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September 18th Dinner Meeting To Feature TXSSAR President Elect

The PineyWoods Chapter meeting for Thursday, September 18, our Constitutional Week Dinner Meeting for members, wives and guests will be held at the Sheraton Crown Hotel at 15700 JFK Blvd., Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston. The honored guest speaker will be TXSSAR President-Elect Robert W. "Bob" Coker.

TXSSAR President-Elect Robert Wayne "Bob" Coker will speak on "The US Constitution: A Series Of Compromises."

Bob was born in Dallas, Texas and is married to Mary Fay Allison and the father of two daughters.

He received his B.B.A. in Accounting from Texas A&M. He served in the US Army Adjutant General's School (personnel management); US Army Airborne School (Parachutist Qualified); Dallas Police Academy; Southwest Law Enforcement Institute (Police Supervisor); Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Ethics (intermediate, advanced and instructor ratings); Federal Law Enforcement

Training Center (US Marshal's Service Court Security Officer's School)

Coker is retired from the Dallas Police Department and Special Deputy US Marshal, Eastern District of Texas.

He is a Perpetual Member of the TXSSAR since May 16, 1983

with six Supplementals.

Coker is a member of the Dallas, Athens, Capt. William Barron and Fredonia Chapters.

He organized and was a founding member of the Athens and Fredonia Chapters.

He has served as Past President of the Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter, having served 3 terms (1992-1995); Registrar of the Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter for 3 terms (1995-1998);

Registrar of the Athens Chapter for 2 terms (1994-1996); TXSSAR Vice President - District 6 (1993-1994); TXSSAR Genealogist (1994-1995); TXSSAR Vice President for Expansion (1994-1996); TXSSAR President-Elect (1997-1997); Assistant Chairman of the 1992 TXSSAR State Convention in Tyler, TX.; Chairman for the August, 1995 Board of Managers Meeting in Tyler, TX. TXSSAR Committees: Law Enforcement Committee (1993-1998); Long Range Planning Committee (1996-1998). NSSAR Committees: Law Enforcement committee (1995-1997); Medals & Awards (1996-1997); US Stamps Committee (1995-1996).

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Other awards won by the Texas Society were:



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PineyWoods Chapter Wins President General's Streamer NSSAR And TXSSAR Awards To Be Presented Sept. 18

BALTIMORE —The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution fared extremely well at the recent 107th National Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) in Baltimore, MD.

The Texas Society and The PineyWoods Chapter #51 garnered the President General's State and Chapter Activities Competition Award, respectively. The award is presented to the state and

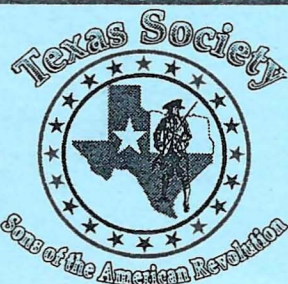
chapters presenting the most complete program of activities. The Texas Society won in the 1000+ member category while PineyWoods took honors in the 100-199 member classification.

Nine Texans, including one from the PineyWoods Chapter, received Liberty medal at the conference. Winners were Worthy Warnack Sr. of PineyWoods #51, Talmadge Booth of East Texas Chapter #57, LTC L. Reed Dillon and

Col. Joseph Ware of the San Antonio Chapter #4, A.E. Divine of the Brazos Valley Chapter #45, Carl Hill Jr. of Alexander Hodge Chapter #39, William Meroney of the Waco Chapter #32, Donald Morgan of the Patrick Henry Chapter #11 and James Robertson of the Athens Chapter #54.

Other awards won by the Texas Society were:

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Carl F. Bessent Award, outstanding chapter newsletter: Blaine C. Willhoite Sr. Chapter #39, Editor John F. Eden Jr.;

Len F. Smith Award, state society which enrolled the largest number of members under 40 years of age;

Walter G. Sterling Award, state society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the CAR;

Senator Robert A. Taft Award, state society enrolling largest number of new members;

Arthur J. Trimble Award "1776 Trophy", state society which reinstated the largest number of dropped or resigned members;

Eugene C. McGuire Award, state society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandson and nephews of SARs and CARs;

William M. Melone Award, state society which has largest number of approved supplemental memberships; and the

Officer's Streamers Award, state societies whose presidents and trustees have attended both preceding trustees meeting and last Annual Congress.

Former Surgeon General William N. Floyd Jr., MD, (Paul Carrington Chapter) was appointed to the Executive Committee of the NSSAR. Lawrence L. Loker, a dual member (TX/MO) of the Dallas Chapter, received the National Societies highest medal, The Minute Man

Medal, for outstanding service to the National Society.

The National Society bestowed the Gold Good Citizenship medal to Congressman Samuel Johnson (3rd Congressional District), R-TX, for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance.

B. Rice Aston, President TXSSAR, (Paul Carrington Chapter) was chosen as chairman of the National Legal Advisory Committee while John C. Haughton, Corresponding Secretary TXSSAR, (Plano Chapter) was chosen to chair the new National ROTC subcommittee founded to create a national ROTC program.

President Elect Jeff Meadows will receive Ross L. Shipman award on behalf of the **PineyWoods Chapter** and certificate for the best multi-sheet chapter newsletter in his position as Editor of the **PineyWoods Pine Shavings**.

Debbie Pilcher of Liberty will receive a state level Certificate of Appreciation for publicity given to the Chapter and the State Society, which enabled the Texas Society and the **PineyWoods Chapter** to win the President General's State and Chapter Activities Competition Streamers.

The President General's Streamer will be presented by TXSSAR President-Elect Robert W. Coker. TXSSAR President-Elect Robert W. Coker to the PineyWoods Chapter at the September 18 Constitutional Dinner Meeting

PineyWoods Chapter Plans Two Patriot Grave Dedication Ceremonies

The PineyWoods and Freedom Chapters have jointly planned to mark the grave of a Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Montgomery County. The service will be held at the Methodist Church in Conroe on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Heritage House also in Conroe.

An organizational meeting with representatives of both chapters is scheduled for the last week of August to finalize the event.

Another Patriot grave dedication will be held in the future in Richmond with the Alexander Hodge Chapter of Sugar Land.

PineyWoods and Paul Carrington Chapters To Host Genealogical Workshop

The PineyWoods Chapter, in conjunction with the Paul Carrington Chapter have scheduled "Genealogical Workshop" for Saturday, October 18, 1997. The event will be held at the Houston Public Library (branch) at 4100 Montrose in Houston from 10:30 a.m. - until Noon.

The speakers will be Compatriots Henry Guest (Paul Carrington), Thomas Green (PineyWoods and Paul Carrington), Robert McKenna (PineyWoods) and Kim Morton (PineyWoods).

The topics of the workshop will be

an overview on record sources and maintenance, completing an NSSAR application as well as what is considered proof, use of computers for application preparation, internet and family genealogy and a brief view of the SAR organization and what membership entails.

Seating is limited to the first 50 participants and there will be no fee for this workshop. Coffee will be available. If there is enough interest generated by this first workshop, a second one will be scheduled at a later date.

PineyWoods Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Changes Proposed By Board

Compatriots of the PineyWoods Chapter are hereby notified of proposed Constitutional and Bylaws changes proposed by the PineyWoods Chapter Board of Directors. These proposed changes will be voted on by PineyWoods Chapter Compatriots at the October 16 "Members Only" Meeting.

The following additions and/or changes to the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws are as follows: (changes are in bold print)

1. Constitution

a. Article V - Meetings

This Chapter shall hold . . . the meeting is called for the accommodations of the same. No member of the Chapter, who is in good standing, shall be denied admittance to a meeting.

2. Bylaws

a. Article II - Meetings

(a) At the last regular meeting of the year, at which officers will be elected, the order of business shall be as follow:

Call the Roll of Members
Induction of New Members
Report of the President
Report of President Elect
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Registrar
Report of Standing Committee
Report of Special Committee
Unfinished Business
Election of Officers
New Business
Entertainment, Ceremonial Programs and Addresses
Adjournment

b. Article III - Election of Officers and Delegates

Section 2. Voting: If there be . . . dropped, and the vote by secret ballot then taken on those two candidates. If . . .

c. Article IV - Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall, with the Board of Directors approval, appoint . . .

d. Article V - Standing and Special Committees

The President shall appoint . . .
Membership Committee
Credentials Committee
Genealogy Committee
Finance Committee
Program Committee
Publicity Committee
Visitation Committee
Nominating Committee
Also, the President may appoint such special committees . . ."

Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter Meetings & Events

1997:

Thursday, September 18

Constitutional Week Dinner
Meeting with members, wives and guests at the Sheraton Crown
TXSSAR President-Elect Robert W. "Bob" Coker, Guest Speaker

Thursday, October 16

"Members Only" Meeting;
guest speaker

Saturday - Sunday, November 1-2

Board of Managers Meeting
Nacogdoches

Thursday, November 20

Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests at the Sheraton Crown;
guest speaker

1998:

Thursday, January 15

Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests at the Sheraton Crown;
guest speaker

Thursday, February 19

"Members Only" Meeting;
Nomination and Voting on 1998-99 Chapter Officers

March 13-15, 1998

103rd Annual TXSSAR Convention in Kerrville

Thursday, March 19

Chapter Dinner Meeting for members, wives & guests,
Installation of 1998-99 Chapter Officers;
John C. "Jack" Haughton, Installing Officer and Guest Speaker at the Sheraton Crown

Compatriots Celebrating Birthdays

September Birthdays

03 E. Conrad Carroll, Jr.
05 John H. Key
06 David E. Ludtke
06 Larry G. Stevens
07 J. Craig Reese, D.D.S.
09 Buddy D. Whitehead
09 T. Keith Wiggins
13 William A. Green
15 A. Joe Williams, Sr.
16 Worth R. Warnack, M.D.
17 Larry S. Richards

October Birthdays

01 Raymond W. Cox
07 Bernard Balser
14 Kenneth W. Fleming

19 Lawrence Lane
19 Kevin T. Lucas
20 John L. Meredith
20 Glenn W. Withrow, Jr.
21 Donald L. McKenna
29 Joe R. Davidson
30 Matthew D. Greenwood

November Birthdays

06 Marshall C. Battle
11 Harold L. Green, Jr.
13 Byron L. Basham
15 Worthy R. Warnack, Sr.
16 Allan M. Henshaw
20 Paul T. Luther
29 Ron B. Austin

TXSSAR Board Of Managers Meeting To Be Held in Nacogdoches Nov. 1-2

NACOGDOCHES — The November Board of Managers Meeting will be held November 1-2 at the Fredonia Hotel, 200 North Fredonia Street.

The preliminary room rate is set at \$68. All lodging reservations are the responsibility of the members and must be completed no later than October 17, 1997. The University has a home football game that weekend and hotel rooms will be at a premium. Call Early: 1-800-594-5323 for reservations and identify yourself as a TXSSAR member.

The Fredonia Chapter TXSSAR BOM Committee is chaired by Craig Stripling (409) 564-7719 and Patrick Harrison (409) 560-6492.

*Please Note: Committee Meetings and Workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday - a change from past meetings! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Registration fee is \$15 for members.

The Saturday lunch is \$15 for the men, the tour and lunch for the ladies is

\$12.50. Saturday's banquet will be served at 7:15 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per plate. If you have special dietary restrictions, you must notify us on your registration blank. Banquet speaker will be Archie McDonald, a well-known East Texas historian, author and researcher.

A brief religious service will be provided at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. This service is optional, and those who wish to attend will be welcome.

The TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 2 and will adjourn at 12:00 Noon.

A hospitality room will open for the ladies at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and will remain open during the meeting times until Noon on Sunday. Outside activities and tours will be arranged by the Nacogdoches area wives of Fredonia Chapter members, to include lunch at Millard's Crossing Historical Village and visits to Old Stone Fort and the Sterne-Hoya House.

TXSSAR 103rd Annual Convention To Be Held in Kerrville, March 13-15, 1998

KERRVILLE — You are all invited. Y'all Come! Come join us for Spring in the Hill Country. As the first warm breezes begin to fill the air, the peaches should be in bloom and the bluebonnets beginning to put on their show. We have arranged for the best rate in the Heart of the Hill Country, exciting entertainment, tours and some good food.

Reservations are now being taken by the Kerrville Holiday Inn YO! Call Now. The room rate is \$70 single or double occupancy. The cut-off date is February 12, 1998. Make your room reservations BEFORE January 15, 1998 and we will enter your name in a drawing for dinner for two, Friday evening in the Sam Houston Dining Room. Winner will be announced at the Friday evening welcome reception.

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY (1-800-465-4329) or 1-830-257-4440. You must identify yourself as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution to get the \$70 rate.

Those of you who want to bring their RV and stay a while in the Hill Country, will find several RV parks available. However at that time of year, they may be still a little booked with "winter Texans," so it would be a good idea to make those reservations early. Call or write and we will send a list of the good local RV parks.

The fun begins Friday evening with the Welcome Reception, by the massive rustic fireplace in the lobby area of the hotel, with entertainment by one of our local pianists. Then it's out to dinner on your own. This will give everyone a chance to sample one of the excellent restaurants in Kerrville. Don't miss this opportunity! We will have a list of the best available when you check in.

Saturday evening will feature the President General's Reception and Annual Banquet. Featured entertainment at the Banquet will be The Black Bexar Pipes and Drums of San Antonio.

We have arranged with Mooney Aircraft for a special tour of their Kerrville manufacturing facility Friday afternoon. This will be especially interesting to the many pilots in our organization. Saturday tours of the Cowboy Artists of America Museum and James Avery Craftsmen are planned. Fredericksburg and Comfort are "on your own" to allow individual shopping schedules.

Something New for 1998! Are you Ladies bored waiting around the lobby during the final meetings on Sunday mornings? We are planning a Continental Breakfast and short program for the Ladies, to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a \$5 charge for this activity to offset the cost.

Compatriots Patriots

John Oliver Albright #119889 - TX 7911
Patriot Private Ebenezer Alden, Jr.
4th Great Grandfather

Ebenezer Alden Jr.'s genealogical roots are among the oldest in the New England colonies. His Great Great Grandparents were John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who came to the New World on the Mayflower and were married in the Plymouth Bay Colony on 12 May 1622. Ebenezer was born on 27 April 1761 in Stafford, CT, the son of Ebenezer Alden, Sr. And his first wife Anne Whitaker. While he was still a young man, Ebenezer's family moved to Ashfield in north central Massachusetts.

With the coming of the Revolution, Ebenezer Jr. Enlisted in the Continental Army for three years with his name appearing on pay accounts for service from 1 March 1777 to 1 March 1780. He apparently was stationed close to General Washington during that fateful winter at Valley Forge since his name appears on a muster roll dated "Camp near Valley Forge, Jan. 6, 1778."

Following the war, Ebenezer Jr. Returned to Massachusetts and took up residence in the far northwest corner of the state in the town of Adams. There he worked as a carpenter and in Nov. 1801 married Catharine Elizabeth Rogers. Together they had six daughters: Mary, Anna, Keziah, Hannah, Elizabeth and Catherine. I descend from Keziah.

By 1818 when Ebenezer Jr. Applied for a pension as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, he had changed trades and had become a miller. His pension was grated at the then considerable amount of \$8 per month. He continued to live in Adams where he died in the summer of 1835.

A footnote to Ebenezer Jr.'s legacy is that in 1907, his youngest daughter, Catherine, at the age of 92, joined the DAR and received special recognition for being literally "a daughter of the American Revolution."

