



**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American  
Revolution  
January 2021 Issue 1**



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—January 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
Electronic Using ZOOM Technology.**



HEED the words of our founder! Samuel Adams, Sons of Liberty, was an outspoken Rebel from Boston who blasted “The Crown” for denying the colonies their Liberties.

*“The liberties of our country, the freedoms of our civil Constitution are worth defending at all hazards; it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors. They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood. It will bring a mark of everlasting infamy on the present generation – enlightened as it is – if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of designing men.”*

— Samuel Adams (1722-1803)



# From the President:

## Chapter Members and Friends,

Good bye and good riddance 2020. Father Time you started out as such a sweet child. In January you allowed us to enjoy Kim Morton's presentation of his father's WWII Japan experiences.

In February you teased us with a glimpse of things to come by allowing us to have one of our largest meeting with 34 in attendance. We were entertained and inspired with speeches by Our Oratory Contestant Ms. Emily Phillips and our Special guest SAR Texas State President David Temple.

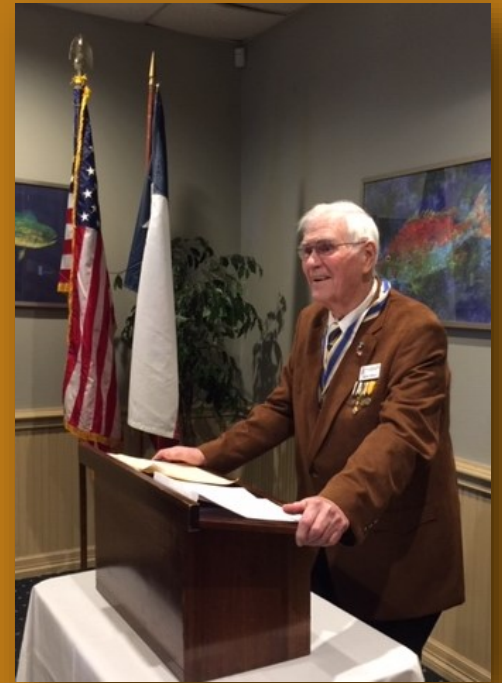
In March you got a bad case of I HATE THE WORLD causing everyone to hide from your wrath. We had to cancel live meetings and our live convention. We yell and scream which only helped by venting our frustration. What to do, what to do.

Wear a mask, stay six feet apart and no live meetings. Jimmy "G" catches corona and dies. Although you are ranked third in deaths after Heart Disease and Cancer you are sneaky and contagious. The wiser among us see a way out, ZOOM, and I think, I am too old for this. So, thanks to Ray Cox, here we go zooming. It is not like meeting in person but there is a lot to like.

All an all it has been an exceptionally good year. We had more meetings than normal. Great guest speakers, some from as far away as Georgia, thanks Jerry. I attended more State Convention meetings than I would have if they were live. I learned a lot, I met a lot of nice people, and I made some new friends.

Our youth have had to learn a new way to go to school. But, I am happy to say that we have an EAGLE SCOUT to sponsor in the Texas Contest. We are reviewing his application now and will be sending it to our state Eagle Scout Chairman, an Eagle Scout himself, Col. and Dr. Art Munford. I would like to thank Chapter Member and BSA Leader Scott DeMassi for making contact with the Kingwood Eagle Scouts.

Here hoping all of you will have a great NEW YEAR " **Live long and prosper** " I am sure Ben Franklin said something similar, but alas, it is a variation of an Old Jewish greeting.



Your President, Kermit Breed

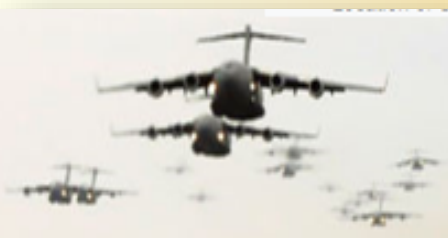
## CHAPTER PROJECTS

### 2020 Annual Yearbook

#### **WE NEED YOUR BIOS and YOUR ANCESTORS**

**If you served in the United States Military Please send these to "Editor PineyWoods Newsletter" at [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com) and he will forward to our Historian Abe Abdmoulaie.**

### 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.**





## Nomination and Election of Chapter Officers

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

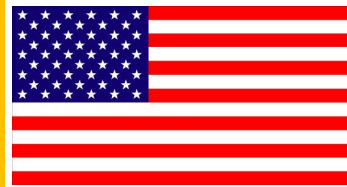
Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided not less than 6 members, or 30 percent of the entire membership, whichever is less, are present and provided further, that all members have been notified of the election date and place not less than 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.

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| President          | Mike Anderson  | Parliamentarian                    | Mark Anthony  |
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> VP | Abe Abdmoulaie | Genealogist                        | Kim Morton    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP | Bernie Kent    | Registrar                          | Larry Stevens |
| Chancellor         | VACANT         | Registrar                          | Joe Potter    |
| Secretary          | Jim Pinkerton  | Chaplain                           | Alan Bowman   |
| Treasurer          | B Ray Mize     | Sgt-at-arms                        | Randy Hall    |
| Historian          | Kermit Breed   | (Not Elected – Web Master Ray Cox) |               |

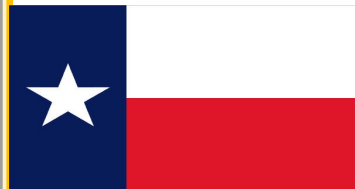
### PineyWoods Chapter Officers

**President Kermit Breed**  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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 3-7, 2021**  
**Louisville—Cancelled—ZOOM TBA**



**State Events—April 14-16, 2021 Richardson Hyatt, Texas**

#### Chapter Meetings

**Jan. 16, 2021—ZOOM 10:00 am**  
**Feb. 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  
INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS  
President **KERMIT BREED**

**PROGRAM PRESENTOR Janie Cloud of FamilyTreeDNA**

**Janie 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.

**CALL FOR REPORTS BY PRESIDENT BREED**

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**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 --- ALLEN BOWMAN**

**Historians Report -- ABE ABDMOULAIE**

**Genealogist Report -- KIM MORTON**

**Webmasters Report -- RAY COX**

**VETERANS - Coupon Project -- JOHN WORM**

**OLD BUSINESS: Confirm Nomination committee's candidates**

**NEW BUSINESS: meeting place Italiano's**

**SAR CLOSING AND BENEDICTION - ALAN BOWMAN**

**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

12 Dec 2020 – Electronic Meeting via Zoom Teleconference

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 (10) Present:** Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Randy Hall, Abe Abdmoulaie, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Jim Pinkerton, Alan Bowman, Mike Anderson, and John Worm. **Guests (2) Present:** William King and John Schmonsees

**Secretary's Report:** Kermit Breed reported that the minutes from our November 2020 meeting were published in the December 2020 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 received all monies due PineyWoods from the State. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, was seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

**Registrar's Report:** Larry Stevens reported that the application for William King has been submitted to National and is still under review. Kermit Breed reported he has received Packets from the State for Alden and Lee Bennett and has mailed them to Alden and Lee. Kermit is working on an Application for Ralph Harp. Stevens reported that the chapter has 102 members on the last report of December 11, 2020.

### Newsletter:

Larry formally requests stories from members on what they have been doing with pictures related to SAR. And share any American History stories and source material to assist in future newsletter articles.

**JROTC:** Randy Hall he had ordered 25 JROTC Medals and Certificates from National to bring our inventory up to 40. The Medals and Certificates are to be paid for by the State.

**Historian Report:** Abe Abdmoulaie

Abe presented a program showing several slides that will be part of the scrapbook. The cost will be between \$25-\$30 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.

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**AWARDS PRESENTATIONS:** Two PineyWoods Members and one Prospective, have spent many hours over the years working in and with schools; students, teachers, and staff, in Humble ISD, and other organizations, promoting Revolutionary War Era Education or our history during the Colonial period from 1750 to 1800. They have presented educational programs, assisted with educational programs not just as members of the Sons of the American Revolution but as interested parents and citizens of our community. It is my honor to present The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to:

Abe Abdmoulaie, Jim Pinkerton, John Schmonsees. Congratulations men and thank you for what you do. Kermit Breed

### Proposed PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas SAR New Officers for 2021-2023:

**President**-Mike Anderson, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP-Abe Abdmoulaie 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Bernie Kent, Chancellor-VACANT, Secretary-Jim Pinkerton, Treasurer-B. Ray Mize, Chaplain-Alan Bowman, Genealogist-Kim Moston, Historian-Kermit Breed, Parliamentarian-Mark Anthony, Registrars-Joe Potter, Larry Stevens, Agt.-At-Arms-Randy Hall.

Non-Elected-Web Master-Ray Cox, Newsletter Editor-Larry Stevens



**Old Business:** The above list of nominated officers will be reviewed in the January 16, 2021 meeting and proposed to serve as chapter officers for two years 2021-2023.

The Benediction was given by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing.

President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

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

**ABE ABDMOULAIE; JIM PINKERTON; JOHN SCHMONSEES** were presented this medal during the ZOOM chapter meeting. Unfortunately, the medals have to mailed instead of recognizing these men in person. This award recognizes work in the community, such as public schools in this case, not just in the name of SAR, but as caring individuals. All three of recipients have spent hours working with Humble ISD, helping by presenting history programs and assisting school principals and teachers ion these efforts.

It was indeed a great honor to present these awards. When ever we can meet in person, we should recognize them again and shake their hands.

**President Kermit Breed**

John Schmonsees and Jim Pinkerton built a clay COBB oven at Willow Creek Elem. WITH the 5th grade class. Nov. 2019

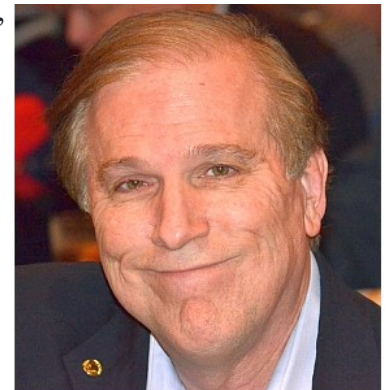


## PINEYWOODS SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

**16 January 2021 - Janine Cloud - Family TreeDNA** In an Interview, Janine stated, “ First, if you aren’t absolutely sure you want to know, don’t test. Be careful of preconceived ideas as to what the results should be. The DNA doesn’t lie, and if the test results don’t corroborate the family lore, it can cause some pretty emotional reactions. Remember that DNA testing has opened a lot of doors in family history research, but some of those have been closet doors. Not everyone’s going to be thrilled over a non-paternal event. And, second, test every one you can, starting with the oldest of each generation that you can.”



**20 February 2021 - 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. The discussion also provides a retrospective on how the FBI investigated the most complex White Collar Crime case in FBI history resulting in 23 convictions and more than \$100 million in forfeiture to the victims of the Enron fraud.”



**20 March 2021—Installation of Officers. Texas society President Drake Peddie asked to Install Chapter Officers.** President Peddie is to join us for 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 Texas Convention.

## Revolutionary War

**January 1, 1776:** Gen. Washington ordered a flag be flown over his Cambridge headquarters. The flag had the crosses of St. Andrews and St. George on a field of blue.



**January 2, 1776 Continental Congress passed the TORY ACT.**

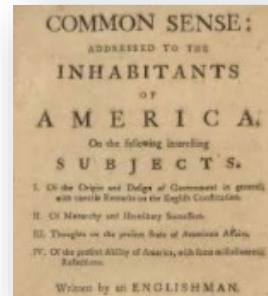
The act described how the colonies would treat those who decided to remain loyal to King George III. Colonies were to indoctrinate those “honest and well meaning, but uninformed people”, by informing them of the “origin, nature and extent of the present controversy.” This congress remained “fully persuaded that the more our right to the enjoyment of our ancient liberties and privileges is examined, the more just and necessary our present opposition to ministerial tyranny will appear.” However, those “unworthy Americans,” who had “taken part with our oppressors” with the aim of gathering “ignominious rewards,” were left to the relevant bodies, some ominously named “councils of safety,” to decide their fate. Congress merely offered its “opinion” that dedicated Tories “ought to be disarmed, and the more dangerous among them either kept in safe custody, or bound with sufficient sureties to their good behavior.” (This Day In History Website)



**January 3, 1777 – The Battle of Princeton New Jersey** began in the morning and ended in victory. General Washington with 4,500 men drove most of the British out of New Jersey Washington suffered 40 killed and wounded while the British force of about 1,200 lost 86 killed and more than 200 captured.

**January 10, 1776 – Thomas Paine’s book “Common Sense”** was published anonymously in Philadelphia. It sold 120,000 copies in 3 months. Washington

insured his troops had copies. Common Sense helped convince many colonists it was time to separate from Britain.



**January 15, 1777 – The Republic of New Connecticut** declared its independence from the British and six months later changed its name to Vermont. At the end of the French and Indian War, colonist from Massachusetts and New Hampshire migrated into Vermont build small forts and villages. During the Revolutionary War when New York refused to recognize boundary lines originally laid out for New Hampshire, colonist in Vermont took action.

**January 17, 1781 – Battle of Cowpens.** Daniel Morgan expected the brash LTC Banastre Tarleton to make a headlong charge against any defense he planned, so Morgan selected a spot in open woodlands on two small hills on the Broad River near Cowpens South Carolina. Morgan knew his men well so the spot actually had no easy escape route either. The spot was protected on all sides except for the route Tarleton would take. This battle was the turning point of taking South Carolina Back from the British. The American Force of 1912 men saw only 25 killed and 124 wounded while the British force of 1150 men had 110 killed and 229 wounded and 629 taken prisoner.





*December 31, 2020*



This year finishes nearly nine years since I became Editor of the chapter newsletter, Pine Shavings. The three years before that, I was editor of the Texas Compatriot our state newsletters. Newsletters are fun; sometimes a challenge to finish on time.

Our newsletters are posted on our chapter Website and have been since 2008. Sometimes, I review our older publications just to see what was happening in the chapter. Our chapter has been involved with many things. When our Color Guard was active, Piney Woods marked four Revolutionary War Grave of patriots who died in Texas. We traveled to Georgia and Virginia to help mark the sites of our chapter members ancestors. Three PineyWoods members served as the Texas Society Presidents and two as National Society Officers.

Our NSSAR mission is to preserve the memory of our ancestors who made great sacrifices to establish the Republic of the United State of America.

But I think sometimes we forget why we are members of a great lineage society. We forget we love to discover who our ancestors are, what they did, where they lived, and that we share a common interest. Genealogy. Even those of us who relied on someone else to provide proofs are deeply interested in the lives of our ancestors.

Last Fall B. Ray Mize made a presentation to the chapter titled, "How to Write Your Family History." B. Ray spent more time on why he needed to write the history and why we should all do this, for our families, before it gets lost.

When Barbara and I began talking about our parents and grandparents forty years ago, we discovered we knew nothing much beyond our grandparents. We knew them, loved them, but actually had little knowledge of their lives.

We did something about this. We traveled back to California and spent time with my grand mother Sadie Thomas Stevens and Barbara grandmother Stuart and great grand mother Howard. What memories of family did these ladies had. We wrote and wrote; asked for copies of pictures and other records. Coming back to Kingwood (now Houston), we joined the Humble Genealogy Society and become regulars at Clayton Library, a great genealogy library.

We now know many things about our ancestors, tracing all back to at least to 6th generations. But after 40 years, we are still researching; if not our own families, but for friends. Just in the last 6 years I have helped over 70 men join the Sons of the American Revolution. Most of the time, Barbara and I work as a team no matter what organization it is. We have found that helping others is not only rewarding but a chance to learn better ways to research, new digital sites, and at time sources not published anywhere.

What are your stories; do you plan to pass them on to family? Now is a great time to start. History is only remembered if is recorded. **Larry G. Stevens Historian and Editor.**

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