



Pine Shavings



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A Message from the President

I would like to thank Jim Jones (and Dianne of course) for sharing with the chapter at our May meeting some of his memories regarding his term as TXSSAR President. I found it interesting and it was certainly rewarding for Jim and Dianne. Thank you for sharing. At the May meeting we inducted a new member, Todd Irion, welcome. We also presented our Eagle Scout award to William C. Woodruff who is a very fine and deserving young man who was in attendance along with his parents.

We also had an update on the JROTC award program and again this year, Compatriot Larry Blackburn has done an outstanding job in organizing and directing the awards process. Which brings me to this: while I was attending Klein High School's JROTC award banquet, the cadets presented the US Flag Folding Ceremony, with explanations for each fold. I thought that I would share with you in this message, that symbolism. (See inset below). I believe that you get out of an organization what you're willing to put into an organization whether that is at work, for those of us who are not retired, or any other organization, Piney Woods Chapter #51 TXSSAR included.

John Beard

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The **first fold** of our flag is a symbol of life

The **second fold** is a symbol of eternal life



The **third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks and who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world



The **fourth fold** represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.



The **fifth fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.



The **sixth fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA, and to the republic which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



The **seventh fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through them that we protect our country and flag against all enemies, whether found within our without the boundaries of the republic..



The **eighth fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **tenth fold** is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **eleventh fold**, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **twelfth fold**, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

National motto: When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust." After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. *Reprinted courtesy of the National Flag Foundation, America's Flag Authority - ArizonaFlagMan.com*

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EVENTS



National : www.sar.org

Aug 26-27, 2011 -

South Central Annual Mtg

Overland Park, Kansas

Sept 30-Oct 1, 2011 -

Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR HQ,
Louisville, KY



State: www.txssar.org

Oct 29-30, 2011 -

Fall—Board of Managers Meeting
Galveston, TX

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This Month in the Revolution

3 July 1775 – On this day George Washington took command of the Continental Army in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Washington was not the obvious choice if one looked at his ill fated military history. On that basis Horatio Gates or Charles Lee had better credentials. But George Washington really wanted the appointment. Maybe not more than Gates, but he lobbied more effectively. Some will argue it was Washington’s pamphlets, speeches and dinners that bought the appointment. Other’s suggest it was the fact that neither Lee nor Gates were native born, both having only recently relocated to America. At that time Congress proposed an enlistment period ending 31 Dec 1776. They clearly did not expect an 8 1/2 year conflict.



27 July 1777: On this day the Marquis de Lafayette arrived in Philadelphia and is appointed a major general in the Continental Army.

3 July 1788: On this day, British Loyalists and Indians massacred American settlers in the Wyoming Valley of PA. Loyalists under Col John Butler joined by Iroquois were engaged by Patriots under Col Zebulon Butler. The battle was for the control of the Valley which was claimed by the Iroquois and Delaware tribes, as much as a strike for independence.. The British reported 3 killed and 8 wounded. The Patriots were suffered 340 killed and 20 captured. The aftermath became legendary due to its brutality. Patriots were tortured and scalped. Reports state, “carcasses floated down river, infesting the banks of the Susquenhanna” Interestingly, the State of Wyoming is named for this valley.

10 July 1778. On this date, the French declared war against Britain, a year after Lafayette joined us.

14 August 1779: A peace plan was approved by Congress stipulating independence and British evacuation of America on this date.

27 August 1782: Battle at Combahee River marked the last fighting between British and American Forces. A rather unimportant battle which is noted by the lost of 27 year old Col John Laurens. Laurens arose from his sickbed, and though suffering from a very high fever led his troops to battle. He was killed on the first volley.



PineWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2011

Sept 15	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests) Program: Spies of the Revolution
Oct 20	Members Meeting
Nov 17	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

MEETING LOCATION

**Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston Parkway
Houston TX 77060
6:30 PM
See ya'll there May 19th!**



New member Todd Irion was installed in the PineWoods chapter at the May meeting. His ancestor was Seymour Cranmer who was a private serving in New Jersey under Captain Isaac Andrews of the Little Egg Harbor Company Militia. Seven generations of Mr. Irion's family lived in the Burlington County, New Jersey area.

Pictured at left are Robert McKenna and Kim Morton who helped with the application research and preparation and Past TXSSAR President and PineWoods Member James T. Jones.

Chapter Registrar Report

Larry Stevens & Bob McKenna



Since January 1, 2011 the following member applications have been approved.

Alan Bowman	Joseph Butterworth
Todd Irion	James Liepman
Justin Liepman	Thomas Liepman
Gordon Severance	David Snyder
Aaron Stevens	Gordon Waterman
Richard Wood	

The following application are with state registrar (S) or are in Louisville (L):

Gary Housley (L)	Joe Potter (S)
Baron Schneider (L)	

The following applications are prepared and ready for signatures and submission to state registrar:

William McKinney	Michael Stallings
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We are also working on a few others in the preliminary stages. If you have any prospects, please contact us so that we can assist the prospective member with his application.



Above: PineWoods President John Beard presents Jim Jones a Certificate of Appreciation for his May presentation. Jim discussed his year as TXSSAR President.

		Happy Birthday			
August	September		October		November
Thomas Liepman Henry Marshall James McKim Benjamin Stallings	Alan Bowman Todd Irion Thomas Liepman James T. Jones James Liepman	Ross S. Miller Aaron Stevens	Bernard S. Balsler Raymond Cox Jeffrey O'Neal Stephen Parker James C. Reese	Larry Stevens Gordon Waterman	Jonathan Beard Larry Blackburn Allan Henshaw Raul Luther James Mims, IV



West Point, NY: The United States Military Academy at West Point held graduation ceremonies on May 21, 2011. The speaker at the graduation ceremony was Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Presenting the approximately 1,100 graduates with their diplomas was the Commandant, Brigadier General William Rapp, a 1984 Distinguished Graduate of West

Point. 2nd Lieutenant Michael Stallings, West Point Class of 2011 received his diploma at this ceremony. Michael is the son of SAR member Ben Stallings.

Pictured above left: 2nd Lt. Michael Stalling receiving a congratulatory handshake from Admiral Mullen. Above right: Proud parents Ben and Jan Stalling with Michael and sister Mallory graduation week-end.

In the last issue of the Pine Shavings this years JROTC activities were summarized. PW JROTC Coordinator Larry Blackburn missed our May meeting because he was presenting a bronze JROTC medal that evening. He is pictured here with two of the 2011 awardees. Notice his new Revolutionary War Marine uniform in the photo to the right. He reported that the cadets and guests at this ceremony loved the uniform and it brought interest in SAR from a lot of attendees. Larry suggests presenters who have colonial uniforms consider wearing them for these presentations at the schools.



Cadet Luis Garcia - Aldine Eisenhower HS Army JROTC



Cadet Dustin Ropp from Hargrave HS Army JROTC

At the May meeting Eagle Scout William "Will" Woodruff was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$200 scholarship for being the top Eagle Scout scholarship contestant from the PineyWoods chapter.

Will discussed his achievements in Scouting and the many of the badges that he has earned. His parents attended with him. Compatriot James Mitchell presented Will with two SAR patches which included the old blue SAR Scholarship Patch. He will also be provided the SAR-BSA Partnership for Good Citizenship Patch (bifoil set); the SAR National Jamboree Patch; and the SAR Eagle Scout Competition Patch.

Pictured at right Compatriot Mitchell and Eagle Scout Woodruff.



Education - Life in the Colonies

The month of June provided three more opportunities to reach children with the information about our Patriot ancestors and their lives and hardships.

On May 20th, James and Dianne Jones and Larry and Barbara Stevens presented a short program on colonial life to all fifth graders during their annual Spirit of '76 Day at Maplebrook Middle School. All students dress in colonial attire and visit stations dealing with colonial life and crafts. It was a high energy day, the students were full of questions.



Pines Montessori in Kingwood dedicated their summer program to the American Revolution. In June, Larry and Barbara Stevens presented their Colonial Life program to all of the classes. The program provides a hands-on-experience with colonial items and foodstuffs for the students.

In July, Ray Cox presented a program on Music in the American Revolution at Pines Montessori.

Jim Jones presented Maplebrook Administrators with a SAR Flag Certificate (*see photo left*)



Above: Dianne Jones, Barbara Stevens and James Jones with students



Above: Dianne Jones, Larry Stevens and Jim Jones with students



Color Guard Activities: These hot summer months did not deter the PineyWoods Color Guardsmen from attending many events: . Jim Mitchell attended the Patriot Grave Marking for Micajah Williamson in Washington, Georgia on July 7th. (Pictured above left Jim Mitchell at podium.)

Memorial Day, Larry Stevens, Tom Green, Russel Dart, Bill Whatley, Pete Lenex, and Jim Mitchell (pictured above right) were in Galveston for the dedication of a Galveston Viet Nam Veterans Memorial at Moody Gardens.



On August 5 Piney Woods Compatriots, Jim Mitchell, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens joined SAR members from Plano, Dallas, McKinney, Paul Carrington and Tyler chapters in Longview for the Patriot Grave Marker Dedication for William Delafield.



Pictured Left; Don Sielert, Drake Peddie, Steven Tanner, Jim Mitchell, Larry Stevens. Pictured Right: Mike Radcliff, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens.

SAR National Congress, Winston-Salem, North Carolina — July 10, 2011
 Members James Mitchell, James T. Jones and Larry Stevens traveled to the SAR Congress. The National Congress provides members an opportunity to meet with other compatriots from throughout the US and discuss programs and planned activities. All three members participated in Color Guard activities. Pictured at right is the Texas Color Guard after the Memorial Service on Sunday. Pictured at right: Standing—Larry Stevens, Joe Dooley, Stephen Tanner, Tom Green, John Greer, Jim Jones, Mike Radcliff, Lindsey Brock, Peter Gobel, Kneeling: Robert Clark, Jim Mitchell, Jim Johnson and Ron Barker.



1780 – The Battle for the Carolinas'

Ramsours' Mill North Carolina : Sir Henry Clinton dictated the terms of surrender at Charleston after Major General Lincoln surrendered and British forces were occupying the vital courthouse towns of Camden, Cheraw, Georgetown, and Ninety Six. Under the proclamation of June 3, 1780, parolees were allowed to return home and remain neutral for the remainder for the war. Patriots, or those commonly known as Whigs, were compelled to take an oath of loyalty to the king or be regarded as rebels and enemies of their country. Feeling well about the situation, General Clinton returned to New York leaving Lieutenant General Charles, Earl Cornwallis in command of the army in the south.

Outrage of the massacre of Patriots at Battle of Waxhaws on May 29, 1780 spread throughout the Carolinas across the Blue Ridge into Washington county North Carolina, and into Virginia. This outrage and fear of the encroaching British forces spreading into the Carolinas lead by the feared Lt. Colonel Tarleton and Major Wymns caused Patriots to prepare for worst.



During this time, Loyalist Lt. Col. John Moore, of Hamilton's Tory Regiment, had returned to his home near Ramsour's Mill from Charleston. He had served at the Siege of Charleston. He called together a group of forty Loyalist on June 10 and shared with them instructions from Cornwallis that they should avoid organizing before the British were in the area. At that time Moore learned there were about twenty Patriots looking for them. Moore tried unsuccessfully to confront them and sent fellow Loyalist home. He instructed them to meet him at Ramsour's Mill on June 13. On June 13 two hundred men met him at the Mill. The number grew by June 20 the camp had grown to about 1,300 men.

American General Griffith Rutherford encamped just to the east near Charlotte, North Carolina, learned in of the loyalists assembling at Ramsour's Mill. Rutherford began cautiously moving his forces in that direction. He was aware the British General Lord Ramdon had settled his British forces at Hanging Rock, South Carolina, some 40 miles the west of the mill. On the evening of June 14, he ordered to Lt. Colonel Francis Locke of Rowan, Major David Wilson of Mecklenburg, and Captains Falls, Knox, and Brandon to call up their men and advance to the area of Ramsour's Mill and attack the Tory Camp.

Locke with about 400 men was at Mountain Creek, about 16 miles from Ramsour's Mill. His intelligence told him the Loyalist force was three times his size, but he made the decision to attack early the next day without hearing further any information on Rutherford's movement. At day break on June 20; his force was poised about a mile from the Loyalist. His battle plan was for the mounted men under McDowell, Brandon, and Falls would lead the attack followed closely by the infantry. The Tories and Loyalist were camped on a hill about 300 yards east of the mill on a hill or ridge. Locke's Calvary charged up the road and encountered the pickets. The Tory pickets fired and retreated to their positions up the hill. The patriot horsemen charged up the hill followed by the infantry. The battle quickly became hand to hand, using rifle butts, knives; they were not equipped with bayonets. Lt. Col. John Moore's Tory or Loyalist militia lost that morning. Casualties were high on both sides; Loyalist 150 killed and wounded; Patriots 150 killed and wounded. Many are buried on site in a mass grave. A statue commemorates at the site.

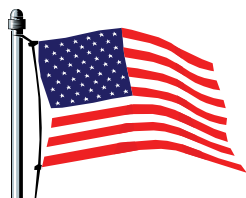
This was the first of many battles after the Waxhaws Massacre. Williams Plantation or Huck's Defeat on July 12, 1780, the same day Cedar Springs, Gowan's Old Fort 13 July, Rocky Mount 30 July, the first battle at Hanging Rock 30 July, the second battle at Hanging Rock August 6, Carey's Fort August 15, and then the first battle at Camden August 16, 1780 where General Gates was soundly defeated by Lord Cornwallis.

Ramsour's Mill was like many other battles in the colonies between opposing militia companies with neighbor fighting neighbor. This battle was no exception. Nearly all of the militia men, Royalist and Loyalist, lived in the four or five counties around Charlotte and present day Lincolnton North Carolina.

There are many authors and accounts of the different battles in the Carolinas and Ramsour's Mill is no exception. Pension applications give you an appreciation of some battles and what officers served there. In this brief account, I used material from the following references: Moore, John Wheeler (1880) - History of North Carolina: from the earliest discoveries to present time Vol. I and Russell, David Lee (2000). The American Revolution in the Southern Colonies. McFarland

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**RSVP FOR THE September 15, 2011 MEMBERS & GUEST MEETING
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday, Sept 11th. 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. OR Larry Stevens wardtracker@aol.com (281-361-2061) Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$25.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.