



# Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter March 2015



**Mar 24** - 6:00 pm, Outback Steak House, 2102 Texas Ave S, College Station. Private dining room is to the right as you enter. Order from special menu; pay individually. Prospective members, guests, and spouses are welcome.

Program will be "Boonville Heritage Park" by Mervin Peters. An historic log cabin, with red cedar, hand-carved logs, built by pioneer settlers from Alabama, was moved from near Carlos to Waco for restoration/ preservation, and will be rebuilt log-by-log in front of the Boonville Cemetery off FM 158 in a county owned park near Austin's Colony sub-division.



Period material, 1847 to 1880, may be offered to furnish the Turner-Peters Dogtrot Cabin. Peters' interest in creating Boonville Heritage Park combines his appreciation of his family's former home and a desire for Brazos County to have a "better venue for residents and community visitors to learn more about how we began as a community."

Boonville, on the stagecoach line, became the county seat for Brazos in 1841, about two miles northeast of Bryan.

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**President's Letter** - Let me begin by expressing my appreciation and the Chapter's appreciation to Jim Boone for his leadership during 2014. He provided excellent leadership which is evidenced by the Chapter's 2014 accomplishments. Jim suffered some health problems in 2014, but he did not let them prevent him from performing his duties as Chapter President. THANKS JIM FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

I look forward to working with an excellent group of officers elected at our last meeting. We need to develop ways to increase our membership, increase attendance at chapter meetings, increase our involvement in the community, and develop fund raising activities. We need to develop educational and patriotic programs to present to schools in the Bryan/College Station area, both public and private. We need funds to recognize participants in our Youth programs (Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout, JROTC), and continue to recognize our Public Servants who are there for us 24/7. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. Let me know of an individual or business that might be interested in making a donation.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 24 at Outback Steakhouse. Vice President Mervin Peters will talk about the log cabin that is being restored at Boonville.

James T. Jones, Jr., President 2015

**Genealogy Research** - Encourage neighbors and men you meet to consider membership in SAR. Ask if they've looked into their family history. Offer to arrange a meeting with them, the Chapter Registrar, and you to help them look at their family history and to get started on their SAR application.



Texas SAR State President-Elect Larry Stevens installed officers - L-R: President Jim Jones; Vice President and Chaplain Mervin Peters; Secretary George Nelson; Treasurer Martin Ranck; Registrar Bob Cohen; Chancellor Rick Davis at the February meeting.

**Feb Mtg** - Texas SAR State President-Elect Larry Stevens spoke on "Tombstone Styles" and installed officers. 23 attended. Rusty Adams was appointed Flag Chair. New SAR Members Evans and Welch were inducted.



L-R: Independence Chapter President Jim Jones, Texas SAR State President-Elect Larry Stevens, Warren Evans, Chris Welch, and Texas SAR State President Bob Cohen.

**Thank You** - Jane Cohen wishes to thank Jim Boone for the Daughters of Liberty medal. Independence is growing and making an impact.

**Calendar**

- Mar 24 - 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting
- Mar 26-29 - Texas SAR State Conference, Marriott Greenspoint Hotel/Hou Marriott N, 255 N Sam Houston Pkwy East, Houston. Plan to attend.
- Mar 31 - Independence 1st mtg 1986
- Apr 28, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
- April 30 - Naturalization Ceremony
- May - Memorial Day Flags, CS Cemetery
- June 26 - July 1 - National SAR 125 Congress
- July 2 - Naturalization Ceremony
- Sept 22, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
- Oct 1 - Naturalization Ceremony
- Oct 27, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
- Nov - Veteran's Day Flags, CS Cemetery
- Nov 24, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
- December 17 - Naturalization Ceremony

**State Conference** - Go to Houston and learn more about committees and SAR and meet lots of good people. On Saturday, March 28, bring your sons and grandsons who are Junior Members to be recognized. Information about the meeting is on the SAR web site - [txssar.org/pdf/Program120thConvention.pdf](http://txssar.org/pdf/Program120thConvention.pdf)