



# THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT

## Sons of the American Revolution

### Chapter # 57 Longview, Texas



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#### The President's Message

### **“ School is OUT (or almost) and it is time for Graduation”**

It has been a unique school year for me, as I returned to the high school classroom for the first time since 1984. How it has changed as students do not want to take notes but video and take pictures of material on the Smart Board. This caused me to pause and reflect upon my school days at dear old Kilgore High School. The memories are great and full of lifetime friendships. I do recall graduation night, after the ceremony several drove to Longview's Johnny Case for a celebration dinner. Then the realization, we have graduated; now what do we do!

What are your reflections of this time in your life? What would you like to tell the students of today? If you could relive this time, what changes would you like to occur?

Remember that the 2018 National Congress hosted by the Texas Society is July 11, 2018 through July 19, 2018. The TX. SAR has requested for any type of items for the tote/registration/document/ditty bags. Each Chapter is asked to check with your local Chamber of Commerce and a few local specialty businesses, stores in your community and request items for the 2018 National Congress to be held in Houston. Someone might see one of these items and be sure to pass through the community on the way home or on another trip through your community. They need for the chapters to arrange for 3 or 4 items in quantity of 50 or more for 400+ attendee's bags. Texas items from all over the Lone Star State make a great welcome gift. Example with local info on them: Screwdriver/level/light, Pens with stylus and light, mini bottles Tabasco Sauce, letter opener, star ornaments, Texas Treats, Patriotic Pencils, Mini flashlights, screen cleaner, lens cleaning cloth, hand lotion cleaner, Star erasers, key chains, breath mints. Please send the items to arrive by June 22, 2018, to:

Robert S. Cohen  
3655 McCullough Rd  
College Station, TX 77845-6889

Remember it is our right and obligation to our ancestors to voice our opinion on the removal of statues and monuments in our country. Take a chance, volunteer to speak in a class on part of history that is dear to your heart. Veterans it is a GOOD and GREAT time to share some of your experiences. Speak up now for our history as well as the history of our ancestors before it is too late.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and I will inform District 10 Vice-President William Sekel.

***God bless America! See you at Casa Ole' on June 7!!***

*Carl*

**Our program June 7th will be given by Kimberly Funderburk, Carthage High School instructor of theatre arts and Theatre Director & UIL Academic Coordinator, UIL Poetry & Prose Coach, UIL Regional Advisory Council Speaking Events, Student Council Advisor and 2017 Distinguished Service Award Arts in Education. She is completing her 22<sup>nd</sup> year in education and is the daughter of President Hedges.**

## Minutes and Treasurer's Report of April 5, 2018

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on April 5 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 consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Both were accepted as presented.

President Hedges asked once again for everyone to update their e-mail addresses. Mickey Cole, Chapter 57 Webmaster and Treasurer, was congratulated for his work in the Chapter.

President Hedges conducted the SAR induction program for new member Greg Gilliland. The SAR Rosette was pinned on Mr. Gilliland by his sponsor John Bolton. His patriot ancestor was Jacques Benigne Fontenette, soldier with the Galvez, New Orleans Militia.

The program was presented by Gina Smith accompanied by her dog, Elvis. Gina is a massage therapist and Elvis is a therapeut. They work with children of all ages as well as adults. Gina explained how she and Elvis worked in distressed areas where storms and hurricanes have ravaged the areas.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on June 7 at Casa Ole' Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by J. D. Denton.

### Treasurer's Report: June 2018

Beginning Balance (3/1/2018)		\$1496.62
Deposits: SAR Memberships	\$294.50	
Checks:       None		
Ending Balance (4/30/18)		\$1791.12

Mickey Cole, Treasurer



Another loss in our SAR family occurred with the 16 April death of John W. Harrison, Jr. of Chapter 57. He had been a faithful and generous member of Chapter 57 since June 1, 1995. John served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Longview Independent School District for 43 years.



### On This Day in History—June 7

On this day in 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution for independence to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia; John Adams seconds the motion. Lee's resolution declared: "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; that measures should be immediately taken for procuring the assistance of foreign powers, and a Confederation be formed to bind the colonies more closely together."

During the ensuing debates, it became clear that New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina were as yet unwilling to declare independence, but would likely be ready to vote in favor of a break with England in due course. Thus, Congress agreed to delay the vote on the Lee Resolution until July 1. In the intervening period, Congress appointed a committee to draft a formal declaration of independence. Its members were John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson, well-known to be the best writer of the group, was selected to be the primary author of the document, which was presented to Congress for review on June 28, 1776.

On July 1, 1776, debate on the Lee Resolution resumed as planned, with a majority of the delegates favoring the resolution. Congress thought it of the utmost importance that independence be unanimously proclaimed. To ensure this, they delayed the final vote until July 2, when 12 colonial delegations voted in favor of it, with the New York delegates abstaining, unsure of how their constituents would wish them to vote.

John Adams wrote that July 2 would be celebrated as "the most memorable epoch in the history of America." Instead, the day has been largely forgotten in favor of July 4, when Jefferson's edited Declaration of Independence was adopted.



Richard Henry Lee



Flag of 13 stars

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New Member Greg Gilliland  
With Carl Hedges and John Bolton



Gina Smith and her dog Elvis



Kimberly Funderburk  
will give the June 7 program.

