



The Duty Roster

David Temple, Editor

General Society War of 1812 in Texas

Summer 2012

Message from the President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

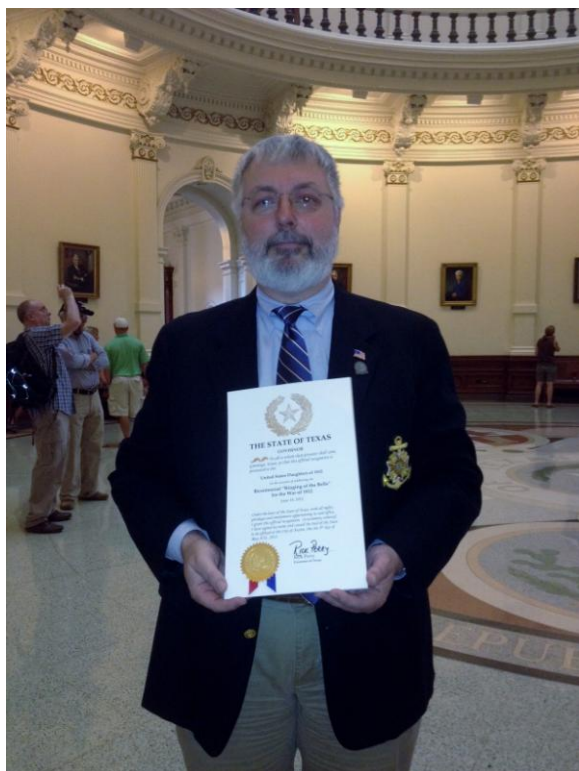
Our 1812 Society project is to mark all of the 1812 veteran graves in Collin County, Texas. Several months of library research determined that there are fifteen 1812 veterans buried in Collin County. Further study revealed the actual cemetery locations of twelve. The other three were buried on family farms and were lost due to urbanization. So far General Society of the War of 1812 bronze markers have been placed on six graves. Our project has raised the awareness of the War of 1812 in Collin County, especially during Memorial Day events.

One example is the marking of Henry Cook's grave. Henry Cook was born on May 28, 1775, in Fincastle, Castle County, in what later became West Virginia. His family moved to Green County, Illinois. He served in the War of 1812 as a lieutenant and was a French and Indian interpreter. In 1845, his son, David, came to Trinity Mills with Pleasant, Preston, and Hamp Witt; Elic and Weston Perry; Henry Miller and his wife, Mary Ann Cook. Both David and Mary Ann Cook were Henry's children by a previous wife.

In order to commemorate the bicentennial of the declaration of war on 18 June 1812, the Texas Society of the USD 1812 and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas held a ceremony in the dome of the Texas State Capitol Building. Charles W. Sprague, president of the Craig Austin Rowley Chapter, joined the Daughters representing the CAR and the Texas Society of the War of 1812.



Standing on the steps are: back row-Gaylon Hecker, Karen Thompson (President General-Daughters of the Republic of Texas), and Charles W. Sprague (President-CAR Chapter TSW1812); front row-Liz Tait (President of the Oliver Hazard Perry Chapter, USD1812), and Ora Jane Johnson (President Texas Society USD1812).



Charles W. Sprague, president of the CAR Chapter, Texas Society of the War of 1812, holding the proclamation made by Texas Governor Rick Perry at the request of the TS, USD1812.

In front of an audience of about 30 to 40 people, welcoming remarks were made by the President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Karen Thompson, the President General of the Texas Society, USD 1812, Ora Jane Johnson, and the President of the CAR Chapter. Liz Tait read the proclamation from Texas Governor Rick Perry. At noon, the party moved to the steps of the capitol to listen to church bells marking the occasion.

Registrar Gerald Irion is providing our Society with his valuable service and processing potential members. The Texas Society has gained twelve (12) new members during the past 14 months. Wishing you a great Summer.

Peter H. Rowley
President

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

President General LTC Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. will continue to direct the Society through the Bicentennial Celebration over the next two years. National events have been announced and published in recent issues of the *War Cry*. Please make sure you

have marked your calendars for these outstanding opportunities to join in the celebration:

August 17-19, 2012 Bicentennial/Board Navy Yard Charlestown/Boston, MA

1. We will have our Friday evening Reception/Meeting, Saturday Meetings, and Saturday banquet in the Dave Powers Room on the 5th Floor.
2. Our planned Speaker for Saturday Banquet is Commander Tyrone Martin, USN(Ret) a former Commanding Officer of *Old Ironsides*.
3. This is Navy Weekend at the Shipyard and we are still trying to coordinate events.
4. Constitution Museum, separate from Ship, has outstanding exhibits for War of 1812.

August 23-25, 2013 Bicentennial/Board Nashville, TN.

Activities center around The Hermitage on the 23rd for our afternoon meeting, wreath laying ceremony, tours of the Mansion, and BBQ dinner. Saturday features a tour to Camp Blount (Jackson's Muster Grounds for the Creek Wars), lunch by Miss Mary Bobo's in Lynchburg (exceptional southern cuisine), tour of Jack Daniel's Distillery (the finest spring water in the world), and an elegant dinner in Nashville on Saturday evening.

Sep 10-14, 2014 Triennial: Baltimore, MD

British Bombard Fort McHenry (Frances Scott Key-Star Spangled Banner) Join the Bicentennial Celebration at Ft Mc Henry. A Banquet Thursday 11 Sep at Ft McHenry. Reenactments are scheduled at Ft McHenry on Friday and Saturday; A public fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday Night.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Society was held at the Hilton San Antonio Airport as the traditional Sunday Breakfast during the Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. One of our larger turnouts in recent memory included 28 in attendance, with 20 members and 8 guests. Guests included 5 prospective members. President Peter Rowley presided with reports given by Registrar Gerald Irion, Secretary and Treasurer David Temple, VPG Jim Heath, VPG Mike Radcliff and JAG Ed Butler. A motion passed to extend the term of officers to three years to coincide with those of the national officers. The Society has good resources. There are currently 153 members with 22 new members added during the past fiscal year.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Interest in the Society of the War of 1812 remains strong as evidenced by 23 new applications approved during the past twelve months. 2012 is off to a good start with eight new members, three supplementals and 20 prospects on file. A new application form can be emailed to a prospective member for their use. Please refer anyone with an interest and assistance will be provided to identify a War of 1812 veteran.

DAVID CROCKET CHAPTER

The David Crockett Chapter met on Saturday, May 12 at the Rails in Kerrville. 16 members were in attendance to hear a program given by Dr. Joe Luther on the War of 1812 in the Midwest. Several past State officers were present along with JAG Ed Butler and Past VPG Joe Ware, founder of the David Crockett Chapter. Members from Midland and Austin were present.

Gerald W. Irion, President



The Craig Austin Rowley Chapter marks the grave of War of 1812 veteran Harrison Jamison

CRAIG AUSTIN ROWLEY CHAPTER

Members of the Rowley Chapter continue to locate graves of War of 1812 veterans for marking, having marked six of fifteen known graves in Collin County. On June 2, 2012 the chapter placed its newest marker on the grave of veteran Harrison Jamison in the Wear Cemetery in Plano. The marker placed last year on the grave of Lt. Henry Cook was formally dedicated on June 9, 2012 (see last issue for biographical information). These efforts to honor these men will continue. The process for anchoring markers is being shared with interested chapters. Other chapters are encouraged to adapt this project in their areas.

Peter H. Rowley, President

ZACHRY TAYLOR CHAPTER

The membership in this chapter is spread out making travel to one area difficult for many members. The appointed Task Force continues their work to reinvigorate this chapter and will consider several meeting options to generate interest.

Tom Jackson, Task Force Coordinator

ENSIGN JONES LUNA CHAPTER

The newest chapter in the Texas Society has plenty of energy to promote interest in the War of 1812. School programming has been developed as well as a speakers bureau. The Chapter held its Spring Meeting at the American Freedom Museum of the Brook Hill School in Bullard, Texas. The Museum features a Hall of Presidents containing authentic signed documents by all Presidents of the United States. A lock of George Washington's hair is also on display. Of special interest were artifacts from the War of 1812 which included documents, musketry, uniforms and a cannon utilized by General Jackson in the "Battle of New Orleans".

The group gathered for lunch and an informal meeting where plans were outlined for 2012. These activities include recognition of War of 1812 veterans who resided or are buried in East Texas. *War of 1812 Veterans in Texas*, authored by Mary Smith Fay, lists all known War of 1812 veterans that resided or are buried in Texas. Full details of 1812 service, place of birth and death, wife name, children's names etc. are fully detailed in the book.

In as much as a number of War of 1812 veterans participated in the Texas War of Independence, President Luna invited The Sons of the Republic of Texas to participate in the recognition of these heroes.

A proclamation was prepared for the City of Athens and Henderson County Commissioners Court to recognize the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Charles Luna, President



Ensign James Luna Chapter Sec/Treasurer Gene Pilgrim and Grandson Jonathan Westing view the Museum Lobby Civil War cannon while Prospective Chapter Member Ernest Holland and Grandson Nate Hawkins look on.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The State Society remains in good financial shape with a paid or life membership of 153. As of June 30, 2012 the society had \$8,302.76 in a checking account at Llano National Bank and a time deposit of \$11,309.55 at Compass Bank, for total assets of \$19,612.31.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

**Tony Wayne Day
James Edward Gurry
John Yerby Tarlton
Cole Yerby Tarlton
Patrick Rabon Tarlton
Erle Keys Adrian, Jr.
James Edward Mitchell
Frederick Emerson Hill, II
Harmon Lester Adair, Jr.
Walter Leon Ellis
Walter Damon Wark
Charles Wayne Stafford
Brian Paul Ridenour**



Athens Mayor Randy Daniel presenting the 1812 Bicentennial Proclamation declaring June 18, 2012 "War of 1812 Remembrance Day"

IN MEMORIAM

We sadly note the passing of two of our longtime compatriots who will be sorely missed:

**Dr. Henry Gail Norrid
R. B. Edmiston**

FALL MEETING

The Fall Meeting of the Texas Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Texas Hereditary Societies. Watch your mail for an announcement of this year's meeting scheduled for October 27, 2012 in Houston.

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Remember our 1812 Veterans