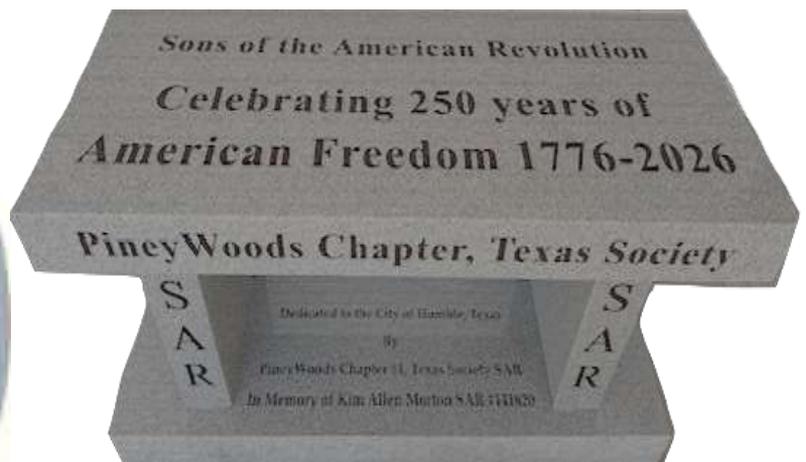




***PineyWoods Chapter #51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Celebrating Thirty Years***



*Dedicated to the City of Humble, Texas
By PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas Society SAR
In Memory of Kim Allen Morton SAR# 141620*

2025

SECOND INAUGURAL OF DONALD J. TRUMP



TRUMP NOW 47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

J. D. Vance being sworn in as Vice President



Donald J. Trump being sworn in as President



Carrie Underwood sings 'America the Beautiful' Cappella and it was breathtaking.



President Donald Trump First Lady Melania Trump attend the Commander-In-Chief inaugural ball

HISTORY OF PINEYWOODS

The PineyWoods Chapter (#51) was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E).

The PineyWoods Chapter is active in the areas of Color Guard, with numerous appearances at TXSSAR State Conferences and Board of Managers meetings, SAR National Conferences, and joint meetings with other SAR and DAR chapters.

The Chapter also participates in the JROTC program, sponsoring schools each year with personal presentations of the SAR JROTC medal and financial help. We also support the Eagle Scout Award program, the Knight Historical Essay Contest, and have a strong Veteran Program.

Chapter 51 of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution had its humble beginnings in the coffee shop at the Randall's store on U.S. Highway 59 in Kingwood, Texas. Several distinguished gentlemen met almost every morning to have coffee and discuss the events of the day. Three members of the Paul Carrington Chapter were the core group: Thomas M. Green, Kim A. Morton, and Donald W. Lemmon.

One topic that surfaced was the need for an SAR Chapter in the area. Tom Green came in one morning after a meeting at the Paul Carrington Chapter and informed us that he had been asked by Dr. Bill Floyd, who was the Texas Society President, if he would start a chapter in the Humble area. Tom had talked with Allan Henshaw about the details of opening a chapter, and Allan said he would take a dual membership with the group if we decided to do so. That became the topic of discussion one Monday morning.

The PineyWoods Chapter received its charter on February 3, 1994, with nine founding members. During the institutional meeting, Colonel Delbert Fowler threw down the gauntlet. He said that if PineyWoods could have an additional fourteen new members by Convention time, he would present the Chapter with a set of flags. The PineyWoods Chapter closed out the 1994 Chapter Year with seventy-six members, and we are still counting.

Since its humble beginnings in February 1994, the PineyWoods Chapter Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution has flourished in many ways. The Chapter has grown from nine members at its inception to a current enrollment of one hundred eleven members. Tradition has always been a cornerstone of the chapter's philosophy. When a new member is presented at a dinner, a short explanation of the new compatriot's Revolutionary War ancestry is read at the time of presentation. Genealogy and history have always been a focus of this chapter. Over the years, guest speakers have delivered messages explaining history and extolling the virtues of liberty, freedom, country, family, and individual achievement as the values that have made this country what it is today. Members have always been encouraged to submit "supplemental ancestors" as patriots. This emphasis on proving patriots has resulted in numerous chapter awards in the genealogy field and over three hundred and sixty patriots approved in the thirty-year history of the PineyWoods Chapter. This emphasis on proving patriots led to the publishing in 1995 of the Volume I PineyWoods Lineage Book.

PINEYWOOD FOUNDING MEMBERS 3 FEB 1994

Bernard Baker, Thomas Green, Allan Henshaw, Donald Lemon, Larry Martin, Kim Morton, Rev. Newman, Gary Smith, Larry Stevens



Celebrating Thirty Years of Service to America Values



2023-2024 Officers L to R

(rear) Ray Cox, Merve Hartwick, Ray Mize, Mike Anderson
(front) Larry G. Stevens, Kermit Breed, President Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Jim Pinkerton

Past Presidents PineyWoods

2025-2027 Abe Abdmoulaie

2023-2025 Ben Baskin

2021-2023 Michael Anderson

2019-2021 Kermit Breed

2017-2019 Jim Pinkerton

2015-2017 Joe Potter

2013-2015 Ben Stallings

2012-2013 Larry Blackburn

2011-2012 John Beard

2010-2011 Ray Cox

2008-2010 Larry Stevens

2007-2008 Ron Barker

2006-2007 Larry Stevens

2005-2006 Ray Cox

2003-2005 James Jones

2002-2003 Cannon Pritchard

2001-2002 Bobby Smith

2000-2001 Robert E. McKenna

1999-2000 M. MacLeod "Mac" Smith.

1998-1999 Jeffrey M. Meadows

1997-1998 Donald W. Lemon

1996-1997 Bernard S. Balser

1994-1996 Thomas M. Green

State Office Holders in PineyWoods Chapter

Communications Secretary Ray Cox

Advisor to the State President Larry Stevens

Advisor to the State President John Beard

Webmaster Ray Cox

History Teacher Sub-Comm. Chair Kermit Breed

Educational Outreach Vice Chair Larry Stevens

Former State Presidents Vice Chair John Beard

Perpetual Fund Trustees Committee Chair James T. Jones, Jr.

**Three Can Keep
A Secret, If Two
Of Them Are
Dead.**

- Benjamin Franklin

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National Office Holders in PineyWoods Chapter

South Central District Vice President General Larry Stevens

PineyWoods Chapter Officers 2025-2027

President: Abe Abdmoulaie

1st Vice President: Jim Pinkerton

2nd Vice President: Lewis Skip Hawley

Secretary: Bill King

Treasurer: B. Ray Mize

Historian: Kermit Breed

Chaplain: Jim Pinkerton

Chancellor: Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian: Michael Anderson

Registrar: Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed

Genealogist: Kermit Breed

Sgt.-at-Arms: Mervyn Hartwick

Newsletter: Larry Stevens

Web Master: Ray Cox

Veteran Program: Lawrence 'Ski' Grumboski



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

January 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas



Acting President, Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Chaplain Alan Bowman led members and guest in the Invocation. This was followed by pledges to the U. S. and Texas Flags, and the SAR Pledge.

Members present: (12) Michael Anderson, Bernie

Kent, B. Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Bill King, Alan Bowman, Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Richard Payne, Keith Schoonover, Lewis "Skip" Hawley, Jim Pinkerton.

Guest: (5) Sharon Mize, Jeanie Hartwick, Carolyn Bowman, Ed Wandling, Samatha Ballard.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was in the January Newsletter. A nomination list of all the new officers for the next two years was included.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize stated that we had given \$500 for the Fallen Hero's Fund. We have also given \$2,250 for cleaning and maintaining of Madrigals outfits for Kingwood H.S.

Registrars Report:

Kermit is working on a potential members. So far this individual has no unlinked patriots. Larry Stevens said he has one completed but it needs to be signed and two that no proofs can be found in the early 1800's for the lineage.

Old and New Business: Kermit Breed gave a report on the SAR Bench for the Humble Museum, which will be engraved and cost about \$2,400 and placed on a base provided by the Museum. Setting the bench would be extra. Kermit stated he would give an updated cost as soon as he knew. John Beard was not present; however, Mike Anderson gave a coupon report in his absence. He stated that digital coupons were more prevalent. Therefore, giving printed coupons was becoming

more difficult. We will continue to give them out to overseas military personnel as long as possible.

Larry Stevens gave an update on all the school programs and reenactments currently scheduled for this spring. He encouraged all members to visit or take part. He said the Humble Museum is March 1st, 2025 and we should be dedicated the 250th Anniversary Bench to the City.

Mike Anderson reviewed the list of nominations for officers to be inducted in March. He said there were no opposed position and Historian is vacant. Since there were no opposed candidates it was suggested they be elected since the list was e-mailed to members just after the December 14th meeting and it has been more than 30 days. Bill King made a motion to elect all officers as listed. Kermit Breed said second and after not discussion, the members present approved the motion. These men will be sworn in during the March business meeting. The upcoming slate of officers as a follows:

President: Abe Abdmoulaie. Vice President: Jim Pinkerton. 2nd Vice President Lewis "Skip" Hawley. Secretary: William "Bill" King. Treasurer: B. Ray Mize. Historian: Vacant (Breed-Temp). Chaplain: Jim Pinkerton. Chancellor: Allan Henshaw. Parliamentarian: Michael Anderson. Registrar: Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed. Genealogist: Kermit Breed. Sgt.-At-Arms: Merv Hartwick.

Program: Larry Stevens gave a short program on the sixteen U. S. Presidents who were and are members of SAR.

Youth Contest: Our 1st Place Essay winner is Allison Fruehwirth. She will attend our March 15th chapter meeting to read her essay and receive her award.

SAR Closing: Michael Anderson led members in the SAR Closing. Alan Bowman led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton

PineyWoods Secretary

PineyWoods Meeting 18 JAN



Facing—Ray Cox and Keith Schoonover



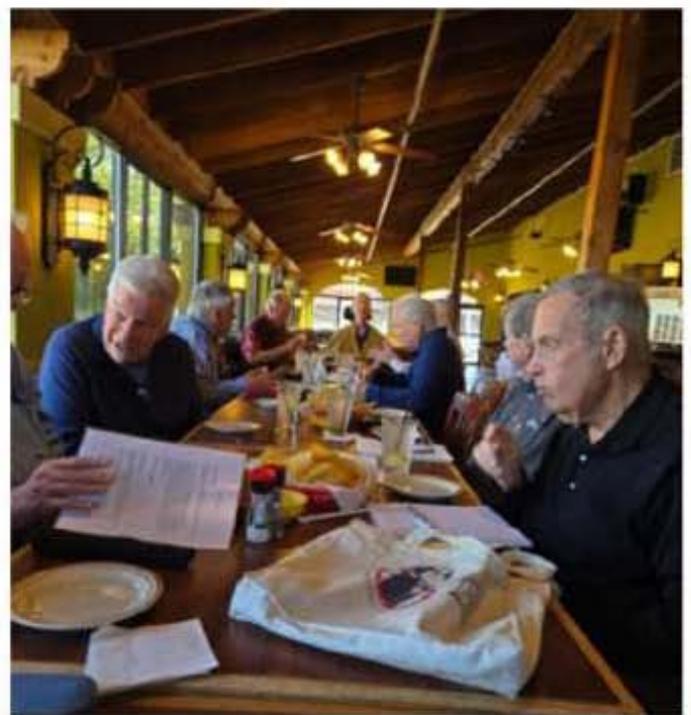
Left—Larry Stevens Samantha Ballard, Richard Payne Right—Skip Hawley, Carolyn Bowman, Alan Bowman



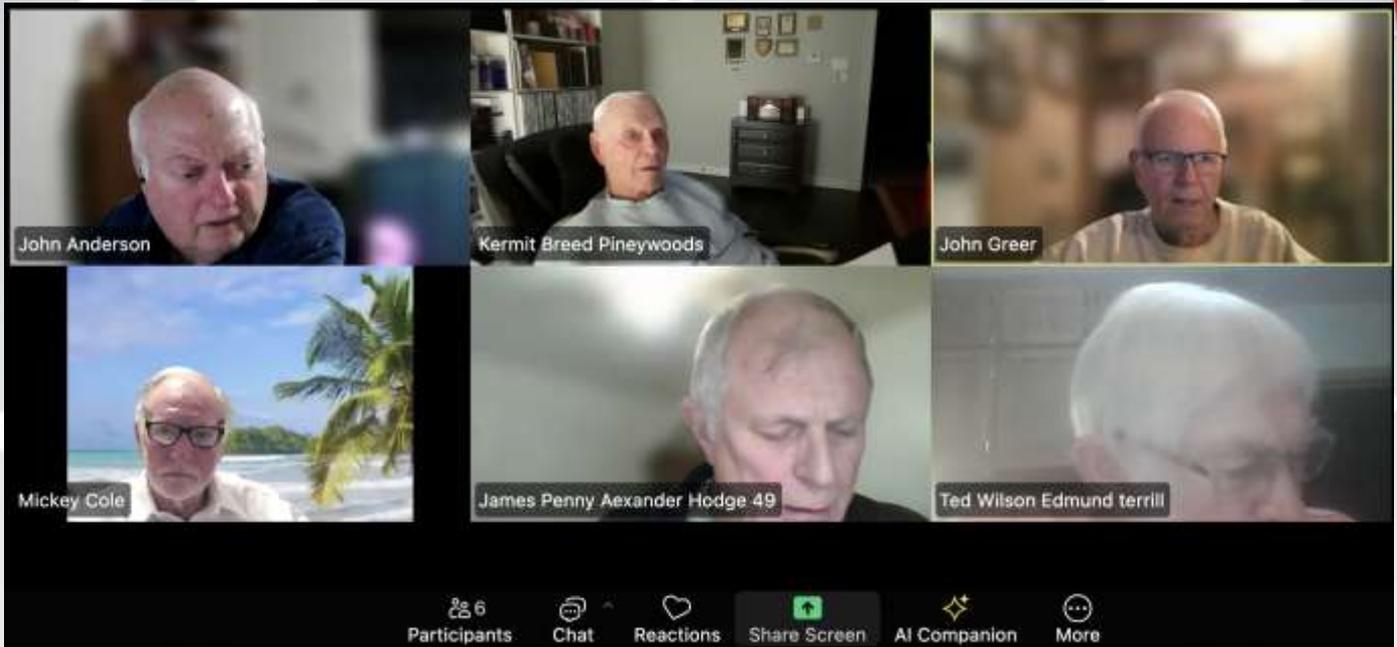
Left—Jim Pinkerton, Richard Payne Right Jeanie Hartwick, Sharon and B Ray Mize



**PINYWOODS CHAPTER
Member and guest during
Lunch at Los Cucos
Mexican Café Kingwood
on January 18, 2025**



Texas History Volume III zoom meeting.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION 2024

Presented To:

Sons of the American Revolution Piney Woods #51

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the
REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH mission.

Your unwavering support is greatly appreciated!

KAREN WORCESTER
Executive Director

JULIE BRIGHT
Director of Locations & Groups

Installing the Centennial Bench 21 February 2025



Temperature 35 * Me and the Mayor HELPED ... by staying out of the way

Kermit Breed and Mayor Funderburk



Dedication of Commemorative Bench

Call to Order - 10:30 am Larry Stevens, SAR VPG

Fife & Drum with Musket Volley

Introductions - L Stevens

Description of SAR 250 Initiative—L. Stevens

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to City of Humble—Ben Baskin, President PineyWoods SAR

Dedication of Bench - Kermit Breed

Remarks from Humble Mayor Norman Funderburk

Announcements—L. Stevens

Fife & Drum Retreat with Musket Volley



**PineyWoods Chapter, SAR
March 1, 2025**

***City of Humble
Celebrating 250 years of
American Freedom
1776-2026***

***Dedicated to the City of
Humble by PineyWoods
Chapter, TXSSAR, in memory
of Kim Allen Morton,
SAR Compatriot***

KIM ALLEN MORTON

**PineyWoods Chapter Founder and Charter Member
Chapter Genealogist 1994-2021**

Kim Morton, was born July 28, 1949 to William and Violet Gamble Morton. His father was a Captain in the Marine Corps stationed in post WWII Japan. Kim was very proud of his families military service. We had wonderful programs on his father's service and also the plight of his uncle, an airman who was killed over France in World War II.

Kim Morton's first Patriot Ancestor Peter Thompson, North Carolina Soldier, 3 Jul 1746 Chester County Penn. To 17 April 1823 Caldwell County North Carolina. Kim became a founding member of the PineyWoods Chapter on November 30, 1993. He was always the learned Revolutionary War researcher. You could ask him a question about finding documents and he would without pause give you shelf and book for the information. Kim found 25 more Patriots for a total of twenty-six Revolutionary War patriots.

Kim's legacy was further enhanced by his legacy foundation which supported educational programs. PineyWoods is so honored to dedicate this bench to the memory of Kim Morton.



Compatriot Richard Paine is presented certificates for two. Supplemental by Ben Baskin.

Texas History Volume III zoom meeting 6 March 2025



Left Abe Abdmoulaie Chapter Present Elect, Pres. Ben Baskin, PVPG SCD Minuteman Larry Stevens, City of Humble Mayor Norman Funderburk, Bench Committee chair Kermit Breed, City of Humble Museum Curator Dr. Robert Meaux.

PineyWoods Donates 250th Anniversary Bench to the City of Humble

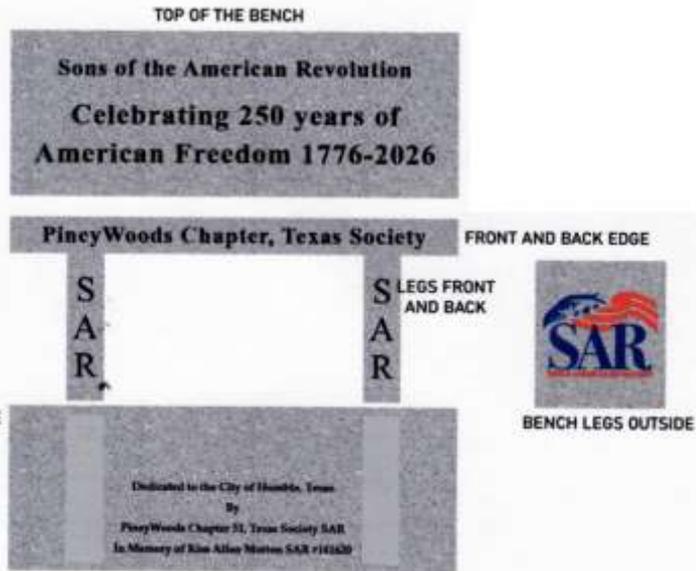
Final rendering before construction

Cities across the Nation are preparing for massive celebrations for the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for the independence of the United Colonies by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776

The Declaration of Independence, mainly written by Thomas Jefferson, was proclaimed and the first members signed the Declaration on July 4, 1776. John Dunlap a Philadelphia publisher printed the Declaration in Broadside that were passed around the streets.

On January 29, 2025, the President of the United States wrote, *"It is the policy of the United States, and a purpose of this order, to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of America"*, and the City of Humble is planning for this historic occasion.

The donation of the 250th Anniversary bench by the PineyWoods chapter 51, Texas SAR, made possible by the KAM Fund, and the monument company who produced the bench, are now apart of the upcoming



GRAY GRANITE
BENCH: 4-0 X 1-6 X 0-4 P5
BASE: 4-0 X 1-6 X 0-4 PFT BRP

festivities. Humble City Mayor Norman Funderburk stated it is very important that we remember those men and women to risked all to establish this Republic and we need to care in preserving the history their sacrifices to create this great Nation.

Fife and Drum musicians began playing at 10:30 am followed by two musket volleys.

Larry Stevens began the program jointly coordinated by PineyWoods and RevEdu 1776 501(c)3, welcoming all. Participating in the day's activities were PineyWoods, Alexander Hodge, Freedom, and Robert Rankin Compatriots, DAR members from Jame Tull and Lady Washington Chapters, the Louisiana Galvez Grenadiers (one from Connecticut and one from Oregon), and all the RevEdu 1776 volunteers, including their actors from the Humble & Kingwood High School drama department.



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

February 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Chaplin, Alan Bowman led the invocation.

Members Present (14) : Bill King, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Ski Grumboski, Ben Baskin, B. Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Richard Payne, Larry Stevens, Kermit Bread, Ray Cox , Abe Abdmoulaie, Alan Bowman, Keith Schoonover.

Guests Present (4): Susan Grumboski, Sharon Mize, Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman.

Secretary's Report: The report appears in the last newsletter.

Treasurers Report: There was no activity from last month's report.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens went over the Annual Report. He stated that we had not given any public service awards and have not done so since COVID. We need to try to recognize community members that have contributed to the well-being of our area. He stressed the need to build a base of people in our area that have given back. Kermit Bread and Larry are both working on new member applications at present. Their potential members have dead ended in that they cannot show lineage to the American Revolution. Kermit mentioned that the increase in fees has also kept potential compatriots from submitting applications. National SAR is offering a 50% off sale between now and April to join.

Larry Stevens, spoke about historical tariffs considering President Trumps push to increase them on trading partners. Tariffs are not new. He spoke of England's first tariffs on the American colonies in 1620 and 1650. These tariffs greatly affected the American Colonies.

There will be a combined SAR, DAR get together on March 1st in Humble. The Dallas chapter

is currently selling raffle tickets for colonial uniforms. The price is twelve tickets for \$100.

Compatriot Richard Payne was awarded two certificates for new supplementals to his original patriot. These men were from the Virginia area and fought in the revolution.

Larry mentioned that we need to order bronze medals for the JROTC programs in our area. We are currently only serving eleven programs in our area. John Beard was not present, and no coupon report was given. Ray Cox, webmaster, stated that room availability is on the website for the upcoming state convention.

Ski Grumboski, gave an update of the Stark report. He stated that our chapter had purchased 360 wreaths for our veterans' cemetery. The current administration is making budget cuts for veteran's affairs. Our cemetery is in need to new flag poles. A motion was made to purchase a new one from our chapter. The cost will be \$1400. The motion carried and Piney Woods will have a new flag pole in our honor at the cemetery. The bench we purchased for the library in Humble will be dedicated on February 21st.

The SAR closing and departing prayer was given and the meeting concluded at 12:58 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton—Secretary



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

March 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Incoming chapin, Jim Pinkerton gave the opening invocation. President Baskin led members and guests in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He then led the member introduction.

Members Present (15) : Ski Grumboski, Kermitt Bread, Richard Payne, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Dick Setzer, Larry Blackburn, Larry Stevens, Mel Oiler, Abe Abdmoulaie, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Jim Pinkerton, B.Ray Mize

Guests Present (1): Samantha Ballard, Allison Fruehwirth, Jennifer Fruewirth

Secretary's Report: Jim Pinkerton, secretary, stated that last month's report was in the current newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize, treasurer, stated that our C.D. will be renewed in mid-April.

Registrars Report: Both Larry Stevens, and Kermitt Bread are currently working on new potential members.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens, stated that compatriot Ken Pritchard was in the hospital with pneumonia. Mel Oiler, incoming Texas SAR State President spoke of the trustee meeting he attended in Louisville. He spoke of the new museum located there that will be both educational and informative. The museum will feature an interactive conversation between George Washington and Ben Franklin amongst others. The museum is in the first stage of development. The Piney Woods Chapter 250th anniversary bench was installed at the Humble Museum on March 1st. Other chapters are currently working on similar ones. Larry Stevens stated that JROTC medals are being delivered and will be distributed to area high schools.

Larry Blackburn was given a 15-year anniversary award. Michael Anderson and Jim Pinkerton were awarded Distinguished Service Medals for their work in the chapter. Ski Grumboski



stated that our chapter donation had purchased replacement flag pole #5 at the Veterans Cemetery.



Program: Allison Fruehwirth, our chapter essay winner, gave an interesting presentation on Bernado de Galvez, an important revolutionary



war figure. Allison was awarded \$250.00 from the chapter for her efforts.



for the membership in their confidence in him. He stated that he would do his best to uphold the standards of the chapter. He spoke briefly about his past and was looking forward to the future. Abe spoke about his mission and areas of possible improvement.

SAR Closing: President Abe Abdmoulaie led members in the SAR closing and Jim Pinkerton, chaplain gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton—Secretary

Installation of New Officers: Incoming Texas State President Mel Oiler installed the new officers for the Piney Woods Chapter for the next two years. The new officer list is in last month's newsletter. Outgoing President Ben Baskin was given the traditional past president's award.

He turned over the gavel to incoming president Abe Abdmoulaie. Abe said that he was thankful 16



President Baskin presenting Chapter Distinguished medals to Jim Pinkerton and Mike Anderson. Below Kermit Breed receives Liberty Medal #4. Larry Blackburn presenting SAR JROTC medal to Tomball TX Highschool Navy Cadet Clement.



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

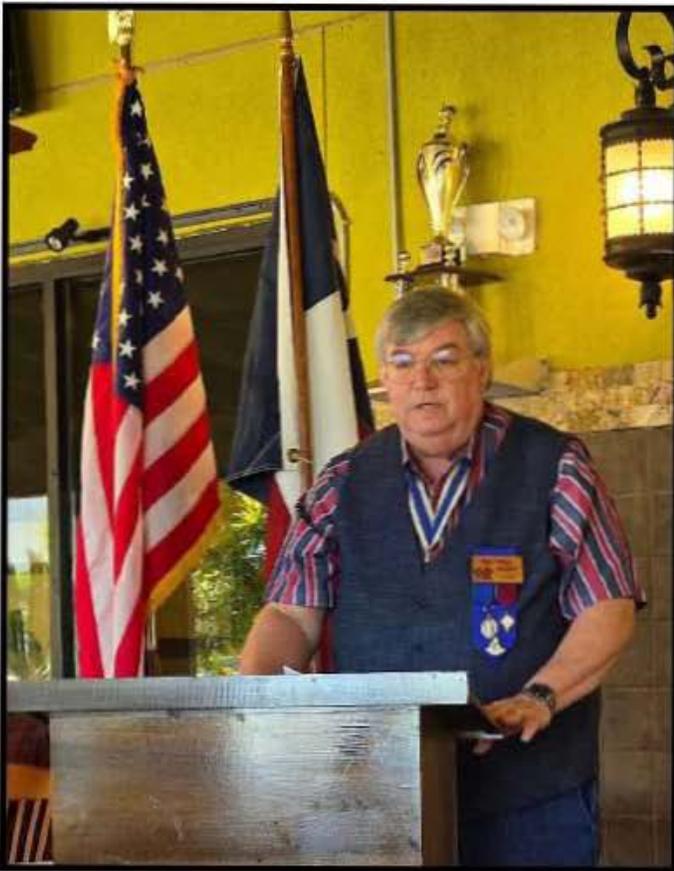
April 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Chapter President Abe Abdmoulaie called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. He led the members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags. Chaplin Jim Pinkerton led the invocation.

Members Present (15): Louis (Skip) Hawley, Ben Baskin, Joe Potter, Merv Hartwick, Larry Stevens, Dennis Brunson, Ski Grumboski, Richard Payne, Jim Pinkerton, Kermit Breed, B Ray Mize, Mel Oller, Bernie Kent, Bill King, Abe Abdmoulaie

Guests Present (6): Samantha Ballard, Susan Grumboski, Sharon Mize, Linda Abdmoulaie, Mary Beth Brunson



Texas SAR President Mel Oller discussed a special state meeting called SAR University to train national, State, and local chapter officers of their duties, and communications, delegation of duties. This meeting will be held via Zoom on

May 5th at 7: 00 P.M. Mel also noted the required Americanism reports due from each chapter to National SAR and reported that Texas chapters had 100% of reports submitted.

Mel reported that the first phase of construction on the Louisville Museum is now complete. The remaining budget from first phase amounting to \$100,000 was transferred to the next phase of construction. Budget of \$600,000 for the education section in the basement is now fully funded.

President Abdmoulaie said there is an officer training Zoom by President Oller on Monday evening and that there are officer training modules on the Texas Website for new officers. He asked Stevens to speak of upcoming Youth Programs.

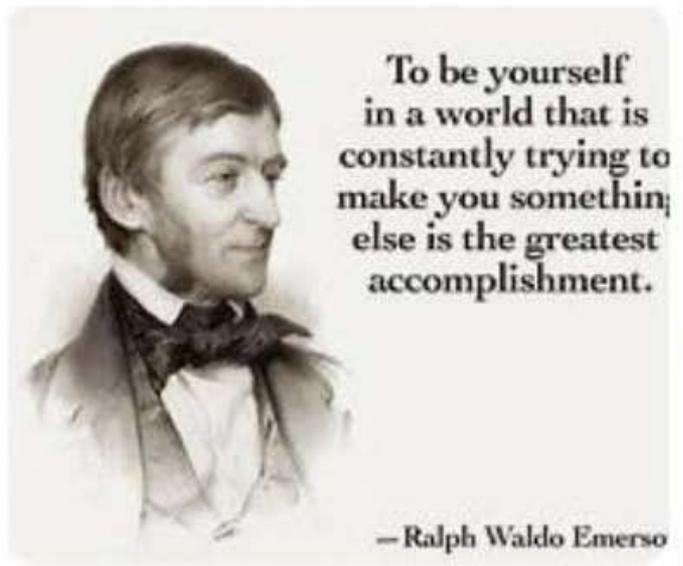
Larry Stevens asked for volunteers for the Humble ISD awards ceremony Scheduled for May 8 by Turner Stadium. On May 16th there is a Patriot Day event at Splendor Junior High School for both elementary and middle school activities. Larry made a motion to fund the Splendor Social Studies American History Fair project again this Fall and Jim Pinkerton 2nd the motion. During discussion, the motion was tabled until the treasurer's report.

Larry also reported that our chapter had not recognized any public servants since Covid. Larry requested that this program be restarted by our chapter members. Recognition by presenting these awards for any Public Servant who has a long working history of public service, including special actions. The Public Servants include law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS health professionals, etc.

Dennis Brunson reported that the Texas State monument cost is \$6000.

Chapter President Abe Abdmoulaie thanked the volunteers at Jesse Jones Park where around 450 people watched the reenactment of the April 19,1775 Lexington and Concord battles which started the American Revolution. Linda

Abdmoulaie, mother of our chapter president and Abe then recited the Concord Hymn. A copy is included in the minutes. The words were written in 1837 by Ralph Waldo Emerson whose fa-



ther was Rev William Emerson. William Emerson was a patriot who was the Pastor of a Concord church. His words inspired the congregation to fight for individual freedom and a revolt against tyranny. That same church was a meeting place for patriot meetings planning activities supporting the American revolution.

Officer Reports:

Larry Stevens thanked Michael Anderson for contacting members encouraging them to become active by paying the yearly SAR dues. Our membership is now ninety-nine and is listed in the newsletter.

2nd VP reported that he was learning his roles and responsibilities. He stated that he is the planning stage, reviewing several contests to encourage more participants in chapter activities. He is looking for ideas.

Outgoing Secretary Jim Pinkerton reported that last month's meeting minutes were included in the monthly newsletter.

Treasurer B Ray Mize presented the yearly budget, which is attached in the minutes. Two issues requiring resolution: Money in the budget includes supporting Ski Grumboski's veteran activities, Social Studies Fair project, JROTC programs, wreaths for veteran graves at our national cemetery, State monument, and other ac-

tivities as included in the treasurer's report. Larry Stevens proposed a motion to approve the treasurer's proposed 2026 budget. Joe Potter 2nd the motion. Members unanimously approved the budget.

The essay contest was again noted.

Kermit Breed reported that he has two applications at State level, Thomas and James Weston. Kermit is working on applications for Adam Kuhnley and son. Kermit also reported that the Kim Morton Foundation no longer exists. As a result, our chapter will not receive any further money from the dissolved foundation.

Two requests for funding member projects. The first request was for funding a mural on the wall of a Humble bank building for \$2000. Bill King requested \$500 funding a memorial bench at the Akron, Colorado cemetery where Bill's family members are interred. Both chapter members unanimously approved requests.

Members were reminded to fly the colors on Flag Day, June 14th. Another reminder to propose teacher awards for History and Social Studies.

Ski Grumboski reminded members to observe Memorial Day activities at the National cemetery.

President Abe Abdmoulaie led the members in the closing. Jim Pinkerton read the closing prayer.

Faithfully submitted by Bill King.



The siege of Boston was the opening phase of the American Revolutionary War. It lasted from April 19, 1775 to March 17, 1776. New England militiamen surrounded the town of Boston, Massachusetts, to prevent movement by the British Army garrisoned within. Both sides had to deal with resource, supply, and personnel issues over the course of the siege.



**TEXAS SAR DIST 8 VP Dennis Burnson
and wife Mary Beth**



**President Abe Abdmoulaie and his
mother Linda wearing her SAR DAR
Medal**



**Mel Oller Texas SAR President, Sharon and B Ray Mize, Linda Abdmoulaie,
Richard Payne, Merv Hartwick, Dist. 8 VP Dennis Brunson**

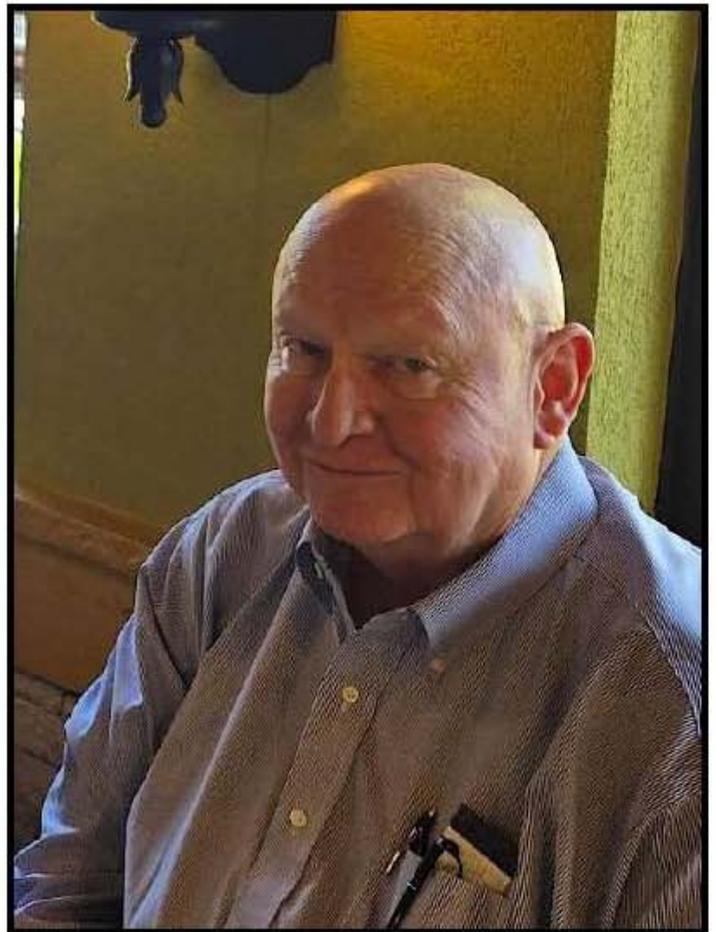
Past VP Bernie Kent



1st VP Jim Pinkerton Susan and Ski Grumboski

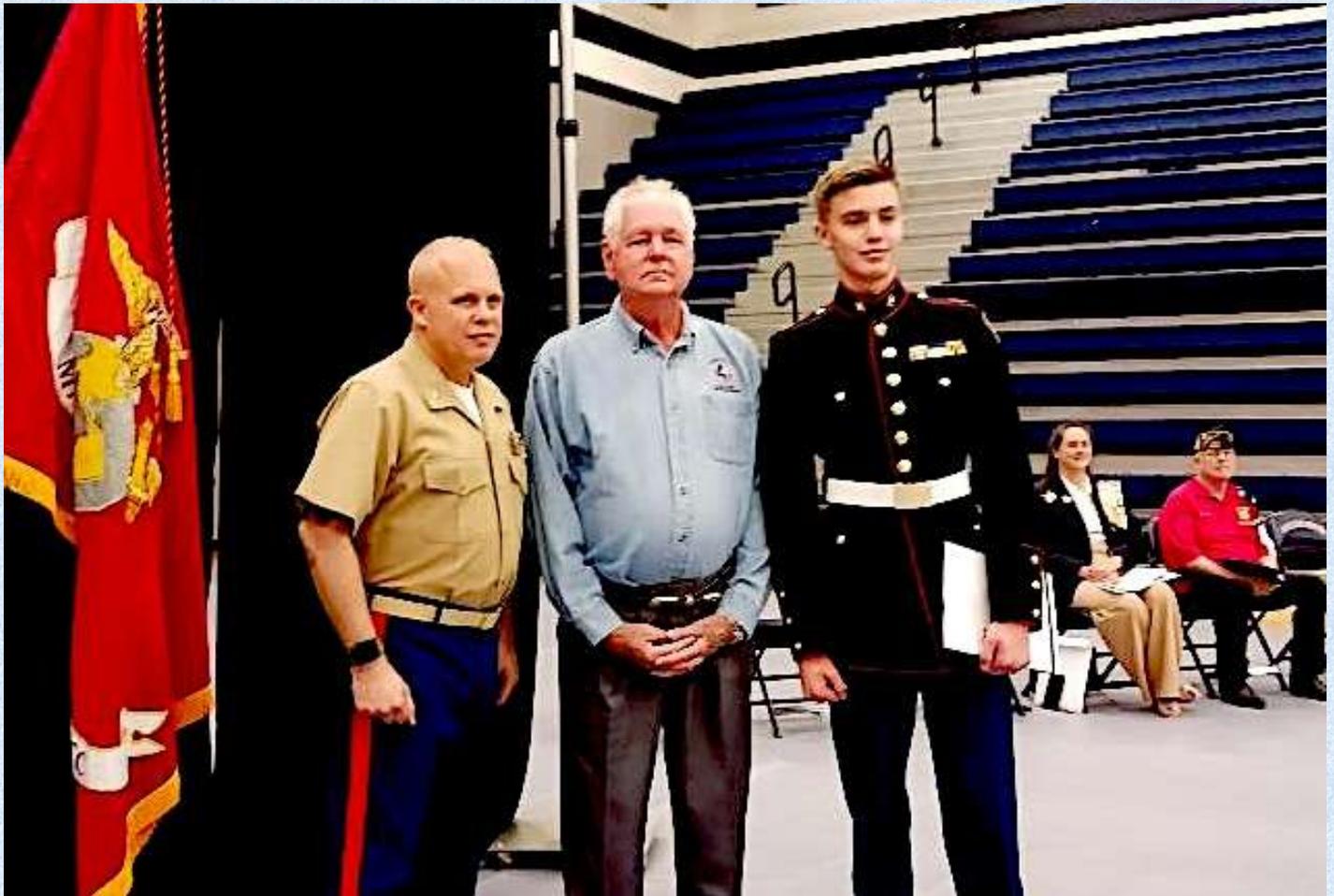


Immediate Past President Ben Baskin



Chapter 2nd VP Louis 'Skip' Hawley

Tomball Memorial High School JROTC



Major Lazzetta, Larry Blackburn and Cadet Eric King



PineyWoods Planning Meeting 31 May 2025



Officers meet at IHOP Kingwood, for a called meeting by President Abe Abdmoulaie to discuss our mission for 2025-2027, officer training, upcoming meeting programs, Awards, 250th Anniversary, veteran and youth programs. Able to attend were Secretary Bill King, Webmaster Ray Cox, just Past President Ben Baskin, 2nd VP over Youth Programs Louis Skip Hawley, Genealogist and Registrar Kermit Breed, 1st VP over programs, and other things, Jim Pinkerton, President Abe Abdmoulaie, Newsletter and Registrar Larry Stevens, and past President and Parliamentarian Mike Anderson. The meeting began around 9 am and lasted about an hour or two, lost track, eating food and just talking about the chapter and things we need to be doing. We are a Patriotic Lineage Organization with a mission to preserve the histories, memories and sacrifices of the men and women who fought and worked to form the Republic of the United States of America. Our participation in programs with the public and for our schools as representatives of the SAR help promote our mission.

PineyWoods Meeting 17 May 2025

President Abe Abdmoulaie called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. Merv Hartwick led Members and guests in pledges to U.S, and Texas flag. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Abe led the invocation.

Members present (17): Bill King, Merv Hartwick, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Stephen E. McIntyre, Richard Payne, Michael Anderson, Kermit Breed, Bernie Kent, Cannon Pritchard, Ray Cox, Ben Barkin, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Abe Abdmoulaie, Keith Schoonover, Harry Salisbury. Guests (4) John Orndorff, Jeannie Hartwick, Don Abbie, Samantha Ballard.

Chapter officer reports:

Bill King reported that the meeting minutes are included in the monthly newsletter.

B Ray Mize had nothing to add after reporting the treasurer's report in April's meeting.

Kermit Breed reported that two prospective member applications are at SAR national for final approval. Kermit has one additional application in review. A new member will be formally inducted into our chapter at our meeting in August.

Larry Stevens reported that he has one more JROTC program tonight at Splendora High School. Larry noted that the presentations of JROTC medals to the JROTC cadets are especially appreciated. Twenty-three Bronze Medals were sent or taken to schools. He said the chapter Junior ROTC effort would be assumed by 2VP Hawley. He said chapter members need to help with distribution and presentation. All the school awards programs will be in the Spring of 2026. He said the medals should be ordered this fall. Ray Cox reported on his recommendations for the fees and dues calculator on the SAR Texas State website. Ray is recommending reducing the family member application fee. Ray is also recommending reducing the individual fee.

Harry Salisbury Reported that the Holocaust Docent Remembrance and Hope Center on Lake Houston Drive has presentations on Sunday afternoon. He recommended that members attend. The possibility of planting an SAR 250th Anniversary Liberty Tree at the Site was discussed since the chapter has already approved of this expense. Harry was asked to check to see if this was doable.

Abe Abdmoulaie reported that chapter officer training is scheduled for May 31st at the IHOP restaurant starting at 9:30 AM. Abe also reported that he is looking for volunteers for the annual July 4th parade.

Larry Stevens reported that a picture and article of the 250th Bench installed at the Humble Museum was sub-mitted to the SAR Magazine Committee. Look for our chapter article in the next SAR magazine.

Jeannie Hartwick reported on the DAR event which was the lighting of the red lantern at the holocaust muse-um.

Merv Hartwick led the closing of the business meeting with the SAR closing. Abe ended the meeting with the closing prayer.

Secretary Bill King

Awards



President Abe Abdmoulaie
Presenting Past President
Ben Baskin the
Meritorious
Service Medal

Pres. Abe Abdmoulaie presenting
Sgt of Arms - Merv Hartwick
the Roger Sherman Medal



President Abe Abdmoulaie
Presenting a CofA to Kermit
Breed for the program "The
Breed Family and the Battle
of Breed Hill" Sometimes
called Bunker Hill. See
August 2014 issue of Pine
Shavings.

PineyWoods Lunch Meeting at Los Cucos Mexican Café Private Room

17 MAY 2025



Larry, his daughter Samantha and B Ray



Ray, Cannon Bernie



Richard, Ray Cannon Bernie,
Keith Harry and Guest



Kermit on Family that owned BREED's
Hill—Not Bunker which was next to Breeds



Past President Cannon Prichard was able to return to a meeting



ALL SMILES

- Ben
- Stephen
- Mike
- Richard

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

August 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting August 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Abe Abdmoulaie called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. Abe Abdmoulaie led Members and guests in pledges to U.S, and Texas flag. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Jim Pinkerton led the invocation.

Members present (14): Merv Hartwick, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Ski Grumboski, Richard Payne, Michael Anderson, Kermit Breed, Bernie Kent, Ray Cox, Ben Barkin, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Abe Abdmoulaie, Jim Pinkerton, Stephen Ternois,

Guests (4): Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick, Susan Grumboski, Samantha Ballard. Members and guests individually introduced themselves.

Abe presented on a quote from Thomas Jefferson on how education and awareness of our founding principles was vital in creating a more perfect Republic and how this is still relevant in today's current society, which connects directly with our SAR mission statement.

Abe led the new member induction for Stephen Ternois, who was formally inducted into our chapter at our meeting in August. Stephen gave a presentation on his family ties to SAR and his patriot ancestor. The Chapter members shook his hand welcoming him into our Chapter.



VP Report: Skip Hawley reported on how the chapter sponsors US History teachers and that the contests criteria are published on our website. Ben and Larry added that they know potential candidates for the History Teacher awards.

Secretary Report; Bill King is ill and could not attend but the minutes of the May 17, 2025 chapter meeting were published in the newsletter. Abe asked if there were any corrections and there were none.



Splendora Multi-School Event with 5th and 8th Grade Students by PineyWoods SAR, RevEdu, and Cadets from Splendora JROTC and Splendora ISD Administrators and Teachers

Treasurer: B Ray Mize did not have any recent updates on the treasurer's report for the August meeting. He stated that Margon County Memorials, Colorado, donated \$600.00 for the 250th Memorial Bench being placed at the Akron, Colorado cemetery. Bill King is heading up this chapter and family project.

Registrars; Kermit Breed, registrar, reported two application pending approval in Louisville, and he said he has one additional application to review. Larry Stevens said he is working on applications for a family of three and is nearly complete. He said Kermit sent him another application for his assistance.

Ray Cox reported the chapter should meet with RevEd on potential youth programs so he could update the website on future events. President Abdmoulaie said he would set up a

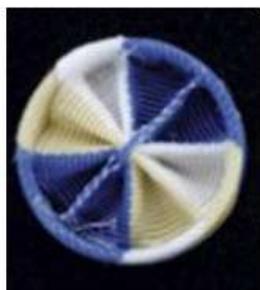
meeting. Stevens said representatives from Splendora ISD would make a presentation on Teaching US History in the September meeting. The chapter helped fund their 8th Grade Social Studies Fair last spring.

Abe led the closing of the business meeting with the SAR closing and ended the meeting with a closing prayer.



Faithfully submitted by President Abe Abdmoulaie and Larry Stevens for *Secretary Bill King*

President Abdmoulaie—New Member Induction Ceremony with Sponsor Kermit Breed, New Member Stephen Ternois. Kermit Pins the Member Rosette on Stephen's collar.



The NSSAR ROSETTE can be worn by all members. Worn on the coat lapel or tropical shirt collar. NOT on an overcoat. The rosette is considered informal. Not appropriate for formal wear. I Rosette not to be worn if the SAR badge is.



PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 250th Anniversary Memory Projects

PineyWoods SAR and The Kim Morton Foundation are proud to be a part of the installation of a second Memorial Bench; the first was for the City of Humble last March 2025. The second bench is at the Akron Cemetery, established in 1887, in Akron, Colorado. The dedication will take place on Memorial Day 2026 to honor all Veterans that survived and for those that gave their lives. Chapter Secretary William 'Bill' King was instrumental in this endeavor. Bill secured the finance, permits and the monument company to build and install the bench. There are thirteen King/Elliott family members buried there that has military service. Also, this memorial is to celebrate Bill's Patriot Ancestor James King (1752-1819), who was a Delaware private buried in Delaware.



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

September 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

The meeting began at 11:35 AM with the opening prayer, Pledge Allegiance, Texas Pledge, and SAR pledge by chapter president Abe Abdmoulaie.

Members present included: Abe Abdmoulaie, Bill King, Lawrence "Ski" Grumboski, Joe Potter, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Harry Salisbury, Larry Stevens, Roland Skelton, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Kermit Breed. Guests included Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Mark Fishlock, Fred, Barbara Stevens, Lois Hawley, Dr. Kristy Dietrich, Brittany Ricci.

Abe reminded everyone of the upcoming September 17th Constitution Day, which is now starting on September 16th and extended to October 1st. Included in this is the 5th page of the constitution in which all states convention members ratified the proposed constitution and then rolled out the constitution to all of the states to approve. Of note was Vermont that was The Republic of Vermont, January 15, 1777, to March 4, 1791, or 6 years before becoming a state.

Next, Abe introduced the guest speakers who included the Splendor ISD Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Kristy Dietrich and Managing Coordinator of Humanities Instruction from 6th to 12th grades, Brittany Ricci, M.Ed.

Dr. Dietrich started the presentation with thanks to Larry Stevens and Piney Woods for sponsoring the Splendor ISD program event last May. Dr. Dietrich stated that she will be looking forward to continued



support from our SAR chapter.

Dr. Dietrich then introduced Brittany Ricci.

Ms. Ricci began with stating additions to the STAAR testing for 8th graders is the American Civics test. Intent of the test is to include vocabulary, comprehension, academic language, and evidence of competency of American Civics. A copy of

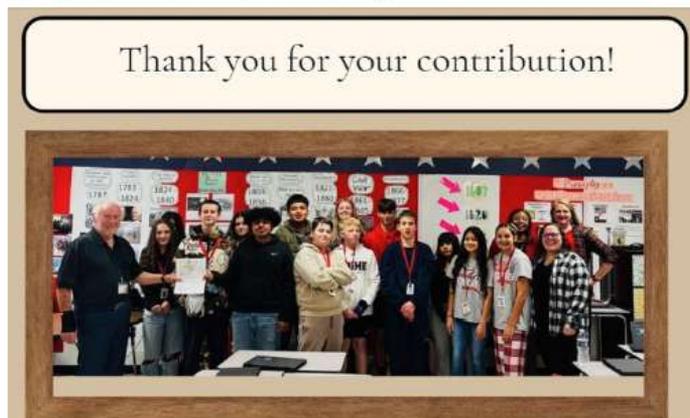


selected questions taken from a recent STAAR test is included in the meeting minutes. Most notable comment made by Bernie Kent in which he admitted that he would fail the test without the year instruction that 8th grade students are required to complete before taking the formal STAAR test.

Brittany Ricci stated that the average grade on the exam was 53%.

At the conclusion of the Splendor ISD presentation, Dr. Dietrich and Ms. Ricci were presented the SAR bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

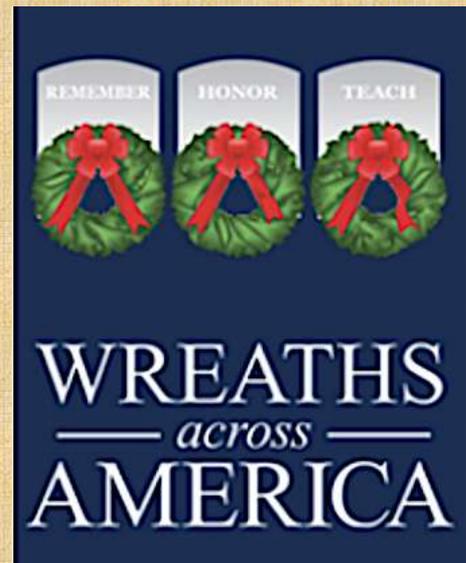
Thank you for your contribution!



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SAR veteran coordinator Lawrence “Ski” Grumboski was then awarded the Roger Sherman Bronze Medal with certificate.



#51 PineyWoods Chapter Patriot Medals



Thomas Green 1997



Jeffery Meadows 1998



Raymond Cox 2008



James Jones Jr. 2009



Larry Stevens 2010.



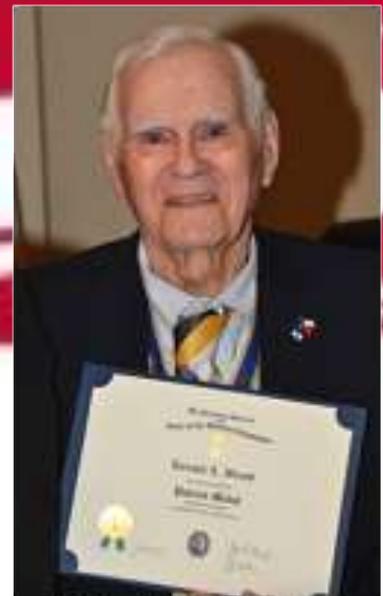
James Mitchell 2011



John Beard 2013



Larry Blackburn 2018



Kermit Breed 2024

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 Youth Programs

JROTC NOVEMBER 5, 2025 -PineyWoods 2nd VP Louis 'Skip' Hawley presented the PineyWoods donation to the Cleveland High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit Commander in the JROTC Training Class Room in the presence of Eagle Flight, Senior Instructor Robert Hunt, and Larry Stevens on November 5th at the High School. After the picture Skip and Larry, Col. Hunt, watched a unit dress inspection. The Unit Commander thanked us for helping this year.

Skip and Larry then drove to Splendora High School and made another presentation to the Air Force JROTC Commander with Senior Instructor Lt Col Kevin Mertins and Instructor MSGT Ronda Carpio. Kevin said this donation will help replace worn out uniform dress items.



November 7, 2025—Bear Branch Elementary 5th Grade PATRIOT's DAY. Ray Cox and Larry Stevens presented Educational and Historical programs to 150 students with the opening ceremony at 8 am where Ray played his Fife. Outside presentations began at 9:00 am and with the final presentation of the day ending a 2:40. Chapter Sgt-At-Arms Merv Hartwick helped Larry setup his Patriot Trunk Program and returned at 2:00 pm to help repack and stow the Colonial Era Artifacts. Ray made presentations of the Fife a Weapon of War, and Larry on colonial life during 1750-1800 using Artifacts of the time.



*Bear Branch Elementary School 07 Nov.
2025*



Members of the Freedom and Piney Woods chapters SAR and the Capt. Edward Weyman chapter of the CAR had the privilege of participating in today's [Revolutionary Education 1776](#) education program at Bear Branch Elementary School.

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Notes

October 25, 2025, Meeting Notes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Meeting began at 11:35 AM with the opening prayer, Pledge Allegiance, Texas Pledge, and SAR pledge by chapter president Abe Adbmoulaie.

Members present included: Bill King, Merv Hartwick, Lewis (Skip) Hawley, Joe Potter, Abe Adbmoulaie, Larry Stevens, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, Ski Grumboski, Richard Payne, Ray Cox, Kermit Breed, B. Ray Miske, Harry Salisbury. Freedom Chapter President David Hamaker. Guests include Jeanne Hartwick and Samantha Ballard.

Abe reminded everyone that the U S Navy and US Marine Corp was established on October 13, 1775 by an act of the Continental Congress.

Abe then introduced the speaker, David Hamaker who is the President of the SAR Freedom Chapter and also the Texas Color Guard Commander. David loves fishing and hunting and other outdoor activities. He is retired after a career rail road employee.

David's position in the Freedom chapter is president and is an active recruiter of new members to SAR. This year the Freedom Chapter has inducted into membership 24 new members. Their oldest member is 87.

David is also the Texas SAR Color Guard Commander. A chapter color guard must have a minimum of 4 members to be a recognized SAR Color Guard. David's Freedom chapter is the largest and most active Color Guard in Texas. David stated the Color Guard is the most recognized activity of the SAR.

After David's presentation, Abe presented David with a President Abe presents an SAR @250th Anniversary Challenge Coin to David Hamaker.

Officer reports are as follows:

2nd VP Jim Pinkerton stated that 3 events are forthcoming, 2 in November and 1 in December. Next year's Splendora ISD history fair is to be scheduled March 2026. The dates are not set. Our chapter will present a gift of \$2000 to the Splendora ISD for the history fair.

Secretary Bill King reported that last month's meeting notes are included in the October Newsletter. Bill stated that the family SAR 250th bench was completed and was delivered to the Akron, Colorado cemetery shortly after Labor Day. A formal dedication is scheduled for Memorial Day 2026 in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Bill has been in contact with the Akron Veteran's Day ceremony coordinator who represents both the Akron American Legion and VFW. Bill has asked the SAR Colorado Long's Peak chapter if their color guard would be available for the ceremony. More details will follow.



Bill also encouraged our members to watch the YouTube SAR Revolutionary War Rarities series. A new video is posted every 2 weeks.

Treasurer B. Ray Mize reported that our chapter, through the efforts of Larry Stevens, purchased 20 JROTC medals and ordered Texas Challenge coins.

Registrars Kermit Breed and Larry Stevens reported that Pamela Anderson's grandsons SAR applications for Thomas and Christopher Anderson's applications for membership have been approved. Four additional applications are being worked on by Kermit and Larry. Kermit also formally asked our members to submit a short biography and photograph to him and he will submit these bios to the Texas SAR for inclusion in the Texas History Volume 3. He said there is a form on the website to help.

Larry Stevens attended the National SAR Trustee meeting in Louisville on October 3rd and said there were two items to report to the chapter, First, National SAR has contracted with an insurance company and that will provide insurance to cover all SAR Color Guard members participating in black powder events and other activities beginning November 1, 2025. State Society need to no longer contract for their own policies.

Second, Larry reported National SAR is in deficit so has not filled vacancies. Staff members who retired and were not replaced. National is actively trying to reduce the debt. There are currently only six staff Genealogist so it has taken longer to approve applications. Members are encouraged to keep their membership active by paying the yearly dues. Members are also encouraged to purchase life time membership.

The Texas 250th Monument recognizing Rev War Patriots buried in Texas will formally be dedicated in the Austin State Cemetery

on April 17, 2026. Members should attend this historic event.

Skip Hayley was presented with the SAR University diploma for completing the course of VP duties. There are other courses you can take. The Youth Protection Training course is one available and is required by all members who work around youth.

David Hamaker reported that the Texas SAR is actively lobbying the State to include Spain's active involvement in the American Revolution. The Texas SAR has encouraged smaller Texas chapters to host Texas SAR conventions by reimbursement of cost endured to sponsor the convention.

Veteran's representative Ski Grumboski reported that our chapter had 371 wreaths donated to the wreaths over America last year. For our chapter's effort, we received a national chapter award. Additionally, a streamer was formally added to our chapter flag for our continued education activities for our local school districts.



Skip Hayley received his course completion certificate



SGT-AT Arms Merv Hartwick accepting the National SAR Streamer for our Chapter SAR Flag

Ski encouraged our members to purchase individual wreath through the “business card”. Wreaths be purchased by November 28th. Ski also made a motion for our chapter to purchase 500 wreaths. During discussion \$1700 was proposed. Larry Stevens seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by all chapter members.

New Business:

Bill King made a motion for our chapter, and the Freedom Chapter jointly purchase a 250th anniversary bench in the Houston national cemetery. Ski Grumboski reported that he asked the cemetery committee for their approval. The Cemetery committee agenda will include the proposal for the bench during the November meeting. The motion was tabled until our November meeting for a formal vote.

Our October meeting was closed by Abe at 1:30 PM with a closing prayer and SAR closing.

Faithfully submitted by Bill King



Ray Cox, Mike Anderson, Richard Payne



President Abe Abdmoulaie introducing Freedom Chapter President and Texas Color Guard Commander Dave Hamaker



ABOVE—

Bottom Left—Harry Salisbury, Ski, (far top left) Ben Baskin Skip Hawley, Ray Cox, Richard Payne, Bill King, Merv and Jeanne Hart-



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Meeting November 15, 2025



John Orndorff, a Vietnam USMC Combat Veteran is presented a Special Certificate of Appreciation, not only as our guest speaker a But also talking about his experiences in 1968 at Khe Sanh .



President Abe Abdmoulaie presented Orndorff with the US Vietnam Veterans Pin which only presented to members of all branches of the US Armed Services who were deployed to the Vietnam War area.

He was presented with two Vietnam Era Pins for family of those who served in Vietnam, his daughter and son.



Trevor and Elayn Points (DAR) and Family (CAR). Trevor transferred his membership to PineyWoods this past summer.

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Notes

November 15, 2025 Meeting Notes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Meeting began at 11:32 AM with the opening prayer, Pledge Allegiance, Texas Pledge, and SAR pledge by chapter president Abe Abdmoulaie.

Members present included: (17) Joe Potter, Bill King, Jeff LaRoche, Merv Hartwick, Connor Pritchard, Ray Cox, Jim Pinkerton, Abe Abdmoulaie, Lewis (Skip) Hawley, Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, Bernie Kent, Ski Grumboski, Kermit Breed, Larry Blackburn, Harry Salisbury, Trevor Points.

Guests included: (10) John Orndoff, Jeannie Hartwick, Susan Grumboski, Mark Fishlock, Sharon Fishlock, Kim Points (CAR), Kaia Points (CAR), Elayn Points (DAR), Don Albe , One Guest not named.

Abe asked all top to introduce themselves and to include whether they are veterans and to include the military branch in which each serve. Abe then asked which veteran organization was first veteran organization established. Several chapter members correctly identified the Society of Cincinnati, organized on April 30, 1889, was the first.

Officer reports are as follows:

2nd VP Skip Hawley noted that two checks were presented to Cleveland High School JROTC and Splendora High School JROTC Cadets and instructors. And on Veterans Day, November, Hawley and Stevens, met with the Splendora staff and the Splendora ISD Education Foundation and presented our check supporting their History Fair again this year.

November 7th, at the Bear Branch Elementary Patriot's Day, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens made historical presentations to 150 Bear Branch 5th grade students, and on November 14th, at Willow Creek Elementary, Patriots' Day, Ray Cox, Skip Hawley, and Larry Stevens made historical presentations to about 125 5th grade students.

On December 4th at Greentree Elementary, they will have their Patriots' Day. Cox, Hawley, and Stevens of PineyWoods will present programs.

Secretary King noted that the previous month's meeting minutes are included in the chapter newsletter.

B Ray Mize, who was traveling, had sent a copy of the chapter's financial statement to Abe to be included in the November meeting minutes.



Registrar Kermit Breed reported that he would work with Don Albe on an SAR application. Larry Stevens reported that he was sent the name of a potential member by Texas Communication Secretary Ray Cox. a Mr.

Garcia, and he has sent Mr. Garcia a note to contact him.

Larry reminded everyone to please send SAR dues for 2026 to TXSAR!

Veteran coordinator Ski Grumboski reminded everyone to consider buying a veteran wreath. Cutoff date is November 30th. Any member activities supporting veterans should be documented on the Stark Report. Send these to Ski Grumboski.

Larry Stevens will host the Annual Chapter Christmas party scheduled for December 13th at his home. Please arrive by 11:00 AM. The chapter will provide the main dish. Members will be asked to provide desserts, fruit trays, veggie, etc. The Kingwood Madrigal Choir will arrive at 11:30 am to entertain us with Christmas tunes.

The PBS revolutionary War series created by Ken Burns will first air on November 16th.

After lunch, Abe introduced our November speaker John Ormdorff. John's presentation was on his personal experiences during the Vietnam Nam Khe Sanh battle that started on January 1968. Don enlisted in the USMC in 1967, attended boot camp, and was assigned to the USMC 3rd division.

The Khe Sanh battle lasted 45 days which started prior to the Tet offensive. The battle was the most intense battle in Vietnam Nam. An artillery barrage started the engagement and lasted continuously for 2 days along with mortar, and small arms fire. The Khe Sanh encampment was completely surrounded by 15000 NVA troops. The American camp was only six thousand strong. On February 28th, the NVA launched 1500 artillery blasts.

The encampment was resupplied by American C-130 aircraft that were harassed by enemy fire while unloading. Additionally, Chinook and Huey helicopter provided supplies and evacuated injured Marines under constant enemy fire.

USAF F-4 phantoms and B-52's made bombing drops on enemy positions to provide air support. Marine Sky Raiders provided close air support with napalm drops on enemy positions. Marine snipers kept NVA soldiers under fire.

Chaplains were continuously providing spiritual relief to the troops while the NVA fired on them.

Trenches were constantly under artillery attack. Marines deepened their trenches for cover; some were dug eight feet deep.

The firing ended with NVA troops evacuating in mid-March 1968. The USMC troops were withdrawn starting on April 1st, and all were out of Khe Sanh by April 15th.

In reports released years later General Westmoreland considered using tactical nuclear weapons, but orders were never given for this.

Abe presented a certificate for John's sometimes very personal reflections on his days at Khe Sanh in 1968.

After John finished his USMC service and entered San Francisco University Law School in 1978. After successfully finishing law school he started a career in the Houston Oil and Gas industry. Along with a lot of other veterans before him, he kept his war time experiences locked away for many years.

Abe adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. Jim Pinkerton ended the meeting with a closing prayer. Abe followed with the SAR closing.

Faithfully submitted by Bill King



**PINEYWOODS TEXAS SAR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 13, 2025
AT 1706 CHESTNUT GROVE LN
KINGWOOD, TEXAS
11:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM**

The Christmas party is a pot-luck, with the chapter furnishing the ham. The host provides drinks. Members bring their favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert. Please RSVP indicating what you will be bringing, or your regrets.

This is a member-guest event so please bring your significant other or a friend. It is a seated event so the host must have a count of attendees.

We will enjoy the beautiful music of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir, so please be on time so you won't miss the Christmas Cheer from these Dickens clad youth.

A map is included for your convenience. RSVP to Larry Stevens @ 832-814-7132, by text or phone or wardtracker@aol.com with the number attending and your dish.

PineyWoods Annual Christmas Lunch and Meeting

The Stevens' Home, Kingwood



Kermit, John, Ray, Sandy, Sherry, Roland, Glen



Jeannie
Barbara
Sharon

Members and guests began arriving before 11:00 am, bringing dishes of hot and cold foods and placing them on the Kitchen island. Combined with the aroma of Hams in the oven, all were ready to begin lunch.

The Madrigals were on the front walk promptly at 11:30 am and entered singing a Christmas Carole. There were 18 singers and they filled the house with music for over 30 minutes. This was the Madrigals 26th Christmas program at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens.

Lunch began with a prayer shortly after the Madrigal program. Everyone found a place at a table, carried their places to the kitchen, and returned to their seats to talk to friends.

There were thirty-four seated for lunch:

Members: Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, Louis Skip Hawley, Bernie Kent, Bill King, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Dick Setser, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens (17)

Guests: Kelly Abdmoulaie, Samantha Ballard, Dan Ballard, Virginia Ballard (Dan Ballard's mother), Cindy Davis, Terry Hawley, Jeanie Hartwick, Ann Kent, Sue King, Devena Liepman, Sarah Potter, Janisue Rigal, Sheri Setser, Johnnie Schmonesse, Barbara Stevens, Glenn Turner, Sandy Turner (17). Madrigals – 18 and one Parent

Business - Approvals of checks to:

Kingwood High School Madrigals for \$500 by officers' vote December 11, 2025, approved with all yes votes. Abe said checked was presented to Madrigal's parent Chelsea Popp for Director Jason Watt. The 2024 donation was used to make a custom Victorian period dress, buy new top hats, and repair/alter jackets. Jason Watt said the school was very appreciative for our support of this youth program.

Kingwood Fallen Heros - \$500 – a budgeted donation.

Check given to John Beard for Manufacture Coupons mailing postage reimbursements.

Motion by Jim Pinkerton, to reelect sitting officers for 2026-2027, second by Mike Anderson approved by acclamation .

Abe Closed the meeting at 12:45 pm.







Abe Abdmoulaie & Merv Hartwick



Merv Hartwick, Ben Baskim, Ray Cox



Joe Potter, Mike Anderson



Merv Hartwick, Ben Baskim,
Bernie Kent



We enjoyed the beautiful music of thr Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir in period costume.



Sarah Potter, Kermit Breed, Johnnie Schmonesse (back) Skip and Terry Hawley

*Kelly Abdmoulaie,
Abe, behind,
Barbara Stevens
John Schmonesse*

*Jim Pinkerton,
Sharon and
B Ray Mize*

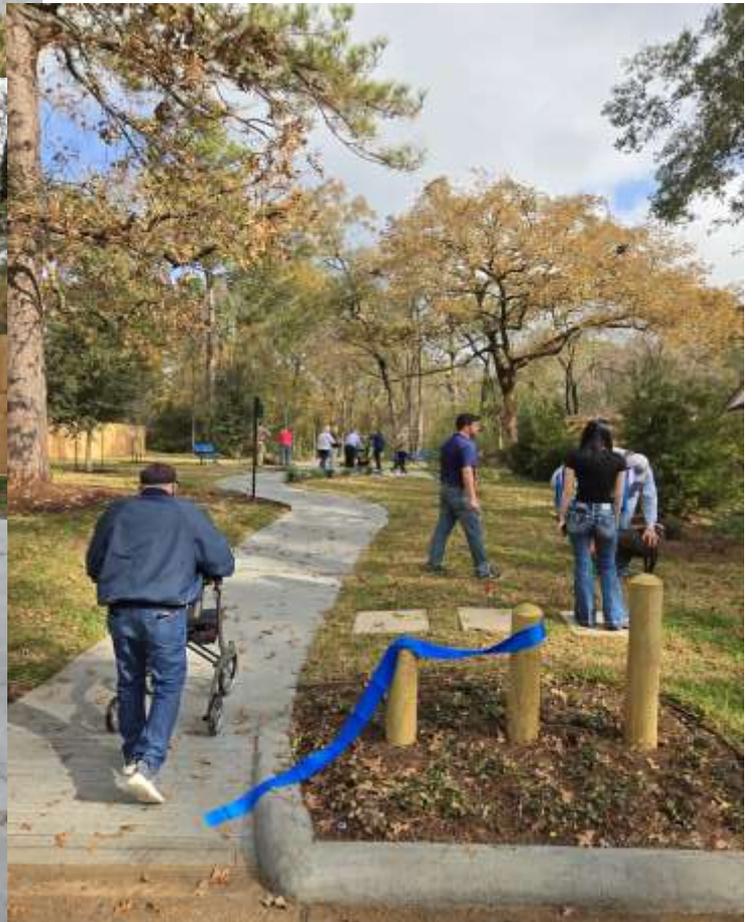
*Skip and
Terry Hawley*



KIM ALLEN MORTON MEMORIAL PARK OPENING



Pineywood's member's Ken Fleming and Anthony Love, neighbors of Kim Morton, are shown 18 Dec 2025 opening Morton Memorial Trailway. The park was donated by the Kim Allen Morton Foundation. Foundation members present were Ken Fleming, Kathleen Karr and Kermit Breed. This park gives much needed neighborhood access to the Kingwood Green Belt.





KIM ALLEN MORTON
28 JUL 1949 - 21 AUG 2021



In my own way I'm a believer
In my own way right or wrong
I don't talk too much about it
It's something I keep working on
I don't have too much to build on
My faith has never been that strong

I do believe in a higher power
One that loves us one and all
Not someone to solve our problems
Or to catch me when I fall
He gave us all a mind to think with
And to know what's right or wrong
He is that inner spirit
That keeps us strong

In my own way I'm a believer
But not in voices I can't hear
I believe in a loving father
One I never have to fear
That I should live life at its fullest
Just as long as I am here

THANKS

To those who contributed to our 2025

Scrapbook

Abe Abdmoulaie -

Ben Baskin - President

Larry Stevens - News Letter

Jim Pinkerton - Secretary

Bill King - Secretary

Historian and Editor Kermit
Breed

