



The Duty Roster

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Texas Society War of 1812

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President's Corner

Somehow I was re-elected your President again after serving 2006-2008. I was also Vice President of the General Society of the War of 1812 2009-2010, Deputy President General 2011-2015. When the call went out that no one had stepped forward, I said I could do it if no one else would do so. So I am back.

Just before my initiation our society in Texas got scammed for \$15,000. The officers at the time followed the correct procedure for reporting it, but the funds are long gone. Nevertheless, we have plenty of money to keep our promises to our life members and to meet all our prospective bills.

We should not have had such a big balance, but for several years we have not been supporting 1812 charities other than the SAR oration contest of \$500 for the 1812 student winner. We need to develop a plan of contributing to 1812 projects as we have done in the past. We could for example contribute to the maintenance of the USS Constitution and Museum, to the opportunity funds of Ft. McHenry, to the maintenance of the Chalmette Battle field, to assist the State Society chapters in marking 1812 graves and so forth. We need to continue our support of the SAR oration contest. We need to contribute regularly to the Archives department of Texas A and M. for curating our archival materials.

We will take up actions at the heritage society meetings in San Antonio October 21-22 at the El Tropicana Hotel. (See notice)

New Officers for Texas Society of the War of 1812

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New Members

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2015

John C. Beard
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Kevin Paul Thompson
Larry James Peik
Thomas Winton Cornett
Leslie Tom Anderson
David Lee Peavy
Shelby Glen Ellis
Joe Riley Davidson
John Loper
Tommy Ray Brooks

The Hereditary Societies' of Texas 2016 Annual Meeting

Dear Associates, Compatriots and Warriors:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of The Texas Hereditary Societies is approaching at a rapid pace and in order to complete arrangements for this gala event, we must have an accurate count of MEMBERS, SPOUSES and GUESTS who will be attending by October 13, 2016.

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205 by calling 1-210 -223- 9461 or 1-800.

A block of rooms has been reserved @ a daily rate of \$109.00 + Tax for Society members and guests for 21 – 22 October 2016 (plus 3 days before and 3 days after). The daily room rate includes **complementary parking for participants**. Please mention TX Heritage/Society of Col. Wars to receive this special rate, which is only available until October 13, 2016.

October 22, 2016 1812 business meeting 11-12 information is available on the internet under Colonial Wars.

Dues for 2017 are payable to Wayne Courreges beginning October 1st.

Use of Steamboats in the Battle of New Orleans

The use of Steamboat became commercially feasible in 1807 when the Claremont built by Robert Fulton began regular freight and passenger service between New York and Albany. The company was also granted several routes in the Southeast as well. Meanwhile entrepreneurs built flat-bottomed boats with steam-driven paddlewheels to operate on the Ohio and upper Mississippi. One of these boats, the Enterprise, in response to the needs of Jackson's troops in New Orleans, loaded 67 tons of war material to take from Louisville to New Orleans. It made the trip in two weeks and arrived 9 January one day after the battle at Chalmette. Badly damaged and having lost its two leading generals the British retired behind ramparts to reorganize.

Jackson ordered the boat unloaded and having heard of supply keelboats at Natchez, sent the Enterprise to tow them to New Orleans.

When the Enterprise arrived from Natchez, it was loaded and sent to take supplies to Fort St. Phillip at the mouth of the Mississippi. The fort had been under cannonade from January 9-18 but it stood. When the supplies arrived, the fort personnel were able to return fire causing the British to leave. The Enterprise returned to New Orleans where it was fitted with cotton bales and cannon and became a mobile platform to harass the British army.

Remember your 1812 Ancestors
and Vets

And Pay Your Dues

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1812

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