



Pine Shavings

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



President's Message



PineyWoods Members and Friends,

Here is hoping that you and your families had a most enjoyable Easter holiday. This is the JROTC season. As the public-school year winds down, SAR compatriots swing into action. The Piney Woods chapter members will present numerous awards to countless well deserving young high school cadets. All of you deserve a round of applause for your many hours of service. Last months presentation from Creekwood Middle School was well received. It's truly amazing that their small idea, blossomed into the community supported veterans garden. It is a source of pride for everyone. Our speaker this month was unfortunately unable to make his presentation. He is going to try and reschedule at a later date. Barbara Stevens has graciously offered to fill-in. Our April 21st meeting should be a good one. Come and enjoy the brotherhood of our organization.

Jim Pinkerton



March Program Creekwood Memorial p. 10



Lexington 19 April 1775

**Meeting
Saturday, April 21, 2018
Member & Guest**

**April 21st
PROGRAM
"Colonization
of Texas
1820-1835"**

*By Barbara Stuart Stevens
President General DRT*



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2017-2019

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NOTICE: Chapter Bylaws state PineyWoods Officers are to be elected each year. PineyWoods now Elects officers for two year terms. The Bylaws were suspended to allow the election of Officers for the next term. The new officers will be sworn into office April 21st.



BRAVE GIRL OF THE REVOLUTION

South Carolina—*Laodicea "Dicey" Langston*, 1766–1837, was dubbed the "*Paul Revere*" of the South. Under cover of darkness, Dicey raced through the night, almost drowning in the swollen Enoree River. The local Tories had threatened action against her father, a Patriot, if she was seen aiding the rebels. But fearless, Dicey raced to warn her brother of imminent attack and return home in time to cook breakfast. She again avoided detection and saved her brother's life. (See page 9)

Memorable Quotes
Thomas Jefferson, quote—paper on establishing *Religious Freedom* ca. 1777

...That our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions, any more than on our opinions in physics or geometry... We the General Assembly of Virginia do enact, that no one shall be compelled to frequent or support an religious Worship, place, or Ministry whatsoever, nor shall be....



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Calendar of Events



National

**2018 NSSAR Congress—Houston
July 13—18th, 2018—Westin Memorial City**



State Events

TXSSAR Conference April 5-8, 2018

Chapter Events

Member/Guest-Jimmy G's Apr 21, 2018

This Day in History

THE WAR BEGINS

April 18, 1775—British General Thomas Gates orders seven hundred British soldiers to march from Boston to Concord and Lexington on a mission to destroy the armory of power and weapons. When learning the troops were moving, signals were sent to dispatch riders John Dawes and Paul Revere to warn



the villages the Redcoats were coming, spawning the delightful poem “Paul Revere’s Ride”. Before being captured by a British patrol around midnight, Revere was able to help spread the word that allowed Sam Adams and John Hancock escape capture. The encounter of the British Army and the local militia at Lexington Green on the morning on April 19, 1775, began the seven years at sea and on land in the American colonies.



THE WAR IS OVER

April 15, 1783 - On this day, Continental Congress ratified preliminary articles negotiated during talks in Paris in April the year before, 1782.



Henry Laurens SC

France, a key player in the talks was instrumental in bringing the Americans to the table. France was desperate to end the seven years of war with Britain involving the powers of Europe; France, the Netherlands and Spain. It was draining the coffers of the European nations. Americans in Paris, sent to negotiate terms, were John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, and Henry Laurens. Laurens had been captured at sea, tried for treason and locked in the Tower of London. An exchange of prisoners was made to release Laurens for Lord General Cornwallis. Thomas Jefferson participated as a facilitator in Philadelphia in the Continental Congress.



WAR IN ARKANSAS

April 17, 1783 – **Spanish Forces** - Since 1779, when Spain had entered the War against Britain, Indian allies of the Spanish had been in action against the British. Spain had a claim on the lands on the eastern bank to the Mississippi from the mouth of the St. Francis River and White River to the garrison at Natchez on the Mississippi. By fighting the British Spain sought to solidify this claim to this land. By 1783, most of the British in the area had been captured except James Colbert, once a Captain in the British Army. Colbert was joined by other soldiers and they allied with the Chickasaw. Colbert’s force was too weak to overthrow the Spanish



but it did attempt to disrupt Spanish commerce. The Spanish garrison on the Arkansas river, called Arkansas Post, became his target. If they could capture the Post, they could attack any boats on the Mississippi North of Natchez.



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Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 17 March 2017

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. After invocation by Cannon Pritchard members recited the pledge to the United States and Texas flags followed by the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Cannon Pritchard, Kim Morton, Jim Pinkerton, John Beard, Larry Blackburn, Joe Potter, B. Ray Mize, Tom Morris, Ben Baskin, Jeff LaRochelle, and Alan Bowman

GUESTS: Barbara Stevens, Sarah Potter, Nancy Pinkerton, Sharon C Mize, Mary-Claire Beard, Frank Mueller, Terra Farmer, Jan York and Carolyn Bowman

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the February meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Beard reported a balance of \$2280.00. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Bruce Nickell, Benjamin Sapp, Donald Sievertson. and Frank Mueller. Larry is serving as State Coastal Registrar

NEWSLETTER: March newsletter on line: www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/pdf/mar2018sar.pdf

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Larry Blackburn handed out the schedules, JROTC medals and certificates to members that will present them. We will present in person around 32 of the 38 JROTC Bronze Medals at the different High Schools this year. Larry also thanked those who volunteered to work Sunday the 15 July at the National Convention here in Houston.

NEW BUISNESS: Compatriot Alan Bowman received a supplement for Patriot Job Harvey for his service in PA. Cannon Prichard was awarded the Roger Sherman Medal for his many years of faithful service.

The following nominees were elected and will be installed at the April meeting to serve as Piney Wood #51 officers through March 2019.

President	Jim Pinkerton	Sergeant-at-arms	Ben Baskin
1 ST Vice President	Larry Stevens	Chaplain	Cannon Prichard
2 nd Vice president	Todd Simmons	Chancellor	Brent Monteleone
Secretary	Kermit Breed	Webmaster	Ray Cox
Treasurer	John Beard	Newsletter	Larry Stevens
Genealogist	Kim Morton	Historian	Ben Stallings
Registrars	Kermit Breed, Joe Potter and Larry Stevens		

GUEST SPEAKER: Jan York and Terra Farmer gave us an update on the Veteran Honor Garden at Creekwood Middle School. Inspired by WWI veteran Frank Buckles who died 28 Feb 2011 at the age of 110. This local memorial is a tribute to the members of our community who have fought for our freedom. President Pinkerton presented Jan and Terra certificates of application and a challenge coin.

After the benediction by Cannon Pritchard members joined together in the SAR closing. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM

PineyWood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

NOTICE

The PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meeting are Member and Guest unless otherwise published.

PineyWoods Chapter Membership News

Welcome to our newest PineyWoods Members

*SAR Memberships were approved for **Abraham Albmoulaie, Bo Alexander Albmoulaie, and Samuel Albmoulaie** on March 7, 2018. Their Patriot Ancestor was Lt. Kirkpatrick who served in the New Jersey Militia at the Battle of Princetown on January 3, 1777 and at the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse in June of 1778. Kirkpatrick could have been at Valley Forge. Samuel and his sons were sponsor by his mother **Linda Jean Knapp Albmoulaie who is a member of the DAR.** Our PineyWoods Chapter 51 sponsor was chapter Past President and chapter registrar **Joe Potter.***



trar **Kermit Breed**

*Membership was approved for **Jerrel “Buddy” D. Inman** on March 23, 2018. Buddy’s Ancestor was Morgan Cryer who was a private in the South Carolina Militia serving under Captain Samuel Taylor and **Colonel Thomas Sumter.** Cryer was granted a Pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. Cryer also served in campaigns against the Cherokee in the mountains of North Carolina in 1778 where he was wounded by a musket ball in the ankle. He spent 3 to 4 months recovering at Ninety-Six in South Carolina and then returned to serve in campaigns against the British and Tories until the end of the war. Buddy lives with his wife in Kingwood. He retired after a career with the Sheriff’s Department. Buddy’s sponsor was Chapter Secretary and Registrar*

In Memorandum - Compatriot Robert Mckenna

A member since November 10, 1995, he served in many chapter offices including President, long time Registrar. Robert ‘Bob’ E. Mckenna passed away peacefully at the home of his and daughter-in-law in Taiwan on March 7, 2018.



Bob was a friend and mentor of us all. He was a WWII US Army Veteran serving under General George Patton. Bob lived in Kingwood a number of years, and when Harvey flooded his home, in Kingwood, his son took him to live with his family in Zhubei City, Taiwan. Bob loved his family dearly and had “visited” with his grand children, wife and son using SKYPE. His wonderful smile will be missed in our ranks. He loved SAR.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ROBERT EDWARD MCKENNA
(APRIL 3, 1924-MARCH 7, 2018)

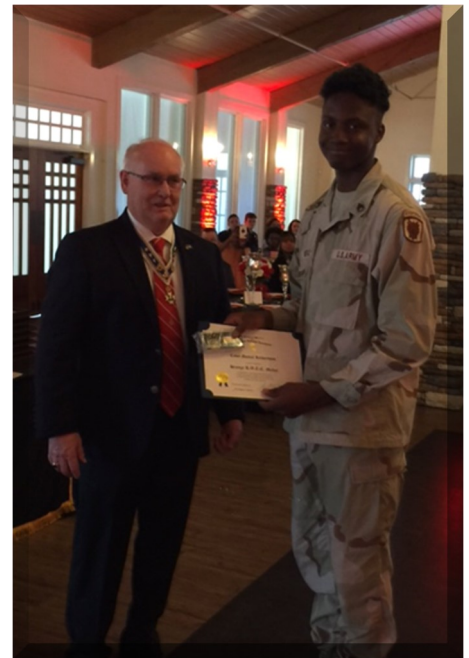


Youth Programs



PineyWoods Chapter now presents the NSSAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadets in 38 High Schools from Pasadena to Livingston and from Tomball to Dayton.. This includes one Bronze Medal that is mailed each year to Ramstein AFB JROTC by Larry Stevens. Many of the Senior Instructors view our medal as the highest award presented by a national organization. These retired military officers appreciate our presentations to the cadets in person. Many National organizations no longer do so. It means so much to the cadets and the JROTC Programs. It is very important both to SAR and to the ROTC Programs Nationwide that we continue to make these appearances.

“Lest We Forget”



Pictured left—Spring High Navy—
Larry Blackburn presented the
JROTC Medal.

Hargrave High Army JROTC



Crosby High Army—Cadet
Laferty receives the 2018
Bronze JROTC Medal pre-
sented by Larry Stevens.

Crosby JROTC Ball -
Awards presented to Cros-
by JROTC Officers for the
school year.



SAR NEWS—123rd TXSSAR Convention—Richardson, Texas



Texas President John Beard

SAR President Larry Guzy and his First Lady Karin attended the Texas event and participated in all of our activities. President Guzy addressed the Council of Chapter Presidents, spoke at the beginning of the general sessions, and he was the key note speaker for the banquet. Although his primary membership is Georgia, Larry has been a dual member of the Texas society for a number of years and has attended many state meetings and marched in the George Washington Laredo Parade. He has a brother that lives in San Antonio.



NSSAR President Larry Guzy

Election of Officers for Texas SAR March 2018—

Nomination of state officers were presented in the Saturday, April 7, 2018, afternoon business session; election by acclamation immediately followed. Officers were sworn in by NSSAR President Larry Guzy after dinner at the Saturday evening Banquet.

PineyWoods Chapter's John C. Beard is now the NSSAR Texas Trustee effective July 18, 2018 when sworn in as a National Officer.

Larry Blackburn, Past District 8 VP is now the Texas Staff Secretary. Allen Greene of the Robert Rankin Chapter is now District 8 VP And, Thomas "Tom" I. Jackson is now the 2018-2019 State President.

PineyWoods, Texas, and National Ladies Auxiliary member and President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Barbara Stevens brought greetings at the opening to the business session.



Left-Allen Greene
Texas District 8 VP

Right-(l-r) Tom
Jackson, David
Temple, Drake
Peddie, Sam Mas-
sey, Larry Black-
burn, Jerry Brown

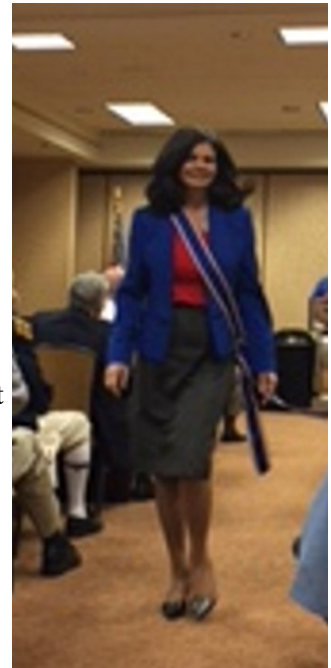




Barbara Stevens gave greetings at the opening to the business session.

Right-**Barbara Stevens**

Left-**President John Bread and Larry Stevens**



PineyWoods Charter Members and Past Texas President Larry G. Stevens was present the highest state award, the Silver Distinguished Service Medal by Texas President John Beard.

The Ladies Auxiliary drew the winner ticket for their fund raiser and donated mothe prof- it to the Patriot Fund which funds all of our youth award programs. Each year their fund raising efforts allow us to continue offering great awards to our youth contestants.



Pictured below the Children of the American Revolution President is presented a check from the Texas Society to help fund their fund raising projects.

The Texas Society choose American History Teacher submission sponsored by PineyWoods as the contest

winner. Our member Brent Monteleone recognized this talent and help prepare his application. Brent is also the Texas SAR American History Teacher Contest Chairman.

During the business session, delegates voted to increase the travel budget to \$2500 to cover the expense of travel arrangements for each Texas Contests to help defray the costs of contest winner for travel to NSSAR National Congresses for competition for National Youth Contest Awards; Eagle Scout, Es- say, American History Teacher, and JROTC.



Sue Lenes and Catherine Massey

John Beard and CAR President



This year, the Texas Essay Contest winner from Tyler, also won First Place in the National Contest. She will receive her award at the 2018 NSSAR Congress in Houston. She read her essay at our luncheon and it is no wonder why she won the competition.

Donations of \$5, had a chance to win a Model 2 Brown Bess. The lucky person was not ME! The donations were for the Patriot Fund. Second, a replica short officers sword. I missed this one ALSO. Each State Convention, similar items are offered for donations to the Patriot Fund.

Editor-**Larry Stevens**

BRAVE GIRL OF THE REVOLUTION - DICEY LANGSTON

The *Mid-night ride of Paul Revere* began the evening of April 18, 1775. But there seems to be no date for the heroic journey of the 15 year old **Laodicea “Dicey” Langston**. Her ride became a legend in South Carolina and the throughout the South. Dicey was born on the 15th of May 1766. She would have been about 15 years of age when what is known as “*Dicey’s Dash*” occurred one night in November 1781.

Her father was Solomon Langston and her mother Sarah Bennett, both of Laurens County South Carolina. When Dicey was very young, her mother died. She was raised by her father and brothers. This was unusual during that time as men usually remarried to have a woman’s hand with the children and the household. She was a sassy child, full of spirit, reported to be not tall but attractive. She learned to ride a horse and shoot a rifle at an early age. When the Revolution began in 1775, she was only nine. Many neighbors were loyal to the King, even some of her close relatives. But there was also a number supporting the revolution to end King III’s hold on the colonies. Dicey moved freely among all and as she did, she listened to conversations. She passed all she heard to her brother who was a South Carolina Whig militia man. Her brother, not wanting to draw attention and harm to his Patriot father, seldom came home. When he did, it was only at night when he could visit undetected. Other times, Dicey would sneak out to find her brother’s camp to pass vital information. Eventually, the Loyalist suspected that someone in the neighborhood was informing the Whigs of their movements. They suspected Dicey and warned her father that he would pay the consequences if she was found to be the informant.



“**Rebel with a Cause: The Daring Adventure of Dicey Langston, Girl Spy of the American Revolution**”, by **Kathleen V. Kudinski**, is a pictorial children’s book that brings to life the perils of Dicey’s journey to warn her brother of a planned attack on his camp by Bloody Scout Bill Cunningham. The Bloody Scout, just recently a Patriot, had changed sides due to a dispute over a promotion. Bill was taking his revenge out the Whig militia offering no quarter, and raiding known Whig homes, burning the property, and killing the owners if captured.

There are some differences in the accounts of her quest to warn her brothers. First, Dicey had been suspected of passing information to

the point where her father had been strongly warned by Loyalist to control his daughter. Solomon came down hard on her knowing that further suspicious behavior would lead to action by the loyalist. However, Dicey learned of the plot of the Bloody Scouts to raid the Patriot camp without warning in hopes to capture all of the Rebels. Dicey knew that Bill Cunningham would spare no prisoner, and her brothers’ lives were in danger. So, after dark on a night in November, 1781, when her father and all others were asleep, Dicey crept from the house and off through the woods she ran. She avoided roads, traveling across the fields and woods. She had gone about five miles to find the encampment of her brothers when she reached the Enoree River near Spartanburg. The River Enoree was swollen from rains and there was a strong current. Dicey had to wade. When she began to cross, the water became too deep and she was swept down stream by the strong current. Eventually, she was able to gain footing and fought her way to shore. It took awhile to regain her bearings, but when she found the trail she hurried on. She soon found the camp. The story goes, her brothers and others had just returned. She related the news of Bill Cunningham, and while the men were preparing to leave camp, she cooked them corn cakes. She stuffed the cakes into the men’s bullet pouches so they could eat when fleeing the camp. Dicey then slipped away and ran back home. She crossed the Enoree safely and made her way home through the fields reaching home before daybreak. She immediately began cooking breakfast and so one would suspect she had been to gone to warn the patriots. When Bill Cunningham reached the rebel camp at Little Eden in the Laurens District, it was deserted. Not long after, Dicey was stopped while riding home from a visit by Loyalist. The Captain insisted she tell them what she had been up to at the point of his pistol. Reportedly, young Dicey retorted, “**Shoot me if you dare, I will not tell you!**” Another Loyalist diverted the pistol and it went off into the air. Dicey sped away on her horse.

Larry G. Stevens

