



Pine Shavings

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



From the President



PineyWoods Members and Friends,

Thanks to Kim Morton for his outstanding show and telling about his father's experiences just after WWII in Occupation Forces in Japan. Our guest speaker for February will be SAR Texas State President David Temple.

Our Chapter Officer elections took place at the January meeting and the elected officers will be sworn in by *Texas State President David Temple* during the February Chapter meeting to finish their two year Commitment.

February, Americanism month, is a time to reflect on our freedom and a time to let the public, particularly our youth, know just how unique and special our land

is and the freedom that all our veterans have given us. Take honor our American flag and display it proudly. Don't get me wrong I love our flag, but I often wonder if the "DON'T TREAD ON ME" flag wouldn't be a better choice this day and time.



Although the federal holiday is held on the third Monday of February, George Washington's birthday is observed on February 22. To complicate matters, Washington was actually born on February 11 in 1731!

George Washington was born in Westmorland County, VA. when the Julian calendar was being used. During Washington's lifetime, people in Great Britain and America switched the official calendar system from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar.

TEXAS PRESIDENT DAVID TEMPLE



On February 15th, President Temple will address the PineyWoods Chapter and install chapter officers for the upcoming year 2020-2021.

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting February 15, 2020

**Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway, Houston, Texas**

12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting -Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

**RSVP to Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com or
281 361-2061**

As a result of this calendar reform, people born before 1752 were told to add 11 days to their birth dates. Those born between January 1 and March 25, as Washington was, also had to add one year to be in sync with the new calendar.

By the time Washington became president in 1789, he celebrated his birthday on February 22 and listed his year of birth as 1732.

In 1968 Congress moved the holiday to the 3rd Monday in February, and this created a lot of debate across our great land. There was a proposal at one time to change the observance from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day in order to celebrate President Lincoln, born in Hodgenville, KY February 12, 1809, as well; however, this has never come to pass. Here in Texas we call it Presidents' Day.

States observing some form of Washington, Lincoln or Presidents' Day = 41

- States observing a form of this holiday on the 3rd Monday of February = 38
- States observing *Washington's Birthday* only = 9
- States observing *Presidents' Day* only = 24

States not observing any form of this holiday at any time during the year = 9

Some say February is hump time between winter and spring. It is also a good time to prune your fruit trees and rose bushes.

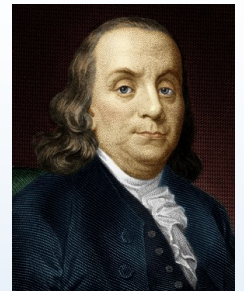
Come and meet your Texas SAR President on February 15th.

Kermit Breed

Upcoming Chapter Lunch Program Speakers

March 21th - Organizational Meeting for 2020 State Convention to be held at The Woodlands 26, 27, 28 and 29 of March 2020—Kermit Breed.

April 18th – John Keaton Thompson “Ben and Debra Franklin”—John and wife Mary present a program playing Benjamin Franklin and Martha Read, Ben's Common-Law wife.



May 16th - B. Ray Mize - How to write your personal history

September 19th – Business Meeting “What Is My job” - Kermit Breed will lead the discussion on Officer Duties.

October 17th – Jerry Fochman on Civil War Currency. Jerry Fochman returns after many years to discuss and show Confederate Currency. Jerry's hobby is collecting Civil War period Bills and Coins. Both of his sons entered and won the Texas Eagle Scout.

November 21th – Denise Bennett on “Women Suffrage” . Denise recently presented “The Woman's Hour”, dressed in period attire from the 1920's and entered the room as if in a suffrage parade”... (Pictured right).

December 12th—Annual Nominations Meeting and Christmas Lunch



PineyWoods Chapter Officers

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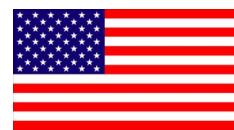
PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter Editor



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Calendar of Events

National Events



NSSAR Congress—July 10-16, 2020 Richmond, Virginia—Hotel Info Posted!

State Events



TXSSAR 125th Anniversary Convention

March 26-29, 2020—Westin at The Woodlands

Chapter Events

Chapter Meetings—Jimmy G’s

March 21, 2020—Jimmy G’s

April 18, 2020—Jimmy G’s

May 16, 2020—Jimmy G’s

Official Newsletter

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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.

EVENT REGISTRATION and HOTEL RESERVATION LINKs have been POSTED FOR THE 125th TEXAS CONVENTION in THE WOODLANDS. The link for making a reservation at the Westin at the Woodlands is now on the Texas Website along with the telephone number. The link is also on the Event Registration form Don’t wait to reserve a room. We have already had to add to our hotel room block.

Registration for the Convention is \$50. Registering allows you to be a voting delegate in the general business sessions. And, you can participate in discussing in the committee meetings that will begin 8:00 am on Friday, March 27th. The Youth Award Luncheon will begin a 12 Noon on March 28th. Come a listen to the Oration Contest. This an important event for the Freedom and PineyWoods Chapter. WE ARE THE HOSTS and need a good turnout!

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Membership, Highest in Several Years — 109 Members!

Active/Regular—81 New Members—7 Active/Reinstated This Year—8

Dual/Primary Other State—6 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

Information about membership, contact Larry G. Stevens — wardtracker@aol.com

PineyWoods Chapter Meeting Minutes January 18, 2020

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

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, John Worm, Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin, Dick Setser, John Beard, Buddy Inman, Larry Stevens, Allan Henshaw, Jeff LaRochelle, Randy Hall, Jim Jones, Nathaniel Daffron, , Michael E. Anderson, and B Ray Mize

GUESTS PRESENT: Judy Worm, Barbara Stevens, Mary Claire Beard, Dianne Jones, Sherry Setser, Karen Daffron, Raul Athan Lejarza, Briana Roenz, Laura Lejarza, and Raul Lajarza

MINUTES: 14 December 2019 Minutes were approved.

TREASURE’S REPORT: B Ray Mize presented the treasure report and it was approved

REGISTRAR’S REPORT: Kermit Breed has applications for Patrick, Daniel and Marcus Pourreau in progress. Larry Stevens has an Application for Dr. Philmore Joseph in the mail. John Bred is working on an Application for Roland Skelton.

COUPON REPORT: John Worm reported the latest figures on our coupon for servicemen effort. We sent coupons valued at \$121,370 to Andersen AFB, Guam, and \$29,700 to Hohenfels, Germany. Piney woods contributing \$84,290 of the total.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Jeff LaRochelle introduced PineyWoods’ Eagle Scout Essay winner Raul Athan Lejarza. Raul read his essay on Thomas Paine author of “Common Sense” Published in 1776 Challenging the British government and the royal monarchy. Raul was presented with a medal, certificate and a check for \$200.00 as first place winner of the PineyWoods’ Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. PineyWoods voted to donate \$200.00 to the district. Oration completion being hosted by the Freedom Chapter. Barbara and Larry Stevens will represent our chapter as Judges at the completion the 26 of January. Thanks to you both.

OLD BUSINESS: The following members were elected to serve as Piney Wood #51 officers from March 2020 to March 2021

President—Kermit Breed	Sergeant-at-Arms—Ben Baskin	1st Vice President — Buddy Inman
Chaplain—Allen Bowman	Secretary—Bernie Kent	2nd Vice President—Jim Pinkerton
Treasurer — B. Ray Mize	Historian—Abe Abdmoulaie	Parliamentarian—David Cook
Registrars—Larry Stevens & Joe Potter	Genealogist—Kim Morton	Webmaster—Ray Cox
		Newsletter—Larry Stevens

INSTALATION OF NEW OFFICERS: New officers will be sworn in the 16 February 2020 meeting. This will be formal dress. We plan to get new photos of the officers and members at this time for the Web Site and News Letter. It is our hope that our guest speaker David Temple, Texas Society SAR State President, will install our officers for the coming year.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kim Morton gave a great presentation on his father’s WWII service. The talk included “show and tell” on some of the souvenirs he brought back from occupied Japan.

NEW MEMBERS and AWARDS: Our newest member Nathaniel Daffron was sworn in and gave talk on his ancestor Nathan Allen. Nathan was a private from Connecticut who served in both New York and Vermont. Randy Hall told us about his ancestor Daniel Rix from Vermont, a teamster under Capt. Joseph Parkhurst. Randy a veteran has agreed to help Jim Pinkerton with our JROTC program. If you had service in the military you are eligible for the SAR Military Service Medal contact Kermit Breed at breedkermit@aol.com or Bernie Kent mbkentjr@outlook.com your DD-214 is required.

The Benediction by Jim Pinkerton was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Piney Wood #51 President Kermit Breed for Bernie Kent

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 JANUARY MEEIING



Chapter Genealogist Kim Morton presented a program on his father who served as Marine Officer during the Occupation of Japan just after the surrender of the Emperor. Kim discussed various artifacts he found in a trunk that belonged to his Dad from ceremonial Samari swords to Anti-American Posters. Kim said a Japanese man who worked in the officer barracks would trade with the local population for the many items Kim’s father brought home.



The Heads of Josef Stalin, Winston Churchill, and F D Roosevelt lopped off by a Samurai Warrior



Children Join the March for the Rising Sun; above Kermit presents Kim with a Certificate of Appreciation. What a great story about is Dad.

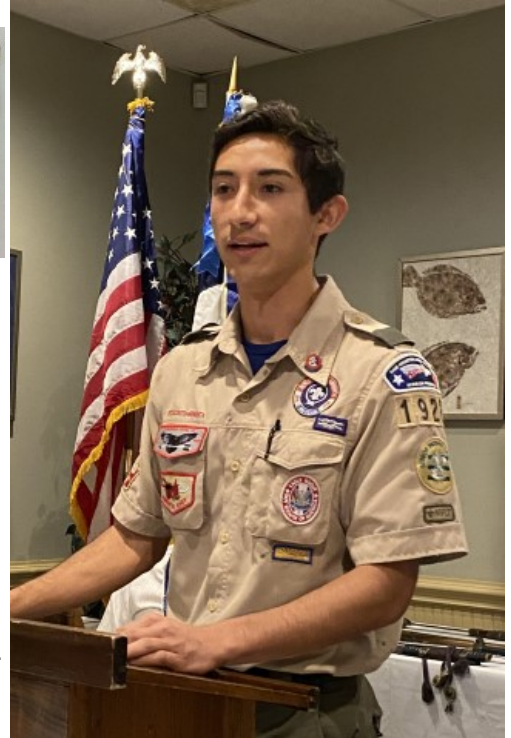


John

Beard was presented the NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation signed by Past President General SAR **Warren Alter** for his contributions serving on the SAR Audit Committee. Warren was not able to present it to John at the SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California. PineyWoods Member and Past TXSSAR President **Larry Stevens** was asked to have it presented to John. President **Kermit Breed** presented the Certificate and congratulated John.



Eagle Scout Chapter Contest Winner Raul Athon Lajarza—Kermit Breed asked Jeff LaRoche the Chapter Eagle Scout Contest Chair to introduce this years winner. After his introduction of Eagle Scout Raul Athon Lajarza, Raul read his contest essay on Thomas Paine. He was then presented with the Chapter Eagle Scout Medal and Certificate and a 1st Place check for \$200. Raul proved to be just as you would expect of an Eagle Scout leader. Raul’s Scholarship Application was forwarded for the Texas contest. His paper on Thomas Paine and how his writings impacted the Continental Army was very good! *“These are the times that try all men’s souls”, Paine*



NEW MEMBER a/o December 6, 2019—Randy Hall was sworn by President Kermit Breed in during the meeting at the Stevens’ home in Kingwood but his membership certificate had not arrived. Kermit presented his certificate in the January meeting. Randy was given the opportunity to talk about his Ancestor Daniel Rix who really painted the story of the Colonies during the Revolutionary War from the populated North East, where Rix served in the Continental Army, to the frontier in Vermont serving and providing goods to the “Green Mountain Boys’ militia and rangers while serving as a minister.

NEW MEMBER Nathaniel Daffron was presented with his New Member Certificate and SAR Rosette by President Breed. Kermit was his sponsor. Nathaniel’s spouse Karen attend with him. Nathaniel works offshore. Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend meetings. He is being relocated to the oil fields just off the coast of Northern Australia. Nathaniel spoke briefly of his ancestor Nathan Allen.



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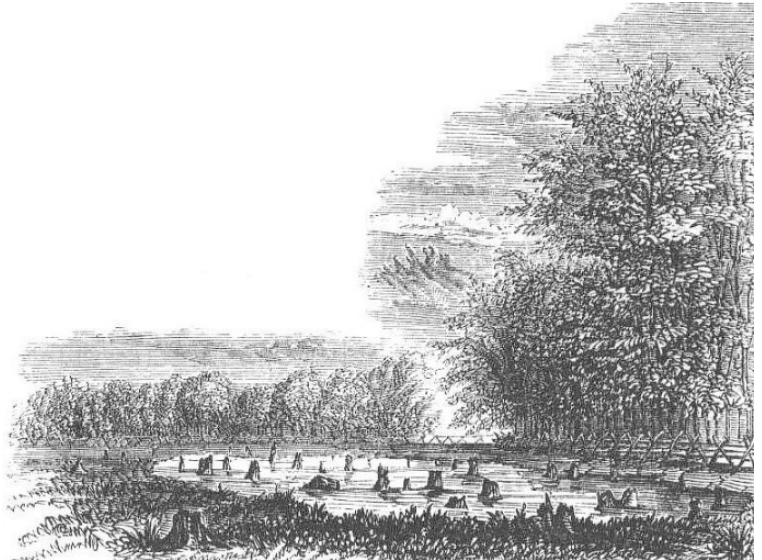
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Battle at Haw River; also known as Pyle's Massacre and Pyle's Hacking Match

February 1781

The disaster at Cowpens left Lord Cornwallis little choice if he was to succeed with his plan to control the Carolinas and Georgia. Shedding his supplies and wagons, but leaving some under a small guard, he headed his army of around 1900 north after General Nathaniel Greene hoping to catch up before Greene reached the Dan River on the North Carolina and Virginia border. But he was too late. Greene had crossed the rain swollen Dan and had retreated into Virginia. Cornwallis decided the risk to his army was not worth continuing the so he returned to Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Camped at Hillsborough on February 19, 1781, Cornwallis began recruiting Loyalist to rebuild his militia forces. Dr. John Pyle, Chatham County, responded to the call, gathering 300 to 400 Loyalist. Dr. Pyle had supported the Crown previously in the War of Regulation, between 1768 and 1771 when other North Carolinians rebelled over taxes. However, he was not at the Battle of Alamance, May 16, 1771, when Governor Tyrone defeated the



"Pyle's Pond" by Benson Lossing 1852

Henry Lee III



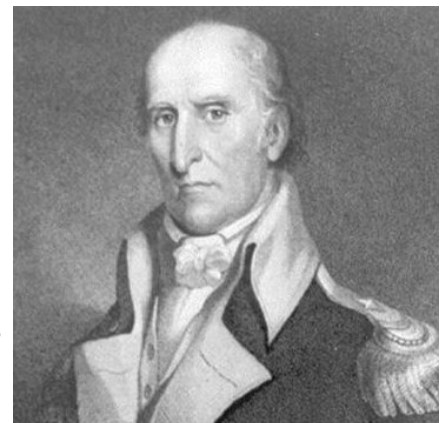
Posthumous portrait by
William Edward West (c.1839)

"Regulators".

Cornwallis responding to Pyle requesting escort, he dispatched Banastre Tarleton with about 450 men to meet Pyle. But, Pyle stayed put allowing his men to spend the time with their families.

In Virginia, General Greene resupplied his army and added more men from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and North Carolina, swelling his army to more than 4,000. Around 1,700 were regulars, with 3 year enlistments, and the rest militia. February 17th, Greene ordered Colonel Henry Lee with his cavalry and Colonel Andrew Pickens with Maryland infantry and South Carolina militia, to go south across the Dan and monitor British activity. They crossed on February 18th and scouts were sent out.

Lee learned that Tarleton was moving toward the Haw River (near Burlington, North Carolina) with a force of about 400. Lee and Pickens followed learning Tarleton was camped on the Haw. Lee and Pickens formed to attack but Tarleton had moved. Tarleton was attempting to meet up with Dr. Pyle's force



Col Andrew Pickens to

not knowing Pyle had delayed marching his troop in violation of his instructions.

February, 24, Lee and Pickens captured two British Staff Officers and learned from them that Tarleton was just a few miles ahead. Later that day, Lee's Legion, who wore short green jackets and leather plumed helmets, encountered two of Pyle's men who mistook them for Tarleton's dragoons. Tarleton's uniforms were similar. Lee took advantage of this confusion and learned Pyle's force was located nearby. Lee instructed Pickens' riflemen flank Pyle's position and then rode into Pyle's camp in full salute. Lee and

Colonel Pyle exchanged customary civilities and were shaking hands when the battle began. Accounts from Colonel Lee and Captain Joseph Graham indicate that Lee's deception was purely by chance and that he had originally intended to avoid Pyle's Loyalist and instead continue after the more important Tarleton. But while Lee was shaking Pyle's hand, it is reported that one of his officers, Captain Joseph Eggleston, who was new to the south and knew little of local Whig and Tory badges, noticed red strips of cloth on the hats of Pyle's men. When he asked one of the Loyalist which side he was on, the Loyalist believing Eggleston was one to Tarleton's men said "King George". Eggleston immediately struck him over the head with his sword. Seeing this, Pickens riflemen attacked. Lee's cavalry also attacked causing the Loyalist to break and run, many were killed or wounded. Pyle's men still believing the attackers were British continued to shout "King George". After 10 minutes the remaining Loyalist had fled, 93 Loyalist were killed, and many more wounded. Reports say, and even Cornwallis wrote, that many were hacked to death, thus the name "Pyle's Hacking Match". Local legend says Dr. John Pyle, wounded, crawled into a nearby pond, concealing himself until he could be rescued. Later, he surrendered to the local militia and was pardoned because of his care of the wounded.

Lee and Pickens never caught up with Tarleton. Cornwallis had ordered Tarleton back the evening of February 24th, and by the time they were near, they were too close to Cornwallis' camp to attack safely.



January 16, 1779 – The Moonlight Battle by Sailing ships. A British Fleet of 24 ships command by Sir George Rodney spied 11 Spanish Ships off Cape St. Vincent south west of Portugal, South West North West of the Spanish Naval Port of Cadiz. The British ships attacked maneuvering for broadsides. The Spanish reversed direction and tried to sail back to the safety of the Port at Cadiz, but only one would escape the British Fleet. The battle raged into the moonlight making this an Historical Event. The British victory left 2500 Spanish Officers and Seamen captured, wounded, and killed. The battle itself had little significance on the War in the Americas or in Asia, the British were able to bring needed supplies to Gibraltar.

Above Right: HMS Sandwich – Admiral Rodney's Flagship