



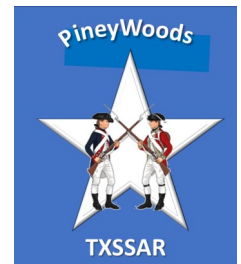
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
August 15, 2026**



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.



PineyWoods Newsletter Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful 250th anniversary celebration of America and the Declaration of Independence! What a momentous milestone this has been—not only for our nation, but for the world. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration gave voice to the enduring truth that liberty is a God-given right, and it inspired generations across the globe to seek freedom, self-government, and human dignity.

This year's Semiquincentennial has offered many meaningful reminders of that legacy, connecting the years 1776, 1826, 1876, 1976, and now 2026 in America's continuing story. Across the country, communities gathered for ceremonies, parades, fireworks, exhibits, and battlefield commemorations. One especially inspiring highlight was Sail4th 250, when a remarkable international fleet of tall ships and gray hull ships sailed into New York Harbor, passed in review, and saluted the Statue of Liberty. With more than 50 Class A and Class B tall ships from many nations—including America's own USCG Barque Eagle leading the Parade of Sail—and the Elissa from Galveston Texas, which sailed from Galveston to join the Tall Ships, it was a stirring reminder of the role sea power, trade, and maritime courage played in America's struggle for independence.

It is also fitting to remember what followed immediately after the signing. The cause of independence was far from secure. Washington's army soon faced great hardship in New York, including the Battle of Long Island and the retreat across Manhattan and New Jersey. Yet, in the darkest days of 1776, the victories at Trenton and Princeton renewed hope and proved that the American spirit



**AUGUST 15, 2026 Chapter Meeting– Los Cucos Mexican Cafe,
Kingwood TX 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**



would not easily be defeated.

And on July 20th we lost a dear friend and member of PineyWoods, Lawrence ‘Ski’ Grumboski, a Vietnam US Navy Veteran, who served as a crew member on the US Navy B 66 Destroyer Bomber stationed on the Kitty Hawk. Ski led our Chapter Veterans program the last couple of years, Wreaths Across American, Houston Honor Flights, and hundreds of volunteer hours at the Houston Veterans Hospitals. His Memorial Service will be at the Veterans Cemetery located on Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, on September 4th at 1:30 PM. (page 4)

As Sons of the American Revolution, we have a special duty and privilege to keep these stories alive. May this anniversary year strengthen our commitment to remembrance, patriotism, and service.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on August 15, as we come together to plan out the rest of the year!

In Patriotism and Service,

Abe Abdmoulaie

President-SAR Piney Woods #51 Chapter

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FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

NSSAR Congress—July 9th – 16th Freedom Chapter Members Ed Sellards, Mel Oller, Jim Kuykendall, and Don Hayes were in Greensboro, North Carolina for the 136th National Congress. There were 25 delegates from Texas. William “Allen” Greenly was installed as the new SAR President General for 2026-2027. Past Texas State President Tracy Pounders was elected Chancellor General for 2026-2027, and Past State President Mel Oller was appointed by the President General as National Compliance Officer. Past Texas President Drake Peddie, Plano Chapter, was indicated as the VPG SCD. Congratulations to these men.

The new officers for 2026-2027 and now listed under General Officers on the National Website. The SCD Meeting will be on August 22 in Richardson and they will have a National Candidates’ Forum BUT no ZOOM. on Friday evening.

As a History Grad, Cal State Univ Stanislaus, and after writing a number of short articles and making presentations on the American Revolution and Life in Colonial Days, there is a U TUBE History Show by the **FAT ELECTRICIAN** you need to see. It is hilarious funny and very informative. Nic, the Fat Electrician, is an Electrician and not a Historian, but his presentations are mostly historically accurate and entertaining. His portrayals of the Swamp Fox, Francis Marion, George Washington’s Crossing the Delaware, and the giant **Peter Francisco** (born **Pedro Francisco**; July 9, 1760 – January 16, 1831) was a Portuguese-born American blacksmith and soldier best known for his service in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, and many others are great. Nic talks about the way history should be taught. Check it out. He has a website. And, you can subscribe and watch on TV.



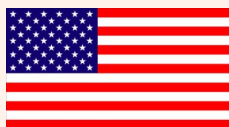
PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2025 - 2027

President - Abe Abdmoulaie
1st Vice President - Jim Pinkerton
2nd Vice President - Louis Skip Hawley
Secretary - William Bill King
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Kermit Breed
Chaplain - Alan Bowman
Chancellor - Jim Pinkerton
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter
Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick

Chapter Non - Officers Roles
Newsletter - Larry Stevens
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Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

**Galt House—Fall Leadership
October 1-3, 2026**



TEXAS

**Hilton Richardson Dallas Hotel- 701
East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX
75081
August 20-22, 2026**

**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
August 15, 2026 Los Cucos
September 19, 2026 Los Cucos**



Lawrence E. Grumboski 1944 – 2026
Funeral Service on Friday, September 4, 2026
at the Houston National Cemetery
located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive Houston Texas
Meet in Lane #1 at 1:30 p.m. (Not before 1:15 p.m.)



Lawrence "Ski" Grumboski
 Aviation Fire Control Technician (AQB2), United States Navy, serving from 8/11/61 to 9/20/68.

Ski was born on Mother's Day May 14, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan.

He joined the Navy in August 1961 and received his basic training at Great Lakes Training base in IL. From basic training he was then assigned to the Naval Air Station Meridian Mississippi, and then assigned to the NAS supply department while waiting

for orders to AQ "A" school.

From "A" school Ski was assigned to Heavy Attack Squadron 13 assigned to NAS Oceana in Whidbey Island, Washington. The squadron was already serving duty on the U.S.S. Kitty hawk CVA-63 on a Western Pacific cruise. After training on the ASN-1 RADAR bombing system Ski was transferred to Yokosuka Japan where he met the Kitty Hawk and started duty as a flight deck technician for the ASB-1 aboard the A3D Sky Warrior heavy bomber. This was the first tour in Vietnam as sorties were flown over Dixie Station/Vietnam in the spring and summer of 1964.

On return from the 63/64' West Pac, the squadron was re-designated as RVAH-13 and sent to NAS Sanford Florida to train on the RA5C Vigilante. During this time Ski trained on the ASB-12 RADAR navigation/Bombing system,

In 1965 Ski meant his wife to be Susan DePass and they married in Aug 1965 just 3 weeks before he returned to his second Vietnam cruise aboard the Kitty Hawk.

For the next two tours to Vietnam, Ski worked both the ASB shop and flight deck troubleshooting. Ski was also part of the beach detachment at NAS Cubi Pt before he was transferred to NAS Oceana VA, where he worked in an ordnance group calibrating and repairing Sparrow III Air to Air missiles.

Ski was discharged in September of 1968 and attended DeVry Technical Institute earning a AAS in Electronics. From DeVry he worked at Fermi-Lab until 1980 as a staff member working in Radiation Physics, the Energy Doubler and the Neutron Cancer Therapy Facility.

In 1980 Ski took a job at AT&T Bell Labs where he worked on the first digital switching system (5ESS). During his time at AT&T Ski earned a BA in Computer Science from Aurora University and a Masters of Science in Computer Science, from Illinois Institute of Technology and was promoted to a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff.

At this time, Ski and Susan have been married 54 years and have two sons and four grandchildren.



SKI GRUMBOSKI





Akron Colorado

Located on the High Plains east of Denver, Bill King's family, Elliots and Kings, came and settled. Many of the family has been buried in this small cemetery.

Bill King began the program with the SAR 250 Mission to place 250th Memorial Benches in all 50 States, and that his SAR Chapter PineyWoods who this happened in Akron Colorado honoring the Republic of the USA and all on those interned, families and veterans of families of Akron.



SAR & TEXAS SAR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP OPORTUNITIES

We are beginning a new school year in K-12. It is time to read about our scholarship opportunities. Texas has the highest youth awards of any of the SAT State Societies and well worth members getting their high schoolers and Nieces and Nephews to enter. The Essay and Oration (Speech) is for 9-12 students, Private and Public, and a student can enter contests ALL FOUR years. The Eagle Scout and JROTC is the same except for some other qualifications. Please read the rules. It is extremely important to follow the RULES, as in any contest. If help is needed understanding these RULES contact Skip Hazwley our 2VP Youth Contests and Programs. AND, they need to start NOW. Contest submissions are due by or before December 31st of 2026 for this contest year..

The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (Texas SAR) will be launching a new scholarship program this year.

Our chapters all have young members who are of college age (17 -24) who are seeking or planning to seek post-secondary education degrees or certificates. As we all know, these members and their families could all use additional resources to help these young members pay for school. Here are our proposed scholarship details.

- To be eligible for these scholarships the *applicants must be a member of National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and affiliated with one of the Texas Society's chapters.*
- These scholarships will not be merit based.
- Eligible applicants will be asked to submit their application to the Texas SAR to be put in a drawing hopper.
- Winning names will be drawn from that hopper.
- Each scholarship is \$2,500 payable to the winner's school for their benefit.
- At least two (2) scholarships will be awarded at the 2027 State Convention.
- Eligible higher ed institutions can be 4-year universities or colleges, community colleges, or technical colleges and schools. If there is a concern please check with the State Treasurer.
- Institutions can be in state or out of state institutions.
- Winners must provide the appropriate contact information to their school for the delivery of the funds.

For further information contact:

Mark Ellison

markmellison1@gmail.com

YOUTH CONTESTS

GO to the Texas Website for viewing the entire page. There you will find who can enter and the contests TEXAS SAR contacts

PineyWoods Contests contact is Skip Hawley

George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest	Chapter option	\$3, 500 Scholarship	\$6,000
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest	Chapter option	\$3, 500 Scholarship	\$8,000
C.A.R Essay Contest**	Chapter option	\$3, 500 Scholarship	
Texas SAR Dr. Robert S. and Dr. Jane Watkins Cohen 4-H Award	N/A	\$1,000 Scholarship or \$500 Cash (up to \$3500 scholarship)	
Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award	Chapter option	\$3, 500 Scholarship	\$10,000
Outstanding JROTC Contest	Chapter option	\$3, 500 Scholarship	\$6,000 + potential for additional scholarship awards
Jos. Plumb Martin Video Contest	Chapter option	\$3,500 Scholarship	\$1,500 cash or scholarship - individual or team entry

Capt Edward Weyman Society Children of the American Revolution

Ages Birth to 22

There is something for everyone to do!

Fun for all

Parents and grandparent too!

Capt Ed Patriots



Home of 1 National Chair, 1 State Officer,
7 State Chairs, and both Texas Duke & Duchess

Serving Montgomery County
and surrounding communities

Capt Ed Calendar

August 7th-8th - State Workshop - Waxahachie Area

August

August 29th - Liberty Tree Planting Joint event Capt Ed & Mary Vaughn Corner DAR

Sept 20th—Society Meeting

Sept 26th - Grave Marking for TSCAR Founder - Albany, TX

October 11th—Society Meeting

October 17th - State Project Day 10am-2pm - Space Center Houston

November 8 - Society Meeting

April 2nd - 3rd C.A.R. State Conference - Great Wolf Lodge—Webster

Early April - C.A.R. Day of Service Event TBD

April April 23rd - 25th - National Convention, Arlington, Virginia



Contact us to join the fun
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713-882-3746



Leadership Development ★ Patriotic Education ★ Historic Preservation

Hello DAR/SAR Supporters,

The Captain Edward Weyman C.A.R. has prepared a 1/2 page image for you to easily drop into you upcoming newsletters. We hope to have this available every two months.

You are being contacted because of at least one of the following...

- 1. Your Chapter has supported Capt Ed in past.**
- 2. Your Chapter is in the vicinity of our membership area.**
- 3. We have members whose families are in your chapter.**
- 4. We have active members living in your chapter area.**

If you need to update your chapter contact, please reply to this email.

in friendship and service,

Kristie Campbell

Senior Society President, Capt Edward Weyman C.A.R.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 Meeting Schedule:

When: **3rd Saturday** of each month

Location: **Los Cucos Mexican Cafe**

Address: 23730 Highway 59 North
Kingwood, TX 77339



Meeting Dates and Times:

August 15, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

September 19, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00
PM

October 17, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 End Time: 1:00 PM

November 21, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM Time: 1:00 PM

December 12, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:30 PM



**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 90

Current Regular Members 74

New 1 Trans In 1 Trans out 1

Dual 4

Youth 10 Reinstated 3

***Not Paid—16 Regular Members and 3
Dual***

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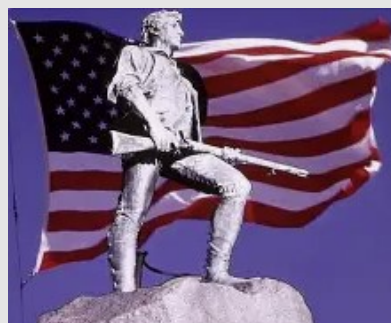
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PATRIOTISM MATTERS

Membership

***Chapter Lists were last undated June 8 so
some reinstatements and new members
are not listed yet.***

Registrar Stevens

APPLICATIONS

New Member PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

Check the FEE Schedule For Junior

Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00

New Members

Micheal Young, Fletcher Gray Jr., Andrew Rober Witt approved. Sean Carahan and Robert McCulloch (not logged as of this reports date) waiting review in Louisville. James Wagers being completed by Stevens

Society	Chapter	Name	Patriot Ancestor
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Young, Michael Scott	Asher, Barnett
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Carnahan, Sean Patrick	Carahan, Adam
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Gray, Jr Fletcher L.	Johnson, Joseph
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Witt, Andrew Robert	Roberts, John

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 Cucos Mexican Cafe
Kingwood Texas 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
August 15, 2026

Business Meeting 11:30 am

**Opening by
PLEDGES**

USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge and Mission Statement

SGT At Arms Merv Hartwick

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Presidents—Pinkerton and Hawley

Secretary Bill King

Treasure B Ray Mize

Registrars Breed and Stevens

SAR Closing and Benediction

SAR Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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 Society Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting at the Home of Larry and Barbara Stevens

May 23, 2026

11:35 am

Attending members: Abe Abdmoulaie, Chris Anderson, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Larry Blackburn, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartwick, Skip Hawley, B Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Cannon Pritchard, Roland Skelton, Luke Sivia, Larry Stevens.

Guests: Cindy Davis, Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Sharon Mize, Julie Sivilis, Barbara Stevens, prospective member Mike Young, Knight Essay Contestant and Mother

Opening by President Abe Abdmoulaie. He welcomed all to the Memorial Weekend Lunch Meeting at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. New Prospective member Mike Young, application in Louisville for 5 weeks waiting to be approved, was welcomed to his first meeting.

Jim Pinkerton gave the Invocation.

The Pledges to the US and Texas Flags was led by Sgt at Arms Merv Hartwick. President Abdmoulaie led the SAR Pledge and read the SAR Mission statement.

President Abdmoulaie said first on the agenda in the introduction on our first place Knight Essay Contestant. Abe read the requirements and then asked 2VP Skip Hawley to introduce our contest winner. He asked her to read her essay. After her reading he presented the Knight Essay Certificate and 1st Place Medal, and a check for first place.

This was followed by the Induction of member Luke Sivia, whose application was approved in 2022. He is a student at Texas Tech, and this was his first opportunity to attend a meeting and be sworn in. President Abdmoulaie conducted the ceremony and presented him his "original" USPS Envelope with his Member Certificate and Record Copy. His sponsor Larry Stevens presented him with the member Rosette.

Jeannie Hartwick was presented with the Martha Washington Medal, which can only be presented to a DAR Member for the work she has done with the SAR and Revolution Education 1776, and public and school Historical Programs.

Kermit Breed was presented with four more bronze leaves clusters for its Lafayette Service Award Medal for completing another 150 hours of work inputting data into the SAR PRS Database.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. Secretary Bill King is in Akron Colorado to dedicate the 250th Bench on Memorial Day, May 25th. There was surplus of 1504 dollars collected, and the family and others wanted the surplus donated to the Akron Veterans Home. A check for that amount was written to the PineyWoods Chapter. A check from the chapter for 1504 dollars was written to the Veterans Home, and it with a letter from Abe was given to King to present during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Akron City Cemetery on May 15, 2026.

Treasurer B Ray Mize reported he has received our check for dues collected for 2026. He said IRS has approved our tax filing. be approved.

Registrars: Breed, New Prospective member Mike Young's, application is in Louisville, 5 weeks, waiting to

be approved.

Larry Stevens gave a report on the Texas Convention, with the dues being increased \$5.00 for 2027, 2028, 2029 to raise the estimated amount money for hosting the National Congress in Austin, 2029. Currently there is an increase of \$3.00 which will be changed to \$5.00. He reported on the dedication ceremony of the SAR Monument honoring known Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas. PineyWoods members Bob McKenna and Kim Morton helped identify four. Governor Greg Abbot was sworn in as a new member of SAR during the ceremony. He gave a great dedication speech on the Republic of the United States. Ray Cox reported the National Fee for new membership will be \$76.00 for application received post marked July 1st to July 31st of 2026 commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The program and details for the July 4th event at the Humble Museum is still a work in progress. PineyWoods will be joining the DAR, RevED, and the City Humble to present a 250th experience of two hundred and fifty years ago.

Abe wanted everyone to leave with an important statement in the July 4, 1776, Declaration, ***“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*** SAR Closing and Prayer at 12:20. Larry Stevens



Man With the Initial Buckles P and F

Peter Francisco (born **Pedro Francisco**; July 9, 1760 – January 16, 1831) was a Portuguese-born American blacksmith and soldier best known for his service in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. Pedro said that he had lived in a mansion near the ocean. His mother spoke **French** and his father spoke another language that he did not know. He and his sister were kidnapped from the grounds, but his sister escaped, while Francisco was bound and taken to a ship. Historians believe it is possible that the kidnappers intended to hold the children for ransom or that they had intended to sell them as indentured servants at their destination port in North America, but changed their minds. Francisco's most famous feat of strength occurred at Battle of Camden, South

Carolina, where he noticed the Americans were leaving behind one of their valuable cannons, mired in mud. According to the legend, Francisco freed and picked up the 1,100 lbs. (499 kg) cannon barrel and carried it on his shoulder to keep it from falling into the hands of the British (Actually around 300lbs.) The Story of a true Patriot, Peter, Six feet Six and two hundred eighty pounds. When dumped on a Virginia dock at age five, his shoe buckles, P on one and F on the other, were his only identity marks.

