



Officer Reports

Board of Managers Meeting
October 9-11, 2015
Galveston, Texas

President

Larry G. Stevens

Presidents Message October 1, 2015

Presidents Report

When I read historical papers on the era before and during the American Revolution, I am continually amazed of the strength and will power of the earliest colonists and later immigrants who banded together to challenge the greatest power, The British Empire, demanding their independence. What was it about these people, every day folks for the most part, and where did they inherit courage? But I find the plots, the spying, intriguing. Occasionally found are articles such as this: BOSTON Poison

The first six months of President has been busy attending chapter meetings in Austin, Dallas, Kerrville, Marble Falls, Houston Paul Carrington, College Station, Denison, Galveston, Lake Jackson, Robert Rankin in Katy, Freedom in The Woodlands, Lubbock, Red River, PineyWoods in Houston and these visits have been very rewarding for both Barbara and I; and, I want to thank everyone. In the next few weeks, I will be in Tyler, New Braunfels Georgetown, Arlington/Fort Worth and San Antonio again. There are some chapters not scheduled, so, if I am not on your calendar, please contact me.

Our next business meeting will be in **Galveston at the Hilton on the Boardwalk**. We will be honoring Bernardo de Galvez with the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 as our host. Texas Society began in Galveston. Our Saturday Luncheon will have a **Spanish theme** with guests, the Houston Spanish Consulate Ambassador and Judge Edward Butler, who will be our speakers. There will be a **Thursday afternoon** program. Bill Marrs will be providing training of our new Electronic Application and will have an Educational Program.

National Congress – We had a good group of Texans who attended the 125th Congress with around 40 delegates. State delegates are determined by state society memberships and Texas was allowed about 49 this year. Our State Secretary announces this each year. **At Congress, the Texas tradition** is for all Texans attending to gather for **dinner at a restaurant** near the Congress hotel. This year we made a reservation in the Hotel. It is make easier for some of our members who have mobility problems to attend our dinner. Not that this has stopped them at past Congresses. We had about 50, if not more, in attendance this year; members and wives. Some from Texas could not attend or the number could have been greater. One, Pat Taylor had an accident injuring her foot, so Rev. James Taylor was heading home. We had a great time visiting and catching up. Our next PG from the Paul Carrington and PineyWoods chapters in Houston, Tom Lawrence, Mickey Jo, children and grandchildren added to the fun. Tom became our President General for the next year with the SAR traditional George Washington Signet Ring Ceremony at the Wednesday evening Banquet.

Many of our Texas Members and Chapters received awards and these will be presented at our BOM in Galveston on October 10, 2015.

In the Congress Business Meeting, **a five (5) dollars dues increase** was approved by the attending delegates after much debate. All other dues and fees were set at the 2015 level. The five dollars is expected to add needed dollars for upgrading our NSSAR IT System. This upgrading began last year when our trustees agreed to fund the project. Currently, Bill Marrs, who is working with a vender, is hoping we will soon have an Electronic Application in place. The long term goal is a paperless process. We are currently testing this product. Second, we have been promised that the NSSAR Education site will be upgraded. As chairman of the NSSAR Education Committee, I have forwarded this recommendation to the NSSAR EXCOM.

The **Americanism Committee announced a change in the Poster Contest** themes. They suggested that each state chose a topic for posters in the State Contest. In EVEN Number Years the state will select a theme for a Revolutionary War Event". And, In Odd numbered years, the state is to select from "Revolutionary War People" a specific person for the Poster Contest; such as General George Washington. In Texas, each chapter that sponsors a poster contest, will select their "best" and bring that poster to the Texas Spring Convention for state completion, and the poster selected the "best" will be forwarded for National Competition. Rules and timelines are now posted on the National Website.

Speaking of youth contests, President General Tom Lawrence, in his Presidential Address announced his plan to increase the interest among the chapters and state societies. He has formed a Council of Youth Programs whose members will be the youth committee chairs of our eight youth program contests; Poster; Brochure; CAR; Eagle Scout, JROTC; Essay; Oration; and American History Contest. This Council will design and make available a brochure describing all to be given to schools.

The plans for a Museum in our new headquarters building was discussed. At the Congress last year in Greenville, South Carolina. Members approved hiring a company Solid Light to develop and make proposals on the design of our museum based on Ad Hoc Committee recommendation. I participated as a Committee member representing Texas. Solid Light is to present proposals soon; hopefully by The National Society Leadership and Trustees meeting at the end of September.

Our other new National Officers were elected for the 2015-2016 term; they are listed on the National Website.

President Lawrence discussed his vision for his term and presents FIVE things he wants to achieve or set in the motion during his term. These are:

- Implementing the SAR Plans for the Future
- Enhancing the SAR Legacy
- Develop a Strategy to influence discussion on Education Standards
- Review National Committee structure
- And, Review the Structure of SAR

Please see PG Lawrence's Induction Address posted on the National Site for more details.

At Congress Texas did well in receiving recognition awards; but we did not fare as well as in previous year. The NSSAR Award Programs are intended to spread knowledge of our organization and our goal "to preserve the memories, the History, and the accomplishment of our ancestors. Each award or item we present to a school and our contest contestants, a public

servant, a veteran, or an individual is an opportunity to tell students and adults about our mission to preserve our heritage to talk about our ancestors who risk it all for what we have today in the United States and for the most part taken for grant.

In my induction address, I talked about **Strategic Planning** and a plan for Texas. I have been a member of Texas SAR for 28 years and if we ever had a written plan, then it was well hidden from me. Writing a PLAN is taking place. Allen Greene of the Robert Rankin Chapter and, past Council of Chapter Presidents Chairman, is taking the lead of this and he will be contact all of us for help in identifying and establishing operational goals, a measurement of our successes, what committees will be assigned to act on achieving our goals and who will report in our Business Sessions our performances.

Texas needs a Business Plan; a plan for operation, to be passed from president to president, board to board, committee to committee.

Part of my vision for Texas is District Workshops. Many other organizations use workshops and I believe the strength of their organizations is directly related to this. First in mind in Texas is the DRT. Their District Planning sessions are exactly that. Agenda items are Registrar and Chapter Officer training; what is expected of the chapters and how to accomplishment this. Items of concern or ideas on improvement are passed directly to the state officers attending. In our case, this interaction will be between, Chapter officers and members, state committees, and state officers. Initially, we met in **Plano** or District 6 on August 8th, inviting our East Texas members to attend and there were 35. The second meeting was in **Austin**, District 4, on August 15th; and, again, other Districts members are invited. The third was in **Houston**, on August 22nd, with **District VP's 7, 8, and 9** and chapters members with 40 attending. Topics in the Workshops were varied; attendance, officer duties, organization, reports, youth programs, communications, education and also goals and strategic planning; national and state.

I attended the South Central district meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock, August 28-29, 2015. Stephen Rohr bough in serving as the SCD Vice President, I gave a report on the "State of Texas".

By far, most important for **Texas Society SAR and National SAR is Education.** Our organization is base in Genealogy and History. Proving we have ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War or perform Patriotic Service, helping stabling the Country we have today. The more we read and study our ancestors, the more we want to know about them and share their stories with others. In respect with this, we need to share the stories of our ancestors, the documents they created, and the events they participated in with others, whether school children or adults. Flags Programs, Programs on Colonial Dress and Life, portrayals of era individuals and presentation on conflicts, are programs some of our members have been presenting for years

and if allowed, will continue to present these in our public schools. Our State Education Chairman Bill Watts and his committee are working diligently to preserve and expand these program, exploring the use of high tech digital media.

The Committee is also addressing **how American History during in the American Revolution is being presented to our school children** and what products we could provide to help. Also, we will be looking at the history being taught; the historical accuracy and the portrayal of individuals and events and the relevance to the formation of the United States of America.

I attended the South Central District Meeting (SCD) in Little Rock Arkansas on August 28 and 29, 2015. SCD VP Stephen Rohrbough requested each state society report on their progress on SAR PG Tom Lawrence's Goals for his term 2015-2016. Since some of goals concern education, I was happy to report that Texas planning includes these.

I attended the NSSAR Leadership and Trustees meeting in Louisville Kentucky September 25 and 26, 2015. Tom Jackson made a presentation on the state of Social Studies education in our public schools during the Trustee meeting.

We have signed contracts with Hotels for our next three state meetings as followings:

Hyatt North in Richardson March 31-April 3, 2016

Holiday Inn Midtown in Austin – October 14-16, 2016

The Menger in San Antonio, March 30 to April 2, 2017

Thank you for allowing to serve the Texas society,

Larry G. Stevens

President

State President Elect **Mike Radcliff**

Report of President Elect

Since the State Convention I have attend the Red River Chapter #65 meeting and the Mckinney Chapter #63 and Plano Chapter #37 meetings I also attend the August 8th District 6 meeting and did a Color Guard event June 20 for the Plano Masonic Lodge

I attend the National Congress in Louisville Kentucky I was the first Texas National Color Guard Commander and presented at the Color Guard breakfast the Von Stebuen Medal to James T. Jones of Texas and the Sliver Color Guard Medals to Texans Thomas J. Jackson , Col. Arthur G.

Munford, Col. Frank G. Rohrbough and Col. Stephen W. Rohrbough . I received the Gold Color Guard medal highest National Color Guard Medal. I am a member of the Genealogy Committee and the CAR committee. I was the Chairman of the Color Guard committee for two years and at the current Congress I voted against the dues increase.

Michael J. Radcliff, President Elect, 09 Sept. 2015

Immediate Past-President

Robert Cohen

August 2015

During the 2014-2015 term as State President, Jane and I very much enjoyed visiting numerous Texas SAR Chapters. We have a lot of really nice people across the state who are members of the SAR. Thanks to all of the Chapters who extended invitations. I gave out over 650 Texas SAR lapel pins. If your Chapter needs some, I'll have them at Fall BOM or order from me at \$5.00 each plus shipping which is about \$5.95 for up to 50 pins. Funds go to the Patriot Fund for our youth programs. Thanks to Larry Stevens and the State Meetings Committee for an excellent State Conference in March 27-29.

On April 24 I attended a meeting of the Llano Uplift DAR Chapter in Marble Falls where I presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Opal S. Cohen, my Mother, who was not able to attend the SAR State Conference in Houston.

During mid June, we attended the SAR Conference on the American Revolution in Mount Vernon, Virginia. The theme of the 2015 conference was the assistance of France, Spain, and The Netherlands to the New American States during the American Revolution. I especially enjoyed the presentation on Bernardo de Galvez. I was not previously aware of the contribution of the Netherlands to the American cause, including serving as a "home port" for John Paul Jones' ships when they were not raiding port cities in Great Britain.

During late June, Jane and I attended DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC. During the event I wore my lanyard received at the State Conference that has written on it "Ask Me About the SAR". Several men asked me about the SAR, and still quite a few more identified themselves to me as members. Even a few told me they didn't know there was a men's organization comparable to the DAR, and these were men who were accompanying DAR members.

We went straight from the DAR to the SAR National Congress at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. We attended the Churchill Downs tour on Friday and the George Rogers Clark tour on Saturday before settling into the meeting schedule.

Regarding tours, I learned one point to make when we host the National Congress in 2018 - inform the participants what tour stops are going to be made, the significance of each stop, how long the stop will be, once a participant is assigned to a bus make every effort to reboard the

same bus, don't treat the participants like "mushrooms" (that is keep them in the dark), have intercom on the buses, assign knowledgeable articulate individuals as guides to each bus (not someone who spends the whole trip talking privately to the people in the first row), and allow mass unloading of buses at each stop, not one bus at a time to unload at a certain point.

Texas native Tom Lawrence was elected President General of the National SAR and will serve a one-year term until mid July 2016. During the Congress, President General Lindsey C. Brock presided. He presented a Gold Roger Sherman medal to this participant for his service on the SAR Branding Committee. Also, this participant was installed as Trustee for the State of Texas. Pictures from the SAR meetings are on the Texas SAR Facebook page and website.

Stephen Rohrbough and I have coordinated on the Patriot Medal selection committee preparation. Preparations are underway for the Nominating Committee. Texas SAR bumper stickers are still available and can be obtained by contacting Jim Kuykendall, Chair, of the Publicity Committee, Jimkuy@aol.com.

During the latter part of July, we returned to the Llano Uplift DAR Chapter in Marble Falls as guests of Chapter Regent Georgi Brockstein to present a program on "Spain and the American Revolution". We leave this week to attend the SAR South Central District meeting in Little Rock Arkansas.

Secretary
Henry J. Voegle
October 6, 2015

Activities since the 2015 State Meeting:

- Maintain a mail box and official address for TXSSAR correspondence.
- Receiving, adding to database, sorting, placing in envelopes and mailing new members certificates for approximately 175 new members and numerous supplemental certificates which were approved during April, May, June July, August and September, 2015. Check that all have valid addresses before adding to the database.
- Make address changes in the Texas and National databases.
- Enter deaths of compatriots into the Texas databases and forward to National if not submitted on-line through the form on the private side of the TXSSAR website.
- Direct requests to join SAR to a chapter near requestor's residence.
- Identify and list tasks performed by the State Secretary.
- Receive, inventory and process certificates, medals and TXSSAR records.
- Confer with William Marrs and communicate with State Communication Secretary and State Treasurer, to coordinate updates to the TXSSAR database programs and maintain the database in the "cloud".
- Attend the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress in Louisville, Kentucky and attend a presentation on the forthcoming new national membership database.
- Attend the South Central District meeting in Little Rock.
- Attend NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting. Obtain needed items from Merchandise Department.

- Maintain the TXSSAR database for 2015 and clean up inconsistent data.

Staff Secretary

Thomas Jackson

The Committee Reports and Officer Reports received were posted on the Texas Web-site by Ray Cox.

Subsequent to the State Convention in March, I attended the three Texas District meetings called by President Stevens, the National Congress in Louisville, the South Central District Convention in Little Rock Arkansas, and the Fall Leadership in Louisville.

I presented a report on President General Tom Lawrence's Education Initiative at both the South Central District Convention in Little Rock Arkansas, and the Fall Leadership in Louisville.

Communications Secretary

Sam Massey

No report received by time of posting.

Treasurer

Russell Dart

Checking Account Monthly Reconciliation

Arnold Seidule – Cradle of Texas Chapter – is assisting in this process.

Independent 2014 Audit- Frank Melvin, CPA is working on the 2014 Audit and 990 Filing.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Highlights

Balance Sheet

Total Assets exceeded \$928,000 at end of August.

Revenue

Total revenue favorable variance of \$1,122.

Realized Earnings from Investments were favorable by \$15,605.

Unrealized Losses on investments was \$31,603 through August 31st.

Patriot Fund Donations were \$9,965.

Expenses

Expenses totaled \$51,292 through August 31st which is about normal.

Balance Sheet by Class as of August 31, 2015

See below.

Profit & Loss by Class as of August 31, 2015

See below.

TXSSAR Investment Status as of August 31, 2015.

Patriot, Perpetual & Richie YTD Performance

See Below.

Respectfully Submitted, Russell M. Dart, TXSSAR Treasurer

**TXSSAR INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
2015**

ACCOUNT	12/31/2014	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	8/31/2015
PATRIOT ACCOUNTS:				
Brinker Capital	\$257,576.46	\$261,985.47	\$261,743.81	\$252,607.30
Vanguard	\$317,205.74	\$322,719.69	\$320,583.19	\$308,825.60
Total	\$574,782.20	\$584,705.16	\$582,327.00	\$561,432.90
PERPETUAL ACCOUNTS:				
Brinker Capital	\$85,601.70	\$78,684.54	\$78,559.98	\$75,772.50
Vanguard	\$82,157.88	\$74,987.01	\$74,523.78	\$71,607.58
Total	\$167,759.58	\$153,671.55	\$153,083.76	\$147,380.08
RITCHIE ACCOUNTS:				
Vanguard	\$44,910.82	\$45,479.78	\$44,715.41	\$43,985.29
Total	\$44,910.82	\$45,479.78	\$44,715.41	\$43,985.29
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$787,452.60	\$783,856.49	\$780,126.17	\$752,798.27

YTD Growth	-4.4%
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**Unrealized Loss in above
Adjusted Growth**

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Profit & Loss by Class
August 31,2015

	Operation	Patriots	Perpetual		
	s	Fund	Membership Fund	Ritchie	TOTAL
Income					

4000 · Application Fee Income	13244	0	0	0	13244
4020 · Convention Net Profit	1000	0	0	0	1000
4030 · Donations Received					
4035 · Donations for Patriot Expenses	6	5775.55	0	0	5781.55
4037 · Donations Archives Project	40.56	0	0	0	40.56
4030 · Donations Received - Other	3.5	4190	320	0	4513.5
Total 4030 · Donations Received	50.06	9965.55	320	0	10335.6
4040 · Interest Reinvested	0	0.16	0.08	0	0.24
4041 · Interest Income	41.79	0	0	0	41.79
4043 · PayPal -- Income	49.13	0	0	0	49.13
				-	
				1547.6	
4046 · Unrealized Gains/Losses	0	22371.34	-7694.07	7	-31613.1
4047 · Realized Gains/Losses	0	4537.09	3072.76	0	7609.85
4048 · Dividend Reinvested	0	5754.13	1618.35	622.14	7994.62
4050 · Life Memberships	0	0	1520	0	1520
					29903.1
4060 · Membership Dues	29903.16	0	0	0	6
4062 · Miscellaneous Receipts	3.5	750	260	0	1013.5
4080 · Medals & Awards - Sales					
4081 · JROTC/ROTC Medal -- Sales	0	164	0	0	164
4080 · Medals & Awards - Sales - Other	100	100	0	0	200
Total 4080 · Medals & Awards - Sales	100	264	0	0	364
4099 · Miscellaneous	244.6	0	0	0	244.6
					41707.4
Total Income	44636.24	-1100.41	-902.88	-925.53	2
Expense					
Stamps	23.45	0	0	0	23.45
5020 · Annual Box Fee	348	0	0	0	348
5025 · Brinker Capital Fees	0	1269.61	544.62	0	1814.23
5030 · Approved Projects					
5031 · Eagle Scout	0	3091.21	0	0	3091.21
5032 · CAR Essay	0	300	0	0	300
5033 · Knight Essay	0	2500	0	0	2500
5034 · History Teacher	0	1588.8	0	0	1588.8
5035 · Oration	0	3651.74	0	0	3651.74
5036 · Poster	0	500	0	0	500
5038 · George Washington	225.72	0	0	0	225.72

Parade

5030 · Approved Projects -
Other

	106	1097.35	0	0	1203.35
					13060.8
Total 5030 · Approved Projects	331.72	12729.1	0	0	2
5039 · Archives	5000	0	0	0	5000
5045 · Bank Service Charges	662.47	0	0	0	662.47
5047 · Bank Printing Charges	131.03	53.04	0	0	184.07
5080 · Chapter Membership Dues	0	0	3382	0	3382
6012 · Internal Audit Committee	226	0	0	0	226
6030 · Medals & Awards	2582.55	0	0	0	2582.55
6040 · National Dues	0	0	9000	0	9000
6041 · State Dues	0	0	4450	0	4450
6060 · Newsletter					
6061 · Printing	537.79	0	0	0	537.79
6062 · Postage	194.38	0	0	0	194.38
Total 6060 · Newsletter	732.17	0	0	0	732.17
6080 · Officers Stipends	13020	0	0	0	13020
6090 · Operating Expenses	453.97	0	0	0	453.97
6100 · Insurance	425	0	0	0	425
6270 · Professional Fees					
6271 · Audit	2000	0	0	0	2000
Total 6270 · Professional Fees	2000	0	0	0	2000
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-1107.76	0	0	0	-1107.76
7000 · Postage and Delivery	446.59	0	0	0	446.59
7020 · Secretary's Expenses	982.02	0	0	0	982.02
					57685.5
Total Expense	26257.21	14051.75	17376.62	0	8
		-			
Net Income	18379.03	15152.16	-18279.5	-925.53	-15978.2

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Balance Sheet by Class

8/31/2015

	Operations	TOTAL
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1022 · Patriot Bank - Perpetual Fund	0	15403.67
1023 · Chase Bank - Patriot	0	50

1024 · Patriot Bank - National Congres	15023.13	15023.13
1025 · Patriot Bank - Dues Acct.	44316.16	44316.16
1026 · Patriot Bank - Operations	41299.01	41299.01
1027 · Patriot Bank - Patriot's Accoun	0	5060.99
1028 · Inland Registrar - David Temple	1959	1959
1029 · Coastal Registrar -Larry Peik	2000	2000
1030 · Patriot Bank CD #5000334760	15000	15000
Total Checking/Savings	119597.3	140112
Other Current Assets		
1107 · Due from other Fund	43	24685.84
1108 · Due From Chapters	12	12
1119 · Due From Bank	60.72	60.72
1202 · Brinker Capital-Patriot	0	252607
1203 · Vanguard-Patriot	0	308825.6
1207 · Brinker Capital-Perpetual	0	75772.5
1208 · Vanguard-Perpetual	0	71607.58
1212 · Vanguard-Ritchie	0	43985.29
1215 · Harrell C.A.R. Acct. Endowment	5371.29	5371.29
1216 · TXSSAR Color Guard (Proj & Ops)	67.5	67.5
1218 · JROTC/ROTC Medal Fund	0	1000
Total Other Current Assets	5554.51	783995.4
Total Current Assets	125151.81	924107.3
TOTAL ASSETS	125151.81	924107.3
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2010 · Accounts Payable - Operations	1452.5	1452.5
Total Accounts Payable	1452.5	1452.5
Other Current Liabilities		
2051 · NSSAR Dues Payable	1320	1320
2052 · Chapter Dues Payable	-1093	-1093
2053 · Dues Overpayments	61.5	61.5
2054 · Chapter Application Fees		
2055 · New Membership App Fees	2225.5	2225.5
2054 · Chapter Application Fees - Other	8434.5	8434.5
Total 2054 · Chapter Application Fees	10660	10660
2056 · State Application fees	12	12
2058 · Application Fees National	-206	-206
2075 · Due to Other Funds	26121.28	27121.28
2080 · CAAH	2045.3	2045.3
Total Other Current Liabilities	38921.08	39921.08
Total Current Liabilities	40373.58	41373.58

Total Liabilities	40373.58	41373.58
Equity		
3040 · Net Assets - Unrestricted	32958.22	483763.4
3050 · Net Assets-Restricted	0	211015.9
3900 · Retained Earnings	17390.52	203932.6
Net Income	18379.03	-15978.2
Unbalanced equity	16050.46	
Total Equity	84,778.23	882733.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	125151.81	924107.3

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Balance Sheet by Class

	8/31/2015			Total Special Funds
	Patriots Fund	Perpetual Membership Fund	Ritchie	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1022 · Patriot Bank - Perpetual Fund	0	15403.67	0	15403.67
1023 · Chase Bank - Patriot	50	0	0	50
1024 · Patriot Bank - National Congres	0	0	0	0
1025 · Patriot Bank - Dues Acct.	0	0	0	0
1026 · Patriot Bank - Operations	0	0	0	0
1027 · Patriot Bank - Patriot's Accoun	5060.99	0	0	5060.99
1028 · Inland Registrar - David Temple	0	0	0	0
1029 · Coastal Registrar -Larry Peik	0	0	0	0
1030 · Patriot Bank CD #5000334760	0	0	0	0
				20514.6
Total Checking/Savings	5110.99	15403.67	0	6
Other Current Assets				0
				24642.8
1107 · Due from other Fund	23132.84	1510	0	4
1108 · Due From Chapters	0	0	0	0
1119 · Due From Bank	0	0	0	0
	252607.0			
1202 · Brinker Capital-Patriot	3	0	0	252607
1203 · Vanguard-Patriot	308825.6	0	0	308825.

				6
1207 · Brinker Capital-Perpetual	0	75772.5	0	75772.5
				71607.5
1208 · Vanguard-Perpetual	0	71607.58	0	8
				43985.2
1212 · Vanguard-Ritchie	0	0	43985.29	9
1215 · Harrell C.A.R. Acct. Endowment	0	0	0	0
1216 · TXSSAR Color Guard (Proj & Ops)	0	0	0	0
1218 · JROTC/ROTC Medal Fund	1000	0	0	1000
	585565.4			778440.
Total Other Current Assets	7	148890.08	43985.29	8
	590676.4			798955.
Total Current Assets	6	164293.75	43985.29	5
	590676.4			798955.
TOTAL ASSETS	6	164293.75	43985.29	5
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				0
Liabilities				0
Current Liabilities				0
Accounts Payable				0
2075 · Due to Other Funds	0	0	1000	1000
2080 · CAAH	0	0	0	0
Total Other Current Liabilities	0	0	1000	1000
Total Current Liabilities	0	0	1000	1000
Total Liabilities	0	0	1000	1000
Equity				0
3040 · Net Assets - Unrestricted	440736.6			450805.
	9	10068.5	0	2
				211015.
3050 · Net Assets-Restricted	0	173804.77	37211.15	9
	164591.8			
3900 · Retained Earnings	9	15250.48	6699.67	186542
Net Income	-15152.16	-18279.5	-925.53	-34357.2
Unbalanced equity	500.04	-16550.5		-16050.5
	590676.4			797955.
Total Equity	6	164293.75	42985.29	5
	590676.4			798955.
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6	164293.75	43985.29	5

Registrar (Coastal Group)

David Temple

Registrar (Coastal Group)

David J Temple

JAN 1, 2015 THRU AUG 31, 2015			
Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
Bernardo de Galvez	1	2	21
San Antonio	4	5	
Paul Carrington	5	10	3
Patrick Henry	11	18	6
Corpus Christi	14		
Major White	17		
Permian Basin	18		
Paul Revere	19	1	4
Daniel Wood	22		
Heart of Texas	26	8	2
Capt. John McAdams	27	1	
Hill Country	31	4	3
Cradle of Texas	33		
William Hightower	35	6	2
Freedom	38	14	2
Independence	40	15	
Liberty	42	2	
Alexander Hodge	49	13	6
Victoria	50	3	6
Piney Woods	51	6	2
Athens	54	2	
Live Oak	55	1	
Aaron Burleson	59		
Laredo	61		
Robert Rankin	62	1	
Boerne	64	1	1
Alexander Hamilton	66	1	2
	TOTAL	114	60

Registrar (Inland Group)

David Temple

Registrar (Inland Group)

David J Temple

JAN 1, 2015 THRU AUG 31, 2015			
Chapter	Chapter #	New Applications	Supplementals
DALLAS	2	13	3
MAJ K M VAN ZANDT	6	9	
ARLINGTON	7	1	
COL TURNER SHARP	9	1	
PANHANDLE PLAINS	10	1	1
TEXAS TECH	15	1	
BIG COUNTRY	16		
PERMIAN BASIN	18		
DANIEL WOOD	22		
DENTON	23		
CAPT WM BARRON	25	4	3
LT. NATHAN GANN	28		
HILL COUNTRY	31		
WACO	32		
EDMUND TERRILL	34	4	1
NORTH CENTRAL TX	36		
PLANO	37	26	7
INDEPENDENCE	39		
BLUEBONNET	41	5	7
AMB. FLETCHER WARREN	43	1	
LEON RIVER VALLEY	44		
BRAZOS VALLEY	45	7	4
EAST FORK TRINITY	47	4	5
EAST TEXAS	57	4	
FREDONIA	58		
MCKINNEY	63	1	3
BOERNE	64	1	
Red River Valley	65	4	
	TOTAL	87	34

Chancellor
Terry Pounder

No report received by time of posting.

Chaplain

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

No report received by time of posting.

Historian

Harmon Adair

TXSSAR History and Archives Committee Meeting Report

No report received by time of posting.

Vice President Americanism, Contests, Medals, & Awards

Peter Baron

No report received by time of posting.

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

9.1 District Vice Presidents' Duties and Responsibilities

See TXSSAR Chapter President's Manual, Edition 8.00, July 1, 2013

Texas is divided into eleven (11) geographic areas or districts. Each area has a District Vice-President who is elected by the chapters within his district.

- 1). His duties are to monitor the chapters in his District, and
- 2). His duties are to provide support for the District's chapters where needed.
- 3). He should be extended full cooperation at all times and copied on all important Chapter communications back to the State society.
- 3). He has a vital interest in establishing new chapters. The Chapter's officers and general membership should help him whenever and wherever possible.

Each District Vice President is a member of the Texas Society Board of Managers, with full voting rights. He should be invited:

- 4). to attend one or more of the District's chapter meetings a year,
- 5). to be invited to speak and/or provide a program.
- 6). The District Vice President should do the best he can to accept open invitations or any other time where he can spend time with the Chapter leadership and members.

A current listing of District Vice Presidents and their contact information can be obtained from the TXSSAR web site at www.txssar.org.

7). The District Vice President is to receive copies of the Chapter President's Annual Report (CPAR) as submitted to the TXSSAR Americanism Contest Medals & Awards Chairman and the National Contest Chairman before January 10 (due date).

Finally, the duties of State officers, including District Vice Presidents, are usually similar to those of their national counterparts, whose duties and responsibilities are described in the national bylaws, except that the District Vice President's work is generally limited to their District within the State society and that they are elected or appointed in accordance with State society bylaws.

District 1 Vice President

Dr. James Heath (ACTG)

DISTRICT 1 V.P. REPORT

District one is composed of two chapters: Col Turner Sharp #9 and Permian Basin #18 .

The Col Turner Sharp chapter is located in El Paso Texas. I have recently become a dual member with the chapter and thus eligible to serve as Dist. 1 V.P. Under the leadership of Larry Spradlin the chapter is growing with new members and attending prospective members. They participate in a large ROTC recognition program (22 medals) and other activities as appropriate. They meet regularly. They also meet annually with the local DAR chapter with whom they have warm relations. The chapter after a lull has become lively and holding well attended meetings with speakers.

The Permian Basin Chapter traditionally meets once a year, but participates in ROTC program and other activities as opportunity presents itself. They are adding members and growing. Jim Moore, their President is giving strong leadership to the Chapter.

District 2 Vice President

Ben Pollard

Nothing to report at this time from District 2.

Ben Pollard

District 3 Vice President

Jim Massingill

TEXAS SAR DISTRICT 3 Chapter Report

From March 2015 through September 9, 2015

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Hold monthly meetings [not in July August]

Hold Executive Business Meetings all months

Membership Meetings have speakers

Average attendance 40-50

Have Committees to complete SAR activities such as ROTC

Several Members wore Revolutionary Uniforms to meetings

BOERNE CHAPTER

Hold monthly meetings [not in July August]

Membership Meetings have speakers

Average attendance 17-20

Have Committees to complete SAR activities such as ROTC

KERRVILLE CHAPTER

Hold monthly meetings [not in July August]

Membership Meetings have speakers

Average attendance 35-45

Setting up Committees to complete SAR activities such as ROTC

Several Members wore Revolutionary Uniforms to meetings

NEW BRAUNFELS CHAPTER

Hold monthly meetings [not in July August]

Membership Meetings have speakers

Average attendance 17-20 The total attendance in May was 44.

Committees to complete SAR activities such as ROTC

Has gotten much more active this year and being successful seeking members.

District 4 Vice President

Ronald J. Walcik

District 4 Chapters:

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

Report on District Activities:

- Patrick Henry # 11: Held regular meetings each month from April 2015 thru August 2015. Participated in a joint Constitution Day luncheon and program with Alexander Hamilton Chapter and Austin DAR Chapters in September, 2015.
- Heart of Texas # 26: Held regular meetings in May and September, 2015
- Bluebonnet # 41: Held regular meetings in November, 2104 and January and February, 2015.
- Aaron Burlison # 59: Chapter was dissolved by action of the TXSSAR BOM in April. Efforts to recover chapter records and property are ongoing.

- Alexander Hamilton # 66: Held regular monthly Chapter Meetings each month from April thru August, 2015. Participated in a joint Constitution Day luncheon and program with Patrick Henry Chapter and Austin DAR Chapters in September, 2015.

Other Activities:

- Attended May and September Heart of Texas Chapter meetings.
- Attended April and June Alexander Hamilton Chapter meetings.
- Attended Patrick Henry Meetings in April, May, June, July and August.
- Participated in Memorial Day Ceremony at Central Texas Area Veteran's Cemetery with Heart of Texas Chapter Color Guard.
- Participated with a combined District 4 Color Guard in a June 16th Naturalization Ceremony in Austin
- Participated with Bell County DAR, CAR and SAR chapters in the Belton 4th of July Parade.
- Hosted a District 4 Presidents meeting on August 15th. Meeting notes are attached.
- Attended a Constitution Day Luncheon Program in Austin with the Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton Chapters and Austin Area DAR Chapters
- Upcoming events:
 - Participate in Flag Retirement Ceremony in Temple on November 8, 2015.

DISTRICT 4 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday – August 15, 2015 – 1:00 PM – Austin, TX

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by District 4 VP – Ron Walcik. Ron Walcik welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance at the first district 4 meeting. He recognized all state officers present as well as chapter presidents present. An attendance list is attached and incorporated by reference herein.

Texas SAR president Larry Stevens noted that the purpose of the district meetings was to develop a strategic plan for Texas. The intent is to permit information to flow from chapter presidents up to the state officers. An additional benefit is that synergy will be developed within the SAR. These meetings should permit us to better conduct the business of the SAR.

There are also a number of problems and issues that need to be addressed:

- (1) We need to obtain a better understanding of our membership count; although membership will change on a weekly basis we should be able to have a snapshot at a single point in time which is stable and accurate.
- (2) The next area that needs to be addressed is bad postal addresses and email addresses. We average approximately 10% of bad email addresses and we must be diligent in obtaining updated information and then making certain that our data base is accurate.
- (3) The third area which has been a problem is the reporting of compatriot deaths. President Stevens will be sending a flyer out with the dues notice which will address changes relative to this matter. He intends for the procedures to be shown on the public portion of the website. In general, a lack of communication occurs between the family of the deceased compatriot, the chapter to which he

belonged, and appropriate state officers. Chaplain Ken Morrill has been working with WebMaster Ray Cox to update the reporting on our website on this issue.

(4) The fourth problem area deals with the fact that we have only one registrar and David Temple is doing yeoman work. We conducted an electronic vote of the board of managers and Larry Peak was elected as coastal registrar. President Stevens has charged David Temple to review allocations of territory between the 2 registrars as typically one registrar will receive 2/3 of the applications.

(5) President Stevens noted that he is the National Education Chairman and has been since 2013. The purpose of the committee is to push outreach education. He noted that he has created a Texas Education Committee and has appointed Bill Watts as chairman of that committee.

(6) President Stevens noted that a National dues increase was approved at the last Congress of \$5 per person per year. The last increase was in 2009. Technical issues revolve around when the dues increase will become effective. This will be addressed by Bill Marrs and Hank Vogetle.

(7) President Stevens noted that the Joe Dooley furnished Challenge Coins were available for \$5 each.

(8) Texas did not receive as many national awards this past year and we needed to improve our public service recognitions as well as the issuance of flag certificates. Consider presenting these awards at their place of business, i.e. the police station or the firehouse. These awards help to raise the visibility of the SAR. Committee Chairman T.L. Holden urged full participation by all chapters in these two areas.

Education Committee Chairman – Bill Watts made a presentation on Augmented Reality.

AR is a view of a physical, real-world environment whose elements are augmented by computer-generated input like sound, video, and or graphics. AR uses a hand held device with a camera, a target (a static picture to which you wish to enrich), an app which permits developers to add content, an aura which is the image of the developer which has content specific to the target, and content as created by the developer.

Bill Watts made the following points:

(1) Children of today are becoming digital learners and AR is a digital delivery system.

(2) AR is a means by which students become engaged and teachers can add enrichment.

(3) AR has an application for history because you can have a static picture in a book or a handout and build content about the picture. as a flag such as the Union Jack.

(4) AR is applicable for the SAR. Bill Watts demonstrated that Larry Stevens can talk to you from the TXSSAR website using an aura or his business card where he talks to you!

Past State President Bill Marrs gave a presentation on the New Member Database. He gave an overview of upcoming national website and database changes for existing and potential new members. This is a new way to manage your members and new way to enter new member data. It is currently in beta testing and you can sign up to participate.

John Greer introduced the Past Presidents Project. The purpose is to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the TXS SAR Past Presidents by: (1) Locating relevant biographical information, including obituaries as appropriate and uploading this information to the state website; (2) Locating the gravesites of those Past Presidents who have passed on and holding a ceremony once a year to remember their contributions to our Society and to our Nation.

District VP Ron Walcik introduced the following topics and made certain salient points which are noted in addition to a general discussion which ensued on each item:

(1) Color Guard. Joint event participation among chapters is encouraged to maximize Texas SAR visibility.

Scheduled CG events were noted. Compatriots were reminded that those CG members who are no longer walkers must be accommodated.

(2) Texas SAR Fall BOM will be held in Galveston (October 9-11, 2015). Registration is on line and there are a limited number of rooms. At this meeting Patriot Medal and Color Guardsman of the Year nominations will be due. Once again this year Texas SAR Officer Nominations will be accepted.

(3) The 2016 State Convention will be held in Richardson (April 1-3, 2016).

(4) District VP Ron Walcik distributed flyers for PG Butler's Gálvez book and noted that he will be speaking at the Galveston BOM as well as at an upcoming meeting in Austin. His books are available for purchase.

(5) A brief discussion was held regarding the various School Contests and how could interest be sparked.

State President Larry Stevens suggested that Augmented Reality be added as an available enhancement to the various contests as a way of sparking interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Attendance:

State Officers: Larry Stevens – President, Bill Marrs – Past State President, Tom Jackson – Staff Secretary, Ron Walcik – District 4 Vice President, Bill Watts – Education Committee Chairman

Patrick Henry Chapter, Wayne Courreges – President, Jeff Gamon, Marvin Morgan

Heart of Texas Chapter, Larry Peik – President

Bluebonnet Chapter, Charles Bush - President

Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Jim Scott – President

District 5 Vice President

Ronald Carter

District # 5

Submitted by:

The following chapters are in District 5:

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

Report on District Activities:

No report received by time of posting.

District 6 Vice President

Drake M. Peddie

Report for March 2015, Texas SAR District 6 for the period between the Texas SAR State BOM Meeting (November 2014) in Temple and the Texas SAR State Convention (March 2015) in Houston and - covering the following three (3) District 6 Chapters.

Chapter #	Name	Location	Current President
Chapter # 2	Dallas	Dallas	George Ramphrey
Chapter # 37	Plano	Plano	Larry Melton
Chapter # 47	East Fork Trinity (EFT)	Garland/Rockwall	Gary Lovell

District 6 - Summary:

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

All three (3) District 6 chapters continue to participate and support a good mix of community, veterans and school-related activities. The ongoing cooperation and synergy between these geographically close chapters and others in neighboring districts helps all those involved and presents a more significant SAR presence in District 6. There was a good joint effort of all three (3) chapters for the Dallas Veterans Day Parade as the SAR was very well represented. A District 6 meeting to better coordinate group activities is being considered for later this Spring.

District 6 - Individual Chapter Reports:

Dallas #2: The Dallas Chapter, while not showing any significant signs of growth, has managed to maintain their support of all their recent past activities - although with fewer members participating, it is starting to be difficult to maintain their busy agenda. They have passed off a select few of their youth awards to the Plano chapter who are geographically better equipped to handle some of those schools. With so many schools, it is an ongoing challenge for Dallas each year to cover the large number of schools and awards that they have to support.

Regardless, they still continue to be the state's largest chapter and appear to have fresh leadership in place again this year and more coming over the next few years to maintain that position. Meetings continue on Saturday mornings in a more organized and less formal atmosphere and attendance appears to be somewhat lower than experienced in the past, averaging about 30 members per meeting with a handful of guests. The current membership count is about 280. Their future is still dependent on lining up active chapter leaders and workers which appears to still be a growing concern as many of their newer members are not that active in most of the Dallas activities.

Plano #37: The pace of the Plano Chapter has slowed somewhat over the past year due to slightly fewer participants, even though their membership is still strong. They have a new president for 2015 who appears to want to keep them on the same track as 2014. Their support for the veterans, community, scouts, JROTC and schools with SAR awards programs continues at previous levels, if not higher. Despite being stretched thin, they continue to support some of the smaller chapters (Denton, East Fork Trinity and Ambassador Fletcher Warren) with their color guard when possible. Their support for the VA Hospital in Bonham has been outstanding and continues to grow as noted by their clean sweep of the Liberty Bell Americanism Award, Presidents Cup and Stark Award at the National Congress last summer – their most recent annual report matches that effort. Request for their color guard continue to come in at increasing rates as their visibility in the community has reached significant proportions in the Plano and Collin County areas. Meeting attendance continues to be very good (15-20% or better) and business casual is typical at most meetings. They have relocated their meetings to a location that appears to be too small to handle their growth and will be looking for other facilities soon. With a waiting list of over 30 applications in process, several overworked registrars have resigned making the situation worse. Process changes will be made to push more of the burden back to the applicant, in an effort to weed out the serious candidates. They have added several new active contributors over the past year which will be a huge help to their ongoing growth. As always, solid participation across the entire spectrum of SAR activities continues to be supported by the current leadership team and chapter for 2015.

EFT #47: The East Fork Trinity Chapter continues to thrive in their location on the edge of Garland and Rockwall by Lake Ray Hubbard in far NE Dallas County. Their key officers for 2015 are the same as they were for 2014. Enthusiasm still remains high. They seem to be able to draw good numbers from the Rockwall community and surrounding areas and have a full meeting room every month at Texas Land and Cattle. Their chapter meetings are typically exceptionally well-attended - about 30%. They have paired up with the Plano Chapter on several activities over the past year and the synergy has been good for both chapters. There are several dual members now from both. Meeting organization has improved and members meet in an informal atmosphere with good speakers each month. The

current membership is approaching 50. Their list of activities is growing and they continue to prosper.

District 7 Vice President

Lawrence K. Casey

South Eastern District 7 Vice President Report

To Officers and Members TXSSAR:

11 September 2015

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

On August 22, Texas President Larry Stevens conducted a Joint Meeting for Districts 7, 8 & 9 at the Marriott Hotel North, Houston. The Meeting was well attended. All District 7 Chapter Presidents attended with an attendance of around 40. National President Tom Lawrence outlined his programs.

Bernardo de Galvez #1, Galveston: This Chapter meets on a regular basis at Galveston Nicks at Noon on the 3rd Saturday of each Month for an excellent \$20 lunch. This certainly makes it easy for Members to plan meeting attendance. The Chapter stepped up and volunteered to host the Fall BOM in Galveston, October 10, at the Galveston Hilton.

The Chapter has an active JROTC, Eagle Scout, and Flag Certificate Program. This Chapter has initiated an ambitious project to install a mounted bronze statue of Bernardo Galvez on the Seawall and is accepting donations. Go to their website at <http://galvezstatue.org/> and purchase one or more bricks with your name for \$100 each. Also you can get a small replica statue for \$10,000.

Paul Carrington #5, Houston: This Chapter meets at a variety of locations, times, and days. This allows members with a variety of schedules to attend meetings which fit into their schedules. The George Washington Black Tie Dinner at the Junior League has a very large attendance. This year, at the 72nd Annual Observance, the George Washington Picture was presented to Kelly J Shackelford, Esq of Dallas, for his Organizations service (the largest in the Country) for protection of religious rights. This variety of meeting locations, times, and programs creates variation to stimulate interest. The Chapter participates in several of the TXSSAR programs.

Paul Revere #19, Beaumont: This Chapter meets in the Spring, and Fall, primarily on the first Tuesdays of odd Months at the Lamar University Cafeteria at 6:00 pm. Members go through the University Buffet Line for lunch with the meeting following. They have presented Flag Certificates and JROTC Awards. They recently continued their Support of the USO with \$200, and the CAAH \$1776 fund. This chapter and its members have been a leader in Contributions to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage (One of the top Chapters in the US).

Cradle of Texas #33, Lake Jackson: This Chapter covers a large geographic area of three counties, and alternates the meeting location, Typically they meet on the 2nd Saturday in the Spring and Fall, with

outstanding programs. The meetings are pay as you go at various restaurants around the three counties, which allows all members to easily participate. They are active in ROTC, parades, reenactments and civic service. President/Editor Michael puts out an outstanding multi page newsletter and they submitted their Annual Report

Alexander Hodge #49, Sugarland: This Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday every month alternating with a Social Meeting in odd months at Sweetwater Country Club, which is very well attended with many wives present). The programs are outstanding and varied and very interesting. They have a Business meeting in even months at a member's home. They have inducted new members, and have several prospective members at the meetings, who are working on their applications. They are also active in, and supporting a number of SAR Programs including ROTC, Veterans, etc. This Chapter submitted their Annual report and has been involved with the George Washington Picture presentation to schools

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

District 8 Vice President

Larry Blackburn

Report for TXSSAR District 8

**for the period between the TXSSAR Annual State Meeting of March 2015
and the TXSSAR BOM meeting in October 2015.**

District 8 Chapters:

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

Summary of District Activities.

Nothing to report at this time, 09/16/2015.

Larry Blackburn

District 9 Vice President

Arthur G. Munford

District 9 consists of the following chapters: Victoria, Corpus Christi, Live Oak, Liberty, and Laredo. Liberty Chapter has 2 new members and the chapter president attended the recent District VP meeting in Houston. The Victoria chapter has 4 new members and recently had the annual SAR/DAR banquet with over 100 in attendance. They presented 2 Good Citizenship, 2 Hero, 1 Fire Safety, 1 Law Enforcement, 1 EMS and 1 Martha Washington Medal(s). Two representatives from the chapter also attended the District VP conference. Victoria has also presented 2 Flag Certificates. Live Oak, Corpus Christi, and Laredo continue to meet and Laredo is planning for the annual Washington Day Parade in February.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Munford, District 9 VP
TXSSAR District 9 Vice President

District 10 Vice President

Stephen Lee

District 10 consists of five chapters: Athens Chapter #54, Captain William Barron Chapter in Tyler #25, East Texas Chapter in Longview #57, Fredonia Chapter in Nacogdoches #58, Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter in Lufkin #28

1. Athens Chapter #54

The Athens Chapter is a very important part of the Athens community. For many years the chapter has awarded and recognized students and public officials throughout the Athens area. Sam Whitten works closely with school officials and the Athens chapter submits hundreds of posters for the annual Texas SAR poster contest. The chapter poster entry placed third in at the state convention in Houston. State President Larry Stevens recently was the guest speaker and installed new chapter officers. The Chapter meets at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday in January, March, May, September and November.

2. Captain William Barron Chapter #25

The Captain William Barron Chapter continues to grow and inducts new members at almost every meeting. The chapter has a very active Color Guard posting the colors at numerous community events including Naturalization Ceremonies, Daughters of the American Revolution events and church and school events. The chapter sponsors a Patriotic Flag and Music program that appears all over the East Texas area. The Chapter held a flag retirement to honorably retire over 700 American flags and posted the colors at Memorial Day celebrations. Youth programs have been a huge success with many students participating in oration, poster and essay contests. This year's oration contestant won the state title and traveled to compete at Congress in Louisville. The chapter has been actively recruiting younger members who have taken over several leadership roles and have been brought into the Color Guard. The Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of every odd month at Tradition's Restaurant on South Broadway.

3. East Texas Chapter #57

The East Texas Chapter continues their program to actively recruit new members and to retain current members. Several Color Guard members recently joined with the Daughter's of the American Revolution

to publicize the Constitution and to promote both the SAR and the DAR. The Chapter is currently working to finalize the papers for several potential new members. The Chapter recognizes local public officials for their service to the community. As District 10 Vice President I was honored to induct new chapter officers.

4. Fredonia Chapter #58

The Fredonia Chapter meets every other month at 7pm at Bright Pavilion at the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. The chapter has taken an aggressive approach to increase their membership and to retain current members. New members have been added and several prospects are working on their papers. Then Texas SAR President Robert Cohn was a past speaker. A recent program was very entertaining showing how Spain benefited the colonies during the American Revolution.

5. Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #58

The Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter Color Guard is popular in the Lufkin area and is called upon to post the colors at various civic and church gatherings and parades. The chapter recently purchased copies of the Constitution to distribute to local schools with each copy framed with plexiglas. Several members carried over 100 unserviceable American Flags to the flag retirement program in Tyler where they were honorably retired in a very moving ceremony. Several new members have been added over the past few months.

District 10 Overview

I am very fortunate to have so many talented and patriotic compatriots in District 10. I feel a surge in patriotism among these chapters and am anticipating a strong move to attract more members to the SAR through the remainder of 2015. My efforts have primarily been to allow the chapters to move at their own pace and direct them to the proper TXSSAR officers should they need assistance.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Lee, Vice President, District 10, Sep. 16, 2015

District 11 Vice President Terry L. Holden

Subject: TXS-SAR Vice President, District 11 Report

Date: September 18, 2015

District 11 is comprised of the following chapters: Denton #23 in Denton, Edmund Terrill #34 in Sherman, Ambassador Warren Fletcher #43 in Greenville, McKinney #63 in McKinney and Red River Valley #65 in Paris.

Recruiting and retention of members is a major concern for each of the chapters. So the growth of membership has been an ongoing issue with all of the chapters. Recruitment of membership and retention is reflected by the following statics.

Notice: The membership numbers are taken from the chapter members rosters on the TXS-SAR website and it is noted that the gains/ loss number do not add up.

Denton #23 as of January 1, 2015 had 19 members and as of September 1, 2015 had 18 members according to the records reported by the TXSSAR Secretary. Reviewing the records this indicates that the chapter had no new members during this time frame and actually lost/ dropped 3 members. The chapter currently has no scheduled meetings.

Edmund Terrill #34 as of January 1, 2015 had 39 members and as of September 1, 2015 had 42 members according to the records reported by the TXSSAR Secretary. Reviewing the records this indicates that the chapter had 5 new members during this time frame and actually lost/ dropped 5 members. Additionally there are 3 prospective members application at NSSAR waiting approval. The chapter currently meets 4 times a year on the 3rd Wednesday of the January, March, May, September and November for a lunch time meeting at the Denison Country Club.

Ambassador Warren Fletcher #43 as of January 1, 2015 had 33 members and as of September 1, 2015 had 31 members according to the records reported by the TXSSAR Secretary. Reviewing the records this indicates that the chapter had 1 new member during this time frame and actually lost/ dropped 3 members. The chapter currently has no scheduled meetings.

McKinney #63 as of January 1, 2015 had 42 members and as of September 1, 2015 had 41 members according to the records reported by the TXSSAR Secretary. Reviewing the records this indicates that the chapter had 3 new members during this time frame and actually lost/ dropped 4 members. Attendance at the meetings has been low this past year and the members voted to reduce their meeting from 12 to 4 per year, with the next one scheduled for October 15th at the El Dorado Country Club

Red River Valley #65 as of January 1, 2015 had 23 members and as of September 1, 2015 had 26 members according to the records reported by the TXSSAR Secretary. Reviewing the records this indicates that the chapter had 3 new members during this time frame and actually lost/ dropped 2 members. Additionally there are 2 prospective members application at NSSAR waiting approval. The chapter currently meets on even number months on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm for an evening meeting at the Paris Country Club.

As the District Vice President, I have visited the Red River Valley Chapter twice and assisted the Chapter Registrar in completing prospective member's applications.

Drake Peddie, District 6 Vice President held a district meeting on August 8th in Richardson and extended an invitation to District 5 and District 11 chapters. Presidents of Denton #23, Red River Valley #65 and myself representing Edmund Terrill #34 and the District 11 attended. The meeting was very beneficial.

The President of Denton #23 has indicated that an issue of concern was he needed help with completing prospective member's paperwork. I and two individuals from the neighboring area are providing assistance to the Chapter Registrar.

Respectively submitted,

T.L. Holden
Vice President- District 11

Trustee
Robert Cohen

I was installed as Trustee from Texas during July at the end of the National Congress in Louisville, KY. I have performed no duties in that role except to review some documents in preparation for the Fall Leadership and Trustee meeting in Louisville, KY, to be held during September 25-27, 2015.

Alternate Trustee
Stephen W Rohrbough

As Alternate Trustee, I attended 125 Annual Congress in Louisville, KY June 27-July 1, 2015. On July 1, 2015 upon the adjournment of the Business Session of the 125th Annual Congress, I attended the 2015-2016 Trustees Meeting. New Trustees and officers announced the new Officers and their roll in the Society. No actual business was conducted other than announcing those inducted during the Business meeting earlier; and, announcement of the installation of Officers during the evening banquet.

As the Vice President General nominee for the South Central District, I attended the New Vice Presidents General Meeting immediately after the Congress Business Meeting adjourned. Secretary General Thomas E. Lawrence (PG Elect) met with the new VPG's and discussed his views and desire for each VPG to be a communication link for PG communication up and down the organization between National and State Societies. His objective is to have better communications relying on District VPG's.

To date PG Thomas Lawrence has sent two communications to VPG's – first is his Installation speech outlining his goals and Initiatives for his term of office; and

second is his goal for Outreach Education for Youth Programs and the assignment of Ms. Colleen Wilson to promote new technology called “Augmented Reality” as a method of reaching the youth of today with educational programming from SAR. This technology is being used in Junior High and High Schools throughout the country and specifically in the Houston ISD.

Respectively submitted,

Stephen W Rohrbough
Alternate Trustee

President, Council of Chapter Presidents

Allen Greene

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014 – TEMPLE, TX

Attendees:

Peter Baron (San Antonio), Drake Peddie (Plano), John Greer (Ambassador Fletcher Warren), Allen Greene (Robert Rankin), Lloyd Leitz (McKinney), Russell Dart (Cradle of TX), James Taylor (San Antonio), David Temple (Dallas), Lawrence Casey (Paul Revere), Bill Watts (East Fork Trinity), Ray Cox (Van Zandt), Harmon Adair (East Fork Trinity), Walt Thomas (East Fork Trinity), Ron Carter (Arlington), Ron Walcik (Heart of Texas), Bob Kuykendall (Piney Woods), Mike Miller (Heart of Texas), Bob Cohen (Independence), Robert Clark (Dallas)

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.

Adjournment

Editor, Compatriot
Vacant

No Report at Time of Publication

Webmaster

Ray Cox

No Report at Time of Publication

Internal Audit Committee Semi-annual review

John Beard, Chairman, Internal Audit Sub Committee

To: The Executive Committee
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Internal Audit Committee conducted its semi-annual review of the books and records of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (the Organization) using the review procedures and guidelines as enumerated in the audit guide and herein and such other procedures as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Review Committee. This review was conducted August 15, 2015 at the La Quinta Inn located in Brenham, Texas. This report includes the standard report as well as an additional report on the Member Database.

The review included but was not limited to the following transactions for the period January 1 through June 30, 2015:

- Cash, cash receipts, cash disbursements, donations, and Pay Pal
- Select review of all bank statements and monthly bank reconciliation reports
- Review of the dues account:
- 5% of the funds deposited for dues were examined which were four batch deposits. Receipts were traced from individual checks to the bank statements and to the database spreadsheet for correct recording.
- Review of Patriot Fund donations & distributions were reviewed and traced to appropriate bank account. 100% of distributions were reviewed. Deposits were reviewed.
- Review of Pay Pal procedures, posting, and controls. Not tested this cycle.
- Review of Registrar transactions. 100% of all transactions were reviewed.
- The NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report was not reviewed.
- Review of the operating accounts (Dues and Operating).
- Disbursements over \$500 from the operating account were examined.
- Deposits to the operating account were examined.
- Investment accounts were examined and traced to statements.

No material exceptions were identified. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectively submitted,
John Beard, Chairman, Internal Audit Sub Committee

Recommendations from the Audit Committee:

Travel Authorization Form

The Treasurer should forward the updated Travel Authorization Form to the Webmaster who posted on the website.

Consolidation of Dues and Operating Bank Accounts

The Treasurer should consolidate the Patriot Bank Operating Account into the Patriot Bank Dues Account. The need for having two separate bank accounts no longer exists. This will reduce the banking effort on the Treasurer and not compromise any internal controls. The reason that we should consolidate into the Dues Account is that it has been set up with electronic banking functions.

Annual meeting accounting

Chapter sponsor of the State Annual meeting each year should provide records of the fees and expenses with the reimbursement check to TXSSAR. To assist chapters with this process a standard report has been developed and is forwarded to the host chapter.

Registrar Bank Accounts

Request Registrars should send prior year bank statements to the Treasurer for review. There is uniformity in the preparation of summary information from the registrars. This information provides the basis of documentation for journal entries into the books and records of the Society. Request the Registrar to add the Treasurer as a signer to the registrar bank accounts.

Audited financials and Form 990

Frank Melvin, CPA is retiring. We recommend that a request for proposal be prepared to determine who the external auditor will be for the 2015 fiscal year.

Outstanding remittances to Chapters

The Treasurer should identify which of these chapters are active, not active but their charter still exists, and not active and their charter has been surrendered, forfeited, or revoked. These checks should be reinstated to operations.

Acknowledgements from the Committee:

The Treasurer is to be congratulated on an exceptional job in transitioning and maintaining the books and records. The Registrar is to be recognized for submitting uniform reports documenting the activity. Members participating were Russell Dart Treasurer, Peter McLellan, Jim Jones, Dr. Wendell Edwards, Chris Courter, Henry Smith (new member) John Beard, not attending were Nick Gilliam, Jim Nelson, Marvin Morgan, Tom Jackson and Jim Mitchell.

Notes to the Audit Committee:

The Internal Audit started at 9:30 am and ended at 3:00 pm with a break to hold the committee meeting over lunch. The brief committee meeting was held over lunch and took an hour. Russell Dart transferred the trial balance and transaction register transferred to MS EXCEL. The audit work papers for the operating account were digitally prepared. The following were assignments that consumed the time allotted. Peter McLellan & Chris Courter reviewed the transactions for the Dues, Operating and Patriot Fund Henry Smith & Dr. Wendell Edwards reviewed the bank reconciliations. Jim Jones reviewed investment account and related profit/loss items. Jim also reviewed the banking activity associated with the Patriot Fund, Perpetual Fund and National Congress accounts. Russell Dart booked the room at the La Quinta for February 13, 2016.

Status of prior year accounting recommendations made by the Audit Committee.

A summary of selected items are as follows:

Registrar Accounts

Separate files were kept for each of the two registrar accounts.

Treasurer retained email approvals for all disbursements in excess of \$2,500 as required in the Treasurer's approved procedures. No exceptions were noted!
All payments to the Treasurer were accompanied by an email authorization from the President.

Summary of Immaterial Exceptions Noted and Resolutions

Review of the Registrar Accounts

No bank statements were available for review.

The established procedure for Treasurer Review of the registrar accounts was not followed.

Review of Bank statements and reconciliations

All bank statements and the reconciliations were reviewed for the six month period ending June 30, 2015. All reconciliations were prepared by the Treasurer and reviewed by the past Treasurer.

Review of Patriot Bank Operations Accounts (Dues and Operations)

No material exceptions were noted.

The treasurer should request reimbursement of account analysis fees on the Dues account from Patriot Bank.

Investment Accounts – Brinker Capital and Vanguard:

The review included the following for the period January 1 through July 31, 2015:

- Reviewed the Brinker Capital and Vanguard statements for the six months ending July 31, 2015 for all five investment accounts.
- Compared the Fee Expense, and Income items (Dividends, Interest, and Realized Capital Gains/Losses) from the monthly Brinker Capital and Vanguard statements to the QuickBooks investment accounts.
- Verified the beginning and ending balances of the Brinker Capital and Vanguard monthly statements to the QuickBooks investment accounts.
- Verified the monthly Unrealized Gains/Losses posted to the QuickBooks investment accounts.

Observations:

There were minor errors in two accounts. The corrected Brinker Capital Perpetual unrealized loss for March 31, 2015 is \$3,304.90 and unrealized gain for April 30, 2015 is \$902.89. Corrected Vanguard Ritchie unrealized gain for July 31, 2015 is \$552.04.

Recommendations:

The correct amount has been provided to the State Treasurer, so he can correct posting to the QuickBooks income and asset accounts.

Review of Form 990 and Resolutions:

Treasurer has notified those chapters who have not yet filed their 990n Postcard.

NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report:

The Annual Reconciliation Report and attachments were reviewed.

Recommendations:

- The 2014 Annual Reconciliation report needs to be examined. The examination must include reconciliation with National by Compatriot to ensure Texas Society records agree with National Society records.
- Because of William Marrs knowledge of the reconciliation process, he needs to be included on the Audit team for this examination.

Results of the Review

A review of the 2014 National Reconciliation process was conducted by Jim Jones and Bill Marrs. Input was solicited and provided by Hank Voegtler, State Secretary, John Beard, Past State Treasurer, and Russell Dart, current State Treasurer. The following is the result of that review:

NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report:

During the August 16, 2014 Audit Committee meeting in Brenham, President Elect Larry Stevens recommended the Audit Committee review the NSSAR Annual Reconciliation Report process and maintenance of the TXSSAR data base. During the August 16, 2014, audit the following concerns were noted:

Ten Patrick Henry members were dropped even though they paid their dues

The 2014 Dropped Listing included 117 members who had paid their dues including one Perpetual Member.

The 2013 Donations Table information was deleted and had to be repopulated using the accounting records.

There is the possibility that the Secretary and the Treasurer linked to different tables, and the table used by the Secretary was out of date.

The Secretary and Treasurer did not meet in person to reconcile differences prior to submission of the Reconciliation Report.

There were significant errors on the 2014-2015 Annual Reconciliation Report including new member list, reinstatements list, deceased list, national life member list, and dropped list. A major problem is the deceased list which is not the fault of the State Secretary since for various reasons deaths are not reported to the State Secretary. The State Treasurer recorded dues payments by 59 members who were shown as dropped prior to the submission of the Annual Reconciliation report.

The 2015-2016 Annual Reconciliation Report will be the last one submitted under the current process. The new system being developed by NSSAR is currently scheduled to go on line on January 1, 2016, so future reconciliation reports will use the new system. The Transaction Module is expected to go on line

during 2016, so dues processing, donations, and other activities will be included in the Transaction Module. TXSSAR will be able to use the Transaction Module being developed by National.

Recommendations:

- Death Notices should be moved to the Public Site.
- State Secretary is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the TXSSAR Data Table.
- State Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the TXSSAR Fin file.
- State Secretary should use the update Query to update the Data Table from the Fin file.
- State Secretary and State Treasurer must work together to ensure the Reconciliation Report is accurate.
- State Secretary and State Treasurer must ensure all members who paid dues before the Reconciliation Report is submitted are included as paid and not Dropped.
- State Secretary should consult with Bill Marrs for assistance in maintaining the current system and rely on Bill Marrs for training in the new system when it is developed by National.