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Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

Next Meeting
April 13, 2013
11:30 a. m. at
On the River Restaurant

Speaker
TXSSAR President
Stephen Rohrbough

Biographical Sketch

President Stephen Rohrbough, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution joined the SAR on June 5, 1996 and is a member of San Antonio Chapter.

Personal History: He was born to military parents at Middletown Army Air Corps Depot, Harrisburg PA, He was the first of twin boys (Frank), and 8 years later a brother Leonard living in LA.

He attended 12 schools in 12 years and went to 5 high schools, graduating St. Louis HS, HI -1957

He attended catholic parochial schools when available and was in JROTC programs at three high schools (Central Catholic in SA, Las Vegas HS in Las Vegas NV, and St Louis HS, HI)

He attended Texas A&M College 1957 - 1961, was in the Corps of Cadets, and received a Bachelors' Degree in Economics and a Commission in the U.S. Air Force in August 1961.

Military Service: He entered the US Air Force following his fathers' footsteps of military service on Aug 20, 1961.

He served for 28 years with assignments at Base level four (4) times

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including one (1) in Newfoundland Canada and one (1) in SE Asia (Thailand), at Major Air Command level three (3) times, at the HQ USAF (Air Staff) level 3 times, and Department of Defense once. He and his wife moved 28 times and retired in San Antonio, TX on September 1, 1989 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

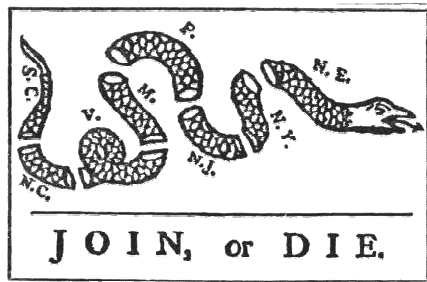
He had a distinguished career being awarded numerous Service Medals, including the Defense Meritorious Medal, Ribbons, and Citations. (He was awarded the National Defense Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLCs, Vietnam Service Medal with four service stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Palm Cross, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation with 1 OLC and Service Long Tour Ribbon with 1 OLC, an Air Force Overseas Service Short Tour Ribbon, and other service Medals and Awards.)

Married: He married Marie McGuire on Dec 26, 1964, they have two children - a daughter Bridget (a DAR member) living in Baltimore, MD and a son Patrick (married) living in Leander, TX.

NSSAR Service: Served in SAR as San Antonio Chapter President 1998-2000, District Vice President 2003-2004, Vice-President, Americanism, Contests Medals & Awards -2006-2011, TXSSAR Staff Secretary 2011-2012, and President Elect 2012-2013 (present position). He initiated the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest leading it through

development, funding, and implementation 2000-2002.

He has received many SAR Medals for his continuous and outstanding service to the TXSSAR Society, including the Patriot Medal in March 2005 and the SAR Distinguish Service Medal in March 21, 2009 by President Harry Fife.



Veterans Day Parade 2013

2013 is the year that the City of Lake Jackson will host the Veterans Day Parade (Monday, November 11). Therefore, maximum participation will be required in order to make the event successful. The initial Parade committee, consisting of key City individuals and community leaders, will be held on April 9th at 7 p.m. at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Each subsequent meeting is scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month (same place and same time) and will continue through October, 2013. Each participating organization should have a representative present. We need a volunteer to represent the Cradle of Texas Chapter.



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 March 9, 2013

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. at Scott's BBQ in West Columbia. George Easterling led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. Bill Sanders gave the invocation.

The February 2013 Minutes were approved.

Arthur Evans provided the Treasurer's Report showing General Fund balance of \$4,380.56 as of 1/31/2013 and no expenditures during February. Including the McAlexander Fund of \$833.00 the balance remains \$5,263.56.



Left to Right: Pres. Michael Bailey, Vice-Pres. Donald Mudd, Major General John H. Bailey, II

Vice President Donald Mudd introduced Major General John H. Bailey, II of The Bailey Military Institute of Houston. General Bailey shared he military experience, having risen "from Private in the Regular Army to Major General in the Texas State Guard. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam,

one as a Paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division and one as a Fixed Wing Aviator with the 1st Aviation Brigade and was decorated for heroism three times in 1968. General Bailey is an Army Officer Candidate School Graduate. ¹ The story of his life, Up From The Fields by John H. Bailey has been published by Abbott Press, see <http://upfromthefields.webs.com>. The mission of The Bailey Military Institute is to foster a dynamic educational environment that encourages success and spiritual growth through innovative initiatives and leadership concepts within a diverse society. The Institute works primarily with disadvantaged and at-risk junior high and high school students. We are proud that Lt. Col. Donald Mudd is on the faculty.

Frank Seidule attended the February 22-23 Washington's Birthday Celebration and Parade in Laredo in addition to ten (10) other SAR color guards. Frank reported that most of the SAR attendees were new compatriots that he had not seen there before.

Arnold Seidule reported that as a result of the poor weather at the Brazoria Heritage Society celebration of Texas Independence on March 2nd the attendance was very low and the parade was canceled.

President Michael Bailey reported the sad, sudden passing of Sue Dart's daughter, Melinda Maxwell Rodriguez, on March 4th in LaMarque. He noted that Texas Navy Day will be celebrated at Surfside on September 15th. Also,

proposed changes to the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws will be considered at the Annual Spring Convention in Dallas at the Wyndam hotel on April 4-7.

Bill Sanders noted that our chapter provided the Color Guard for the Wharton DAR chapter's Good Citizenship Awards. Five students from five Wharton County high schools were honored. Bill presented four (4) new El Campo Eagle Scouts with SAR Certificates of Recognition during their Court of Honor. The scouts are Hunter Herta, Charles Powers, Garrett Hunter and Joshua Kulhanek. Additionally, Bill updated us on his efforts with the Louise cemetery as well as the seven (7) SAR applications that he is working on.

Doc Rice said that the TXSSAR Knight Essay Contest has been completed and the winning student submitted an excellent essay. However, there were only fourteen chapters in the state that had contestants.

The SAR recessional was led by President Bailey, followed by the benediction by Bill Sanders.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. and encouraged members to attend the DAR Good Citizenship Awards where our Color Guard Members will present the Colors.



¹ <http://www.baileymilitaryinstitute.org/nameof.htm>

Members Present -Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Michael Bailey, Donald Mudd, Tom Mudd, George Easterling, Chuck Bernard, Chris Wendel, Doc Rice and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Kay Mudd, Jackie House, Judy Bernard and Connie Avera.

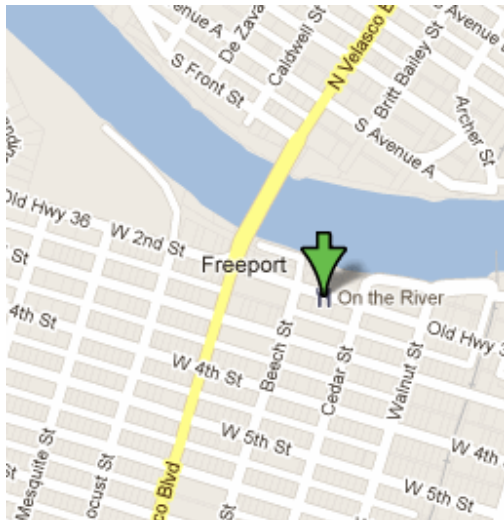
The next meeting will be April 13th in Freeport at On the River Restaurant, 919 W. 2nd Street. TXSSAR President Steve Rohrbough will be our guest and speaker.

Next Meeting

On the River Restaurant and Catering

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