



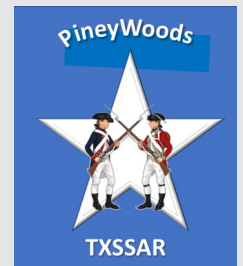
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Summer 2023 Issue 6**



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.



1st PLACE SPIRIT OF 1776

John Schmonsees and Larry Stevens Accepting the Trophy from the Kingwood 4th of July Annual Parade Officials just prior to beginning to march down Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood drive past hundreds of parade goers standing and cheering as the Revolution Education Color Guard with PineyWoods, and Paul Carrington Texas SAR, Lord Stirling Drum and Fife, Revolution Education members march past. PineyWoods Fifer Ray Cox headed the fife corpse while Dr. Livingston of Lone Star College lead the drummers Revolution Education 1776 President John Schmonsees led the unit, while Larry Stevens followed with supplies of water and treats for the onlookers passed out by RevEdu1776 Actors and parents to children along the route.

CHANGE TO MEETING Location. PLEASE SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2

From the President:

Members and Friends,

First of all, I hope everyone had a great summer break!!! We will officially kick off our Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 meetings this Saturday August 19, 2023, at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant. We had a good group last May, over forty, the food was good, and you ordered whatever you wanted. If you have any friends and/or family who live nearby, we have more room now for members and guests to come and visit.

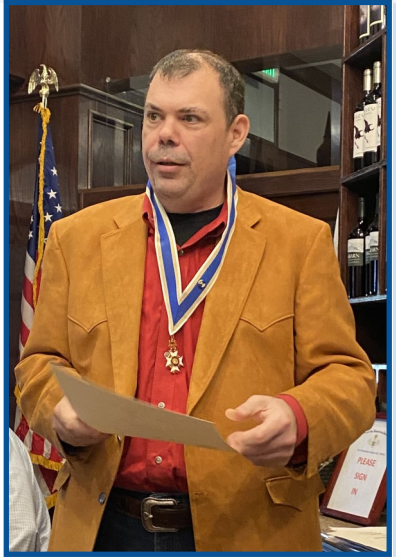
John Paul Jones was born July 6, 1747, on the estate of Arbigland, near Kirkbean, County of Kirkcudbright, in Southwest Scotland. Jones was born and raised in Scotland, became a sailor at the age of thirteen, and served as commander of several merchantmen. After having killed one of his mutinous crew members with a sword, he fled to the Colony of Virginia and around 1775 joined the newly founded Continental Navy in their fight against the Kingdom of Great Britain in the American Revolutionary War. He commanded U.S. Navy ships stationed in France, led one failed assault on Britain, and several attacks on British merchant ships. Left without a command in 1787, he joined the Imperial Russian Navy and obtained the rank of rear admiral.

Two battles of note took place in August during the Revolutionary War; the battle of Bennington, Vermont on August 16, 1777, was the precursor to the defeat of Burgoyne's army two months later at Saratoga, turning the tide of war in favor of the Americans. And the battle of Hanging Rock, South Carolina, on August 6, 1780.

Larry Stevens was the only member of the PineyWoods Chapter who attended the National SAR Convention in Orlando, Florida. The delegates approved a motion out of committee to raise national dues from \$35 to \$50. The last increase was seven years ago, 2016, by \$5. When members receive their dues notices it is now \$73. This year was \$58.

New member applications beginning this September 1st will have the \$15 increase for the 2024 dues. Ray Cox is waiting for National to make the fee changes before putting a revise fee schedule on the Texas website. We can ask Ray to give us the latest status and discuss the changes.

Larry also said that the Oration Contest this year was good with all six finalists presenting great speeches. According to some judges, picking the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd was a hard but a great privilege.



Ben Baskin—President

**Los Cuco's Mexican
Cafe**

Kingwood Texas

11am-1pm

August 19, 2023

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This May 2023 Newsletter: The 133rd NSSAR Annual Congress in Orlando was a success with a great hotel, the Rason Plaza. An updated older hotel with nice rooms and plenty of room for reacquainting with SAR friends and attending meetings and dinners.

The Oration Award Contest was one of the best I have seen, and I have been to 17 consecutive congresses, excluding the COVID canceled Richmond Virginia Congress in 2020. The six finalist were all good! The top 3? Take your pick! Our Texas speaker from the Tyler was good but did not make the top 3.

The only disappointment was the lack of attendees from Texas. There were only 15 delegates and our three past Presidents General, Ed Butler, Tom Lawrence (Paul Carrington), and Nathan White. I think this was Nathan's 26th congress.

The major concern for our chapter members, and fellow Texas members, a motion to raise dues by \$15.00 was passed by the delegates with little opposition. The reason given was INFLATION and the COST OF DOING BUSINESS. The last increase in National Dues was in 2016. Our economy has changed a lot since then! So, when you see your dues statement, don't be surprised. We are a great Patriotic Society, supporting our heritage, the men and women of sacrificed all.

We need to support NSSAR!

LARRY STEVENS—Editor



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Newsletter - Larry Stevens

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Events Calendar



NSSAR

Fall Leadership/Trustee, Sept 21, 2023 to Sept 24, 2023
Louisville, Kentucky



TXSSAR

South Central District—Wichita Kansas
August 25 - 26, 2023

Texas Society BOM— Wyndham College Station—
2829 Texas Ave
October 20-22, 2023



PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Los Cuco's 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
August 19, 2023

Los Cucos 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



(Top L) Neil Voorhees with Pres. Ben Baskin and Sponsor Reg. Larry Stevens

(Top R) Daniel Love with Pres Ben Baskin, Anthony Love and Sponsor Reg. Kermit Breed

(Mid L) Skip Hawley with Pres. Ben Baskin and Sponsor Reg. Larry Stevens

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineYwoods Chapter
 Membership: a/o 9 Apr 2023
TOTAL 112

Current Regular Members— 94 New -3 Dual— 3 Youth—6 Reinstated 6
 Not Paid for 2023 - 5 (Regular)

\$15 National Dues Increase

National Society Dues for 2024 will increase by fifteen dollars due to inflation affecting the cost of doing business. Currently we pay \$35 for NSSAR and this will become \$50. Your Texas and Chapter dues will remain the same. At this time, the PineYwoods Chapter #51 dues will remain the same.

When you receive your Dues Statement for 2023 dues, I will be for \$73.00

National	\$50.00
Texas	\$12.50
Chapter	\$10.50

This increase is effective all new applications approved in Texas beginning September 1, 2023. A new Dues and Fee Schedule will be posted on our Texas Website by Ray Cox as soon as available!



SAR YOUTH PROGRAMS

JROTC Porter Cadets perform the Missing Man Ceremony during their awards Banquet. Placing a hat for the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy, they lifted a glass to toast and turn it upside down in memory of those lost in action.

We are starting a new Fall of competitions for our PineyWoods, Texas SAR, and National Youth and American History Teachers Contests. All information on these contests is found on the Texas SAR Website

and/or the National Society of the American Revolution Website.

JROTC Contest: The winning cadet at the national society level will receive his or her award at our annual SAR Congress. The award will be the National JROTC Medallion and an award of **\$5,000 cash**. The 2nd Place award is \$2,000 cash and the 3rd Place award is \$1,000 cash. Two new award levels for 4th and 5th Place introduced for 2018-2019 are now at \$500 each.

NSSAR Oration Contest. Three **cash**/scholarship awards are given: the National First Place Winner receives \$8,000; the 2nd Place Runner-up receives \$5,000; and the 3rd Place Runner-up receives \$3,000 cash prize. Each also receives an Olympic-sized medal. The three non-placing finalists are each awarded \$500 cash. All other non-finalist national contestants are awarded \$200 cash.

Check the NSSAR site for EAGLE and ESSAY and AMERICAN HISTORY!

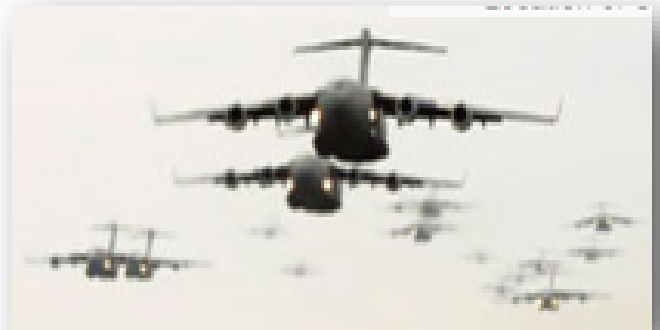
VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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

August 19, 2023

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.”

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

May 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He led members and guests in the U.S., Texas, and the SAR pledges. Chaplain Alan Bowman led members in the opening prayer.

Members Present (27): Jim Pinkerton, B. Ray Mize, David Hamaker, Ken Graalum, John Beard, Joe Potter, Alan Bowman, Dick Setser, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Merv Hartwick, Larry Stevens, Neil Voorhees, Richard Payne, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Kenton Thompson, Richard Skelton, Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Cannon Pritchard, Anthony Love, Daniel Anthony Love, Harry Salisbury, Ski Grumboski, Buddy Inman, Skip Hawley



Guests Present (17) Sharon Mize, Samantha Ballard, Mary Claire Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Blake Eddins, Gavon Eddins, Cheryl Eddins, Sherry Setser, Kent Grosser, Jeannie Hartwick, Barbara Stevens, Pat Voorhees, David Hamaker, Pam Love, Penny Love, Ramsey Love, Susan Grumboski,

B. Ray Mize gave the treasurer's report. This was followed by a review of the April secretary's report given by Jim Pinkerton. Both reports were accepted by the membership.

The coupon report was given by John Beard. John stated that almost 13 pounds of coupons have been collected. The coupons go to overseas to active duty service members and families.

President Baskin inducted three new members. They are as follows: junior member Daniel Love, and regular members Neil Voorhees, and Louis Hawley.

Blake Eddins, a JROTC member, and 1st Place in the chapter JROTC program, from New Caney I.S.D. gave a short presentation on himself and his work in JROTC. Blake is also a state award winner, he was presented the NSSAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate at the Texas Annual Convention in Spring, Texas, this past April.

Texas SAR District 8 VPG Ken Graham from College Station gave a short presentation.

Ray Cox, webmaster, presented his revolutionary war fife presentation.

Alan Bowman gave a closing prayer. President Baskin led members in the SAR closing. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton

Carolyn Bowman, John Thompson, past Dist. 8 VP,
Kenneth R. Graalum Dist. VP 8
with Alan Bowman

Thanks to Mike Anderson for these pictures!!

Certificate of Appreciation to Samantha Stevens Ballard
for working with Los Cuco's for our Meetings



ENCHANCED JROTC 1ST PLACE PINEYWOODS
BLAKE EDDINS of New Caney JROTC who receive
and Life Saving Medal at the Texas Annual Convention

in April!!! Blake received his Medal and Certificate with the chapter
check.



Ray Cox Certificate of
Appreciation for his
presentation, "The
Fife, a Weapon of
War".

Kermit Breed, Can-
nion Pritchard, Joe
Potter

The Grumboski's and
the Hartwicks

Some of the 40 Plus
Attendees

