



Pine Shavings PineyWoods chapter 51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR or NSSAR) is an American congressionally chartered organization, founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kermit Breed Awarded Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal and Cluster



Our very own, hard working past chapter president Kermit Breed was awarded the National Lafayette Volunteer Service Award and Medal and bronze oak clusters. The medal is awarded to an individual for 40 hours of volunteer service performed at the NS SAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY or other significant volunteer work as determined by the President General. This award from President General Davis Wright cited his service as the Chairman of the History Teacher Sub-Committee National. Kermit also volunteers on the project to enter all patriot information into the Patriot Research System which will allow compatriots and prospective members to search for ancestors and their descendants when working on new membership or supplementals. This project is similar to the Daughters of the American Revolution GRS system. It will be invaluable to increasing SAR membership numbers. As we all know, Kermit also works hard for our chapter. His chapter yearbook won third prize in the State competition at the State Congress.



The PineyWoods Chapter #51 was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Union Kitchen Kingwood Texas.



PineyWoods April 16th Program VERNON BECK

An Air Force fighter pilot during the Reagan administration, he later became director of transportation and logistics at Texas Petrochemical. Beck set up a fake company and billed his employer for fake work – \$13.5 million or 7 years. **“It was nothing more than greed. I wish I could blame this on a drug or alcohol problem”.**

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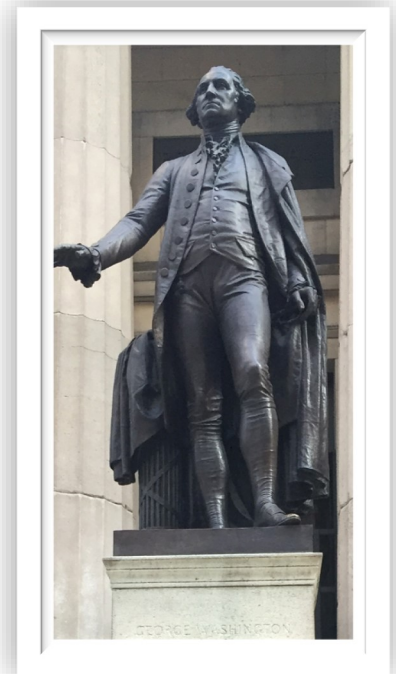
From the President:



I want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and I hope you have a great day with family and friends. There are many Easter traditions, both religious and secular, which have become part of the holiday celebration. I have often wondered when did the Easter bunny become part of the tradition of the religious Easter holiday? Observation of Easter began hundreds of years ago to commemorate the rising of Christ from the dead, and it has gradually become associated with the themes of the renewal of life in nature. It was not until about the 18th century that the Easter egg became part of the celebration. The egg has long been a symbol of eternal life, and, decorating and hunting for eggs became part of the symbolism of the holiday. As years passed, cardboard and papier-mache eggs were used, then real eggshells with the liquid egg blown out through a small hole. Other countries used sugar eggs, wooden eggs and eventually plastic. All eggs were decorated. Soon there were Easter egg hunts and Easter egg

rolls, but still no Easter bunny. During the early 18th century, Pennsylvania Germans suggested that, in spring, the Easter Bunny would hide eggs, or perhaps the bunny would put them in an upside-down hat, that was left out overnight. The custom soon grew to not just a hat, but a basket, which was filled with eggs, candy, and fake green grass. By the 20th century, there were stuffed-toy Easter bunnies, porcelain figurines of bunnies and a German business making papier-mache and cardboard Easter bunny candy containers sold in the U.S. and filled with candy. By the 1920s, there were tin, or glass candy containers shaped like bunnies and other Easter symbols and, of course, toys.

April is filled with historical events in our nation's history, including the birth of our nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, on April 13, 1743. The one event I want to focus on is the inauguration of our first president, George Washington, on April 30, 1789, in New York at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets on the balcony of what had been the New York City Hall building. It was where New Yorkers were read the Declaration of Independence for the first time and became the first Capitol Building after the Revolution. A Greek Revival style building called Federal Hall now sits at the location and is a museum honoring George Washington and our nation's beginnings. In front of the building stands a 12 1/2 foot bronze statue of George Washington designed by famed sculptor John Quincy Adams Ward. The statue sits atop a tall marble pedestal. The height of the pedestal was designed to be as close as possible to exact position and same level as George Washington stood when taking the oath of office. The statue was unveiled on November 25, 1883 – the anniversary of Evacuation Day when the last British troops left New York. Today the president stands guard over the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) which sits across from Federal Hall. In my career, I had several meetings at the NYSE and got to see this magnificent statue, visit Federal Hall, and ponder the significance of the location. At the Annual Texas SAR Convention March 31st to April 3rd, the Piney-Woods Chapter and its compatriots were recognized with several awards. I congratulate the recipients and thank them for their dedication to the commu-



nity and our honored organization.

National Society Award - Kermit Breed recognized with the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal and Certificate for many hours of inputting Chapter Member Application Record Copies into the NSSAR Patriot Records System.

Texas Chapter Awards – Piney Woods Chapter recognized with the 1) John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award for chapter Veterans activities in 2021; 2) the Texas SAR Flag Presentation Award for 2021 - presentation of a Flag certificate for flag displays to recognize individual, companies or organizations; and 3) the Ross Shipman Award for 1st Place in the Texas Society for Outstanding electronic chapter newsletter in 2021.

Texas State Individual Awards - Raymond "Ray" Cox was recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Certificate of Appreciation. **Larry Stevens** was awarded a Certificate of Commendation.

Our next meeting will be on April 16th at the Union Kitchen in Kingwood. I look forward to seeing you there.



Federal Hall was originally New York City Hall and housed the Colonial Government. Constructed between 1699 and 1703, it was remodeled in 1788 and became the site of the

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2021-2023

President—Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP—Bernie Kent

Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B Ray Mize

Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian-Mark Anthony

Genealogist –Kermit Breed

Registrar - Larry Stevens

Registrar - Joe Potter

Historian - Kermit Breed

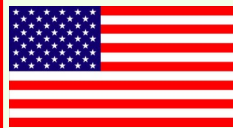
Chaplain -Alan Bowman

Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—
July 9-15, 2022

TXSSAR



2022 Annual TXSSAR Convention
Mar 31 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson
Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51



Meetings at Union Kitchen

April 16, 2022

May 21, 2022



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2022 Issue 4 Editor—Larry Stevens

Puritan Easter – the Devil’s Holiday

One must remember America’s original settlers were multicultural and at time as different as night and day. And while today we approach Easter with both reverence and joy, that may not have always been the case. In Colonial New England where our Puritan forefather’s settled, celebrations were not held. Easter Sunday sermon’s did not mention Easter. In 1659 they banned the celebration of Christmas. Their attitude toward religion was a sober worship. In fact, Easter was not widely celebrated by any of the established religions at the time.

From the Lancaster *Intelligencer* of April 10, 1882:
 “In the Presbyterian church there was an avoidance of any celebration of the Easter festival.”

From the West Chester *Village Record* of March 27, 1883:
 “The custom of supplying children with colored eggs on Easter day is a growing one here, although it has not been many years since it was almost an unknown feature of the Easter observance in West Chester. The custom is a German one, introduced into this country in its earliest history and ever since then has been steadily growing in favor among all classes in every part of the country until now it can almost be termed a National custom.”



National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

Easter has evolved since our Founding Father’s days, one would wonder how they would greet the holiday as we celebrate it.

Larry Stevens

Saturday evening, April 2, 2022, Freedom Chapter’s Jim Kuykendall was inducted as the Texas Society President for 2022-2023.

Past Communication Secretary Sam Massey was inducted as President Elect. Sam Is a long time member on my first chapter Paul Carrington.

Mel Oller of the Freedom Chapter remains as State Secretary. Ray Cox, Past President PineyWoods was inducted as the Texas Communications Secretary.

David Kinsey of the McKinney Chapter remains the State Treasurer.

Chuck Wagner, a past president and registrar of the Paul Carrington Chapter is now the Texas Society Coastal Registrar.

Kenneth Graalum is the District 8 Vice President

See the Texas Website at TXSSAR for a complete roster of Texas Officers for 2022-2023.



SAR MEMORIAL GRAVE MARKERS

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Past President posed a good question. Could he use the National Society SAR Patriot Grave Marker to place on the gravestone of his ancestor buried in Black Jack Cemetery who is the son of his Patriot Ancestor? I did not know, so, on the NSSAR Website is the Official Handbook, and in Volume IV, on pages 35 and 36, is the information on SAR Markers. I knew that grave markings of Patriot Ancestors was an important part of SAR's activities. It gives a chance to recognizing the patriot's contribution while leaving a visible trace of SAR for non-SAR members to see and ask questions about. There are several different memorial markers available, and indeed this one for the children of the patriot.

The NSSAR has made a diligent effort to locate and mark the graves of our Patriots. It was recognized that the the sons and daughter of Patriots, were the generation that picked up the mantle to forge our great nation. Many communities, states, and organizations were founded by these sons and daughters. By highlighting the children and grandchildren, we acknowledge our Patriot Ancestors in ceremonies to commemorate their contributions, bringing attention to SAR and America's 250th Anniversary.

SAR Grave Markers

If interested the markers may be found on the National SAR website Merchandise Page. Descriptions, ceremonies and protocol for use may found on the website in "Official Handbook, Vol IV—Insignia, Protocol, Ceremonies & Ritual." You will note the brass markers are not available currently due to metal shortages. Prices of metals have risen so quickly that vendor will not quote a price until they have an order of metals for production.

		
<p>Sons and Daughters of Patriots 3" Bronze finish marker \$15 +shipping</p>	<p>SAR Member Marker 3" Bronze finish marker, indoor use \$125 +shipping (sold out)</p>	<p>SAR Member Grave Marker 6" Brass marker or stake \$100 +shipping (sold out) with stake \$110 (sold out)</p>
		
<p>Patriot Grave Marker 5" Brass \$90 +shipping (sold out)</p>	<p>Patriot Grave Marker 7" Brass with 24" stake \$130 +shipping (sold out)</p>	<p>Patriot Grave Marker 8" Brass \$125 +shipping (sold out)</p>

The SAR Members Badge



Wearing the SAR Member Badge on a Chest Ribbon Authorized For: All Compatriots. Members can purchase AND WEAR THE NSSAR Membership Badge (Medal).

Only National officers, trustees, state presidents and chapter presidents, incumbent and past, suspend the SAR Badge from a neck ribbon.

Description: The SAR Member Badge is a Maltese cross of four arms and eight points, with a golden ball at each point, enameled in white and a medallion in the center bearing a profiled bust of General George Washington.

Surrounding the bust is a blue enameled ribbon containing the SAR Motto: “Libertas et Patria.” A laurel wreath encircles the medallion, midway between it and the points of the cross. The reverse is the same, except that the center medallion bears the figure of a minuteman surrounded by a blue enameled ribbon, inscribed in golden letters, “Sons of the American Revolution.” The cross is surmounted by a golden eagle and suspended from a ribbon of the Society’s colors – blue, buff yellow and white.



History: The design of this badge was approved in December 1889 and is based on the badges of the Military Order of Saint Louis, founded by King Louis XIV in 1693 to honor faithful military service, and the Legion of Honor, founded by Napoleon in 1803 to reward civil and military service. It is available in both full and miniature sizes.

Guidelines for Wear: Compatriots are encouraged to purchase and wear the SAR Member Badge. A Compatriot should only wear the SAR Member Badge at functions of the National Society, State Society or Chapter or when representing the SAR. It may also be worn during the funeral of an SAR member or at the dedication of a grave marker for a deceased SAR member.

The following guidelines are provided for wearing the SAR Member Badge:

1. Compatriots will wear the full-size SAR Badge from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors (a deep blue center flanked by buff (yellow) and white stripes) when wearing a coat and tie. The SAR Badge, when suspended from the chest ribbon, is worn on the left breast of the suit coat or blazer with the top of the ribbon clasp four inches below the midpoint of the shoulder seam of the coat.
2. When worn from the chest ribbon, Supplemental Stars (described below) are the only authorized insignia to be worn on the chest ribbon.
3. Compatriots will wear the *miniature* size SAR Badge from a chest ribbon when in full dress or when wearing a tuxedo or dinner jacket. (Full dress—a number of retired military wear the dress uniforms. At National SAR Events Medals are not worn on Continental or Militia Uniforms—Color Guard Handbook)

SAR Merchandise—Member Badge \$85.00. Mini Member Badge—\$35.00 Combination Set (both) are \$105.00 (All Badges are currently on back order)

NEW MEMBERS 2021

Welcome new members.

We continue to get inquiries for Membership. These are referred to our Registrar (s) - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter. If other members would like to help, please let me know. Helping someone PROVE their PATRIOT Ancestor can be challenging but fun researching.



NEW APPLICATIONS: New Members 2022

Hartwick, Mervyn Lester	SAR # 221542	Anc. HART, Gilbert	NY	SARAH LINSLEY
King, Darren William	SAR # 221548	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR
King, Evan Darren	SAR# 221550	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR
King, Ryan Elliot	SAR# 221549	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR

SUMMPLEMENT S APPLICATIONS APPROVED 2022

Bowman, William Alan	180088	Patriot Nathan Kelly	Private	PA wife Hannah Miller
Pinkerton, James Phillips	191618	Patriot Harris Sr., John		
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PineyWoods Chapter Membership: a/o 21 Feb 2022

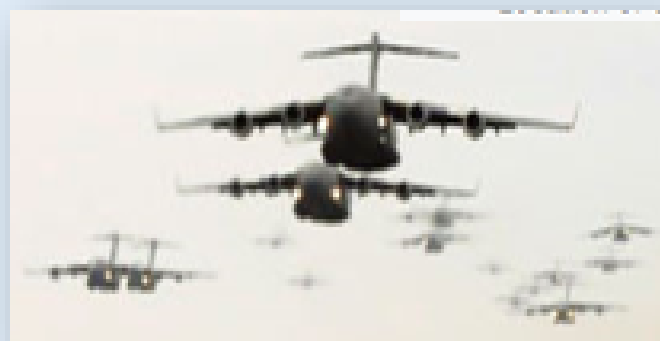
Regular- 83 New - 3 Dual- 4 Youth-4 Reinstated 4 Total 98

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER PROJECTS

Chapter Coupon Project

Coupons for Overseas Military Families program. All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:



John Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, Texas 77339

PineyWoods Chapter 51 extends Thank You John Worm for starting this wonderful project helping our service men and women and their families located at bases and posts overseas. On nearly all bases, there is only one place to buy groceries, laundry supplies, and personal items: from Base Commissaries.

Pledge to the United State of America

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



AGENDA—April 16th, 2022 — 11:00 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

OFFICERS 2021-2023

President Mike Anderson

Introductions

1st Vice President—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP --- Bernie Kent

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Genealogist — Kermit Breed

Chaplain—Alan Bowman

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Registrars—Larry Stevens, Joe Potter

Historian—Kermit Breed

Sgt. At Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Report—Larry Stevens

Webmasters Report -- Ray Cox

NEW BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

SAR CLOSING—Abe Abdmoulaie

SAR PLEDGE

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

SAR CLOSING

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

Union Kitchen Restaurant

March 19, 2022

President Michael Anderson, welcomed members and guests to the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Chaplin, Alan Bowman gave the invocation. This was followed by President Anderson leading members and guests in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. This was followed by the SAR pledge.

Attendance: Compatriots present: (12) Ben Baskin, Michael Anderson, Kermit Breed, John Beard, Alan Bowman, William King, Ray Cox, Bernie Kent, Larry Stevens, Keith Schoonover, B. Ray Mize, Larry Blackburn, Jim Pinkerton.



Mike Anderson, B Ray & Sharon Mize



Alan & Carolyn Bowman

Attendance: Guests present (5) Mary-Clair Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Sharon Mize, Janisue Rigel, Davena Liepman.

Announcements: The annual Texas State SAR convention will be held in Richardson, Texas March 31-April 3. Ray Cox, webmaster stated that on line registration is still available. Bernie Kent, stated that HBO Max Library had an excellent series on the life of John Adams. The JROTC presentations for local High Schools is now available through email. John Beard gave the coupon report. Fifteen thousand

dollars worth of coupons was sent to our Far East Air Force Bases. Compatriot, John Worm will be awarded the Good Citizenship Award.

Secretaries Report: Secretary, Jim Pinkerton stated that the February minutes were available in the last newsletter.

Registrar's Report: As of February 21, 2022, Piney Woods Chapter has 83 regular members, 3 new members, 4 dual members, 4 youth members and 4 reinstated members. This is for a total of 98 members. We are still waiting on two new membership inquires with no response yet. Piney-Woods has 9 members who have not paid dues for 2022. They have all been contacted or at least an attempt has been made. Three are working on why payments were not processed. We are still waiting on supplemental reviews for members.

Old and New Business: Ray Cox that the state convention agenda was on the state website. Larry Stevens stated that he has a Generation Work Sheet written by



Past President and Secretary Jim Pinkerton, Past President Texas and Past PineyWoods President John Beard, Past President Larry Blackburn, and True Irish Mary-Clare Beard



Past President Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Ben Baskin



Past Chapter Presidents Ray Cox and Larry Stevens. Sisters Davena Liepman & Janisue Rigel Founder of the NSDOAF National Society Descendants of American Farmers and Parents of PineyWoods Members

Barbara Stevens, for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for perspective members, and it would be very good as a supplemental Work Sheet, that we can give to document Generation Proofs for Applications. Kermit Breed stated that our current yearbook will be submitted for judging at our upcoming state convention. He also stated that the 1950 census will be released on April 1st.

Program: Davena Liepman and Janisue Rigel gave in interesting program on the American Farmer. They talked about farmer accomplishments through time, as illustrated by the U.S. census. Membership to the farmer society is available for qualified applicants.

Adjournment: The closing prayer was given by Alan Bowman.

President Anderson gave the recessional, and the meeting was closed at 1:05 p.m.



Ray Cox & Bernie Kent

AMERICAN FARMERS by Davena Liepman

Davena Liepman and Janisue Rigel (pictured founded in 2019, the National Society Descendants of American Farmers is a non-profit, non-political organization for descendants of American farmers who were living within the present boundaries of the contiguous continental states of the United States of America between July 4, 1776 - July 4, 1914.



This organization is probably the fastest growing Lineage Society in America. The society honors

American farmers by recognizing the unlimited contributions they have made in the development of our country, the bread basket of the world.

Our guest speaker, Davena Liepman, spoke on the contributions of the American farmers over the years beginning in the late 1700's up to World War One. She spoke to the change in the role of farmer as the Industrial Revolution created more and more jobs requiring more laborers, many came from the farms. In 1800, nearly all farmers raised crops

for their on needs. Most North Americans were farmers. Cash crops were cotton, corn and tobacco. Davena pointed out that as time passed, the ratio of farmers to general population changed from 1 to 1 or 2; 1 to 5 or 6, and then 1 to 50 or more. Data collected by Economical Geographers show the dramatic shifts taking place especially after the Civil War. The increased need of agricultural products brought new innovations, the steel bladed plows, reapers and trashers, fossil fuel steam driven



trackers and processing plants.

Janisue and Davena invite all who have a farmer in their family in the United States before 1914, to contact them and join. All proceeds are used for academic scholarships in Agriculture fields.

Please visit their Website: National Society Descendants Of American Farmers.

