



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American
Revolution
February 2021 Issue 2**



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). If you are an SAR Compatriot or prospective member in this area, we invite you to visit with us and consider joining our chapter to further your interest in our Patriotic, Historic, and Educational activities. Information on chapter contacts can be found on our Officers page and meeting schedules can be found on our Meetings page.

NEXT MEEING

February 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Electronic Using ZOOM Technology.



President's Day [originally Washington's Birthday]



Presidents' Day, officially Washington's Birthday, in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honouring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents. Presidents' Day is **celebrated Monday, February 15, 2021.**

Note: George Washington was born in Virginia on **February 11, 1731**, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

From the President:

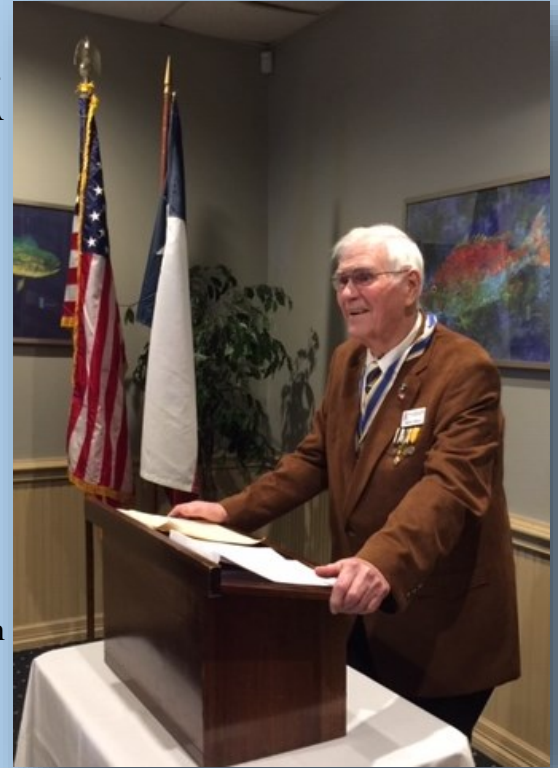
Chapter Members and Friends,

My thanks to Janine Cloud from Family Tree DNA for an educational and thought-provoking program. There is a lot to learn about DNA and we have only scratched the surface. There is no of predicting what the future hold. In the past science fiction books and movies have predicted

future thing to come. I look for the same with DNA. As in most things be sure you want what you wish for.

We have a new look to our newsletter. More color with interesting backgrounds. We had one of the best newsletters in the state and now it is even better. Great job Larry. I wander what Gutenberg would have thought of today's way of printing

Well, the moaning, groaning, and gnashing of teeth is over and we have a new President. There is a theory that the politicians do not run this country. Some say there is a clandestine origination that controls our lives and the economy. If that is so I pray they are smart enough to abide by our Constitution. ***"It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority!" Benjamin Franklin***



We will vote on new Officers at our next Zoom meeting the 20 of February 2020 at 10AM. We have an outstanding stale of incoming Officers and I look forward to helping them anyway I can. I have learned a lot over the past two years as President of Pineywoods and have enjoyed every minute.

I would like to share some thank-you comments John Worm received from:

Andersen AFB, Guam: "Your coupons have been a great big help to our military community. Please thank all of your contributors."

Kunsan, Korea: "Thank you for all your support. Have a great 2021."

Osan, Korea: "Thank you for taking the time to provide coupons to the Osan community. Due to COVID and travel restrictions we have seen an increase of usage of coupons and during these times every bit helps. Please continue to provide coupons to our community. They are much appreciated. Stay safe!"

I remember all too well living on an Airman's pay. When I was stationed in Cape Charles, Virginia, we were only 15 miles from the commissary in Norfolk, Virginia, just one problem, 10 miles of water and this was in the early 19 60's before the Bridge-Tunnel. The other commissary was 50 miles away. About once a month about three couples would get together and drive the 50 miles to Chincoteague, Virginia Naval Air Station. If the little I do can help a young service man or woman, I am happy to do it.

STAY SAFE AND PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Your President, Kermit Breed

Election of Chapter Officers February 20, 2021

Each year in the month of December, the PineyWoods Chapter 51 begins the nomination process for staffing officers positions. This must be completed by the January Meeting. Chapter officers now serve two years, but the chapter still nominates officers each year. This years nominations are for 2021-2023. Nomination of men willing to serve are posted in the newsletter to satisfy the PineyWoods Chapter Constitution Article—X Elections. Nominations can still be made for all positions before the officer election takes place. The election this year will occur during the February meeting.

Please read the following from the chapter constitution.

ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided not less than 6 members, or 30 percent of the entire membership, whichever is less, are present and provided further, that all members have been notified of the election date and place not less than ten days before. Officers to be elected shall be members in good standing of the National Society and Texas Society and of this Chapter, and when they, for any reason, cease to be members in good standing of these, or any of them, their offices shall thereby become vacant. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors until the next election and the successors of those appointed have been inducted into office.

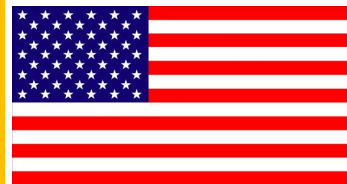
President	Mike Anderson
1 ST VP	Abe Abdmoulaie
2 nd VP	Bernie Kent
Chancellor	Allen Henshaw
Secretary	Jim Pinkerton
Treasurer	B Ray Mize
Historian	Kermit Breed
Genealogist	Kim Morton

Parliamentarian	Mark Anthony
Genealogist	Kim Morton
Registrars	Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed
	Joe Potter
Chaplain	Alan Bowman
Sgt-at-arms	Randy Hall
(Not Elected – Web Master Ray Cox)	

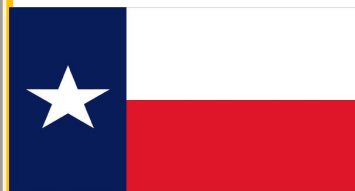
PineyWoods Chapter Officers

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 Meeting March 6, 2021
 Louisville—ZOOM



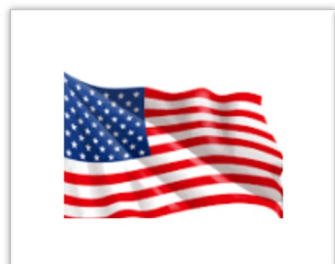
NSSAR SPECIAL CONGRESS-March 13, 2021
Washington DC

State Events—April 9-10, 2021— ZOOM

Chapter Meetings
 Feb. 20, 2021—ZOOM 10:00 am
 Mar. 20, 2021-ZOOM 10:00 am

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.



AGENDA 16 January 2021 10 AM

INVOCATION **ALAN BOWMAN**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Pledge to the Texas Flag; and the SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

President **KERMIT BREED**

SPEAKER - 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.

CALL FOR REPORTS BY PRESIDENT BREED

2nd VP --- **JIM PINKERTON**

JROTC --- **RANDY HALL**

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

OLD BUSINESS: Essay entries 1st Place \$200 Mary Morran, 2nd Place \$100 Katrina Machetta **Oration** Ms. Emily Phillips

And PineyWoods donate \$200.00 to the District prize money.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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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 ZOOM MEETING 16 Jan 2021

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 Kermit Breed lead the group in the SAR Pledge.

Compatriots (21) Present:

Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Randy Hall, Abe Abdmoulaie, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Jim Pinkerton, Alan Bowman, Mike Anderson, John Worm, Kim Morton, Dan Pourreau, Mark Anthony, Mel Oller, Jim Jones, Roland Skelton, Allan Henshaw, David Berges, Bernie Kent, Joe Potter and Brad Henicke

Guests (3) Present: Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize and Janisue Rigel

Guess Speaker: Our thank to our guess speaker Janine Cloud, a native of Brazoria County and fifth-generation Texan, became interested in genealogy when a grade school assignment to complete a pedigree chart prompted her to question family members about her ancestors. She started working at FamilyTreeDNA in 2011 where she created the Group Projects - Events team she now manages. Janine has given presentations at conferences such as the National Genealogical Society Conference, RootsTech, and RootsTech London, as well as numerous local organizations.

Secretary's Report: Kermit Breed reported that the minutes from our December 2020 meeting were published in the January 2021 Newsletter that was recently published. 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 we have paid the bill for the Post Office Box. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report: Larry Stevens reported that Bill King's Application was approved. Mike Anderson's Supplemental was still waiting review and that Alan Bowman was sending in a supplemental. Kermit Breed reported Michael E. Blasdel was approved 11 Dec 2020. A new application for Harry Salisbury is at the state level.

Newsletter: Larry Stevens formally requests stories from members on what they have been doing, with pictures related to SAR. And, if they have any American History stories and source materials to assist in future newsletter articles.

JROTC: Randy Hall: The 25 JROTC Medals and Certificates from National have not yet arrived.

Historian Report: Abe Abdmoulaie-Abe reported the scrapbook is ready for a final editing the on to the printer. The cost has yet to be determined for a bound copy of over 100 pages.

Coupon Report: John Worm: Please send coupons ASAP so they will not have expired.

Thank you for your support of our troops. **Chapter Coupon Project - *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.*** - CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers and mail them to: **John Worm @ 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080.**

Proposed PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas SAR New Officers for 2021-2023. were announced by the nominating committee. The election is at the next meeting.

- President - Mike Anderson - 1ST VP - Abe Abdmoulaie - 2nd VP Bernie Kent
- Chancellor - Allan Henshaw - Secretary—Jim Pinkerton - Treasurer - B Ray Mize
- Genealogist - Kim Morton - Historian - Kermit Breed - Parleментарlan—Mark Anthony -Registrar—Larry Stevens, Joe Potter
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SAR closing by the members and Benediction by Alan Bowman. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM

For/ SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary Bernie Kent. KB

CHAPTER PROJECTS

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PINEYWOODS SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

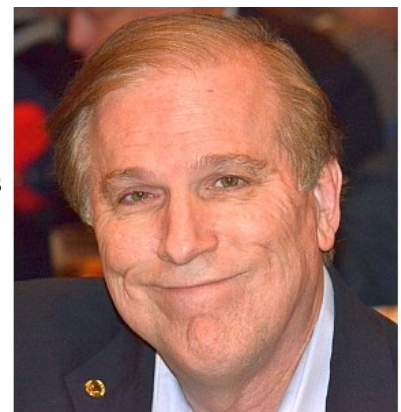


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20 March 2021—Installation Officers. Texas society President Drake Peddie asked to Install Chapter Officers.

President Peddie is to join us our chapter meeting. He will be our guest speaker and, keeping with tradition, install our PineyWoods Chapter officers for 2021-2023. Drake can then advise as the status of the April Tex-Convention. (Right)

17 April 2021—TBA



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Revolutionary War



6 Jan 1759 – Twenty-six years old George Washington marries old Martha Dandridge Custis. Martha was born 2 June 1731 at Chestnut Grove Plantation in New Kent County. She was an educated woman who had recently lost her husband at the age of 26, and she was the mother of two. Martha and George were married at her home in New Kent County, Virginia.



6 Jan 1777 – After the victories at Trenton and Princeton, the British withdrawal to New York, Washington moves his army to Morristown, New Jersey for the winter. At Morristown, Washington was on the Hudson River so could watch the roads north to New England and east the roads to Philadelphia, keeping track of any British movements. Washington took this time to rebuild his Army that have shrunk to enlistments ending and men refusing to reenlist. Many deserted rather than spend another cold winter without adequate supplies. Fortunately, Washington's leadership on the field and his popularity increased enlistments. Men that would sign for 3 years would receive a cash bonus. Those who signed for the duration would receive land grants.



14 February 1779—Battle of Kettle Creek, Wilkes County, Georgia. A force of Patriots attacked and defeated the Loyalist at Kettle Creek. The Loyalist were on their way to join Loyalist in Augusta. The British had decided they could not hold the backlands nor protect the Loyalist that lived in the area. A few weeks later, the British regained some respect when they surprised and routed the Patriots at Brier Creek on March 3, 1779.

SAR NEWS

South Central District Meeting—2020

The SCD Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for August 28, 2021, Saturday, at 8:00 am – 12 Noon. There will be a candidate forum Friday evening, August 27th, 2021 and a dinner if COVID 19 restrictions allow.

The Kansas Society will meet IN PERSON for the state societies 129th State Convention at the Marriott Fairfield Inn in Leavenworth, Kansas, on March 19th and 20th, 2021. VPG Larry Stevens and Barbara plan to attend.

The Texas Society will again have a ZOOM Convention April 16th and 17th, 2021. The scheduled Hotel in Richardson is currently CLOSED. There will be a Summer BOM in August this year.

The Missouri Society Convention is scheduled for April 23rd and 24th, 2021. The Missouri Society was established April 23rd, 1889.

The Oklahoma Society will meet by ZOOM April 19th, 2021 at 9:00 am.

No report from Arkansas to date.

South Central District 2020 ZOOM Meeting—September 19th, 2020: Candidates for SAR Offices are endorsed!

South Central District VPG Larry G. Stevens (Appointed) began the meeting at 2:25 p.m., on September 19th, 2020. He welcomed all and recognized NSSAR President General John “Jack” Manning and other officers present.

VPG Stevens said the **Opening Prayer** would be one by George Washington during the early days of the United States.

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And, finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

South Central District and Texas Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy was asked to Present the Colors. All on the Zoom Conference were asked to stand and they watched the US Flag and SAR Flag posted via Zoom from Austin Texas, by Commander Jim Clement, Wayne Courreges, Stu Hoyt. Texas President Drake Peddie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Minuteman, Past VPG International District, and Texas Society President **James T. Jones Jr.** led the SAR Pledge.

After the pledges, VPG Stevens announced that we would begin the **SAR SCD Candidate Forum**. He stated this was an especially important part of the nomination process for those seeking National Offices and one of the reasons this Zoom Meeting was called. He stated the list of candidates endorsed by the SCD in 2019 had changed a little and SCD should review and endorse again.

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CPG Jack Manning was asked to discuss NSSAR Nominations of 2020. After which Stevens read the list of Candidates for NSSAR offices provided to him by Past PG Warren Alter, Chairman of the NSSAR Nomination Committee. He stated that candidate not opposed would be introduced and asked to speak to first; and after the Candidates for the contested Registrar General position for 2021-2022 would be asked to speak for up to 5 minutes each; William Allen Greenly of Georgia and Tony Lee Vets of Louisiana.

List of Announced Candidates for National Offices 2021-22 and Foundation Offices beginning 2021 as Published by Warren M Alter, Chairman Nominating Committee.

Date of Publication 8/6/2020 PG Warren Alter Chairman NSSAR Nominating Committee

(Please note, these are the candidates who have announced and notified me as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. There could be further nominations coming and will be added as they are received). These are listed in order of National Offices:

Candidate for President General

Davis Lee Wright, Esq. (DE)

Candidate for Secretary General

C. Bruce Pickette (AL)

Candidate for Treasurer General

John Linson Dodd, Esq. (CA)

Candidate for Chancellor General

Michael James Elston, Esq. (VA)

Candidate for Genealogist General

Robert Benham Fish, Jr (WV)

Candidates for Registrar General (2 Candidates)

William Allen Greenly (GA)

Tony Lee Vets (LA)

Candidate for Historian General

James Morris Lindley (WA)

Candidate for Librarian General

J. Fred Olive III, EdD (AL)

Candidate for Surgeon General

Col. Ernest Loran Sutton, MC (PA)

Candidate for Chaplain General

Pastor Dwight Donald Elam (FL)

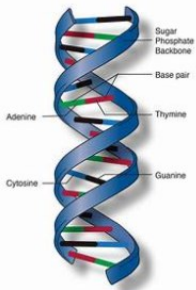
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**Candidates for SAR Foundation
Terms of Two years:**

PG Joseph W. Dooley (VA)

Dr. Dwight Stephen Addington (TN)



SAR Use of DNA

NSSAR Genealogist General Jim L. W. Faulkinbury, , Emailed his #12 Letter dated 31 Dec 2020. One of the items he discusses in this letter is DNA use in SAR Applications.

DNA – Limited Use & Requirements

Since the last Genealogist General’s email, there have been questions regarding the limited use of DNA evidence and what is required to use that evidence.

At this time DNA evidence is only accepted for situations where an applicant is trying to establish his own biologic parentage. DNA matches found through autosomal DNA tests such as FamilyTreeDNA’s FamilyFinder testing, AncestryDNA testing, other similarly recognized testing companies must be closely related to the applicant within two biological generations; parent, sibling, half-sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew.

Autosomal test results for matches in those close relationships would show a minimum of 20% shared DNA. Most of the testing companies test about 6800 DNA locations on the 22 chromosomes (not including the sex chromosome). The measurements of common DNA on segments of these chromosomes is measured in centimorgans (cMs). A parent-child match would be exactly a 50% DNA match or about 3400 cMs. A grandparent, half-sibling, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew match would vary from about 20% to 30% match and a full-sibling match could be 20% to 40% match. More distant relationships would be less than 20%. In addition to providing the testing company’s report showing the matching data, the applicant and his match must also provide evidence of the connect to each other through the common parent. That means that there must be evidence proving the matches relationship to the claimed parent.

Because of the privacy concerns of using another person’s DNA evidence, both the applicant and the match must also include in the application, signed consent forms indicating that they are all aware of the how the DNA will be used and are providing informed consent to use their DNA as evidence. The Consent Forms are posted on the NSSAR website under “Genealogy/Genealogy Resources”.

The SAR will also accept reports of results of a paternity test provided by a court recognized paternity testing company when the report provides 99%+ likelihood of the paternity. Again the consent forms must also be submitted.

SAR Application Information is found on the NSSAR Private Site under the GENEALOGY TAB. GG #12 has not been posted under “Genealogist General Correspondence”. This is a new stance on SAR acceptance of DNA Tests.



Larry G. Stevens, Editor.

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I hope that this finds everyone safe and sound. I know the Jim and Dianne Jones woke to –2, B Ray and Sharon Mize had a power outage for 24 hours, Dick and Sherri Setser had a pipe break as did Allen and Debbie Henshaw. We also had a pipe break in our closet, flooding our new remodeled rooms. What gives?

Guess we are starting to feel what the bitter cold was like in the North during the Revolutionary War. Trying to imagine the distress of soldiers, poorly equipped while watching the snow and ice from our warm family rooms. Those soldier sure had grit.

American Revolution's First Casualty



February is a cold month no doubt about that, we in Texas are feeling that. There was, however, fire in the bellies of the rebels in Boston in February of 1770. The Bostonians had been boycotting the Townsend Acts imposing taxes on common items like tea. A local Loyalist Theophilus Lillie, a grocer, was known to pay the taxes on the goods he sold. A mob protested by throwing rocks at his shop.

A local customs official Ebenezer Richardson tried to break up the protest. The crowd then turned on him chasing him to his home, which they assaulted with rocks. Somewhere along the way an eleven year old Christopher Seider joined the mob. Richardson became frightened when a rock shattered a window and struck his wife. A panicked Richardson shot into the crowd, fatally hitting young Seider twice in the chest and arm. Sam Adams arranged his funeral, and 2000 people attended. In only 11 days, the Boston Massacre occurred. Christopher Seider is considered by many the first casualty of the American Revolution.