



Piney Woods Pine Shavings

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SAR/DAR Patriot Memorial Service Was Held on Saturday, October 4

The September issue of the *Piney Woods Pine Shavings* reported this Memorial Service would be held on Saturday, October 4th, which was correct. A letter stating October 11th was sent out by the Freedom Chapter, which was incorrect.

The joint efforts of two TXSSAR chapters, the Piney Woods Chapter #51 of Kingwood and the Freedom Chapter #38 of Conroe and the Margaret Montgomery Chapter DAR, also of Conroe, hosted this service on Saturday, October 4.

The Memorial Service was held at the "Old" cemetery in Montgomery, Texas. Rev. Greg Rogers, Pastor of the Montgomery United Methodist Church, on whose property the cemetery is located, participated in the service.

The service began at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery. The cemetery is located one short block west of the crossroads (Highway 105 and Highway 149) in the town of Montgomery.

At the conclusion of the service, a private room to permit a gathering for lunch was arranged and held at the Heritage House in Montgomery.

Recognition of and respect for our Revolutionary War Patriots is, of course, one of the principal ambi-

"Members Only" Meeting To Be Held October 16th at Triggs in Humble

The first of two "members only" meetings of the Piney Woods Chapter will be held on Thursday, October 16 at Trigg's in Humble. This meeting will be a working meeting to see where we are with our various committee activities.

The members present will vote on the Chapter proposed

Constitution and Bylaws changes that are published in this newsletter on page 2 and in the previous chapter newsletter.

Please find your RSVP form with this newsletter and send your check for \$7.50 for receipt before the deadline of Saturday, October 11th.

tions and purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution. Opportunities of this nature are infrequent and extremely important.

The Piney Woods Chapter is planning another joint TXSSAR

Memorial Service in November in recognition of Veterans' Day with the Alexander Hodge Chapter of Sugar Land. Further announcements of this event will be in your chapter newsletter

Piney Woods and Paul Carrington Chapters To Host Genealogical Workshop In Houston

The Piney Woods Chapter, in conjunction with the Paul Carrington Chapter have scheduled "Genealogical Workshop" for Saturday, October 18, 1997.

The event will be held at the Houston Public Library (branch) at 4100 Montrose in Houston from 10:30 a.m. - until Noon.

The speakers will be TXSSAR Compatriots Henry Guest (Paul Carrington), Thomas Green (Piney Woods and Paul Carrington), Robert McKenna (Piney Woods) and Kim Morton (Piney Woods).

The topics of the workshop

will be an overview on record sources and maintenance, completing an NSSAR application as well as what is considered proof, use of computers for application preparation, internet and family genealogy and a brief view of the SAR organization and what membership entails.

Seating is limited to the first 50 participants and there will be no fee for this workshop. Coffee will be available. If there is enough interest generated by this first workshop, a second one will be scheduled at a later date.



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PineyWoods Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Changes Proposed By Board

Compatriots of the PineyWoods Chapter are hereby notified of proposed Constitutional and Bylaws changes proposed by the PineyWoods Chapter Board of Directors. These proposed changes will be voted on by PineyWoods Chapter Compatriots at the October 16 "Members Only" Meeting.

The following additions and/or changes to the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws are as follows: (changes are in bold print)

1. Constitution

a. Article V - Meetings

This Chapter shall hold . . . the meeting is called for the accommodations of the same. No member of the Chapter, who is in good standing, shall be denied admittance to a meeting.

2. Bylaws

a. Article II - Meetings

(a) At the last regular meeting of the year, at which officers will be elected, the order of business shall be as follow:

Call the Roll of Members
Induction of New Members
Report of the President
Report of President Elect
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Registrar

Report of Standing Committee

Report of Special Committee

Unfinished Business

Election of Officers

New Business

Entertainment, Ceremonial Programs
and Addresses

Adjournment

b. Article III - Election of Officers and Delegates

Section 2. Voting: If there be . . . dropped, and the vote by secret ballot then taken on those two candidates. If . . .

c. Article IV - Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall, with the Board of Directors approval, appoint . . .

d. Article V - Standing and Special Committees

The President shall appoint . . .

Membership Committee

Credentials Committee

Genealogy Committee

Finance Committee

Program Committee

Publicity Committee

Visitation Committee

Nominating Committee

Also, the President may appoint such special committees . . ."

Compatriots Patriots

**John Oliver Albright #119889 - TX
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**Patriot Private Ebenezer Stevens, Sr.
5th Great Grandfather**

Ebenezer Stevens, Sr., was born on 4 April 1713 in Killingworth, CT, the son of Jonathan Stevens and Deborah Stiles. On 2 Dec. 1742 in Killingworth, he was joined 1 marriage to Lucy Griswold, daughter of Benjamin Griswold and Abigail Norton. Within ten years, Ebenezer was a wealthy man as evidenced on 20 April 1752, by he and his partner paying 3,000 pounds for land and iron ore rights in Salisbury, CT. He appears to have done considerable speculation in land since the land records contain numerous transactions where he is either the assignor or assignee. A particularly interesting transaction was one where rather than buying a piece of land outright, he bought a 987 year lease on it — today

there still being 746 years left on the lease! He must have also been active in the Colonial Militia since by April 1772, he was addressed in legal records as "lieutenant" Ebenezer Stevens.

Being sixty three years old at the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Ebenezer appears to have resigned his militia commission in favor of representing the town of Salisbury in the Connecticut Assembly. He did return briefly to the militia as a private when the British invaded Connecticut from New York City, but returned to private life when the British abandoned their campaign.

Following the war, he remained in Salisbury where his will was probated on 4 July 1798. His children include Ebenezer Stevens Jr., who was an Ensign in the Revolutionary War and died in battle and Lucy Stevens from whom I descend.

TXSSAR Board Of Managers Meeting To Be Held in Nacogdoches Nov. 1-2

NACOGDOCHES — The November Board of Managers Meeting will be held November 1-2 at the Fredonia Hotel, 200 North Fredonia Street.

The preliminary room rate is set at \$68. All lodging reservations are the responsibility of the members and must be completed no later than October 17, 1997. The University has a home football game that weekend and hotel rooms will be at a premium. Call Early: 1-800-594-5323 for reservations and identify yourself as a TXSSAR member.

The Fredonia Chapter TXSSAR BOM Committee is chaired by Craig Stripling (409) 564-7719 and Patrick Harrison (409) 560-6492.

*Please Note: Committee Meetings and Workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday - a change from past meetings! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Registration fee is \$15 for members.

The Saturday lunch is \$15 for the men, the tour and lunch for the ladies is

\$12.50. Saturday's banquet will be served at 7:15 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per plate. If you have special dietary restrictions, you must notify us on your registration blank. Banquet speaker will be Archie McDonald, a well-known East Texas historian, author and researcher.

A brief religious service will be provided at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. This service is optional, and those who wish to attend will be welcome.

The TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 2 and will adjourn at 12:00 Noon.

A hospitality room will open for the ladies at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and will remain open during the meeting times until Noon on Sunday. Outside activities and tours will be arranged by the Nacogdoches area wives of Fredonia Chapter members, to include lunch at Millard's Crossing Historical Village and visits to Old Stone Fort and the Sterne-Hoya House.

The PineyWoods Chapter has not been well represented at the previous TXSSAR meetings this year. No one represented the PineyWoods Chapter in Amarillo in August. We need to make every effort to attend the Board Of Managers Meeting in Nacogdoches Nov. 1-2 and the 103rd Annual TXSSAR Convention to be held in Kerrville in March 1998.

The PineyWoods Chapter will host the 104th Annual TXSSAR Convention in March 1999 at the Sheraton Crown.

The Chapter needs to maintain its high level of representation to add these points to our others gained in other chapter activities.

Remember, The PineyWoods Chapter won the NSSAR President General's Streamer for our activities in 1996-97.

We want to keep receiving that Streamer every year! The PineyWoods Chapter is setting the standard for excellence in activities in the Texas Society.

Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter Meetings & Events

1997:

Thursday, October 16
"Members Only" Meeting;
guest speaker

**Saturday - Sunday,
November 1-2**
Board of Managers Meeting
Fredonia Hotel & Convention
Center
Nacogdoches

Thursday, November 20
Dinner Meeting with members,
wives and guests at the
Sheraton Crown;
guest speaker

1998:

Thursday, January 15
Dinner Meeting with members,
wives and guests at the
Sheraton Crown;
guest speaker

Thursday, February 19
"Members Only" Meeting;
Nomination and Voting on
1998-99 Chapter Officers

March 13-15, 1998
**103rd Annual TXSSAR
Convention in Kerrville**

Thursday, March 19
Chapter Dinner Meeting for
members, wives & guests,
Installation of
1998-99 Chapter Officers:
John C. "Jack" Haughton,
**Installing Officer and Guest
Speaker** at the Sheraton
Crown

Compatriots Celebrating Birthdays

October Birthdays

01 Raymond W. Cox
07 Bernard Balser
14 Kenneth W. Fleming
19 Lawrence Lane
19 Kevin T. Lucas
20 John L. Meredith
20 Glenn W. Withrow, Jr.
21 Donald L. McKenna
29 Joe R. Davidson
30 Matthew D. Greenwood

November Birthdays

06 Marshall C. Battle
11 Harold L. Green, Jr.
13 Byron L. Basham
15 Worthy R. Warnack, Sr.
16 Allan M. Henshaw

20 Paul T. Luther
25 Jack C. Ward
29 Ron B. Austin

December Birthdays

04 Kenneth R. Vaughn
07 Richard W. McCaine
08 James R. Sloan
09 M. MacLeod Smith, Jr.
10 Clay V. Warlick
14 Forest B. Rees
17 Robert E. Simmons
19 Scott E. Leonard, III
24 William N. Foster
26 Harold L. Green, D.D.S.
27 John Dorsey
29 Charles S. Fox
30 M. Ben Gantt, Jr.

"I am your Flag. . ."

"I am your Flag, and I am proud to be your Flag. Together we live in the greatest nation in the world.

A free nation where I can fly freely in the breeze outside your home, on the street, in your schools and courthouses. . .

I am not just a piece of brightly colored cloth, I am a symbol that represents something great. My red stripes indicate hardiness and courage. My white is a symbol of purity and innocence. The blue color is vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

I was in the hand of my first President in the blood and snow of Valley Forge. I was there when my nation was born — small, with a wilderness at her back and seas at her sides, and not one friendly neighbor to whom she, as a struggling infant orphan, could call for help in distress. I saw that child survive and grow strong. Most forget, but I still see in my memory those bright and brave young men and women who died at Pearl Harbor, Normandy, Coral Sea, Asian Jungles, throughout Europe, Korea and Vietnam.

And when they died for me, I wrapped them in my love and draped my honor over their caskets.

Yes, I must speak because their voices have been silenced forever. I fly proudly over their green graves, praying that wars might end forever.

Never forgetting them, I rise every morning to watch over the graves of our finest, whose years were short but whose service was longer than we can ever measure.

I, the American Flag, have lived long, traveled far and endured much. A million lives and more were sacrificed to give me the right to speak.

I am proud of my people's gifts to the world. For more than 200 years I have been packed in the trunks and

suitcases of clergymen, doctors and educators. Together we traveled to Africa, China, India, Japan and all parts of the earth to share the good life we enjoy in America.

Americans, be proud of our country! No country knows greater freedom than our country.

You can climb any mountain! Possibilities? They're unlimited — except as you limit them with a cynical, bitter, negative attitude! Yes, when you see me in church, school or flying on the streets — listen to my stars and stripes as I cry out to every boy and girl, every man and woman: "Dream Your Dreams" — "Dare To Believe" — You Can Make It In America.

I am the American Flag.

Be humble enough to know where your glory and greatness come from.

"Old Glory," I am called. What is my glory? My glory is the freedom that I give to every law-respecting man, woman and child.

I live in the hearts of all people who yearn for freedom to laugh, to love, to pray, to play, to marry and have children.

I have called out to countries, "come to my shores and my side, all who are tired, poor, oppressed, and yearning to breathe free. Come and I will be your guarantee of liberty."

I say to my people, "Be proud, be humble, and last, be renewed. . .!"

. . . If you get a lump in your throat when you hear the Star Spangled Banner, or break out in a cold chill with goose pimples when I pass by waving freely, or tears shade your eyes when you sing "God Bless America," never think you are getting sentimental or weak: no, that is a sign of being strong, loyal, and dedicated to a cause, a principle — "on nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Donald B. Carrick

TXSSAR 103rd Annual Convention Will Be Held March 13-15, 1998

KERRVILLE — Reservations are now being taken by the Kerrville Holiday Inn YO! Call Now. The room rate is \$70 single or double occupancy. The cut-off date is February 12, 1998. Make your room reservations BEFORE January 15, 1998 and we will enter your name in a drawing for dinner for two, Friday evening in the Sam Houston Dining Room. Winner will be announced at the Friday evening welcome reception.

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY (1-800-465-4329) or 1-830-257-4440. You must identify yourself as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution to get the \$70 rate.

Those of you who want to bring their RV and stay a while in the Hill Country, will find several RV parks available. However at that time of year, they may be still a little booked with "winter Texans," so it would be a good idea to make those reservations early. Call or write and we will send a list of the good local RV parks.

The fun begins Friday evening with the Welcome Reception, by the massive rustic fireplace in the lobby area of the hotel, with entertainment by one of our local pianists. Then it's out to dinner on your own. This will give everyone a chance to sample one of the excellent restaurants in Kerrville. Don't miss this opportunity! We will have a list of the best available when you check in.

Saturday evening will feature the President General's Reception and Annual Banquet. Featured entertainment at the Banquet will be The Black Bexar Pipes and Drums of San Antonio.

We have arranged with Mooney Aircraft for a special tour of their Kerrville manufacturing facility Friday afternoon. This will be especially interesting to the many pilots in our organization. Saturday tours of the Cowboy Artists of America Museum and James Avery Craftsmen are planned. Fredericksburg and Comfort are "on your own" to allow individual shopping schedules.

Something New for 1998! Are you Ladies bored waiting around the lobby during the final meetings on Sunday mornings? We are planning a Continental Breakfast and short program for the Ladies, to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a \$5 charge for this activity to offset the cost.

PineyWoods Chapter Makes The News Again

Pictures of those honored by the PineyWoods Chapter receiving Texas Society Awards were featured in The Vindicator (Liberty, Texas) on Sunday, September 28 and a photograph and cutline of PineyWoods Chapter President Don Lemon accepting the NSSAR President General's Steamer ran Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

This kind of news coverage is what gives our Chapter big points for earning our next President General's Steamer. The emphasis on the national level is media coverage.