



Pine Shavings PineyWoods chapter 51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR or NSSAR) is an American congressionally chartered organization, founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.

Christina Leshner
Attorney—Elder Law



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). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Union Kitchen Kingwood Texas.



PROGRAM FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Join us at Union Kitchen at 11:00 AM. Christina Leshner provides comprehensive legal advice on Elder Law, Medicaid and Special Needs Planning, Veteran’s Benefits, and other legal issues confronting seniors and persons with disabilities.

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WHY JULY 4th 1776 ?

The *Second Day of July 1776*, will be the most memorable Epocha in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generation, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by the solemn acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more”

John Adams July 3, 1776

From the President:



Members and Friends,

This month marks the mid-point of my term as chapter president. These last 12 months have flown by, and I reflect on what the chapter has done over this period. Most importantly we resumed in-person meetings and have not looked back. In-person meeting attendance has steadily increased since we started back. We also found a new meeting site, The Union Kitchen, which has been very amenable working with us. However, I do not think The Union Kitchen is our long-term meeting location. The room we use has a \$600 minimum which we meet; however, we are packed in like sardines. Their larger room has an \$800 minimum. The size would be perfect; however, we cannot meet the room charge minimum for most meetings. I ask that you RSVP to me for the meetings if possible so we can try to get the most appropriately sized room. We will finish out the rest of the year through May at the restaurant, but we need to be thinking about another location to better meet our needs. Please think of alternative meeting locations. Another option would be to find a suitable room location and have the meal catered, i.e. boxed sandwiches or food actually delivered. Lastly, I am open to suggestions regarding what I can do differently or better as chapter president. I also welcome speaker suggestions for the next meeting year.

On Saturday, January 26th, our chapter participated in a Revolutionary War era educational exhibition and program at the Humble Museum. More than 400 people from the community attended to watch the plays and participate in the hands-on activities. The event was written-up in the Humble community section of the Houston Chronicle and extensively featured quotes by Humble Museum President Dr. Robert Meaux and photographs. I encourage you to read the article at the following link: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/neighborhood/humble-kingwood/article/Humble-museum-brings-revolutionary-period-16812968.php#photo-21963934>. Thank you to those chapter members that participated, as well as other TXSSAR chapter compatriots that helped, including a musket firing.

I will take this opportunity to remind everyone of the March 1st primary elections. It is important as citizens we exert our constitutional right to make our voices heard. Early voting runs from February 14th through February 25th. You can go to the website www.votetexas.gov to see if you are registered to vote, get information on registering to vote and identify your polling location.

A couple of historical events during the month of February I want to note. February 6th marks the 244th anniversary of our country's alliance with France. After the Battle of Saratoga, Con-

gress decided to seek French support for the war and sent Benjamin Franklin, who could speak French, to meet with King Louis XVI and the French foreign minister. France, wanting to get revenge for their defeat in the French and Indian War, signed a treaty with America which put them at war with Britain. The treaty was the first document to recognize America as an independent state. Valentine's Day is the 239th anniversary of Britain officially declaring an end to all hostilities with America. The Treaty of Paris would be signed in September 1783 and ratified in early 1784.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 19th, at The Union Kitchen starting at 11:00 am. Our speaker will be Attorney Christina Leshner who will talk about elder law, Medicaid and other legal issues confronting seniors and persons with disabilities. I have seen Christina speak twice and found her informative.

Michael Anderson
President



PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2021-2023

President—Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP—Bernie Kent

Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B Ray Mize

Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian-Mark Anthony

Genealogist –Kermit Breed

Registrar - Larry Stevens

Registrar - Joe Potter

Historian - Kermit Breed

Chaplain -Alan Bowman

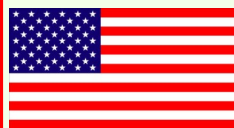
Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar

NSSAR



Trustee Leadership Meeting Louisville, Ky. Mar 3-6, 2022

SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—July TBA

TXSSAR



2022 Annual TXSSAR Convention
Mar 31 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson
Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meetings at Union Kitchen

February 19, 2022

March 19, 2022

April 16, 2022

May 21, 2022



NEW MEMBERS 2021

Welcome new members.

We continue to get inquiries for Membership. These are referred to our Registrar (s) - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter. If other members would like to help, please let me know. Helping someone PROVE their PATRIOT Ancestor can be challenging but fun researching.
President Mike Anderson



NEW APPLICATIONS: New Members 2022

Hartwick, Mervyn Lester ANC #100433 SAR # 221542 Anc. HART, Gilbert NY Approved Jan 28, 2022 SARAH LINSLEY

King, Darren William ANC # 100459 SAR # 221548 Anc. KING, JAMES DE Approved Jan 28, 2022 NANCY FARQUHAR

King, Evan Darren ANC# 100461 SAR# 221550 Anc. KING, JAMES DE Approved Jan 28, 2022 NANCY FARQUHAR

King, Ryan Elliot ANC# 100460 SAR# 221549 Anc. KING, JAMES DE Approved Jan 28, 2022 NANCY FARQUHAR

PineyWoods Chapter Membership:

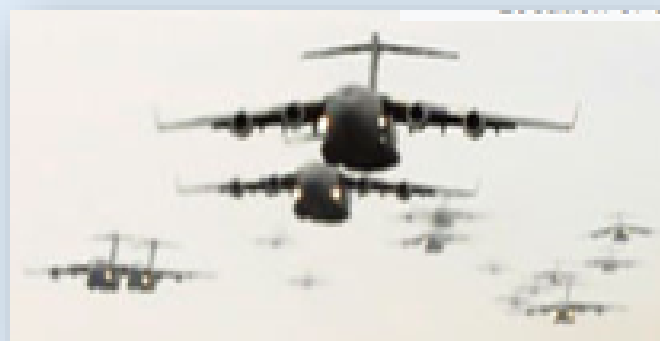
Regular- 87 Junior- 3 Dual- 4 Total 94

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER PROJECTS

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 Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

PineyWoods Chapter 51 extends Thank You John Worm for starting this wonderful project helping our service men and women and their families located at bases and posts overseas. On nearly all bases, there is only one place to buy groceries, laundry supplies, and personal items: from Base Commissaries.



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The Declaration of Independence

In the Quote of John Adams on the cover page where he said remember July 2nd 1776, he was referring to the day Continental Congress voted for a Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson then wrote the Declaration, mainly by himself, and it was completed on July 4, 1776. John Dunlap, an Irishman and officer in the Continental Army, a Printer, was asked to print a Broadside publicizing the Declaration of Independence. It is believed at least 200 copies were printed. This news was dispatched to all 13 Colonies.

General George Washington was in Manhattan, New York, with the Continental Army. He called for an assembly of troops at 6:00 p.m. on July 9th, 1776, and he had the Declaration read to all.



**To The Memory of
 John Dunlap ESQ
 Departed This Life
 November 27 1812
 Aged 66**

**Elizabeth Dunlap
 Wife Of John Dunlap
 Died March 26
 1836**

**Ann Dunlap
 Daughter of John
 and Elizabeth Dunlap Died April 1871 (born abt
 1781—1870 Census 89 years) 90 years. Burial
 (Record) 21 April 1871. Tombstone death date
 looks like 1874.**



Christ Church Burial Ground Philadelphia

Engraved At Site Are All Of Dunlap's Children!

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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—19 February 2022 — 11:00 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

OFFICERS 2021-2023

President Mike Anderson

Introductions

1st Vice President—Abe Abdmoulaie

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Newsletter Report—Larry Stevens

Webmasters Report -- Ray Cox

NEW BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

SAR CLOSING—Abe Abdmoulaie

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.”

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Texas Society S.A.R.

January 15, 2022

President Michael Anderson called the meeting together at 11:30 a.m. Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags. Chaplin,



Alan Bowman gave the invocation. A special recognition of two Freedom Chapter compatriots attending, John K. Thompson, and Ed Sellards, was made by President Anderson.

Compatriots (18) present: Michael Anderson, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens, Norman Funderburk, Ben Baskin, Ray Cox, John Beard, Dick Setser, Ski Grumboski, John K. Thompson, Harry Salisbury, Abe Admoulaie, Alan Bowman, Ed Sellards, Kermit Breed, Jeff LaRochelle, B. Ray Mize.

Guests (11) present: Merv Hartwick, Jeannie Hartwick, Barbara Stevens, Mary-Claire Beard, Sherry Setser, Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman, Rob Meaux, Jonathan Elliot,

Lecia Chaney, Bonnie Elliot, Sharon Mize.

Secretaries Report: Jim Pinkerton stated that the December minutes were posted in the last newsletter.

Treasurers Report: B. Ray Mize gave a short report.

Registrars Report: Larry Stevens reported that there are 4 applications for review in Louisville. They include Merv Hartwick and the Kings. The applications have been there for over 12 weeks. Kermit Breed has one applicant at the state level.

Old and New Business: President Anderson reported that there may be up to 40 JROTC presentations upcoming in the spring. Compatriot Randy Hall is currently working on the details.

John Beard reported that John Worm would no longer be working on the active duty military coupon program. John Beard will assume this program in the future. He reported that there had been \$220,000 worth of coupons collected this past year for active duty military. This is 43.9 pounds of coupons!

Ray Cox reported that compatriots should update their information as it occurs on the state patriot page. The Piney Woods Chapter will sponsor a special educational program Saturday January 22nd. The Humble Historical Program will be held at the Humble Museum on Higgins



Eagle Scout Jonathan Elliot, his Aunt Lecia Chaney and G Grandmother Bonnie Elliot



Street. A special patriot stage will be set up along with colonial era demonstrations.

Larry Stevens talked about hosting the 2023 Texas SAR Convention as a co-host with Freedom Chapter. Ed Sellards reported that Freedom would be electing new officers in March and that we should wait until they take office for a decision.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Chairman, Jeff LaRochelle, introduced Eagle Scout, Jonathan Elliott. Jonathan gave a special presentation on the Battle of Trenton. Eagle Scout Elliott was Presented the Eagle Scout Certificate and a cash award.

Dr. Rob Meaux, president of the Humble Historical Association, and Humble I.S.D. employee gave an interesting power point program on the development of the City of Humble. Dr. Meaux was introduced by compatriot Norman Funderburk, Mayor of the City of Humble.

President Anderson gave the SAR recessional followed by the closing prayer by Alan Bowman. The meeting concluded at 1:15 p.m.



Humble Mayor Norman Funderburk, Dr. Robert Meaux and Mike Anderson

PineyWoods Join RevEdu1776 at Humble Museum



TWELVE Texas SAR Members from Alexander Hodge Chapter, Freedom Chapter, and PineyWoods joined Revolution Education 1776 President John Schmonsees, an associate of PineyWoods, to present a Revolution Era Educational program at the Humble Museum on January 22, 2022. Dr. Robert Meaux, having seen part of the presentation at a Kingwood School at their Patriot's Day last Fall, invited us to present the program at the Museum.

The moving truck arrived about 6:00 am on January 22nd, to unload all of the material for the faux town building, the 18th Century Cooking site, and the Revolutionary War Army encampment. John a couple of students of the 17 Students who helped that day, were the only ones who braved the 29 degrees. But by 7:30, the buildings and tents were going up. They were all ready to go by 9:30. The High School Drama Class volunteers



from The Woodlands, Atascocita Hi and Kingwood Hi who would be firing muskets were still being trained; so, we started a few minutes after 10 am. Each hour a program began, 10 am to



3 pm, with skits and a play presented by the student actors, on the news of the Declaration of Independence in John Dunlap's Broadside. The characters portrayed in the play were real Patriots of the American Revolution. AT 10:50 am members of the SAR Musket

detail fired a volley announcing the start of the 11:00 am program. Each program ended with actors playing the roles of American Officers, a French and Spanish Officers, and a woman who joined the Army disguised as a man. The Actors, joined by the SAR Musket Detail, fired a volley. They were immediately called to assembly to march off to battle. The Field Kitchen brewed "cowboy" coffee, made and baked bread, a meat pie and beef stew using Colonial recipes. Visitors could





sample foods served during the Revolution era. Cooks were Dani Galiano, Jim Pinkerton, and two High School Actors. The fire served well for warming hands.

Colonial Life was presented by Barbara and Larry Stevens with toys, money, foods, tools, clothing, and a 50 Cal Pennsylvania Flintlock Rifle.

Children's activities included candle making and using a template of a star, a punch, and a hammer to make a star pattern in a canning jar lid. These activities were organized by Kelly Abdmoulaie.

More than 400 visitors signed the guest book at the Museum. Many more attended making this a very successful event. Well will be returning at the invitation of the City of Humble. **Huzzah!**





Left Above—Mayor Norm Funderburk by the Colonial Trunk Exhibit.

Above Right-Texas SAR Color Guardsmen John Thompson and David Hamaker

Left-Captain John Schmonsees presenting Gift to Dr. Robert Meaux the Museum Director

Below—Most of the Cast of Characters—10 Students and 9 Texas SAR Men in Uniform



SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SAR -Alexander Hodge-Carl Hill; Freedom-John Thompson, David Hamaker, Hiram Dunlap; PineyWoods-Abe Abdmoulaie, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Norman Funderburk, Merv Hartwick, Ski Grumboski, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens; **DAR** –Jeannie Hartwick, Barbara Stevens. Also, REVEDU and Teachers-Kelly Abdmoulaie, Dani Deliano, John Schmonsees, Missy Schmonsees, AND Roger Curry, David Donahoo. And 17 High School Drama Students!