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Revolutionary Patriot, Private Zachariah Landrum Honored



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Nov 2nd American deserter William Demont turns over plans of Fort Washington to British.

Nov 3rd Howe moves back to New York to attack New Jersey. General Washington moves forces across the Hudson.

Nov 6th British enlist aid of Creeks and Cherokees against colonists.

Nov 12th Washington's army now less than 6,000 men, with many enlistments ending Dec. 31st.

Nov 15th Howe captures Fort Washington, on the Hudson's east bank, seizing both men and supplies.

Nov 19th Washington's other river fort, Fort Lee, falls. New York is securely in British hands.

~~November 18, 2004~~

Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

December 16, 2004

Nominating Committee Meeting

January 20, 2005

Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

February 17, 2005

Members Only Meeting (Election of Officers)

March 17, 2005

Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
Installation of 2005-2006 Officers

April 21, 2005

Board Meeting

May 19, 2005

Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

Board Meetings will be held at the Kingwood Funeral Home beginning at 6:30 PM.

Dinner Meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn located at the intersection of Beltway 8 and JFK Blvd. Social time beginning at 6:15 PM, Dinner served at 7:00 PM.

**Members Only Meetings will be held at the Heritage Center in Kingwood, Texas.
Social time beginning at 6:15 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM**

THE TXSSAR DUES STATEMENTS ARE IN THE MAIL. THEY ARE DUE UPON RECEIPT. YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BECOME INACTIVE IF YOUR PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY MID-DECEMBER. PLEASE RESPOND TO YOUR STATEMENT PROMPTLY.

• ZACHARIAH LANDRUM

Revolutionary War Patriot Private Zachariah Landrum was honored with a grave marking ceremony on Saturday, October 23, 2004 by the Sons of the American Revolution, Piney Woods Chapter of Kingwood, TX. The dedication service was conducted at the Landrum Springer Cemetery south of Montgomery. Representatives from numerous patriotic organizations, Landrum descendants, and others with old ties to the Landrum family were present at the service. Members of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, dressed in period uniforms and attire, marched into place accompanied by fife and drum music to present the colors. With the colors in place, Piney Woods member Don Lemon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Following the opening ceremony, Piney Woods member Kim Morton presented the biography of Zachariah Landrum - a true American hero. Zachariah was born in 1766 in Warren Co., GA. He felt duty-bound to fight for the expulsion of the British from Georgia, serving as a Private in the Revolutionary War. He was the third generation of Landrums fighting in the American Revolution. His father, Samuel, fought in South Carolina, while his grand-father, Thomas Sr, of Amherst, fought in the Virginia Continental State Line. Zachariah stayed in GA for a while and around 1795 married Letitia Tyne (b. 1776 in South Carolina; d. 1846). They had five children: Sarah (born 1798 in Georgia - married Jeremiah Worsham); Catherine; John (born 1801 in Georgia - married Martha Curry and Mary Wells); William (born 1804 in Tennessee - married Nancy Gilmore); and Elizabeth (born 1810 in Alabama - married John May Springer).

Zachariah had moved to MS by 1803 and by 1819 was found in AL. In 1829 he started for Texas with a caravan of settlers, his two sons, and a daughter along with their families. Zachariah literally drove the first full-blooded Durham cattle to Coahuila and Texas. The caravan initially stopped at the Nacogdoches Old Stone Fort for protection from the Indians. Texas was under Mexican rule at the time, and Zachariah and his two sons petitioned the Mexican government for land grants. In 1831 the three Landrum men were each granted in excess of 4,000 acres each. Zachariah's League was granted on "Bedie Creek" near Iron Mound League, and near the "Town Creek" trading post..

The Landrums prospered in Texas, becoming leading citizens of the new republic. Zachariah's sons and sons-in-laws fought against the Mexicans in Texas' fight for Independence from Mexico.

At the age of 67, Zachariah became ill. He became so weak that he signed his will with an "x." He died on 19 Jul 1833 in what was then still Spanish America, and his earthly estate was disposed of by his will on 1 July, 1839. Zachariah was buried on his League, near his home two miles South of Town Creek Trading Post and one mile West on a scrub-treed hill called the "Landrum Springer Cemetery."

Piney Woods President Jim Jones read the dedication statement and TXSSAR Color guard Southern Commander, Colonel Tom Green, escorted Piney Woods member Bob McKenna and Mrs. Narcissa Boulware to the tombstone. Mrs. Boulware, the senior descendant of Zachariah present at the ceremony, placed a wreath at the grave.

Bob McKenna then unveiled a distinctive bronze marker which depicts the familiar Continental soldier with his musket, ready to defend his country. The marker consists of four arms and eight points, each point being decorated with a gold head. The source of the cross is the ancient chivalric Order of St. Louis. The cross is connected with a circular laurel wreath, a Napoleonic symbol recognizing faithful service and merit. The year 1775 is inscribed at the base - the year the "shot heard round the world" was fired at Lexington Green, Massachusetts.

Piney Woods President Jim Jones spoke briefly on the sacrifices made by men like Zachariah Landrum, the price of freedom, and the meaning of the elements of the ceremony. TXSSAR President elect Dr. Jim Heath spoke briefly on the role of the SAR in remembering our patriots, the importance of remembering our history, and some of the other programs of the society.

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By virtue of the authority granted the National Society by its Constitution and the charter issued by the Congress of the United States, charters are issued to the State Societies of the various States and territories. Each State Society is empowered to issue charters to chapters within the boundaries thereof.

The affairs of the National Society are administered by the Board of National Trustees, composed of the General Officers, all living Past Presidents General, one Trustee from each State Society, and any member of the

LANDRUM

A three-round black powder gun salute was fired by TXSSAR Color Guardsmen Carl Hill, Tom Houston, and Jim Raines to honor Patriot Landrum whose voice has long been silent. Josey M. Johnson III, of Bugles Across America, then sounded Taps. The ceremony ended with the retirement of the colors by the TXSSAR Color Guard and a closing prayer by PineyWoods member Cannon Pritchard.

Some 228 years have passed since the Revolutionary War Patriots were successful in their fight for independence from Great Britain. The Sons of the American Revolution has an ongoing program to locate and mark the final resting place of those who participated in the struggle for freedom. Any information which will assist in this program or inquiries about membership in the Sons of the American Revolution should be directed to Bob McKenna at 281-361-5458 or email robertmc@sprynet.com.

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