



# The San Antonio Compatriot

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

OCTOBER 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Compatriots:*

Well summer has passed and we are in cooler weather and our monthly chapter meetings have resumed.

Compatriot Ed Butler was elected a Treasurer General at the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Meeting in Williamsburg, VA in July. Congratulations, Ed, for serving again in a national office and for your service to all Compatriots of SAR. By your service, you bring special recognition to the Texas Society and the San Antonio Chapter of SAR.

We have a series of Chapter Meetings with some wonderful speakers lined up by Compatriot David Bowles. In September Colonel Kenneth Allard, a retired army colonel, and well-known commentator on international security issues spoke to us. The speaker for October will be San Antonio Fire Chief Charles N. Hood. In November Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office will speak to us. In December we will have two meetings - one with the DAR and one to vote for the 2008 officers.

Please bring your wife or a guest and enjoy some wonderful dining, dynamic speakers and the camaraderie of your compatriots at our chapter meetings. **You must make your reservation with Jay Higginson by the Monday preceding the meeting at (210) 658-6351 or [Jhigginson@satx.rr.com](mailto:Jhigginson@satx.rr.com)**

Our next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. at the Lion and Rose English Pub at Blanco and Loop 410 (across from Denny's). Members wishing to attend are welcome.

Compatriotly,

*Frank Rohrbough*

## FIRE CHIEF HOOD TO ADDRESS CHAPTER ON OCTOBER 24TH

City Manager Sheryl Sculley has selected Charles N. Hood as San Antonio's new Fire Chief. Hood began leading the City's 1,590-member Fire Department in April 2007. As Fire Chief, Hood will be responsible for developing strategic policies and providing the highest level of fire and emergency services to the community's 1.3 million residents.



Hood holds a Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Management from Ottawa University. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Texas A&M University – College Station, Texas, in the national Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center.



"It is an honor and privilege to accept the position of Fire Chief for the City of San Antonio and I look forward to the unique opportunity of returning to my family roots in Texas," said Hood. "I am committed to providing leadership to the proud and brave members of San Antonio's rapidly growing metropolitan fire department and my priority will be to provide the community with the finest fire/life safety services available."

There will be an awards presentation ceremony as part of the program.

## NEW LOCATION FOR CHAPTER MEETINGS

We have a new venue for our chapter meetings - Aldino's at the Vineyard. The September meeting was a great success with some thirty six people attending. The food got super reviews as did the service from the staff. The move was made based on desires of the membership for a location appropriate to our organization. The executive committee visited several alternatives and chose Aldino's at the Vineyard based on the survey results and a test meeting in the private room. The menu, fish, chicken, beef, will change for each meeting - a multi course meal is served including freshly baked bread, green salad, main dish with vegetables, dessert and drink. See page two for map and street address.

## SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Chapter Historian, Jim Massingill delivered an interesting vignette on Thomas Heyward, Jr., An aristocratic planter, lawyer, and jurist, who sat in the State legislature and the Continental Congress and commanded a militia battalion. He was one of the three South Carolina signers of the Declaration captured and imprisoned by the British. The text of the talk and photos will be posted on our website and will also appear in the November newsletter.



Kenneth Allard, a former army colonel, is a well-known commentator on international security issues. He is featured as a military analyst with MSNBC and NBC News and is a regular columnist for MSNBC.com, his column appears in the San Antonio Express News. Ken Allard is a popular speaker, on military affairs, terrorism, global politics and military lessons for business. Colonel Allard spoke to us about patriotism, that of our ancestors and of people today in the context of world events and threats to our nation and our American way of life. Photo at left: President Rohrbough presents San Antonio special 2007 commemorative glasses to Col. Allard.

Our chapter welcomed five new compatriots, four of whom were present, into the Sons of the American Revolution. In photo at right: front left, Rueben Perez, front right, John Baines, rear left, Lee Oliver, rear right, Charles Rogers and center, chapter president Rohrbough installing the new compatriots. George Perez was represented by his sister (also sister of compatriot Rueben Perez). Following the installation each new compatriot presented a short summary of his patriot ancestor, with George Perez's history presented by his sister. All new compatriots were presented with sets of the special 2007 San Antonio commemorative glasses and welcomed into the chapter as chapter members came forward to personally welcome them with a kind word and a warm handshake.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

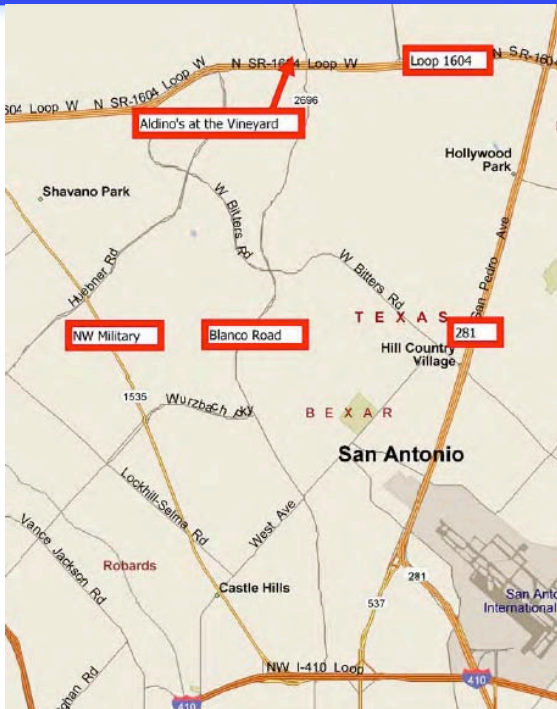
This is a briefer than normal newsletter. The November issue will bring you all the information for the coming three months as well as what has occurred over the last four months. Check our [web site](http://www.sarsat.org) for the latest in happenings and developments - it is always up to date (thanks to web master Max Strozier). Visit the web site today: <http://sarsat.org/>

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Aldino's at the Vineyard is the location of our chapter meetings. 1203 NW Loop 1604 at Blanco 210.340.0000

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

**OCTOBER 24TH • WEDNESDAY**  
**LUNCH • ALDINO'S AT THE VINEYARD**  
**11:30 A.M. • \$20**  
**SPEAKER • SAN ANTONIO FIRE CHIEF**  
**CHARLES N. HOOD**

**NOVEMBER 14TH • WEDNESDAY**  
**LUNCH • ALDINO'S AT THE VINEYARD**  
**11:30 A.M. • \$20**  
**SPEAKER • JERRY PATTERSON**  
**COMMISSIONER, TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE**

**DECEMBER 1ST • SATURDAY**  
**SAN ANTONIO COUNTY CLUB**  
**LUNCH • 11:30 A.M.**  
**SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE**  
**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**DETAILS IN NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 12TH • WEDNESDAY**  
**LUNCH • ALDINO'S AT THE VINEYARD**  
**11:30 A.M. • \$20**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**EC MEETINGS**  
**ALL MEETINGS AT 11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER 8TH - THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 6TH - THURSDAY**  
**LION AND ROSE PUB**  
**BLANCO AT LOOP 410**

## Special 2007 San Antonio TXSSAR Commemorative Glasses

The chapter has several sets of the 2007 commemorative drinking glasses for sale. They will be available for purchase at the October, November, and December general meetings. The cost is only \$10.00 for a set of four.

Thanks to John Rothermel and Stewart Title Company for underwriting the production costs.

Committee reports resume in the November issue