



Pine Shavings

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

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A Message from the President

It has been a busy month for TXSSAR and the PineyWoods Chapter. At our last chapter meeting on March 18 our new officers for 2010-2011 were installed by our (then) TXSSAR President-Elect and chapter member James T. Jones, Jr. On Saturday, March 20, our chapter was represented by Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Jim Mitchell, and Larry Stevens (and spouses!) in Bellville, TX for the placement of a memorial marker for Patriot Joseph de la Baume.



Joseph de la Baume died April 4, 1834 at the age of 103 and was buried in the Jefferson Cemetery near Bellville, Texas in Austin County. There are old pictures of his grave, but recent attempts to locate the grave were unsuccessful. The memorial marker was placed at the Austin County Jail Museum by the Alexander Hodge Chapter assisted by approximately 15 TXSSAR Color Guardsmen and many others from around the state. More information about Joseph de la Baume can be found on the TXSSAR web site "American Revolutionary War Patriots Buried In Texas" page.

On March 23 and 24, we had the sad duty to help lay to rest our faithful compatriot Richard G. Shanks. Richard had been a member of PineyWoods for numerous years and attended functions regularly with his wife, Viona. When the Robert Rankin chapter started in Katy, TX, Richard moved his membership there, as it was much closer to his home, and he was the 2nd president to serve that chapter. He continued to be active in the Robert

Rankin Chapter, holding various offices, and the TXSSAR Color Guard. He and Viona assisted Ed Raines for a number of years in their annual round of flag presentations (Ed does flag presentations similar to those of Tom Green) in the schools in the Katy area, and they assisted in many PineyWoods events, including naturalization ceremonies and parades.

The TXSSAR Color Guard was asked to participate in the Memorial Service for Richard at the Houston National Cemetery on Wednesday, March 24. We combined with the assigned Army Honor Guard in a ceremony consisting of casket Honor Guards, a musket salute, the playing of taps, the folding and presentation of the flag, and a spoken tribute, all except for the flag folding being performed by the TXSSAR Color Guard. PineyWoods members participating were Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Jim Mitchell, and Larry Stevens.

The next day (Thursday) was the start of the TXSSAR Annual Convention at the Hilton Westchase in downtown Houston. The streamlined format of the state meetings continues to result in an efficient working environment with lots being accomplished in a short time. Lots of information and recommendations comes out of the respective committee meetings into the state meeting. 16 By-law changes were considered; most consisting merely of language cleanup, and 15 were passed with the remaining one being tabled. The

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- PAST PRESIDENTS**
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May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day Parade, Washington, D.C., 2:00PM.

June 25 - July 1, 2010 - 120th Annual Congress, Cleveland, OH



State

www.txssar.org

July 31 - August 1, 2010 - Summer BOM, location TBD

The Revolution

April 1st, 1775: Ben Franklin convinces Continental Congress delegates from Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina that meetings are “pants optional.” Credit Franklin with making the day one of trickery and mischief in America. April Fool’s Day, get it?

April 3rd, 1776: John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, authorizes privateers to attack any and all British ships. Privateers, unlike pirates, are not subject to prosecution by their home nation, and if captured by foreign nations, are not treated as criminals, but as prisoners of war.

April 7th, 1777, Coventry, Connecticut: “As a premium to be paid soldiers for enlisting, the town voted 12 pounds silver money to every one who would enlist. . . .To meet these obligations a tax of three pence upon the pound was levied. Afterward, because of the great expense, increased to six pence, and as a discipline to those who refused or neglected to pay their fair share of the same, they were taxed 12 pence on the pound. Below is a list of the soldiers who serve in the continental army. Of these, 14 sealed their devotion to their country’s cause with their own blood.”

April 8th, 1778, Bucks County Volunteers: “At 2oClock in the morning of the 8th instant Capt. Humphrey & a small party of Continental Troops were surprised by a body of the Enemy, about 300, the greatest of which were Refugees and new Levies. The Capts. Loss was one man killed & two wounded and one Officer taken prisoner. The loss of the Enemy is not known. From blood on the road their loss must have been considerable.”

April 13th, 1779: From James Means Esq. Clothier General of the Continental Congress, to Richard Caswell, North Carolina Governor “. . . Permit me, with all due submission, to urge that clothing returns to all Clothiers in North Carolina who supplied Clothing to any of the Continental troops for the year 1777 may be forwarded with all possible dispatch, as the payment of arrearages due to the Troops on Clothing Bounty account for the year 1777, too long delayed already, must be totally expended until the returns in question can be collected.”

April 14th, 1780: Judge William Paterson to Aaron Burr — “. . . Peace is distant. There is no prospect of it in the present year. Nor do I think that Britain will come to terms while she fancies herself superior on the ocean. The war, however, goes southward and there is some hope that we shall be more in quiet this year than we have been since the commencement of hostilities.

April 15th, 1781: Continental Army forces under Col. Henry Light Horse Harry Lee and militia under Francis Swamp Fox Marion join in the eventual capture of Fort Watson, South Carolina. General Nathaneal Green and 1,500 men set up camp to threaten Camden, a key British base.

April 19th, 1782: The Dutch recognize American independence.



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Sarbanes Oxley Policy for TXSSAR was approved (lots of work done on this item by Jim Jones and John Beard) and these documents have been placed on the TXSSAR web site (divided between the public and private side, depending on relevancy).

Outgoing TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence changed things up a little this year by announcing a Caribbean theme to his Friday evening President's Reception, which included a visit by Alexander Hamilton. Tom also provided bits of information about Hamilton throughout the convention to continue this theme.

The PineyWoods Chapter received a number of awards this year. Among them were Honorable mention for the Galvez award (for the highest % of increase of donations to Patriots Fund), the Yearbook award for our size category, the John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award (for the Chapter that best meets the criteria based on Veterans activities in the past year), a Certificate of Recognition for presenting all 4 Public Service Awards last year, and a certificate for sponsoring an Enhanced JROTC Award entry. I'm certain there were others, but I haven't received the official list from the Awards sub-committee yet, and I couldn't write fast enough to get all of them in my notes.

The highest award for a PineyWoods compatriot this year was captured by Larry Stevens, who was awarded the Patriot medal. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level, is presented only to individuals, and may be received only once. It represents long, faithful, and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. In addition Ron Barker was presented with a Meritorious Medal, Larry Stevens was presented with the bronze State Service award, Jim Jones was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal and

Ray Cox was presented with a silver State Service Award.

The Saturday evening banquet culminated in the swearing in of new TXSSAR Officers for 2010-2011. James T. Jones, Jr. (you probably know him as 'Jim') was sworn in as President and gave his first address to the society (read his address on the TXSSAR web site if you missed the convention). Other TXSSAR offices and committee heads manned by PineyWoods members for the coming year are Historian - Larry Stevens; Vice President - District 7 - Allan Henshaw; Vice President District 8 - Ray Cox; Trustee (after the national conference) - Jim Jones; Webmaster - Ray Cox; Compliance Officer - John Beard; IT Committee chair - Ray Cox; and Newsletter Committee chair - Larry Stevens. I'll let you read about the rest of the convention happenings in the Compatriot and in the minutes posted on the TXSSAR web site.

I am excited and grateful to see the number of newer compatriots that have stepped forward to take leadership roles in our chapter. I am also hoping that some of our members who seldom visit with us at our meetings and functions can find the time to come and be whatever part of the PineyWoods chapter that you are able to. We must remember that our purpose is not to be a social club. Instead, it is to continually remind (educate) the public in our area about the Patriots and History that came before us in the establishing of this great country. This is a difficult task to do alone, but together we can accomplish much!

Ray Cox

NEW MEETING LOCATION
Jimmy G's,
307 N. Houston Parkway
Houston TX 77060
6:30 PM
See ya there May 20th!

Happy Birthday

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Robert E. McKenna Patrick J. Whipple	Ronald J. Barker Byron C. Basham John G. Ives, Jr. Ken M. Korthauer Rex. E. McLain, III Jeffrey M. Meadows David J. O'Neal Cannon H. Pritchard	James E. Allen Scott W. Banewski Miles D. Harper, Jr. Jack C. Lightfoot Walter J. McCaine, Jr. Woody J. Reese, Jr.	John O. Albright Gerald A. Green Jonathan H. Marshall Robert W. Marshall Kim A. Morton Ross G. Partlow

March 18, 2010 Meeting



Your 2010-2011 PineyWoods Chapter #51 Officers being sworn in by TXSSAR President-Elect Jim Jones (on left) who is also a member of our PineyWoods Chapter. Your Officers are from left to right: Ray Cox, President; Jim Mims, 1st Vice President; John Beard, 2nd Vice President; Larry Blackburn, Secretary; Ben Stallings, Treasurer; Kim Morton, Genealogist; Cannon Pritchard, Chaplain; Allen Henshaw, Chancellor; Larry Stevens, Sergeant-At-Arms. Not shown are Bob McKenna, Registrar, and Stephen Parker, Historian.



President Stevens presented JROTC Cadet O'Garro the SAR Enhanced Medal and Certificate and a check for \$200.00.



Jim Jones, Larry Stevens, Cadet Greggrie O'Garro, Claire O'Garro, and Capt. Boyer pose after Cadet O'Garro received the SAR Enhancement Medal and check.



**PineyWoods Chapter 51
Meeting Schedule 2010**



Jimmy G's, 307 N. Sam Houston Pkwy, Houston, TX 6:30 PM

April 15
May 20
June 17

Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
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**Joseph De La Baume
Memorial Marker
Dedication Ceremony
Bellville, TX**



L to R (back row) Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Stephen Tanner (Robert Rankin chapter), David Jones (Robert Rankin chapter), Jim Mitchell, Tom Green (Alexander Hodge chapter), (don't know who the lady is or next gentleman), Tom Meinecke (Alexander Hodge chapter), Pat Kerr (Robert Rankin chapter). (front row) Tom Houston (Paul Carrington chapter), unknown, Virginia Evans, Larry Stevens, Carl Hill.



L to R Steve Tanner (behind speaker), Tom McCormick, Jim Mitchell, Carl Hill.



L to R Jim Jones (PineyWoods chapter) and Tom Houston (Paul Carrington chapter).



L to R Mike Everheart and Jim Jones saluting the flags on this very windy and cold day.

**Richard Gerald Shanks
(1925-2010)**

Richard Shanks who was born on August 8, 1925 passed away March 23, 2010. Richard joined the SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 on March 23, 1996 and served our Chapter as Sergeant at Arms from 2001 to 2002 and as our Chapter Registrar from 2002 to 2003. Richard joined the Robert Rankin Chapter in Katy when it formed to be closer to his home and served as that Chapter's 2nd President.

His original SAR ancestor was Private William Miller who served during the American Revolution and was from Pennsylvania . Richard went on to add ten supplemental ancestors. The ten ancestors added were: Private Dempse Carrell (VA); James McMahan (NC); Capt. William Bronaugh (VA); Private Israel Buck (NY); Private Aaron Benedict (CT); Private John Buck (NY); Private William McMahan (VA); John Gerrard; William Buchanan (WV); Sergeant Baltzer Moudy (MD). At the time his SAR biography was written, he had 11 Supplementals and had 5 more that were being processed.



Richard was born in rural Jasper County, Missouri to Louis Martin Shanks and Julia Augustus Mitchell Shanks. He had 6 brothers and 2 sisters and Richard was the second child. His family moved to Cherokee County, KS when he was 6 months old. Richard attended a one room school from 1930-1938 then went on to attend Riverton High School from 1938-1942. Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, having worked as a farm hand, on June 20, 1944. His basic training was at Fort Bliss, Texas, in the Antiaircraft section of the Army. He also attended a 90 mm gun remote control operation system school at the same place. Richard was sent to Hawaii and was assigned to the 123 Antiaircraft Headquarters. When the war ended, he managed the demobilization of the 123 Antiaircraft and 70 Brigade Headquarters. Having served in World War II, Richard received the WW II service award, Asiatic-Pacific award, good conduct award, and rifle sharpshooter medal. Richard was honorably discharged from the Army in April, 1946, having obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Richard entered Kansas State Teachers College in 1947 and, in 1949, transferred to Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas. Richard graduated in 1951 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He worked for Empire District Electric Company in Joplin, MO, Boeing Company in Wichita, KS and Rockwell International in Neosho, MO and Cape Kennedy, FL. Richard moved to Houston, TX and worked in the oil and gas industry as an Electrical and Instrumentation Engineer. Richard received his Professional Engineering License in 1971. Richard retired in 1991 then returned to work for another year in 1992.



He married Vionna Pauline Fee on March 5, 1952 in Columbus, Kansas. Richard and Vionna have two children, Galen Richard Shanks and Diana Pauline Shanks Wallner. He also has four grandchildren. Wesley and Michael Shanks, sons of Galen and his wife, Sandra, and Jeremy and Janet Wallner, children of Diana and her husband, Louis.



**2010 TXSSAR State Convention
March 25-25
Houston, TX**

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Member James “Jim” Tillman Jones, Jr. (right), became President of the Texas Society of the Son of the American Revolution on March 27, 2010, at the TXSSAR State Convention.



President-Elect, now President, Jim Jones and his wife, Diane.



Larry Stevens (L) received the Patriot Medal and Certificate from President Tom Lawrence.



Ron Barker (L), and Advanced JROTC Winner Stephanie Aviles.

**2010 Convention (cont'd)
PineyWoods Members**



Ray Cox, playing the fife leading the entrance procession.



Ron Barker, center, during the presentation of the colors.



Larry Stevens, presenting the Texas Flag during the entrance procession.



Jim Mitchell, center, during the presentation of the colors.



Larry Stevens, 2nd from left, received the Patriots Medal.



President Jim Jones, receives the TXSSAR gavel.

April 15, 2010 Meeting



New member Bob Bass being congratulated after being sworn in by TXSSAR President Jim Jones.



Larry Blackburn (l) received a supplemental ancestor certificate and gold star from Bob McKenna (center) and Ray Cox (r).



Bob Bass, having been sworn in, presented his membership certificate and rosette. (L-R) Ray Cox (President), Bob McKenna (Registrar), Bob Bass (New Member), Jim Jones (TXSSAR Pres.), Kim Morton (Genealogist).



Cannon Pritchard, at head of table, gave an interesting account of one of his Patriot Ancestors.

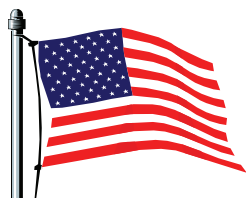


Larry Stevens (l) and Ray Cox (r) presented Jim Jones (center) with the U.S. and Texas Flags that flew above the State Capitol on the day Jim Jones became President of TXSSAR.



Bidding Adieu to one of PineyWoods very active members, Ron Barker, who, along with his wife, Conni, will be moving to California to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Ron was presented with a classroom appropriate replica musket and Conni with a period appropriate shawl.

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**RSVP FOR THE MAY 20, 2010 DINNER MEETING
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Houston Parkway. Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday, May 17th. You can send an RSVP email to John Beard at johnbeard@suddenlink.net or call John at 281-358-2970 OR Kim Morton at Genmorton@usa.net. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$25.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.