



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

San Antonio Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Compatriot James Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor Sep-Oct 2011



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Holiday Season is almost upon us, and our thoughts turn towards thankfulness. As Compatriots we are thankful that through God's graces, our nation was created. Our Patriot ancestors fought for freedom with many supporting a worthy cause and some making the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

Last Month while at the South Central District Meeting in Kansas City, Pat and I were given a tour of the World War I Museum. As you enter the Museum, you see a glass floor with a field of Poppies. Each represent 10,000 lives lost during the "War to end all Wars". It is a stark reminder that our freedom must be won continually and that there is a cost which is measured in human lives.

November 11th is our day to remember all who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Some of us will participate in the US Military Veterans Association Parade on Saturday, November 12th in San Antonio. As we experienced last year, parade goers will cheer our Color Guard as we march proudly carrying The American and Texas Flags. Once again, we will have a car for NSSAR Past President-General Ed Butler. It will be a day of pride to be an American and a veteran.

This Thanksgiving we are given the freedom to offer Thanks to God for His blessing on this Country, our State, and on each of us and our families. Pat and I wish you the Blessings of this Thankful Season.

*James C. Taylor*

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2012

President Taylor has appointed a Nominating Committee for the Chapter Officers for 2012. A call for candidates and nominations was published in a All Member Message on October 22nd. This Newsletter is official notification for upcoming nominations at the November and election of Officers at the December Chapter Meetings. To nominate candidates, contact Compatriot Peter Baron at [ptbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com) now.

## CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY FAIR

On October 8th, our Chapter participated again in the Harris Middle School History Faire. Joining us were 8 daughters from the San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter. Compatriot Jay Lewallen, our Education Programs Chairman, directed our efforts which caused students to visit our booth and seek answers to questions about events and activities of the Revolution. We addressed the students telling of events, clothing, camp life, uniforms and weapons of the Revolution.

Upon receiving her Martha Washington Medal, Fox stated "I am humbled and honored to have received this award. I will be wearing the medal with pride each time I put it on and cherish it always." **(More on Pg 2)**



**(Above)** For her efforts to bring great participation between the DAR and SAR, Compatriot Peter Baron, Past President, presented Daughter Gail Fox the SAR's Martha Washington Medal and Certificate. Gail is the Chairman for History Fairs and Registrar for the San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter. Looking on are Compatriots Stephen. Rohrbough, Jay. Lewallen, Hal Atkinson.

As part of our program, Compatriots Peter Baron explained the derivation of the Revolutionary Period uniforms and their weapons. A musket firing demonstration followed requiring some of the students to read out the firing commands for the musket firing.



**(Right)** Compatriots Peter Baron and Jay Lewallen demonstrate the weapons used in the American Revolution.



## FIRE SAFETY AWARDS

San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood has been a guest speaker to our Chapter for the past five years. He spoke of the recent fires in the San Antonio area and how busy they have been due to the drought conditions throughout Texas. He spoke on the challenges and the tasks associated with fighting these fires and protecting our community from such disasters. Following his remarks and some questions, President Taylor presented two awards. **(Middle Right) Chief Hood** was awarded the SAR's EMS Commendation Medal for improvements to patient care, increased apparatus, and decreased response times initiated under his leadership. **(Lower Right) Engineer Randy Ruston** was awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation for exemplary service as a field instructor. **(Top Right) Paramedic Joan Polk** was awarded the SAR EMS Commendation Medal, at the Harris MS History Faire on October 8th, for her 30+ years of service as an instructor to paramedic and EMT students. Compatriots H. Atkinson, S. Rohrbough & P. Baron look on.

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**(Left)** Judge Butler gave his presentation on "starting a search for one's ancestors". His remarks focused on researching family names through a variety of sources. **(Lower Left)** Compatriot Peter Baron tells how to document your family using a Pedigree Chart and using Ancestry.Com to research Census Records, Births, Death, Marriage Bonds, Wills, Deeds, Court Records.



## OPERATION GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Based on an Agreement between the National Society SAR and Ancestry.Com, Operation Genealogy Research was launched at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC last year Wounded Warriors. Through the dedicated leadership of Compatriot Edward F. Butler, Past President-General (2009-2010), NSSAR, the program was set up for Wounded Warriors and their families at Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio. With the stalwart support of Compatriot Peter Baron, our Chapter began our training programs in September at the Family Support Center at Ft. Sam Houston. Classes are conducted two times per month. Other compatriots are James Taylor, Frank Rohrbough, Jay Lewallen, John Orr and Peter Goebel.



Compatriot Tom Green, Past President of the Texas Society SAR, was our Guest Speaker at our September 21st Chapter Meeting. His well-known presentation on early American Revolutionary Flags has been given at many elementary and middle schools, historical events and programs sponsored by other SAR and DAR Chapters. We enjoyed hearing of the historical background on the flags used by many of the State Militias across Colonial America. **(Left)** Compatriot Green describes how the Betsy Ross Flag was designed and put into use during the early stages of our fight for Independence starting in 1775.

## GARCIA FAMILY INDUCTED

At our September Chapter Meeting, seven members of the Garcia Family were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution and the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society. Yolanda McKinney, a sister of the brothers, worked with Compatriot Tom Green to complete the applications for membership for her 5 brothers, 2 nephews and 1 grandnephew. Their patriot ancestors were sent by the King of Spain to Texas in 1731 from the Canary Islands. The family has a long history of military and civil service to our country. Nephew David Edward Garcia was in college and unable to attend.

Over 50 Chapter members, including our Chapter President, James C. Taylor, and Past President-General (2009-2010) Edward F, Butler, II, witnessed this event and personally welcomed each of these inductees into the National Society, the Texas Society and our local Chapter. This is the largest Family induction ever into our Chapter.

**(At Right)** Garcia inductees are from left to right - Jesus, Edward, Roger, Daniel Coronado, Daniel Bazan Sr., Daniel Bazan Jr (young boy standing in front of his father) and John Joseph). At left (in uniform) is Compatriot Tom Green, TXSSAR Past President who performed the Induction Ceremony; at right are Past President-General Edward Butler and Compatriot James Taylor, President, San Antonio Chapter SAR (in uniform).



## FRASIER FAMILY INDUCTION

On October 23rd Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Past President, San Antonio Chapter, conducted an Induction Ceremony for the Frasier Family. Three generations from Alfred Frasier to his son Jay Frasier and grandson Justin recently had their applications for membership approved. All were descendants of Patriot Ancestor Sherrod Simms (b. 1730) from North Carolina who took the Oath of Allegiance to the Patriotic Cause in 1778. The Frasier's reside in Marble Falls, TX. **(Left)** On Left is Alfred Frasier (Father) and on his Right is Jay Frasier (Son). Justin Frasier was unable to attend.

### ***Compatriot Earns 25 Year Pin***

Compatriot Edward F. Butler, II, was recognized by President James C. Taylor at the October 19th Chapter Meeting for his 25 years for dedicated service to Sons of the American Revolution. Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. is a retired U.S. Administrative Law Judge having served as Presiding Municipal Judge for South Padre Island, Texas. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law, and was a board certified civil trial lawyer before assuming full time duties on the bench. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1963. He served continuously in the Navy reserve for 27 years as a Naval Intelligence officer. He retired in 1990 as a Commander (O-5), with 35 years of military service.

Since his retirement in 1997, he has devoted a considerable amount of his time and energy to the Sons of the American Revolution, to include the San Antonio Chapter, the Texas Society and the National Society. Most recently during the year July 2009 to July 2010, he served as the President General of the National Society, a position that resulted in he and his wife Robin (who is with him today) traveling to many State Society's across the county and to France, Spain, Germany and England. In all, they traveled more than 80,000 miles or 3 times around the world.

Compatriot Butler is a frequent speaker on historical and genealogical topics, and is a regular contributor to national and state historical and genealogical society journals and magazines. He is the author of six books, three of which are on family history.

Judge Butler is an active member of the National Genealogical Society, the Texas Genealogical Society, and the San Antonio Historical and Genealogical Society. Judge Butler's special interest in Spain's assistance to the colonists during the American Revolutionary War has drawn the attention of many Texians to learn more about "Texas' Connection to the American Revolution".



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS**

**Chapter Business Meetings:** Lion & Rose Pub, Sonterra Blvd 410, usually held on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M (**next Meetings are on November 10th and December 8th.**)

**Chapter General Meeting:** Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (**Next Meetings will be held on November 16th and December 14th.**)

#### **Special Events:**

- **Operation Ancestry Research,** November 9th (Wed) & 17th (Th), 1 PM at BAMC Wounded Warrior Family Support Center.

- **Operation Ancestry Research,** Two other training dates will be set up in December at 1 PM.
- **US Military Veterans Association Parade,** November 12th (Saturday) 11 AM Assemble in Section E Position 7, Parade starts at Noon.
- **Christmas Decorations:** December 2nd (Friday), 8-10 AM. Set up Christmas decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio.
- **Joint DAR/SAR.CAR Holiday Luncheon,** Dec 3rd (Saturday) San Antonio Country Club, 11

AM, Reservations required.

- **Wreaths Across America,** December 10th (Saturday), 11 AM, National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston. Our Chapter Color Guard will participate in the Opening ceremony. Come join us for this event honoring our fallen veterans.

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