

Pineywoods Pine Shavings



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Officers Installed at March 19th Meeting

Installation of the 1998-99 PineyWoods Chapter was held on Thursday, March 19, 1998. The following members were installed by National Trustee John C. "Jack" Haughton.

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| Registrar | Robert McKenna |
| Chancellor | Ky White |
| Chaplain | Rev. Douglas Harper |
| Historian | Michael Young |
| Sergeant-at-arms | James Jones |



PineyWoods Chapter, Recipient of State Awards

The PineyWoods Chapter received the following awards at the Annual State Convention in Kerrville, March 13-15, 1998:

The E. A. Limmer Award which was created by the Heart of Texas Chapter in honor of their benefactor, an is given to the Chapters having the greatest percentage of approved supplementals during the previous TXSSAR year. There are four categories.

Group 1 (10-39) #35 Wm Hightower
Group 11 (40-99) #37 Plano

Group 111 (100-199) #51 PineyWoods
Group 1V (200 +) Dallas

The James W. Looney Award which is named for the late James Looney, Chairman of the Americanism Committee at the time of the inception of the Poster Contest. It is awarded to the chapter sponsoring the winning poster.

Winner 1st - Jonathan T. Neal, **PineyWoods Chapter # 51**

The Ross L. Shipman Award for best newsletter

Multi-sheet - *The Pine Shavings*, **PineyWoods Chapter #51, Jeff Meadows, Editor**
Single Sheet - *The Liberty Chronicle*, Plano Chapter #37, Bill Hurst, Editor

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Outstanding American History Teacher - This award is given to an American History teacher who completes an application and essay, and receives recommendations from three superiors and peers.

WINNER: Sandra Loveless, Klein ISD, PineyWoods Chapter #51

The Outstanding Chapter Activities Contest - This award is divided into four categories, and given to the chapters with the highest scores in each group.

The Walter G. Sterling Award
The Hill Country Award
LTJG John M. Wright, Jr. Award
The Heart of Texas Award

Group 1 (10-39)
Group 2 (40-99)
Group 3 (100-199)
Group 4 (200+)

William Hightower Chapter
Plano Chapter
PineyWoods Chapter
Dallas Chapter

Klein Forest Student Receives R.O.T.C. Silver Valor Award

Carly Caufield, a student at Klein Forest High School, has earned the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) Cadet Silver Valor Award for quick and decisive actions displayed on October 14, 1997, when she sustained the life of a child who had been injured in a car wreck.

After purchasing supplies for the Klein Forest homecoming, Caufield was waiting behind one car to pull out onto FM 1960. A vehicle traveling on FM 1960 turned into the parking lot, crashing into the vehicle in front of Caufield. Her immediate feelings were dread and disappointment. She wanted to arrive home at the time her parents expected her to return, and she did not want to have to wait to describe what she had seen to an investigator of the wreck.

Caufield's feelings changed immediately when she saw that a child in the car which had been hit was badly injured. The father, Mr. William Hutchins, was distraught as he clutched his four year old daughter close to him. Caufield explained that she was trained in CPR and emergency first aid from having been a lifeguard. She convinced the father to allow her to help his daughter.

Caufield checked the child for neck and back injuries and for bleeding as well as signs of shock. By placing her cheek next to the cheek of the child, Caufield determined that the four year old girl was not breathing. When she could not find a pulse, she knew that immediate action was required.

She sent the driver of the vehicle who had hit the Hutchins' vehicle to call for immediate ambulance assistance.

As she had been trained to do as a flight commander in her R.O.T.C. unit, Caufield took control of an out-of-control situation by administering rescue breathing which she continued until the paramedics arrived. Between breaths, she urged the father to speak calmly to decrease the fear of the injured child.

When paramedics arrived, Caufield gave a full report of her analysis of the injuries and her giving cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Her life sustaining actions were confirmed in a letter from Houston Northwest Medical Center.

Colonel Ernest Veranes sent that letter to the National R.O.T.C. organization which chose to reward Carly Caufield with the Silver Valor Award stating in their citation she "sustained the life of the child [and] prevented inevitable, extensive brain damage."

By preparing to work as a summer lifeguard, Caufield had learned first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. However, Colonel Veranes cites the training she has received in R.O.T.C. as preparing her to use skills enabling her to act swiftly and decisively as she took charge of a critical situation.

In the past at Klein Forest, Caufield has been on the tennis

team and the junior varsity soccer team and a member of the student council. Because of her commitment to R.O.T.C., she has dropped other activities to commit her efforts to this organization.

When asked why R.O.T.C. is so important to her, Caufield replied, "I fell in love with R.O.T.C. because it is an organization that cares everyday about students. Our instructors and student leaders are here for students. This group cares if students make it through every day. We are a group that provides positive peer pressure on our campus."

Caufield's responsibilities as an R.O.T.C. flight commander place her on the role of a leader of other students. One of her military duties is to teach the group how to march. However, her duties also extend into the area of encouraging the students in her group to maintain good grades and to be good citizens.

During the summer of 1996, Caufield attended a Summer Leadership School in Arlington, Texas. She received a distinguished graduate award at the conclusion of the training camp.

Caufield's leadership skills have been recognized by a Daughters of the American Revolution national award, and the Sojourner Award for being a good member of R.O.T.C., as well as a good citizen.

At Klein Forest High School, she has won three Golden Eagle awards for leadership in her school.

Away from school, Caufield devotes time to refereeing soccer and participating in activities of her church.

The Klein ISD is located in North Harris County and has more than 30,500 students in its eighteen (18) elementary, six (6) intermediate, and three (3) high schools.

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Professor Thomas Lovell to speak at May 21st Dinner Meeting

Professor Thomas Lovell, Professor of history at N. Harris College, Tomball, will be our guest speaker at the May 21 dinner meeting. Please fill out the enclosed RSVP for dinner reservations and return it before May 17th





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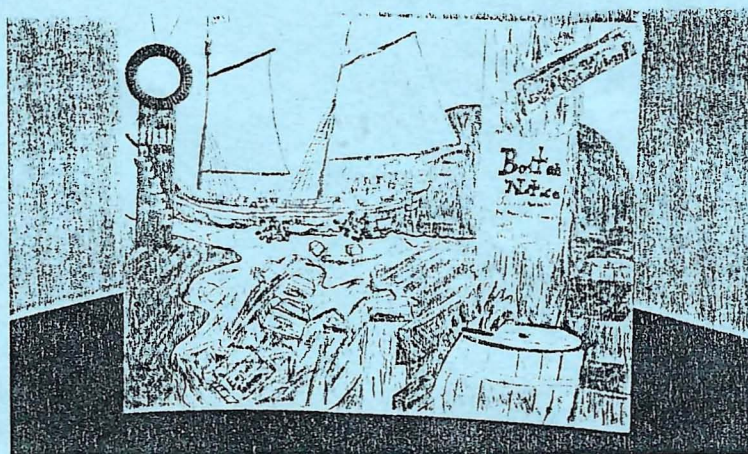
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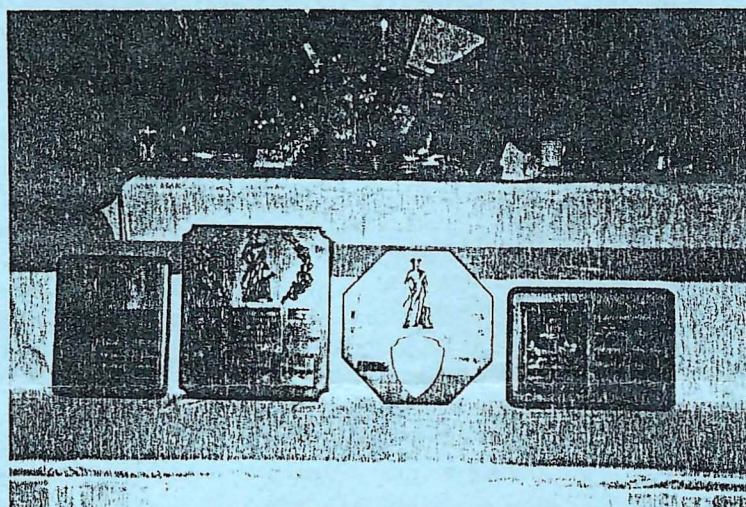
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First Place Winner, Poster Contest, Jonathan T. Neal



Collection of Awards presented to Piney Woods Chapter

COMPATRIOTS CELEBRATING Birthdays

April Birthdays

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| 14 | Allen Green Jr. |
| 03 | Robert McKenna |
| 14 | Byron Rateree |
| 01 | Patrick Whipple |

May Birthdays

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| 04 | Mic Barnette |
| 15 | Ken Korthauer, M.D. |
| 11 | Jeffrey Meadows |
| 10 | Donald Poindexter |
| 14 | Cannon Pritchard |
| 23 | Wally Straley |
| 27 | Donald Young |

June Birthdays

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| 04 | Scott Baniewski |
| 20 | Clinton Fleming |
| 30 | Glen Martin |
| 21 | Walter McCain, Jr. |
| 23 | Howard McCarthy |
| 15 | Woody Rees, Jr. |
| 13 | Clarence Rheman |
| 05 | James L. Sloan |
| 04 | A. Joe Williams, Jr. |

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Schedule of
 Piney Woods Chapter
 Meetings & Events
 1998

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Dinner Meeting with
 members, wives, and guests
 at the Sheraton Crown.
 Guest speaker Prof. Thomas
 Lovell, Prof. History, N. Harris
 College, Tomball

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

Washington ranks as a hero --because he was so very human

By Peter Gibbon

In 1800 Mason Locke Weems wrote *The Life and Memorable Actions of George Washington*. Determined to write a biography to inspire young people and a young country, Weems made up stories, deleted unpleasant facts and freely drew moral lessons. His goal, he said, was "to exalt human nature."

It was Weems who had young Washington try his new hatchet on a cherry tree and Weems who invented the father's reply to George's honesty: "Such an act of heroism is worth more than a thousand trees." Abraham Lincoln was inspired by one of the 70 editions of the Rev. Weems' book; so probably, were thousands of other young Americans.

I travel around the country talking to students about the importance of heroes. George Washington is not an easy sell in 1998, even on his birthday. He was a soldier and an aristocrat. He owned slaves. Students today want to know about fierce temper and wooden teeth and whether he grew marijuana at Mount Vernon. They ask about his relationship with Sally Fairfax and why he and Martha had no children.

It helps to remind my audience that Washington was human. His father died when he was 11, his mother was dour and offered little guidance. He did not attend college or travel to Europe. He couldn't marry the woman he loved, nor get from Great Britain the military position he believed he deserved. In an age when disease killed capriciously, he watched his half-brother, Lawrence, die from tuberculosis and his stepdaughter, Patsy, succumb to epilepsy. His own face was scarred by small pox, his body weakened by malaria and dysentery.

Washington liked to play cards, drink wine, dance and watch cock fights. He was happiest on horseback chasing foxes, hacking trails and improving his estate. Until 1774, he seemed one of us.

Then the Revolutionary War came. He never wanted to be commander. He should have lost. Great Britain was

confident and formidable - the 18th century superpower. Washington had few soldiers and they were untrained. Short of boots and bullets, they became bitter. Many Americans bet on Great Britain.

At first, Washington failed - at Brooklyn Heights and Brandywine. And he suffered - as his men went without pay, Congress squabbled, his army melted away, and defeat seemed certain. He wrote in a letter, "I never was in such an unhappy, divided state." In 1776 he told his brother that he would gladly quit.

But he didn't. He dodged and retreated and somehow kept an army in the field. He took risks. He attacked at Trenton and Princeton. He forced himself to appear confident and indomitable, despite fatigue and frustration. And he grew - as a general and politician and human being.

He learned to use America's wilderness and to exploit England's arrogance. Patiently, he extracted authority and supplies from divided Congress. Stoically, he shook off critics. Above all, he endured - until the sent money and Great Britain grew weary.

I tell my audiences that George Washington is great because he showed extraordinary courage, not just the courage to face bullets, but the courage to stick to a cause no matter how great the odds, the courage to shake off failure and transcend pain, the courage to take risks, to change, to grow.

When the war was over, Washington gave up his sword and returned to Mount Vernon to tend his garden. His magnanimity astonished the world. He was happy at Mount Vernon and would have preferred to stay there. But the confederation was weak. The same sense of duty that made him give up his sword forced him to return to Philadelphia and then to serve eight years as president. I tell students that a hero puts his country's welfare before his personal happiness.

It's not hard to understand why 200 years ago American citizens revered George Washington. He was a soldier and a superb horseman. He was tall, imposing, mysterious. Tested by crisis and war, he endured and prevailed.

Washington also inspired respect from those who knew him best. He was not brilliant like Alexander Hamilton, nor

eloquent like Thomas Jefferson. He lacked Benjamin Franklin's originality and James Madison's insight. But our first president had character.

Like the Stoics whose works he read, Washington exercised self-control. Imitating the famous Roman general Cato, he valued honor and reputation more than wealth and power. Attending church, he believed in a God that watched, in conscience and in kindness. A few simple but powerful influences. A few key, enduring convictions. A man who eschewed extremes. A man with a center, who could not be budged by catastrophe or success.

In skeptical times, more interested in reality than in mythology, it is important to recognize George Washington's humanity. In a crowd, he seemed shy. On the podium, he was inarticulate. Contemporaries found him courteous but cold. Recognizing Washington's humanity, however, should not blind us to his heroism. In crisis he stood firm. Through willpower, he turned himself into an able general, a masterful administrator and a prudent statesman. He learned from mistakes, coped with his despair, demanded no reward.

Always he placed the country's welfare above his personal happiness. He assumed the president should be an example to the nation. In 1789 he told the delegates to the Constitutional Convention: "Integrity and firmness are all I can promise." Thomas Jefferson thought him great and good. In scornful times, so might we.

