

PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS

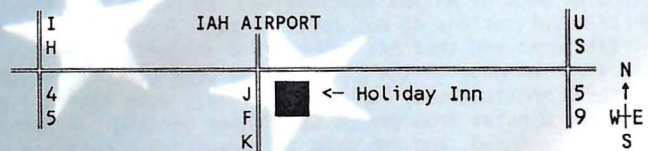
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NOTICE OF MEETING: "Come One - Come All" Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, NOV 15, 2001, 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 (@ 15222 JFK Boulevard - see map below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM then dinner (chicken cordon bleu with all the "fixin's") will be served promptly at 7:00. The evening's guest speaker will be Professor Dean Wolfe of Kingwood College. His talk will be about a key leader of the American Revolution. (NOTE: Professor Wolfe has been named "Professor of the Year" by the faculty AND students and has written a book on his experiences during the War in Vietnam.) The dinner cost is \$16.50 per person. Please respond ASAP either by e-mail to: genmorton@usa.net *OR* by returning the enclosed card.



History Quiz #2 (Given by Judge Tom Lawrence at 18 OCT Mtg.)

- 01: The 1st ten ammendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights. Who is credited with writing them?
 - A. George Mason
 - B. James Madison
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. Elbridge Gerry
- 02: Who of the following was not a governor of Virginia?
 - A. James Monroe
 - B. George Washington
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. Edmund Randolph
- 03: This Boston bookseller had no prior military experience but read books about artillery and eventually became the General of Artillery for the Continental Army.
 - A. Henry Knox
 - B. Daniel Morgan
 - C. Benedict Arnold
 - D. Israel Putnam
- 04: Which person was not in the military during the Revolution?
 - A. Aaron Burr
 - B. Alexander Hamilton
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. Paul Revere
- 05: Four of the first five presidents came from this state:
 - A. Mass.
 - B. New York
 - C. Penn.
 - D. Virginia
- 06: Of the 1st four presidents which served only one term?
 - A. George Washington
 - B. John Adams
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. James Madison
- 07: Three former presidents died on the 4th of July. Two were Thomas Jefferson and John Adams who both died on July 4, 1826. Name the third former president who died on July 4, 1830.
 - A. Andrew Jackson
 - B. Rutherford B. Hayes
 - C. James Monroe
 - D. James Madison
- 08: The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought on which hill?
 - A. Bunker Hill
 - B. Breed's Hill
 - C. Pork Chop Hill
 - D. Nob Hill
- 09: The recent movie "The Patriot" was based on the Life of what Revolutionary War hero?
 - A. Nathaniel Greene
 - B. Daniel Morgan
 - C. Tom Green
 - D. Francis Marion
- 10: He led the final charge at the Battle of Yorktown and was Washington's first Secretary of the Treasury. Who was he?
 - A. Robert Morris
 - B. Alexander Hamilton
 - C. Robert Livingston
 - D. Richard Henry Lee

**** ANSWERS ON PAGE 2 ****

This is an e-mail from an Ensign stationed aboard the USS Winston Churchill:

Dear Dad - Well, we are still at sea, with little direction as to what our next priority is. The remainder of our port visits, which were to be centered around max liberty and goodwill to the United Kingdom, have all been cancelled. We have spent every day since the attacks going back and forth between imaginary boxes drawn in the ocean, standing high-security watches, and trying to make the best of our time. It hasn't been that much fun I must confess; and to be even more honest, a lot of people are frustrated at the fact that they either can't be home or we don't have more direction right now. We have seen the articles and the photographs, and they are sickening. Being isolated as we are, I don't think we appreciate the full scope of what is happening back home, but we are definitely feeling the effects. About two hours ago the junior officers were called to the bridge to conduct ship handling drills. We were about to do a man overboard when we got a call from the LUTJENS (D185), a German warship that was moored ahead of us on the pier in Plymouth, England. While in port the WINSTON S CHURCHILL and the LUTJENS got together for a sports day/cookout on our fantail, and we made some pretty good friends. Now at sea, they called over bridge-to-bridge, requesting to pass us close up on our port side to day goodbye. We prepared to render them honors on the bridgewing, and the Captain told the crew to come topside to wish them farewell. As they were making their approach, our Conning Officer saw through her binoculars that they were flying the American flag. As they came even closer, we saw that it was flying at half-mast. The bridgewing was crowded with people as the Boatswain's Mate blew two whistles- Attention to Port. The ship came up alongside and we saw that the entire crew of the German Ship manning the rails were in their dress blues. They had made up a sign that was displayed on the side that read "We Stand By You." Needless to say, there was not a dry eye on the bridge as they stayed alongside us for a few minutes and we cut our salutes. It was probably the most powerful thing I have seen in my entire life, and more than a few of us fought to retain our composure. It was a beautiful day outside today. We are no longer at liberty to divulge over unsecure e-mail our location, but we could not have asked for a finer day at sea. The German Navy did an incredible thing for this crew, and it has truly been the highest point in the days since the attacks. It's amazing to think that only a half-century ago things were quite different; and to see the unity that is being demonstrated throughout Europe and the world makes us feel proud to be out here doing our job. After the ship pulled away and we prepared to begin our man overboard drills, the Officer of the Deck turned to me and said "I'm staying Navy." I'll write you when I know more about when I'll be home, but for now, this is probably the best news that I could send you.

-Editor's note: This text was passed along by PineyWoods Chapter member Robert E. (Bob) Armstrong.

SET OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR ERA DOCUMENTS (ON MICROFILM) NOW AVAILABLE AT CLAYTON LIBRARY: Kim Morton - our Chapter Genealogist - reports that the Clayton Library has recently acquired a series of rolls of microfilm (I believe in excess of fifty (50) rolls) of miscellaneous documents associated with the Revolutionary War. Containing such diverse items as unit rosters, pension applications, correspondence, orders, et. al. it would seem this would be a prime source of documentation/proof of our ancestors' service (I believe that the collection is partially indexed.) Kim has been delving into the material and suggests that anyone still trying to identify a patriot ancestor *OR* working on "supplementals" should consider looking into this!

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FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

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

Following are the "notional"
(read that at "proposed" or
"tentative") dates and "types"
of meetings for the upcoming
the 2001-2003 calendar years:

15 NOV 2001 - dinner meeting
DEC 2001 - no meeting

17 JAN 2002 - member only mtg.
21 FEB 2002 - dinner meeting &
officer election
21 MAR 2002 - member only mtg &
install officers

18 APR 2002 - dinner meeting
9 MAY 2002 - **BOARD MEETING**
16 MAY 2002 - member only mtg.
JUN 2002 - no meeting
JUL 2002 - no meeting
15 AUG 2002 - **BOARD MEETING**
19 SEP 2002 - dinner meeting
17 OCT 2002 - member only mtg.
21 NOV 2002 - dinner meeting
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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

ANSWERS TO HISTORY QUIZ #2: (see page 1, column 1)

01. James Madison
02. George Washington
03. Henry Knox
04. Thomas Jefferson
05. Virginia
06. John Adams
07. James Monroe
08. BREED'S HILL - Yes, this
was a trick question! When
the militia marched under cover
of darkness toward Bunker
Hill they turned the wrong way
and ended up on Breed's Hill -
which was closer to the water
AND within range of the big
guns on the British ships in
Boston harbor (Bunker Hill was
originally chosen because it
was out of range).
09. Francis Marion (aka the
Swamp Fox)
10. Alexander Hamilton

The membership overall did rea-
sonably well with the quiz.
Over half of those present got
five out of ten right, with the
high score going to the Chapter
Secretary - John Albright - who
missed only one. He was sum-
marily awarded a copy of the
book "Patriots - The Men Who
Started The American Revolu-
tion" by A. J. Langguth - which
was generously donated by Judge
Tom Lawrence.

SPECIAL MEDALS AVAILABLE: From
time to time the National SAR
and/or the Texas State SAR or-
ganizations authorize and make
available special medals which
commemorate a particular event
pertaining to the Revolution.
Typically the only requirement
for a person to wear such a
medal is to have been a member
of the issuing organization as
of the date of issue of the
medal. NSSAR is currently offer-
ing such a medal which com-
memorates the 200th anniversary
of George Washington's death.
So if you were a member of SAR
as of 14 DEC 1999 and would
like to purchase a medal, then
contact Chapter Secretary John
Albright (it is available in
both full and miniature sizes).

MINUTES OF 18 OCT 2001 MEMBER MEETING: On Thursday - October
18, 2001 - PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the Texas Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution held a "members only" meeting
at the Heritage Center in Kingwood, Texas. Seventeen members
were present when Chapter President Bob Smith called the meet-
ing to order at 6:59 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance,
SAR Pledge, and opening prayer the attendees sat down to a fine
meal of assorted sandwiches from Jason's Deli. Following din-
ner, President Smith convened the business part of the meeting
at 7:36 and recognized our newest member - Doyle Hallmark of
Channelview, Texas - We welcome you Doyle! Our genealogist,
Kim Morton, then reported that over fifty rolls of microfilm
pertaining to the Revolution has been acquired by the Clayton
Library (see article, page 1). As a representative example of
the contents of the rolls he passed out to everyone present a
photocopy of the oath of allegiance signed by George Washington
on 12 May 1778 at Valley Forge! Historian Tom Lawrence then
reported on an article he recently wrote for Abode Magazine
(October 2001, pg. 32-5) entitled "Election 1800" - a compar-
ison of the 1800 and 2000 presidential elections. President Bob
Smith noted that the state SAR organization is soliciting tax
deductible contributions to its various programs. He also said
that the Board of Managers meeting would be in Wichita Falls on
November 3-4. And finally he recognized Chapter member Mic
Barnett's genealogy columns (in the Houston Chronicle - Mic in-
dicated he is soliciting timely notices of genealogy related
events he can include in his column). State Genealogist Tom
Green spoke briefly on the use of "record copies" of DAR appli-
cations as part of an SAR application. He noted that the ear-
lier DAR applications do not cover as much information as cur-
rent SAR forms and that SAR members are encouraged to fill in
as many of the gaps in the DAR forms as possible before submit-
ting their applications. Chapter Secretary John Albright pre-
sented the minutes from the 20 SEP dinner meeting. A motion
was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as pre-
sented. John also noted that he had purchased and was donating
to the Chapter six of the TxSSAR Chapter Service Medals - these
are medals produced by the state organization and intended for
presentation to chapter members whom the chapter president be-
lieves deserve recognition for service to the chapter. John
displayed the medals along with the SAR "years of service" me-
dals he spoke of at the previous meeting. Chapter Treasurer
Ken Fleming noted that the finances are in good shape with a-
bout \$1500 in the checking account. Past President Bob McKenna
noted that the national society has begun assembling as many
photographs of patriots' gravesites as possible and encouraged
any members having such to forward copies to Louisville. Tom
Green moved that the Chapter make a \$50 donation in memory of
the Houston fireman recently killed in the line of duty. The
motion was seconded, discussed and passed unanimously. Judge
Tom Lawrence then announced a pop history quiz for the evening.
Over half the members scored at least 50% on the quiz with John
Albright getting the high score of nine right answers (for the
questions, see page 1 - column 1; for the answers see column 2
of this page). First Vice President Cannon Pritchard announced
that our guest speaker for the November 15 dinner meeting would
be Professor Dean Wolfe of Kingwood College (see meeting notice
page 1 - column 1). President Smith sheepishly noted that he
had mislaid the official Chapter gavel and if anyone knew where
it was they should let him know (editor's note: since that time
Bob has informed me that he found it soon after the meeting).
President Smith then entertained a nomination for the presenta-
tion of an SAR flag certificate to the Robin auto dealership
located along highway 59 just south of Humble. They have re-
cently installed an oversized flagpole and American flag which
according to reports of other chapter members can be seen from
a great distance away as one travels north on the highway. The
nomination was seconded and passed unanimously. Secretary Al-
bright was directed to prepare the certificate and bring it to
the next meeting. There being no other business President
Smith called for the SAR closing pledge and prayer and the
meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

REMINDER: Anyone having at least five years of service in the
SAR and desiring a service anniversary medal should contact
Secretary John Albright (the cost of the medal is \$15.00).