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NOTICE OF MEETING: "Come One - Come All" Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, SEP 20, 2001, PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a dinner meeting for members, wives, and guests at the HOLIDAY INN located near Intercontinental Airport at the intersection of Beltway 8 and John F. Kennedy Boulevard (at 15222 JFK Boulevard - see map below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with dinner to be served promptly at 7:00. The evening's presentation will be by Colonel Ralph M. Hockley (retired) about his book: "FREEdom is not FREE" (see summary below). The dinner cost is \$16.50 per person. Please respond ASAP either by E-mail to: genmorton@usa.net *OR* by returning the enclosed RSVP card.



Our guest speaker, Colonel R.M. Hockley (retired), was born in Germany in 1925. His family left Nazi Germany and moved to France when he was 9. When he was 14 France fell to the Nazis whereupon he worked as an interpreter for an organization of American Quakers in unoccupied Vichy France until the Quakers were able to arrange for the release of his father from the Gurs Concentration Camp. His family then migrated to the United States. By 1945 Ralph was in the US Army where he was involved in various intelligence activities until his retirement in 1981. He has since written a book from the journals he kept over the years and will be speaking to us on highlights of his experiences.

HISTORY QUIZ #1 - At the PineyWoods "Members Only" Meeting held on May 17, 2001, Judge Tom Lawrence pulled a pop quiz on the attendees - ten questions, mostly multiple guess, on various events of the Revolutionary War Era. It was a sight to behold - most of the attendees hadn't been on the receiving end of a quiz IN DECADES! There was a lot of grumbling and even some attempts at peeking at other's answers but Tom ruled the "classroom" in a way that would have made my fifth grade teacher proud! The good news is that everyone got a passing grade and that Ken Fleming, our Chapter Treasurer, got ALL OF THE QUESTIONS RIGHT and was awarded a copy of the book "Patriots Of The American Revolution" as a reward. To see how well you would have done, a copy of the quiz is enclosed with this newsletter (the accepted answers are given on page 2 of the newsletter). Judge Lawrence promises that there will be additional quizzes at future meetings - on Revolutionary War / Patriotic topics - and that appropriate rewards will be given to those who score best on them. Don't tell Tom, but I think one or more of the members may be assembling a quiz for him to take... It's only fair isn't it for us to determine the capabilities and knowledge of our quiz master? -editor

So, how many of you noticed the series of dots and dashes that were near the bottom of page 1 of last month's newsletter?

You know, they looked like: " " Surely there was someone among you that was a radioman and can still decipher the message?

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FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

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 upcoming
the 2001-2003 calendar years:

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
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ANSWERS TO HISTORY QUIZ #1:

(See page 1 for the questions)

- 1: French and Indian War
- 2: B - John Adams
- 3: C - Patrick Henry
- 4: B - Battle of Bunker Hill
- 5: A - Alexander Hamilton
- 6: D - Thomas Paine
- 7: John Adams, Roger Sherman,
Benjamin Franklin, or
Robert Livingston
- 8: A - Nathan Hale
- 9: B - Mohawks
- 10: D - Saratoga

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

« SEPTEMBER Birthdays »

- 09.01 Riley Dee Sloan
- 09.09 Timothy Keith Wiggins
- 09.11 Ross Stanton Miller
- 09.13 William Allen Green
- 09.19 James Tillman Jones
- 09.22 David H. Mahavier

« OCTOBER Birthdays »

- 10.01 Raymond Webster Cox
- 10.07 Bernard Stanley Balser
- 10.07 James Craig Reese
- 10.14 Kenneth Wayne Fleming
- 10.20 Glen W. Withrow
- 10.29 Joe Riley Davidson

SUMMARY OF MAY BOARD MEETING:

On Thursday, 10 MAY 2001, the
officers' board of the Chapter
met at the Kingwood Funeral
home. Twelve compatriots were
present including 10 of the 11
current officers plus two past
presidents. At 6:29PM Presi-
dent Bob Smith verified that a
quorum was present and called
the meeting to order. Seven
items of business were placed
before the officers:

- 1: Bob Smith appointed chairmen
for the Finance, Membership,
Nominating, By-Laws committees.
The ROTC Awards committee was
tabled to item 2.
- 2: Bob Smith noted his concerns
that the Chapter's handling of
ROTC award presentations this
year did not run anywhere near
as smoothly as desired. He
then solicited volunteers to
take responsibility for each of
the schools where we consider
awards. These volunteers would
then keep in touch with the key
school personnel to coordinate
the actions associated with the
award process. Volunteers were
identified and Don Lemon is
assembling a list thereof.
- 3: Bob Smith noted that our
contract with the Holiday Inn
was about to expire and opened
the floor to discussion whether
we should continue meeting - »

MINUTES OF MAY MEMBERS ONLY MEETING: On Thursday, 17 MAY 2001,
the Chapter held a members only dinner meeting at the Heritage
Center in Kingwood, Texas. President Bob Smith called the
meeting to order at 7:00 with the SAR pledge and the pledge of
allegiance. Following the invocation the attendees feasted on
roast brisket with a variety of "fixin's." At 7:41 attention
was returned to the business of the meeting. Bob Smith pre-
sented Worthy Warnack with a belated Silver Good Citizenship
Medal for his previous efforts in support of the Chapter. The
10 MAY board meeting minutes (see left-below) were presented
and approved. The ROTC Award committee was discussed with
Richard Shanks being appointed chairman. Don Lemon reported
he is assembling a packet of materials for the presenters.
Judge Tom Lawrence noted that he has a new automated dialing
system which could be used to phone reminders to people about
SAR meetings. John Albright noted that he is continuing to
update the Chapter's membership roster and will be sending out
info for the members to review. Tom Lawrence then pulled a pop
quiz on the membership (see article, page 1) with Ken Fleming
scoring a perfect 10 for 10 on the quiz. Cannon Pritchard gave
the presentation for the evening; a talk on the founding of the
Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (including
his discussions with the great-grand-daughter of the founder).
New business items included 1: John Albright noting that he is
assembling a collection of the Chapter's old newsletters (a
good reference source for historical aspects of the Chapter),
2: Don Lemon and Kim Morton reporting on alternate places for
the Chapter to hold our dinner meetings - the bottom line was
that no matter where we went the price was still going to be
close to \$20, 3: Bob Smith indicated that he would be calling
a meeting of the Chapter board on Thursday, August 16, 2001.
And as they used to say in the society sections of small town
newspapers: "and a good time was had by all..."

MINUTES OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING: On Thursday, 16 AUGUST 2001,
the officers' board of the Chapter met at the Kingwood Funeral
Home. Ten members were present. The meeting was called to or-
der at 6:35 PM. President Bob

Smith indicated he had just a
few items that needed atten-
tion: 1) That Ray Cox had in-
dicated a willingness to work on
the Chapter's web site to bring
the info contained therein up
to date and to see about adding
more things to the system. The
board approved of allowing him
to move forward. 2: Don Lemon
passed out packets to the ROTC
award presenters including a
framework speech. 3: The vari-
ous SAR contests previously
sponsored by the Chapter were
discussed. Concern was raised
that the timing of such events
conflicted with other competi-
tions sponsored by the schools
themselves AND that the level
of monetary awards seemed too
low to generate sufficient
interest amongst the students.
The matter was not resolved and
so tabled for further investi-
gation. 4: A schedule of meet-
ings for the rest of the SAR
year was decided upon (see list
this page, column 1). Other-
wise, the Chapter Treasurer re-
ported that our second CD was
about to mature and that a de-
cision needed to be made about
it. The Board agreed to let it
roll over and at that time to
add to it a \$150 donation re-
cently received by the Chapter.
The meeting adjourned at 7:28.

«- there OR consider a new
location. Don Lemon and Tom
Green volunteered to check out
alternative sites.
4: Bob Smith asked for sugges-
tions of medals to be awarded.
Tom Green nominated Kim Morton
for the Meritorious Service
Award for Kim's work as Chapter
Genealogist. The board approved
the award. Kim Morton then
nominated John Albright for the
Bronze Good Citizenship Award
for his work on the Chapter
Newsletter. The board approved
the award. Tom Green nominated
the director of the Kingwood
Funeral Home for a Bronze Good
Citizenship Award for his sup-
port of Chapter activities. The
board approved the award. Don
Lemon nominated the Humble Aca-
demy store for a Flag Certifi-
cate in recognition of their
prominent display of the Flag.
The board approved the award.
5: The possibility of a Chapter
color guard was discussed.
6: A review of the Chapter's
membership list was discussed.
7: Miscellaneous items included
dates of upcoming meetings; the
state of the Chapter's finances
(good); Volume II of the Chap-
ter book; and microfilm dona-
tions honoring the passing of
members' fathers. The meeting
was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

History Quiz #1

- 1: The conflict was called the "Seven Years War" in Europe, and its expense to England led Parliament to enact new taxes on the colonies to pay for the war. What was this conflict, which ended in 1763, called in North America?

- 2: Which lawyer represented the British Soldiers who were tried for murder after the Boston Massacre?
A - James Otis B - John Adams C - Tom Green D - Patrick Henry
- 3: What Virginian gave a speech to the colonial legislature where he uttered the now famous phrase "but as for me, give me liberty or give me death"?
A - Thomas Jefferson B - Richard Henry Lee C - Patrick Henry D - James Madison
- 4: Genl. Israel Putnam was the leader of the American soldiers at which famous battle where he said "don't fire until you can see the whites of their eyes"?
A - Yorktown B - Bunker Hill C - Cowpens D - Battle of the Bulge
- 5: This illegitimate son of a West Indian woman and a Scottish peddler was a colonel in the Continental Army under Washington and led the final charge at Yorktown. He became the first Secretary of the Treasury during Washington's first administration. Who was he?
A - Alexander Hamilton B - Charles Lee C - Francis Marion D - Daniel Morgan
- 6: He wrote the pamphlet "Common Sense" which convinced many Americans to seek independence from England. What was the name of this British citizen who immigrated to America with the help of Benjamin Franklin?
A - James Madison B - Alexander Hamilton C - Roger Sherman D - Thomas Paine
- 7: Thomas Jefferson was appointed to the committee to write the Declaration of Independence at the Continental Congress in 1776. There were four other members on that committee. Name one.

- 8: This American officer and former schoolteacher was caught spying by the British and hung as a spy. His final words were "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Who was this patriot?
A - Nathan Hale B - Patrick Henry C - Dr. Joseph Warren D - Paul Revere
- 9: On December 16, 1773, a group of patriots dumped 342 chests of tea into the Boston harbor as a protest against British actions in importing tea. To disguise themselves the patriots dressed up as Indians. What type of Indians did they purport to be?
A - Algonquins B - Mohawks C - Chippewas D - Senneccas
- 10: This famous battle was considered by many as a turning point in the Revolutionary War because it was a decisive American victory and it convinced the French to enter the war on the side of the Americans. This resulted in massive aid in terms of materials, advisors, soldiers, and the French Navy. What was this battle?
A - Trenton B - Brooklyn Heights C - Ticonderoga D - Saratoga