



THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT

Sons of the American Revolution

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The President's Message

“ Spring has Sprung With Cool and Rain. Just Wish That Some of That Weather Would Remember August”

It has been a beautiful spring for us as we were able to travel to Branson, Missouri the first of March and visit with some dear friends and former students from Houston. We were able to see the Sight and Sound production of “Samson” and highly recommend it to those that will be in the area. Then, One Act Play contest in, 16-5A, Texarkana and 29-1A, Woodville. Home at last.

I do hope that all of you remembered to vote for the candidate of your choice in the primary elections. It is the way that we may voice our opinion and stress the way that we would like to see our city, county, state, and nation progress. Remember it is our right and obligation to our ancestors to voice our opinion on the removal of statues and monuments in our country. Again, I encourage each of you to check your local schools to find out what history is taught at the various grades or levels. Take a chance, volunteer to speak in a class on a part of history that is dear to your heart. Veterans it is a good time to share some of your service events. It is a way that we may speak up now for our history as well as the history of our ancestors before it is lost.

Please go to the TSSAR website and see the link publicizing the 2018 National Congress hosted by the Texas Society. The dates for the congress are July 11, 2018 through July 19, 2018. Under the “Events” tab is a daily listing for the various meetings. There is also time to Sight-See the greater Houston area. The hotel is the Westin at Memorial City in the west part of Houston off 1-10 towards Katy. If you have any questions on the Houston area please ask and I will be able to help give you the required directions. Please let me know if you plan to attend and I will inform members of our district and District 10 Vice-President, William Sekel.

God Bless America! I'll see you at Casa Ole Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Later,

Carl



**Our next meeting will be April 5 at
Casa Ole, Spur 63, Longview.
Dinner at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm**

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of February 1, 2017

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on February 1 at Casa Ole` Restaurant in Longview, Texas at 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Carl Hedges. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain. J.D. Denton. The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the SAR flag were given and guests were introduced.

After dinner, the meeting resumed with the acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter .

It was announced that the National Convention will be held July 11 – July 18 The state meeting will be in April.

District 10 Vice-President, William Sekel, was introduced by Mr. Hedges to install the new officers. During the installation, Mr. Sekel reminded incoming officers that it was the duty of every officer to assist and support each other and all members of the Chapter.

The program was presented by William Sekel on the Continental Marines. This was the marine force of the American Colonies during the American Revolutionary War. The Corps was formed by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775 and was disbanded in 1783. Their mission was multi-purpose, but their most important duty was to serve as onboard security forces, protecting the captain of a ship and his officers. Marine sharpshooters were stationed in the fighting tops of the ships' masts. The first and only Commandant was Captain Samuel Nicholas, commissioned in 1775.

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by J. D. Denton.

Treasurer's Report: February 2018

Beginning Balance (2/1/2018)		\$1329.81
Deposits	\$200.00	
Checks:		
#1182--\$23.57		
#1183--\$ 9.62		
	\$33.19	
Ending Balance (2/28/18)		\$1496.62

Mickey Cole, Treasurer



Daughters Stay Active!

Some of our Daughters of the American Revolution are staying busy this summer as always. Helen Smith (Capt. William Young Chapter of DAR) is the widow of Allen Gordon Smith. Mr. Smith was a member of Chapter 57 before his death in 2000. Her husband was the inspiration for her volunteerism. He was in the Philippines when the Japanese captured the Islands and spent three and a half years as a prison of war. Helen was recently interviewed by Joan Hallmark about her volunteer work with the Veterans. She has been a volunteer at the VA outpatient in Longview since the clinic opened. For 42 years she has been a member of the American's Former Prisoners of War organization and has been honored for her work in the congressional record and as a volunteer of the year.



Liz Hedges (Aaron Burleson Chapter of DAR) and wife of President Carl Hedges, was honored in February by having Panola College's studio theater named in her honor. A crowd of friends, former students and Panola College staff joined together inside the black box theater that has now been named the Elizabeth R. Hedges Studio Theatre. Liz first began teaching theater in Houston before moving to Carthage High School, where she taught drama and speech. She joined the Panola College staff in 1978. Her legacy there includes starting a dinner theater program, children's shows and much more. Hedges said the studio theater was "my life for about 20 years." One of her students said, "Life's been great. She planted a seed for me. I wouldn't be where I am today if it had not been for her giving me that opportunity..."

Congratulations, Liz!

Another loss in our SAR family occurred with the February 11 death of Mrs. Mary Alice Bunch Shivers, wife of Billy Ray Shivers compatriot of Chapter 57. She held multiple college and university degrees, her most cherished coming from University of Texas-Tyler. In all she did, it was obvious that her family was her life and she made sure they knew it.

New Officers for sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 57

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William Sekel and new officers: Compatriots Hedges, Conner, Cole, Bolton, Fletcher and Denton.



Our program for April will be presented by Gina Smith. Gina is a massage therapist in Carthage. She will be accompanied by her dog, Elvis, who is a therapist. Gina works with children of all ages.