



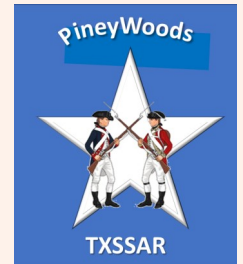
**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
April 20, 2024 Issue 4**



**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.**



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 Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas.



**From the President:**

PineyWoods Members:

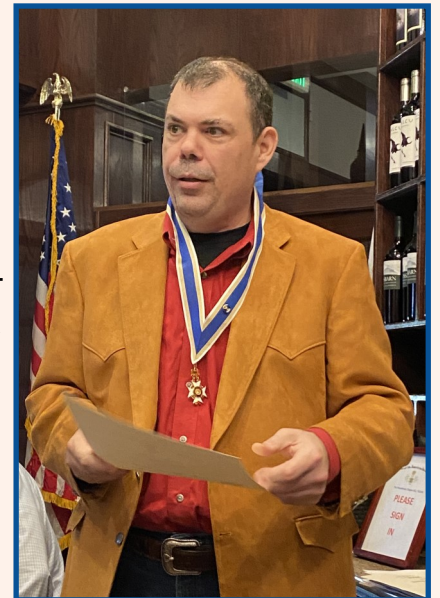
First of all, congratulations Kermit Breed who was awarded the Patriot Medal during the evening Banquet

in San Antonio. Kermit was one of six men honored for their service to their chapters and to the Texas SAR for the past few years. This is the HIGHEST SAR State service award.

Also, congratulations to Larry Stevens who was selected to receive the Minuteman Metal during the Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Minuteman Award is the highest NSSAR Service Award. He will be joining PineyWoods' James T. Jones Jr. and chapter

members receiving this award.

PineyWoods Chapter did receive some awards at the Texas convention and they should be at the meeting this Saturday.



**Lunch Program  
USO by "Speedy" Zuniga  
Saturday, April 20, 2024 -11 a. m.  
Los Cucos Mexican Café Kingwood, TX**



**David Kinsey, KERMIT BREED, Mark Harrison With Patriot Metals presented by Texas President Sam Massey**

It's been a year into our 2 year term. I'd like to thank all the men who volunteered to fill the officer positions for the 2023-2025 term. I think we've all done a GREAT job.

April 1775-6 was the turning point in the history of the British 13 colonies.

Based on preliminary articles made 30 November 1782, and approved by the Congress of the Confederation **on 15 April 1783**, the Treaty of Paris, one of the treaties known as the Treaty of Versailles, was signed on 3 September 1783, and ratified by Congress on 14 January 1784, formally ending the American Revolutionary War.

The American War for Independence (1775 - 1783) was actually a world conflict, involving not only the United States and Great Britain, but also France, Spain, and the Netherlands. The peace process brought a nascent United States into the arena of international diplomacy, playing against the largest and most established powers on earth.

The three American negotiators – John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and John Jay – proved themselves ready for the world stage,

achieving many of the objectives sought by the new United States. Two crucial provisions of the treaty were British recognition of U.S. independence and the delineation of boundaries that would allow for American western expansion.

The treaty is named for the city in which it was negotiated and signed. The last page bears the signatures of David Hartley, who represented Great Britain, and the three American negotiators, who signed their names in alphabetical order.

Multiple treaty documents, however, can be considered as originals. In this case, the United States and British representatives signed at least three originals, two of which are in the holdings of the National Archives. On one of the signed originals the signatures and wax seals are arranged horizontally; on the other they are arranged vertically. In addition, handwritten certified copies were made for the use of Congress. Some online transcriptions of the treaty omit Delaware from the list of former colonies, but the original text does list Delaware.

The last, Article 10 and signatures, are included to show the American representatives who signed the Treaty.

Go to the National Archives Website to see



**British Leaving Boston**

the original pages and read this document.

Famous Birthdays Thomas Jefferson was born April 13, 1743, in Shadwell, Virginia. Jefferson was our 3rd President of the United States of America, an author and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Famous Battles in during the month of April include the most famous, the Battles of Lexington and Concord April 19, 1775, in the colony of Massachusetts; and then the Siege of Boston March 19, 1775, to March 17, 1776, in Massachusetts, when the British abandoned to town and sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### **Ben Baskin**

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP  
PineyWoods Chapter  
Membership: a/o Mar 31, 2024  
**TOTAL 111**  
Current Regular Members— 96, Reinstated-3,  
Dual— 4 Junior —8

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April 20, 2024

EDITOR— Thank you Kermit Breed for the picture panels from the March meeting. These will be a part of his annual chapter yearbook. Kermit joined a few PineyWoods Patriot Metal Men last Saturday evening. Well deserved.

### **Larry Stevens**



***PineyWoods Chapter Officers***  
***2023 - 2025***  
***President - Ben Baskin***  
***1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie***  
***2nd Vice President - Harry Salisbury***  
***Secretary - Jim Pinkerton***  
***Treasurer - B. Ray Mize***  
***Historian - Roland Skelton***  
***Chaplain - Alan Bowman***  
***Chancellor - Vacant***  
***Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson***  
***Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter***  
***Genealogist - Kermit Breed***  
***Sergeant at Arms—Merv Hartwick***  
***Chapter Non - Officers Roles***  
***Newsletter - Larry Stevens***  
***wardtracker.aol.com***  
***Web Master - Ray Cox***

***Events Calendar***



**NSSAR National Congress**

**July 10-July 17, Lancaster PA**



**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51**

**Los Cucos Mexican Café 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**April 20, 2024 and May 18, 2024**



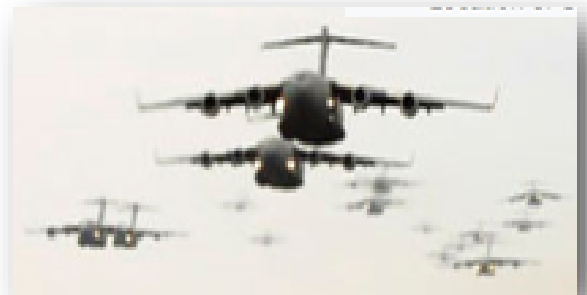
**The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017** was signed into law by 45th U.S. President Donald J. Trump, designating March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/>

The NCCGH decided that this year the Houston National Cemetery will celebrate this event on March 28, 2024 at 0900 instead of March 29, 2024, so people may attend other events on the 29th. There will be a speaker, many families will present a wreath of remembrance for soldiers, sailors, marines and air force members KIA or MIA. We're working on getting a fly over but there will be honor guards and other events during the ceremony, such as awarding the Vietnam Veterans clip to any veteran serving any time between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. If you attend this event, send me your hours at the event and the round trip milage for the Stark report.

**At the PINEYWOODS Chapter meetings in March, April and May**, there will be a box to collect clothing donations for veterans at the DeBakey VA medical Center. There will be a sheet on the donation box where you may write down the items you're donating and their cost, less the tax. If you add your name, then you'll be given credit in the 2024 Stark report. If you leave that field blank, then the chapter will be given the credit. Here is the list of items needed. **Only new items, no used clothing**

#### **Current inpatient needs:**

- Unisex pants (medium – 4XL)
  - Men & Women underwear-SM-4XL
  - Women Sports Bras- SM-3XL
  - Fleece Jackets SM-4XL
  - Solid T-shirts for men and women (medium – 4XL)
  - Large-size toiletries for CLC and 6th-floor Veterans
  - Small fleeces throw blankets
  - Footwear (slides & closed-toe shoes) 7-13
  - Fleece jackets
  - Sweat pants (medium – 4XL)
  - Gym shorts (medium – 4XL)
  - Crossword puzzle books, word search, Sudoku, dominos
  - Blankets, caps, and other items that have a Branch of Service logo or name (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)
- \$25 VISA gift cards (used to buy snacks and magazines within the hospital)  
Ski Chapter Veterans Coordinator



## **VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

### **CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT**

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

**John Beard 3738 Palmetto Creek Dr., Kingwood, Texas 77339**

Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.

*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.*



*PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR*

*Lunch Meeting*

*Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe*

*April 20, 2024*

*11:00 AM—1:00 PM*

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES;** USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

**Introductions**

**Officer Reports**

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Historian

Genealogist

Registrars

Webmaster

Old and New Business

**Lunch**

**BENEDICTION**

**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.”

# *PineyWoods Chapter 51*

## **Texas Sons of the American**

**Los Cucos Mexican Café, 23730 Highway I-59 N, Kingwood Texas**

### **MARCH 16, 2024—Minutes**

**President Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Chaplin Alan Bowman led members and guests with the invocation. President Bowman then led members and guests with the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also led the SAR pledge.

**Members Present: (15)** Merv Hartwick, Ski Grumboski, Skip Hawley, Richard Payne, Alan Bowman, Kermit Bowman, Ben Baskin, Michael Anderson, David Radford, Cannon Pritchard, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Ken Fleming, Abe Abdmoulaie.

**Guests Present: (6)** Susan Grumboski, Sarah Pinkerton, Speedy Zuniga, Carolyn Bowman, Nancy Radford, Sharon Mize.



**Program:** Speedy Zuniga, who is with the USO gave an interesting program. Speedy stated that he had been with the USO for 10 years after serving in the military. He stated that USO was committed to helping active service members and their families. Speedy works at the airport befriending those in need. The USO was created by the FDR administration with the onset of WW 2. They are in need of volunteers and all SAR members and guests are welcome to participate. Volunteers work 4 hour shifts supporting 230,000 active duty personnel. Speedy used an example of how the USO helped an active service member who had car trouble return to Fort Hood after having car trouble. The USO is there to lend a helping hand. The USO is located at Bush and Hobby airports as well as the local Military Processing Center.

**Secretary's Report:** The report will appear in the April newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Piney Woods is expecting monies from the state SAR as reimbursement.

**New and Old Business :** Ken Fleming with the Kim Morton Foundation is prepared to donate \$38,000 to youth activities. The Humble Museum is accepting donations at \$150.00 per tree for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution. This is part of the liberty tree foundation. Past President Michael Anderson stated that our chapter is still in need to someone to oversee the JROTC program. This would include assigning members to give out awards for their meetings this spring. Sharon Mize is taking up coupons, for John Bread, for distribution to our military bases in the Pacific.



**Kermit Breed, B Ray Mize, Ken Flemming, Ben Baskin**

**Closing:** President Baskin led members and guests in the SAR closing at 1:30 p.m. **Jim Pinkerton**

**PINEYWOODS MEETING 16 MARCH 2024**



Pres. Baskin presenting "Speedy" Zuniga a Pineywoods CofA



Speedy giving our chapter a USO certificate of appreciation

**PINEYWOODS MEETING 16 MARCH 2024**



**Darrel and Nancy Radford**



**Alan and Carolyn Bowman**



**Sarah and Jim Pinkerton**



**Cannon Pritchard**



**Bernie  
Kent**

**Samantha  
Ballard and  
Sharon Mize**







Skip Hawley Merv Hartwick



Susan and Ski Grumboski

## PINEYWOODS MEETING 16 MARCH 2024



Merve Hartwick and  
Abe Abdmoulale

BE A FORCE BEHIND  
THE FORCES™

**BECOME A USO  
VOLUNTEER**

Visit [USO.org/volunteer](https://www.uso.org/volunteer) to find your local USO today.

A collage of three photographs showing USO volunteers in blue shirts serving veterans. The top photo shows a woman in a blue shirt talking to a man in a military uniform. The middle photo shows a man in a blue shirt serving a woman in a military uniform. The bottom photo shows a man in a blue shirt serving a woman in a military uniform.

**REMEMBER: THE CHAPTER IS TAKING CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR VETERANS DURING THE APRIL AND MAY CHAPTER MEETINGS!**