



The Duty Roster

David Temple, Editor

General Society War of 1812 in Texas

Fall 2011

Message from the President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Texas Society membership has made slight gains, especially taking into account those who have departed. Our hope is the 200th celebrations of 2012, 2013 and 2014 will stimulate further interest to join.

We now have a new chapter in the northeastern part of Texas, the Ensign James Luna Chapter. Congratulations to Charles Luna and Gene Pilgrim Sr. for taking time and effort to organize the chapter by obtaining the necessary 10 members to qualify for chapter designation. The formal dedication was held in Tyler, TX on Saturday October 22, 2011.

Governor General Lawrence Casey, at the Tyler dedication, reviewed the upcoming events planned for the 200th year celebration. There will be an event for each year starting 2012 (August, at Boston at the shipyard), then to 2013 (September, in Memphis), 2014 (September, in Baltimore) and 2015 (January, in New Orleans), celebrating Andrew Jackson's feat.

According to Don Stone, the status of the Zachary Taylor Chapter is being pursued and hopefully by our meeting next March we will have some positive indication for its continued existence.

The David Crocket Chapter under the direction of Gerald Irion is stable and well.

The Craig Austin Rowley Chapter had a meeting on Saturday, November 5th to discuss details on how often to meet which will be twice a year, November and April. There will be a grave marking for Henry Cook on Saturday, November 19th at the Baccus Cemetery in Plano, TX.

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Peter H. Rowley

President

*Sponsored by The Friends of the Allen Public Library Back to Books
& The Readable History Book Club*

Explore the War of 1812 with Peter H. Rowley



**Thursday, November 17 7:00 PM
Allen Civic Auditorium**

Admission is Free



NEWS FROM THE 2011 TRIENNIAL

Our own LTC Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. was elected President General of the General Society of the War of 1812 during the Triennial held last month in Charleston, South Carolina. President General Casey will serve a three year term directing the Society through the Bicentennial Celebration of the War of 1812.

Other Texas members elected to national office:

James E Heath, PhD - District Deputy President
General of the Gulf region,

Ray E. Walls, PhD - Secretary General

Judge Edward F Butler, Sr., Esq. – Judge
Advocate General

Robert M. Clark, Jr. – Assistant Marshall
General for the Bicentennial 2011-2014

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Our next meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas will be at the Sunday morning breakfast held during the Annual convention of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in San Antonio, March 23-25, 2012. President Peter Rowley looks forward to seeing all at that time.

!! DUES TIME !!

Once again it is time for annual dues which are due December 31, 2011. Members should mail a check for \$45.00 made out to Society of the War of 1812 in Texas to:

David J. Temple, Sec.-Treas

Society of the War of 1812

933 Creek Crossing

Coppell, TX 75019

\$10 goes to the national society and \$35 goes to the state society.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY

CRAIG AUSTIN ROWLEY CHAPTER

The C.A.R. Chapter met on November 5, 2011 at Tino's Restaurant in Plano to discuss and take action on several items.

The next grave marking was set for November 19, 2011. The gravesite is the final resting place for War of 1812 Veteran Henry Cook, located in the Baccus Cemetery in Plano, TX.

Plans were made to contact the local Professor of Military Science at the University of Texas at Arlington in order to coordinate the process of awarding a cadet the General Society of the War of 1812 ROTC medal. The award is presented to a Sophomore ROTC cadet.

At the last annual meeting of the Texas Society of the War of 1812, members from other chapters expressed an interest in learning how the C.A.R. Chapter placed 1812 markers on grave sites. Plans are under way to post a typical marker installation on the chapter website.

Peter Rowley informed the chapter of the status of upcoming War of 1812 Bicentennial events, the formation of the new Ensign James Luna Chapter, and a review of the status of the

other two Texas Society Chapters: the Zackary Taylor Chapter in the Houston area and the David Crocket Chapter in the San Antonio area.

The acquisition of War of 1812 uniforms was discussed. They can be purchased or made but are very expensive. Members mentioned a possible uniform maker in south Texas as well as an online source of patterns. The idea would be to find a pattern which could be used by everyone and possibly the person in south Texas could make several uniforms at a reasonable cost. A hat could be a band hat. A book called *The American War 1812-1814* by Philip Katcher, *Men in Arms* by Osprey may be a good source.

Those present: Charles Sprague, Tony Day, Sandi Craig, Mike Radcliff and wife Carol, Don Rowley, Cecil Coale, Hank Voegtle, Jr. and Peter Rowley. Following the close of the chapter meeting, members retired for lunch and fellowship.

Peter H. Rowley, President

DAVID CROCKET CHAPTER

No report.

Gerald W. Irion, President

ZACHRY TAYLOR CHAPTER

The newly appointed Task Force continues their work to reinvigorate this chapter. Hopefully we will have an update to report at the Annual Meeting.

ENSIGN JAMES LUNA CHAPTER

The Ensign James Luna Chapter of the Texas Society of the War of 1812 held the Chapter Charter Luncheon on October 22, 2011 in Tyler, TX. The Chapter is named in honor of Ensign James Luna who served in the West Tennessee Militia at the Battle of Talladega, Fort Strother and Deposit. Currently the Chapter has 13 members in various East Texas cities.

After lunch, Ensign James Luna Chapter President Charles Luna called for the "Roll of Honor", asking all Compatriots of the Society of the War of 1812 and Daughters of the War of 1812, in attendance, to stand and remember their War of 1812 ancestor.

Upon completion of the "Roll of Honor", Texas Society President Peter Rowley presented an excellent background of the War of 1812, describing how his own ancestor's home was involved, being one of the homes searched by the English.

President General Casey presented an informative address, detailing the different programs of the National Society of the War of 1812. He then discussed the upcoming Bicentennial events planned for the next two years by the General Society of the War of 1812: the 2012 event to be held in Boston, MA at the U.S. Navy Yard, near the U.S.S. Constitution, and the 2013 event in Nashville, TN, near the "Hermitage", home of General Andrew Jackson, hero of the "Battle of New Orleans".

Charles E. Luna, President



Members of the new Ensign Luna Chapter



President General Casey, Ensign James Luna Chapter President Charles Luna and Texas Society President Peter Rowley (l to r)

War Of 1812-1814 Web Site

To learn more as a basis for your ancestral research, the War of 1812-1814 Web site at <http://members.tripod.com/~war1812/index.html> is loaded with links to articles, photographs, music, a video, a bibliography, and other informative materials. To contact others looking for ancestors in the war or to seek help try: WARof1812-L@rootsweb.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

The State Society remains in good financial shape with a paid or life membership of 149. As of October 31, 2011 the society had \$6,361.35 in a checking account at Llano National Bank and a time deposit of \$11,309.55 at Compass Bank, for total assets of \$17,670.90.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members since the last edition of the *Duty Roster* in Spring 2011 are:

Henry Elvin Shoenfelt, II
Charles Rollen Stephenson
James T. Payne
Ronald Reed Franke
Harry M. Fife, Jr.
Lane Carroll Redwine
Oliver James Guiberteau
John Cole Draper

IN MEMORIAM

We sadly note the passing of one of our longtime compatriots from Fredericksburg:

John Barnard Fitzgerald

Remember our 1812 Vets

Pay your Dues

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