



Officer's Reports

Board of Managers Meeting

Tyler, Texas

August, 2008

INTRODUCTION

This is a first. This is the first time that the reports of all of the officers of the TXSSAR have been published prior to a meeting of the Board of Managers, and we propose that this will only be the first. Like any first time endeavor, we will learn from this activity and we intend to improve its look and its information as we learn. The purpose of this publication is to provide the members of the Society more of the information about how the Society operates and also to provide more time at the Board of Meetings for committee work and substantive discussion and business. Contrary to previous meetings there will be very few officer's reports at the meetings of the Board of Managers, and those only for information that has come to light after the publication of these proceedings.

This is not the only first. Several of the committees have met prior to the meeting in Tyler to plan the activities of the meeting to make it more meaningful for the members and attendees and to be more efficient in doing the business of the Society. There has been an effort to involve more of the members of the Society in the committees. These committees are how the Society operates on a daily basis.

There will be several important discussions to take place during the meeting at Tyler, and our members are encouraged to attend and to take part in the discussions. One overriding discussion will be how we use the modern technology of the internet and other communications to further the goals of the Society and at the same time reduce the costs of our doing business. The primacy of the internet and the World Wide Web have given us opportunities as never before to make some major leaps forward. For example, for the first time each officer and committee chairman and member of the committees have a working email address. We are just now beginning to exploit this new information.

Our sincere appreciation to all the officers of the Society. All of the reports were submitted in time, in fact some were submitted more than once due to a problem in the editors work.

Dr. Don Pugh

Staff Secretary, TXSSAR

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President

Harry M. Fife, Jr.

Since last March, I have attended 7 Society Chapter meetings, those being Bernardo de Galvez, Red River, Brazos Valley, Capt. Wm. Barron, Athens, Piney Woods, Lt. Nathan Gann, and made presentations and installed their officers.

I have represented the Texas Society at the DAR School, Kate Duncan Smith, in Grant, AL May 23-24. The function was awards evening for graduating seniors where over \$500,000 was awarded in grants, fellowships, and scholarships.

I attended 1 Executive Board Meeting in Houston, Texas.

Recently, I attended the SAR National Congress in Sacramento, CA., July 5-10, 2008.

I will also be attending the State BOM in Tyler on Aug 1-3, 2008, the South Central District Meeting (MOKAT) in Oklahoma City, OK August 22-23. And following that, I will attend the NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY September 25-27.

President-Elect

Thomas E. Lawrence

Since being sworn in at the March 2008 State Convention I have hosted an Executive Committee meeting at my home in May attended by Harry Fife, Bill Marrs, Jim Jones, Don Pugh and FSP Jim Robertson. I also convened a Long Range Planning (LRP) meeting in College Station in May. There have been numerous e-mails back and forth in setting up our procedures for this year. Additionally I initiated automated phone calls to all TXSSAR members to remind them of the Tyler BOM and to encourage them to register.

The President-elect is also the chairman of the following committees; Long Range Planning, District VP's and Membership and Expansion. LRP had a meeting in May in College Station that was well attended. We set the agenda for issues to be addressed this year and accomplished many of them at the May meeting. The District VP committee exchanged e-mails in furtherance of setting our agenda for the year. We decided on a list of goals to be accomplished and will get started at the Tyler BOM. The Membership and Expansion committee also consists of the District VP's as well as others and will meet in Tyler and determine its goals for the year at that time.

The President-elect has few official duties other than leading the pledges at meetings and chairing the committees listed above. However as a member of the Executive Committee he works closely with the President and other officers to accomplish the goals of the organization and to prepare for a transition to President next year. I will fill in for the President when needed, particularly in the Houston area. I attended the NSSAR Congress in Sacramento and will attend both Leadership Meetings in Louisville this year.

State Secretary

W. M. "Bill" Marrs

Membership Report-Texas Society

Mid Year Reconciliation 2008		
Active Membership as of Jan 01, 2008		2199
National Life Members	32	
New Members	75	
Transferred in	3	
Dual/Other States	23	
Reinstatements	145	
Total Additions		278
Gross Membership in TXSSAR		2477
Membership Losses		
Deceased	15	
Transfer Out	5	
Total Losses/members removed from count		20
Total Membership as of July 1, 2008		2457

Staff Secretary

Donald W. Pugh, DMA

The Staff Secretary attended and took the minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting in Houston and the Long Range Planning Committee Meeting in College Station. He has regularly reminded members of the Executive Committee of their assignments on the Action Plans adopted at the meeting.

He implemented the results of the survey of members who expressed interest in serving on committees and contacted them via email to see on which committees they wished to serve and provided those names to the State President.

He developed several lists of committee members and officers for use by the Officers and Committee Chairmen. For the first time in history, every officer, committee chairman and members of the committee have active email addresses which greatly expedite the communications possibilities for the Society. The email has been used almost exclusively which

has resulted in the saving of a considerable amount of money for postage and at the same time has speeded the turn-around of actions by members contacted.

He has worked with the host of the William Barron Chapter in the planning of the Board of Managers Meeting by preparing programs. He has developed the schedule of committee meetings according to the wishes of the Committee Chairmen and the availability of space at the site. He has been active in the gathering of the officer's reports and preparing them for this publication.

State Treasurer

James T. Jones, Jr.

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Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2008

	<u>Jun 30, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1003 - Chase Bank - Dues	20,217.55
1013 - Chase Bank - Operations	22,077.85
1023 - Chase Bank - Patriot	20,850.50
1033 - Chase Bank - Perpetual	1,036.77
1036 - Washington Mutual - Radcliff	1,060.00
1039 - Southside Bank - Hall	1,000.00
1042 - Brinker Capital-Patriot(Cash)	10,295.08
1043 - Vanguard-Patriot (Cash)	11,057.59
1047 - Brinker Capital-Perpetual(Cash)	4,433.21
1048 - Vanguard-Perpetual(Cash)	11,589.32
1052 - Vanguard-Ritchie(Cash)	3,716.03
Total Checking/Savings	107,353.90
Other Current Assets	
1202 - Brinker Capital-Patriot	152,087.87
1203 - Vanguard-Patriot	152,349.80
1207 - Brinker Capital-Perpetual	96,545.83
1208 - Vanguard-Perpetual	63,919.04
1212 - Vanguard-Ritchie	26,515.54
1215 - Harrall C.A.R. Account	5,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	516,498.08
Total Current Assets	<u>623,851.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>623,851.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2050 - Deferred Membership Dues	54.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	54.50
Total Current Liabilities	54.50
Total Liabilities	54.50
Equity	
3000 - Opening Equity	11,050.25
3040 - Net Assets - Unrestricted	291,653.58
3050 - Net Assets-Restricted	237,674.71
3900 - Retained Earnings	112,113.81
Net Income	-28,704.87
Total Equity	623,777.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>623,851.98</u>

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Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Profit & Loss by Class
January through June 2008

	Operations	Patrics Fund	Perpetual Membership Fund	Ritchie	TOTAL
Income					
4000 - Application Fee Income	11,014.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,014.50
4010 - Contributions	587.00	383.50	0.00	0.00	1,120.50
4030 - Donations Received	0.00	6,566.30	0.00	0.00	6,566.30
4033 - Donations - Hannell C.A.R. Acct	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
4040 - Interest Reinvested	0.00	0.51	2.12	0.00	2.83
4045 - Short-term Gain Reinvested	0.00	-88.38	24.49	0.00	-14.82
4046 - Unrealized Gains/Losses	0.00	-25,214.53	-20,851.65	-2,137.14	-48,203.36
4048 - Dividend Reinvested	0.00	4,122.21	1,280.04	736.64	6,087.79
4049 - Capital Gains Reinvested	0.00	-120.93	112.33	0.00	-8.60
4060 - Membership Dues	87,883.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	87,883.50
4080 - Medals & Awards - Sales	185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.00
4100 - Refund from Closed Chapter	11.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.88
Total Income	114,681.86	-14,282.32	-18,452.84	-1,431.50	76,535.22
Expense					
5025 - Printer Capital Fees	0.00	253.91	150.43	0.00	414.36
5030 - Approved Projects					
5031 - Eagle Scout	0.00	257.52	0.00	0.00	257.52
5033 - Knight Essay	0.00	212.00	0.00	0.00	212.00
5034 - History Teacher	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.00
5035 - Oration	0.00	341.88	0.00	0.00	341.88
5036 - Poster	0.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
5037 - ROTC	0.00	1,045.10	0.00	0.00	1,045.10
Total 5030 - Approved Projects	0.00	3,703.50	0.00	0.00	3,706.60
5040 - Contribution to TAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5042 - Donations Paid	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
5046 - Bank Service Charges	-10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-10.00
5080 - Chapter Membership Dues	22,160.00	0.00	3,522.00	0.00	25,682.00
5030 - Medals & Awards	1,425.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.72
5040 - National Dues	44,175.00	0.00	8,850.00	0.00	69,825.00
5041 - State Dues	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
5042 - National Application Fees	3,585.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,585.00
5063 - Newsletter Software	235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.00
5070 - Office Supplies	7.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.89
5080 - Officers Stipends	4,470.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,470.00
5090 - Operating Expenses	121.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	121.50
5270 - Professional Fees	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
7000 - Postage and Delivery	22.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.96
7010 - Printing and Reproduction	384.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.45
Total Expense	57,223.73	3,960.41	17,052.85	0.00	118,240.99
Net Income	27,465.15	-18,222.73	-35,505.79	-1,431.50	-28,704.87

Investment Performance 2008

DESCRIPTION	PATRIOT FUND	PERPETUAL FUND	RITCHIE FUND
Brinker Capital:			
Balance 01/01/2008	156,548.79	117,421.37	
Additional investment - 02/19/2008	17,139.40		
Withdrawal - 01/18/2008		(8,450.00)	
Totals	173,688.19	108,971.37	
Balance 06/30/2008	162,362.95	100,979.04	
Decrease in value during 2008	11,325.24	7,992.33	
Percentage decrease	6.52%	7.33%	
Vanguard:			
Balance 01/01/2008	168,827.58	115,609.32	31,763.07
Additional investment - 01/22/2008	4,860.60		
Withdrawal - 01/16/2008		(8,450.00)	
Totals	173,688.18	107,159.32	31,763.07
Balance 06/30/2008	163,407.39	95,508.36	30,331.57
Decrease in value during 2008	10,280.79	11,650.96	1,431.50
Percentage decrease	5.92%	10.87%	4.51%
Combined Percentage decrease	6.22%	9.09%	4.51%
S&P 500 Percentage decrease	15.59%	15.59%	15.59%

Registrar (Coastal Group)

Arthur H. Hall

January 1, 2008 – July 15, 2008

Chapter #	Name	New Members	Supplementary
1	Bernardo de Galvez	1	1
4	San Antonio	8	6
5	Paul Carrington	5	
11	Patrick Henry	28	2
14	Corpus Christi	1	1
17	Major White		
19	Paul Revere		
26	Heart of Texas	5	3
27	Capt. John McAdams		
33	Cradle of Texas	8	
35	William Hightower		
38	Freedom	2	4
40	Independence	3	
49	Alexander Hodge	3	1
50	Victoria	3	2
51	Piney Woods	6	1
54	Athens		3
55	Live Oak		
59	Aaron Burleson		
61	Laredo		
62	Robert Rankin		
63	McKinney	3	
64	Boerne	1	
	Total	77	24

Total Applications Processed - 101

Registrar (Inland Group)

Michael J. Radcliff

January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008

Chapter #	Name	New Applications	Supplemental
2	Dallas	4	
5	Paul Carrington	5	
6	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	4	
7	Arlington	1	
9	Col. Turner Sharp		
10	Panhandle Plains	1	
14	Corpus Christi		
15	Texas Tech	2	
16	Big Country	1	
18	Permian Basin		
22	Daniel Wood	2	
23	Denton		
25	Capt. Wm Baron		2
28	Lt. Nathan Gann		
31	Hill Country		
32	Waco	1	
34	Edmund Terrill	1	
35	William Hightower		
36	North Central Texas		
37	Plano	2	14
41	Bluebonnet	2	
43	Amb. Fletcher Warren	1	
44	Leon RiverValley		1
45	Brazos Valley	4	
46	Mesquite	1	
47	East Fork Trinity	1	
49	Alexander Hodge	12	
54	Athens		
57	East Texas	2	
58	Fredonia	1	
63	McKinney	1	1
64	Boerne	3	
65	Red River Valley		
	TOTALS	52	18

TOTAL Applications Processed 70

Chancellor

Robert M. Clark, Jr.

No Report at this time

Chaplain

Wendell E. Edwards, PhD

My perception of the Chaplain's position, as stated in other organizations, other SAR Members have explained to me, and I have adopted as my guide, is the staff position that is purposefully committed to the well being of every TXSSAR member. His work strengthens the TXSSAR Members by helping to connect the members one to another in a genuine atmosphere of care and concern.

1. As the Chaplain of the TXSSAR, I have been present and participated in the proceedings of the Annual and the Board of Managers Meetings. I lead the Invocation at the opening meetings and gave the Benediction as scheduled. The opening and closing of the activities on the night of the Banquet are also big responsibilities
2. One of the primary responsibilities of the Office of the TXSSAR Chaplain is to lead the Memorial Service at the Annual Meetings. I have officiated at these Memorial Services. This requires close coordination with the TXSSAR Secretary and the local Chapters. This is a time to demonstrate Care, Honor, Respect and Appreciation on behalf of the TXSSAR for members who have deceased. It is attempted to conduct this service with Dignity and Respect for the benefit of the family, friends, and fellow TXSSAR Members.
3. Another opportunity of service for the TXSSAR Office of the Chaplain is to plan, organize, schedule, and conduct the Worship Services at the Annual Meetings and Board of Managers Meetings. It has been a delight and blessing to perform these duties. I have attempted to conduct these Worship Services consistent with the Chaplaincy during the American Revolution and the current needs and interests of Members, loved ones, guests, and friends.
4. Another responsibility of the Office of the Chaplain is to write letters expressing caring sympathy to the families of the deceased TXSSAR Members. This has been carried out to the best of my ability. This requires close coordination with the State Secretary and the local Chapters' Officers and Members.
5. Another opportunity of service is to represent the TXSSAR as Chaplain in special services. As examples, I represented the TXSSAR at the Meeting of the Texas Society of Children of the American Revolution at a meeting in Greenville, Texas at the Audie Murphy and Cotton Museum during a luncheon and a special ceremony to place a wreath on a memorial.. I also represented the Society on other occasions such as Memorial Day Services, Constitution Day, Grave Markings, etc.

Historian

Thomas M. Whitelock

During the committee's meeting session at the March State Conference, a number of agenda topics and proposed projects were discussed by members. Past State Historian Donald Stone introduced the following challenges for the coming year:

1. Complete sales of the remaining TXSSAR History Books Vols I & II.
2. Continue to acquire Texas Society and Chapter documents, photos and memorabilia for the archives collection at UNT.
3. Expand the Archives Committee and solicit more Chapter Historians' participation in future BOMs and on select projects.
4. Develop a fresh approach to promotion of the Committee's purpose, work and accomplishments to the general public, as well as reward our Chapter Historian's efforts.
5. Secure financial stability for the "Collection" by requesting that the State (BOM) Finance Committee provide an annual budgetary amount. Likewise, create a financial future marketing support within the Society membership.
6. Arranging for a presentation of the TXSSAR History books to President George Walker Bush.
7. Completion of the 2006 & 2007 State Society Yearbooks and their archiving in the "Collection" at UNT along with verifying that the State Secretary has filed all BOM & State Meetings minutes.

The initial steps taken by the Chairman and various committee members in the last few months, in order to accomplish the above goals (and/or start expediting them) have had the following results to date:

* *A general inquiry letter was sent to all Chapter Presidents notifying them that due to the lack of publication of the "Compatriot" in nearly a year, their 2007 (and the first half of 2008) Chapter history, minutes, photo activities and Color Guard events needed to be forwarded on to the TXSSAR Archives Collection at UNT as soon as possible.*

In addition, sample blank forms for assignment of Chapter Historians and new member BIODs were enclosed. This was in order to solicit more Archives Committee members and to start accumulating history on Texas Society members that joined since the printing of Volume II in 2006. A limited number of Chapter Presidents have responded, but hopefully all are expected to participate in both projects as the year progresses. The current "extended" Committee is now listed in the Email address list shown above.

* *In order to secure one means of financial assistance for our Archives Collection (and the procurement of SAR/Texas memorabilia), Past State Historian Dr. James Johnson volunteered to visit with the TXSSAR Treasurer and Finance Committee members about providing a fund of \$300-\$500 in the annual budget. To also assist in acquiring funds, the national headquarters for "Albertson's*

Community Partners” has been contacted about our membership participating in their rebate program wherein the Archives can earn 1% on purchases at their grocery stores throughout the State. Albertsons’ public relations division is in the process of printing special TXSSAR (bar coded) Archives Collection cards for all members and that will be sent to them very soon or distributed through the Chapters. Active participation by our 2700+ members could very well net upwards to \$1000 over a year’s period.

** Past State Historian Donald Stone has agreed to serve as Archives Treasurer in order to facilitate the continuation of sales for the TXSSAR History Books Vols I & II. Our current inventory is nearly 200 sets (which sell for a meager \$58 plus \$7 S&H). His advertisement was listed in the recent Compatriot and we sincerely hope all Chapters and individual members will see the unique (and historical value) to acquiring a set for their local library and/or family heirs. To help facilitate the marketing of these books to a wider audience of historical researchers and genealogists, the two volume set are to be listed on EBay.*

** A suggestion from President-Elect Thomas E. Lawrence last year to have a means of adding trivia information on Past TXSSAR Presidents as a project was discussed at the State meeting in March. It was decided to ask the Texas Society Webmaster to construct a new TXSSAR History tab that the Archive Committee can use for posting historical facts and trivia stories on not only the Presidents, but likewise about the Society. A few of the attendees at the first meeting stated that they would be willing to work on the project over the year. The link (tab) has been established and data is being acquired.*

Further progress reports on current and proposed projects as well as concerns (including recent changes in administrative policy toward documentation and publication of Chapter activities/Color Guard events) will be discussed during the August BOM and will be reported to the Archives Committee network. Any subject for discussion that members wish to be added to the agenda can be emailed to me at TMWPromo@yahoo.com.

Vice President, Contest, Medals and Awards

Stephen W. Rohrbaugh

1. The ACMA Committee met on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 10:00 – 12:00 AM. See attachment 1.
 - a. Old Business: Updates on 6 items were discussed and reviewed. Open items include Committee Organization and Instructions, updates on contests changes, developing a draft CMA Manual, posting contest changes on the TXSSAR web site, introduction of the John K. Harrell CAR Award Contest, and sale of TXSSAR Service Medals.

- b. New Business:
 - i. Budget requirements for 2008 (attached) were distributed to the members and approved as presented. See attachment 2.
 - ii. New Sub-Committees were announced adding Awards Sub-committee and Annual Chapter Report Sub-committee. Since the meeting Chairman have been selected and have indicated their willingness to serve with Compatriot Russell Dart for Awards Sub-committee and Compatriot Bob Cohen for Chapter Annual Reports.
 - c. Sub-Committee Reports: Contest Chairman provided updates on their respective contests and advised the committee who the winners were for contest year 2007 and who were receiving awards during the convention.
2. The VP, AMCA Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough and Compatriot Bud Schwart representing the ACMA Committee presented Youth and Chapter Awards during the Texas State Convention, held in Arlington, Texas on March 28-30, 2008. A listing of award winners is attached.
- a. The ACMA Committee will meet on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 2:30 PM until 4:20PM during the August BOM.

Agenda

TXSSAR Americanism, Contest, Medal and Awards Committee (ACMA)

TXSSAR State Convention Meeting

March 28, 2008

Crown Plaza Hotel, Arlington, Texas

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Crown I

Opening Remarks – Vice President, CM&A

Old Business:

1. TXSSAR CMA Committee Organization & Instructions Update - Open
2. TXSSAR Awards and Contest Updates - Open
3. TXSSAR CM&A Manual Review and Update Initiative
4. Update Contest Information on TXSSAR Web Site
5. John K. Harrell CAR Awards Program – **See attachment**
6. TXSSAR Service Medals - Bronze Medals for sale

New Business:

1. Budget Requirements for 2008 –
2. New Sub Committees – Awards and Chapter Annual Reports
 - a. Awards – Ray Walls
 - b. Chapter Annual Reports
3. Awards Program for Convention – **See attachment**

Sub-Committee Reports:

Orations Contest –	Peter Rowley
Knight Essay Contest –	Randoll Reagan
Eagle Scout Contest –	John Knox
Color Guard –	Dr. Jim Johnson
Jr. ROTC –	Ron Barker
History Teacher Award–	Willie Walker
Poster Contest –	Thomas McCormick
Yearbook Contest –	Don Stone
Newsletter Contest –	Lance Salge
C.A.R. Essay Contest –	Rick Ramirez
TSCAR State Society Lists on Web Site (Hidden File)	
Public Service/Law Enforcement –	James Alderman
Other members:	Bill Holcombe
	Robert Clark

Other Topics and Comments:

TEXAS SOCIETY
SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
113TH ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 27-30, 2008

AWARDS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING (1:00 PM)

The Galveston Award

The Frank Watkins Award

The Karl E. Wallace Award

The Adrian Drouilhet Award

FRIDAY OPENING SESSION (4:30 PM)

Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Awards

Col. Joe M. Hill Jr. Membership Award

TXSSAR John Harrell CAR Activities Streamer

TXSSAR John Harrell CAR Awards

TXSSAR Flag Presentation Awards

President's Awards

SATURDAY FIRST GENERAL SESSION (9:00 AM)

John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award

The Marshall Hunter Award

The Hartsell O. Stephens Award

THE E. A. Limmer Award

The Ross Shipman Awards

The TXSSAR Yearbook Award

President's Awards

SATURDAY YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON (NOON)

The Robert Ritchie Oration Contest

American History Teacher Award

The Eagle Scout Scholarship Award

The JROTC/ R.O.T.C. Scholarship Award

Announce Knight Essay Scholarship Awards

Announce the C.A.R. Scholarship Essay Awards

Announce the James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest Awards

Robert Ritchie Oration Awards

President's Awards

SATURDAY SECOND GENERAL SESSION (3:00 PM)

The TXSSAR Americanism Awards

TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Awards

President's Awards

SATURDAY TXSSAR BANQUET (7:00 PM)

Alexander Hamilton Medals

George Washington Pins

Meritorious Service Medals

Patriot Medals

Distinguished Service Medal

District 1 Vice President

Col. Wm. H. Holcombe, Jr.

1. Col. Turner R. Sharp Chapter #9

The chapter held regular meetings in March, April and May 2008. The chapter does not conduct meetings in June, July and August due to the intense heat of the summer months. In April 2008, the Chapter presented 1 Silver ROTC Medal and 23 Bronze JROTC medals throughout the El Paso area.

2. Permian Basin Chapter #18.

The chapter normally schedules its annual meeting for April or May of each year. However, the Chapter President informed me in early April that he was not able to schedule the meeting for 2008 in the normal time frame. When this has occurred in past years, the chapter has usually conducted its annual meeting in the fall.

3. IRS Coordination Activities.

In March, the TXSSAR Treasurer informed me of a requirement for the SAR chapters to submit an electronic postcard as a part of improving and solidifying the IRS supervision of Tax Free Businesses. I worked with the two chapters to follow the guidance of the TXSSAR Treasurer with the following results:

a. Chapter 9: The Chapter President was able to log on to the IRS web page and to submit the required electronic postcard before the due date.

b. Chapter 18: The Chapter President contacted the IRS but was unable to submit the required electronic postcard because the chapter had been using either the National SAR Taxpayer Identification Number or the TXSSAR Taxpayer Identification Number. The chapter was advised by the IRS to get the local bank identification number and to then reapply for the electronic postcard, a process that will take several months past the due date. The chapter was informed by the IRS that no penalties or other actions would be taken by the IRS during this reapplication period because this initial filing application was a new activity initiated by the IRS in the last year or so.

4. District 1 Overview.

As indicated in my annual report submitted on March 29, 2008, Dr. Ronald G. Livermore of Chapter 9 has volunteered to succeed me as the VP, District 1, if elected at the TXSSAR Annual Convention in 2009. Therefore, I have asked him to represent me at the August 1, 2008 TXSSAR BOM meeting in Tyler, TX. Ron is an enthusiastic, well educated individual who I believe will be an active participant and a credit to future TXSSAR level activities. I have thoroughly briefed him on all of the activities I have been involved with as a District VP.

District 2 Vice President

William G. Harper

There are two chapters in District 2, the Panhandle-Plains Chapter in Amarillo and the Texas Tech Chapter in Lubbock. Both chapters are small in membership but continue to meet on a regular basis two to four times a year. The Tech chapter last met in May and the Panhandle-Plains Chapter is scheduled to have a joint meeting on September 20th, Constitution Day, with the local DAR chapters.

The Panhandle-Plains chapter and the Tech chapter have each participated in ROTC presentations at area schools. In April, Reeves R. D. Winn, president of the Tech Chapter, made five presentations. Ryan Main, Texas Tech University Army ROTC, received the SAR Silver ROTC Medal and Dustin R. Cochlin, Texas Tech University Air Force ROTC received the SAR Silver Medal at their awards ceremony. Three area high school students also received medals: Danny Avila, Slaton Senior High School Army JROTC received the SAR Bronze Medal; Blake J. Ellis, Estacadeo Senior High School Army, was presented the SAR Bronze Medal; and Rod Torres, Lubbock Senior High School Naval JROTC was presented with the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal.

Membership retention and securing new members is problematic for both chapters. I have discussed with Reeves the possibility of the Panhandle-Plains and Tech Chapters having joint annual meetings. This will also be discussed with Judge Risley, president of the Panhandle-Plains Chapter, in the near future. Hopefully both chapters will receive encouragement and benefit from having joint meetings.

District 3 Vice President

George W. Harcourt

Chapter 64 - Boerne

President John Weir reports growing membership of around 1 a month. Recently participated in July 4th events in San Antonio at Ft. Sam Houston and the Ringing of the Bell at the Alamo (in conjunction with Chapter #4 San Antonio). On August 30th the chapter will participate in the Kendall County Fair. Color Guard is expanding. Flag committee has identified a recipient for an award to be presented this fall. The chapter holds nine regular meetings a year with 16-25 members and guests in attendance at the Fair Oaks Country Club.

Chapter 41 - Bluebonnet

Chapter president Donald Clark said that about 20 people attend the meetings held in the months of January - May and September- November. They took first place in the Llano Rodeo Parade (a joint effort with the DAR). On September 16th they will participate in the Blanco County parade. A certificate presentation was made to the Blanco County Library. An ROTC medal was awarded at Baylor University and a JROTC at Fredericksburg HS. A new member will be inducted at the September meeting.

Chapter 31 - Hill Country

Compatriot Dan Montgomery, president of chapter 31, says about 30 people turn out for meetings in Kerrville. They do have some new members. The chapter participated in the 4th of July special festivities, and they were given the place of honor. One member has recently received his 50 year pin and Dan has 55 years. While holding no regular meetings in the months of June-August they will have a social at a member's home later in the month of July.

Chapter 50 - Victoria

In August the Victoria chapter will hold one of its biannual meetings in August in conjunction with the local DAR chapter. President Art Munford went on to say that the guest speaker will be Mark Collins, renowned impersonator of General George Washington. They will be awarding a flag certificate this August and in April presented a ROTC medal. The chapter remains viable, but not thriving. They have added some 4 new members recently.

Chapter 4 - San Antonio

Jay Higginson, chapter president, has led the chapter - with the assistance of special committee chairs and - in several recent public events. At Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery chapter members attended the placing of flags on the graves of veterans - a Boy Scouts of America undertaking. Various chapter members participated in parades, special luncheons and other patriotic events on Flag Day. The chapter had an area for demonstration at the Frank Tejada Middle School History Day this spring. On the 4th of July the chapter took part in three events, under the direction of Compatriot Frank Rohrbough:

1. Procession at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery - in conjunction with Los Granaderos and Damas de Galvez

2. Firing of the cannons at the Parade Grounds Ft. Sam Houston. A cannon shot for each of the 50 states in the order of admission to the Republic.
3. The Ringing of the Bell - a program of the Sons of the Revolution which this chapter supports and performs the duties. Texas State Senator Jeff Wentworth was the speaker as the event took place in front of the Alamo.

Prior to the events of the 4th Compatriots Pete Baron and Frank Rohrbough appeared on a morning TV show - Good Day San Antonio, to promote our activities.

Attendance at the regular lunch meetings - 9 months a year - is 20 to 35. Executive committee meets monthly in addition to regular chapter meetings and has attendance of 6 to 12. ROTC program is going great under leadership of Compatriot Courtland Snyder - more than 30 schools are serviced. Flag committee chair John Orr is active and the chapter makes awards. Special awards for Fire and Law enforcement are made. This year the Fire Chief and the Police Chief attended our meetings in the respective month of the awards to members of their department. The chapter continues to add new members but has a problem with retention. The web site is always up to date with photos, film clips, newsletters and other items of interest.

Chapter 55 - Live Oak

No report

District 4 Vice President

John W. Knox

Patrick Henry Chapter #11

Joint Meeting on Memorial Day with DAR at the Texas State Cemetery with members from Houston Area SAR Chapters to commemorate the 2 Revolutionary Soldiers buried in State Cemetery Lt Rankin and SGT Williams.

Members provided Color Guard for 3 -4th of July Parades and one parade held at Rosedale School on July 3rd.

2 members attended National Congress in Sacramento California.

Heart of Texas Chapter #26

Has next meeting at private house on July 19th.

1 Member attended National Congress in Sacramento, California.

William Hightower Chapter #35

Does not meet in Summer months

Color Guard marched in July 4th Parade in Sequin, San Marcos, and New Braunfels.

1 member attended National Congress in Sacramento, California

Aaron Burleson Chapter #59

All members are aging out and difficult for them to meet.
Working with Dick Robinett to help get it a boost.

District 5 Vice President

Victor A. Smith

My apologies to the Board of Managers for being unable to present is report in person. I will be attending the 118th Annual Congress.

The Leon Valley Chapter # 44 in Hamilton remains on my watch list. The Big Country Chapter # 16 in Abilene met and is expected to continue to do so. A summary report of these two chapters begins on page 2.

District 5 Vice President - Chapter Visits

Arlington Chapter # 7	April 12, 2008, Presented the program entitled "A History of the American Flag".
Daniel Wood Chapter # 22 - San Angelo	April 1, 2008, Presented the program entitled "A History of the American Flag".
North Central Texas #36 - Wichita Falls	April 10, 2008, Presented the program entitled "A History of the American Flag".
Brazos Valley Chapter # 45 - Granbury	April 26, 2008 May 24, 2008

Meeting Schedules for District 5 Chapters

K. M. Van Zandt Chapter # 6 - Fort Worth	Third Saturday
Arlington Chapter # 7	Second Saturday
Big Country Chapter # 16 - Abilene	February, April and October
Daniel Wood Chapter # 22 - San Angelo	First Tuesday
North Central Texas #36 - Wichita Falls	Second Thursday
Leon Valley Chapter # 44 – Hamilton	Second Tuesday in April and October
Brazos Valley Chapter # 45 - Granbury	Fourth Saturday, except July, August, December

Big Country Chapter # 16

The Big Country Chapter # 16 centered in Abilene met on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Abilene Country Club. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this meeting due to a family wedding in Austin. I have talked with Secretary Henry H. McGinty and he reported that there were 23 persons in attendance. A very good showing indeed. He reported that the Chapter would continue to meet two to three times per year. I renewed my offer to present a program at one of these meetings. I also renew my comments of the need to recruit new members. I also talked with Chapter President John Snapp and he too was

upbeat about the continuation of the Chapter. I also renewed my offer to present a program at a Chapter meeting to him. The need to recruit new members was also discussed.

Leon Valley Chapter # 44

This Chapter is centered in Hamilton, with is on US 281 west of Waco. As reported during the State Convention, the meeting location which the Chapter had used for many years, is no longer available. The Hamilton Genealogy Center building and the associated publishing operation are reported to be for sale as the lady owner has suffered a second stroke. [The first was about September of 2007.] This lady had been the Regent of the DAR Chapter in Hamilton, apparently forever. I have had two conversations with President Lenard Kirkland urging him to call a meeting. In both cases he would not agree to do so. In summary, he seems to have lost heart. As noted before, both this Chapter and the DAR chapter are a family affair. In our case four of the six members are from the Kirkland family. As this Chapter has always [to my knowledge] met jointly with the local DAR chapter, I will again contact DAR Division II Chairman Margaret (Peggy) W. Jones in an joint effort to continue these two chapters. It is hoped that my urgings and that of Chairman Jones will result in the continued joint meetings of the SAR and DAR in Hamilton. I will continue to monitor this chapter.

Notes on the Leon Valley Chapter, Hamilton County and the surrounding counties from which the Leon Valley Chapter may draw members:

Members As Of: March 25, 2008

SAR members: 6 Attending joint meeting: 4 Failure to renew: 3

DAR members attending joint meeting: 3

Distances To:

Hamilton to Temple	67 miles
Hamilton to Waco	70 miles
Hamilton to Granbury	70 miles

County	Population 2006 Est.	Change from 2000 Act.
Hamilton	8,186	- 0.5 %
Mills	5,184	+ 0.6 %
Comanche	13,837	- 1.3 %
Total	27,207	

District 6 Vice President

J. Mark Hansen

District VI is comprised of the Dallas, East Fork Trinity (Garland), and Mesquite Chapters. The Dallas Chapter, which meets monthly, remains strong in all respects, and continues to be regarded as the flagship chapter of the Texas State Society. The Mesquite Chapter, which meets only quarterly, is the weakest in my district, but continues to survive through the heroic efforts of its officers this year, led by

Chapter President F. Glen Collier. President Collier holds multiple officer positions in the chapter (as Registrar as well as President) and is really the glue that is holding it together at this time.

I want to focus in this report on the East Fork Trinity (Garland) chapter which has a full slate of officers and is experiencing a resurgence this year. The Garland Chapter has been meeting monthly without interruption, and each of the meeting programs has included an Americanism presentation as well as a separate program with a speaker, usually drawn from the chapter membership, but sometimes attracting an outside speaker, which is an accomplishment for such a small chapter. The chapter has its own small color guard which has participated in a number of public events, either alone or in conjunction with the Dallas Chapter's color guard. The chapter has held a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter, NSDAR, and has presented a gold Martha Washington medal this year. The chapter has presented two bronze JROTC medals to deserving cadets, as well as an outstanding citizenship award to one of the local high school's JROTC instructors. The chapter's Eagle Scout program is booming, with five applications in progress.

In sum, the Dallas Chapter continues to be the bedrock of District VI, and the Mesquite Chapter is surviving. Gratifyingly, the East Fork Trinity (Garland) Chapter has not been just surviving, but thriving in recent months, and I have great hopes for its resurgence.

SUPPLEMENT

I attended the quarterly meeting of the Mesquite Chapter on 17 July 2008, which rekindled my optimism in its chances for survival.

Among other things, I learned at the meeting that the chapter has resumed maintaining a good liaison with its counterpart in the NSDAR. In fact, the Mesquite Chapter has received a certificate of appreciation from its DAR counterpart, and has awarded a Martha Washington medal this year.

In addition, the Mesquite Chapter has, already this year, awarded a fire safety commendation medal, a law enforcement commendation medal, an EMS award, 5 JROTC medals, and 1 flag certificate. The chapter has inducted two new compatriots, reinstated a third, and has four other prospects. The local CAR Chapter president has been invited to attend the next quarterly meeting in the hopes of opening that conduit to future new compatriots.

The Mesquite Chapter has had an Americanism presentation at each of its meetings, and all but one of its meetings this year has also had a general program speaker. At the July meeting, an outside speaker gave a very interesting and pertinent presentation entitled "Understanding DNA Testing for Genealogists and Historians." The Mesquite Chapter has presented copies of Volumes I and II of the TXSSAR History to the Mesquite Public Library, as well as donated other materials of historical interest to other libraries.

Unlike the Dallas and East Fork Trinity (Garland) Chapters, the Mesquite Chapter is not currently publishing a newsletter, which, together with its infrequent meetings, accounts for some of my ignorance about the chapter's accomplishments this year. However, in light of what I learned at this most recent meeting, there appears to be renewed vitality in the chapter, again, largely due to the heroic efforts of the chapter's officers, led by its president, F. Glen Collier.

District 7 Vice President

Allan M. Henshaw

I have only had the opportunity, to date, to attend Paul Carrington chapter meetings. I will be at the "district-wide" meeting this Saturday down in Galveston. I am hoping on a pretty good turn-out.

I have received invitations from Galvez and Alexander Hodge chapters to attend meetings, besides Carrington.

I will not be able to attend the Tyler meeting. However I do have the November BOM on my schedule.

District 8 Vice President

Raymond W. Cox

Report of Activities:

All chapters of District 8 completed the filing of their Form 990-N IRS tax form.

There was some concern expressed by several chapters about the move to have chapters responsible for the collection of annual dues, but it was explained to them that this was a test program and it would be evaluated after the test period.

The publicity package recommended by state president Harry Fife was distributed to all chapters so it would be available for their use.

All chapters continued to function well through spring and then started their summer down-time. Most chapters have started their organizational efforts for the fall startup and student contest season.

All chapters remain strong and none is showing signs of needing help to avoid cancelling their charter. The Capt. John McAdams Chapter #27, Huntsville, TX, remains the weakest chapter, but they continue doing what they do with a small, but steady core membership.

The Piney Woods Chapter had five attendees at the recent National Convention in Sacramento, CA. No other district chapters had attendees at this event.

The Piney Woods Chapter completed their 4th Patriot Grave/memorial marking ceremony in April of this year. This is more than any other Texas chapter to date.

Several fall color guard events are already scheduled which will include the District 8 Chapters as well as others.

District 8 Chapters:

Capt. John McAdams Chapter #27, Huntsville, TX

Freedom Chapter #38, Conroe, TX

Independence Chapter #40, College Station, TX

Piney Woods Chapter #51, Kingwood, TX

Robert Rankin Chapter #62, Katy, TX

District 9 Vice President

Joe Bruce Barrett

The Liberty Chapter gave 8 JROTC medals and certificates this year. The schools, cadets and their commanders are as follows:

April 5 – Gladys Porter High School, Brownsville, Col. Heard – Cadet J. Hernandez
April 11 – Ed Couch-Elsa High School, Major Randy Schroder – Cadet Isaac Padilla
April 19 – Escomides High School, Edinburg – 1st Sgt. Gonzales – Cadet Capt. Juan Garcia
April 25 – McAllen High School, Col. Fullerton – Students name not available
April 26 – Rowe High School, McAllen, Col. LaFabre – Cadet Ryan Marwick
May 6 – Pace High School, Brownsville, Sgt. Maj. Ingles – Cadet William Smith.
May 10 – Memorial High School, McAllen, Col. Longoria – Student name not available
Marine Military Academy, presented by Compatriot Darrell Thompson from Corpus Christi Chapter

Next year the Liberty Chapter is scheduled to give 28 medals and certificates. He is calling on all of the chapter members to help in this project. It was really fun.
All of the schools allowed me to peak for 5 minutes regarding our founding fathers—that’s really nice of them. Some of the students even thought I was one of the original signers.

District 10 Vice President

Michael J. Everheart

Athens Chapter #54

Chapter location: Athens, TX.

Population: 10,000

Current chapter membership: 37

Local DAR Chapter: 1

2008 Chapter activities completed:

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Chapter meetings held	8
New members	0
Applications in process	0
Heroism Medal and Certificate	1
School programs completed:	
Southside Elementary-April 17 th , 2008	1
Central Elementary-May 19th, 2008	1

Lakeview Elementary-May 2 nd , 2008	1
Athens Christian Academy-May 23 rd , 2008	1

Medals and Certificates presented

Medals:

Heroism	1
War Service	2
Eagle Scout	1
JROTC	1
Chapter Service Pin	1

Certificates:

Poster Certificates	233
Heroism	1
Flag Certificate	1
War Service to Chapter Members	2
Eagle Scout Scholarship	1
Murchison Foundation Grant	1
JROTC Scholarship	1
SAR Speaker Appreciation Certificates	6
Non SAR Program Participant	1
Chapter Service Pin Certificate	1

2008 Chapter activities to be completed:

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Chapter membership meetings planned	5
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2006 Annual Report	9,158 pts.
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2007 Annual Report	10,852 pts.
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Capt. William Barron Chapter #25

Chapter location: Tyler, TX.

Population: 107,000

Chapter membership: 72

Local DAR Chapter: 1

2008 Chapter Activities completed:

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Meetings held ytd: 7

Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contestant won second place at National.

George & Stella Knight Essay Contestant won state competition.

Scholarships given: Rumbaugh Oration Contest & Knight Essay Contest 2

School Programs:

Dr. Bryan C. Jack Elementary School	6 programs
Fruitvale School-Flag Program (3 members)	1 program
Ramey Elementary School	15 classes
Brookhill Elementary School	5 classes
Dogan Elementary School	18 classes
Hawkins Elementary School	6 classes

Medals and Certificates:

Heroism Medals and Certificates (Noonday Fire Department)	4
Texas Medal of Appreciation	7
Meritorious Service Medal and Certificates	7
Color Guard Medal and Certificates	1
Martha Washington Medal and Certificate	3
Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate	1
Eagle Scout Medal and Certificate	1
Certificates of Appreciation	55

Revolutionary War Grave Dedication-Soldier Thomas Homes	1
DAR George Washington Tea program for Sarah Maples Chapter	1
Flag Day Ceremony at UT Tyler-Flag Program	3 members
Memorial Day Color Guard	4 members
Naturalization Ceremony at Federal Courthouse	3 members
JROTC Medals and Certificates:	
John Tyler High School JROTC	1
Gilmer High School JROTC	1
Marshall High School JROTC	1
Newspaper articles	28
Chapter activities to be completed:	
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Board of Managers meeting held in Tyler, August 1-2-3, 2008	
Chapter meetings to be held	6
More school programs scheduled	
More newspaper articles	
More Color Guard events	
2004 Annual Report	5120 pts.
2005 Annual Report	5047 pts.
2006 Annual Report	6006 pts.
2007 Annual Report	9500 pts.

Summary: This chapter continues to improve in performance yearly. This year should be no exception. After nine years of building the chapter back up with new members, the Capt. William Barron Chapter is hitting on all cylinders. There are key members who have stepped up to the plate and are making a big difference. As long as these key people stay healthy, the chapter will continue to do well. Constant recruitment is the key to gathering new faces with enthusiasm and fresh ideas that will sustain the chapter for years to come.

East Texas Chapter #57

Chapter location: Longview, TX.

Population: 78,000

Current chapter membership: 37

Local DAR Chapters: 2

2008 Chapter activities ytd:

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Regular membership meetings held	3
Color Guard members	2
JROTC Medal and Certificate (Longview High School)	1
Newsletters published	3
Newspaper articles	1
Presentations by member at other chapter/organization meetings	4
New members:	2
Charles Pruitt, II	
Charles Pruitt, III	

2008 Chapter activities to be completed:

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Regular membership meetings to be held	3
Newsletters to be published	3
Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate	1
Fire Safety Medal & Certificate	1
EMS Medal & Certificate	1
Heroism Medal & Certificate	1
Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate	1
Flag Certificate	1
Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate	1

Additional newspaper articles 3

2006 Annual Chapter Report 1565 pts.

2007 Annual Chapter Report 1490 pts.

Summary: Lots of work to do with the East Texas Chapter. We need to get more involved in the community, recognizing those who stand above their peers, advertise such in the local newspaper, and hopefully increase the number of prospects for the chapter. These are patriotic members in this fine chapter that just need some help. Hopefully they will allow me to contribute.

Fredonia Chapter # 58

Chapter location: Nacogdoches, TX.

Population: 30,000

Chapter membership: 11

Local DAR Chapter: 1

2008 Chapter activities ytd:

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Regular membership meetings held	4
Newsletters published	4
Law Enforcement Medals/Certificates	1
Heroism Medals/Certificates	1
Meritorious Service Medal/Certificates	3
Certificates of Appreciation	5
Length of Service Medals and Certificates	3
Senior ROTC Medal and Certificate, SFA.	1
Applications at National	1
Newspaper articles	4

2008 Chapter activities to be completed:

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Fire Safety Medal and Certificate

EMS Medal and Certificate

Flag Certificate

Eagle Scout Essay Contest

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate

Meritorious Service Medal/Certificates

Martha Washington Medal/Certificate

Membership meetings to be held	2
Newsletters to be published	2
Newspaper articles to be published	2 or more

Summary: Chapter is doing well in its first full year of rebirth. At our July 10th meeting, we had three additional members who have returned to attending meetings since we restarted the chapter. Hopefully that is a good sign. Tommy Slay is doing a great job of chapter president and we are fortunate to have him. Our main concern is growth and we will need to work harder in the recruitment of new members. We discussed at the last meeting the need to place brochures and newsletters in the three libraries in Nacogdoches and the SFA Genealogy section of their library as well. We will continue to put articles/pictures in the local newspaper of those medals and awards we present to citizens as well as members of the chapter in order to advertise our chapter and hopefully draw in some applicants from that. I have been invited to speak at the Nacogdoches DAR chapter meeting in January and will ask for their help in identifying members of their families and their friends that might qualify for membership. Looking at what we have accomplished so far in 2008, I am very pleased at this point in the year.

Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #28

Chapter location: Lufkin, TX.

Population: 40,000

Chapter membership: 36

Local DAR Chapter: 1

2008 Chapter activities ytd:

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Regular membership meetings held	3
Color guard	2 members

Newsletters published	3
New member, Robert Prendergast	1
Applications at National	2
Applications in process	9
Poster Contest	38 posters
Scholarship money awarded	2 students
Flag Retirement Ceremony (Pinewoods Academy)	1
Flag Certificate (Peltier Chevrolet)	1
Color Guard event	2
Newspaper articles	25

2008 Chapter Activities to be completed:

Regular membership meetings to be held	2
Newsletters to be published	2

Annual Chapter Report Scores

2006 Annual Chapter Report	2576 pts.
2007 Annual Chapter Report	2405 pts.

Summary: Even though the Lufkin Chapter shuts down for the summer, their president, Fred Preston still gets out in the community during the summer months giving out Flag Certificates, holding Flag Retirement Ceremonies, and other community activities. Fred has rounded up a total of twelve prospects, two which are at National, and more on the way. The chapter is growing, following the SAR Mission Statement, and overall, doing a good job.

District 11 Vice President

William K. Walker

Plano Chapter: Plano continues to do well. The chapter meets monthly and has interesting programs. The color guard is very active at new citizen naturalization ceremonies and other events such as Plano Symphony Orchestra concerts and the Plano 4th of July parade. Past chapter president Howard Taylor is recovering from his second hip replacement.

Red River Valley Chapter (Paris): The RRV chapter meets every other month at the Paris Country Club. Their programs are interesting and varied. Chapter president Mike Everheart is very active perusing new members. Mike's wife June and Marilyn Walker have produced a

gorgeous quilt which is being raffled to raise money for the TXSSAR Patriot. The winner will be announced at the state meeting next March. Johnnie Grimes of Idabel, OK has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Denton Chapter: The Denton chapter now meets quarterly at the home of Drs Johnson. The meetings have decent attendance. Several members of the chapter participate in the color guard and the Drs Johnson are very active on the program circuit.

Edmond Terrell Chapter (Sherman): The Edmond Terrell chapter meets every other month at Grandy's in Sherman. Attendance is moderate. This may be in part because they don't have a program at some meetings.

Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter: This chapter does not have regular scheduled meetings date but they have regular events followed by BBQ at the home of chapter president Wendell Edwards. They participate in a Memorial Day ceremony with the Capt. Charles Croxall DAR Chapter. They hold a Flag Day Ceremony on the steps of the Hunt County Courthouse and they are active in presenting Good Citizenship Awards to 4th grade students in Hunt County. Wendell's wife Linda is home recovering from an infection in a transplanted knee after several day stay in the hospital.

McKinney Chapter: The McKinney chapter meets monthly except for July and August. Their programs are varied and interesting and attendance usually good. Several members of the chapter participate with the color guard. Willie Walker is undergoing chemo therapy following removal of a portion of his right lung. So far things are going well.

Chairman, President's Council

Charles E. Luna

REPORT: The Council of Chapter Presidents met briefly at the March 2008 TXSSAR Annual Convention in Arlington, Texas to elect officers for 2008-2009. The meeting was called to order and quorum established by Chairman Ray Cox who then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman: Compatriots Charles Luna, Athens Chapter 54, and Larry Stevens, Piney Woods Chapter 51, were respectively nominated for Chairman of the Council. After a brief address by both candidates, Compatriot Stevens withdrew his candidacy in favor of Compatriot Luna, who was then elected Chairman by a unanimous vote of members of the Council. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Council to appoint Compatriot Stephens, Vice Chairman, and Compatriot Wendell Edwards, Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter 43, as Secretary of the Council. Chairman Luna briefly addressed the Council and indicated he would like to advance the subject of increasing participation in Chapter level youth related programs and intended to make this subject the primary focus during his tenure as Chairman of The Council of Chapter Presidents. In an effort to increase participation in the noted programs, he proposed a plan to detail methods and means of readily securing funding for scholarships and awards on the Chapter level utilizing local community service grants. Chairman Luna advised that the plan would be forthcoming in the next few months. As there was no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Luna

UPDATE: As we are all aware, the key to increasing Society membership is through Chapter activities that increase visibility, hence, public awareness and interest in Society efforts. No newspaper refuses to publish photos or recognize Eagle Scouts and ROTC / JROTC Cadets in uniform or local students receiving scholarships, awards, or prizes. Every time one of these events is publicized, The Chapter has the opportunity to advance the mission statement of the Chapter and Society. To this end, I am happy to report that I have completed the plan for Chapters to secure and provide full funding for their youth related programs. I plan to introduce the plan in the form of a proposal to the Executive Committee at the August BOM in Tyler, Texas for consideration and/or approval by the BOM. At the request of District 10 VP, Mike Everheart, I have provided him with initial material for an Alpha test of the program in the Tyler, Longview, Nacogdoches and Lufkin Chapters.

National Trustee

George T. West

Since I haven't yet been sworn in as National Trustee, I await the ceremony in Sacramento at the NSSAR Congress in July this year. I plan to attend the BOM in Tyler and the MOKAT meeting in Oklahoma City, both of these in August. I have reviewed the duties of National Trustee as spelled out in the NSSAR By-Laws.

On Monday, July 7, 2008, in Sacramento, CA, I accepted on behalf of the hard working TXSSAR members the following awards:

- The CAR Activity Award and Streamers to the state society which has documented work with the CAR over the past year.
- The William M. Melone Award to the Chapter which has the largest number of new and approved supplemental memberships.
- The Eugene C. McGuire Award to the State Society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SARs and DARs.
- The Len Young Smith Award to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age.
- The Senator Robert A. Taft Award to the State Society enrolling the largest number of new members.
- The USS Stark Memorial Award to the Chapters (Van Zandt and Dallas) and State Society with the best record of service to veterans during the past year.
- The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award and Streamers to the State Societies which have fulfilled the qualifications of awarding Flag Certificates during the previous year.
- The Allene Wilson Groves Award to the State Society which presents evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles.

- The President General's State Society (TXSSAR) and Chapter(San Antonio) Activities Competition Award.
- There were several awards of the Liberty Medal to individuals.

Many members tried to assure me that, as the TXSSAR State President, I deserved a lot of credit for these awards. However, I personally know that all the officers and committee chairs, who are self-motivated, deserve all the credit – I just stayed out of the way. Thanks to all of you for jobs well done.

On Wednesday, July 9, I was elected and duly sworn in as National Trustee from TXSSAR, and also attended my first Trustees meeting in Sacramento, CA. I have not yet been informed of committee assignment(s).

Editor, Compatriot

Lance L. Salge

Gentlemen, I am pleased to announce that the TXSSAR began publishing the Texas Compatriot again in the Summer this year. There were a number of hurdles to overcome and I am would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to a few particular individuals who were instrumental in making this happen: George West, Tom Green, Tom Lawrence, Don Pugh, Charles Barker, Bill Marrs, and former newsletter editor Rob Lewis. There were too many to mention that offered other assistance and many more that leant a very much appreciated show of support. So thanks to all of you for your support and kind words.

I also wish to thank all of you for contributing articles. As editor, I depend nearly 100% on your article submissions for the content in our State Newsletter. So please keep the articles coming. Although I hate to leave anyone's article out, too much information is preferable to not enough.

Regarding content, I listen to the feedback that makes it back to me and there are a couple of items which should be mentioned. First, there was some discussion that the Summer Newsletter had a disproportionate ratio of chapter level news versus State related information. My response to that is that what you saw in the newsletter is what was received by the editor. If the concern was that we did not want to accept and publish so many articles regarding chapter activities, then someone of TXSSAR authority needs to author and submit an article outlining the "TXSSAR article submission guidelines policy" to be published so the chapters understand why we will begin rejecting their articles. Or if the intent of concern is not related to the volume of chapter related articles but instead pertains to the minority reporting of State level activity, then someone of TXSSAR authority needs to light a fire under whoever should be submitting State level activity reports. I also heard a complaint that the State Society President's picture was not posted on the first page of the newsletter. My response to that is that if the State Society President would have wanted his photo on the first page he would have provided a photo along with his front page article(no offense meant towards Harry). Those are the only outlier complaints that seemed to need to be addressed. Others issues and concerns that I heard were reasonable and many relate to fact that we were ramping up the newsletter again after being dormant for a period. I do owe Tom Whitelock a public apology for overlooking the Historian's article that he submitted for the Summer newsletter. It slipped through the cracks when TXSSAR emails were rerouted en masse to the new Texas Compatriot email account. My sincere apologies to Tom for that oversight.

Kudos to Bill Marrs for managing the conversion of the electronic format of the newsletter and getting it distributed to our members across the state. It came out really well considering the conversion that had

to be made from color back to black and white. Speaking of quality, the concept of the new newsletter was based on two new premises. First that it would be designed for electronic distribution (either via email or posted on the TXSSAR web site) and secondly that it would be published in color. As many of you have seen by comparing the hard copy version of the newsletter to that of the newsletter posted by Web Master Charles Baker on the TXSSAR web site, you can get a much richer quality document if you print the newsletter on your own color printer. That may put at ease any concerns that you may have had about why the black and white hard copy version of the newsletter was received in less than optimal print quality. Hopefully, the TXSSAR will have a solution for state-wide electronic communications in the near future and at that point we may be able to remove the high cost associated with physically printing and distributing hard copies of the Texas Compatriot.

Other than that, please note the deadlines for submitting articles for upcoming editions: Deadline for the Fall edition is September 15th and for Winter is January 15th. The complete list of deadlines can be found in the Summer Edition of the Texas Compatriot (for quick reference you can find it on the TXSAR web site). Thanks again for your support.

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A lot has changed in the TXSSAR.org website over the past two years. In the last few months, several new menu categories have been added to accommodate new contents, to the point where no additional main ribbon menu items can be added without taking something out. I plan to appoint a Sub-committee of the Information Technology Committee to study the present categories and recommend a major rearrangement and consolidation of ribbon menu items, with fewer items in the ribbon and more sub-items per menu item.

We have a project underway to allow financially-stressed chapters to have a website under TXSSAR.org without needing to have their own domain name or hosting service. As a test of this concept, the Piney Woods Chapter website is now located at <<http://TXSSAR.org/pineywoods>>. Try it out! We hope to announce the availability of this capability to additional chapters sometime during the Fall, 2008.

At the BOM, the IT Committee will consider the possibility of making email boxes available to TXSSAR officers and committee personnel within the TXSSAR.org cyberspace. For example, baker@txssar.org. Input from TXSSAR officers is requested. We will also look into the desirability of having a bulk mailing program for chapters and various TXSSAR committees wishing to send email to their members.

There are some fairly esoteric technical issues that I hope to discuss with the IT Committee, which could result in a sub-committee or two. One of the biggest technical questions to be discussed at some point in the next year or so is that of adding CGI (Common Gateway Interface) capability to TXSSAR.org. CGI can be used not only to disseminate information, as has been done with TXSSAR.org thus far, but also to gather information from users, such as meeting registration and even credit card payments. CGI programming adds an order of magnitude of complexity to web programming and will have to be carefully evaluated to determine whether sufficient benefit may accrue.