

# Piney Woods Pine Shavings

News of PineyWoods Chapter #51 Sons of the American Revolution

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#### PineyWoods Lineage Book

Volume 2 of the PineyWoods Lineage Book is well under way with approximately 30 books being ordered. In last month's newsletter, an order sheet was included along with a member data sheet, and a biography that was included in volume 1. It is very important to return these sheets as soon as possible. The data sheet should be reviewed for accuracy, corrected and returned. The order sheet should be returned with the deposit of \$5.00 for each book you intend to purchase. The biography sheet (if you had one in volume 1) should be updated and returned also. If you were not in volume 1 and want a biography included in volume 2, please send us one and we will include it. A sample biography is included in this issue as a guide.

The deadline for all this information to be included in volume 2 is December 1st. Please send it to our PO Box 6524, Kingwood TX 77325-6524.

# PineyWoods Junior ROTC Awards Program for 2003

Aldine High School Cleveland High School Hargrave High School **Humble High School** Klein High School Klein Forest High School Klein Oaks High School LaPorte High School **New Caney High School Tomball High School** 

Sgt Randy Hall Col. Jim Meyer Capt Rick Nelson Joseph Lang Col. David Crum Sgt Roby Robinson Col. Irv LeBlanc Maj. Lawrence Vidinha LtCol. Paul Timmerburg Cmdr. Reedy Buford

Jim Jones **Cannon Pritchard** Don Lemon Ray Cox —(open)— **Bob Smith** —(open)— Tom Green Bernie Balser -(open)-

Remember to check out our Chapter Web Site:

www.coxsoftware.com/pineywoods

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### PineyWoods Chapter Compatriots Celebrate Birthdays

October	November	December
7 Bernie Balser	29 Ron Austin	27 John Dorsey
1 Raymond Cox	25 Jack Ward	24 William Foster
14 Kenneth Fleming	16 Allan Henshaw	8 James R. Sloan
7 Craig Reese, DDS	20 Paul Luther	9 MacLeod Smith
20 Glen Withrow	15 Worthy Warnack, Sr.	4 Kenneth Vaughn
6 Larry Stevens	25 Jack Ward	10 Clay Warlick
		30 Ray G. Collins, III
		18 Charles McKim, Jr.

# PineyWoods Chapter Meetings

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Nov 20, 2003 6:15 Dinner with members & guests
Dec 18, 2003 6:30 Nominating Committee Only meets
Jan 15, 2004 6:15 Dinner with members & guests
Feb 19, 2004 6:15 Members only, Election of Officers
Mar 18, 2004 6:15 Dinner with members & guests

#### MEETING NOTICE

Judge Ted Poe will be our speaker on November 20, 2003. He will speak on "The Ideals of our Founding Fathers and How They Are Still Relevant Today. Expect to hear some insights and stories which will make the founding fathers come alive. Judge Poe speaks on a variety of subjects but he is very interested in the founding fathers and the Revolutionary War. He is a resident of the Humble area and is a well respected judge and community leader. (Don't miss this one!!!)



Poe

It was Autumn, and the Indians on the remote reservation asked their new Chief if the winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was an Indian Chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets, and when he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the weather was going to be. To be on the safe side, he told his tribe the weather was going to be cold and that they should collect plenty of firewood. Also, being a practical leader, he called the National Weather Service and asked them. The Meteorologist replied that it looked like winter was going to be quite cold. The Chief promptly told his people to collect even more wood! A few weeks later the Chief called the Meteorologist and asked how he could be so sure. The Meteorologist replied "Because the Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."



# PineyWoods Chapter #51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the Members Only Meeting Thursday, October 16, 2003 Held at the Heritage Center

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm by President Jim Jones with 10 members present (Bernie Balser, Ray Cox, Tom Green, Jim Jones, Bob McKenna, Kim Morton, Cannon Pritchard, Jim Richards, Bob Smith, and Larry Stevens). The invocation was given by Chaplain Bernie Balser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge. The business meeting was then adjourned for dinner.

After dinner the minutes of the May 15, 2003, August 21, 2003, and September 18, 2003 meetings were present for review. All minutes were approved as presented.

Cannon Pritchard presented problems with the ROTC medal program in the previous year. There were problems with getting SAR reps to present the awards and problems getting the proper information from schools. After discussion, it was decided that Alan Henshaw would be contacted about the new Katy chapter taking over the Klein district schools; that schools would be contacted in the spring and informed that they must provide awardee information in a timely manner if they are to participate; and that if no PineyWoods rep was available for a school that the medal and certificate would be mailed.

Ray Cox discussed the progress of the PineyWoods Lineage book Vol. 2. 166 applications have been scanned and approximately ½ of the names have been entered for indexing. After further discussion it was decided that only those applications approved by 31 Dec 2003 would be included; the deadline for adding/updating bibliographies would be 01 Dec 2003; that Tom Green would contact national about the possibility of expediting the processing of the three pending PineyWoods applications; and that book ordering information would be included in the next 3-4 issues of the PineyWoods newsletter.

No further business was discussed.

After reciting the SAR Closing and a closing prayer by Chaplain Bernie Balser, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

James T. Jones	
President, PineyWoods Chap	oter #51



#### CANNON HULBERT PRITCHARD

A sixth generation Texas and Polk Countian, Cannon H. Pritchard was born in Livingston, Texas on May 14, 1941. He was the eldest son of Judge V. H. Pritchard and Judge Ruth C. Pritchard. Pritchard was educated in the Livingston Public Schools and graduated from Livingston High School in 1959.

He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree three years later from Baylor University. He was also a distinguished graduate of both the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Air War College.

A distinguished military career was launched in 1963 in the U.S. Air Force. During his many military assignments, he was stationed overseas with duties in Vietnam, Thailand, and the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan and India. Promoted through the ranks to Colonel, he was retired from the U.S.A.F. in April 1993.

At his retirement ceremony he was presented the Legion of Merit for exceptional service to the mission and people of the United States Air Force. His other military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, and numerous service medals and ribbons.

He holds membership in the following historical and heritage organizations: San Jacinto Chapters, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Ike Turner Chapter, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, American Air Museum Committee, Texas Navy Commission, Department of Defense Museum Committee, Polk County Heritage Society, Polk County Historical Commission and the Descendants of the Mexican War Veterans.

Other organizations that he has supported in membership and leadership roles are; Air Force Association, Boy Scouts of America (genealogy merit badge counselor), Order of the Arrow, American Legion, and Reserve Officers Association. He has been honored with the Cross & Flame Award of the United Methodist Church for Outstanding Service to Youth; Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to Youth from the Boy Scouts of America; District Award of Merit for Explorer Scouts, and Distinguished Service Award from the Reserve Officers Association.

He has been a member of the First United Methodist Church and presently serves on the Church Historical Committee. He also enjoys scuba diving, international traveling, and Advisor in Explorer Scout Program. He resides in Livingston, Texas and is affiliated with Pritchard Investments.



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