



PineyWoods Pine Shavings

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Constitutional Week 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 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).

His SAR awards include: War Ser-



**TXSSAR President-Elect
Robert W. "Bob" Coker**

vice Medal (Korea & Vietnam), Patriots Medal, Silver Good Citizenship Medal (2), Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Liberty Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (3), NSSAR Centennial Medal, ORSSAR Centennial Medal, FLSSAR Centennial Medal, TXSSAR Centennial Medal, Certificates of Appreciation and a Certificate of Distinguished Service. Coker is also a dual member of the Louisville-Thurston Chapter of the KYSSAR.

PineyWoods To Hold Second Annual 4th of July Barbecue

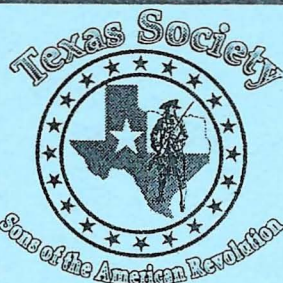
Worthy and Jody Warnack have offered their home for the location of the Second Annual PineyWoods Chapter 4th of July Barbecue. The Warnack's also have a swimming pool if you are interested in a cool dip. Barbecue will be catered with food from Trigg's and iced tea will

be provided. If you prefer to drink soft drinks other than the provided tea, you are required to provide those yourself. The gathering will begin about Noon on Friday, July 4th.

Please make every effort to attend and enjoy the camaraderie

of your fellow compatriots and wives on a very casual basis to celebrate the Fourth of July.

An RSVP form is enclosed with this Chapter newsletter along with a map. The deadline for returning your \$7 per person check is Wednesday, June 25.



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PineyWoods Chapter Awards Bronze JROTC Medals To Area Cadets

The criteria for the JROTC medal, the recipient must: 1. Be in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation of the award; 2. Show a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence in performance of duties; 3. Have a high potential for greater leadership responsibilities.

New Caney High School Army JROTC Cadet Joshua A. Martin was presented with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate on Saturday, April 12 by President Don Lemon and Vice President Jeff Meadows at their annual ROTC awards dinner held at New Caney High School.

Huffman-Hargrave High School Army JROTC Cadet Stephanie Swan was presented with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate on Friday, April 25 by President Don Lemon and Historian Michael Young at their annual ROTC awards dinner held in Humble.

La Porte High School Army JROTC Cadet First Lieutenant Leon Warren was presented with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate on Friday, May 2, by Past President Thomas Green, annual ROTC awards dinner.

Klein Forest High School Aerospace JROTC Cadet Technical Sergeant Timothy Dunlap was presented with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate on

Saturday, May 3 by Past President Thomas Green and Secretary Donald MacGregory, Jr. at their annual ROTC awards dinner.

Tomball High School's selected Naval Sea Cadet will be awarded the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate this October, closer to Navy Day.

This is the first year that the SAR is allowed to honor Sea Cadets with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate.

The Chapter acquired the proper scripts for the ROTC presentations from TXSSAR Corresponding Secretary, John C. "Jack" Haughton, as they stress the importance of these medals.

Part of the script is as follows: "The PineyWoods Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution appreciates this opportunity to recognize meritorious members of the ROTC. The Sons of the American Revolution ROTC medal is the only medal of its kind that is recognized by the US Department of Defense and all the US Military Branches. The recipient of this award will be allowed to wear this medal (at the discretion of their Commanding Officer) if they go into a College ROTC program, or go on Active Duty. So this medal will become a badge of recognition of outstanding leadership and military bearing for many years to come."

Compatriots Patriots

JOHN OLIVER ALBRIGHT - NSSAR
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PATRIOT ENSIGN ZERAH BEACH, SR. -
4TH GREAT GRANDFATHER

Zerah Beach was born on 23 June 1746 in Salisbury, CT, the son of Barnabas Beach and Sarah Thompson. Zerah's family, especially his father and grandfather, invested heavily in land between Goshen and Salisbury, CT and from his later pursuits Zerah seems to have also had an aptitude for business interests. On 27 November 1768 in Salisbury, Zerah married Lucy Stevens whose father Ebenezer Stevens was both a Patriot and a land speculator.

Following the announcement of the Declaration of Independence, Zerah was appointed Ensign 30 August 1776 and served one year as Quartermaster of Colonel Burrall's Regiment in the Connecticut Line. According to his grandson, Zerah was at Valley forge with General Washington, but that has

as yet not been proven. Later in the War, Zerah was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Connecticut and was a Commissioner at the signing of one of the treaties assembled during the War with the Native American population. Apparently his patriotic actions straddled the border between Connecticut and New York since after the War, he was granted Land Bounty Rights in the State of New York.

After the cessation of hostilities, he moved his family to New York in 1786. In 1790 he was granted a license to operate a tavern in Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY where he was appointed magistrate in 1793. By 1796, he had moved a bit farther north and west to Saratoga County, where he was named as a country coroner.

He remained close to his children in Saratoga until he passed away on 09 June 1836. I am descended from his daughter Deborah.

Third Annual May Awards Dinner Meeting Honors Members and Citizens

HOUSTON — The PineyWoods Chapter held its Third Annual Awards Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 1997 at the Sheraton Crown Hotel. The Chapter presented 19 awards, with 16 going to non-members.

Member Awards

Compatriot Donald E. MacGregory, Jr. was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his dedicated service as Sergeant-at-Arms for two years; Compatriot Worthy R. Warnack, Sr. was presented a Bronze Cluster and Certificate for his Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his dedicated service as Treasurer for two years; and Compatriot Kim A. Morton was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his dedicated service as Genealogist since the chartering of the PineyWoods Chapter.

Non-Member Awards

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to guest speaker, Stephen K. Davis, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at Kingwood College, who spoke on "Bernardo de Galvez: Hero of the American Revolution" and to Donna Wolfe's Art Class of Spring High School for their artistic assistance in the 1996-97 Chapter Yearbook.

A Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate was presented to Thomas A. McDonald, who is a Dispatcher for the Houston Fire Department, who takes pictures of fires in his own time to be used for training in HFD and other fire departments. He has worked with other fire departments, such as the New York FD to improve fire fighting techniques.

Martha Washington Medals and Certificates were presented to Jody Warnack, wife of Compatriot Worthy

Warnack, Sr., for her dedicated service to the PineyWoods Chapter; to Barbara Balser, wife of Past President Bernard Balser, for her dedicated service to the PineyWoods Chapter; and to Debbie Pilcher, of Liberty for providing the PineyWoods Chapter with more news coverage than any other Texas Society Chapter.

Seven Heroism Medals and Certificates were presented to Ronald J. Krusleski, Derek R. Dumas, Joe V. Patterson, Alvin White, David L. Weaver, Porfirio Ramos, all of Houston and to Robert Glatfelter, of Dayton, who were all credited with life-saving efforts on behalf of another individuals in life/death situations. Krusleski, Dumas, Patterson, White, Weaver and Ramos work as a team



at Houston Fire Station 101 and responded to a situation where two workers touched a 19,000 volt electrical

line with an aluminum ladder. Both workers were in critical condition when the team arrived. One of the men was "straight-lining," and they revived him and both were transported to the hospital. Both have recovered. A week later they responded to a call for a man who had fallen out of a tree. The victim is a professional tree man. His back was broken, and the team worked for about 45 minutes to stabilize him for transport. He is not back home but will be a paraplegic for the rest of his life.

Fire Safety Medals and Certificates were presented to Layne W. Sauls and Charles W. Key, who are with the Community Relations Division of the Houston Fire Department. Sauls has edited several videos and films making them useful for teaching fire safety and prevention to young children in

Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter Meetings & Events

1997:

Friday, July 4

Second Annual 4th of July Barbeque, hosted by Worthy and Jody Warnack. See enclosed flyer for details.

Thursday, August 21

Board meeting: 7 p.m., Kingwood Randalls

Thursday, September 18

Constitutional Week Dinner Meeting with members, wives and guests at the Sheraton Crown

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Thursday, October 16

"Members Only" Meeting; guest speaker

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

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

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schools. He has also created a scaled-down house that is used to teach children evacuation skills. Key who works with Sauls, is the Director of Camp Janus, a summer camp for burn victims in Grimes County. The camp is funded by such entities as The Hermann Hospital of Houston, and the Shriners.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate was presented to Rev. Darryl Watson of Liberty, and originally of Australia. Watson offered his services as Police Chaplain to the Liberty Police Department and became the official Police Chaplain in Nov. 1990. Watson will receive his certificate as a Certified Senior Police Chaplain in July, 1997. To qualify for this, one has to be a Police Chaplain for 5 years, have 250 hours of continuing education,

either through the ICPC, ATS or RTS, various law enforcement academies. One also has to provide evidence of having made a significant contribution to law enforcement chaplaincy, by teaching workshops. Endorsement also has to be provided by the Chief of the department he serves, as well as his ecclesiastical body. Rev. Watson has also completed a degree with a major in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Rev. Watson initiated the first National Police Week Recognition and Memorial Service in Liberty on May 15, 1991. The 7th annual Police Recognition and Memorial Service was held Sunday, May 18 at First Baptist Church in Liberty. He has attended a number of emergency situations in Liberty County over the past 7 years, giving support to those in need; also giving death notifications to relatives whose loved ones died in accidents and conducting funeral services. He has also included the Fire & EMS officers, as well as the Sheriff's deputies and the Dept. of Public Safety troopers. Rev. Watson and his wife Marian left Liberty May 19 for a short vacation in England prior to returning to Australia where he will be the minister in Tasmania, Australia. Rev. Watson's 5th great grandfather fought at Bunker Hill and at Fort Niagara, although he was an English officer. Regardless of this fact, the Chapter felt that Rev. Watson was still deserving of this award.



Don Lemon, Bernie Balser and Barbara Balser



Worthy Warnack, Jody Warnack and Don Lemon



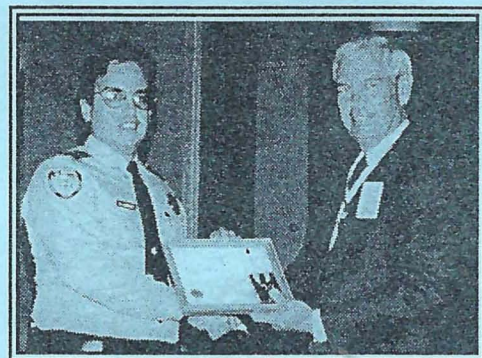
Kim Morton and Don Lemon



Rev. Darryl Watson, Debbie Pilcher and Robert Glatfelter



Donald E. MacGregory, Jr.



Thomas A. McDonald and Don Lemon



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