

PineyWoods Pine Shavings

News of the PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the Sons of the American Revolution

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NOTICE OF MEETING: "Members Only" Dinner Meeting - 17 MAY

On Thursday; MAY 17, 2001; PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a "Members Only" dinner meeting at the *NEW* Heritage Center just off of Kingwood Drive in Kingwood (see directions below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with dinner (buffet from the local Boston Market) to be served promptly at 7:00. Our First Vice President, Compatriot Cannon Pritchard, will make a short presentation on the history of our Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution *AND* the plans for the new SAR year will be discussed. The dinner cost is \$10.50 per person. All members who are able to do so are encouraged to attend. Please respond ASAP either by e-mail to: Genmorton@usa.net *OR* by returning the enclosed RSVP card

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Kingwood Drive

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The Heritage Center (2825 W. Town Center Circle)

↓ DIRECTIONS ↓
a) From US 59 exit Kingwood Drive going east. Cross RR tracks go 4 miles. Turn right on Main (between Fudruckers & Boston Market).
b) *OR* Drive north on Lake Houston Parkway and turn left on Town Center Place (last one before Kingwood Drive).



Be advised that the National Society has announced that the design of our badge is now a registered trademark (#2,367,894) and so any representation thereof should henceforth incorporate the appropriate mark of registration (a capital R in a circle, see above). This action was necessary to prevent the unauthorized use of the symbol of our organization.

NOTICE OF MEETING: "Chapter Board" Planning Mtg. - 10 MAY

On Thursday; MAY 10 @ 6:30 PM; the PineyWoods Chapter #51 "Board" (i.e. all current officers plus all past presidents) will hold a planning meeting at the Kingwood Funeral Home (located on the northbound US highway 59 feeder road just south of Kingwood Drive). The purpose of the meeting is to review the Chapter's activities over the past year *AND* to finalize the plans for the current year. Any members who have matters that they would like considered at this meeting should communicate same to a board member (see officer list, page 2) by May 10. [NOTE: I believe this is one of the two mandatory chapter meetings which must be held each year to satisfy the requirements laid down by the national SAR charter. -ed.]

Call For Volunteers: Each year our chapter awards certificates and medals to noteworthy R.O.T.C. cadets in a number of the local high schools. For the past few years this hasn't been a smooth process because the timing bridges the change in chapter officers in the new year. To provide a more consistent environment, Bob Smith is asking for volunteers to each take charge of a school NOW for NEXT year. Duties involve interfacing with the ROTC instructor and presenting the certificate/medal at the school's award ceremony. Interested individuals should speak to Bob Smith ASAP.

Check out the PineyWoods #51 TxSSAR web site @: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/5534>

Please join the Chapter in wishing the following members a heartfelt "Happy Birthday."

« MAY Birthdays »

05.04 Mic Barnette
05.04 John Alston Pritchett
05.08 James B. Sterling Jr.
05.10 Donald Thomas Poindexter
05.11 Jeffrey Manton Meadows
05.14 Cannon Hulbert Pritchard
05.23 Waller T. Straley
05.27 Adam Sandefer Key

« JUNE Birthdays »

06.04 Arlon Joe Williams Jr.
06.04 Scott William Banewski
06.15 Woody Jene Reese Jr.
06.20 Clinton Ray Fleming
06.21 Walter Johnson McCaine Jr.
06.23 Richard William Muckleroy
06.23 Howard Blakemore McCarty
06.25 Dr. Rev. M. Douglas Harper Jr.
06.26 Jack Charles Lightfoot

« JULY Birthdays »

07.07 Dr. John Oliver Albright Ph.D.
07.12 Leverage Jack Phillips
07.19 George Allen Simmons
07.28 Kim Allen Morton

« AUGUST Birthdays »

08.03 David Edward Nagel
08.05 Kenneth Edwin Cox
08.08 Richard Gerald Shanks
08.10 Brett Everett Key
08.18 Donald Wayne Lemon
08.26 Ky Wayne White

HISTORY 102 - Continuing on a series of topics pertaining to the Revolution this month I began considering the artillery used by the Continental Army. Those of us who lived through the Gulf War undoubtedly remember the film of a missile blowing open the door of a reinforced building with a second missile then going through the door to take out the command and control center inside. Our patriot ancestors obviously did not have such weaponry available for their use. Their heavy armament consisted of medium sized cannons which were loaded, aimed, and fired by hand. And since manufacturing techniques of the late 18th. century were less precise than today imperfections in the cannon barrel, inconsistencies in the size of the cannon balls, and great variation in different batches of gunpowder were the norm. Together with wind and temperature factors this meant that the gunners had a difficult time hitting anything when they fired the cannons. If you'd like to approximate what they had to go through, buy a bottle of inexpensive champagne, sit on your patio, and on a breezy day try to hit a birdbath sized target by popping out the cork. I've tried 6 bottles so far and haven't been close!

Compatriot Author Completes Genealogical Tome: Martin Benjamin Gantt, Jr. - a member of the PineyWoods Chapter - has finished work on his book "John Gant of Colonial Virginia and North Carolina, His Ancestors and Descendants." This book was a collaborative effort of Ben, Clifford Lamar Gant, and Joseph Frederick Gantt, Jr. Published in Houston, the book is 576 acid-free pages with a hard cover. (NOTE: It is also claimed to be "Smyth sewn" but I honestly have never met Mr. Smyth so I can not attest to his assumedly superior book sewing technique. -ed.) The book is reported to have "numerous pen and ink illustrations" and has information on over 6,000 individuals. The authors have generously donated copies of the book to the National SAR Library and to the Clayton Genealogical Library here in Houston. Anyone having a connection to the Gant/Gantt family should consider reviewing this book! Anyone having questions about the book or interested in purchasing a copy should contact Ben Gantt via e-mail at: bengantt@hal-pc.org I believe I speak for the Chapter when I say: "congratulations Ben on your accomplishment."

MINUTES OF 19 APRIL 2001 MEMBERS & GUESTS MEETING: On Thursday, 19 APR 2001, the PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the TxsSAR held a dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn near Bush Airport in Houston, TX. Fourteen members and nine guests were present. At 6:58 PM President Bob Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, the SAR pledge, and an invocation by chapter chaplain Bernie Balser. Bob recognized our new member: Walter Straley, and welcomed our guests. Dinner was then served. At 7:47 the President reconvened the meeting and announced that there would be a chapter board meeting at 6:30 on May 10 (see notice, page 1) and asked that all board members attend. Bob then proceeded to review the current ROTC awards program. He noted that awards and presenters were lined up for the Klein Forest, New Caney, Aldine, and La Porte High Schools and that three or four other schools were still "under negotiation." He expressed some concern that the process did not seem to be going as smoothly as possible (see "call for volunteers" item on page 1). Moving on to the officers reports, the secretary (yours truly) presented the minutes from the last meeting, noting he intends to publish a "first draft" of the minutes in the Newsletter and that anyone having corrections or additions should contact him prior to the subsequent meeting so that a revised copy of the minutes can be presented at said meeting). A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed. The secretary also noted that we are missing a number of the blank certificates that came with the medals in our inventory and asked that anyone having same should contact him ASAP. The treasurer passed out the monthly statement, noting that the \$52.00 designated for the TxsSAR Patriots Fund had been remitted. He then presented a rough draft of a budget for the current year - basically last year's budget modified to reflect actual expenses. After a brief discussion a motion was made to accept said draft as the budget. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The genealogist noted that the Chapter had taken first place last year for the most supplementals submitted in 2000-01 and commented that this would be a good year to make another push for supplementals since Tom Green would be the state genealogist and so the process of submitting supplementals would be facilitated by Tom and Kim working together to quickly identify and address any problems. There being neither other officers reports nor any new business, First Vice President Cannon Pritchard introduced Chapter member Judge Tom Lawrence who spoke on the Boston Tea Party. Of particular note in his presentation was that the tax on the tea shipped to Boston harbor was LESS than what had previously been assessed but it so incited the colonials that the "no taxation without representation" outcry was one seed of the subsequent revolution. After the talk, the meeting adjourned.

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FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

111th Annual Congress
JUN 30 - JUL 04, 2001
Hyatt Regency, Louisville, KY

112th Annual Congress
JUN 29 - JUL 03, 2002
Stouffer Renaissance, Nashville

113th Annual Congress
JUL 03 - 09, 2003
Hyatt on the Riverwalk, Chicago

114th Annual Congress
JUL 03 - 07, 2004
Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

Following are the "notional" (read that at "proposed" or "tentative") dates and "types" of meetings for the 2001-2002 calendar years:

10 MAY 2001 - **BOARD MEETING**
17 MAY 2001 - member only mtg.
JUN 2001 - no meeting
JUL 2001 - no meeting
16 AUG 2001 - **BOARD MEETING**
20 SEP 2001 - dinner meeting
18 OCT 2001 - member only mtg.
15 NOV 2001 - dinner meeting
DEC 2001 - no meeting
17 JAN 2002 - member only mtg.
21 FEB 2002 - dinner meeting & officer election
21 MAR 2002 - member only mtg & install officers
18 APR 2002 - dinner meeting
9 MAY 2002 - **BOARD MEETING**
16 MAY 2002 - member only mtg.
JUN 2002 - no meeting
JUL 2002 - no meeting
15 AUG 2002 - **BOARD MEETING**
19 SEP 2002 - dinner meeting
17 OCT 2002 - member only mtg.
21 NOV 2002 - dinner meeting
DEC 2002 - no meeting