



PineyWoods Pine Shavings

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

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PROPOSAL FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

At the 17 AUG 2000 Board Meeting, the following proposal for a Chapter sponsored scholarship was made:

We recommend a \$500 college scholarship to be awarded to a high school graduate beginning with the 2001 fall semester. The scholarship would be paid to the recipient in two equal installments at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The Chair of the Scholarship Committee would verify the academic progress of the recipient and that they are enrolled for the spring semester prior to having the Treasurer issue a check for the second payment. The Scholarship Committee would consist of the current Chapter President and two additional Board members (chosen by the Board). The Committee will solicit applicants from those High Schools to which the Chapter currently presents ROTC medals. The Committee will then select the Scholarship winner after considering the following items:

- academic achievement
- extracurricular activities
- community involvement
- a required 200 word essay
- financial need
- letter(s) of recommendation from school personnel (eg Principals, Counselors, Teachers...)

The Scholarship would be funded from interest on our CD and by contributions from Chapter members (possibly including matching funds from members' employers). [Editor's note: As of the AUG 2000 Board Meeting our CD has a balance of \$3,500.81 so the interest from it should come close to covering one half of the annual scholarship payment.]

Anyone having any questions, concerns, and/or questions regarding the proposed scholarship should contact a member of the Board (ie a Chapter Officer or a Chapter Past President).

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INTEREST FOR INCLUSION IN THE
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HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY MEETING

A "Come One - Come All" dinner meeting was held on 18 MAY 2000 by the PineyWoods Chapter of TxSSAR at the Holiday Inn near Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. A goodly number of Chapter Members, with their spouses, friends, and guests turned out for the meeting. Following dinner, the business meeting was called to order by President Robert McKenna. The first order of business was to welcome Bob Strong as a new member to the Chapter (Bob - welcome once again). As part of that welcome our Chapter Genealogist, Kim Morton, noted that since the founding of the Chapter we have issued 261 new member and supplemental certificates! (Editors note: If I remember my history correctly, the battle of Kings Mountain was won by fewer than 261 patriots so we do represent a significant number of people from the Revolution!) Next, the Chapter presented a citizenship award to Susan Korthauer for her invention of an inexpensive, portable street hockey goalpost. Moving on to Chapter business, a vote was taken to formalize the position of "Assistant to the First Vice President" (translated as "the editor of the Chapter Newsletter"). Between the "aye" votes of the members present PLUS the proxies returned from the last Chapter Newsletter, there were sufficient members voting in the affirmative to officially change the by-laws (which means I'm now officially the editor and no longer have to go by "hey you"). And the evening was rounded out with an encore presentation by Andrew Villarreal of his patriotic oration "James Otis: Father of the Revolution" - for which he was awarded second place in last years Texas-SAR oration contest (Andrew has indicated that he intends to compete again this year in the oration contest and hopes to take FIRST PRIZE this time around... GOOD LUCK ANDREW, and keep up the good work!) The meeting was adjourned with the next dinner slated for September 21.

NOTICE OF MEETING: "Come One - Come All" Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, SEP 21, 2000, PineyWoods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a dinner meeting for members, wives, and guests at the HOLIDAY INN located near Intercontinental Airport at the intersection of Beltway 8 and John F. Kennedy Boulevard (at 15222 JFK Boulevard - see map below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with the meal (London broil) served promptly at 7:00. Following dinner the evening's program will consist of a presentation by Mr. Paul Bettencourt - Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector (see biography, below). The dinner cost is \$16.50 per person. Please respond ASAP either by E-mail to: Genmorton@aol.com or by returning the enclosed RSVP card. NOTE TO THOSE OF YOU PRESENT AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING: THIS DINNER IS BEING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN AND NOT AT THE OTHER LOCATION PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED (SEE MTG. NOTES)



Paul Bettencourt - Biography:

A native Houstonian, Mr. Bettencourt was elected as Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector in NOV 1998. With his 15 years of managerial experience and being politically active for 26 years, he possesses the experience to modernize the Tax Office for the 21st century.

While Vice President of Sales in the Chem/Oil/Gas Division at Asea Brown Boveri, Mr. Bettencourt managed 30+ employees, a \$7.8 million operating budget, and a \$100 sales budget. Prior to running for office, he served as a business consultant and was a member of several industry associations.

Since being sworn in as the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector on 10 NOV 1998, Mr. Bettencourt has directed the office toward numerous modernization and efficiency improvements. In his first six months in office 800,000+ tax statements were placed on the Internet, customer waiting times were drastically reduced, and working alliances with various government and law enforcement offices were developed.

Mr. Bettencourt received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University College of Engineering where he held numerous (continued, next column)

Recognizing the Contributions of Individuals In Recent Wars

As members of the SAR we are all well aware of the efforts of our ancestors in founding this great nation during the American Revolution. But we must not forget that it has required the ongoing sacrifice of others to keep their creation alive. Recently the focus has been on rerecognizing those individuals who participated in winning World War II - either serving in the military OR by "Home Front service" (for example working in a defense industry plant). A drive is underway to build a National World War II Memorial to honor these individuals. For more information see page 43 of the Summer 1999 issue of the SAR Magazine or ask John Albright.

(Bettencourt Bio - continued:) student leadership positions. Since graduation, he has served as Chairman Emeritus of the Aggie Professional Forum in Houston and as the Class of 1980 Agent for the Texas A&M Former Students Association.

Paul and his wife Susan have two children: Christina (7) and Henry (5). They reside in Houston and are active members of Saint John Vianney Catholic Church.

PROVE YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE by John Oliver Albright: As you

will hopefully recall, this is an ongoing series about various books which are compilations of lists of those individuals who served in the American Revolution (and so are very useful as proof of patriotic service). In previous installments we noted

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.

This month we round out the New England area. Beginning with the state of Rhode Island, we find the following book, printed in 1850, which includes narratives about the various military units and government organizations in place during the Revolution. Being indexed by patriot's name, it is easy to use

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

And finishing up with the state of Connecticut, we recommend the book form of the Connecticut Public Records during the Revolution and a compilation of all known Connecticut servicemen during the war:

CT: a) "The Public Records of the State of Connecticut - Volume 1: 1776-78; Volume 2: 1778-80; Volume 4: 1782; Volume 5: 1783-84" - Clayton - GEN 974.6 C752 CONNECTICUT - NOTE: Clayton does NOT have Vol 3 which presumably covers the year 1781

b) "Record of the Service of Connecticut Men 1775-1848; Compiled Under the Direction of the Adjutants-general of the State of Connecticut" - Clayton - GEN 974.6 C752 CONNECTICUT

Next month we will move on to the mid-atlantic states.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING

A "Chapter Board" meeting was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 17 AUG, 2000 in the meeting room of the Kingwood Funeral Home (on US-59 feeder road south of Kingwood Drive - I believe the Chapter owes the Funeral Home a sincere "thank you" for allowing us to hold our meeting in their facility AND for providing coffee, sodas, and a delightful fruit and melon platter for us). Once it was verified that a quorum was present the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Robert McKenna. Four key matters concerning the Chapter were discussed. First, a readout was made of the Chapter Scholarship proposal (see page 1, column 1 for the full text). Second, the proposed Chapter meetings for the current year were discussed (see next item, below). Third, potential locations for holding the dinner meetings were discussed (Note: the location chosen at that time has significantly increased their prices so we are for the short term at least staying with the Holiday Inn location.) Fourth, a favorable report was given by the Treasurer showing that so far (continued, next column)

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(Board Meeting - continued) this year we are well within budget on all items but two: we are slightly over on our "miscellaneous" category and somewhat over on "medals and certificates" expenditures. The bottom line seems to be that the Chapter is in good shape.

Please join the Chapter in wishing the following members a heartfelt "HAPPY BIRTHDAY:"

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

« AUGUST Birthdays »

08.03 David Nagel
08.05 Kenneth Cox
08.05 Glen Nelson
08.08 Richard Shanks
08.10 Brett Key
08.18 Donald Lemon
08.20 Bobby Smith
08.25 Brian Young
08.26 Ky White

« SEPTEMBER Birthdays »

09.05 David Ludtke
09.09 James Jones Jr.
09.09 David Mahavier
09.09 Timothy Wiggins
09.13 William Green

THE GENEALOGY CORNER by Judge Edward F. Butler Sr., TxSSAR

Society Genealogist, vol. 2, no. 2 - Recent items of note:

- 1) Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG): The "Compass" web site contains links to other sites for researching emigration, immigration, and naturalization; more than 100 passenger list sites; ethnic research; libraries and archives; types, descriptions, and images of passenger ships; and additional worldwide information at: <http://istg.rootsweb.com/>
- 2) The cost of Military Records from the National Archives has apparently gone up from \$10 ea to \$17.50 while the cost of Pension Records has gone from \$10 ea to \$40! Also the Archives will process no more than four (4) requests per envelope so if you have more than that, mail them out in batches of four on separate days.
- 3) GenTech 2001 Conference: The Gen Tech Conference is returning to Dallas for its 2001 meeting on Jan. 26-7. This group has been the leading edge in technological advances in genealogy. Rest assured there will be demonstrations of computer software and high-tech methods of finding and writing about your ancestors. ["I've attended four conferences and have found them to be highly informative..." - Judge EFB]
- 4) City Directory Online: Visit this site for a free look. Then, if you want to find an ancestor in a City Directory from one of 103 cities in 30 states (in limited years from 1858-1910) then you can pay to research. The URL is: <http://www.citydirectories.psmedia.com/>
- 5) Old Maps Online: Visit the Sanfound Fire Insurance Maps Web Site. At the US Library of Congress there are over 700,000 separate maps for 12,000 American Cities and Towns at: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/snb-intr.html>
- 6) Duties of the First Line Sponsor: It is the responsibility of the first line sponsor of a new SAR applicant to insure that the applicant has prepared the application according to the rules and guidelines; that the application is submitted with the correct number of copies; with adequate (continued)

THE GENEALOGY CORNER (continuation): documentary proof of the lineage of all individuals who are a necessary part of the pedigree; and with the appropriate fee. If an application is inadequate, it will be returned to the sponsor.

- 7) Pots for the Cause: if your ancestors "pots and pans" were taken or their services were demanded for the Revolutionary troops, then you are eligible for a Supplemental SAR Membership. Thanks to Cecil Coale of the Plano Chapter, your ancestors may be listed in the 70 pamphlets published as "Virginia Revolutionary Publick [sic] Claims," edited by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten.
- 8) New Internet Mailing List Index: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/> This page makes it a breeze to find, join, or search a mailing list. There are mailing lists for many family surnames; counties or regions from each state, provinces or foreign countries; etc.

(Web Site)