

# PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

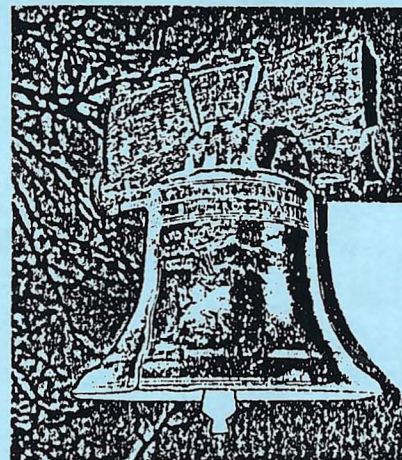
At the April Board Meeting, a motion was passed to change our bylaws to create the Offices of First Vice President, and Second Vice President.. This proposed change to our bylaws will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the membership. A copy of the proposed change is included as a separate page to this newsletter. If placed in effect, The First Vice President would ascend to the office of President, and the Second Vice President would ascend, only if the First Vice President was unable to do so. (Please see enclosure)

## Awards Presented at June Meeting

The following recognitions were presented at the May 21st meeting:  
Robert E. McKenna - Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for serving 2 years as chapter registrar and in his 3rd year as Region Orations Coordinator.  
Michael D. Young - Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for serving as chapter historian and producing a quality yearbook, that has now been submitted to the National Society in the Chapter's bid for the President General's trophy for outstanding chapter activities contest.  
M. MacLeod "Mac" Smith - Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for serving as chapter Sergeant-at-Arms and now is President-elect.

President Meadows announced that the Piney Woods Chapter has completed the awarding of 6 area high school JROTC cadets in Tomball, New Caney, Huffman, LaPorte, Aldine, and Klein Forest. In preparing for these presentations, the selection of the cadet is made solely by their Instructional Officers. The Chapter Officers are made aware of the activities of each of these JROTC schools and the selection process. The Chapter awarded the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates to two Instructional Officers that we felt were exceptional in their endeavors:

Col. Joseph B. "Bernie" David - JROTC Instructional Officer at Huffman - Hargrave High School  
Maj. Lawrence "Larry" Vidinha - JROTC Instructional Officer at LaPorte High School





## Compatriots Celebrating Birthdays

### July

- 7 John Albright Ph.D.
- 4 Vance Edwardes
- 28 Kim Morton
- 12 Jack Phillips
- 19 George Simmons
- 28 Robert Wonsetler

### August

- 5 Kenneth Cox
- 10 Bret Key
- 18 Donald Lemon
- 3 David Nagel
- 5 Glen Nelson
- 8 Richard Shanks
- 26 Ky White
- 20 Bobby Smith
- 25 Brian Young

### September

- 2 Conrad Carroll
- 13 William Green
- 5 David Ludtke
- 17 Larry Richards
- 1 Riley Sloan
- 16 Worthy Warnack, MD
- 9 Keith Wiggins
- 15 A. Joe Williams Sr.
- 9 James Jones, Jr.
- 9 David Mahavie

## Welcome New Member

Welcome to Richard W. Muckleroy of Houston, whose application was recently approved.

## Heroism Award

Carly Caufield, a Klein Forest Senior, was presented with the SAR Heroism Medal at the JROTC awards dinner by MacLeod Smith. Carly's story of her heroic efforts were presented in the last newsletter. She was credited with saving the life of a 4 year old that was injured in an automobile accident

## Board Meeting

A Board meeting was held June 11 at Randalls. Board members, are required to attend board meetings, but any member of the Chapter, could attend, and are urged to do so. We had a workshop on the preparation of the annual report. We will also be discussing plans for the annual state convention at future board meetings. We convene at 7 p.m. in the activities room of Randalls, on Hwy 59, Kingwood. The next board meeting is July 9th

## 104th Annual Convention

PineyWoods Chapter will be hosting the TXSSAR annual convention next March 12 - 14 at the Sheraton Crown, JFK Blvd. Arrangements for meeting rooms have been made. There is still much preparation to be done. All active members are urged to participate in any way they can to make this a success.



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## Outstanding Chapter Activities

The PineyWoods Chapter can accumulate valuable points toward Outstanding Chapter Activities Award by reporting your activity to our Secretary. Include in your report, what you did, the date, and a picture if possible. Remember, the SAR must be prominently displayed, depicted, or described.

Such activities may include:

- \*Newspaper article in a commercial publication
- \*Radio or TV coverage
- \*Be a delegate at a National Congress
- \*Be a delegate at a State Meeting
- \*Present a historical program at a SAR meeting
- \*Set up a joint meeting with the DAR
- \*Make a donation to the Veterans in VA facilities (books, money, hygiene kits)
- \*Sponsor a Chapter Color Guard in Revolutionary uniform
- \*Put a marker on a Revolutionary grave
- \*Put a marker on a Compatriot grave
- \*Put a marker on a Revolutionary historic site
- \*Establish a Speakers Bureau to deliver Patriotic, Historical, and Educational talks to other organizations
- \*Create a Chapter Web Site
- \*Serve on the State Society Level
- \*Conduct a Chapter Memorial Service

## Parade/BBQ

There didn't seem to be much interest in setting up a BBQ this year for the 4th of July, so the Board decided not to go ahead with any plans. HOWEVER if anyone is interested in marching in the Kingwood 4th of July parade, contact Jeff Meadows. Perhaps we could meet at Luther's for BBQ after the parade.

## Sandra Loveless

Sandra Loveless, the Chapter's Outstanding American History Teacher, has withdrawn taking the trip to Valley Forge due to the severe illness of her mother. The runner-up teacher from Dallas will make the trip in her place. Please keep Sandra and her mother in your thoughts and prayers.

## Educational Endowment Fund

An Educational Endowment Fund has been created to accept the proceeds of the Needlepoint raffle ticket sales. Two thousand tickets have been printed, which will be sold at dinner meetings, board of manager meetings, and at the State Convention. Tickets will sell at \$3.00 ea, or 4 for \$10.00.

All proceeds will go directly to the Fund. Revenue from the fund will help us to provide recognition awards.

### Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter Meetings & Events

Thursday, June 11, 1998  
Board Meeting, 4th of July plans, workshop on annual report

Saturday, July 4th  
Kingwood Parade?, BBQ?

Thursday, July 9, 1998  
Board Meeting  
Annual Convention meeting

August 1st & 2nd  
Board of Managers meeting  
@ Fort Worth

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



## Thankful's Pockets

Any commerce between Long Island and Connecticut was forbidden, but needy patriots constantly risked imprisonment to break the rules. Mayor Joseph Townsend of Greenport has a precious memento which tells a story of those days of hardship --- a story which involves another branch of the Vail family at the opposite end of town.

The relic is a quilted bag of calico about a foot square, with a slit in one side which identifies it as a receptacle of sorts. It was, in fact, one of the seven extra pockets that his great-great-great-grandmother, Thankful Griffing Vail, tied around her waist beneath her long full dress when it was necessary to fool the redcoats.

Thankful's husband, Peter, had been in a Southold militia company which was disbanded after the disastrous Battle of Brooklyn. (It is probable that he was a direct descendant of Jeremiah Vail, the much-needed blacksmith who was lured to Southold in the early days from East Hampton--thereby causing bitter enmity between the towns--and who, by refusing to join the church, upset the rigid rule that all Southold settlers must be church members.) On his farm in Wading River, at the western edge of the township, Peter raised just enough to avoid the seizure of his produce for the king's troops. The larder was almost empty one morning when he and Thankful set out in their rowboat to cross the Sound.

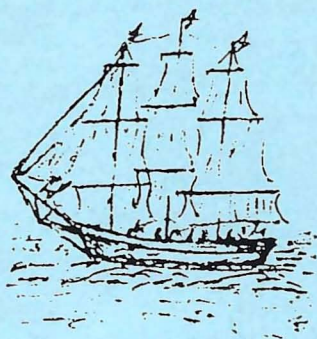
What happened is described in a faded note now attached to the calico pocket. Shopping in Connecticut had resulted in packets of salt, sugar, flour, sausage, and other choice items, even including some material for handkerchiefs and the thread to hem them with. The purchases had been tucked in the

concealed pockets and the Vails were headed happily homeward when their craft was sighted by a British frigate which sent out a boat to intercept it. "You carrying any contraband?" the officer demanded. Indeed no. Peter said; he and his wife had been out fishing. A quick look around seemed to verify the statement, but the officer was still suspicious. "You may be spies for all I know."

Aboard the frigate the Vails were questioned at length, but their story was unshaken. "Aren't you getting a little fat, lady?" one of the interrogators asked. Thankful glared at him. "I have every right to be," she said icily.

"You oughtn't to take your wife fishing in that condition." Peter was told. Better get her home before something happens to her."

Sarah Vail Corwin, a daughter of Peter and Thankful and one of the five founders of the Methodist Church in Riverhead, was so fond of the story that she preserved one of the calico pockets. Her grand-daughter, Susan Corwin of Greenport, died in her nineties and left it to her great-nephew, Joseph Townsend, Sr.



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**Proposed Change to By-Laws, PineyWoods Chapter, #51 TXSSAR**

**From the April 16, 1998 Board Meeting**

**Change the By-Laws, Article IV - Duties of Officers, Section 2:**

**FROM**

SECTION 2. **President Elect:** The President Elect shall fill the office of President of the Chapter when the President is absent or unable to act. In matters other than presiding at meetings, however, he shall act only if the matter will not reasonably await the return of the President or his renewed ability to act. Unless by Special Vote of the Chapter Membership, The President Elect will assume the Office of the President upon completion of his Term as President Elect.

**TO**

SECTION 2. **First Vice President:** The First Vice President shall fill the office of President of the Chapter when the President is absent or unable to act. In matters other than Presiding at meetings, however, he shall act only if the matter will not reasonably await the return of the President or his renewed ability to act. Unless by Special Vote of the Chapter Membership, The First Vice President will assume the Office of the President upon completion of his term as First Vice President.

SECTION 2(a) **Second Vice President:** The Second Vice President, as provided for the First Vice President, will fill the office of President in case both the President and First Vice President are absent or unable to act.