



# PineyWoods Pine Shavings

## News of the PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the Sons of the American Revolution

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### THOSE WHO THROW BRICKS...

At the 19 OCT 2000 Members Only Meeting, Compatriot Tom Green noted that the National SAR Society is considering selling "bricks" as one means of raising funds for the improvement and expansion of the National Headquarters buildings (in Louisville, KY). Each "brick" would be engraved with the name of the contributor and used in the construction process (presumably such that the engraved name would be prominently displayed). The National Society is considering allocating one "brick" per \$100.00 donation to the construction fund. At our meeting Tom Green suggested that our Chapter contribute three (3) "bricks" to be engraved with the Chapter's name (I was not present at the OCT Meeting - see meeting notes - so do not know how we arrived at the number three but it does seem like a good round number). Further discussion of this subject will undoubtedly be made at a future Chapter meeting.

### CHANGE IN DUES PAYMENTS

NOTE: The statements for annual dues are about to be sent out and a change has been made in the process: PAYMENT WILL BE DUE IMMEDIATELY \*\*AND\*\* DUES WILL BE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT IF NOT RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 2000! So to keep your membership active, and to minimize the effort of state volunteers in collecting the dues, PLEASE SEND OFF YOUR PAYMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR! Thanks.

DID YOU KNOW that the first three states ratified the new constitution 213 years ago:  
07 DEC 1787 - Delaware  
12 DEC 1787 - Pennsylvania  
18 DEC 1787 - New Jersey

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF OCT MEETING

Starting from just south of Topeka, Kansas, on the morning of October 19, my eighty year old Mother and I drove six hundred and eighty one miles (681) to make it to Triggs Restaurant almost in time for the "Members Only" Meeting at 7:00 that evening (I had flown to Iowa to drive my mother down to Texas for her winter stay in the Rio Grande Valley). Arriving at 7:05 I was shocked to find the place completely devoid of any SAR members! Being hungry we sat down and ordered some bar-b-que and while we were eating the waitress overheard Mom giving me a hard time about not remembering the right night and said that everyone else had packed up and gone down the road to the "other" Trigg's Restaurant. So once we were finished we packed up and found the "other" place and sure enough I found everyone enjoying the end of a delightful shrimp dinner. Apparently the situation was that there was a mix up due to there being two Triggs Restaurants and because the reservations had been made at one while I gave everyone the directions to the other in last month's Newsletter. Oh, well, there was a good turnout nonetheless AND most everyone said the shrimp was good AND Mom said she doesn't like fish anyway and thought the BBQ was better than most she'd had in her 80 years. Anyway, the little I can report from the meeting is first that the Chapter's finances still seem to be in good shape - our receipts are down just a bit but of fifteen (15) budgeted expense items, we are below budget in all but two. Otherwise basic Chapter matters were discussed at the meeting and the next meeting, open to one and all, was set for Thursday, NOV 16, 2000 at the airport Holiday Inn (see meeting notice). PS - Having gotten a little behind lately my Mother-In-Law took pity on me and helped me get this Newsletter out so both Mom Albright AND Mom Lorimer had input into it... thanks to both of them!

### NOTICE OF MEETING: "Come One - Come All" Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, NOV 16, 2000, PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a dinner meeting for members, wives, and guests at the HOLIDAY INN located near Intercontinental Airport at the intersection of Beltway 8 and John F. Kennedy Boulevard (at 15222 JFK Boulevard - see map below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with dinner (chicken cordon bleu - which according to my French/English dictionary is either "blue ribbon" chicken stuffed with ham and cheese and cooked OR a chicken that has been tied up with a rope and severely bruised, go figure!) to be served promptly at 7:00. The evening's presentation will be by Mr. Darrell McAlexander, attorney at law, who appeared in the movie "The Patriot" as the bugler for the English. He will appear dressed in the costume he wore in the movie and will speak about the movie and the weapons used in its creation. To quote our Chapter President: "It will be a meeting none will want to miss." The dinner cost is \$16.50 per person (heck, the presentation alone is worth that and you get a beat-up chicken to boot!) Please respond ASAP either by E-mail to: Genmorton@usa.net or by returning the enclosed RSVP card.



### Items of Note from The Louisiana Society of the SAR:

Having recently received the Year 2000 Membership Directory for the Louisiana State SAR (I held dual membership there while living in New Orleans), I came across a few items which I thought might be of interest to our Chapter:

1) LaSSAR has eight chapters: Alexandria, Lafayette, Monroe, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, "North Shore" (of Lake Ponchartrain), and Lake Charles; and has 612 members including four judges, one congressman, AND THE KING OF SPAIN.

2) King Carlos I of Spain is a descendent of King Charles III of Spain who directed then Governor Galvez of Spanish New Orleans to aid the revolution by attacking British outposts along the Gulf Coast. (LaSSAR recently inducted King Carlos into their state society.)

3) There are currently five members in the LaSSAR with 50+ years of service including Wm. H. Fitzpatrick who has been a member since October 21, 1937!

Please join the Chapter in wishing the following members a heartfelt "Happy Birthday:"

### « NOVEMBER Birthdays »

11.06 Marshall Lee Battle  
11.13 Byron Craig Basham  
11.15 Worthy Ray Warnack Sr.  
11.16 Allan Munroe Henshaw  
11.20 Paul Thomas Luther  
11.29 Ronald Bruce Austin

### « DECEMBER Birthdays »

12.07 Richard Walter McCaine  
12.08 James Riley Sloan  
12.09 Marvin McLeod Smith Jr.  
12.10 Clay Vincent Warlick  
12.14 Forest Boviard Rees  
12.24 William Nicholas Foster  
12.26 Harold L. Green DDS  
12.27 John Barton Dorsey  
12.30 Ray Garnett Collins III  
12.30 Martin B. Gantt Jr.

Also please join the Chapter in welcoming Mr. Jimmy McKim (of P.O. Box 2190, Kountze, TX) as a potential new member to the Chapter. Jimmy, if you need help in filling out the forms, please give one of us a call.



# I KNOW THIS WILL GO OVER LIKE A LEAD BALLOON...

The bottom line is that in order for us to effectively put out the Chapter Newsletter AND to deal with other key matters of the Chapter we need to have accurate information on each of our members. I know in the current environment of privacy concerns this is a touchy subject so what I propose here and now is to outline the types of information about the members I propose to collect and why I think that I need that information. I hope that you will all review the following and respond to me if you have any serious concerns or if there's anything I've missed:

- 1) MEMBER'S NAME: Including first name (eg John), middle name (eg Oliver), last name (eg Albright), name prefix (eg Dr or Judge or...), name suffix (eg PhD or DDS or Jr or III or...) and "familiar" name (eg Bobby or Mac or Doc or Sarge or...). Obviously I have to have each member's name in order to know who to send the Newsletter out to.
- 2) MEMBER'S MAILING ADDRESS: Including street (eg 4910 Barone), city/state (eg Houston, TX), and zip code (eg 77084-1234). Obviously I have to have each member's address in order to know where to send their copy of the Newsletter.
- 3) MEMBER'S SAR MEMBER NUMBERS: Including national member number (eg 119889) and state member number (eg TX-7911). A typical computer system containing member information works best if you assign each person you wish to store info on a unique number. This is because it is easier to write a computer program that can handle slight variations in id numbers (eg "119889-Tx-7911" vs "119,889 Tx 7,911" vs "119 889 TEXAS 7 911" vs...) as opposed to more complex variations in a person's name (eg "John Albright" vs "Dr. J. O. Albright" vs "Albright, John Oliver" vs "John O. Albright, PhD" vs...). Thus the member number serves as a standard key to information about the member and should simplify communications with the state and national offices.
- 4) MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: (eg NCC1861@aol.com) While not absolutely required, an e-mail address does allow the Chapter to more efficiently AND economically send information out to the Chapter members (we will be looking into the possibility of sending out the Newsletter in an electronic format).
- 5) CHAPTER OFFICE CURRENTLY HELD BY MEMBER: (eg President) This will allow us to have the computer generate selective lists for the chapter (eg the officer list for the Newsletter OR a distribution list for a report intended for the officers).
- 6) MEMBER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: For use on those occasions when for whatever reason we need to contact a member quickly and directly, especially if we do not have an e-mail address.
- 7) MEMBER'S BIRTHDATE: Especially the month and day in order to recognize birthdays in the Chapter Newsletter (optional).
- 8) DATE MEMBER WAS ADMITTED TO SAR: As our chapter "matures" this would be useful in recognizing "milestone" anniversaries achieved by members (eg 10, 25, 50... years in SAR).
- 9) CHAPTER AFFILIATION(S): A number of our members hold dual membership with other chapters. It would be useful to know what "links" we have to other chapters to hopefully improve communications with them (optional).
- 10) AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE MEMBER: Would allow us to track award presentations and to recognize past achievements of individuals when new awards are presented. (optional)
- 11) PATRIOT ANCESTOR INFORMATION: For each member's patriot and/or supplemental ancestor the basic information of full name (eg Edward Mott), where they served (eg Connecticut), and their patriotic service (eg Major - Connecticut Line). This will first of all aid in assembling Chapter statistics (for example number of supplementals for the Chapter) and taken together with the basic member information may serve as the basis for our next volume of Chapter patriot lineages (optional; see also #12 following).
- 12) MEMBER'S BLOODLINES TO PATRIOT ANCESTORS: Obviously very optional. One long term thought is to have a common computer program into which Chapter members could input information on those ancestors which appear along the bloodlines back to their patriot ancestors. Such information could then be used to generate ancestor charts on each contributing member for inclusion in a Chapter lineage book OR be placed on the Chapter's web site as a resource for other individuals looking into their genealogy.

## "1776" - The Musical

Houston's Theatre Under The Stars ("TUTS") was treated this October to a return engagement of Sherman Edwards and Stuart Ostrow's award winning musical "1776." Originally produced on Broadway in the early 70's, "1776" is a musical rendition of the historical events encompassing the creation of the Declaration of Independence during the Continental Congress held in May-July 1776 in Philadelphia. The play opens explosively as the delegates are embroiled over clashes of ideals, agendas, and personalities. At first, ever so slowly, small groups of delegates begin to agree on basic issues: Virginia and Massachusetts agree that the Colonies must declare their independence, the Carolinas and Georgia join forces to protect the markets for their agricultural products, while New York and Pennsylvania focus on their interests in foreign trade. As the play progresses, the audience senses that the delegates are moving toward a common goal however a number of seemingly insurmountable obstacles remain to be overcome. Then, in the final act, the true essence of the American Revolution is revealed as one by one the delegates transcend their differences and work together to finalize the Declaration of Independence. And as the last roll is called, the members sign the declaration in what has to be one of the most moving scenes I know of in a patriotic play about the American Revolution.

- John Oliver Albright

PS - The play closed in Houston on October 22. Since the original play on Broadway noted above, it has been made into a movie (1972, I have ordered a copy of it in VHS format) and was revived on Broadway recently where it received a number of awards and was highly acclaimed by the New York Times.

"RESPECT FOR FLAG INSPIRES" In the 03 NOV 2000 issue of the Houston Chronicle Dave Helmick of Spring, TX, writes: "In the middle of heavy traffic this week, I saw an elderly gentleman stop his car at a busy intersection, get out, walk to the front of his vehicle and, just as I thought he was about to raise the hood, he bent down and rescued an American flag that lay on the pavement. He then exchanged salutes with another driver, put the flag in his car and drove off. ->

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Proposed dates for the remaining meetings of the PineyWoods Chapter for the 2000-01 SAR year:

date	type of meeting
16 NOV 2000	- dinner meeting
DEC 2000	- NO meeting
18 JAN 2001	- member only mtg.
15 FEB 2001	- dinner meeting & OFFICER ELECTION
15 MAR 2001	- OFFICER only mtg.
19 APR 2001	- member only mtg.
17 MAY 2001	- dinner meeting
JUN 2001	- NO meeting
JUL 2001	- NO meeting

## FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

111th Annual Congress  
JUN 30 - JUL 04, 2001  
Hyatt Regency, Louisville, KY

112th Annual Congress  
JUN 29 - JUL 03, 2002  
Stouffer Renaissance, Nashville

113th Annual Congress  
JUL 03 - 09, 2003  
Hyatt on the Riverwalk, Chicago

114th Annual Congress  
JUL 03 - 07, 2004  
Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

"- I was favorably impressed. Although that intersection is hardly Iwo Jima, I'm in favor of erecting a statue to the man."

Editor's note: I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Helmick and if I knew the patriot's name I would surely nominate him for an SAR good citizenship medal. Our flag was honored by all those who fought for our country and should be treated accordingly.