



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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Compatriot James Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

March 24-27, 2011. San Antonio almost took every award in every category for a chapter in the 100-200 category of membership. Awards we did not win was due to the fact we were not eligible because we had won them the previous year. **The foremost of the Awards earned are as follows:** 1) the Outstanding Chapter Award for Excellence in all area; 2) the Americanism Award for exceptional programming and recognition; 3) John Bruce Stewart Jr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to Veterans, (Frank Rohrbough, Chairman); 4) The Enhanced JROTC Award for our nominee Chris Lamoureux (Courtland Synder, Chairmen); 5) The Eagle Scout Scholarship Award for our nominee Roland Salatino (Bob Brady, Chairmen); 6) The Texas Public Service Award for presenting all four Texas Service Medals; and 7) The Texas State George and Stella Knight Essay for our nominee Nicholas Hewgley. Other Awards included our nominees for the Texas C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) Essay Award Morgan McMillian in 3rd Place and Honorable mention Roland Salatino; for Second Place in Division #2 for the Ross Shipman Newsletter Award thanks to Compatriot Frank Rohrbough our Editor; for Second Place in the TXSSAR Yearbook Award thanks to Compatriot John Orr. We received Stars for Steamer's for the John K Harrell C.A.R. Activities and Competition awards and a Star for Steamer for TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award, (John Orr Chairmen). **On individual Compatriot Awards:** The Reverend Doctor James Taylor was awarded to highly prestigious Patriot Medal. Other Awards include: Stephen Rohrbough, State Meritorious Service Award; Ed Butler, Aide de Camp Pin; Peter Baron, the first ever TXSSAR Color Guardsmen of the Year Medal. TXSSAR Silver Service Medals were awarded by President Jim Jones to Rev James Taylor, Peter Baron, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough, and George Harcourt. Dual Member Joe Dooley, Genealogist General, received the TXSSAR Bronze Service Medal. These are outstanding awards, and recognize the work of individuals going above and beyond in their Service to San Antonio SAR and TXSSAR. Yet without all your support as compatriots serving on Chapter Committees and individual efforts of many members none of these thing would have happened. I congratulate each compatriot for your support.

Now we can't rest on our laurels. We need to show the rest of Texas and National Societies why we were chosen the Outstanding Chapter Award for Excellence. How can you help and what committee can you serve on? The possibilities are endless. You are critical for our success in 2011-2012. Have you made your plans to attend our Luncheon Meeting May 18, Last month Jeff Addcock, for St Mary's Anti-Terrorism School shared with us International and Anti-Terrorism Law which since allowed the United States to hunt down and kill Osuma Bin Ladin and other terrorist, in the War against Terrorism. See you on Wed 18 May.

Fraternally, James Taylor

## TXSSAR'S PATRIOT MEDAL RECIPIENTS

As noted above in President Taylor's Remarks above, the San Antonio Chapter was well recognized for its many accomplishments and activities throughout 2010. Much of this was through the strong leadership of President Peter Baron. His dedication and service to the members of this Chapter and the Texas Society SAR set a new performance high that will challenge others who will lead us in the years to come. Much of work was done by the officers and Committee Chairman of our Chapter who were well recognized by President Baron in December and January at the end of his term of service. The most significant Awards came at the State Society Convention. They have been noted above by President Taylor. However, of special note are two of the most distinguished Awards—The Patriot Medal and the newly established Color Guardsman of the Year Medal. The Patriot Medal is the highest Award given by a State Society or the National Society. It is presented only once to a deserving SAR member. Only one in 500 members are eligible to receive this Medal. Because the Texas Society has over 2,500 member (the largest of any State Society, it can award up to 5 of its Societies' most deserving members each year.

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Shown above are Patriot Award Recipients for 2011; from left to right are Compatriots James Mitchell, Stephen Lee, Peter McLellan, James Taylor and Dan Reed.

### Chapter Holds History Fair at Frank Tejada Middle School:

On April 2nd, we participated in the Annual School Fair speaking to interested students about Early American History and specifically about events of the American Revolution. More specifically, Compatriot Peter Baron focused on camp life and the personal articles used by the Militia and Continental Army in the 1770's. He spoke on a variety of subjects including the uniforms of the revolution and how they changed from the early years of the militia and the establishment of a standard uniform by General Wash-

ington during the winter encampment at Valley Forge in 1778. Compatriot Lewallen spoke on the Battle of King's Mountain and the unique characteristics of the flintlock rifle. (See **King's Mountain Article by Roland Salatino below**). The highlight of the program was the multiple firings of a replica of a 1770's British Musket (See **picture below**). Compatriots Taylor spoke on his ancestors role in the Battle of Concord while Compatriot Rohrbough spoke about Washington's Spies during the Revolution.



(Left to Right) Compatriots Kyle Lewallen (Son of Jay), Jay Lewallen (Grandson of Jay), Parker Lewallen (San Antonio de Bexar DAR, Chapter Registrar), James Taylor (President) and Frank Rohrbough at our new covered site on History Hill.

### AN EXCERPT ON "EVALUATION OF WEAPONS AND TACTICS IN THE BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN"

By Roland Salatino, San Antonio Chapter's Eagle Scout Award Recipient for 2010

A jewel often skimmed over or forgotten altogether in our classrooms and textbooks, the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780 "was of mighty portent. History has done scant justice to its significance, which rightly should place it beside Lexington and Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Yorktown, as one of the crucial engagements in our long struggle for independence." The momentous defeat of the British-led and supplied Loyalist forces at the hands of a coalition of Overmountain militiamen (Patriots) had an incredible result: the battle at Kings Mountain stopped the British from gathering together all the southern colonists who still remained loyal to the crown, forming a huge army and crushing the rebellious Patriots. The rag-tag amalgam of angry Patriots snagged victory from the Loyalists thanks to two primary things: the difference in guns, and the difference in how those guns were used. A weapon, of course, is only as good as the hands that carry it and the Loyalists, trained for open-field, firing squad tactics, were poorly suited to defending an elevated, rocky, flat-topped hill. The Patriots, on the other hand, were accustomed to hunting small, fleet-footed animals for food and hiding behind trees for cover as they fought off Indian raids. The Patriots learned to fire with frightening accuracy before swiftly finding cover behind rocks and trees to reload. The Patriots lived by their rifles and knew them well. They knew, for example, that when firing upward, they had to compensate for the natural tendency to under-shoot a target; the hill-defending Loyalists had little clue as to why their .75 caliber lead balls hurtled harmlessly over the heads of the oncoming Patriots. The Loyalist bayonet charges did pose a threat, but the colonists were able to rely on their considerable skill with tomahawks to hold their ground. In the end, the Patriots' use of the American long rifle and better woodland fighting tactics allowed them to overtake the mountain and kill British Major Patrick Ferguson, setting a history-changing cornerstone in the formation of our United States.

For more, see the full Essay on our SASAR Chapter Webpage. Roland won TXSSAR's Eagle Scout Award. (See Pg 3)



(Above) Compatriot Baron is shown here in one of many activities throughout the year. Here, he is demonstrating a Musket Firing at the Tejada Middle School History Fair on April 2, 2011.

## TXSSAR AWARDS (CONT'D)

The TXSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Medal was approved for award this year and is given to the TXSSAR Guardsman who is active in the TXSSAR Color Guard, participated in over half of its Chapters Color Guard Activities during the year and is sponsored by his Chapter President. A Chapter may only nominate one Guardsman each calendar year. We congratulate Com-

patriot Peter Baron on his selection by the Commander of the TXSSAR Color Guard Don Stone as the first recipient of this prestigious Award. (See picture at left.)

**JROTC Enhanced Award Winner:** Our own Chapter Award Winner, Cadet Chris Lamoureux, Junior, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, Texas, was selected as the TXSSAR JROTC Enhanced Award Winner.



## TXSSAR AWARDS (CONT'D)

**Chapter's Eagle Scout Scholarship Awardee Roland Salatino Wins TXSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Award:** One of the highlights of the Convention was our nominee Roland Salatino was selected for the TXSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Award. An Excerpt of his essay is provided on Pg 2 of this Newsletter; the full text is available for review on our Chapter Webpage. (See Picture At Right)



**Chapter Earns TXSSAR Americanism Award for Excellence:** The Americanism Award is the highest Award a Chapter can receive. It is awarded for exceptional programming and recognition. Immediate Past President Peter Baron accepted the award that was earned during his tenure. As the Best Chapter in the State, we were nominated to the National Society for consideration of this prestigious award.



(Above) Presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Roland Salatino is President Jim Jones and Chairman Charles Luna, Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. Looking on is Mr. H. Ross Perot, Recipient of the TXSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and Compatriot Peter Baron, Immediate Past President of San Antonio Chapter (President during 2010 when Roland received our Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Award.)

**Celebrates Its 81st Birthday:** At our April Chapter Meeting, President James C. Taylor led the celebration of the Chapter's 81st Birthday. Some of the Past Presidents attending who have contributed to the Chapters success since its founding on April 19, 1930 include: Harry Long (Mar 1988-Mar 1990), Joe Ware (Mar 1993-Mar 1995), Ed Butler (Mar 2002-Mar 2004), George Harcourt (Apr 2005-Dec 2005), David Bowles (Jan 2009-Jan 2010) and Peter Baron (Jan 2010-Jan 2011) and James Taylor (Jan 2011 to Present). Also, attending but not in the picture was Jimmie Massingill.



From left to right are: George Harcourt, Joe Ware, Ed Butler, Harry Long, James Taylor (Current President), Peter Baron, and David Bowles.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Round Table:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 1st Tuesday of each month. **Due to lack of participation this event has been cancelled until further notice.**

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Sonterra Blvd 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. (May 12 and June 9)

**Chapter General Meeting:** Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (May 18th and June 15th)

### Special Events:

- **May 26:** At 10 AM Memorial Service for Compatriot Perry Burnham at Main Chapel and Internment at 11:45 AM at National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston, All Members Invited.
- **May 29:** At 5 PM. Scouts of Greater San Antonio Area will Place US Flags by all Gravestones in National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston. SAR Color Guard will participate in Opening Ceremony.

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To learn more about our many Chapter events, go to our Chapter Webpage :

[www.sarsat.org](http://www.sarsat.org).