



PineyWoods Pine Shavings

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

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POCKET CARDS FOR SAR PLEDGES AVAILABLE: Mike Culbertson, our

Chapter Secretary, has prepared business card sized copies of the pledges that we use at the opening and closing of all of our SAR meetings. Mike said: "I noticed that a number of the members (editor's note: myself included) who were reciting the pledge: 'We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, mumble-mumble-mumble-mumble...' and I thought that y'all might benefit from a small copy of the pledges that you could slip in your name badge or into your wallet, so I had a bunch of them made up." On the front side of the card Mike included the "Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag" (just in case anyone has had a really-really-REALLY bad day and needs a little help with it) while on the back side he put the "Pledge to the S.A.R." - used with the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of our meetings - and the recessional - used at the closing of our meetings [see a reproduction of the card at the bottom of this article]. Mike passed out the cards to members present at the September 21, 2000, dinner meeting where they were well received (and where I believe the pledges were more uniformly recited - editor). Anyone coming to a future meeting who has not received one of the cards is encouraged to catch Mike and talk him out of one. And I believe I speak for the Chapter when I say: "Thanks, Mike, for a good idea and for taking the initiative to make the meetings a little easier for us all."

front side of card:

Pledge of Allegiance To the Flag of the United States of America



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

back side of card:

Pledge to the S.A.R.

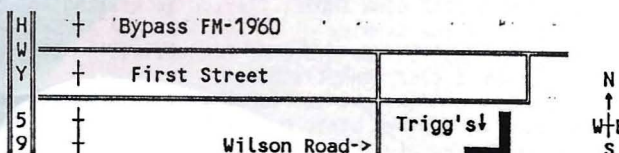
We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

RECESSIONAL

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

NOTICE OF MEETING: "Members Only" Dinner Meeting - 19 OCT

On October 19, 2000, the PineyWoods Chapter - TxSSAR will hold a "Members Only" dinner meeting at Triggs Restaurant located on bypass FM-1960 East in Humble, Texas (see the map below). A social gathering will start at 6:30 PM followed by a "fish-fry" dinner at 7:00. The dinner will be followed by a discussion of chapter business and activities. The cost is \$9.75 per person. Please respond ASAP either by E-Mail to Genmorton@aol.com or by returning the enclosed card.



HIGHLIGHTS OF SEP MEETING

A "Come One - Come All" dinner meeting was held on 21 SEP 2000 by the PineyWoods Chapter of the Texas Society Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Twenty seven (27) members and guests attended the dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn near Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, TX. The evening began with a social time followed by First Vice President Robert Smith calling the meeting to order and then sitting down to the dinner. Following desert, our guest speaker for the evening - Paul Bettencourt, the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector - spoke in detail on pertinent aspects of the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia, PA, in the late summer of 1787 and at which was the Constitution of the United States of America was written. He spoke on the difficulties encountered in getting the different factions present at the convention to work through compromises to their positions and to ultimately create the basis of a form of government which addressed the whole of the nation and has withstood the test of over 200 years of time. His presentation was accented with video footage from Independence Hall in Philadelphia which has been restored to what it was like in 1787. Thanks Paul for such an informative talk. :-)

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

"OCTOBER Birthdays"

- 10.01 Raymond Webster Cox
- 10.07 Bernard Stanley Balser
- 10.07 James Craig Reese
- 10.14 Kenneth Wayne Fleming
- 10.20 Glen W. Withrow
- 10.29 Joe Riley Davidson

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

date	type of meeting
17 AUG 2000	- officer only mtg.
21 SEP 2000	- dinner meeting
19 OCT 2000	- member only mtg.
** NOV 2000	- dinner meeting: ** date to be announced
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

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PROVE YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE by John Oliver Albright: This

month we will continue with our identification of books which are particularly useful in proving the Revolutionary War service of your ancestors. So far we have identified the following compilations of patriotic service by state:

- MASS: "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War" - Clayton Library - GEN 974.4 M14 MASS
- NY: "New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol I-II" - Clayton - GEN 974.7 N532 NY
- VT: "Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War - Vermont" - Clayton - GEN 974.3 F533 VT
- NH: a) "Composite Index to Vol XIV-XVII (ie. Revolutionary War Rolls) of the New Hampshire State Papers" - Clayton - GEN 974.2 M599 NH
- b) "The Military History of the State of New Hampshire 1623-1861" - Clayton - GEN 974.2 N532 NH.
- RI: "Spirit of '76 in Rhode Island OR, Sketches of the efforts of the Government and People in the War of the Revolution" - Clayton - GEN 975.5 C874 RI
- CT: a) "The Public Records of the State of Connecticut - Volumes 1,2,4,5: 1776-80 & 1782-1784 - Clayton - GEN 974-6 C752 CONN (NOTE: Clayton is missing Vol 3)
- b) "Record of the Service of Connecticut Men 1775-1848; Compiled [by]... the State of Connecticut" - Clayton - GEN 974.6 C752 CONNECTICUT

This month I'd like to highlight two sources of information which do not focus on a given state but rather cover all of the areas involved in the Revolution. First of all there is:

- ALL: "DAR Patriot Index - Centennial Edition, Parts I-III" - Clayton - GEN 369.135 D238 USA [two sets]

Basically this is an index of all the patriot ancestors submitted by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is organized alphabetically by family name (variant spellings are grouped together e.g. "Grinnell: Grinel, Grennel..."). And for each individual the basic information, if known, of birth date/state, death date/state, spouse name, military rank (or public service), and state of service is given. This book cannot of itself be used when submitting an application to the SAR but with the information found therein you can request a "record copy" of the original DAR application for the patriot which CAN be submitted as proof of service (see our Chapter Genealogist, Kim Morton, for assistance on obtaining a record copy of a DAR application).

- ALL: "Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Volumes I-IV" - Clayton - GEN 973.3 W588 USA

This is another useful, "general," compilation of Revolutionary War service. In this case the author, Virgil D. White (to whom many of us owe a debt of gratitude), read through all the films of the pension records of Revolutionary War era soldiers and sailors and summarized the genealogical information contained therein. As with the DAR Patriot Index it is organized alphabetically by family name and a broad range of genealogical snippets are included (family members, where lived, dates...). And once again this book cannot be submitted directly as proof of your ancestor's service, but it does contain the pension file number with which you can get copies of the original pension records either from the microfilms at Clayton OR from the National Archives (by submitting NATF form #80 - again, see our Genealogist, Kim Morton, for assistance with these items.)

Next month I hope to move on to the mid-atlantic states.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDAL: A reliable source has

informed me that the Government of the Republic of Korea is now offering a medal to all American servicemen who fought for their country during the Korean War. The US Air Force is apparently in charge of the distribution of the medals. For any of you who served in that conflict you may want to check out what is being done at the web site:

http://www.kwp.org/html/korean_war_service_medal.html

Editor's note: Have been too busy to check this out, if anyone out there does get around to accessing it please let me know your evaluation of the situation, thanks.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Ok, ok, so I was a little rushed in getting out last month's Newsletter and didn't proofread it as carefully as I should... I'M SORRY! (You can cut my pay in half... heck, half of nothing is still better than nothing, isn't it?) So, with regards to the SEP Newsletter:

a) Though our Chapter Secretary's legal name is "Paul," he prefers to be known as "Mike" Culbertson.

b) At the May 18 meeting, the aforementioned "Mike" Culbertson was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his work in compiling, printing, and distributing the Chapter Member's Handbook (this should have been noted in the Highlights of the May Meeting).

c) In Judge Butler's column, "The Genealogy Corner," the Fire Insurance Maps are put out by "Sanborn" NOT "Sanfourn."

d) The battle of King's Mountain did in fact involve many more than 261 patriots (hey, it's been at least 28 years since my high school history courses) but I still maintain that 261 patriots is a significant number of individuals who were a part of the Revolution.

e) Minor typos which were obvious and did not impact the overall content of the Newsletter.

Editor's note: Please do not feel like you are offending me when you point out these items [on those occasional "really-really-REALLY" bad days it may seem like I'm displeased, but on those days just about anything is likely to be less than enthusiastically received]. I am trying to put out an informative AND ACCURATE Newsletter and do try to minimize the errors in the content.

Editor's note #2: Anyway, it does seem like a positive result when you bring things to my attention (or comment on something I've included in the Newsletter) because that means that you are reading it and not just throwing it out with the half-a-ton of junk mail we get each week.

PineyWoods Has A Web Site!

Yes, our Chapter does have a web site, it's a little out of date Chapter-Officer wise, but still has plenty of useful info about the history of the Chapter and lists of our patriot ancestors. Access it at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartl>

and/oaks/5534

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NUMBER OF PATRIOTS WHO FOUGHT

DURING THE REVOLUTION: While looking through a book on the higher-ranking officers who fought in the American Revolution, I stumbled on the following table which gives estimates on the number of troops each state furnished (segregated into continental army regulars vs state militia) during the war. I thought it was interesting, especially in thinking about why some states had many more continental regulars than militia (eg. MA, CT, & PA) while the opposite was true for some of the other states (eg. NC, SC, & GA). So, I'm including it in this Newsletter for your enlightenment and consideration

	CONT'L. ARMY	STATE MILITIA	TOTAL
NH	12,497	4,000	16,497
MA	67,907	20,000	87,907
RI	5,908	4,000	9,908
CT	31,939	9,000	40,939
NY	17,781	10,000	27,781
NJ	10,726	7,000	17,726
PA	25,678	10,000	35,678
DE	2,386	1,000	3,386
MD	13,912	9,000	22,912
VA	26,678	30,000	56,678
NC	7,263	13,000	20,263
SC	6,417	20,000	26,417
GA	2,679	8,000	10,679

tot: 231,771 145,000 376,771

From: "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution: April 1775 to December 1783," by Francis B. Heitman, originally published 1914, page 691 (cf: 1973 reprint, Genealogical Publishing Co Inc)