



# The San Antonio Compatriot

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

FEBRUARY 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Compatriots:

Thank you for your vote of confidence allowing me to serve as your chapter President for 2007. I am honored to serve and will work to serve the best interests of the Chapter.

We have a lot work ahead of us and the biggest challenge this year is that of being the Host Chapter for the annual meeting of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel. I extend my heartiest thanks to those members, and their wives, who have responded to the call to serve on our committees. We need more volunteers to serve on our committees. If you have not yet signed up, please call Compatriot George Harcourt at (210) 822-1960. All are welcome to join our State Convention Planning Committee that meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM at George Harcourt's office at 40 NE Loop 410 Suite 607 - that's the Mercantile Building that has the Wells Fargo & Bank of Laredo as tenants. It is directly south across Loop 410 from DoubleTree Hotel. Most importantly, **we need donations for the Silent**

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## GEO. WASHINGTON ADDRESSES THE CHAPTER

MARK COLLINS TO ENTERTAIN AND EDUCATE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

STATE CONVENTION ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY

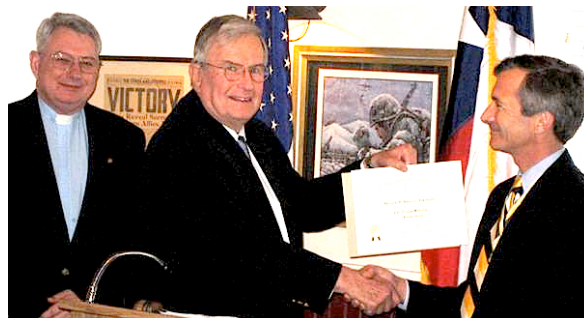
The speaker at the February meeting will be Mark Collins who portrays General George Washington. Mr. Collins has addressed our chapter before and returns due to popular demand. Recently he had the role of General Washington in the 13-part documentary titled "The Revolution" on the History Channel.

The chapter calendar of events is on page four. It covers February through April of 2007. Please note the March chapter luncheon will be held in conjunction with the State Convention. It will be on Saturday March 24th at the Doubletree hotel - a departure in time and place from our normal meetings. This is an event you don't want to miss. The registration form for the event is in this newsletter.

Chapter members (and some Compatriots from the Boerne chapter) are volunteering for positions to help with the 2007 convention. Please lend a hand - you will have fun and your assistance will be appreciated.

## JANUARY'S GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING

At our January meeting the newly elected officers were sworn into office. Tweed Scott was warmly received as he delivered his presentation in such a way the chapter was asking for more. If you missed him you might want to buy his book [online](#), he sold out at the meeting.



At left is Chaplain James Taylor, Harold Atkinson and past President Dogan Perese presenting the certificate to the newly inducted Compatriot.

## WASHINGTON AT MT VERNON

After the revolutionary war ended and General Washington resigned his commission he looked forward to the relaxed atmosphere of Mt Vernon. He would work, rest and enjoy the life of the country squire with Martha. He had served with no salary however he was reimbursed for his expenses.

On his arrival at Mt Vernon admiring visitors started showing up at his door. With the stream of guests so unrelenting that a year and a half passed [550 days] before he and Martha could dine alone. Visitors were always invited to dine with them and spend the night. There were politicians, painters, foreigners, soldiers that he had served with, all of the famous names of the time etc. He wrote the names in his squire's diary. It was a steady stream and at times he had to buy cattle and other food items because Mt Vernon could not produce enough to feed them.

The costs were outrunning his income & financial situation became precarious. He was land wealthy but cash poor. He rejected a plan by officials of Pennsylvania to petition the Continental Congress for money on his behalf. He made a greater sacrifice by turning down grants of land that congress was awarding other Revolutionary War veterans.

When asked to serve as Americas first president he again refused to accept pay but would accept an expense account to cover his living expenses and entertaining that had become a burden.

As he was preparing for his trip to New York he applied for a loan of on thousand pounds to pay off his debts and was refused. He appealed to an acquaintance for 5 hundred pounds and stopped in Philadelphia to see financier Robert Morris for the remainder. Morris had established the first US Bank with capital of four hundred thousand dollars; fifty thousand of his own money.

When he reached New York for his inauguration he must have been relieved that this burden was lifted. However he could not have imagined the rough road ahead as the first President of the United States.

Jim Massingill Historian, San Antonio Chapter Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Historical vignette presented at the January 2007 chapter meeting

## FEBRUARY'S SPEAKER

Mark Collins, who has long white hair and a remarkable facial appearance and profile resembling that of George Washington's, has given numerous presentations all over Central and South Texas,

portraying the first president.

In his programs, Collins likes to reflect on what he describes as the spiritual attributes of the first president that have

made this nation what it is today.

[See the entire article by Curtis E. Burton in the Wilson County News.](#)

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**GENEALOGY SEMINAR AT STATE CONVENTION**

Plan now to attend the Texas Sons of the American Revolution Genealogy Seminar in San Antonio that is part of the annual TXSSAR convention in March 2007. The seminar will be held on Thursday, March 22nd. The speakers are Harry and Mary Alice Dell who have dedicated the past 14 years to genealogical pursuits from their home in Boerne. They have researched their ancestors and those of others in over 150 libraries, scores of court houses, and more graveyards than they can remember. The seminar will be in the Doubletree Hotel, the convention hotel, and the special convention room rates will apply. Cost of the seminar is only \$35.00. A syllabus will be provided for all registrants. For further information contact Judge Ed Butler, NSSAR Chancellor General, acting chairman for this event, at [judge58@aol.com](mailto:judge58@aol.com) or at 210-698-8964.

**PREVIOUS ISSUES HAVE FEATURED ALL OF THE TOPICS:**

THE MARCH 2007 WILL BE AN EMAILED NEWSLETTER

SEE THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS IN COLOR - GO TO THE [WEB SITE](#)

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**W E B S I T E S**

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**SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO  
CHAPTER COMPATRIOT**

This month's Spotlight Compatriot is a native of Mississippi who attended prep school at the Marion Institute. At 17 he joined the Army parachute troops - the 11th Airborne and with them saw action in the Pacific, Philippines and the Japanese occupation. Upon returning home he went to Old Miss where he married his wife, now of 59 years. They had a daughter who provided three grandchildren - and now 2 great-grandsons. The family went to west Texas as our Compatriot was employed by Humble Oil and Refining Company. Following that they moved to Corpus Christi where our man worked as a consultant in the oil business. Then it was to Washington, D.C. where he was the Assistant Executive Director of the American Geology In-

stitute. In the years 1971 - 1986 he was at the University of Texas in Austin, retiring as the assistant vice-president of research. From that post he became President of Live Oak Energy - which he later sold; yet to this day remains active every business day as a petroleum consultant. His motto is, "the older I get the more I charge". He was appointed by Billy Clayton to the Texas Committee on Marine and Coastal Commission dealing with international protocols of oil and gas and international boundaries. His father was SAR and his mother was SAR. He has served as the president of the Patrick Henry chapter, editor of the TXSSAR publication, TXSSAR vice president and TXSSAR president. Beyond those offices he has been the President of Colonial Wars, Governor of the San Antonio Colony of the Mayflower, founding president of the San Antonio chapter of the Sons of the Confederacy, Governor of the San Antonio Company of the Jamestown Society. He and his wife are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. They look forward to seeing you at the TXSSAR convention in March (the last time the state convention was held in San Antonio our spotlight compatriot was the chairman!)

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**L U N C H E O N R E S E R V A T I O N S**

All compatriots who plan to attend Chapter Meetings on a regular basis are invited to add their names to the Standing Reservation List. To do so, contact Compatriot Jay Higginson by calling (210) 666-3321 and Cell (210) 884-6900 or e-mail him at [jhigginson@aol.com](mailto:jhigginson@aol.com)

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE FRIDAY THE 23RD OF FEBRUARY.**

*The Standing Reservation List shown below shows those members who have agreed to routinely attend our regular Chapter Meetings and have a meal reserved for them. Members on the Standing Reservation List who will not attend an upcoming meeting must notify Compatriot Jay Higginson in advance of the meeting so they will not be charged for the meal.*

CLARENCE BELL, DAVID BOWLES, JUDGE ED BUTLER, HERMANN EDWARDS, JERRY FULENWIDER, ROBERT GALLATIN, GEORGE HARCOURT, ED HEATH, JAY HIGGINSON, JOHN HOLLJE, PHILIPS C HUCK, JOHN KNOBELSDORF, HARRY LONG, JIM MASSINGILL, JOHN ORR, DOGAN PERESE, TOMMY RICHARDSON, FRANK ROHRBOUGH, STEPHEN ROHRBOUGH, JOHN ROTHERMEL, ED SNYDER, COURTLAND SNYDER, BRAD STEPHENSON, MAX STROZIER, CHAPLAIN JAMES TAYLOR, JOE WARE

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# C H A P T E R ~ R E P O R T S

## V E T E R A N S / M I L I T A R Y

In January 67 magazines were delivered to Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. Please continue to bring books and magazines to the EC and general meetings. The donations are truly appreciated by the Veterans, see the letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs in this newsletter.

### E X E C U T I V E C O M M I T T E E

The meeting was held on January 17th. Compatriots present were: Courtland Snyder, Stephen Rohrbough, Ed Heath, Brad Stephenson, Joe Ware, David Bowles, Harry Long, Jim Massingill, George Harcourt and the chapter president presiding - Frank Rhorbough.

### W E B M A S T E R

This month's report will continue the introduction of the various pages in our website.

Next on the list is the **Chapter By-Laws Page** which is a very brief page unto itself, but which contains a link to a seven page copy of the Fourth Amended By-Laws which may be viewed and printed using Adobe Reader. There is also a link which may be used to go to the Adobe Website to obtain a copy of Adobe Reader, if you do not already have a copy.

The **Membership Page** provides information about, what else (?), Membership. The SAR Membership Application form is available for use. There is some supplemental membership information, and there is a link to the NSSAR Genealogy website where additional genealogical assistance can be obtained.

The **Annual Report to State Page** is an important page which provides instruction and guidance to Chapter officers and committee chairmen for preparation of the Annual Report the local Chapter must submit to the State Chapter.

The **Newsletters Page** has links to all of the current year, and some of the prior year Newsletters. If you need to read or print a copy of the current month, or an earlier issue, it is available here.

Now for **BIG** news! The **Photo Gallery Page** has finally come to life, thanks to the assistance of a prospective Compatriot, Max Strozier. Photos from Chapter Meetings and other Events are available using specific links to the Meeting or Event of interest.

The **Memorials Page** is working and available for posting Memorial Resolutions prepared by Member Compatriots in honor and memory of their fellow Compatriots. At the moment, there are no postings.

The **Links to Related Sites Page** does what it suggests, and provides links to various Social Society, Governmental, Library, General Genealogy, and Commercial websites that contain interesting and helpful information related to our function.

And last, but certainly not least, the all important **2007 State Meeting Pages** have been enhanced with a copy of George Harcourt's first copy draft of the Agenda for the meeting.

I'll see you next month.

*John Knobelsdorf*, [Webmaster](#)

### C O M P A T R I O T O B I T U A R Y

Calvin Marion Inman, born July 25, 1924 in Numa, Iowa, passed away January 27, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Miles and Cleo Inman, and two sisters, Agnes Semroska and Margaret Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Mary Hollan Inman; also three nieces and four nephews and their spouses: Milesa and Sam Quraini, Brenda and Lynn Davis, Jana and John Eng, Dan and Mary Johnson, Roger and Kitty Johnson, Brad and Brenda Johnson, Jeff and Connie Johnson; seventeen great-nieces and nephews; several cousins, and many dear friends. At an early age Cal moved with his parents to Ardmore, South Dakota where he grew up and graduated from high school with the Class of 1942. His college education at South Dakota State was interrupted by World War II. He served for almost three years in the South Pacific and occupation of Japan with the 24th Division, 13th Field Artillery. After his discharge, he returned to college and received his BA degree with the Class of 1950. Later that spring he headed for Texas. His first job was with Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. He also worked a number of years for National Life and Accident Insurance Company before beginning the teaching career he loved. He taught journalism and was sponsor of the school yearbook and newspaper at Holmes High School in the Northside ISD for 21 years. Cal and Mary loved to travel and were able to visit most of the places in the world they wanted to see. They built a cabin in the Black Hills of South Dakota near Mt. Rushmore and spent at least a part of every summer there. SERVICE A memorial service will be held at Mission Park North Chapel - 3401 Cherry Ridge in San Antonio on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 3:00 PM. Another service will be held at McColley Chapel of the Hills in Hot Springs, South Dakota on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cal's favorite charity, The Smile Train, at 245 Fifth Ave. Suite 2201, New York, NY 10016 ([www.SmileTrain.org](http://www.SmileTrain.org)) or to the charity of your choice. Mission Park Funeral Chapels North



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THE SPOTLIGHT COMPATRIOT IS: ROSS L. SHIPMAN



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

**FEBRUARY 28TH**  
LUNCH • BARN DOOR  
11:30 A.M. • \$17

**SPEAKER MARK COLLINS**

**MARCH 24TH • SATURDAY**

LUNCH • **DOUBLETREE HOTEL**  
11:30 A.M. • \$25

**STATE MEETING LUNCH**

**ORATION CONTEST**

**ROTC AWARDS**

**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

**& MUCH MORE**

**APRIL 25TH • WEDNESDAY**

LUNCH • BARN DOOR  
11:30 A.M. • \$17

**SPEAKER TBA**

### EC MEETINGS

**ALL MEETINGS AT 11:30 AM**

**FEBRUARY 15TH - THURSDAY**

**MARCH 15TH - THURSDAY**

**APRIL 19TH - THURSDAY**

**GOLDEN CORRAL IH10 WEST**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

## MEETINGS ON THE HORIZON

DATES/MEETING TYPE	CHAPTER	LOCATION
2007 STATE CONFERENCE 23-25 MARCH 2007	SAN ANTONIO	<a href="#">DOUBLETREE HOTEL SAN ANTONIO</a>
2007 August BOM	Boerne	<a href="#">Tapatio Springs Resort</a>
2007 October BOM	Plano- McKinney	<a href="#">Southfork Hotel, Plano</a>
2008 State Conference	K. M. VanZandt	Fort Worth

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CONTINUED

**Auction.** If you have items to donate or would like to make a cash contribution, contact me at (830) 537-5452.

I am eager to bring you an upbeat Chapter Meeting with enlightening speakers, joint events with local DAR Chapters, an active Color Guard program and other activities that remember historic and patriotic events. Some of these events include the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 17, the march to the Alamo in April, the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Jamestown in May, Flag day ceremonies at the Quadrangle at Ft. Sam Houston, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations at Ft. Sam Houston, the Battle of Medina in August and festivals & parades in Boerne and New Braunfels, as well as several Naturalization Ceremonies for new Citizens.

If you have suggestions or recommendations regarding Chapter activities, please let me hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Barn Door Restaurant. We are delighted to have Mark Collins, who portrayed General George Washington in the recent televised series entitled "The American Revolution" which aired on the History Channel in 2006.

Fraternally yours, *Frank Rohrbough*







DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
South Texas Veterans Health Care System  
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December 22, 2006

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In Reply Refer To:

- GEORGE HARCOURT  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
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Dear Mr. Harcourt:

Thank you for your recent donation of books. They were distributed to veterans at the Audie L. Murphy Division, South Texas Veterans Health Care System.

The books are appreciated and enjoyed by inpatients looking to relieve the anxiety often caused by hospitalization, and outpatients filling time between appointments and testing. We rely upon individuals and organizations to supply us with a variety of books and magazines. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Nick Villanueva  
Acting Chief, Voluntary Service



**MARCH CHAPTER MEETING  
AT 11:30 AM SATURDAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
37 NE LOOP 410**



MEAL COST IS \$25  
CHOICE OF CHICKEN OR SALMON

REGISTRATION TO CONVENTION IS **NOT** REQUIRED

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT **IN ADVANCE** ARE REQUIRED  
USE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT PRIOR TO **MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**STANDING RESERVATION LIST WILL NOT BE USED FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**NO CALLED IN RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

SEE THE STATE COLOR GUARD PRESENT THE COLORS  
ENJOY THE ORATION CONTEST FINALISTS AS THEY PRESENT  
THEIR WORK WITH PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM.

APPLAUD THE OUTSTANDING ROTC MEDAL RECIPIENT  
HONOR THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD WINNER

AND MORE

**YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY EVENING GALA BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF THE STATE PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS. YOU DO NOT NEED BE A CONVENTION REGISTRANT. ADVANCE RESERVATION FOR THE BANQUET IS REQUIRED. COCKTAILS AT 6:30, DINNER & PROGRAM FOLLOWING. EVENING ATTIRE.**

Please send this completed form and your check for the meals – as indicated in the table below - payable to TXSSAR 2007  
to: **Dogan A. Perese - 124 W. Fair Oaks Place - San Antonio - TX - 78209**

Name:	Spouse/Guest:
Street Address:	Contact Phone:
City, State, Zip:	Email:

FUNCTION MEAL CHOICE	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST PER PERSON	TOTAL COST
Saturday Luncheon Chicken:		@ \$25.00:	
Saturday Luncheon Salmon:		@ \$25.00:	
Saturday Gala Dinner Chicken:		@ \$32.00:	
Saturday Gala Dinner Sirloin:		@ \$32.00:	
		Check Total:	\$