



# THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Chapter # 57 Longview, Texas



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#### The President's Message

Happy New Year!! I do hope and pray that this year is what you would like for it to become and is the best year of all. It would be great for our chapter if we could increase our membership. I ask all current members to try and sponsor a new compatriot for our chapter. Also, as of this writing we still have two officer openings, Secretary and Historian, and I encourage for a compatriot to volunteer for one of these positions. Please contact me if you are willing to serve our chapter.

Texas is the host for this year's national congress to be held in Houston mid-July. Check the TXSSAR web site for more information and room reservations. We would like to know those planning to attend for a special chapter meeting.

The past year was great for me and my family including a 6<sup>th</sup> Carthage Bulldog State Football Championship. In being a kind soul and a dedicated teacher, I have returned to the classroom for two different school districts. Various reasons why, but it has been an awaking for me. The students do not take notes but want to video or take pictures of the board with their cell phones (all of them have at least one cell phone). If they would only study the copied information. They are good students but the time has changed. I started announcing the Bulldog games in the year 2000, and realized that not any of my present students were born at that time. It is a fact that TIME is changing.

Remember our District Vice-President William Sekel will conduct our officer induction ceremony and present our program. Mark your calendar for a special attendance on Thursday, February 1.

*Carl*

#### Registrar's Report

Our chapter has two applicants, Greg Gilliland and Robert Boone Coleman, who have completed their applications. These applications have been mailed to the State Registrar. Four others, Bennie Hair, Dana Sneed, Matt Rutz and Cole Paschall are working on their applications. Robert Franklin, Daniel Titus, Josh Tanner, and Jeff Treadwell have expressed an interest and have been mailed an application.

## **Minutes and Treasurer's Report of December 7, 2017**

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, met on December 7, 2017, 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 J.D. Denton, in-coming Chaplain. 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. Under old business, the matter of e-mails was once again addressed. If your address has changed, please let us know. We need to keep our records up to date.

The election of officers was conducted and installation will be held at the meeting in February. The new officers will be as follows: President: Carl Hedges; 1st Vice President: David Conner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Gary Fletcher; Secretary: vacant; Treasurer: Mickey Cole; Registrar: John Bolton; Chaplain: J.D. Denton; Historian: vacant.

The President announced that it is now time to pay dues.

After dinner, the President introduced Tommy Ritter Smith niece of Tex Ritter and Director of Carthage Chamber of Commerce and the Director of the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Tommy's husband, Bill Smith, accompanied her and entertained the members with songs of Tex Ritter.

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The current balance : \$1,329.81

Gary Fletcher, Sec. /Treasurer



S.A.R. President General, Larry Guzy, reports that Jonathan Toon, National Registrar, has registered 4,895 new members in 2017. There are now 36,961 total members in the National Society of S.A.R..

### *The American 's Creed*

*“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a Republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.*

*I therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.”*

William Tyler Page (1868 – October 1942) was best known for his authorship of The American's Creed. He was the great-great-grandson of Carter Braxton, a member of the House of Burgesses of the Province of Virginia. Page also descends from the tenth US President, John Tyler. He served as a page in the US Capitol.

In 1917, at age 49, Page wrote “The American's Creed,” as a submission to a nationwide patriotic contest which was inspired by the commitment at the beginning of the American entry into the First World War.

Inspired by thoughts on his way home from church, having just recited the Apostles' Creed, Page drew on a wide variety of historical documents and speeches, including the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the US Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, a speech by Daniel Webster, and text from Edward Everett Hale's 1863 patriotic short story, “The Man Without a Country.”

His entry was chosen in March 1918. On April 3, 1918, it was accepted by the House Speaker of the US House of Representatives and the US Commissioner of Education on behalf of the American People.

**SAR Chapter 57 Compatriots who have been elected to Office**

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Secretary:	<b>Open for volunteers</b>		
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**Carl, Tommy & Bill Smith**



**Compatriot Harry Douglas  
Kilgore Public Library**

**Our next meeting  
will be at  
Casa Ole  
Spur 63,  
Longview  
February 1, 2017  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
meeting at 7:00**



**Compatriot Harry Douglas  
Rader Funeral Home-Kilgore**