



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER #4 • TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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## SHARING THE NEWS ABOUT SAR

Our chapter has participated in several events this spring to highlight the events and life during the American Revolution. On April 10th, we participated in the 9th Annual History Fair at Frank Tejada Middle School. Members spoke on battles of their ancestors, the history of the American Flag, and soldiers and their uniforms, weapons and camp life. **(Photo at Top Right)**

On April 19th, we joined many civic and military organizations in the patriotic Pilgrimage to the Alamo where we placed our

Chapter Wreath on the Ceremonial Ground in front of the Alamo.

On April 24th, the Chapter led the Fiesta de Los Ninos Parade at the Port of San Antonio (formerly Kelly AFB) by carrying the Colors. Following the Parade, Compatriot Rene Villarreal's nephews — Omar and Andres Garza (grandsons of Compatriot Santos Villarreal) — were inducted to the SAR and our chapter. **(Photo at Bottom Right.)** Shown Left to Right: Rene Villarreal, Omar Garza, Santos Villarreal and Andres Garza.



## CHAPTER DONATES TEXAS SOCIETY "HISTORY & BIOGRAPHIES" TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Past President, and James Taylor, President-Elect, presented Boerne Public Library Director Kelly Skovbjerg a two Volume Set of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's "Society History, Biographies, Portraits and Genealogy" on Friday, June 4th. (See picture at right). Earlier in the morning, an additional Set was presented to Ms Vicki Layer, Principal of the Boerne Middle School, during the Teacher's In-Service Day Meeting for use in the school Library. Compatriot Taylor noted that the books maybe used to teach the 8th Grade students of Mr. Bryan Degner during their studies of American History. Compatriot Taylor remarked that Ms Jill Oxford (his step-daughter) invites him to speak to her students about genealogy and steps they can use to research their ancestors. A set of books were presented to the San Antonio Genealogical Society on June 19th at the First Families of San Antonio Luncheon.



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: Thank you to all of those who have made time to share our purposes with others. As of this writing, we have participated in 115 activities, which included over 550 compatriots and 80 Color Guard Members. We have had 13 New Compatriots approved for membership in 2010 so far. Fifteen other applications and supplementals are pending approval at the National Society. Compatriot George Harcourt was awarded the Patriots Medal, the highest award a member can receive for service at State or Chapter level. Our chapter's Enhanced JROTC Recipient, Cadet Stephanie Aviles from Cole High School, won the State Societies Competition and was nominated to the National Society. Our Chapter won TXXSAR's Outstanding Chapter Award and Americanism Award for the most activities in 2009. Other awards are listed on our Website. I encourage all of you to seek an avenue to become more active in our Chapter

events. We have numerous other events scheduled to appear before the public and speak about the Revolution and our Patriot Ancestors. Go to our website at "www.sarsast.org" and check out our calendar. We are still looking for volunteers to assist in the Veterans Affairs Volunteers Services Programs. Contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough if you want to serve a veteran. If you have served in the military, in peace or war, please let me know as we want to recognize your service in November during our Veterans Day Event.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the great line up of speakers that Compatriot Rueben Perez has assembled for our Chapter Meetings. **Please make your reservation through "reservations@sarsast.org" or by calling Compatriot John Dupree.**

We look forward to seeing you at the next Chapter Meeting in September. Have a safe and wonderful Summer with friends and family! Fraternally yours, *Peter Baron*

## CHAPTER RECOGNIZES ROTC AWARDEES

Our San Antonio Chapter recently finished the 2009-2010 school year ROTC program. This involved supporting 3 University ROTC units and 33 High School JROTC units by presenting the SAR ROTC medal and certificate to deserving cadets selected by their unit leaders. Compatriot Court-

land Snyder extended his deepest thanks at the June Chapter Meeting to those Compatriots participating with him in this year's the program. Presenter include: Harry Long, John Orr, Lee Oliver, Mike Boland, Gil Trevino, Stephen Rohrbough, George Harcourt, John Hollje, Rev. Dr. James

Schellenberg, Rev. James Taylor, Don Child, Ruben Perez, Ed Heath, Frank Rohrbough, Peter Baron, Ed Snyder and Jack Cowan. Other members are invited to join us next year when more awards will be made in 2011. Call Courtland Snyder, at 210-87-2032 if you want to participate in the Program.



Compatriot John Holje presenting JROTC Bronze Medal to Cadet Andrea Albrethsen of Claudia Taylor Johnson High School.



(Right) Crossing Guard Grace James at Thousand Oaks Elementary School, was awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Award for her 30 year of service. (Below) Compatriot Courtland Snyder and his son, Compatriot Edward, Snyder with Cadet Wixon, the winner of the first annual E. C. Snyder SAR Scholarship. Cadet Wixon is a member of the JROTC unit at LTC Karen Wagner High School. (Below Right) Chapter participates in Pilgrimage to the Alamo on April 19, 2010 and places wreath at Ceremonial Site in Front of the Alamo.



Cadet Stephanie Aviles from Cole High School, who is our **Outstanding JROTC Medal** Recipient in February, was announced by Ron Barker as the Texas Society's JROTC Scholarship Award Winner. President Peter Baron and Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough look on during the Award presentation at the State Convention on March 27th. She has been nominated to the National Society for national recognition.



President Baron serving popcorn to a Veteran at the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. Monies collected go into the VA Volunteer Services Fund for veterans recreation events held during the year.

**Compatriot Frank Rohrbough needs more Volunteers to operate a "Popcorn Concession" at the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital one day a week.** We can provide a community service by having 10 members commit to only one Friday each month. We need members to step up and volunteer their time as an "alternate". Please contact Compatriot Rohrbough at (830) 537-5452.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Round Table:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 1st Tuesday in June at 5 P.M.

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday in June (June 10) at 11:30 A.M.

**Chapter General Meeting:** Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday in June (June 16) at 11:30 A.M.

**July 4th Events:**

- Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service, Ft. San Houston National Cemetery, 10 A.M. (Assemble at 9:15 AM)
- Salute to the Union, Ft. Sam Houston Parade Field (Flag Pole), 11:45 AM (Assemble at 11:15 AM)

**Chapter Website:** [www.sarsat.org/](http://www.sarsat.org/)