



Pine Shavings



PineyWoods Chapter #51 Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution



WELL. February is upon us. We celebrate Presidents Day on Monday the 18th. We generally think of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in conjunction with this holiday. I think we need to be mindful of other presidents both good and not so good. These men have steered us through many tough and glorious times in our history since the revolution. Be it Millard Fillmore or Teddy Roosevelt each man has an indelible mark on our country. Therefore, let's give thanks for all our former presidents. Some we are more thankful for than others.



Our Chapter Officer elections will take place in the February meeting; however, the new officers will not assume their positions until they are sworn in during the March Chapter meeting. They will swear two year terms.

We are definitely thankful for our February presenters. These young men represent what is good and noble in the next generation. Their sponsorship and fundraising, in the name of local Hero's is a very worthy cause. They will tell their story at our February meeting. I hope to see everybody at Jimmy G's on the 16th.

Jim Pinkerton



KINGWOOD FALLEN HEROES
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**PineyWoods PROGRAM—
February 16, 2019**

The Kingwood Fallen Heroes Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Clubs of Kingwood. *This event will honor three Kingwood Fallen Heroes, SGT Brandon C. Bury, SGT William Meeuwsen, and Lance CPL Luke C. Yepsen. All Three men were taken from us while serving in combat. The Golf Tournament will benefit 'Hope for the Warriors', Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.', 'CreatiVEts' and others. These charities support our military and their families. Kingwood Country Club. Marsh and Forest Courses. Shotgun start at 1:30 pm.*

**PineyWoods Chap 51 Meeting
February 16, 2019**
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 meeting date.
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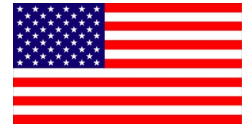
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Calendar of Events

National Events



Spring 2019 Leadership/Trustees-Louisville—Feb 28-Mar 2, 2019

State Events



TXSSAR Annual Meeting: April 5-8, 2019 at the Omni, Austin

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting-Jimmy G's

Feb. 16, 2019

Mar. 16, 2019

Apr. 20, 2019

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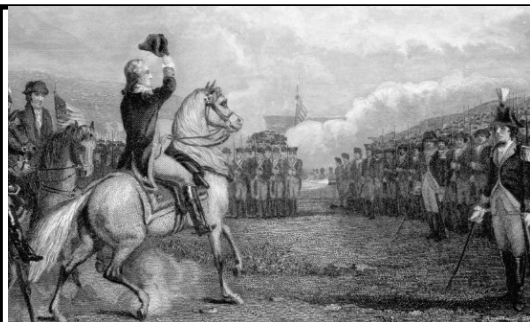
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SAR DUES—The PineyWoods Chapter Began 2019 with 82 Regular Member in good Standing. This is down 13 Memberships from December 31, 2018, because due to non-paid dues. If you have not paid for 2019 and can not find your invoice, please contact John Beard or Larry Stevens. Notice: If you do not have the access passwords for the Texas Website, contact Treasurer John Beard, or Larry Stevens.



"The Question is often asked, "How often did Colonials Bathe".

George Washington at Cambridge shortly after taking command in 1775, *"The General does not mean to discourage the practice of bathing, whilst the weather is warm enough to continue it; but he expressly forbids, any persons doing it, at or near the Bridge in Cambridge, where it has been observed and complained of, that many Men, lost to all sense of decency and common modesty, are running about naked upon the Bridge, whilst Passengers, and even Ladies of the first fashion in the neighbourhood, are passing over it, as if they meant to glory in their shame."*

1776 Feb 27 – Moore’s Creek Bridge. The Patriot’s take Moore’s Creek Bridge near Willington in North Carolina. Royal Governor Josiah Martin called up 1600 Loyalist commanded by Col. Donald McLeod near Cross Creek, North Carolina, to march east to join other loyalist British regulars near the coast at New Brunswick. Whig Commander Richard Caswell, later the first Governor of North Carolina, marched to intercept arriving before the British and position 1000 colonials with cannon and muskets under the cover of tree. McLeod’s intelligence told him the colonials were there, but he expected a much small force. When his force marched across the bridge, Caswell’s Cannon and musket barrage cut down the loyalist forces causing the British to quickly surrender. The defeat of the British ended the British threat to North Carolina and greatly improved the morale of the North Carolinians. On April 12, 1776, North Carolina became the first colonial continental government to vote for independence from Britain. On December 18th, 1776, the North Carolina Provisional Congress voted to approve the Constitution and Bill of Rights of North Carolina and directed the governor to sign the documents.



**Governor Richard Caswell
North Carolina**

1776 Mar 3 – New Providence Island. The Patriot fleet captures New Providence Island (capitol Nassau) in the Bahamas under the command of Ezek Hopkins. On February 17, 1776, Hopkins sailed from the frozen Delaware River to the Bahamas arriving of Aboca Island near New Providence, Nassau Bay. Hopkins goal was to capture a ru-



more cache of 200 barrels of very needed gunpowder. The Battle of Nassau begin on March 3-4, 1776, when 250 marines and sailors the first ever Amphibious Assault took place named the Battle of Nassau. Rowing under the covering fire of the ships Providence and Wasp, the marines and sailors stormed Fort Montagu forcing the British to retreat to Nassau where they soon surrendered without resistance. The assault forces managed the capture several dozen cannon and mortars but only some 40 barrels of gunpowder that the British had not smuggled out.



1776 Marines

1980 Boston USS Providence (l) - USS Constitution (r) much

1778 Feb 6 – The French Alliance and Amity – The Treaty of Alliance with France was signed February 6, 1778 support the American cause. Negotiating this treaty were Benjamin Franklin, Silas Dean and Arthur Lee. France and the United States agreed not to sign a separate future peace agreement. And, the treaty promoted trade and commercial ties with France. The treaty protected shipping and trading rights but not bind the parties to come to the defense of each other. Louis XVI signed the Treaty in March 1778.



Piney Woods Chapter Meeting Minutes January 19, 2019

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX January 19, 2019

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

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Kim Morton, John Worm, Bernie Kent, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Ben Baskin, B. Ray Mize, Alan Bowman, Doug Blodgett, Dick Setser and John Beard

GUESTS PRESENT: Ann Kent, Sarah Potter, Nancy Pinkerton, Natalie Foster, Kathleen Meaux, Dr. Robert Meaux, Sharon Mize, Carolyn Bowman, Andria G. Blodgett, Sherry Setser and Mary Claire Beard

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 2018 Minutes, motion passed

TREASURE'S REPORT: John Beard reported a balance of \$1,679.37. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report motion carried. After some discussion the motion was made and seconded to move both checking and CD accounts to Wells Fargo Bank in Kingwood, TX. Motion Carried. Resolutions were prepared then signed by secretary Kermit Breed authorizing Treasure John Beard to close the accounts at Comerica Bank and open new accounts at Wells Fargo.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on applications for Jared Coco, Ben Sapp, David Burges, Trey Davis and Dale Blake. Larry Stevens sponsored Luke Jordan Junior; his application is approved; and, Applications for Mike Anderson, Mike Stuart, Memorial for Richard Stuart, and a Supplemental for Larry has been mailed to Louisville by the Coastal Registrar.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: President Pinkerton will be taking over the JROTC program ran at present by Larry Blackburn. Please volunteer for this worthwhile program. We have an Essay Contest contestant and this will be announced in February.

OLD BUSINESS: The following members were nominated to serve as Piney Wood #51 officers from March 2019 to March 2020

President	Kermit Breed	1 ST Vice President	Buddy Inman
Chaplain	Allen Bowman	2 nd Vice President	Jim Pinkerton
Chancellor	Brent Monteleone	Secretary	Bernie Kent
Treasurer	B Ray Mize	Genealogist	Kim Morton
Historian	Abe Abdmoulaie	Parliamentarian	David Cook
Registrar	Larry Stevens and Joe Potter	Sergeant-at-arms	Ben Baskin

Appointed Positions: Webmaster-Ray Cox Newsletter-Larry Stevens

NEW BUISNESS: John Worm reported on our "Coupons for Base Exchange" program. We helped send coupons weighing 37.9 lb. valued at \$100,245.00 to Andersen AFB Guam and \$37,940.00 to Hohenfels, Germany. Thanks to our friends to the north, SAR Wind River Chapter in Riverton, Wyoming and it's president Karl

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NOTICE

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.

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Falken who contributed 7 lbs. in coupons.

GUEST SPEAKER: Houston native Dr. Robert Meaux, a local genealogist and historian, works for the Humble Independent School District. He has strong family ties to the area, as both of his parents were raised in Humble. Dr. Meaux is director of the Humble Museum. Arthur of the book "Images of America: Humble." He spoke on the history Humble. President Pinkerton presented Dr. Meaux with a donation of \$150.00 for the Humble Museum and Certificate of Appreciation along with a Challenge Coin.

NEW MEMBERS: Dick Setser was sworn in as our newest member. Dick's patriot is Capt. Thomas Lee from the Tidewater Region of VA. Served from 21 Nov 1776 until 23 June 1778. Dick was also awarded the Military Service Medal for his service to our country. If you had service in the military, please contact me at breedkermit@aol.com your DD-214 is required.

Benediction by Kermit Breed was followed by the SAR closing. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed



Past Texas President John Beard pins the SAR Membership Rosette on the Jacket Lapel of new member **Richard "Dick" Setser**. Pres. Jim Pinkerton Watching.



Dr. Robert Meaux with Pres. Pinkerton

Dick Setser's Ancestor was Captain Thomas Lee who served in the Johnston Co., North Carolina, Militia. His great-grandfather Robert Nelson Setser Ancestor married Amanda Lee, 1853, in Hawkins Co. Tennessee. Amanda was the great-granddaughter of Patriot Thomas Lee. When beginning research on Dick's Lineage, we checked the NSDAR GRS or Genealogical Research System and under Ancestors found a recently approved DAR application on Patriot Thomas Lee. This application was through a younger brother of Amanda. Amanda was the 2nd wife of Robert Setser. Using censuses and death certificates, we able to prove that Amanda was the mother of Dick's grandfather and the Daughter of his gggrandfather Green T. Lee. Using these proofs, we could then cite the DAR Application of proof of lineage for Dick to Patriot Thomas Lee..

At the right, John Beard is presenting Dick with his **War Service Medal** for his service in the Military of the United States. If you served in the US Military, just bring a copy of your DD216 and present it to the chapter secretary. The secretary can then order you medal and certificate.



Chapter and State News

Chapter Youth Contest

Scholarship Contest entries by TWO high school students for PineyWoods, one **Essay** Contest and one **Oration** Contest, who placed first place at the chapter level, have been submitted for Texas Society Youth Contest competitions. Our Essay Contest 1st Place winner was Katherine H. of Spring. Interesting is that her older sister won our chapter contest two years ago and placed second in Texas. Our Oration Contestant, H. H., was judged first in District 6 competition on January 31st in The Woodlands and has been invited to our State Convention in Austin to compete for First Place during our Youth Awards Luncheon on April 6th. The Oration Contest has always been a highlight of our State Convention and is a must if you have never attended. Alan and Carolyn Bowman attended the District 6 speech contest and served as a judge representing PineyWoods. We need to extend our appreciation to Alan; judging these kids is a very difficult task. H. H. is the first Oration Contestant ever submitted by our chapter for state competition. President Pinkerton wants to challenge us all to spread the word about our contest to both Private and Public Schools in our area.

Chapter Coupon Project

"Attention all members who are unable to make a physical appearance at our monthly chapter meetings. You can help the chapter by assisting with our Coupons for Overseas Military Families program. All that is required is for you to collect the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080

We would like to suggest you clip them out before sending. This will save the gathers and shippers some amount of effort and provide you the further benefit of reducing your postage costs. In case you missed our previous report, last year we provided military families stationed overseas with coupons to effect savings of approximately \$138,000. That being said, we can sure use any additional help you can provide the Piney Woods Chapter to further this program."

Special note: *Riverton Wyoming. The new Wyoming Chapter established by Karl Falken* (PineyWoods Dual and Karl's first Chapter) is participating in Coupons for Overseas Military Families. They are sending the Coupons to John Worm.

Memorial Applications;

Registrar Larry Stevens has helped in the preparation of two Memorial Applications for members wanting to recognize fathers who were very interested in family history. With the reduction in Memorial Application costs to \$127 in Texas, our registrars are prepared to assist in preparation. Proof s for both of the applications only required the members SAR Record Copy.

Texas State Convention

The 124th Annual Texas Society SAR Conference April 5-7, 2019 is at the Omni Hotel Austin South Park located at 4140 Governors Row, Austin. The Hotel Reservation Link can be found on the Texas Website; also on the site are the registration forms, both on-line and a PDF that can be printed and mailed.

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The conference program is not yet on line; However, conference events begin for members at 8:00 am Friday morning, April 5th with State Committee Meetings. Historically, the different committees will meet until about 3:00 pm. Committees are the lifeline of our organization and the more members that attend our state meetings and participate, the better we perform as an organization. With only two state meetings a year, it is very important that our Chapters and our Districts meet in support of our programs; Youth, Members, and Veterans. Hope you can join those of us from PineyWoods, with our spouses, that will be attending.

The Carolinas and the South

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 could 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 Waxhaw's on May 29, 1780 spread throughout the Carolinas, across the Blue Ridge, into Washington county North Carolina, and on to Virginia. This outrage and fear of the British forces being deployed into the Carolinas and lead by the feared Lt. Colonel Tarleton and Major Wymns caused the 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 and 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 camped his British forces at Hanging Rock, South Carolina, some 40 miles to the west of the mill.



Gen. Griffith Rutherford
1721-1805

On the evening of June 14, Rutherford 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 Ramsour's Mill and attack



RAMSOURS MILL Re-enactment

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 any further 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

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McDowell, Brandon, and Falls to 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; as 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 Waxhaw's Massacre.



Hanging Rock 1780



Camden 1780

Williams Plantation or Huck's Defeat on July 12, 1780, the same day, Cedar Springs, Gow-an's Old Fort 13 July, Rocky Mount on 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, Whigs 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", Pub. by McFarland.



Williams Plantation —Huck's Defeat