

Pine Shavings





Fellow Compatriots



Due to my upcoming hip replacement surgery and closeness to Christmas, I think December 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., will be a better meeting time. I will not be able to make a Dec.19 meeting. This is a onetime thing. And, and we will meet at the regular (covid-19) time on 16 January 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

My thanks to Denise Bennett for a great presentation of "The Woman's Hour". I enjoyed the program and watching Denise's animated involvement in her subject matter. I lived in the Nashville, Tennessee area for 33 years so I am well acquainted with the area. The 110-Year-old Hermitage Hotel in Nashville was designated as National Historic Landmark this year.

In the December meeting, we will review of our scrapbook. Abe Abdmoulaie, Larry Stevens, and I have been working on it for several months, gathering information and preparing pages. I think you will enjoy seeing what we have so far.

Things are looking up regarding to COVID-19, so, stay safe and act in such a way celebrating Christmas 2020 so you and your family will be able to celebrate Christmas 2021 without restrictions.

Ever wonder how George Washington celebrated Christmas during the Revolution? In 1775, the first Christmas of the American Revolution, Martha Washington traveled to Cambridge, Massachusetts to be with her husband. Then in 1776, George Washington led the Continental army across the Delaware River to attack the Hessian mercenaries at Trenton.

On November 26, 1778, he wrote to John Augustine Washington, "Giving up all Idea, this fourth Winter—of seeing my home and Friends" Then he spent the time from December 22, 1778 to February 3, 1779 in Philadelphia, conferring with Congress on the state of the army and discussing campaign plans for 1779. And, on December 1, 1779, Washington settled with his Army for a second time at Morristown, New Jersey. Washington's personal circumstances improved dramatically as he moved into the Ford Mansion.

In 1780, Washington spent Christmas John and Catherine Ellison as a guest in their home at River Road, New Windsor, New York. His officers and soldiers of the Continental Army were near there throughout the winter of 1780-81.

Washington spent the 1781 Christmas in Philadelphia. George Washington had defeated Lord Cornwallis in the last major battle of the Revolutionary War in October 1781.

General George Washington established his military headquarters on the banks of the Hudson in Newburgh, New York, from April 1782 until August 1783. He, his wife, Martha, and his principal aides and their servants occupied a 1750 farmhouse donated to the army by the prosperous

ZOOM Hasbrouck's family.

NEXT Meeting
December 12, 2020
10:00 AM

Notice will be e-mailed

Please join us Saturday the 12th of December at 10:00 a.m., for our ZOOM meeting. If we have your e-mail address, you will receive an invitation.

We will finish in time for lunch! Thank you,

President Kermit Breed

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ANNUAL YEARBOOK's preserve the memories and histories of past members. Pictured here is the founder of PineyWoods, my friend, Thomas M. Green, who past away a few years back. He is shown here presenting an Award to Violet Morton, Kim Morton's mother, during a meeting. (About 1996),

Tom was a great Genealogist and an expert on Tennessee. Tom was known to haunt Clayton Library snagging new members who showed any interest in the Patriotic heritage. He and Kim were a dynamic duo, processing more than 200 new member applications in a few short years.



AGENDA 12 DECEMBER 2020 10 AM



INVOCATION ALAN BOWMAN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

President KERMIT BREED



1st VP—BUBBY INMAN

2nd VP - JROTC —RANDY HALL / JIM PINKERTON

Secretary Report—BERNIE KENT

Treasurer Report—B. RAY MIZE

Registrars Reports—LARRY STEVENS, JOE POTTER, KERMIT BREED

Newsletter Report—LARRY STEVENS

Chaplains Report - ALAN BOWMAN

Historians Report - ABE ABDMOULAIE

Genealogist Report - KIM MORTON

Webmasters Report – RAY COX

VETERANS - Coupon Project - JOHN WORM

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS: Confirm Nomination committee's candidates

NEW BUSINESS:

SAR CLOSING AND BENEDICTION - ALAN BOWMAN

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 Officers

President Kermit Breed

1st VP—Jerrel "Buddy" Inman

2nd VP Jim Pinkerton

Secretary—Bernie Kent Treasurer - B Ray Mize

Chancellor - Brent Montelenone

Genealogist - Kim Morton

Registrar - Larry Stevens—

Registrar - Joe Potter

Historian - Abe Abdmoulaie

Chaplain - Alan Bowman

Sgt. at Arms Ben Baskin
Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens -

Web Master Ray Cox

Calendar of Events

National

Events—Spring

Leadership/

Trustee Meet-

ing March 3-7,

2021 Louisville

State Events—

TBA

Chapter Events

December 12, 2020—ZOOM

January 16, 2021

PineyWoods Chapter

Newsletter Editor

Questions for New Members?

Are there Life Memberships? Over 70?

See Page 7 this Edition.

Our Constitution and Bylaws are found on our

Website. Remember DUES are DUE. NOW!

Larry G. Stevens—Editor

Official Newsletter

PineyWoods Chapter #51

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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2020 Annual Yearbook

WE NEED YOUR BIOS and YOUR ANCESTORS

If you served in the United States Military Please send these to "Editor PineyWoods Newsletter" at wardtracker@aol.com To

Forward to our Historian Abe





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 Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080. Or, bring the coupons to the next meeting.

The Revolutionary War

9 December 1775 – The Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia (just south of Portsmouth VA). Royal Governor John Murray Earl of Dunmore had assembled around 600 regulars and militia. In 1775, Dunsmore and the American leaders both struggled to obtain supplies causing tensions to build. Dunmore had sent Marines and Tories to capture the armory at Williamsburg who were forced to retreat towards Norfolk. Great Bridge was the



only link from the south, along a narrow strip between the Great Dismal Swamp. Dunsmore's regulars built a

fort named Fort Murray at Great Bridge on the north side of the Elizabeth River. On December 2, 1775, American Continent General William Woodford led 1,000 continentals and militia to the bridge and set up camp on the south side. General Dunsmore decided to attack. He sent a diversionary downstream from the bridge to attack and draw American forces from the bridge so he could mount a charge directly over the bridge into the American Camp.

Dunsmore's forces attack the morning of December 9th. It was a disastrous defeat for the British. The American's reported one man wounded but Dunsmore lost somewhere between 60 and 100 killed.



December 1777 – The Battle of White Marsh Pennsylvania. The Battle of White Marsh commenced on December 5 and ended December 6, 1777 and was the last Battle of 1777 between the British and Americans. After his defeat at Germantown, Washington camped indifferent location in Montgomery County only



Emlen House—Washington's Head-

around 15 to 20 miles north of Philadelphia. He finally entrenched forces along the Wissahickon Creek and Sandy Run in the hills along Old York Road and Bethlehem Pike. These locations allowed Washington to

monitor British movements in Philadelphia. On December 4, 1777, General Sir William Howe marched a force north for one last shot at defeating Washington before winter. But after several skirmishes and never really engaging Washington, Howe called it off returning to Philadelphia.

31 December 1775—General Montgomery Mortally Wounded at Quebec. John Trurnbull painted this picture in 1786 depicting Richard Montgomery dying during the Battle at Quebec, lying with other dead, soldiers and men in hunting garb. It is displayed at the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven. In early December, Colonel Benedict Arnold arrived at Quebec City and demanded their surrender. Deciding he did not have enough men to attack, he waited for Genl. Montgomery. When Montgomery arrived they planned their attack on December 31, 1775. The British force was ready. Montgomery died in the first assault.



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PineyWoods Chapter 51 ZOOM MEETING

21 November 2020 – remote Meeting via Zoom teleconference

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. He welcomed everyone and led the group in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain, Alan Bowman led the Prayer and Kim Morton lead the group in the SAR Pledge. Kermit welcomed a special guest to our meeting, National SAR President, Drake Peddie who joined us for this remote meeting from the Plano, Texas.

Compatriots (17) Present:

Kermit Breed, Kim Morton, Ray Cox, Bernie Kent, Randy Hall, Abe Abdmoulaie, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Jim Pinkerton, Roland Skelton, Jim Jones, Alan Bowman, Mel Oller, Mike Anderson, Drake Peddie, Jim Pinkerton & Mike Anthony.

Guests (4) Present: Denise Bennett, Sharon Mize, William King, Justin Juneau, Barbara Stevens

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Our guest speaker was **Ms. Denise Bennett** who presented a dynamic history lesson entitled '<u>The Woman's Hour</u>' about the Women's Suffrage Movement and dressed in period attire from the 1920's. The Women's Suffrage Movement started in 1848 in Seneca Falls, NY and culminated in Washington, DC with the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote in 1920. American history intertwined many people and events of the Women's Suffrage Movement – Susan B. Anthony, Helen Keller, the Tennessee state congress, Prohibition and finally the right to vote guaranteed by ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. Women's Suffrage was such a huge event in the early 20th century that Woodrow Wilson's inauguration of 13 March 1913, was drowned out and overshadowed by a cross town Washington DC Women's parade march.

Secretary's Report: Bernie Kent reported that the minutes from our October 2020 meeting were published in the November 2020 Newsletter that was recently (11/13/2020) published and emailed to **all 78 members**. In the absence of any new comments, a motion to accept the minutes was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that nothing has changed since the last several meeting reports. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report: Larry Stevens reported that the Application for William King has been submitted to National and is still under review. And Kermit Breed reported that an application for Michael Blasdel has been also been submitted to National.

Editor Stevens formally requests stories from members on what they have been doing with pictures related to SAR. And share any American History stories and source material to assist in future newsletter articles.

Historian Report: Abe Abdmoulaie

A draft version of the scrapbook is nearing completion, and you can still submit material to be included within the next several weeks before Christmas.

Coupon Report: John Worm

Please send coupons ASAP so they will not have expired. Thank you for your support of our troops.

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Newsletter:

Proposed PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas SAR New Officers for 2021-2023.

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President Mike Anderson
1ST Vice President Abe Abdmoulaie
2nd Vice President Bernie Kent

Chancellor TBA

Secretary
Treasurer
Genealogist
Historian
Parliamentarian
Jim Pinkerton
B Ray Mize
Kim Morton
Kermit Breed
Mark Anthony

Registrar Larry Stevens Asst. Joe Potter

Chaplain Allen Bowman Sergeant-at-arms Randy Hall

and JROTC

If any member would like to assist our chapter as an officer or assistant, please contact Kermit Breed.

Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

Randy Hall is working with area schools' JROTC activities to be ready when these schools resume social events.

Abe Abdmoulaie asks for your continued support as he coordinates the design and assembly of a digital scrapbook history for Texas SAR PineyWoods that will be submitted for competition in January 2021.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — Bernie Kent

PINEYWOODS SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

19 December 2020 - Kermit Breed - Duties of Officers (Nominations of New Officers)

16 January 2021 - Janine Cloud - Family TreeDNA In an Interview, Janine stated, "First, if you aren't absolutely sure you want to know, don't test. Be careful of preconceived ideas as to what the results should be. The DNA doesn't lie, and if the test results don't corroborate the family lore, it can cause some pretty emotional reactions. Remember that DNA testing has opened a lot of doors in family history research, but some of those have been closet doors. Not everyone's going to be thrilled over a non-paternal event. And, second, test every one you can, starting with the oldest of each generation that you can."



20 February 2021 - Mike Anderson, "The Ethics of Enron", Michael E. Anderson, FBI Retired. Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI Houston Enron Task Force.

"A discussion of Enron's unethical leadership, culture, and accounting that facilitated criminal behavior and contributed to the failure of the seventh largest company in America. The discussion also provides a retrospective on how the FBI investigated the most complex White Collar Crime case in FBI history resulting in 23 convictions and more than \$100 million in forfeiture to the victims of the Enron fraud."

20 March 2021—Installation of Officers

Member Information

On our Chapter and State Website

New Members:

Member Resources

The National society has a number of Member Resources available on the National Membership Committee web page. Among them are:

Mentor Program
Mentor Program Checklist
Recruiting Gems
Recruiting Brochure
Retention Letter
New Member Manual
SAR Orientation Workbook
SAR Orientation Workbook Presentation



Links to all of these documents can be obtained by clicking here.

Life Memberships

On the Public TXXAR Website, under ABOUT TEXAS SAR

Scroll Down to Fee Calculator and a side Bar will Appear saying Perpetual Memberships. It Says in 2014, the following. (Only Place)

Texas SAR Perpetual Membership pays National, State and Chapter Dues of the respective Member for life. National and State dues are paid at the rate in effect each year even if they are increased. Chapter dues are paid at the rate of \$9.50 as per Article XXIX, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

The Perpetual Membership Rate is based on the age of the Applicant and is twice the National Life Membership Plan cost. For example: National Life Membership for an Applicant age 40 is \$790.00; therefore, the Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Rate for an Applicant age 40 is \$1,580.00. National Life Membership for an Applicant age 70 is \$415.00; therefore, the Perpetual Membership Rate for an Applicant age 70 is \$830.00. The National Life Membership Rates may be found on the <u>Application for Enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan form</u>. Your Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Rate can be automatically calculated for you on the <u>Fee Calculator page</u>.

A Texas SAR Perpetual Membership may be purchased in two equal installments. The first installment will be used by the Texas SAR Treasurer to purchase a National Life Membership for the Applicant. The Applicant would be required to pay State and Chapter dues until the second installment is paid. After the second installment is paid, the Applicant would not be required to pay future State or Chapter dues.

Compatriots wishing to purchase a Texas SAR Perpetual Membership should complete a National Life Membership Plan form and a Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Plan form. Send the completed National Life Membership Plan form to the Texas State Secretary with a check payable to Treasurer General, NSSAR. Send the completed Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Plan form to the Texas SAR Treasurer with check payable to Texas State Treasurer. The National Life Membership Plan completed form is sent by Texas State Secretary to NSSAR to purchase a National Life Membership for the Compatriot. The Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Plan completed form is retained by the Texas State Treasurer to purchase the balance of the Texas SAR Perpetual Membership for the Compatriot.

ANNUAL YEARBOOK 2020

Here is a taste of what the Annual yearbook will look like for 2020. Most of the content has been includedstill waiting on a couple of sections to complete the yearbook process. Kermit and Larry get a lot of thanks & credit for their efforts and creative design work of the Annual yearbook slides!

We agreed to make a streamlined version consisting of 3 sections- Youth Programs, Veteran activities, and Patriot Biographies to present for our meeting on December 12th. We chose 2 Patriot bio example slides (President Kermit Breed and President elect-Mike Anderson) that used both Patriot bio template formats used to build the tribute to share with everyone for our meeting. We have roughly a total of 34 Patriot bios slides with still more time for members that will still like their ancestor included in the yearbook. Please contact me, Kermit, or Larry if you have any questions or need additional support.

The yearbook cost is included in this slide deck and more that we publish the less the cost to print. Hope everyone approves and is excited to participate in purchasing their own Annual yearbook to remember how the Piney Woods Chapter endured in a year of adversity to help preserve and share our American history with society!

Abe Abdmoulaie—Historian





PINEYWOOD YOUTH PROGRAM

2019 - 2020

February 15th Chapter Meeting

Youth Programs

A special treat was provided at the February meeting by our Chapter Oration contestant Ms. Emily Phillips presented speech. She began,

"12 score and four years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, that all people have a right to freedom, that liberty is and eternally remain the birthright of its sons and daughters.

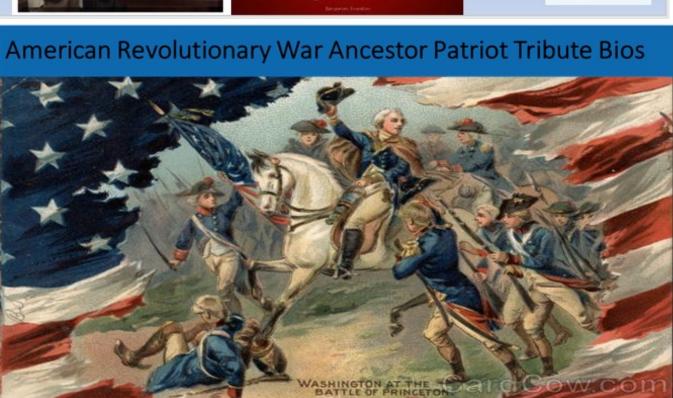




The only thing that is more expensive than education is ignorance.







The Annual Yearbook for 2020 or "Scrapbook", must be completed before the next Annual Texas Convention. We are shooting for the end of December to have the Yearbook nearly complete.

Including you and your Ancestor requires you to send either a Power Point Slide or just a Word Document of your ancestors service to President Breed, Larry Stevens, or to me, Abe Abdmoulaie. We can add pictures of battles, places, grave markers, and stories which are or could be the history surrounding your Patriot. Please join the ZOOM Meeting Saturday December 12th to see more. ABE

BY-LAWS PineyWoods Chapter, No. 51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution as amended May 2000

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers of this Chapter, other than those usual under parliamentary law for the respective officials, shall be such as elsewhere provided in the Constitution and these By-Laws, and in the following sections of this article:

SECTION 1. President: The President shall appoint all standing committees and such special committees, as he deems necessary. He shall announce to the Chapter at meetings, or direct the Secretary to do so to the members by mail all actions and decisions of the Board of Directors. He shall represent the Board of Directors in all its dealings. He shall countersign all checks written on funds of the Chapter.

SECTION 2. First Vice President: The First Vice President shall fill the office of the President of the Chapter when the President is absent or unable to act. In matters other than presiding at meetings, however, he shall act only if the matter will not reasonably await the return of the President or his renewed ability to act. Duties of the First Vice President shall include, but are not limited to:

- Responsible for the Chapter Meeting Programs.
- Assists the Chapter Genealogist with follow up on new member application issues.
- Other duties or responsibilities as may be assigned by the Chapter's Board of Directors.
- The President will appoint an Assistant to the First Vice President. The term of the Assistant to the First Vice President will be one year in length. He will be responsible for the Newsletter.

SECTION 3. Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall, as provided for the First Vice President, will fill the office of the President in case both the President and the First Vice President are absent or unable to act.

Duties of the Second Vice President shall include, but are not limited by:

- Leads the Chapter activities in the area of Chapter sponsored Youth Contests, such as essay, oration, and poster programs.
- Assists the Medals and Awards Committee in the performance of its official duties.
- Other duties or responsibilities as may be assigned by the Chapter's Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall have custody of all papers, books, files, and property of the Chapter, except such as pertain to the duties of other officers, and have same available for use of the Chapter at all meetings, or as it may direct. He shall keep the minutes of all meetings and present them for approval at the next regular meeting of the Chapter, after which he shall enter them in the minute book. Such minutes shall show the names of all members present at the meetings and the actions taken and other performances at same. He shall carry into effect all orders of the Chapter at meetings, except such as are directed to other officers and committees, and perform such other services for the Chapter as directed by it or its authorized officers, committees, and members. He shall keep all books, files, records, and property subject to inspection of all members of the Chapter at all reasonable times. He shall preserve all property of the Chapter in his possession from loss or injury, and permit it to be used for Society purposes only. He shall conduct all business and correspondence for the Chapter as directed by the President and/or the Board of Directors, except such as may be in the hands of other proper officers or committees for attention.

SECTION 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Chapter deposited in a good and solvent bank in an account or accounts, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Chapter, and such funds may be withdrawn only on checks signed by him or the Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or another Officer, as approved by the Board of Directors. At the last regular meeting of each year, he shall make an annual report, in writing, to the Chapter showing all

money and property of the Chapter in his possession, all that has been received by him during the year, and fully the manner of its disposition. He shall make such special reports during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of Directors. He shall collect from the Secretary all funds due the Chapter and make deposit thereof.

SECTION 6. Registrar: The Registrar shall keep a list of all members of the Chapter and their addresses, with the dates of admission to membership, dates of resignation, death, or other termination of membership. He shall make a report to the Chapter in writing, at the February regular meeting for the entire preceding calendar year, and at such times during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of directors, and deliver to his successor in office all the lists of members, books, papers, correspondence, and other property pertaining to his office.

SECTION 7. Genealogist: The Genealogist shall render such assistance to the Secretary and members of the Chapter as may be needed in compiling the genealogy for all applicants for membership, and give such advice and assistance in completing applications for membership as may be needed.

SECTION 8. Chancellor: The Chancellor shall be an attorney-at-law if one be included in the Chapter and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Chancellor may also act as Parliamentarian at any of the meetings of the Chapter.

SECTION 9. Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall be called upon by the President or the Board of Directors in all matters affecting parliamentary law in the course of meetings of the Chapter.

SECTION 10. Historian: The Historian shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the collection and preservation of historical and genealogical material, collect and record information in reference to historical sites and related matters, and keep a scrapbook or record of the events pertaining to the Chapter's history.

SECTION 11. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall open and close all meetings with prayer, and officiate in such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may direct

SECTION 12. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead the members of the Chapter into the meeting hall, bearing the flag, at the opening of meetings. Between meetings the flag shall remain in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will deliver it for use at meetings of the Chapter. During meetings he shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following standing committees, of not less than three (3) members each, whose duties shall be

such as may be defined by the Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Chapter at a regular or special meeting:

Membership Committee

Credentials Committee

Genealogy Committee

Finance Committee

Program Committee

Publicity Committee

Visitation Committee

Also, the President may appoint such special committees as may be necessary from time to time.

Original By-Laws adopted by members of the Chapter at an organizing meeting held on Thursday January 13, 1994.

Thomas M. Green, President