



**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.

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.



Speaker

January 15, 2022

Dr. Robert Meaux

Our guest speaker for the next chapter meeting is Dr. Robert Meaux. The topic will be the History of the City of Humble. Dr. Meaux is the curator of the Humble Museum



located at 601 Higgins Street in Humble. Information about this Museum can be found on internet. Please visit and get a glimpse of Humble's past.

Dr. Meaux has author many books and Articles on Humble including "Humble—Images of America", published in 2013. Dr. Meaux earned many Degrees in Music and Music Education and is on the staff of Humble ISD. His Bio is too extensive to list here. Please come and welcome a man who cares about History.

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From the President:



Members and Friends,

This newsletter will likely reach all of you before we start the new year. I wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with peace, prosperity, and good health. Hopefully 2022 is better for us and results in an end to the never-ending pandemic. We all hoped 2021 would see the end, but the vaccines have not proven 100 percent effective; however, for most they lessen the effects of the virus in the vaccinated. So, in my opinion they are worth taking.

We will celebrate New Year's in varying ways, quietly at home, at parties or public celebrations. How many think about the historical celebrations, especially during colonial times and early in our constitutional republic?

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year's arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year.

The New Year's holiday celebrated by most of the people living during the colonial period took place according to the Julian Calendar on the evening of March 24th until the year 1752 and then, beginning in that year and continuing thereafter, it has taken place on the evening of December 31st (the last day on the Gregorian calendar), stretching over into the wee hours of January 1st.



In the colonial period, New Year's Eve was a time for young ladies to get together, prepare a large bowl of wassail (heated, spiced ale) and carry it from house to house, sharing the warm drink with their neighbors, and receiving small gifts in return. This was called "wassailing." The name comes from the Middle English, *waes* and *haeil*, meaning "health to you." The drink consisted of mulled (heated) cider or ale, with sugar, ginger, cinnamon, and other spices mixed in. Pieces of toast would be floated on the top of the bowl. The wassail was also known by the name of Lamb's Wool.

It was customary during colonial times to give small gifts on New Year's Day. People believed that the ending of the previous year was to be celebrated with drinking and socializing with loved ones and friends, and that the starting of the new year should be celebrated with the giving and receiving of gifts. A gift that was commonly given was an orange with cloves stuck in it. A ribbon would be tied around a fresh orange, and then the entire exposed surface would be covered with whole cloves and then dusted in cinnamon. History and its practices

and customs are indeed interesting.

We have a lot of good activities and meeting speakers coming in 2022. One upcoming activity needing com-patriot participation is on Saturday, January 22nd at the Humble Museum where the chapter will present a program about the American Revolution similar to what is presented in the schools. If you are able, I ask you to please come out and help with this event. I look forward to seeing you there. Again, Happy New Year to all.

Michael Anderson

President



Looks like another LOCK DOWN this December 31st, 2021, due to continuing problems with variations of the Virus.

Pictured is George Washington at Valley Forge. His winter encampment saw hundreds die of cold, disease, and hunger. Cattle and Horses lay dead throughout camp having starved to death.

December 23, 1777, from his camp tent, Washington wrote a testy letter, an ultimatum to the Continental Congress, expressing “infinite pain and concern’ with no cat-

tle for food, nearly 3000 or one fourth of his soldiers unfit for duty.

After the Battle of Trenton, Washington mandated the vaccination for small pox for all his continental troops. Small pox was the “VIRUS” of the 1700’s. Washington suffered from the minor form of small pox when a young man. British attempts to spread small pox among Washington’s Army after Valley Forge failed because this commander recognized the danger of unchecked diseases not only on his Army but of the populace of the American Colonies.

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2021-2023

President—Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

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Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

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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. Feb 24-27, 2022

SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—July TBA

TXSSAR



2022 Annual TXSSAR Convention
Mar 30 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson
Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meetings at Union Kitchen

January 15, 2022

February 19, 2022

March 19, 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 2021

PineyWoods Chapter Membership:

Regular-90 Junior-5 Dual-4 _____Total 99

◇ William O. King	SAR # 217906	TX # 14584	15 Jan 2021	ANC James King
◇ Henry J. Salisbury III	SAR # 218844	TX # 14704	9 Apr 2021	
◇ Norman Lee Funderburk	SAR # 220050	TX # 14773	30 Jul 2021	ANC William Wilkie
◇ Cole Brewer (Y)	SAR # 220302	TX # 14802	20 Aug 2021	ANC Samuel Rowan
◇ Davis Brewer (Y)	SAR # 220301	TX # 14801	20 Aug 2021	ANC Samuel Rowan



OUR CHAPTER MEMBER VETERANS

Lawrence "Ski" Grumboski

Ski returned from his 1st tour of three tours in Vietnam in 1964 with and new bike from Yokosuka Japan. At the right, Ski was awarded the "Secretary of the Navy Commendation" after his 2nd tour.

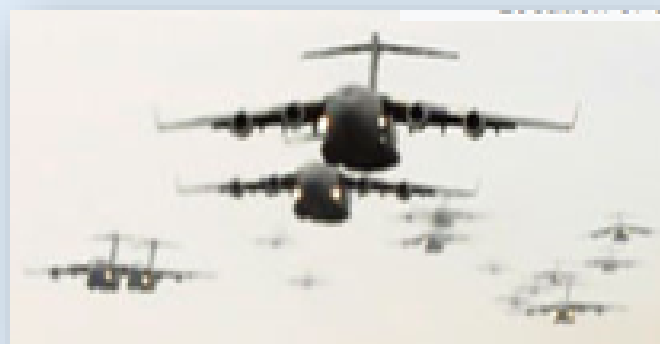


VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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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Christmas Drink and Food:

COLONIAL KETCHUP was poured on beef in a pot with onions by Colonial Soldiers. We tried this at Greentree Elementary last April 2021

FIRST - Cut two pounds of mushrooms into small pieces. Put the mushrooms into a bowl with salt and a couple of bay leaves, then leave it to sit overnight. By the next morning, the mushrooms will have released all of their juices, which is the goal.

SECOND - On the second day, add: a chopped onion, lemon zest, half a thumb of grated horseradish, a couple of cloves, a pinch of cayenne pepper, a larger pinch of allspice, half of cup of apple cider. Stir this together in a pot, put it on the stove, and let it boil for 15-20 minutes.

THIRD - When the mushroom mixture is done cooking, set it aside to cool. This might take up to an hour. When cool, pour what liquid you can from the mushroom mixture into a bowl. Put the solids, a ladle-full at a time, into a cheesecloth. Squeeze the mixture in the cheesecloth over the bowl of liquid until there is no liquid left in the cheesecloth. Repeat until all the solids have been wrung out.

FOURTH - At this point, you will have a bowl of liquid and a bowl of solids. **The solids are actually delicious! Save them as a seasoning for other dishes!** As for the liquid, pour it into a bottle, and you're done! Mushroom Ketchup goes well with a variety of meats and vegetables. Taste **ALMOST LIKE** Worcestershire Sauce!

FLIP—Attributed to George Washington-Flip or Loggerhead-to a pitcher of beer was added sugar and molasses to sweeten and a gill (5 ounces) of rum. The beverage was then heated by stirring with a red hot poker in the camp fire, giving the drink a pleasant, burnt flavor. Washington is said to have commented his troops would never strike while at “loggerheads.” Some recipes add two eggs and nutmeg however George may not have had these.



HOECAKE -In 1776, Benjamin Franklin wrote hoecake was better than a Yorkshire muffin. George Washington loved hoecake. So, what is it? The recipe is simple.

Take 2 cups of cornmeal, ¾ teaspoon of salt, and 2 tablespoons of butter. Place these in a bowl. Boil water and then pour some into the ingredients stirring until you have a thick mush or semi-stiff mush.

Rub bacon grease on the blade of a clean shovel. Spread the mixture ¼ of an inch thick and then place in over hot coals for about 20 minutes or until done. A second method is to coat a Dutch oven’s bottom with bacon grease or similar, spread the mixture about ¼ an inch, cover, and place on hot a grate over hot coals for 20-25 minutes. Check after about 10 minutes. You can also pop into an oven at 375 degrees for 20 to 5 minutes.

The Greentree and Willow Creek school programs this Fall included making **HOECAKE** at our “field kitchen” by parents. The 5th grade students were instructed on how to mix the bread and spread in a Dutch oven. Then, they observed the bread on the fire and then ate some that had been made earlier. Hoecake is a little dry but surprisingly good.

Try some colonial recipes like Martha Washington’s Cook Book Fricassee (Chicken); or Sally Lunn Bread. We had this bread in Williamsburg, VA., and Barbara has made both of these here at home. Very good.

LARRY STEVENS

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—15 January 2022 — 11:00 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

OFFICERS 2021-2023

President Mike Anderson

Introductions

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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 SAR

Christmas Meeting and Lunch

December 11, 2021

Home of Larry and Barbara Stevens

President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Pledges were made to the Flag of the USA and Texas. John Beard led the SAR Pledge.

Attendees: Total of thirty-two with two not able to attend due to health.

Members: Abe Abdmoulaie; President Mike Anderson, John Beard, Kermit Breed, Raymond Cox, Lawrence SKI Grumboski, James Jim Jones, Bernie Kent, William Bill King, Jeff LaRochelle, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Cannon Pritchard, Dick Setser, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens (16)

Guests: Dan and Samantha Ballard, Mary-Clare Beard, Cindy David, Susan Grumboski, Merv and Jeannie Hartwick, Dianne Jones, Ann Kent, Susan King, Jennifer LaRochelle, Sharon Mize, Nancy Pinkerton, John Schmonsee, Sherry Setser, Barbara Stevens (16)

President Anderson said that each year the order of business for the December meeting is the nomination of officers for the next term. He stated that about 5 years ago, PineyWoods leadership voted to have all officers serve two years. The Bylaws were not changed at that time to see how two year terms worked and if they were right for PineyWoods. This necessitates nominating and electing the current officers for their first term. There is one vacancy due to the passing of our Genealogist Kim Morton and our Parliamentarian Mark Anthony has not been able to join our meeting from Greenville SC because our current meeting facility blocks internet reception. He said we would work of these positions next month.

John Beard made a motion to elect all current officers. Larry Stevens seconded the motion. After a short discussion all were nominated unanimously. The following is the list of PineyWoods Officers

PineyWoods 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, Registrar-Larry Stevens, Registrar-Joe Potter, Historian-Kermit Breed, Chaplain-Alan Bowman, Newsletter Editor-Larry Stevens, Web Master-Ray Cox.

After the election, Kermit Breed said he would like to be the chapter Genealogist. He is currently the Historian but said he would do both until and new Historian is found. John Beard made a motion to elect Kermit Breed has the chapter genealogist, Larry Stevens seconded to motion. President Anderson asked if there were any other nomination for Genealogist and hearing none asked the members that were in favor indicate by stating AYE. The vote was unanimous.

President Anderson asked if there was any Old Business. He asked if there was any new business.

John Beard said he met with John Worm and would be taking over the Veteran Coupon Project this next year. He said Dick Setser has agreed to assist him. He said John Worm did an outstanding job supporting our serve men and women and their family's stationed overseas. The change will be reflected in the next Newsletter.

1st VP Abe Abdmoulaie sated there is an event at the Humble Museum January 22, 2022, that members of the chapter, and prospect member and the President of RevEd1776 John Schmonsee, have been asked to present their program on the American Revolution. This is the same or a similar event RevEd and members of the PineyWoods Chapter presented at Greentree Elementary, Willow Creek Elementary, but most important, the program at Creekwood Middle School. He asked John Schmonsee who is working with the Humble Museum director to discuss this project. After, Larry Stevens said the chapter really needs to turn out and help with the

presentation and setup of the event. All hands are needed to make this a special event for the Chapter and RevEd1776!

After Larry Stevens discussed lunch and the arrival of the Kingwood High School Madrigals, President Anderson asked all to recite SAR Closing. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Jim Pinkerton—Secretary



President Mike Anderson, members and guests thanking Barbara Stevens for hosting our Christmas Lunch.

Larry Stevens, Sharon Mize, Mike Barbara, Kermit Breed and Jim Pinkerton

Left—B Ray Mize, Mike Anderson, Sherry Setser, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, Bernie and Ann Kent, Cindy David. Bill King seated with cap.

Madrigals leave singing, “We Wish You A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”



THE ROAD TO REVOLUTION

January 19, 1770 - The Battle of Golden Hill New York. There are little known events along the path toward the American Revolution. This battle is one. In New York, the Sons of Liberty waged a war of protest against their King and the British Parliament. New York refused to enforce the Stamp Act. The Sons of Liberty erected a pole called a Liberty Pole at City Hall Park on May 19, 1766, celebrating the repeal of the Stamp Act. British soldiers cut it down. Another was erected and cut down, and then a third erected, followed by the fourth clad with iron bands. In 1767, the Quartering Act was passed by Parliament. New York for the most part did not enforce the Act. Parliament reacted by dissolving the New York assembly and replaced it one that agreed with them. "To the betray inhabitants of New York and the Colony of New York," blasted the Sons of Liberty in a broadside. In



response to the broadside and because British soldiers were given 1800 pounds to support the act, liberty pole was blown up on January 16, 1767, and threw in the front of the door of a tavern owner named Mr. Mantanye. British soldiers posted and handed out the own handbills because of the broadside.

January 19th, Isaac Sears, and others attempted to stop the soldiers from handing out hand bills at the Fly market at the foot of Maiden Lane. Soldiers captured by Sears were marched towards the mayor's office while a few escaped and ran to the barracks sounding the alarm. A large crowd gathered along with soldiers. The soldiers were surrounded and badly outnumbered. The soldiers were ordered back to their barracks. The crowd escorted them. When they reached John

Street between William and Pearl Streets, an officers ordered, "draw your swords and march through them!" At that time, more soldiers arrived and more officer who ordered the soldiers to disperse and return to the barracks before the situation got further out of hand. A number of soldiers received brushing and minor wounds as well as many civilians. The report of a death cannot be verified. On February 6, 1770, the Sons of Liberty erected the Liberty pole again.

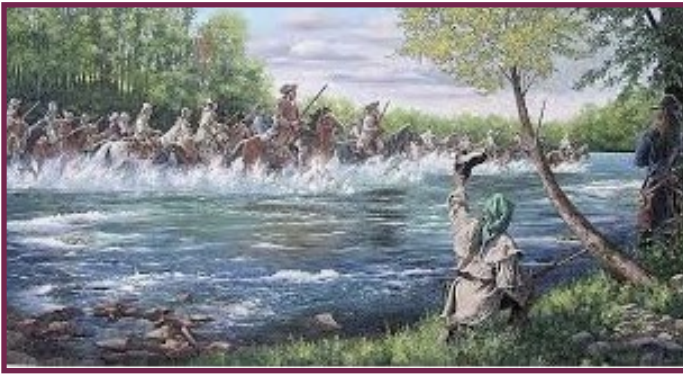
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When reading history books, you may wonder what are the sources for this story? Part of the following is from a work by William Anderson III, a 46 page booklet that you can find online. What you find here is the depth of his research supporting his arguments of the events leading up to and after King's Mountain. Larry Stevens, Historian.

Kings Mountain – October 7, 1780- "Private James Potter Collins, although a South Carolina militiaman, was temporarily assigned to the Lincoln County Men. (Tennessee) He later wrote: *I looked around; every man's countenance seemed to change; well, thought I, fate is fate, every man's fate is before him and he has to run it out, which I am inclined to think yet. I was commanded this day by Major Chronicle and Capt. Watson.*



We were soon in motion, every man throwing four or five balls in his mouth to prevent thirst, also to be in readiness to reload quick. The shot of the enemy soon began to pass over us like hail; the first shock was quickly over, and for my own part, I was soon in a profuse sweat. My lot happened to be in the centre, where the severest part of the battle was fought. We soon attempted to climb the hill, but were fiercely charged upon and forced to fall back to our first position; we tried to second time, but met the same fate; the fight then seemed to become more

furious. Their leader, Ferguson, came in full view, within rifle shot as if to encourage his men, who by this time were falling very fast; he soon disappeared. We took to the hill a third time; the enemy gave way; when we had gotten near the top, some of our leaders roared out, “Hurra, my brave fellows! Advance! They are crying for quarter.” (Collins 1859, 52). ([Lincoln County Men at Kings Mountain](#) essential to the Kings Mountain

victory, 7 October 1780 Copyright © 2009–2017 by William Lee Anderson III.) (Online)



“On examining the dead body of their great chief (Major Patrick Ferguson), it appeared that almost fifty rifles must have been leveled at him at the same time; seven rifle balls had passed through his body, both of his arms were broken, and his hat and clothing were literally shot to pieces. Their (Tories) great elevation above us had proved their ruin. They overshot us altogether, scarce touching a man, except those on horseback, while every rifle from below seemed to have the desired effect...”, (Collins)

After the battle, Collins awoke the next morning to a scene

of Tory wives and children coming to see if their man was dead or alive. Collins reported, *“Their husbands, fathers, and brothers lay dead in heaps, while others lay wounded or dying. Numbers of survivors were doomed to abide court martial and many were actually hung”*. He wrote, *“We proceeded to bury the dead, but it was badly done. They were thrown into convenient piles and covered with old logs, the bark of old trees and rocks, yet not so as to secure them from becoming a prey to the beasts of the forest, or the vultures of the air;*

and the wolves later became so plenty, that it was dangerous for anyone to be out at night for several miles around. Also the hogs in the neighborhood gathered in the place to devour the flesh of men, inasmuch as number chose to live on little meat rather than eat their

hogs, thought they were fat.” Sources:

Patricia B. Mitchell, *“Revolutionary Recipes – Colonial Food, Lore, &*



More”, Mitchells Publications, VA, 1988. From an Account of Kings Mountain by James P. Collins, *“Autobiography of an American Soldier”*, 1859.

Larry G. Stevens—Historian

