



# PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS

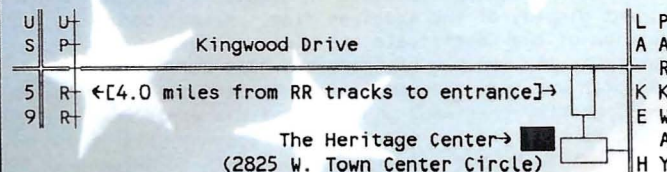
## NEWS OF THE PINEYWOODS CHAPTER #51

### TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING: "Members Only" Dinner Meeting - 18 OCT

On Thursday; OCT 18, 2001; Pineywoods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a "Members Only" dinner meeting at the \*NEW\* Heritage Center just off of Kingwood Drive in Kingwood (see directions below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with dinner (our President states that he is "going to get Jason's to make up 25 sandwiches and stuff to go with them") to be served promptly at 7:00. There will not be a formal presentation HOWEVER various matters of concern to the Chapter will be discussed AND President Smith thinks that Judge Tom Lawrence may have another history quiz for the attendees. The dinner cost is \$10.50 a person. All members who are able to do so are encouraged to attend. Please respond ASAP either by e-mail to: Genmorton@usa.net \*OR\* by returning the enclosed RSVP.



#### \*\* DIRECTIONS \*\*

- From US 59 exit Kingwood Drive going east. Cross RR tracks go 4 miles. Turn right on Main (between Fudrucks & MacDonalds).
- \*OR\* Drive north on Lake Houston Parkway and turn left on Town Center Place (last one before Kingwood Drive).

I'm sure that I speak for the entire Chapter - and for that matter all patriots everywhere - when I say that our thoughts and prayers go out to all those people who lost family and/or friends in the course of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. I'm sure too that we all support the efforts of civilized nations throughout the world to identify the responsible parties, to bring them to justice, AND to take such steps as to be able to prevent future acts of terrorism.

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEADERS AND SUPPORTERS OF TERRORISTS EVERYWHERE:

Dear Sir or Madam;

You will forgive the patronizing tone of this letter, however by your very actions you have proven that you are no better than an undisciplined, self-centered child who is incapable of behaving in a civilized society. And this is giving you the benefit of the doubt - there are many people in the world who consider you to be lower than the most disgusting, vicious animal that ever existed and as such you deserve to be eradicated for the good of the civil majority of the earth's people.

As to the matter at hand, I'm sure your advisors have already informed you of this, but since one has to repeat things over and over again to young children before their small minds understand the message: YOUR VICIOUS ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11 ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON WERE A MAJOR FAILURE ON YOUR PART! And I KNOW that YOU KNOW they were a failure - if they had been a success, you would be out there in the public spotlight claiming responsibility - everyone seeks credit for their accomplishments, even small children.

As to the effect your actions have had on your political agenda - it hasn't been positive, has it? Since September 11 how many friends and contacts in legitimate governments have stopped returning your calls? How many sources of financial support have dried up? Sure, you may be gaining new converts to your cause, but are they people who have the skills and talents to make a better life for your people? Would you want them marrying your daughters?

As to your future, I'm afraid it doesn't look good. Though I may speak to you as a child in reality you are an adult and as such will be held accountable for your actions. Specifically, you have committed wanton murder on a scale sufficient to unite most of the world's nations against you and against anyone even resembling you so sooner or later you will be found and made to pay for your crimes. And on that day civilized people everywhere will breath a sigh of relief.

signed: An American Citizen

As it is time for the nominating committee to start putting together its slate of officers for the coming year, and since said committee is made up primarily of the past presidents of the Chapter, it is timely to list these individuals so that 1) anyone having input into the selection process will know who is on the committee, AND 2) so that we can all once again acknowledge these compatriots who founded our Chapter and have kept it alive and growing all these years:

Year	President
1994-1995	Tom Green
1995-1996	Tom Green
1996-1997	Bernie Balser
1997-1998	Don Lemon
1998-1999	Jeff Meadows
1999-2000	Mac Smith
2000-2001	Bob McKenna
2001-2002	Bob Smith

Thanks again guys for all of your hard work in support of the Chapter!

#### SERVICE AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Among the awards that are sanctioned by the National Society (NSSAR) are service award pins for which a Compatriot is eligible once they have been a member in good standing of the SAR for a five (5) year period. Said pins come in five year increments beginning with a member's fifth anniversary of acceptance up to their sixty-fifth (65) anniversary. In discussing whether the Chapter should issue these pins to our members it was decided that doing such would be too much of a strain on our budget at this point in time (the awards cost \$15.00 each and many of our members are already eligible for the five year pin). It was thought that in the future as a significant number of our members reach higher milestones - say 20, 25, 30... years - that we could start presenting them. In the interim, any members who would like to purchase a five year pin should contact Chapter Secretary John Oliver Albright at e-mail: NCC1861@AOL.COM

START THINKING ABOUT INPUT TO ANNUAL REPORT: As you may or may not know, our Chapter is required each year to file an annual report with the state SAR organization. Covering activities of the Chapter and its members, the report provides the state with information it needs to develop statewide programs AND to identify outstanding chapters for recognition at the state and national levels. Be advised that in early January all members will be asked for input to the report, especially concerning patriotic activities they have participated in the community.



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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:

20 SEP 2001 - dinner meeting  
18 OCT 2001 - member only mtg.  
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\*\*  
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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 Jr.  
10.29 Joe Riley Davidson  
10.30 Matthew David Greenwood

#### « 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

#### AWARDS & MEDALS INVENTORY

As of 22 SEP 2001 the Chapter's inventory of awards, certificates, and medals appears to be sufficient to carry us through the remainder of the SAR year (NOTE: am referring here to those items which are officially sanctioned by the National SAR organization and which must be ordered from the National HQ in Louisville). However since we will be needing more of the ROTC medals in the first month of the new year, a motion was made at the SEP 20 meeting to go ahead and order sufficient ROTC medals to get us started next year and such other items as would replenish those medals we have recently awarded (and anticipate awarding in the future). There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover these purchases. NOTE: One of the items we are having to buy a lot of are the blue SAR folders that hold the certificates during the presentation. For those of us who have received a number of these (eg those of us with a lot of supplementals) if you no longer have a use for the folders (like if you've had your certificates framed) then it would benefit the Chapter if you would donate your extras for reissue. The Chapter is also in the process of acquiring a number of "Chapter Service" medals, put out by the Texas Society and intended to be awarded by a Chapter President for service rendered to the local Chapter. I am told that our own Jeffrey Meadows designed the medal so am looking forward to our Chapter putting them to good use.

MINUTES OF 20 SEP 2001 DINNER MEETING: On Thursday - September 20, 2001 - PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held a dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn near Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. Fifteen (15) members and twelve (12) guests were present. At 7:00 PM Chapter President Bob Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge. Chapter Chaplain Bernie Balser then gave the invocation focusing on the recent terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. A roast beef dinner was then served. At 7:50 PM Bob resumed the business part of the meeting. The first order of business was for Allan Henshaw, representing the state society, to award Tom Green with the oak leaf cluster award for Tom's efforts in bringing new members into the SAR (Allan noted that Tom is now the "first line" signer of over forty new members and that since he had already been awarded the Liberty Medal for his efforts, that the State Society had decided to award him the oak leaf cluster for that award). Bob Smith then presented the local awards: To Chapter Genealogist Kim Morton he awarded the Silver Meritorious Service Medal for Kim's many years of service as the Chapter's genealogist (in fact, Kim has been our genealogist since the Chapter was founded over eight years ago!). To Chapter Secretary & Newsletter Editor John Albright Bob awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for John's efforts on the Chapter Newsletter which resulted in the award for the best "one page" newsletter in the state of Texas this past year. And finally, Bob awarded the SAR Flag Certificate to the Academy Sports Store in Humble, Texas, for their prominent display of the American flag. Member Don Lemon took possession of the certificate and plans to make a formal presentation to the store's management before our next meeting. The Chapter was then treated to an informative talk by Colonel Ralph M. Hockley (retired) who spoke of his experiences in life starting as a persecuted child in Nazi Germany, his family's escape first to France and after France fell to Germany in 1940 his family's move to the United States where he joined the US Army and served in the area of counter intelligence. Since his retirement he has written a book, "Freedom is not Free," which recounts some of his key experiences and the lessons he thinks they contain (especially poignant in light of the recent terrorist attacks). Of particular note in his presentation was his observation that the intelligence arms of the US military have over the last three decades moved from a reliance on human intelligence to technological intelligence - which is to say that instead of using human agents they are relying on sophisticated equipment and techniques to look for large pieces of military hardware (ie ships, planes, missiles, tanks, etc), to detect mass movements of personnel and materiel, AND to intercept and decode electronic transmissions of military plans and orders. He then noted that with all these capabilities in our hands that a terrorist leader can circumvent them merely by writing his instructions on a piece of paper and handing it to a subordinate who then has a small group of attackers travel on civilian airlines and with very low-tech tools (razor blades) carry out a truly destructive attack. Speaking for the Chapter I believe that we all found Colonel Hockley's presentation informative and useful in considering how we, as a nation, are going to approach the aftermath of the attacks. Those of you who are interested in acquiring a copy of Colonel Hockley's book should send a check for \$20.00 (including shipping and handling) to Ralph M. Hockley; PO Box 42103; Houston, TX 77242-2103. Following the presentation, President Smith called for the officers reports. He noted that the nominating committee would begin meeting in the near future to start laying out the slate of officer candidates for this coming year. Any input by the members should be directed to President Smith. Genealogist Kim Morton then presented a supplemental certificate and star to Ken Fleming (Kim noted that we are doing well at getting supplementals approved so far this year). Treasurer Ken Fleming reported that one of our CD's rolled over this past month but that the interest rate had dropped to only 3.75%. Secretary John Albright presented the minutes from the 17 MAY members only meeting and the 16 AUG board meeting. Motions were made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase awards and medals to restock our inventory. Adjourned at 8:48.