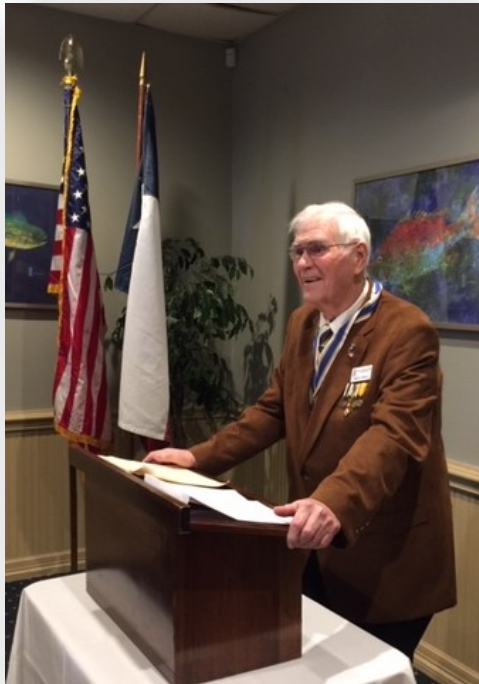




# Pine Shavings



**Piney Woods Chapter #51  
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM

My thanks to Barbara and Larry Stevens for hosting our Christmas Party/meeting. It was all great. The food, the location, the choir, and the fellowship. I guess it would be out of the question to have all of our meetings there. Oh well one can only hope.

Well here we are in 2020. I remember twenty years' ago there were predictions that 2000 would be the end of the world. I guess it was for some, but we survived. A weird thought, what if it did end and we are not aware. I had a good year and hope you did also. Auburn beating Alabama 48 to 45 made it an even better year.

New Year's is a time of new beginnings. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson had been at odds for 14 years over the "Alien and Sedition Act". On New Year's Day 1812 Adams wrote.

*"Dear Sir, As you are a friend to American manufactures under proper restrictions, especially manufactures of the American kind, I am sending you by the post a packet containing two pieces of homespun lately produced in this quarter by one who was honored in his youth with some of your attention and much of your kindness." He finished with, "I wish you Sir many Happy New Year."*

The 'two pieces of homespun' were actually two books written by his son, John Quincy Adams. Jefferson replied with a letter fondly recalling when they were fellow laborers in the same cause. The two ex-presidents resumed their correspondence for the next 14 years. On July 4, 1826, the 90-year-old Adams lay on his deathbed. His last words were "Jefferson still survives." He was wrong; Jefferson died five hours earlier.

We have busy year coming up with the Convention in March, the presenting of the JROTC Bronze Medals, the Eagle Scout Contest, the essay contest and the Oration contest. We will need your help with all of these so please volunteer your time for these good causes.

**"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man." — Benjamin Franklin**

**Kermit Breed—President**



**KIM MORTON** is our speaker January 18th, 2020. His father was an Officer in the Occupational Forces in Japan after Emperor Hirohito Surrendered Kim will show and discuss many of the artifacts brought home by his Dad.

**DON'T MISS THIS!**

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**Piney Woods Chapter 51 Meeting  
January 18, 2019**

**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.**

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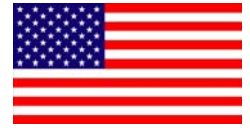
### *PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter*



*This is a briefer Newsletter due to the Holidays. Barbara and I enjoyed hosting the Christmas Meeting with Lunch and would like to thank all 39 of you attending, bringing hostess gifts, and dishes for all making this just a special event. Editor-Larry G. Stevens*

### *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

January 18, 2020—Jimmy G's

February 15, 2020-Jimmy G's

March 21, 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.

**Paul Carrington Chapter Annual DSA Dinner (Distinguished Service Medal)**-February 13, 2020- Brenann's Restaurant, Houston. Registration begins at 5:30 pm, Reception at 6:30 pm-Dinner at 7:00 pm., at \$75.00, black tie optional. This function benefits the Paul Carrington's Brewster ROTC Program. Paul Carrington Chapter President Allan Henshaw asked those who are interested in attended to contact him.

**HOTEL RESERVATION LINK 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. Don't wait to reserve a room.

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](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com)





Kim (right) discussing his January Program to Poureau, LaRochelle, Grumboski, Joes, and Pritchard during the nomination meeting.

**Compatriot Kim Morton**, Charter Member and Chapter Genealogist, Educator, is our featured January Speaker. He will be **discussing US Occupation of Japan after WWII** using artifacts brought home from his father who was an officer in the occupation forces after the Japanese Emperor Hirohito surrender 1945. The Emperor announced the surrender to the Japanese people who had never heard his voice before following the August 6th Atomic Blast on Hiroshima. The surrender documents were signed on September 2, 1945, bring the hostilities of WWII to a close. However, there was still some isolated fighting by Japanese forces.



Beginning in 1945 through 1952, the occupying forces led by General Douglas MacArthur enacted widespread military, political, economic, and social reforms. Prior to the defeat of Japan, conferences were held by the allies, China, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain as to how to disarm Japan, what to do with the Japanese colonies, especially of Korea and Taiwan, how to stabilize the Japanese economy, and prevent remilitarization in the future. Beginning in 1945 through 1952, the occupying forces led by General Douglas MacArthur enacted widespread military, political, economic, and social reforms. When the first American Forces ferried from the troop ships landed on Japanese soil, they came ashore armed but with no ammunition under MacArthur's orders. The General wanted no incidents between the American GI's and the Japanese which could potentially lead to warfare on the mainland.

Occupation forces were soon to follow replacing the forces; veterans of the Pacific. Among the occupation force was Kim Morton's father. LGS

US Marine with Japanese Children

American POW's Freed at Hiroshima 1945



# PineyWoods Chapter Meeting Minutes December 14, 2019

## Meeting at Compatriot Larry Stevens' Home 14 DEC. 2018

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting at 11:00 am. The invocation by Cannon Pritchard was followed by the pledge to the United States & Texas flags, and the SAR pledge. Kermit Breed was pleased to welcome everyone to this December meeting and Christmas Party at Larry & Barbara Stevens' home in Kingwood, TX.

### Compatriots Present: 21 (22)

Kermit Breed, Joe Potter, Kim Morton, Bernie Kent, Larry Stevens, John Beard, Alan Bowman, Abe Abdmoulaie, Ray Cox, Larry "Ski" Grumboski, Ben Baskin, Dan Poureau, Randy Hall, Jeff LaRochelle, Buddie Inman, Jim Jones, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, John Schmonsees (prospective/Asso. Member), Dick Setser, David Berges.

### Guests Present: 16

Ann Kent, Barbara Stevens, Sandra Breed, Carolyn Bowman, Kelly Abdmoulaie, Susan Grumboski, Cynthia Hall, Kathy Inman, Diane Jones, Davina Liepman, Sharon Mize, Nancy Pinkerton, Sarah Potter, Janisue Rigel, Sherry Setser, Karen Berges.

NEW BUSINESS: The following members were nominated to serve as PineyWoods #51 officers from March 2020 to March 2021

President	Kermit Breed	1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President	Buddy Inman
Chaplain	Allen Bowman	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

### AWARDS/Recognition:

If you served in the U.S. military and have not received the SAR Military Service Medal, please contact Bernie Kent, [mbkentjr@outlook.com](mailto:mbkentjr@outlook.com) or Kermit Breed, [breedkermit@aol.com](mailto:breedkermit@aol.com) with a copy of your DD-214.

### Program Presentation:

Kim Morton gave us a preview of guest speaker topic – Japanese soldier's artifacts from WW II – that he will present at our January 2020 meeting. Kim's father was an officer in the US military and collected some war relics upon his dispatch to Japan following the surrender of the Japanese Empire in 1945.

### New Members:

Kermit Breed inducted SAR PineyWoods new member, Randy Hall. His patriot ancestor, Daniel Rix from Vermont, was a Teamster under Captain Joseph Parkhurst in Connecticut during the American Revolutionary War.

Benediction by Cannon Pritchard was followed by the SAR closing.  
President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Immediately thereafter, a wonderful Christmas lunch (Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, fruit...and much more) with many desserts was prepared and served to everyone present. Following the Holiday Lunch, 9 members of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir performed a variety of beautiful Victorian Christmas songs dressed in period attire.

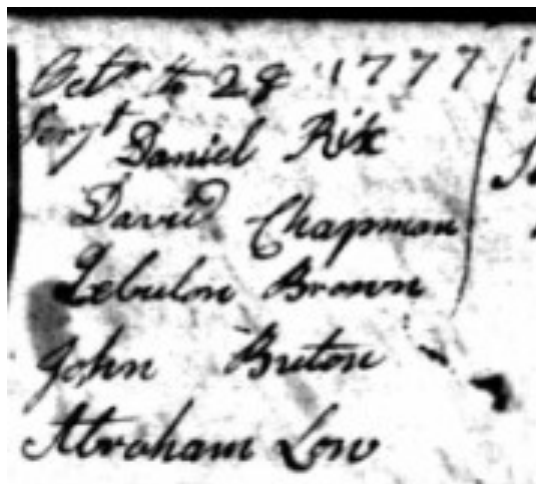
SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — **Bernie Kent**



***PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING AND  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 14 DECEMBER 2019  
AT THE HOME OF LARRY AND BARBARA STEVENS***



*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. Randy served as the NCO JROTC Instructor at Aldine High for a number of years.. His Ancestors really paint 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.*



**Connecticut Revolutionary War  
Rolls –Sgt. Daniel Rix**

**President Kermit Breed, Randy Hall; Larry Stevens**



**Tombstone—Royalton,  
Vermont 1825**





***A CHRISTMAS MEETING LUNCHEON CONT.***



The Kingwood HS Madrigal Choir singing Christmas Carols. Beautiful voices filled the house. Joe Potter and Ann Kent in the foreground



Daniel Poureau, Randy Hall, and seated on the left Buddy Inman and Ski Grumboski



*The Stevens Presidential Dining Room decorated by Barbara for Christmas with the USN Battleship Rattlesnake (1812), TXSSAR Napkins, Revolutionary War Soldiers.*



## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Buddy Inman, Bernie Kent, Kim Morton, Ray Cox, Kelly and Abdmoulaie, Sherry Setser



### Quick Cranberry Gelatin Salad

*Many asked for Sarah Potter's recipe for the Cranberry Gelatin Salad. She has graciously provided it.*

#### Ingredients

- 1 package (6 ounces) cherry gelatin
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 can (20 ounces) **DOLE® crushed pineapple, undrained**
- 1 can (14 ounces) whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1-1/2 cups seedless red grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

#### Directions

- ◆ 1. In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in water.
- ◆ Stir in pineapple and cranberry sauce.
- ◆ Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Stir in grapes and pecans.
- ◆ Pour into a 2-qt. serving bowl.
- ◆ Refrigerate until firm.



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Daniel Poureau, Jeff LaRochelle, Ski Grumboski, Randy Hall, Jim Jones, Cannon Pritchard, Kim Morton



Nancy Pinkerton, Kelly Abdmoulaie  
Ben Baskin, Kelly and Abe Abdmoulaie



B Ray Mize, Dick Setser, John Beard, Jim Jones, John Schmonsees  
Kim Morton, Jeff LaRochelle, Kathy Inman, Ray Cox



Ann Kent, Susan Grumboski







Jim and Dianne Jones, Larry Stevens, Cynthia and Randy Hall, Kermit and Sharon Breed

Sharon Breed, Randy and Cynthia Hall















Cynthia (Back) and Buddy Inman, Daniel Poureau, Ski Grumboski  
 Jim Jones, Cannon Pritchard R TOP Camera Lady Sharon Mize



Kathy Inman, Dianne Jones, Sharon Mize, Abe Abdmoulaie, Larry Stevens, Nancy Pinkerton, Kelly Abdmoulaie







L Above—Larry and Kermit Below John Beard, Larry and Dick Setser L Above Abe Abdmoulaie and Kermit



*Many thanks to all of their special dishes to enjoy at Christmas: Dianne Jones, Ann Kent, Davena Lipeman, Sharon Mize, Nancy Pinkerton, Sarah Potter, Janisue Rigel, and Barbara Stevens. the ladies who brought*