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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE FEBRUARY 17TH MEETING

We will have an election of officers for the 2005-2006 year at our members only meeting February 17th. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Center 2825 W. Town Center Cr., Kingwood. A social time will start at 6:15 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Dinner cost is 10.50 per person. All members are encouraged to attend. Please respond ASAP, either by e-mail to Genmorton@usa.net OR by returning the enclosed RSVP card by February 14th.

Slate of Officers, Piney Woods Chapter 2005-2006

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Birthdays

FEBRUARY

Jere Banewski
Paul Culbertson
Anderew Evans
James Green
Thomas Green
Woody Reese, DDS
Donald Richards
James Richards, Jr.
James Freeman

MARCH

Don MacGregory
Steven Richards
Thomas Lawrence
Ryan Gertz
Edward Farmer III

Past Presidents:

Tom Green
Bernie Balser
Don Lemon
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February 1776

Feb. 11 Arthur Lee, a Virginian in England, is asked by Congress to sound out European embassies for aid.

Feb. 14 Congress chooses committee including Ben Franklin to seek support from Canada for colonial cause.

Feb 18 Congress authorizes use of privateers against British navy and shipping.

Feb 26 Congress places embargo on exports to Great Britain and British West Indies.

Feb 27 North Carolina militia defeats Loyalists at Moore's Creek Bridge. Royal government ends in North Carolina.

Feb 29 French agent Beaumarchais writes Louis XVI encouraging French support of the colonies.

PineyWoods Chapter Meetings

February 17, 2005 Members Only Meeting (Election of Officers)

March 17, 2005 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
 Installation of 2005-2006 Officers

April 21, 2005 Board Meeting

May 19, 2005 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

Board Meetings will be held at the Kingwood Funeral Home beginning at 6:30 PM.

Dinner Meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn located at the intersection of Beltway 8 and JFK Blvd. Social time beginning at 6:15 PM, Dinner served at 7:00 PM.

Members Only Meetings will be held at the Heritage Center in Kingwood, Texas. Social time beginning at 6:15 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

The History of the Haunting Song "Taps"

Submitted by Peggie Longwell, Source unknown

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier.

It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the Lakes
From the hills
From the sky.
All is well,
safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light
Dims the sight
And a star
Gems the sky,
Gleaming bright
From afar,
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.

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The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized April 30, 1889, and was incorporated by Act of Congress of the United States of America on June 9, 1906.

By virtue of the authority granted the National Society by its Constitution and the charter issued by the Congress of the United States, charters are issued to the State Societies of the various States and territories. Each State Society is empowered to issue charters to chapters within the boundaries thereof.

The affairs of the National Society are administered by the Board of National Trustees, composed of the General Officers, all living Past Presidents General, one Trustee from each State Society, and any member of the

DID YOU KNOW?

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the public. Since there were no telephones, radios, or TVs, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars who were told to "go sip" some ale and listen to peoples conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times: "you go sip here and You go sip there." The two words, "go sip" were eventually combined when refering to the local opinion, thus we have the term "gossip."

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