



THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT

Sons of the American Revolution Chapter # 57 Longview, Texas



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The President's Message

“War Years – What Was Important?”

It is my understanding that Charlottesville, Virginia has discontinued the celebration of Thomas Jefferson Day because he owned slaves. They still have the celebration but under a new name. We also have a movement to change the name of the Washington Monument because George Washington owned slaves. If this is needed, then how many cities, towns, and villages names are going to be changed because they cannot be named after any individual that at one time owned a slave? Basically, let's throw out our history and only put in those points or areas that we want to stress and benefit our cause. I wonder what it was like for our troops during August and September. Was it as hot and humid then as it is now? How did they keep cool? Can you imagine fighting in 100 degree weather?

August 31, 1781 at Ashley River Church, South Carolina

When Brigadier General Francis Marion set out against the British at Parker's Ferry on the same day he sent Capt. George Cooper with a detachment of mounted militia to create a diversion. At Cypress Swamp, 15 miles southwest of Moncks Corner, he chased away a party of Loyalists and rode on toward Charleston. At Dorchester, he drove off cattle in front of the British post there and again continued down the Charlestown Road ready to cause more trouble. At the Ashley River Church, his men attacked another group of Loyalists, which were using the church as a military station. Next, passing onto Goose Creek Road, he proceeded to the 10-Mile House, returned and passed over Goose Creek bridge, took a circuitous route around the British at Moncks Corner and arrived in camp at Peyre's Plantation near the canal, where Brigadier Gen. Francis Marion now lay, with many prisoners, and without the loss of a man.

Conclusion: American Victory

September 2, 1782 at Port Royal, South Carolina, the Battle of Port Royal Ferry

On September 2, the British were at Port Royal Ferry, along with the galleys *HMS Balfour* and *HMS Shark*. Brig. Gen. Gist had followed the British here and planned to attack them. Gist opened fire on the ships with his artillery piece. Both ships slipped their cables and tried to escape. The *Balfour* quickly ran aground, with its crew spiking the guns and abandoning the ship. The Patriots captured the ship, along with the cargo of beef, rice, and poultry. The *Balfour* was repaired, outfitted with new guns, and was put into service with the Patriot Navy.

Conclusion: American Victory

September 11 – 13, 1782 at Fort Henry, Virginia, The Battle of Fort Henry

On September 11 – 13, a force of 250 Indians and 40 Loyalists started a 3-day siege of Fort Henry. The Patriot force inside the fort withstood the siege and the Indians and Loyalists gave up the attempt to capture the fort they soon left the area empty handed. This battle has been described as the last “battle” of the war.

Conclusion: American Victory

November 10, 1782 at Chillicothe, Ohio

Gen George Rogers Clark leads 1,050 mounted riflemen on a punitive raid against Shawnee villages around present day Piqua. The concluded the last battle of the Revolutionary War. The Indians lost 10 killed and 10 wounded.

Conclusion: American Victory

See you at Jason's Deli.

Carl

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of August 1, 2019

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on August 1, 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 Registrar, John Bolton. The pledges to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag were given and guests were introduced. Guests were Abbey Funderburk, Martha Bonds, Fred Parsons and Joe Jones.

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. As a fund raiser, the hat was passed for excess change from members.

John Bolton presented the nominations for officers for the next two years. They are President, Gary Fletcher; 1st V.P. Barney Jones; 2nd V.P Carl Hedges; Secretary, John Bolton; Treasurer, Mickey Cole; Registrar, John Bolton and Historian, Mickey Cole. Barney Jones moved to accept these nominations by acclamation and was seconded by Dave Conner. The voting on these officers will be at the October meeting and will begin their new duties in the new year. Congratulations to all !

President Hedges introduced the speaker for the evening Fred Parsons. Mr. Parsons explained to members the reason behind the New London School explosion and discussed various aspects of the explosion and its aftermath.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on October 3, 2019. Please send news items to Mickey Cole our Webmaster.

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by Compatriot John Bolton

John Bolton, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

July/August 2019

Beginning Balance (07/1/2019)	\$1195.34	
Deposits: Membership "Pass the Hat" Donations	\$21.76	
Total Deposits:	\$21.76	
Checks: C. Hedges—Meals for Speaker & Guests	\$19.89	J.
Bolton – Stamps	\$22.00	
Total Checks:	\$41.89	
Ending Balance (8/31/2019)	\$1175.21	

Mickey Cole, Treasurer

Thank you to NSSAR Chaplain David Felts for the following message:

Brothers, Gentlemen, Compatriots,

Our nation has been caught up in so much recent violence. Three more senseless mass shootings have erupted. Many people were injured and some killed. We all have our favorite answers to the problem. This is not to solicit or encourage answers, but to solicit and encourage your prayers.

*Pray for the perpetrators, that their hearts will be changed before they carry out their deeds.

*Pray for the Policemen who have to deal with this horrible violence every day.

*Pray for our Firefighters and Medics who get caught in the middle and have to deal with the results.

*Pray for the families that suffer as a result of these senseless acts.

While you are at it;

*We need to pray for our leaders. They are put here by God to lead us. Agree with them or not, we are responsible to support and encourage them. Remember, it is a difficult thing to govern this motley lot we have in our nation and you and I are part of it.

*Pray for our nation. We have warts and we have problems. We are not perfect and we do not live in a perfect nation. But God has given us a nation for which we are responsible. Our patriot ancestors gave their blood, sweat, tears, their very lives for us to live in this nation with “freedom and liberty for all”. They pledged their “lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor” to defend the Declaration of Independence against the tyranny of King George III. “Let us remember our obligations to our Forefathers”. Let us “reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe”.

Let us put our words into action with prayers. Many of us may not be able to go to war as was done in the Revolution , WWI and II, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, etc. But we can go to war with prayers.

*You believe in God? Pray, and trust God.

*You do not believe in a god? Pray to a higher power as you will, but pray. We have to “have the backs” of our leaders, our first responders, the support groups for survivors and the suffering families.

*Pray for our country.

*Pray for our leaders.

*Pray for our military as it defends our rights in this nation and all over the world. Pray, Pray, Pray.

Perhaps our Great and loving God will change the hearts of those prone to all this violence, those prone to drug addiction, to crime, and those who want a sense of belonging and purpose and find it in drugs or in a violent gang.

*Pray for the SAR, for wisdom for our leaders.

*Pray for our programs that they will meet the needs of the very young and not so young, the youth and seasoned citizens of this great nation and show them how to grow up and be responsible citizens.

Brothers, Gentlemen, Compatriots, whatever you do, Pray.

Please pray.

God bless us every one!

Dave

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The October program will be presented by Mr. Allen McReynolds of Longview. He attended Pine Tree schools and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He received a M.B.A. degree from the University of North Texas. He served 10 years on the Gregg County Historical Commission, is now VP of the Gregg County Genealogy Society and Secretary of Longview Museum of Fine Arts.



Our next meeting will be October 3, 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.

