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The President's Message

“What If ?”

Happy Birthday United States of America! I am proud and thank God that he allowed me to be born in this country. I have been in a reflection of our nation and some of the problems and/or situations that exist. What can we do about them? Stand up and voice your opinions before it is too late. Do not allow a few protestors to dictate our history. We need to keep the monuments and explain what they represent in our history. What was the original purpose for the construction and placement of the marker? It must have had some importance or significance.

What does courage mean to you? It took my version of courage to be at the beaches of Normandy on “D-Day” and to think that the majority of the soldiers in the action were not 22 years of old. On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 it took courage for the first responders to enter the World Trade Center to search for any signs of life or to recover the mangled bodies of the deceased. I will never forget in the aftermath the unity and harmony that existed in our nation after the attack. I started asking all to join with me in saying the “Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag” as part of my football pre-game show. I must remind all gentlemen to remove their hats. As long as I announce, it will be in its place for our country. What happened to the unity today? When are our political leaders going to stop their individual trials and bickering? They need to remember that they should work for our nation.

We need a good shot of optimism in our nation. Let us stop the negative talk and live with a positive political attitude because the negative is not working. We all need to go the second mile and accomplish the goals set forth by our founding fathers. By the way, on all of my research our founding fathers included God in their decisions and deliberations. I wonder why?

When John F. Kennedy made his inauguration speech, he stated “ask not what your country can do for you, **But** what you can do for your country.” We have people that do not want to work but want the working people to give them a helping hand. It is time to remind them that the best helping hand is at the end of their arm. I believe in charity; however, it is getting out of hand and unless there is control it will get worse. Just look at the back to school supply list that parents must acquire for their students. The teachers collect all of the items then pass them out to all of their students as the need arises and those students that could not or did not bring supplies are taken care of by your student.

Is honor dead? All the news that is reported is the evil of our society. Why does the media publicize the criminal and criticize the officer trying to do his sworn duty? What is hard when the officer says stop and what are you doing to have them approach you to begin with? What is hard when the officer says stop and what are you doing to have them approach you to begin with? When was the last time the media broadcast the positive events in our communities? Let us stand and be counted as a positive influence. I love sports and the lessons that they teach beyond the game itself. We are developing a society where everyone receives a trophy regardless of the won-loss record. I had to earn all my rewards with God's help.

Finally, we must have a good heart to serve God, ourselves, and our nation. Why is it that in the majority of churches we say the Pledge of Allegiance only on the Fourth of July and Boy Scout Sunday? Separation of church and state! **God Bless America. See you in August Carl**

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of June 6, 2019

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on June 6, 2019, at Jason's Deli Restaurant in Longview, Texas at 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Dave Conner. 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. Guests were prospective member, John Whitsell, Sarah Hedges, Abbey Hedges, Donnie and Laura Pitchford.

After dinner, the meeting resumed with the consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Both were accepted as presented.

Vice President Conner asked once again for everyone to update their e-mail addresses. As a fund raiser, the hat was passed for excess change from members. Historian, Mickey Cole, gave a brief history of the Chapter and announced that next year will be the 25th anniversary of Chapter #57.

Vice President Conner introduced the speaker for the evening Donnie Pitchford. Mr. Pitchford entertained the members with stories of *Lum and Abner* and sketches showing the characters used in the show.

J. D. Denton read a letter he had sent to the editor of the SAR Magazine in response to other articles in the magazine. It was an extremely well written letter encouraging our patriotism in other lineage societies.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on August 1, 2019. Please send news items to Mickey Cole our Webmaster.

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

John Bolton, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

May/June 2019

Beginning Balance (05/1/2019)		\$896.78
Deposits: Membership "Pass the Hat" Donations	\$46.47	
Membership Dues	\$313.50	
Total Deposits:		\$359.97
Checks: J. Bolton—Meals for Speaker & Guests	\$28.96	
J. Bolton – Stamps	\$32.45	
Total Checks:		\$61.41
Ending Balance (6/30/2019)		\$1195.34

Mickey Cole, Treasurer

A big 'thank you' to Mickey Cole for standing up to accept the Historian position. We must all do our part and Mickey certainly does!

Just the Facts!

Do you know that as you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward...it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments?

Do you know that as you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door?

Do you know that as you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments?

Do you know that there are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C. ?

Do you know that James Madison, the fourth president, known as the "Father of our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God" ?

Do you know that every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777 ?

Do you know that 52 of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies?

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Let's remember what this great country was built on. It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such turmoil about having the Ten Commandments on display or "In God we Trust" on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Colonial Attire, Anyone?? Several members have expressed an interest in Colonial Attire. We have two names for you to contact. The first company is **Just Two Tailors** and they have sewn uniforms for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and many individuals. The website should answer many questions: <http://just2tailors.com/AboutUs.asp> The other company is **Townsend's**. This is a familiar company to most SAR members. Number for information is 574-594-5852; second number is 1-800-338-1665 and the website is www.townsend.us Call for a catalogue.

GOOD LUCK!

The Executive Board is requesting that anyone who has received SAR medals in the past, please send an email identifying the medals to John Bolton and we request that you wear your medals to the next meeting in August. We need to identify which medals have been given to you over the years.

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Compatriot John Bolton of Chapter #57 visits the grave of Patriot Robert Rankin his 8th Great Grandfather at The Texas Cemetery in Austin. Rankin fought with George Washington and spent the winter of 1777 - 1778 at Valley Forge.



Fred Parsons, Historian of the New London Museum
will present the August program for SAR on the New London School explosion

Reminder!! Don't forget to return your military form. The National Society is requesting this information.

**Our next meeting will be August 1, 2019 at Jason's Deli in Longview.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.
You are encouraged to attend and support Chapter # 57.**

