemination to the membership as provided by the constitution.

Color Guard

Don Stone, Commander

(No report at time of publication.)

Council of Chapter Presidents

Steve Lee, Chairman

Attendance:

Stephen Lee, Chairman Council of Chapter Presidents
Tom Jackson, Vice Chairman Council of Chapter Presidents
Art Munford, Secretary Council of Chapter of Presidents
Russell Dart, President Chapter #33
Michael Everheart, District 10 Vice President
Larry Stevens, State Historian
Lawrence Casey, Past President, Paul Revere Chapter
Bob Smith, President Chapter #62
Tom Carswell, President-elect Chapter #31
Pete Lenex, President Chapter #1
Tim West, President Chapter #25
James Taylor, TXSSAR Chaplain
Gerald Irion, President Chapter #31
Wendell Edwards, President Chapter #43
George Brock, President Chapter #5
Edwin Raines, Secretary Chapter #2
Delbert Taylor, Registrar Chapter#34
Stephen Rohrbough, Vice President TXSSAR Americanism Contests and Awards
Ray Cox, President Chapter #51 and Vice President District 8
James Beal, President Freedom Chapter
Jim Kuykendall, Member Freedom Chapter
Drake Peddie, President Plano Chapter
H. Charles Baker, Past President Chapter #2
Peter Rowley, Past President Chapter #37
Doc Rice, TXSSAR Publicity Chairman
Harmon Adair, President Chapter #47
Bob Clark, TXSSAR State Staff Secretary
George Dershemmer, Past President Chapter #1
Frank Rohrbough, Chairman Veterans Committee
Charles Luna, Chairman Eagle Scout Committee
Tom Green, Past President TXSSAR

Minutes:

Chairman Stephen Lee called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and called upon State Chaplain James Taylor for the invocation. A review of the attendance record revealed that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Summer BOM were approved. Chairman Lee welcomed the members and visitors and gave a very short overview of the meeting's agenda. He noted his attendance at the September Leadership meeting in Louisville that was followed by the dedication of the new SAR

Library. He then reminded SAR members of the importance of voting in the upcoming state and national elections, in addition to reviewing NSSAR policies regarding SAR members who are involved in political activities. Members in uniform or those officially representing the SAR must refrain from political activities that might endanger SAR's tax-exempt status.

Ed Raines, Secretary of the Robert Rankin Chapter, gave a short presentation on the recent Texas State Board of Education's decision to eliminate the teaching of social studies in elementary grades 1-5. This was to take effect at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. He gave 2 reasons for this decision: There is currently no testing of social studies on the standardized tests for grades 1-5 and the recent budget cuts in most schools have led to reduced emphasis on any subject material which is not tested on the standardized tests. Both of these reasons have led to many school districts reassigning their social studies teachers to language art departments. These decisions will greatly impact SAR's Poster Contest, relegating the contest to an extracurricular activity and will possibly lead to elementary students being less informed on the importance of Patriotism. Compatriot Raines recommended that SAR Chapters seek out Private and Parochial Schools, as well as Home Schoolers, for Poster Contests and patriotic presentations, or wait until after April 15, when the standardized tests are completed. After these tests are completed, public schools will more likely allow student participation in SAR's youth programs.

Art Munford, Chairman of the Public Service Medals and Flag Certificates Sub-Committee, reported that to date 21 chapters have presented a total of 54 Public Service Medals and 24 Good Citizenship Medals. Four chapters have presented all 4 Public Service Medals and 10 chapters have presented a total of 307 Flag Certificates. Chapter Presidents were encouraged to participate in this worthy project and to seek out deserving citizens (non-SAR) for our Good Citizenship Medals. Well-documented and publicized Good Citizenship Medal recipients make our communities more aware of SAR's presence and also aid in recruitment of new members. Our state society missed receiving the Furlong Award last year by not having the majority of our 48 chapters present at least one Flag Certificate. We have set a goal of 30 chapters presenting Flag Certificates for the year 2010.

Mike Everheart, District 10 Vice President, gave the second part of his "Recruitment Made Easy!" presentation. Mike has put together an excellent New Member's Kit which was distributed to all attendees. He stressed the importance of chapter recruitment and its role in helping prevent chapter decline. Some examples of good recruitment tools are: An active Color Guard, a good publicity chairman, close relationships with the DAR and other genealogical organizations, an updated web site, a chapter newsletter, and an active registrar to help new members complete their applications.

Tom Jackson, a member of the hosting chapter and Vice Chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents, presented a door prize to Pete Lenes and Wendell Edwards.

Tom Green, former TXSSAR State President, reminded attendees of the upcoming Laredo George Washington Parade to be held in February and asked members to contact him for more information about accommodations. He also encouraged SAR members to consider becoming George Washington Fellows. Member's wives are also able to become George Washington Fellows with their donation of \$1,000.00.

Russell Dart, Chairman and Vice Chairman Stephen Rohrbough of Americanism Contests and Awards, updated attendees on the following:

1. Awards and Chapter Reports will use the same reporting format as last year.
2. Chapter reports are due by 31Dec2010, and early reports receive extra points.
3. All first place youth contest winners, except Poster winners, will receive \$1,500.00 and will be invited to the state meeting.
4. Chapters who wish to participate in national contests will need to complete their own reports to national.
5. Chapters need to keep accurate records of public service medals and send their reports to the committee chairman.
6. Outstanding Citizenship awards and pins should only be given to high school students.
7. A challenge coin and a medal has been developed for presentation to those who participate in the Laredo George Washington Parade.
8. A summary of TXSSAR Chapters who participated in the 2009 Youth Contests was presented.

Ray Cox, Vice President of District 8, reminded attendees that the package for Youth Contests contains a release form, which must be signed by the parents. If the consent form is not signed, no publicity articles or pictures can be published or included on the TXSSAR web site.

Charles Luna, Chairman of the Eagle Scout Sub Committee, reminded Chapter Presidents to utilize the Chapter Fund Request Program on TXSSAR's web site to help raise money for their chapter's youth programs. The United States and Texas Flag Etiquette Manuel is now available on the TXSSAR web site. The new SAR Eagle Scout patch given to all Eagle Scouts who participate in the Eagle Scout Scholarship contest was revealed and the patches are available through National Supply. Each chapter is encouraged to appoint an Eagle Scout Chairman.

Old Business:

James Taylor, TXSSAR Chaplain, has a new email address (jamesctaylor22@gmail.com). He asked chapters to notify him of the death of SAR compatriots and requested that the name of the compatriot's spouse or surviving relative be sent along with their address. This is helpful in sending out personal sympathy letters.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am.

Credentials

Bob Cohen, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

DAR/SAR Liaison Committee

Tom Green, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

District VP

Bill Marrs, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Executive

James T. Jones, Chairman

1. The TXSSAR Executive Committee met in the Boardroom, Room 124, of the Hilton Houston Westchase in Houston, Texas on October 30, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by President James T. Jones, Jr. Chaplain James C. Taylor gave the invocation before he departed.

Members present were: James T. Jones, President; Bill Marrs, President Elect; Robert Cohen, State Secretary; Peter McLellan, Treasurer, Robert Clark, Staff Secretary; Hank Voegtle, Chancellor; and Thomas Lawrence, Immediate Past President and Chancellor General.

2. President Jones began the meeting by discussing next year's prospective candidates for National Society SAR officers. He proposed that the Executive Committee consider proposing to the TXSSAR Board of Managers that it endorse all unopposed national candidates and endorse the following contested candidates:

- a. Joe Dooley (dual Texas member) for Treasurer General
- b. Larry Cornwell, for Genealogist General

3. President Jones then reported that the Staff Secretary Clark had made contact with Ross Perot's office in the Dallas area for presentation to Mr. Perot of a previously awarded SAR Good Citizenship Medal. It was agreed that the upcoming March 2011 Dallas Annual Meeting would be an excellent time to present the medal. It was the consensus that Treasurer Peter McLellan would retrieve the medal from Marilyn (Mrs. Willie) Walker, who currently has the medal and certificate in her safety deposit box, for presentation. President Jones will then email a letter to Ross Perot to determine his availability to attend the 2011 meeting and receive the award.

4. The Executive Committee then unanimously agreed that the National Executive Committee of the SAR amend the language in volume 3 of the NSSAR Handbook concerning the awarding of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. It was TXSSAR Excom's belief that the National SAR Excom should solely determine the awardees and that the NSSAR medals and Awards Committee only make Recommendations.

5. Chancellor Hank Voegtle then reported the following proposed TXSSAR Constitutional changes to article III, § 3 and 5:

Proposed TXSSAR Constitution, Art III, § 3

There shall be three classes of membership: Active Members, perpetual Members and Emeritus Members. There shall be no honorary members.

Proposed TXSSAR Constitution, Art III, § 5

An Active Member of this Society in good standing who has been active in good standing for a period of fifty years, not including any period of Youth Membership in the National Society, shall be designated an Emeritus Member of the Society. An Emeritus member, or his local chapter on his behalf, may address to the Board of Managers a request for waiver of TXSSAR dues and when as an Emeritus Member of the Compatriot's waiver is approved, he shall be exempt from further payment of Texas Society dues.

This was unanimously approved,

6. President Elect Bill Marris then proposed that two emeritus members, Col. Perry Burnham and John H. Bannister be approved under the new 50 year membership guidelines.

7. President Jones then reported that he had been informed by the State Color Guard Commander Don Stone that the proposal for a Color Guard chapter had been withdrawn.

8. Immediate Past President and National Chancellor General Tom Lawrence then discussed state officers to be nominated for state office beginning in March 2011. He reported substantial progress with a continuing search for a treasurer nominee and for a number of districts to nominate vice presidents.

9. Chancellor General Lawrence then reported that he had been approached about the Texas Society making an offer to host the 2016 NSSAR Congress in Houston. In the past there had been National Congresses in both Dallas and San Antonio, but there had never been one in Houston. The suggestion was agreed to unanimously and will be presented to the Texas BOM on Sunday, October 31, 2010. An exploratory committee was established under Chancellor General Tom Lawrence with the following additional proposed members: Tom Jackson, Sam Massey, Larry Stevens, George Harcourt, Steve Lee, John Thompson, Allen Henshaw, and Bill Marris. Past President General Nathan White co-chaired a similar committee for the Dallas National Congress a number of years ago and he may be asked to assist this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Expansion & Membership

Harry Fife, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Fee

Bob Cohen, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Finance

Peter McLellan, Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Peter N. McLellan at 1:30PM.

Attendees:

Peter N. McLellan, Chairman, John Beard, Russell Dart, Wendell Edwards, President Jim Jones, Mike Radcliff, Arnold Seidule, Larry Stephens

Key issues discussed:

- 1) 2009 IRS Form 990-N (postcard) – Status Update – 100.0% of all active chapters have filed.
- 2) Financial Statement Review -- Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss (Income) Statement, TXSSAR Investments and YTD Budget Review as of September 30, 2010.
- 3) PayPal Transaction Status – TXSSAR MAR State Convention received \$6,110.62 with 39 transactions. 2010 AUG BOM received \$2,428.46 with 25 transactions. 2010 OCT BOM received \$2,427.40 with 22 transactions.

The linking of PayPal to the Robert Rankin Chapter for the purpose of providing ACH direct deposit of received PayPal funds was implemented for the 2010 OCT BOM meeting. This application has proven to be very efficient and effective.

- 4) 2009 Audit Status – The final audit report was received with a “non-qualified” opinion and distributed to TXSSAR EXCOM and Internal Audit Committee. No material items were noted.
- 5) Outstanding Dues Checks – The following chapters had outstanding dues checks:

Uncleared Transactions as of September 30, 2010

Checks and Payments - 24 items

Check 7/6/2009 2182 Liberty Chapter #42	-57.00	- 57.00
Check 7/6/2009 2172 Heart of Texas Chap...	-38.00	- 95.00
Check 7/6/2009 2185 Alexander Hodge Ch...	-28.50	-123.50
Check 7/6/2009 2187 PineyWoods Chapte...	-20.00	-143.50
Check 7/6/2009 2176 Edmund Terrill Chap...	-19.00	-162.50
Check 7/6/2009 2177 No. Central Texas C...	-9.50	-172.00
Check 7/6/2009 2173 Lt Nathan Gann Cha...	-9.50	-181.50
Check 7/6/2009 2168 Major White Chapter...	-9.50	-191.00
Check 7/6/2009 2164 Col. Turner Sharp C...	-9.50	-200.50
Check 7/6/2009 2191 Laredo Chapter #61	-9.50	-210.00
Check 7/6/2009 2186 Victoria Chapter #50	-9.50	-219.50
Check 7/6/2009 2183 Amb Fletcher Warre...	-9.50	-229.00
Check 2/24/2010 2257 Lt Nathan Gann Cha...	-338.00	-567.00
Check 2/24/2010 2249 Maj. White Chapter ...	-114.00	-681.00
Check 2/24/2010 2262 No. Central Texas C...	-104.50	-785.50
Check 8/4/2010 2301 Paul Carrington Cha...	-239.00	-1,024.50
Check 8/4/2010 2325 Victoria Chapter #50	-153.50	-1,178.00
Check 8/4/2010 2318 Freedom Chapter #38	-115.00	-1,293.00
Check 8/4/2010 2326 PineyWoods Chapte...	-78.50	-1,371.50
Check 8/4/2010 2316 Wm Hightower Chap...	-41.50	-1,413.00
Check 8/4/2010 2315 Edmund Terrill Chap...	-35.00	-1,448.00

Check 8/4/2010 2304 Panhandle Plains Ch...	-32.00	-1,480.00
Check 8/4/2010 2332 Boerne Chapter #64	-20.00	-1,500.00
Check 8/4/2010 2306 Corpus Christi Chap...	-19.00	-1,519.00
Total Checks and Payments	-1,519.00	-1,519.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	-1,519.00	-1,519.00

- 6) 2009 990 Tax Return Completed – to be submitted on or before November 15, 2010.
 - a. Need TXSSAR EXCOM Officer’s SOX Acknowledgement.

- 7) TXSSAR COLOR GUARD (Projects & Operations) Checking Account – The TXSSAR Color Guard checking account, administered by Compatriot Mike Radcliff, was closed with the net funds (\$401.50) deposited into TXSSAR Operations Account (Acct. # 1216).

- 8) Lenovo “ThinkPad” (Model G550) & MS 2010 Office Professional Plus SW – A PC Laptop and MS 2010 Office SW was purchased for use by the TXSSAR Treasurer. Total cost: PC - \$432.99; SW - \$179.00 = \$611.99.

End of Minutes.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the submittal of this report.

Former State Presidents

Jim Heath, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Genealogy

Gerald Irion, Co-Chairman
Mike Radcliff, Co-Chairman

No minutes.

Information Technology

Ray Cox, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Long Range Planning

Bill Marrs, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Newsletter

Larry Stevens, Chairman

Attendance: W. J. Scott, George Dersheimer, Doc Rice, Drake Peddie, Frank Rohrbough, Charles Baker, Pete Lenex, Delbert Taylor and Larry Stevens.

The newsletter committee met at 9:30 AM and discussed the circulation and content. There is some concern as to how many of the 2600 plus TXSSAR member actually get the Texas Compatriot. Latest number indicated around 700 member get DADA notification and over 300 are sent US Mail. Many chapters notify members when the newsletter is posted and some chapters mail the Compatriot, so the number notified and mailed could be a misleading and not truly reflect the number of members who “get” the Compatriot.

One member present volunteered to take over as Editor of the Compatriot after the May 2011 issue. Transition was briefly discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Nominations

Tom Lawrence, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Patriot Fundraising

(f/k/a Patriot Fund Endowment)

Charles E. Luna, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Patriots Fund Projects

Arnold Seidule, Chairman

Committee members present were Arnold Seidule, Russell Dart and Stephen Rohrbough.
Visitors were Bill Holcombe, Graham Martin and John Thompson

This meeting was primarily a brain storming session. Two subjects were discussed. The cost and funding of Chapter JROTC and ROTC Medals and the cost associated with getting our project winners to State and National Meeting.

John Thompson reviewed the current Medals program and projected the program would require about \$1200 to purchase Medals for the 2011-2012 cycle. It was purposed to increase the support of the General Fund from \$1000 to \$1200. This proposal was to be presented to the BOM. A study by the Medals Committee indicated that under the current rules the expenses were fairly constant even with the variation in project winners. Meanwhile, we will continue with the present system and gather more data.

BOM

At the BOM a request was made for the General Fund to budget \$1200 for medals during the 2011-2012 cycle. The request was given to the Finance Committee for their Consideration.

Patriots Fund Trustees

Jim Heath, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Patriot Medal Selection

Harry Fife, Chairman

The Patriot Medal Selection Committee met and nominated the 5 Patriot Medal recipients for the year 2011. Those nominated for the medal are as follows:

Stephen Lee – Capt. William Baron Chapter

Peter McLellan - McKinney Chapter

Jim Mitchell – Bernado de Galvez Chapter

Harry Dan Reed – Plano Chapter

James Taylor – San Antonio Chapter

Perpetual Fund

Nathan White, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Publicity

Joe Allen Rice, PhD, Chairman

REPORT:

a six-month survey
conducted by the TXSSAR Publicity Committee

A Chapter is slipping if:

1. The average age of members is rising. (That may be inevitable. But it may suggest neglect of younger candidates. What programs appeal to younger men? Does anybody ever ask?)

The survey resulted in a 42-item list. “Average age rising” is not placed first by accident.

2. There’s not an active phone committee to check on absences. (And nobody checks on the phone committee.)

3. Spouses are not involved.

4. Spouses (or a spouse) are too involved and want to run the chapter.
(Don’t laugh. This is happening.)

5. Addresses aren’t updated.

6. Members don’t greet visitors or ask them to come back.

7. Members aren’t aware of their own crony-clusters: old cronies chatting away while visitors stand there in discomfort.

8. Visitors aren’t written-up in the newsletter.

9. The chapter has a narrow focus; it’s a do-just-one-thing chapter — a one-trick pony.
 (“We won the childrens art contest. The winner happens to be the son of . . .”)

10. Officers isolate themselves, don’t answer emails or return phone calls.
Messages get “lost.”

11. Newsletters don’t come out regularly. And they’re boring . Pro forma.

12. The chapter website isn’t updated. Who’s assigned to monitor it?

13. Chapter officers don’t work to bring state officers to meetings.

14. Chapter officers are often recycled.

15. There isn't a photographer at every function. Whose job is that? Is that a "wife's" job?
16. Annual party dates/locations don't receive member-input.
17. "New" members are still called new/treated new after six months.
18. There's no effort to hold joint meetings with DAR chapters.
19. Speakers are chosen for their titles ("an Award-Winning Firefighter") rather than ability to present an interesting program.
20. Suggestions from members aren't solicited at every meeting.
21. Visits aren't made to chapter shut-ins, injured, hospitalized. (The wife of one chapter's immediate past president is severely ill. He quit coming. Nobody noted his absence or her illness.)
22. Time isn't devoted to finding people in the community who merit an SAR award. Teachers need all the help they can get, etc.
23. Local media aren't made aware of the chapter. (Compare to DAR, which has a good record around the state.)
24. Few speakers meet the, "What can you do for us?" test.
25. Too much time spent on dull mechanics of (however necessary) solemn rituals.
26. There's no competition with other chapters. (Yes, too much of that is awful — as if striving for brownie points is the whole point. . . . Can a small chapter that doesn't make many "points" be better than a large one that wins in every category? The answer is probably yes. It may be much more friendly.)
27. Chapter President/V.P. don't regularly look for good speakers. One chapter president recently reviewed 10 years of speakers, found one from a decade ago that everybody thought was terrific and brought her back. Keep a log.
28. TXSSAR and NSSAR events are ignored as of no importance. (This draws a comment and examples from past NSSAR President Butler.)
29. Chapter invites political candidates of only one party to speak. (The NSSAR has never recognized the current (D) President. TXSSAR was quick to initiate the current (R) Governor. Some of us, with ancestors who served with great distinction, are, ourselves, veterans. And we are also Democrats.)
30. Members get the idea they are in the actual military: salute chapter officers who defer to

state officers who genuflect for national officers.

31. Chapter does not send speakers out into the community, schools, etc.
If a youngster thinks Lincoln signed the Declaration of Independence, whose fault is that?
32. Chapter does not note member birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, kin in the armed forces, weddings, christenings, promotions, retirements, puppy-litters, canary-hatchings, other good news.
33. At a meeting of the officers, somebody says, “We should get together for a ballgame,” instead of, “We should honor the principal who turned the failing high school around.”
34. Nobody from the chapter attends state meetings.
35. Member birthdays aren’t noted in the newsletter and at meetings.
36. Nobody checks newspaper for 1) speakers and 2) community people deserving awards.
37. Nobody thinks to invite a speaker to attend the meeting-before-that and get acquainted with members.
38. A year passes without chapter name in state or national publications.
39. People without computer access are neglected.
40. The chapter is hermetically sealed — no outside influences, not even an awareness of good ideas that keep other chapters humming.
41. “Age” gets the blame for chapter’s lack of vitality. Not a good excuse. Advanced age members can be active and alert in lots of ways.
42. The chapter’s slipping if meetings aren’t fun.

Publicity Committee members have visited over a dozen SAR/DAR/SRT/DRT chapters. This report is based on close observation, and lots of recent data; it is long overdue.

Failing Chapters, Phantom Chapters and Friendship Chapters

FAILING: Three TXSSAR Chapters are below 10 members: Laredo, Captain John McAdams (Huntsville), Live Oak (George West).

A dozen Chapters are below 20 members (yes, some small chapters are quite healthy): Arlington, Corpus Christi, Big Country (Abilene), Major White (Baytown), Daniel Wood (San Angelo), Denton, North Central Texas (Wichita Falls), Aaron Burleson (Smithville), Permian Basin (Midland), Bluebonnet (Marble Falls), Fredonia (Nacogdoches).

PHANTOM: At least two Failing Chapters are now Phantoms: Captain John McAdams and Major White. A Phantom Chapter fails and TXSSAR denies it. It doesn't exist, but it lingers on the books.

FRIENDSHIP Chapters begin with a TXSSAR member who wants to be a Friend. A neighbor Chapter fails. The Friend and that Chapter's President chat. "Let us help you stay in touch," says the Friend. "Would you like our newsletter? Announcements? Bulletins?"

The President of the Phantom Chapter finds men who'd like to keep up. He adds a few widows, rounds up a dozen names. Some are dues-payers. Some haven't kept up. They're elderly, dealing with the frailties of age — night-blindness, limited mobility, illness, Alzheimer's, and transportation.

The Friend takes the Phantom-Chapter list to his own Chapter . . . and he finds that nobody wants, "one more burden." His Chapter has no interest in a list of elders/strangers. "Hah!" he says.

So the Friend looks for a Chapter that will share news-and-events with brothers about to be cut off. He finds a chapter glad to show Friendship, switches to that Chapter and brings a dozen names with him. He holds the list aloft and says to compatriots, "These are our fathers."

— True TXSSAR 2010 story, unfortunately —

The need for Friendship Chapters will grow in the years ahead.

Joe Allen "Doc" Rice
Chairman, Publicity

ROTC / JROTC

John Thompson, Chairman

Meeting was called to order before 2:00 pm by John K. Thompson, ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. These copies and the budget projections of ROTC/JROTC medal activity for 2011 were presented along with results of the May 23 audit of the TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC medal inventory. Discussion topics included the following:

1. TXSSAR Scholarship. The issue of the scholarship money to the College Registrar was discussed. The TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee acknowledged the assistance provided by TXSSAR Treasurer Peter McClellan for the 2010 Cadet recipient.
2. Social Security Numbers. The issue of the requirement of providing the Social Security number for the winning Cadet was discussed. Verification is evidently required at the TXSSAR State level so that the winning Essay might be placed on the TXSSAR Web Site and so that funds can be distributed by TXSSAR to the college registrars. Recently, parents and students have been reluctant to provide their Social Security numbers in this regard. A discussion of this topic was undertaken, and various solutions were discussed which included the potential use of the last four digits of the Social Security number rather than the entire Social Security number. This recommendation would be conditioned on further review by TXSSAR and NSSAR.
3. 2011 Allocations and 2010 Audit. Discussion of the ROTC/JROTC Committee budget and the money allocated by TXSSAR was undertaken. The present level of payment by the individual chapters was discussed. TXSSAR is presently requesting the individual chapter purchase 1 medal and 1 certificate for each 12 Chapter members with additional presentations funded by TXSSAR. The audit of ROTC/JROTC medals and certificates in TXSSAR inventory was reviewed. As of May 23, 2010, this TXSSAR inventory totaled 22 JROTC (Bronze) medals and 46 JROTC certificates along with 16 ROTC (Silver) medals and 35 ROTC certificates.
4. Medal Purchases for 2011. In September 2010 taking the advantage of SAR merchandise discounts, 220 JROTC (Bronze) medals and certificates were purchased along with 5 ROTC (Silver) medals and certificates plus additional certificates with available TXSSAR funds at a cost of \$2,073.75 for upcoming 2011 activity. Chairman John Thompson encouraged the individual Chapters that had not yet paid and received their ROTC/JROTC medals and certificates to do so as soon as possible and before the end of the Board of Manager meeting, if at all possible, in order to minimize the shipping cost for medal distribution.
5. Inventory Reduction. It was noted this level of medal and certificate acquisition and presentations would have the effect of reducing the available inventory of TXSSAR stocks to less than approximately 10% of present medal presentations. This excess inventory had been held at 20% previously. This recommended change should have the effect of increasing TXSSAR's and/or Patriot 2010 funds by approximately \$200.00 per year.
6. Compatriot Participation. Participation by individual Compatriots at the high schools and colleges for presentations was encouraged by Compatriot William H. Holcombe Jr of the Col. Turner R. Sharp Chapter.
7. Enhanced JROTC. Discussion of the Enhanced JROTC program was undertaken. The regular JROTC/ROTC medal and certifications, as presented by School Instructors, are generally coordinated based on the school year rather than on the calendar year. To promote the Enhanced JROTC it was discussed that the TXSSAR Committee might consider making a recommendation to the National ROTC/JROTC Committee

such the timing of the Enhanced presentation might be shifted to the School Year rather than calendar year to reduce the confusion and gain additional JROTC Instructor support.

8. Organization and Area Liaisons for the TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee. The topic of the organization of the ROTC/JROTC Committee was discussed. Compatriot Patrick C. Kerr agreed to step up to assist as Committee Secretary and the Gulf Coast Area Liaison for the TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee. Compatriot William H. (Bill) Holcomb Jr. agreed to tentatively serve as the ROTC/JROTC Liaison for the Western area of TXSSAR. TXSSAR and the Committee members were encouraged to identify a representative that might be willing to serve as the Northern Area or Dallas liaison in the ROTC/JROTC Committee.

The meeting was adjourned before 2:30pm by John K. Thompson

Minutes by Compatriot Patrick C. Kerr, Secretary & JROTC/ROTC Liaison for the Gulf Coast area of TXSSAR.

Compatriots Present:

John Kenton Thompson	Freedom Chapter-Conroe/The Woodlands
Patrick C. Kerr	Robert Rankin-Katy
William H. Holcombe Jr.	Col. Turner R. Sharp-El Paso
Tom Carswell	Hill Country-Kerrville
Wendell Edwards	Ambassador Fletcher Warren-Greenville
James Beal	Freedom Chapter-Conroe/The Woodlands
Jim Kuykendall	Freedom Chapter-Conroe/The Woodlands
Ray Cox	Piney Woods-Kingwood
Stephen Rohrbough	San Antonio

State Meetings

George Harcourt, Chairman

(No report at time of publication.)

Veterans

Frank Rohrbough, Chairman

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 2: 06 PM. Members and guest attending are noted below.

2. **Attendance:**

<u>Members Attending:</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Frank Rohrbough, Chair	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Harmon Adair, Vice Chair	Present	East Fork-Trinity (#47)
Delbert Taylor, Member	Present	Sherman (#34)
Mike Everheart, Member	Present	Tyler (#25)
Patrick Kerr, Member	Present	Robert Rankin (#62)
Tom Copeland, Member	Present	Tyler (#25)
James Taylor, Member	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Don Babbs, Member	Absent	McKinney (#63)
Jim Johnson, Member	Absent	Denton (#23)
Paul Tucker, Member	Absent	Plano (#37)

Visitors Attending:

Drake Peddie	Plano (#37)
Don Stone	Freedom (#38)
Peter Rowley	Plano (#37)
Art Munford	Victoria (#50)
Jim Kuydendall	Freedom (#38)
George Dersheimer	Bernardo de Galvez (#1)
Pete Lenes	Bernardo de Galvez (#1)
Doc Rice	Alexander Hodge (#49)

3. **Report from NSSAR Veterans Committee:** Compatriot James Taylor reported on the topics addressed at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Selected topics addressed were:
 - a. **Reporting Forms:** Veterans Committee Chairman Lyman R. Brenner saw no need to update current Stark Score Sheet. He did note that the Stark Report Worksheet was modified to note a limit on mileage for each visit to a veteran, i.e., personal mileage may not exceed 100 miles or 100 minutes from home to location of a veteran.
 - b. **Westmoreland Entry Form:** Chairman Brenner noted there was no need to update the Westmoreland Entry Form.
 - c. **VAVS Advisory Committee:** Chairman Brenner noted that SAR Members are encouraged to serve on the VAVS Advisory Committee at VA Hospitals as “appointed designees”, usually as a Primary and a Deputy. These are “full time status” positions and allow easy entry to the VA hospitals and clinics to serve veterans. He reported that each SAR chapter can have one Primary Representative and up to four deputies. Increasing the number of deputies allows representatives to cover “VA satellite clinics”. **To be a designee, contact Chairman Rohrbough.**

- d. **Stark Awards:** Chairman Brenner reported that a winning Chapter cannot receive the Stark Award in consecutive years. If last year's Chapter scores the highest in the current year, they would be given Honorable Mention Ribbon and Certificate.
 - e. **Wounded Warrior Recognition Program:** This program focuses on "visiting wounded warriors in hospitals, rehabs, residence, or homes." When visiting wounded warriors, Talk with them, award them the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin, and follow up with VA staff if needed concerning treatment or family issues. If there are pictures of the Warrior to put in SAR Newsletters, have the Warrior sign a release form. Include visits with Warriors on Westmoreland and Stark Award Forms, and include such visits in Chapter Report during State Societies and in the State Reports given at Regional Conferences.
 - f. **World War II Corps:** President-General Sympson established WWII Corps with PG Howard Horne as Commander and Daniel R. McMurray Adjutant. Each state society is requested to appoint a contact person for this project. Further, each chapter help find as many of these WWII Veterans residing within their community and have these veterans fill out form from SAR Website. Attendees at the BOM's Veterans Committee were invited to take on this special tasking.
4. **Old Business:** (Add topics as needed)
- a. **Review Chapter Veterans Activities and Events for 2010:** Chairman Rohrbough noted there are many avenues to reaching out to veterans in each Chapters' local community. The most direct approach is to work with the nearest VA Hospital or Clinic. Compatriot Taylor suggested other veteran organizations (AM Vets, VFW, Service Organizations, etc.), retirement homes or nursing homes or through veterans funerals
 - b. **Stark Report:** Chairman Rohrbough called for Chapters to begin preparing their Stark Reports (which documents service to veterans).
 - c. **Westmoreland Award:** Chairman Rohrbough asked attendees to consider nominations for the Westmoreland Award.
 - d. **VA Volunteers Service (VAVS) Councils:** Chairman Rohrbough encouraged each chapter to work with local VAVS offices. (Note: To serve as a NSSAR Primary or Deputy Designee by NSSAR, Chapters must request such appointments through TXSSAR. Upon approval by NSSAR's Veterans Committee Chairman and accepted by the regional VAVS Director, Primary or Deputy Designees are appointed to the VAVS's Veterans Advisory Council.)
 - e. **Texas Lotto:** Lotto ticket proceeds go to grants for veterans. (Note: This topic was noted during the Summer BOM, but not addressed at this meeting.)
 - f. **Service to Veterans Award:** Topic was not addressed.
5. **New Business:** SAR Challenge Coins. There was some discussion about the cost of the Challenge Coins. Compatriot Taylor stated that the cost was \$7.50 for the Coin if purchased from the SAR Merchandise Store, but if the coin was purchased with a certificate the total cost was \$15. Other attendees stated they had paid different fees - \$12 or \$15 for just the coin. (**Open Item:** Chairman Rohrbough agreed to contact NSSAR to confirm the cost of the Wounded Warriors Coin.)
6. **Other Business/Discussions:** One attendee remarked that there are many veterans who are returning from the war zones with serious mental problems, He suggested that SAR members

may be able to help them in their local communities. While this is a valid concern and very emotional for the servicemembers and their families, Compatriot Taylor noted that it may be possible to do this on a “one-on-one” basis between an SAR member and a veteran, but this is a matter normally beyond our capabilities and is better handled by the VA Health Care System. Chairman Rohrbough noted agreement with this response.

7. **Adjourn:** There being no other business and beyond the time allocated for our meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.