



Pine Shavings

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



President's Message



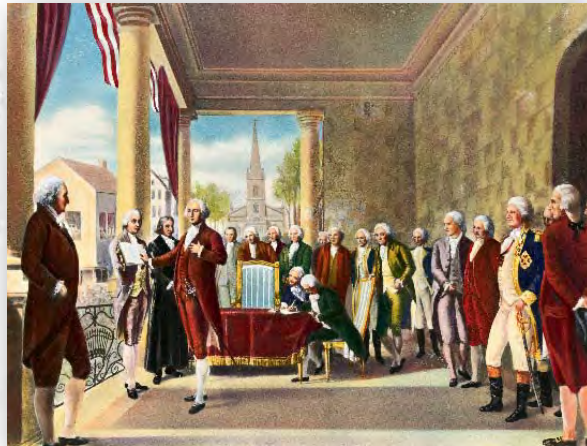
Dear Piney Woods Compatriots,

I want to thank everyone who came to our May meeting. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great presentation by Mat Webb, social studies coordinator for Humble ISD. Matt's presentation stressed the importance of how social studies can help make students better citizens. He felt that social studies needed to be relevant and not just names, places, and dates.

As we enter our summer break, please consider inviting someone to our August meeting. Our chapter should be looking for outreach. Bring someone and let's get them interested in SAR. The 127th National Congress was in Knoxville, Tennessee in July. Both our Past State Presidents James T. Jones and Larry Stevens, and current state president, John Beard were in attendance. We are lucky to have these men in our chapter. They will be making a presentation on the Congress at our August meeting. Have a safe summer and we will see everyone on Saturday August 19th.

Jim Pinkerton

The Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated on January 17, 1890, in Connecticut and later chartered by the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. Prior to this date, a number of state societies were formed in the 1880s. These were led by The Sons of Revolutionary Sires, organized July 4, 1876, in San Francisco. The first Congress of the National Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890 – the 101st Anniversary of George Washington's taking the oath of office of President of the United States.



Inauguration of George Washington

Meeting Saturday, August 19th Member & Guest

Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

ASAP to Larry Stevens
wardtracker@aol.com or
281 361-2061

Revolutionary War Timeline

1754 June – Representatives from seven colonies meet with 150 Iroquois Chiefs in Albany, New York. The Albany Congress had two goals; try to secure the support and cooperation of the Iroquois in fighting the French and to form a colonial alliance based on a design by **Benjamin Franklin**. This plan of Union was passed unanimously. But when the plan was presented to their respective colonies, not a single provincial legislature would ratify it. The Franklin Plan resembled the **Articles of Confederation** and would have provided for a coordinated taxation and militia forces to defend the frontiers. (US History.org.)

1772 June 10 – The revenue *Schooner Gaspee* runs aground in Providence, Rhode Island and was burned by locals angered by the enforcement of the British Parliaments trade legislation.

1773 July – The letters of Massachusetts **Governor Thomas Hutchinson** are published. Hutchinson advocated a 'great restraint of natural liberty' and convinced many colonists that the British planned to clamp down on their freedoms.

1775 June 17 – **Americans Hold Their Own** at the **Battle of Bunker Hill**. In this first action of the American Revolution, inexperienced colonial militiamen hold off an experienced British Army for more than two hours. Breed's Hill could not be held by the colonist but of the 2,200 attacking British more than 1,000 were dead or wounded.



Benjamin Franklin Slogan 1754



Breeds Hill 1775



Gov. Thomas Hutchinson

Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's

Greenspoint, Houston, TX 20 May 2017

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The invocation by Kermit Breed was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Blackburn, Joe Potter, Jeff LaRochelle, Nolan Richards, John Beard, Lark Leazar, Brent Monteleone, Travis Monteleone, and Alan Bowman

GUEST: Barbara Stevens, Sarah Potter, Bobbie Richards, Kay Leazar, Mathew Webb, Carolyn Bowman and Christie Jordan

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the April meeting. Motion carried.



Brent Monteleone, Joe Potter, Kay and Lark Leazar, Kim Morton, Kermit Breed

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Beard reported a balance \$3,740.39 Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on a new application for John Schmonsees, Tommy Morris, Joshua Williamson and Clyde Wilton Simmons Jr. Larry Stevens is working on new applications for Bill McKinney, B. Ray Mize, Charles Jones, Dennis Keister, James Barber, Bernie Kent and James Smith.

NEWSLETTER: Larry Blackburn gave a short synopsis of the article he wrote for our Pine Shavings. Be sure to read the interesting article in the May Pine Shavings.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Larry Blackburn said this year 38 JROTC have been presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Compatriot Lark Leazar was sworn in as our newest members. His Patriot was LT Samuel Blythe of NC. Compatriot Travis Monteleone was sworn in and presented with his Rosette by his father Brent. Each new member was presented a "Challenge Coin" by Texas President John Beard. The proceeds from sale of these coins at \$10 each goes to the TXSSAR Perpetual Fund. Jim Pinkerton invited the new members to be part of the plan in our chapter's future.



John Beard, Larry Blackburn, Jeff LaRochelle

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GUEST SPEAKER; Matthew Webb the District Social Studies Coordinator, Humble ISD spoke on what our forefathers might think of the how social studies is taught now as compared to how it was taught in the past. Comparing a hands-on approach to memorizing dates and facts.



Mathew Webb

FUTURE EVENTS: Our next Members/Guests Meeting at Jimmy “G” will be the 19th August.

After the benediction members joined together in the SAR closing. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

Member Badge and Rosette

The Members Rosette can be worn by all members. It is worn on the coat lapel or tropical shirt. Not on an overcoat. The Rosette is considered Informal so not appropriate on formal wear. It is not to be worn if the SAR Badge is worn.



SAR Member Badge



Calendar of Events

National Events

South Central Dist. At Kan. City Aug 25-26, 2017

128th NSSAR Congress Houston July 13-19, 2018

Chapter Meetings

Members/Guests Meeting Aug 19, 2017

Members/Guests Meeting Sept 16, 2017

Members/Guests Meeting Oct 21, 2017

Members/Guests Meeting Nov 18, 2017

Members/Guests Meeting Dec 16, 2017

127th National Congress Knoxville, Tennessee

July 7th—13th 2017

Texas Society Members Traveled to Knoxville, many driving, to attend the 127th NSSAR Congress in the beautiful town of Knoxville Tennessee. We had a good group but lighter Texas attendance than normal. Surprising since the ancestors of many Texas compatriots settled very early in this Eastern part of Tennessee known as Washington County North Carolina.

Meetings began Friday the 7th, with some Texans attending the ExCom Meeting or playing in the golf tournament set up by Texas President John Beard (PineyWoods). Others went on tours to Cumberland Gap or toured on their own. But all met for the Host Reception at White's Fort just a short distance from the host hotel for Tennessee BBQ of Pulled Pork and Ribs and the fixings. Very good, but I believe Texans take the prize when it comes to BBQ.



*July 11th Texas Attendees Group Photo minutes before the beginning of the President General's Banquet (PineyWoods members: Front row: Shelia Manning, Jane Cohen, **Dianne Jones**, **Barbara Stevens**, Wanda White, Pat Taylor, Carol Ratcliff, **Conni Barker** Back row: Peter Gobel, **John Thompson**, Jack Manning, Bob Cohen, Tom Jackson, **Jim Jones**, **Larry Stevens**, Bill Marrs, Nathan While, Sylvia Mars, Jim Taylor, Larry Casey, ____, **Ron Barker**, **Larry Blackburn**, Tom Green, and Mike Radcliff. (PineyWoods members in bold) PineyWoods attendees not pictured were John and Mary-Claire Beard)*

Sunday, July 9th was a busy day. After the Color Guard Breakfast, Texas Trustee Larry Stevens attend the 2016-2017 Trustee Meeting .

After lunch, attendees traveled off-site to the Annual Memorial Service at the "old" downtown First Baptist Church with the NSSAR Color Guard posting the flags of the USA, SAR, our State Flags and the Flag of France. Our members who passed away in 2016 year were remembered.

This was followed by the First Lady Tea and more meetings. At 5:30 pm the Texas group met to visit and enjoy good food at Chesapeake's Restaurant. The Maryland crab cakes were awesome! At 8:00 pm, the final round of the Oration Contest was held. This popular event for our members and guests is always crowded TheTexas contestant did not make the finals but he treated us with his speech at dinner. Great speaker.

Monday, July 10th, was also a busy day with the General Sessions at 9:00 am. The Youth Awards Luncheon had more than 640 attendees. Awards were presented to all on our national contest winners. These should be posted on the National Website soon.



Sunday, July 9, Texas Dinner at Chesapeake's Seafood Restaurant only one block from the Holiday Inn Congress Site. Great Food! There were 24 seated.



July 10th—Dinner on your own at Market square Knoxville—waiting to be seated Ron Barker, Larry Stevens, John Beard

July 10th, Minuteman Presentation—Jim Jones Jr. escorted the Rev. Dr. James Taylor of San Antonio (m). PG Mike Tomme presented the Medal and Ribbon.



July 11th, South Central District Breakfast. The south Central District is a five state area with Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Common interests are discussed as well as Compatriots running of National Offices drop by.



Tuesday, July 11, the General Session continued at 9:00 am, in which nominations for national offices are presented and approved. There was one contested race and voting by registered delegates was at 3:00 pm. Our National Officers for 2017-2018 headed by new PG Larry Guzy of Georgia (also a Texas member) will be posted on the NSSAR Website soon. Committee members are already listed on the Private NSSAR site.



Above Texas Ladies at the First Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday at Cherokee CC... Below PineyWoods wives Mary-Claire Beard and Dianne Jones



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The PG Banquet began at 7:00 pm. Historian and writer Jon Meacham PhD was the guest speaker.

Wednesday morning the General session on the business for the 127th Congress concluded; and, this was followed by the first business Trustees meeting of 2017-2018. The installation Banquet began at 7:00 p.m. We headed home for Texas. Below, Vicksburg looking across the Mississippi to Louisiana.



Membership

New Members

Lark Leazer was inducted as a new member by President Jim Pinkerton. Registrar Larry Stevens help present the new member certificate. Lark's Patriot Ancestor was **LT Samuel Blythe** who served in the North Carolina 1st Regiment Continental Line and saw action at Brandywine and Germantown leading up to Valley Forge were he wintered with George Washington, LT Blythe resigned his commission 16 April 1778 most likely due to illness and returned home to Mecklenburg NC where he died after 23 February 1795.

Travis Monteleone was inducted by President Jim Pinkerton. Travis is a student at the University of Texas. His father Brent, the chapter chancellor, help present his certificate.

Applications Approved at Louisville

- ◇ **Dr. Lance Feray and his son Cotton**; Ancestor John Bumpass who served in Hillsborough District North Carolina. Bumpass's pay record stated no rank.



Tombstone of John Bumpass

- ◇ **B. Ray Mize**; Ancestor James Larimore who was a Sgt. Militia, Caswell Co., North Carolina 1778 and served until wounded at Brier Creek in 1780. SGt. Larimore filed for and was granted a Revolutionary War Pension.

Applications at Louisville waiting for review:

- * Dennis Keister—ancestor John Nickolas
- * Doug Blodgett— ancestor Celab Blodgett



Registrar Larry Stevens, Lark Leazer, Jim Pinkerton



Travis Monteleone and Jim Pinkerton



Brent and Travis Monteleone

Member News

Chapter members and friends gathered for Lunch and Kingwood Country Club on July 20th ,2017. Our Past Chapter President, longtime Chapter Registrar, and WWII Veteran Robert “Bob” McKenna was presented a War of 1812 History Award and Certificate by Wyoming State President United Daughters of 1812 Janisue Rigel along with members Davena Rigel and Barbara Stevens. Texas Society SAR President John Beard presented Bob with a 2108 NSSAR Congress “Ranger Badge” . Houston is hosting the 2108 National Congress next July 13th. We had a very good lunch and visit. Bab has been very active on FaceBook. He is home most days and enjoys visitors.

Bob’s e-mail address is rmckenna1924@gmail.com. (Also—see VIDEO on the PineyWoods Face Book site at– **Piney Woods Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution**)



In the above picture from Left to right is PineyWoods Past President (PP) Larry Stevens, PineyWoods PP and current Texas President John Beard; Barbara Stevens; Davena Rigel; Past Chapter President Larry Blackburn; President Wyoming Society United Daughters of 1812 Janisue Rigel; and in front is Robert “Bob” McKenna

PINEYWOODS FACEBOOK

Compatriots—Our PineyWoods chapter now has an *official presence on Facebook*, perhaps the world’s most popular social media website and “friend” connection culture. Rather than a straightforward individual’s page, we have a group page designed for communities like ours. So far, our page provides website links to the USS constitution Museum, the Mount Vernon Historical site, the Official Website of the sons of the American Revolution, and of course to our own longstanding PineyWoods official website.

Please submit your chapter activities and photos.

Youth Activities and Programs

Chester Nimitz High School - JROTC

"It was my honor to be present as the Bronze SAR JROTC award was presented to Cadet Jordan Zapata. The date of the presentation was this Wednesday evening, May 10, 2017, and this was presented on behalf of the Piney Woods Chapter." Compatriot John K. Thompson

Pictured left to right are *Master Chief Solis, John Thompson, Cadet Zapata, and Senior Military Instructor Gerald Bonnette.*



Compatriot Larry Blackburn presenting the Bronze JROTC Medal to Klein High School Cadet Lt. Col. Sydney Sumner *"I wanted to thank you for personally attending our military ball for the purpose of presenting me the Minute Man award. I am so honored to be able to say that I've won this award and I'm so grateful for the cadets and instructors around me that allowed me to grow into someone deserving of this recognition. I'm so excited for this award that I've actually been working on creating two new ribbon racks so that I can wear the award whether I'm in a service coat or not. It's an amazing feeling to be nationally recognized and I hope that you will continue to support our unit in the future. Thank you again,"* Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Sydney Sumner (Senior Inst. Col LaBlanc in

Texas Society Youth Contests

This is the time of year to advertise our youth contests. There are entry deadlines. These are found on the ***Texas Society web page – txs-sar.org***. ***Children and Grandchildren of SAR members can participate.***

Oration Contest -Deadlines for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration

Contest were changed two years ago; changed the contest to the Fall instead of Spring due to High School Speech and Debate competitions in the Spring.



The Oration Contest is open for Texas Students in the ***9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, (Home School, Private Schools, and Public Schools).***

Contestants must notify a local chapter by September 10. Chapters can seek contestants as early as May 1 of the contest year. The Local Chapter must submit their contest entry to the Regional chairman by September, and the Regional Chairman must submit candidates for state competition by October 7. Please consult the Texas Website Oration Contest for detailed instructions. The Texas SAR First Place Scholarship is \$2,500 and awarded at the Annual Texas

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Conference, generally the last weekend in March each year.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. The Arthur M and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest is for all Eagle Scouts that have not reached their 19th birthday in the application year, January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 (this year). The contest requires the Eagle Scout to submit an 4 generation ancestor chart and a 500-word patriotic themed essay. The contest has three phases. The first is the Chapter level. Chapter submits the winner of the chapter contest to the state for state competition.

The state sends the First Place Eagle Scout entry to National for National Contest. In the case there is no chapter contact, an Eagle Scout can submit their entry to the state. Again, consult the Texas State Website for all contest contacts, details and forms. The Texas SAR First Place Scholarship is \$2,500 and awarded at the Annual Texas Conference, generally the last weekend in March each year.



Essay Contest – The Stella Knight Essay Contest is opened to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, (Home School, Private Schools, and Public Schools). The contest year is from January 1st – December 31st, each year. The essay must have a minimum of 800 words and not exceed 1,200 words (excluding the title page, footnotes, bibliography page, and biography page). Word counts based on a word processor are acceptable. Essay must be submitted by the end of the year to Texas Chapter (on or before December 31st) to be eligible. Student MUST PAY

Strict Attention to Contest Rules and follow these exactly. Each year, many essays are disqualified because the rules were not followed to the letter. Again, please go the Texas Website for instructions for submission. The Texas SAR First Place Scholarship is \$2,500 and awarded at the Annual Texas Conference, generally the last weekend in March each year.



The Enhanced JROTC Contest is for outstanding cadets in their JUNIOR year or 11th grade in a four-year program.

Submissions for the contest must be made to the chapter by the Senior Instructor or his staff to the chapter on or before January 15th after the contest year. This year, the contest is for 2017. The local chapter selects the Enhanced Entry they judge best and then the chapter submits their entry to the State Contest Chairman on or before February 1st. Please go to the Texas Website for complete instructions. The Texas SAR First Place Scholarship is \$2,500 and awarded at the Annual Texas Conference, generally the last weekend in March each year.



THE AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER CONTEST

Great students are helped along the way by great teachers. What a better way to recognize History Teachers who go out of their way to make Social Studies something memorable than to help them enter the Texas Society American History Teacher Contest. The Texas Contest is a copy of the NSSAR Contest began by NSSAR and TXSSAR President, Judge Tom Lawrence and is wife Mickey Jo in the memory of Tom's mother, a history teacher. Tom was a Vice President of the Piney Woods Chapter a few years and contributed greatly to our youth contests.

The Tom & Betty Lawrence Outstanding American History Teacher Award is the result of a national contest in which local SAR Chapters select their candidates for the State Society Contest (in this case, the Texas SAR) for which there is a State Award. The winner of the State contest is submitted for consideration at the National (NSSAR) level.

Those teachers whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800 may enter the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Contest. The award is *open to all teachers at the middle or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institutions.*

Both application forms and release forms can be obtained from the NSSAR Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award page.

Texas Society Contest Rules - The NSSAR Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Award rules will apply to the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding American History Teacher Contest. The Texas Society Outstanding History Teacher will be automatically be entered in the NSSAR contest. The rules are also available on the NSSAR web site www.sar.org under the Education tab.

Texas Society Awards The winner of the Texas SAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award winner will receive a \$1500 bond or *a trip to the Freedom Foundation Graduate Workshop in Valley Forge, PA.* Contest Due Dates – Entry must be received at a Local Chapter by December 18th of the contest year. The Chapter 1st Place contestant must be received by the Texas Chairman of the History Teacher Contest on or before January 15th. Texas's Contest entry in the national contest must be received on or before February 10th.

Sons of the American Revolution Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Applicant Form is found on the NSSAR Web-site with complete instructions on preparation and requirements.; such as,*submit a written essay of not less than 500 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolutionary era.*

CHAPTER MEMBERS, it is up to YOU, help us enter a TEACHER this YEAR.

