



Pine Shavings



**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

President's Message



I hope this message finds everyone in good health and spirits. It's hard to believe we are already into the middle of February. Here is hoping that everyone can attend our February luncheon meeting at Jimmy G's restaurant on the 17th. John Beard, our current state president will be our featured speaker. John, who was an accountant by trade, will give us a presentation on the Financing of the American Revolution. I asked him to elaborate, and he said, "things have not changed much from then till now". I could not agree more.

I feel that everyone that came to the January meeting enjoyed the George the 3rd quiz. Old George had a long reign and changed a lot through the years. Brent Monteleone, was the winner of the quiz, and given a book on little know trivia about the American Revolution.

Ben Baskin, has accepted the position of Sargent at Arms for the remainder of my term in office. He will be responsible for making sure the flags are at all our meetings. He will also help the treasurer collect the money for the monthly luncheon. Thankyou Ben for your help in making our chapter better. Also, Joe Potter

our immediate past president, has come forward and is helping Larry and Kermit with registrar responsibilities. This is a big job, and the help is much appreciated. Thankyou Joe!

Jim Pinkerton



February 1778

**Meeting
Saturday,
Feb 17,
2018
Member &
Guest**

Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the

JANUARY PROGRAM

**Texas President John C. Beard
Financing the American Revolution**

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

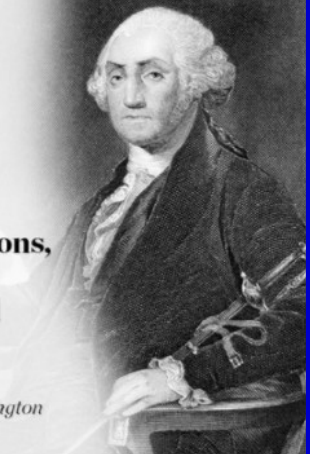
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Memorable Quotes

“Your love of liberty, your respect for the laws, your habits of industry, and your practice of the moral and religious obligations, are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness.”

—George Washington



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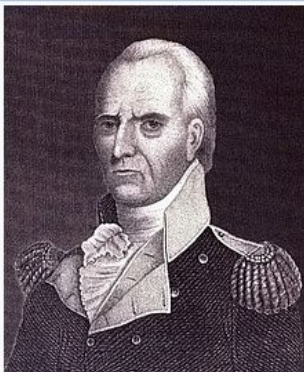
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UNSUNG HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION

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Gen John Stark is believed to have led his militia forces, including Vermont Green Mountain Boys with his own flag on August 16, 1777 at the Battle of Benningham.

John Stark

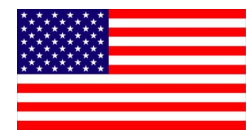


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Calendar of Events

National



NSSAR Leadership March 1-3, 2018

State Events

TXSSAR Conference
April 5-8, 2018



Chapter Events

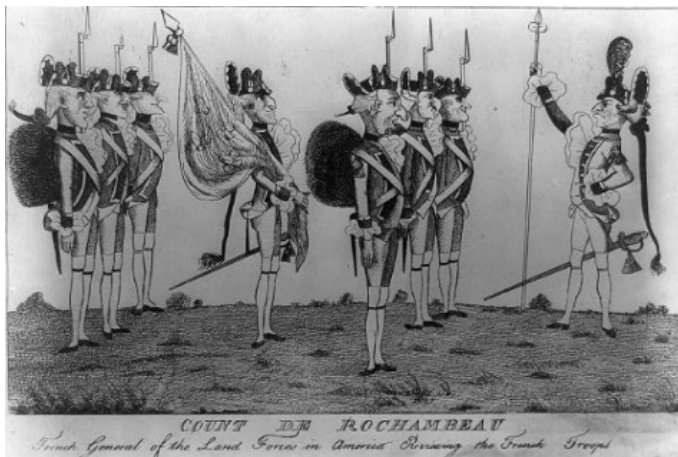
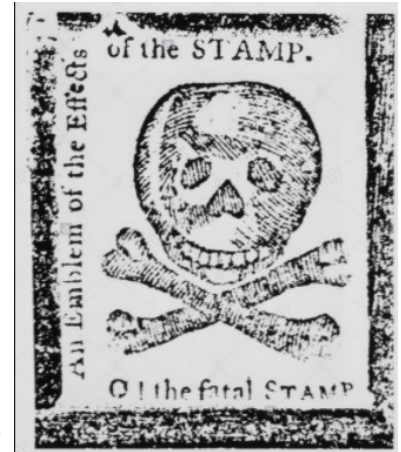
Member/Guest-Jimmy G's Feb 17, 2018
Member/Guest-Jimmy G's Mar 17, 2018
Member/Guest-Jimmy G's Apr 21, 2018

This Day in History



1763 February 10—End of the Seven Years War or French and Indian War— France surrenders all of its possessions East of the Mississippi River to Great Britain. The New American Frontier is now more open for expansion. The costs of this war will lead to more taxes on the colonies. (Left) Bloody Battles fought on the Colonial Frontiers.

1765 March 22—Passage of the Stamp Act—Seeking relief from heavy debts incurred fighting the Seven Years War and with the people in England already heavily taxed, Parliament taxes the American Colonies. The first in a series of attempts to reduce Crown debt was the Stamp Act on the American Colonies. Legal documents, newspapers, and even playing cards were taxed. Americans successfully campaigned to have the tax repealed. (Right) May 9, 1754, Benjamin Franklin’s “Join Or Die” cartoon in the Pennsylvania Gazette.



1778 February—France Declares War against Britain—

The American victory over the British at Saratoga combined with American Diplomatic efforts, convince Louis the XVI to declare War upon Great Britain bringing French financial aid and the French Army and Navy into the war that prove critical in winning the war. This news reached the Continental Army in May 1778.

Count de Rochambeau, General of Land Forces in American is reviewing the French troops.



1782 January—Loyalist Leave America. About 100,00 Loyalist leave American looking for new homes in Britain, Canada, and the British Colonies in the West Indies. Some 15,000 African Americans leave some of which establish Sierra Leone in Africa.

(Left) The picture depicts Loyalists being welcomed on arrival on new shores.

The picture to the (Right) shows Loyalist drawing lots for land newly surveyed in Canada.. Many settled near the American border just north of New York and Vermont.



Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 20 January 2018

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Kermit Breed was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, Bernie Kent, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin, Andrew Kodak and Brent Monteleone

GUEST: Buddy Inman, Kathy Inman, Ann Kent, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, George Baskin, Sally Baskin and Christopher Kodak

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the December meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Stevens reported a balance \$ 2,390.01. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Buddy Inman, Bruce Nickell, Benjamin Sapp and Donald Sievertson. Larry Stevens is working on an application for John Schmonsees. Larry is also serving as State Registrar. Joe Potter is working on new applications for Abraham, Samuel and Bo Alexander Abdmoulale.

Larry Stevens reported that at the end of the year, 31 December 2017, PineyWoods had 91 Members, which includes 6 Junior Members but not the four out-of-state dual members. So far in 2018, he said the chapter has 68 members and 22 non-paid members. He said the no-paid would not be dropped he their 2018 dues was received by the end of January. He stated this is not unusual except the number of non-pays is higher than in the past. He said that 7 members have committed to getting their checks in the mail to date.

NEWSLETTER: On line at: <http://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/pdf/dec2017sar.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military or War Service Medal. A DD214 is required. Contact Kermit Breed at breedkermit@aol.com

Barbara Stevens was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Challenge Coin for her presentation on the DAR at last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Pinkerton presented Brent Monteleone the Military Service Medal. After OCS Brent served in the Cavalry (Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle) Kermit Breed and Joe Potter were awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered the PineyWoods Chapter.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim Pinkerton presented a program on King George III. After a short quiz we reviewed the answers and discussed what was going on at the time. Thanks' for your informative presentation Jim. Larry Stevens presented Jim with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

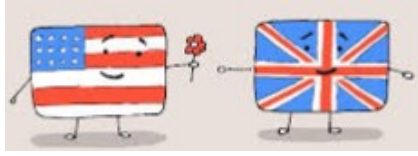
Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by Kermit Breed. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

NOTICE

The PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meeting are Member and Guest unless otherwise published. PineyWoods as a set menu of several specialties at a cost of \$25 per meal.

PineWoods Chapter Membership News



BRIT RECEIVES MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL

In College Station

State President John Beard and Independence Chapter President George Nelson recognize Rhoda Hanes. Rhoda was born a British Citizen, married an American and became a Naturalized citizen. This British Lady has assisted, first her husband becoming a SAR member; then her Daughter DAR; her four grandsons; and later her son-in-law. “6” SAR MEMBERS. George and John presented her the SAR Martha Washington Medal for her service to the SAR.



Pictured L—John Beard, Rhoda Hayes, George Nelson

VETERANS -NSSAR Military Service Medal

Brent Monteleone received the NSSAR Military Serve Medal and Certificate from President Pinkerton recognizing him for his service as an officer in the United States Army. Brent described his services in an Armored Division and the locations were he was posted..



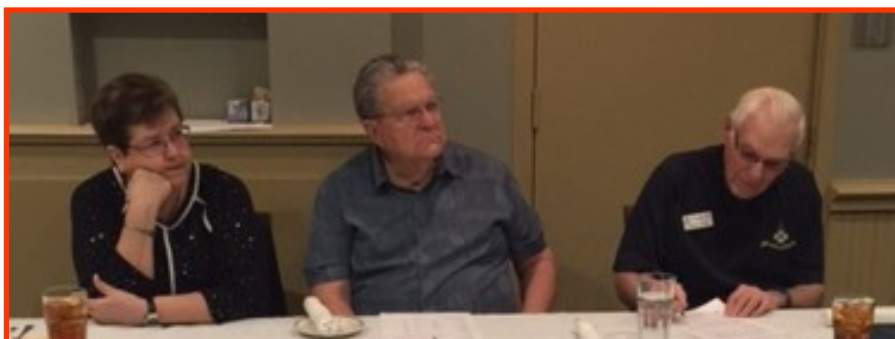
Military Service Medal, authorized in 2006, may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be provided to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn.

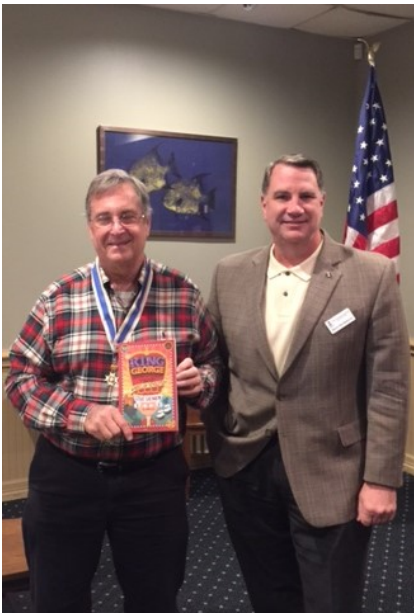


Prospective New Member

Buddy Inman and wife Kathy with Kermit Breed. Buddy's application is in Louisville for approval. Buddy is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas Lone Star Chapter that meets in The Woodlands.



Chapter News, Cont.



The January presentation by President Pinkerton on facts about King George III was a test of your knowledge. And, the person with the greatest number of correct answers would receive a prize. Brent Monteleone was *first* missing only 2 questions. His prize, a book on King George. Great educational program was enjoyed by all. (Left)

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** is awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to the chapter. The compatriot must have served for a minimum of two years as a chapter officer, or a committee chair for a minimum of three years, or and active member of a committee for 4 or more years. This medal was named after Roger Sherman, a founding father, who is the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.



President Pinkerton presented two Bronze Rodger Sherman Medals; first of **Kermit Breed** and second to **Joe Potter**. (Left -Joe)



Barbara Stevens receives a Certificate of Appreciation for her talk of the DAR

Jim Pinkerton is presented the Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation on George III by 1st VP Larry Stevens (Right)



L-R Barbara Stevens, Ben Baskin, George Baskin, Sally Baskin, Joe Potter



Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



Picture From the Texas Website

PineyWoods Members Visit Independence Chapter in College Station

TXSSAR District 8—Texas SAR has **eleven divisions** or districts and eleven District Vice Presidents who serve on the Board of Management. PineyWoods Chapter 51 is in District 8 and the current VP is Allen Greene who is a member of Robert Rankin. There are six Chapters in District 8.

Chapters in District 8 were created out Houston's oldest Chapter, Paul Carrington Chapter 5, which was formed from the First Texas Chapter, Galveston 1898, and traditionally has met since chartered in near Downtown Houston. These chapters are the **Freedom** Chapter 40 in the Conroe Area, **Independence** Chapter 38 which meets in College Station, **PineyWoods** which has a large area from Tomball to Liberty, Channelview to Livingston, and the **Robert Rankin** Chapter 62 in the West and Northwest Houston Area, and **Huntsville's** Captain John McAdams chapter 27.



Pictured— (above left) -Mary-Clare Beard and Dr. Jane Cohen

Pictured—(above right) - Jane Cohen, Mare Beard Dianne Jones

(right) Texas President John Beard an d James (Jim) Jones



UNSUNG HEROS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

There were many men and women who made great sacrifices to help the united States win its independence.

Among these unsung Heroes was **John Stark**, who sent his regrets that he could not attend the 1809 veterans' reunion of the Battle of Bennington and concluded with his message, "*Live Free or Die: Death is not the Worst of Evils*". His exhortation was adopted as the State of New Hampshire's Motto in 1945.

John Stark was born in Londonderry, now Derry, New Hampshire on August 28, 1728. When he was eight years old his father moved the family to Derryfield where Stark met and married Elizabeth "Molly" Page and lived there the rest of his life. He and Molly had eleven children.

On April 28, 1752, while on a hunting trip, he and others were captured by the Abenaki Indians. He and a fellow prisoner were made to run the gauntlet. Stark grabbed the stick out of the first warrior's hands and began beating him and other Indians. The chief was so impressed with Stark that he adopted him as a tribal member, and Stark wintered with the tribe. In Spring a government agent sent by the Providence of Massachusetts Bay to work out a prisoner exchange and paid \$103 Spanish Silver Dollars for Stark's freedom. Stark returned to New Hampshire where he farmed and operated a sawmill.



When news of the British firing on citizens in Lexington and then marching on Concord reached Stark, he immediately organized about 400 men and marched them to Boston leading them into the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. John Stark positioned his men in a gap in the patriot defense preventing the British from getting around the American lines. The American Militia, though large in numbers, would most likely have routed. Stark and his men saved the day at Bunker Hill. (Breed's Hill)

Washington needing experienced men offered Stark a command position in the Continental Army. Stark and his New Hampshire Boys agreed and served as reinforcements during the Spring of 1776 invasion of Canada. After the retreat from Canada, Stark marched his men to join Washington in New Jersey. Stark and his men fought in the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Washington then asked Stark to return to New Hampshire and recruit new men. After arriving he learned he had been passed over for promotion and resigned his commission on March 23, 1777.

Four months later, Stark was offered the position of Brigadier General of the New Hampshire Militia. He quickly assembled an army of 1490 man and marched to Manchester, Vermont. Major General Benjamin Lincoln ordered him to reinforce Phillip Schuyler's Continental Army on the Hudson River, He refused to obey Lincoln, but Lincoln diplomatically allowed Stark to independently operate at the rear of British General Burgoyne's Army.

AT 3:00 pm on August 16, 1777, after waiting through a rain General Stark attacked the British forces at Bennington, Vermont commanded by Lt Col Friedrich Baum, routing the Tory Militia, Canadians, Indians. It is said he shouted, "*We'll beat them before night, or Molly Starks's a widow*".

Baum was trapped by Stark's force and after he was fatally hit, his men gave up. Stark's force was scattered after the fight. British Lt Col. Heinrich van Breymann arrived with his near 650 men. With Col. Seth Warner and his 350 Green mountain boys, Stark attacked Breymann. Who was quickly defeated.. Stark's action contributed greatly to the defeat of Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga. On October 4th, 1777, Stark won his promotion to Brigadier General in the continental Army.



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See -"Battle of Bennington-Soldiers and Civilians" by Michael P. Gabriel, Arcadia Publishing 2012