



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot James Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough,

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## PRESIDENT'S OUTGOING MESSAGE

This is my last newsletter communication to you, the best chapter members in SAR. This was proved by the many outstanding awards and accolades that we received from State and National. We received the top awards in Americanism, Veterans Service and were chosen as the best Chapter in the

National SAR. These accomplishments are your efforts and endeavor on behalf of our SAR. It's time for me to give the Gavel to our new Chapter President, Ed Heath and know that you will give him the same support that you have given me.

The new year is upon us and we can't rely on last year's actions. Now is the time for each of us to make our resolutions to support and be active members of our SAR. Many Committee and position need your support. I thank each of you for making 2011 a great year.

*James C. Taylor*

## US MILITARY VETERANS PARADE

On November 12th, the San Antonio Chapter again participated in the Annual US Military Veterans Parade Association's Parade in San Antonio. This parade celebrates the contributions made by currently serving active duty members and thanks veterans for their service to this great country.

**(Photo at Right)** Shown from left to right are SASAR participants James Taylor (Chapter President), Edward F. Butler (Past-General NSSAR), and Compatriots Bud Davenport (JROTC Chairman) and Stephen Rohrbough (Past-President).



## NEW SAR-DAR YOUTH AWARD

Our chapter's Education Committee implemented an Essay Contest for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. It was patterned after national SAR essay contests, suitably simplified for the middle school student, but offering experience that will encourage entry into our traditional essay contests for high school students. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade was targeted because in the State of Texas this is the grade where the American Revolution is introduced, by law. To broaden the support base of the contest, we invited the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of DAR to join us in sponsoring and funding the contest. They accepted and certainly made an excellent contribution.

To gain some experience with the contest, we selected Harris Middle School because the school has for many years included SAR in their Annual History Faire. We coupled the timing of the contest to (1) the month in which the American Revolution was (Cont'd on Pg 2)



Shown above is Lance Campbell receiving his First Place Award. From right to left are: Compatriot Jay Lewallen (SASAR Education Chairman), Lance Campbell, Mary Eck (Regent, San Antonio de Bexar Chapter) and Lance's parents.

## SAR-DAR YOUTH AWARD

being taught and (2) the month of the History Faire. This approach allows our SAR participants to meet one-on-one with the students and discuss topics they have selected for their essay. Award winners include:

- **First place** went to **Lance Campbell** for an essay entitled: "Ranging . . . A New Type of Warfare."
- **Second place** went to **Elizabeth Pilotte** for an essay entitled: "John Trumbull: A Revolutionary War Artist".
- **Third place** went to **Sofia N. Lopez** for an essay entitled: "Hidden Heroine Heroism".

Lance Campbell has already been recognized and honored, with his family, at our annual DAR/SAR Christmas Luncheon December 3, 2011 at the San Antonio Country Club.

All the winners will be recognized and honored at Harris Middle School, during the annual Choir Program on February 23, 2012.

The next contest is being planned for Tejeda Middle School in the Spring, using approximate the same procedure. Tejeda is the only other local school sponsoring an annual History Faire, to which we have been invited. After absorbing "lessons learned" from these experiences with Harris and Tejeda, we may decide to expand the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Essay Contest to other local schools next year.

## OFFICERS FOR 2012:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 14th Chapter Meeting:

**President:** Ed Heath

**1st Vice President:** James Taylor

**2nd Vice President:** Bud Davenport

**Recording Secretary:** Bob Brady

**Corresponding Secretary:** Frank Rohrbough

**Sergeant at Arms:** Frank Rohrbough

**Treasurer:** Bob Clark

**Registrar:** Bob Clark

**Historian:** Jim Massingill

**Chaplain:** James Taylor

**Genealogist:** James Taylor

## JOINT SAR-DAR-CAR CHRISTMAS

The joint meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 3rd at the San Antonio Country Club.

Regent Mary Eck was our hostess for the annual events that was well attended. The Joint DAR-SAR Youth Award noted on pages 1-2 was front and center for our program this year. Shown are SAR Members and ladies.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**Chapter Business Meeting:** Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M. (Jan 12th)

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

### Special Events:

- **Operation Ancestry Research,** Two other training dates will be set up in December at 1 PM.

- **Remove Christmas Decorations:** Take down Christmas decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio, 8-10 AM, January 3rd.

- **Reception for President Marrs:** Hosted by George Harcourt at his home and a No-Host Dinner at The Silo Restaurant, Jan 17th at 6 PM; dinner at 7:30 PM.

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