



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



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.



*George Washington was born on February 11, 1731 Julian Calendar. When the Georgian Calendar was adopted by Britain, the date become February 22, 1732  
Celebrate His Birthday!*



**JOHNNY  
SCHMOINSEES  
February 18,  
2022**

**The Founder of Revolution Education 1776 is our  
Lunch Speaker at Union Kitchen**

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# From the President:

## Members and Friends,

In this month of February focusing on love and relationships, I thought it would be interesting to research how love was manifested in Colonial America.

In seventeenth and early eighteenth century New England, courtship was not simply a personal, private matter. The law gave parents ‘the care and power...for the disposing of their Children in Marriage,’ and it was expected that they would take an active role overseeing their child's choice of a spouse. Puritan New Englanders did not regard love as a necessary precondition for marriage. True love, the Puritans believed, would appear following marriage. A proper marriage, in their view, was based on rational considerations of property, compatibility, and religious piety.

As parental influence over courtship declined, a new romantic ideal of love arose. In the years just before the Revolution, a flood of advice books, philosophical treatises, and works of fiction helped to popularize revolutionary new ideas about courtship and marriage. Readers learned that love was superior to property as a basis for marriage and that marriage should be based on mutual sympathy, affection, and friendship.



One indication of a decline in parental control was a sudden upsurge in the mid-eighteenth century in the number of brides who were pregnant when they got married. As many as 30 to 40 percent were pregnant at the time of their marriage.

The emphasis attached to romantic love can be seen in the proliferation of new kinds of love letters exchanged between men and women. Courtship letters changed by the nineteenth century from brief notes to longer, more effusive expositions of feelings and emotions. By the late eighteenth century, love letters, particularly those written by men, had grown more expansive and less formal. In their love letters, couples described feelings of affection that were deeply romantic and began to use such terms of endearment as ‘dearest’ or ‘my beloved.’ Members of all social classes exchanged love letters.

Women were largely excluded from the public stage, but their role in the early republic was nonetheless a vital one. Perceived as the more virtuous gender, American women were charged with inspiring their spouses, suitors, and sons to moral conduct. At a time when the nation's fate was closely linked to the virtue of its citizens, female influence was considered a powerful force.

In those years after the Revolution, with all the emphasis on virtue, sin-



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cerity, and companionship in the period's writings about marriage, beauty and fashion were far from forgotten. Even Thomas Jefferson counseled his daughter to attend to her appearance. In 1783, taking time away from his duties as Virginia's representative at the Continental Congress, he reminded Patsy that her clothes should always be "neat, whole, and properly put on." Although he did not wish her to be "gayly clothed at this time of life," he warned, "Nothing is so disgusting to men as a want of cleanliness and delicacy in women." At the tender age of eleven, Patsy may have found her father's advice rather premature. Most young people did not begin participating in mixed social activities until they were teenagers.

Thank you to those who responded with information for the Stark and Americanism Reports which are completed at the beginning of each new year. These reports validate the mission of the SAR as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and document the many hours of volunteering, supporting our veterans, recognizing our youth for their accomplishments and educating them about our great Republic. As you go through this year, please keep track of your volunteer activities and support for our veterans so we can accurately report these in the reports that will be completed next year.



Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Union Kitchen, and our speaker will be Piney Woods Associate member John Schmonsees who will talk about his Revolution Education 1776 educational programs whose mission is to educate America's youth through experiential-based learning about our nation's founding principles to inspire each to maintain and strengthen our Republic. This will be a very interesting program you will really enjoy hearing.

**Mike Anderson—President**

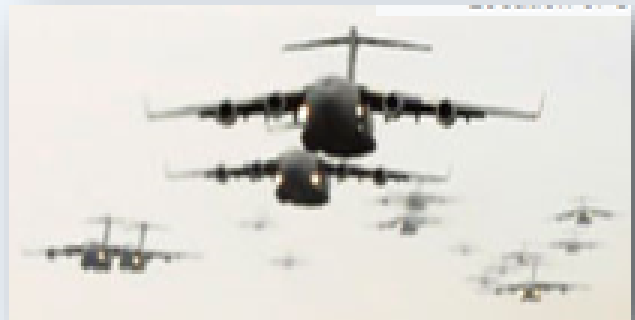
## **VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

### **CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT**

*Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.* All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons out that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

**John Beard  
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr  
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

*Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.*



## America in the Revolutionary War

**February 10, 1763** – King Phillip’s War, or the French and Indian War in North America, ended with the signing of the treaties of Hubertusburg and Paris. France lost all of her claims to Canada and gave Louisiana to Spain. Britain gained Spanish Florida, Canada, and many French overseas holdings. The treaty ensured the supremacy of Britain in Colonial America and at sea. The American colonies were strengthened by removing their European rivals to the north and south of the colonies. These losses of France contributed to their intervention in the American Revolution.



**February 27, 1776** – The Battle of Moore’s Creek – In February 1776, British General Donald McDonald marched 1,660 Scottish Highlanders and North Carolina Loyalist or Regulators toward Wilmington, North Carolina to join British forces coming from Boston and England. The plan was to control the Carolinas. McDonald’s march would take him to the bridge at Moore’s Creek about 18 miles northwest of Wilmington. Waiting across the bridge were 1,000 North Carolina rebels commanded by Colonels Alexander Lillington and Richard Caswell. Reaching the bridge,

McDonald ordered the Highlanders to charge and take the bridge. Raising their broadswords, the Scots rushed the bridge and were quickly dispatched by the rebels. McDonald was defeated, ending British military activity in the Carolinas for about three years.



**February 6, 1778** – The treaties of Amity and Commerce were signed, and in May 1778 the Continental Congress ratified them. The treaties were the result of a diplomatic commission sent to France in 1776 consisting of Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee. The French had been secretly sending aid to the colonies since 1775. When American forces defeated the British at the Battle of Saratoga, France decided the Americans could win their struggle against Britain. One month after the treaties were signed, British Warships fired on two French vessels formerly beginning the French aid to America. The French fleet proved critical to the defeat of the British at Yorktown.

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**February 14, 1779** – The Battle of Kettle Creek – At 10 a.m. Colonel Andrew Pickens launched a surprise attack with 350 men on a Tory force of about 800 commanded by Colonel John Boyd. Boyd’s goal was to unite with British General Archibald Campbell’s force, which had successfully captured Augusta, Georgia. By that evening the Tories abandoned the field leaving most of their gear.

**February 4, 1889** – General George Washington (ret) is elected the first President of the United States of America unanimously by the 69 presidential electors from the States. Article II of the U. S. Constitution stipu-

lated that each State could appoint a presidential elector for each member of the Senator and one for each member of the House of Representatives for which they were entitled. Each elector had two votes. John Adams received 34 votes and elected Vice President. Article Twelve of the U. S. Constitution of 1804 changed voting by having a separate ballot for the Vice President. New York State, the Capital State, was not represented failing to elect their Electors in time. Virginia and Maryland electors, two each, did not vote, they were late due to weather. North Carolina, with seven possible Electors, and Rhode Island with three, had not ratified the Constitution therefore were not eligible to vote.



## 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**

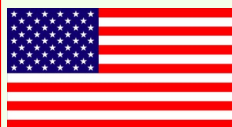
**Chaplain -Alan Bowman**

**Sgt. at Arms—Merv Hartman**

**Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens**

**Web Master - Ray Cox**

## Events Calendar



### NSSAR

Spring Leadership/Trustee, March 2, 2023 to March 4, 2023  
Louisville, Kentucky

133rd Annual SAR Congress Orlando, Florida

July 14-21, 2023

### TXSSAR



TXSSAR Annual Convention March 30 to April 2, 2023 - Spring, Texas



### PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meetings at Union Kitchen

February 18, 2023

March 18, 2023

April 15, 2023



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**2023 Issue 2 Editor—Larry Stevens**

PineyWoods Members, Ladies Auxiliary, and Friends,

*First, I would like to thank Jeannie Hartwick for many of the pictures featured in the Newsletter! Thank you Jeannie!*

Americans should know of the struggles and sacrifices made by the men and women that wrote the Declaration on Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of this Republic, and the Bills of Rights, the blood and sweat on the battle fields from Lexington and Concord to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and the evacuation of the British the forces, and the diplomatic successes in the Courts of Europe. And, our History should not be a political battlefield. When it comes to the preservation of *our* Republic of the United States of American, our FREE way



of a life, of Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness, and Freedom of Speech, all **should be an American issue.**



Two Hundred and Fifty-Two years ago, April this year, the British tried to seize the Armory at the town of Lexington, Massachusetts. When I was in the 5th Grade, it was only One hundred eighty-two years. The sad thing is, the amount of time teaching American History in public schools has not increased, and the time spent studying the founding of this Republic is only around six weeks.

As the History of America grows, the time allotted in our schools teaching American History should be increased instead of eliminating portions and deviating from what really happened. Larry Stevens—Editor

Thanks to TXSSAR Members Participating at the Humble Museum and Jesse Jones Park In Uniform—Alexander Hodge, Paul Carrington, Freedom, PineyWoods

- Walter Bailey**
- Ray Cox**
- Don Hayes**
- David Hamaker**
- Carl Hill**
- B Ray Mize**
- Bill Myers**
- Larry Stevens**
- John Thompson**



**B Ray and Sharon Mize making paper Tricorn Hats for the Kids at Jesse Jones**



## Riverton, Wyoming –WIND RIVER CHAPTER

*When PineyWoods member Karl Falken* relocated to Riverton a few years back, there was no SAR Chapter, and he set about to remedy that. He founded and chartered The Wind River Chapter”, with the help of PineyWoods. The chapter is thriving, becoming very active with Patriot Chest Programs, just like PineyWoods.

Last summer at Lander, Wyoming, during the weeks around Independence Day, 2022, the Lander Library graciously displayed the Patriot Chest of the Wyoming Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. A portion of the Resource Room at the library was dedicated to public display of reproduction artifacts from American colonial times. This is part of a program sponsored by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Karl helped set up the display cabinets and the hallway exhibits.

The SAR Patriot Chest Program is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History. The program purpose is to bring that history alive, while providing students with a sense of the times and appreciation of the Patriot men and women who founded our nation. Each state society is expected to create and maintain a Patriot Chest. The one for Wyoming was put together by the Wind River Chapter.

From June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 16 the contents of the chest were on public display. They were not only viewed, but could be handled as well! For a number of the items are tools and toys that can be used and played with. Other items included reproduction coins and bills, writing instruments, a telescope, sextant and compass. Some items like sugar nippers, a candle snuffer and a bird whistle were novel enough that the use was not obvious to many. A challenging item was the candle holder/tinder box with flint and steel (tinder was not included to avoid the possibility of starting an actual fire).



Accompanying the chest was a reproduction militia uniform and two costumes with tri corner hats. (The hand sewn uniform was made in Casper, Wyoming by seamstress Alison Youngberg!) The latter two costumes could be worn by children and adventurous adults for photo opportunities. The intent of the hands on arrangement is to promote living history, demonstrated to be a particularly effective way to inspire an interest in historical subjects.

“I think the patriot chest display, especially the uniforms, were awesome!” exclaimed Noah Simpson of Lander. “I wish I had something like that myself. I hope to get involved in living history someday.”

Overall, the exhibit was a popular attraction that complimented the other festivities in town and around the county that celebrated our nation’s independence from Great Britain. It reminds us and connects us to the people who were essential to the founding of America and contributed to making this, the greatest of all nations. **KARL FALKEN** *Dual PineyWoods 51*



**Karl Falken**



# Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

January 21, 2023

Lunch Meeting at Union Kitchen

Kingwood, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Mike Anderson.

Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the Invocation. Mike Anderson led the Pledge to the US Flag, the Texas Flag, and he led the SAR Pledge.

Attendance; 16 Members— Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Larry Blackburn, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ken Graalum, Kent Grosser, Randy Hall, Merv Hartwick, Bill King, B Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Harry Salsbury, Keith Schoonover, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens  
Guest 6—Carolyn Bowman, Carol Graalum, Jeannie Hartwick, Sharon Mize, Barbara Stevens, Perrye Turner. Mike welcomed all to the meeting, especially District 8 VP Ken Graalum and his wife Carol.



VP Dist. 8 Ken Graalum and Carol



The Chapter program was presented by retired FBI Agent Perrye Turner and current Harris County Deputy County Administrator for Justice and Safety. This is a new position. Turner discussed his charge in this new position and what he wanted to accomplish.

Mike Anderson presented Perrye Turner with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for his long and dedicated serve to our country and a leading member of the FBI.

President Anderson then announced upcoming events, the Humble Museum February 4th and Jesse Jones Parks February, and the George Washington Camp Tent replica at the Museum of Fine Arts Bayou Bend, that were posted in the January Newsletter and the March 2023, Texas Society Convention in The Woodlands.



Mike Anderson—Larry Blackburn

Anderson asked Past District 8 VP and PineyWoods Chapter President Larry Blackburn to come forward. He presented Larry with the Supplemental Certificate. Larry's supplemental ancestor is James Blackburn. Larry gave a brief history on James Blackburn.

He then asked for officers reports. Treasurer B Ray Mize state the only activity was a donation by the chapter to the Kingwood Madrigal Choir.

Randy Hall, ROTC coordinator reported he has been able to contact 15 of the schools on our list of the 38. He reported he has received 3 Junior ROTC Scholarship entries.

Mike Anderson opened new business and said the chapter would be



electing new officers for the 2023- 2024, and 2024-2025 terms of office in the February 18, 2023 meeting at Union Kitchen. He said in the meeting today, the members will be nominating officers for the new terms.

He then open nominations for each office for 2023-2025 and the following is the list of members nominated by those present to serve.

**President—Ben Baskin**

**1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie**

**2nd VP—Harry Salisbury III**

**Secretary—Jim Pinkerton**

**Treasurer - B Ray Mize**

**Chancellor - Allan Henshaw**

**Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson**

**Registrar - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter**

**Historian - Roland Skelton**

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#### **NON-Chapter Offices**

**Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens**

**Web Master - Ray Cox**

Mike thanked all of those willing to serve the chapter and said the nominations would be sent out immediately due the election officers in the next chapter meeting on February 18, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm after the Benediction and the SAR Closing.

Larry Stevens for Secretary Jim Pinkerton





**Top Right—Carolyn Bowman, Roland Skelton, Ben Baskin, Harry Salsbury,**

**Top Left— Merv Hartwick, Larry Stevens, Joe Potter, B Ray Mize**

**Middle—Alan Bowman and Carolyn, Ken Graalum and wife Carol**

**Bottom—Randy Hallo, Bill King, Kent Grosser (Hill County Chapter), Keith Schoonover**

*Pictures by Kermit Breed*



*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— February 18, 2023 — 11:00 AM**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge**

**OFFICERS 2021-2023**

President Mike Anderson

Introductions

1st Vice President—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP --- Bernie Kent

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Sgt. At Arms—Randy Hall

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.”

## New Applications

**Neil Voorhees** - logged in the New Application list at Louisville on January 5th, 2023. His Patriot Ancestor is ROBERT COWAN Sgt. Washington County North Carolina.

**Louis SKIP Hawley** - mailed to the Texas Coastal Registrar, not on the Louisville New Application log yet. His Patriot Ancestor is William Hawley I who served both in the Military and in Civil Roles in Connecticut many capacities. His highest rank was Lieutenant. He served under General Greene at Ft. Washington New York and his command was at the Battle of Saratoga.



## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PineyWoods Chapter Membership: a/o 6 Nov 2022

Regular— 82

New - 7

Dual— 4

Youth—4

Reinstated 11

**Total 108**

**Welcome new members to the PineyWoods Chapter.  
We would like to meet you and see you attending our meetings in 2023.**

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 by becoming a Registrar, please let me know. Larry Stevens, our Registrar would be glad to help you get started.

Helping someone PROVE their PATRIOT Ancestor can be challenging but fun researching. It does include needing subscriptions or access to on-line genealogical search sites like Ancestry.com.

And, it requires so of your time. If you are a ancestor researcher, this should not be problem.

This past year, 2022, we had several inquires. These were referred to Larry Stevens or Kermit Breed. Sometimes prospective members do not follow-up once they learn the documentation requirements or the cost of joining.

First, membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is by invitation only, and each appicate must certify they are a Male and a Citizen of Good Standing. There must be acceptable proof of service. And, each generation back to the Patriot requires primary proofs for the blood line.

Records that are acceptable for service and generations proofs are listed on our Public website under “Interesting in joining?”

If you have questions about what proofs are acceptable, contact Larry or Kermit.

President Mike Anderson

## PINEYWOODS OUTREACH EDUCATION

PineyWoods Members have been very active this year working with Revolution Education 1776 founded by Johnny Schmonsees. Some of our members are members to that organization also. In my editorial, I discussed American History Education. Here, I want to share the concerns of the 40th President of the USA.

Our 40th President Ronald Reagan was not the first United States President or national leader to speak of the necessity of teaching American History to American Citizens, but his was most memorable, largely due by his personable presentation. His view on teaching American History, as it was, how it happened, is a great concern today. It is not a political opinion but something all of us should strive to maintain today.

In his final address on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The President said, *We've got to do a better job of getting across that America is freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise. And freedom is special and rare. It's fragile; it needs protection.*

*“So, we've got to teach history based not on what's in fashion but what's important—why the Pilgrims came here, who Jimmy Doolittle was, and what those 30 seconds over Tokyo meant. You know, 4 years ago on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, I read a letter from a young woman writing to her late father, who'd fought on Omaha Beach. Her name was Lisa Zanatta Henn, and she said, 'we will always remember, we will never forget what the boys of Normandy did.' Well, let's help her keep her word. If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are. I'm warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit. Let's start with some basics: more attention to American history and a greater emphasis on civic ritual”.*

Many parents, teachers, the Sons of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the American Revolution, many other lineal societies, citizens, believe President Reagan was correct in his assessment of teaching which has not changed today.

Revolution Education 1776 was founded, by PineyWoods Associate member Johnny Schmonsees, because of the need to bring the story of America's founding to not only our stu-



dents, but to their parents and the American Public. The organization founders and members are school teachers, US Military members and veterans, parents, grandparents and its mission is supported by patriotic lineage societies such as Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Rev Edu and SAR



Rev Edu 1776 has been presenting programs since 2019 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and then 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and beginning last January to the public at the City of Humble Museum. This February, two have events have been completed. The Humble Museum program this year on February 4<sup>th</sup>, included a short stage play, period crafts for young people and outdoor military camp and cooking area. Visitors could sample foods of the late 17<sup>th</sup> century and learn the recipes and cooking methods. Young visitors joined a “militia training march” with wooden muskets concluding with joining a Continental Army and Continental Militia live musket firing.



On February 11<sup>th</sup>, at Jesse Jones Park in Harris County, was an outdoor program in the park's frontier village which included an re-enactment of the siege at Pensacola in 1781. The battle included units of the British and Loyalist Army, Spanish soldiers under Bernardo de Galvez with his American advisors, and the French from New Orleans, to show the public the importance of the other allies of the American colonies. There was the cooking demonstrations, crafts and musicians playing period music. The battle included fifers and drum and musket firing to the delight on of about 200 onlookers. A special event for young attendees was a scavenger hunt to discover a

