



# The Duty Roster

David Temple, Editor

General Society War of 1812 in Texas

Fall 2012

## Message from the President

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We continue our 1812 Society project of marking all of the War of 1812 veteran graves in Collin County, Texas. So far we have placed General Society of the War of 1812 bronze markers on five of the identified twelve graves. We hope to dedicate one of the markers placed last year and plan to place another before the end of 2012. This project has raised the awareness of the War of 1812 in Collin County.

It is noteworthy the Zachary Taylor Chapter in Houston has reorganized. During the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Texas Society compatriot Tom Jackson was charged with the task of organizing the effort to bring back our members in the Houston area in an attempt to revitalize this chapter. His efforts have succeeded in two meetings this Fall and the election of a vibrant new leadership. The chapter plans to meet on a regular basis so plan to join them.

The Ensign James Luna Chapter, our newest, is not sitting still and enjoys a fast pace of activity. President Charles Luna continues to organize events to honor the veterans of the War of 1812 located in East Texas. The chapter is creating great publicity in their part of the state for our society.

The Texas Society has gained eight (8) more new members during the past four months. Chapters are actively identifying potential new

members and helping get the word out about what we do. Gerald Irion is providing our Society with his valuable services as Registrar and processing potential applications.

Remember to plan early for the Annual Meetings in Nashville in 2013 and in Baltimore in 2014. The latter will be a crowded event as time approaches so book hotels early.

Things are progressing well for the Texas Society. And now may you enjoy a Happy Holiday Season!

*Peter H. Rowley*  
*President*

### **NEWS FROM THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

Our own President General LTC Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. convened the Annual Meeting of the General Society of the War of 1812 at the Charlestown Navy Yard in Massachusetts from August 17 to 19, 2012. President General Casey continues to direct the Society through its three year Bicentennial Celebration of the War of 1812. Next on the agenda will be the August 23 and 24, 2013 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

## 2013 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 Dallas, April 4-7, 2013. 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, 2012. Members should mail a check for **\$45.00** made out to:

**Society of the War of 1812 in Texas**  
and mail to David J. Temple,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Society of the War of 1812  
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\$10 goes to the national society and \$35 goes to the state society.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITY

### CRAIG AUSTIN ROWLEY CHAPTER

The Craig Austin Rowley Chapter met on December 1, 2012 at Tino's in Plano with 8 members in attendance. Texas Society President Peter Rowley and Sandi Craig discussed their visit to Baltimore for the Annual Meeting of the General Society of the War of 1812. Sandi presented an excellent book she published incorporating the large number of photographs taken during various events of the meeting in Boston.

The chapter made plans to hold meetings in February, May, November and after the annual meeting. It approved a donation of \$100 to be made to the Wounded Veterans association.

Marking the graves of War of 1812 veterans in Collin County continues to be the major focus of chapter activity. Plans are underway for the dedication of the Harrison Jamison marker placed in 2012 and for the placement of a new marker for War of 1812 veteran Benjamin White in Anna, Texas. The members also approved the placement of a stone honoring War of 1812

veteran Henry Wetsel in the Veterans Walk park located next to City Hall in Fairview, Texas.

*Peter H. Rowley, President*

### DAVID CROCKETT CHAPTER

The David Crockett Chapter met on Saturday, May 12 at the Rails in Kerrville. See the Spring 2012 issue of *The Duty Roster* for details.

*Gerald W. Irion, President*

### ENSIGN JONES LUNA CHAPTER

The Ensign James Luna Chapter of the Texas Society of the War of 1812 made plans for a Memorial Service to honor the War of 1812 veterans of East Texas. The service will be held on December 8, 2012 and will honor some 154 1812 Veterans who lived in East Texas counties or are interred there. County officials have been invited from every county as well as representatives of USD 1812 chapters, the DAR, SAR and SRT.

Tom Gann placed an ad in the Lufkin newspaper honoring the six War of 1812 veterans who later resided in Angelina County.



L to R: Ensign James Luna Chapter President Charles Luna, Van Zandt County Judge Rita Koches, U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, Henderson County Judge Richard Sanders and Texas State Rep. Dan Flynn

On November 5, 2012 Ensign James Luna Chapter President Charles Luna presented the General Society of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Medal to U. S. Representative Jeb Hensarling for his service to the Texas 5<sup>th</sup> District, the State

of Texas and the United States of America. Congressman Hensarling noted he had a War of 1812 ancestor.

### **ZACHRY TAYLOR CHAPTER**

The Zachary Taylor Chapter held its Reorganization Meeting on September 24, 2012 at Los Rios Restaurant in Houston with 12 members in attendance. A new slate of officers was elected and then installed by President General Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. Tom Jackson will serve as President thru 2013. The chapter is planning to hold four meetings per year going forward.

Susan Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library, spoke to the membership regarding the preservation work of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Following an excellent program the chapter approved a donation of \$100 to the FGS project to preserve and digitize the War of 1812 pension files.

The chapter has since held its next meeting on November 19 and seems to be back on the track.

*Tom Jackson, President*

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

New members since the Summer 2012 edition of the *Duty Roster* are:

**Joel Christopher Buford**  
**Larry Baxter**  
**Harold Monroe Walden, Jr.**  
**Blakely David Wallace**  
**Terry Robert Henson**  
**Thomas Dwayne Chapman**  
**Jason Lee Richards**  
**Drake McNeely Peddie**

### **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 161. As of November 30, 2012 the society had \$8,402.76 in a checking account at Llano National Bank and a time deposit of \$11,309.55 at Compass Bank, for total assets of \$19,712.31.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

**James Thomas Jones**

### **FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES WAR OF 1812 DIGITIZATION PROJECT**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has been soliciting donations for their efforts to preserve and digitize the more than 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 pension papers. They have committed one half of the funds necessary to complete this project. To date they have raised 32% of the funds needed to complete this project. As a result over 425,000 images of pension files have been created.

The National Archives considers this collection of records to be among the most often requested, leading to a higher level of deterioration for these 180 thousand files.

These images will be free to use on fold3.

Consider a donation to this effort. One page costs 45 cents to digitize. \$45.00 will cover 100 pages, but matched by FGS will stretch to 200 pages.

Go to the link below for additional information and join in this effort:

<http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

### **War of 1812 Bicentennial**

There is a War of 1812 Bicentennial website at the following address:

<http://www.visit1812.com/>

The next bicentennial event noted is for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of the River

Raisin on January 19, 2013. This event will be on the battlefield in Michigan.

campaign that became the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

## **BATTLE OF TALLADEGA**

The Creek War of 1813-1814 overlapped the time period covered by the War of 1812. Essentially a civil war amongst the Creeks, the Red Sticks were the enemy of those Creeks friendly to the interests of the United States. Fearing an alliance between these Red Sticks and the British, the forces of the United States moved to reduce the power of these Creeks. Following the massacre at Fort Mims of more than 300 inhabitants, General Andrew Jackson set out to remove the Creek threat.

Fort Strother was erected by Tennessee militia as protection and to store supplies. General John Coffee sent troops from the fort to battle the Red Sticks at Tallushatchee. Upon the defeat of the Red Sticks there, General Coffee returned to Fort Strother. General Jackson received word about that time that friendly Creek were besieged at Fort Leslie near Talladega by a large force of Red Sticks. Fearing loss of the neighboring village the friendly Creek needed assistance. General Jackson sent a force of 1,200 infantry and 800 cavalry to in turn attempt to surround the Red Stick camped near Talladega on November 9, 1813.

Led by William Weatherford, the Red Sticks fought their way out of the encirclement, making use of a gap created by retreating militia units. While inflicting approximately 100 casualties on General Jackson's forces the Red Sticks suffered perhaps 300 to 400 casualties of their own. More importantly the siege was broken.

General Jackson returned to Fort Strother and a period of limited conflict began between the American military and Red Stick forces. General Jackson's forces were so reduced in the next month by the number of defections among the militia he could not mount a campaign until the following year.

General Jackson finally received the much needed reinforcements and prepared for his

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## **Remember our 1812 Vets**

## **Pay your Dues**