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PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PINEYWOODS CHAPTER

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

At the July Board of Directors Meeting, it was determined that the proposed changes to the by-laws as reported in the June newsletter, was incorrectly stated. A corrected copy of the proposed change, a ballot, and a stamped return envelope will be mailed to each member under separate cover. Members are urged to promptly return their ballot. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the proposed change.

HENSHAW AWARDED

Congratulations to Allan Henshaw for being awarded the first issue of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Medal. The honor was bestowed upon him at the National Congress in Orlando Florida in June.

Allan is the Recording Secretary of the TXSSAR, and a dual member of the PineyWoods Chapter. The award was in recognition for his work and leadership in the SAR automation program.

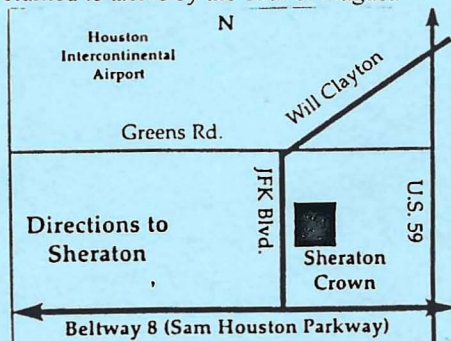
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MACLEOD SMITH TO BE SPEAKER

Macleod Smith will be our guest speaker at the August 20th Dinner Meeting. "Mac" will tell us all about the music of the Revolutionary War.

Reservation cards for this dinner should be returned to arrive by the 15th of August.



GRAVE SITE MEMORIAL

The Alexander Hodge Chapter TXSSAR will participate in a grave site memorial service for Revolutionary War soldier Alexander Elliott Hodge. The service will be at Hodge's Bend Cemetery, 10:00 AM, Saturday August 22, 1998.

Bring your own lawn chair. The ceremony should last about an hour. There will be a cannon and musket salute. Some people will be in period dress. Directions to the cemetery from Kingwood are: 59 South to 6 North
6 North to Voss Rd
Left on Voss to Old Richmond Rd
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DIGGING UP ANCESTORS

The Alexander Love Chapter NSDAR will host this workshop on Saturday, October 31, 1998. Our own Mic Barnette, a Houston Chronicle Columnist, will be one of the featured speakers. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter.

KROGER SHARE CARDS

Our last quarterly share card contribution from KROGER was \$20.40. This is always a welcomed addition to our treasury. KROGER contributes to the PineyWoods Chapter 1% of the volume generated by those members using their share cards when purchasing groceries. Any member needing a new or replacement card should contact Bernie Balser at (281) 360-7041.



TEXAS INDIVIDUALS, CHAPTERS & SOCIETY RECEIVE RECOGNITION

At the NSSAR National Congress, held in Orlando, Florida in June, the following awards were made:

Recording Secretary **Allan Henshaw** was recognized for his work and leadership in the SAR automation program receiving the first National Distinguished Service medal to be awarded.

FSP **Rice Aston** was elected Chancellor General, was named to the 1998 – 1999 Executive Board and also received the Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Award as the Compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools.

President **Bob Coker** was elected by the Council of State Presidents as a nominee to the new NSSAR Nominating Committee.

Trustee **Jack Haughton** received the Meritorious Service Award from the NSSAR for his work in establishing the National JROTC Enhanced Program and Competition.

The **Dallas Chapter** received the President General's Cup as the chapter which presents evidence of the most complete program of activities. This ranks the Dallas Chapter as the top Chapter in the NSSAR.

The **Texas Society** was awarded honorable mention in the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award judging. This award goes to the State Society of 500 or more members with the best news publication with 10 or more pages.

The **Texas Society** received the Walter G. Sterling Award which goes to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the C.A.R.

The **Texas Society** received the William M. Melone Award which goes to the State Society which has the largest number of new and approved supplemental memberships.

The **Texas Society** received the Marion L. Brown Eagle Scout Award which goes to the State Society sponsoring the winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship competition.

The **Texas Society** received the President General's State Society Activities Competition Award for societies over 1000 members.

The **PineyWoods** and **Plano** Chapters received the President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award for their size categories. This was **PineyWoods** second consecutive year to win this award. In each of the other size categories, the **San Antonio** and **William Hightower** Chapters took second place.

Receiving the Liberty Medal for being the first line sponsor of 10 or more new members were:

Louis E. Haley	C. R. Harrington
Allan M. Henshaw	J. D. Morton
Roger W. Ridings	

Receiving an oak leaf cluster for their Liberty Medal for being the first line sponsor of 10 or more new members were:

Donald W. Morgan	Delbert L. Taylor
Gerald A. Wikle	David Yeilding
John C. Haughton	

Chapters named to the Membership Honor Roll for reaching the six per cent membership increase in 1997 – 1998 were:

Freedom Chapter	Alexander Hodge Chapter
Bluebonnet Chapter	William Hightower Chapter
Capt. John McAdams Chapter	Edmund Terrill Chapter
North Central Chapter	

**Schedule of
PineyWoods Chapter
Meetings and Events**



Thursday, August 20, 1998

Dinner meeting, members, wives,
and guests

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Dinner meeting, members, wives,
and guests. Constitution Week

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Members and guests only.
Convention & Contests

November 7 & 8

Board of Managers Meeting
@ Dallas

Thursday November 19, 1998

Dinner meeting, members, wives,
and guests. Nomination report

Thursday, December 3, 1998

Board Meeting, Annual
Convention meeting

Thursday, January 21, 1999

Dinner meeting, members, wives,
and guests. Nomination report

Thursday, February 18, 1999

Members and guests only
Election of 1999-2000 officers
working meeting for convention,
contests.

**March 12-14, 1999 - 104th TXSSAR
Annual Convention**

104th Annual TXSSAR Convention Committee

Chairman: Jeff Meadows

Hotel/Meeting//Banquet Rooms:
Don Lemon

Banquet/Meals: Bernie Balser

Speakers for Programs: Tom Green

Youth Luncheon: (Saturday)
Bob McKenna

Finance: Don MacGregory

Protocol: Allan Henshaw

Decorations: Tom Green

Ladies Hospitality: Barbara Balser
Billie Lemon
Fritz Green

Ladies Tours:

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Bobby Smity
James Jones
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13 Things You Never Knew About The American Revolution

By Thomas Fleming

1. The Americans of 1776 had the highest stand of living and the lowest taxes in the Western World.

Farmers, lawyers and business owners in the Colonies were thriving, with some plantation owners and merchants making the equivalent of \$500,000 a year. Times were good for many others too. (The vast majority of business owners and professionals were white males.) The British wanted a slice of cash flow and tried to tax the Colonists. They resisted violently, convinced that their prosperity *and* liberty were at stake. Virginia's Patrick Henry summed up their stance with his cry: "Give me liberty or give me death!"

2. There were two Boston tea parties.

Everyone knows how 50 or 60 "Sons of Liberty," disguised as Mohawks, protested the 3 cents per pound British tax on tea by dumping chests of the popular drink into Boston Harbor on December 16, 1773. Fewer know that the improper Bostonians repeated the performance on March 7, 1774. The two tea parties cost the British around \$3 million in modern money.

3. Capt. John Parker of the Lexington Militia did not say: "If they want a war, let it begin here."

Alerted by Paul Revere, Parker and 78 militiamen mustered on the Lexington, Mass., town green on April 19, 1775. They wanted to send a warning to the 700 British soldiers marching to Concord to seize the weapons and gunpowder there. But Parker had no desire to start a war. The words were put into his mouth 100 years later. He positioned his men as far away from the British line of march as possible. As the British approached, Parker ordered his men to disperse. The British opened fire on them without provocation, starting the Revolution.

4. Benjamin Franklin wrote the first declaration of independence.

In 1775, Franklin, disgusted with the arrogance of the British and appalled by the bloodshed at Lexington and Concord, wrote a declaration of independence. Thomas Jefferson was enthusiastic. But, he noted, many other delegates to the Continental Congress were "revolted at it" It would take another year of bitter conflict to persuade the Congress to vote for the Declaration of Independence written by Jefferson - with some astute editorial suggestions by Franklin.

5. Nathan Hale was hanged not only for spying but also for trying to burn New York.

On September 20, 1776, American soldiers, some of them members of Hale's regiment, filtered into British-held New York and stashed resin-soaked logs in numerous buildings. A spark turned the incendiary devices into roaring infernos. (The Americans were trying to deprive the British army of winter quarters.) Hale was caught the following day, after the fire destroyed more than a fourth of the city. He admitted he was a spy and was hanged without a trial because the British considered him one of the incendiaries.

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