



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



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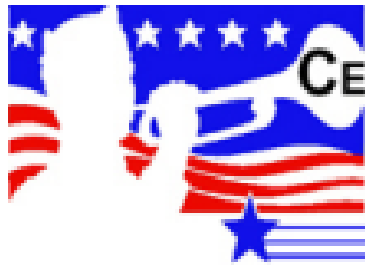
393 THE BIRTH OF OLD GLORY

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The SERIPUS Flag of John Paul Jones

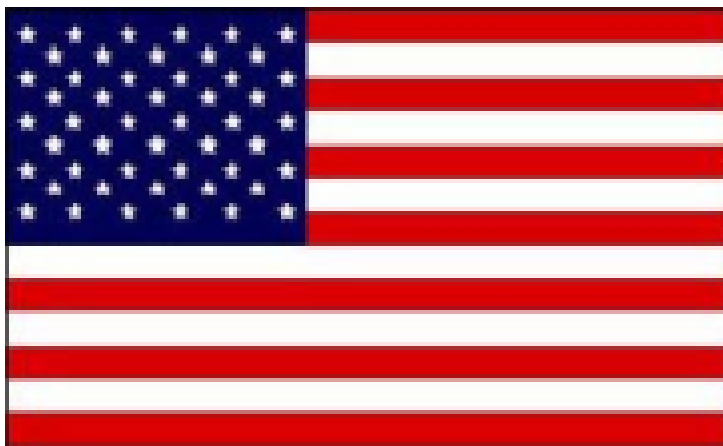
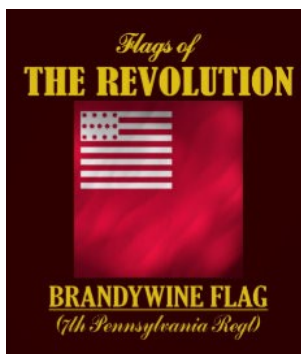


On September 23, 1779, after his famous quote: ***"Sir, I have not yet begun to fight,"*** Captain John Paul Jones boarded the British frigate Serapis after the most famous Revolutionary naval battle, and raised this flag known as the "Serapis flag". From the Serapis, Capt. Jones and the American crew watched their ship, the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard sink into the North Sea.



CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOMS

The Origins of Flag Day



*That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes
of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field,
representing the new constellation.*

This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design. A flag of this design was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine.

The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on February 14, 1778, when the Ranger, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Captain Paul Jones, arrived in a French port.

The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort. Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag



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Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777.

The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The most recognized claim, however, comes from New York. On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe

the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. This initiative attracted attention from the State Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter. Soon the state legislature passed a law making it the responsibility of the state superintendent of public schools to ensure that schools hold observances for Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

In 1897, the governor of New York ordered the displaying of the flag over all public buildings in the state, an observance considered by some to be the first official recognition of the anniversary of the adoption of the flag outside of schools.

Another claim comes from Philadelphia. In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed on all of the city's public buildings. Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, that same year tried to get the city to call June 14 Flag Day. Resolutions by women were not granted much notice, however, and it was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday.



Two young girls hold American flags next to a plaque honoring Bernard J. Cigrand in Waubeka, Wisconsin, around 1949 as part of a Flag Day commemoration.

Flag Day is a nationwide observance today, but Pennsylvania is the only state that recognizes it as a legal holiday. Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed.

"Father of Flag Day" honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a schoolboy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Both President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

From the Department of Veterans Affairs—Larry Stevens

From the President:



Compatriots:

We have now officially closed out the 2021 – 2022 meeting year. During the year, we had many great speakers, and we often filled our meeting area at the Union Kitchen. As with any new location, it was a little bumpy at first getting the right seating arrangement for the room. The Union Kitchen was happy to have our group and looks forward to us coming back in August; however, I know some would like to see us at a different location for the 2022 – 2023 meeting year. Finding a location is not easy. Pretty much all restaurants require a minimum dollar amount spent for the room. The couple of times we did not meet the \$600 minimum at Union Kitchen, they only charged us the actual amount spent and not the room minimum. If you feel strongly about changing locations, please give me some suggestions we can check out as a potential meeting location. I do not live in the Kingwood/Humble area, so I am at a disadvantage for identifying sites. There is a possibility of meeting at a Kingwood assisted living facility, and I will reach out to other

chapter officers to gauge interest in this location. However, it is not my preferred site. Along with a new meeting place, I am also looking for speaker suggestions. I have a couple from some of our compatriots but am looking for more.

We have several upcoming patriotic holidays including Flag Day on June 14th and the 246th anniversary our nation's independence on July 4th where members of our community will be patriotically flying the flag. The SAR has Flag Certificates that can be given to individuals, groups, and potentially organizations that patriotically fly the flag. If you observe or know someone who flies the flag and is deserving of a Flag Certificate, please let me or Compatriot Larry Stevens know so we can work with you on printing and issuing the Flag Certificate. If more than 50 percent of Texas SAR Chapters present a Flag Certificate, the Texas Society will receive the Admiral Furlong Award and the chapters are recognized as well. One of the missions of our organization is promoting patriotism and issuing Flag Certificates is one easy way to recognize public spirit.

While we are on summer hiatus, the 132nd SAR Congress will be held July 9th – 15th in Savannah, Georgia. I am sure Larry Stevens and Jim Jones will attend and perhaps other chapter compatriots as well. If you are attending, please note there will be no Merchandise Store at the Congress. All registrants will receive an email from the National Congress Planning Chairman with a special discount code to use when ordering items online three weeks before the Congress. The discount will also be extended until one week after the Congress. Items ordered will be shipped to the member's home address. Maybe we can get Compatriot Stevens to give us a report on the Congress at our August meeting.

There is much to do before we meet again for the start of the 2022 – 2023 year on August 20th. Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Michael Anderson-President

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

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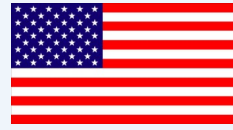
Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar

NSSAR



SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—
July 9-15, 2022

SCD Annual Meeting– Bentonville
August 26-27, 2022

TXSSAR



2023 Annual TXSSAR Convention
Spring. Texas TBA

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51



Meetings at Union Kitchen

August 20, 2022

September 17, 2022

October 15, 2022

FLAG FACTS

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation deeming June 14th as Flag Day. President Wilson stated, “It is the anniversary of the day upon which the flag of the United States was adopted by the Congress as the emblem of the Union.” He also wrote, “On that day rededicate ourselves to the nation, ‘one and inseparable’ from which every thought that is not worthy of our fathers’ first vows in independence, liberty, and right shall be excluded and in which we shall stand with united hearts.”

While Betsy Ross has been given credit for stitching together the first American flag, there isn’t any sound evidence supporting the story. At the same time, there isn’t any to disprove it, either. Part of the conflict is there were several designs in consideration at the same time.

There were many flag makers and more than one claim to the first. During Ross’s Revolutionary time, several standards were carried bearing red and white stripes and varying symbols where the blue field and stars now reside. Since 1777, the design of the flag has been officially modified 26 times. For 47 years, the 48-star flag was in effect.

In 1959, the 49-star version became official on July 4. President Eisenhower ordered the 50-star flag on August 21, 1959. Seventeen-year-old Robert G. Heft of Ohio designed the 50-star American flag. His was one of the more than 1,500 designs that were submitted to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



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2022 Issue 6 Editor—Larry Stevens

I attended a one room school, 3rd thru 8th. I was to only kid in my class, by myself. When I graduated from the 8th grade, there were 19 students attending this school. Corner School, Tuolumne County, California, located at Don Pedro Dam. We had one teacher, Mrs. Madelene Poe who graduated from UC California Berkley in 1922. She was the only teacher the school ever had.

I bring this up, because each morning, the 8th and 7th grade hoisted the US Flag and the California Bear up the flag pole outside the building if the weather was good. After, at 8:00 am, we and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American, we recited the Americans Creed., led by Mrs. Poe in her strong voice. I don't know if all of the grammar schools in Tuolumne County did this. There were several other one-room schools.



“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.”

The Creed was written 1917, and accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

Our Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, has as its mission, “preserving the history and the accomplishments of the AMERICAN PATRIOTS who SACRIFICED THEIR LIVE AND FORTUNES”.

Larry Stevens

The PineyWoods Chapter #51 Texas Society SAR

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). Piney-Woods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Union Kitchen Kingwood Texas.

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 2022

Kallina, Cameron	SAR# 222517	Anc. Hinds, John Capt.	NC	unknown
Hartwick, Mervyn Lester	SAR # 221542	Anc. HART, Gilbert	NY	SARAH LINSLEY
King, Darren William	SAR # 221548	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR
King, Evan Darren	SAR# 221550	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR
King, Ryan Elliot	SAR# 221549	Anc. KING, JAMES	DE	NANCY FARQUHAR

SUPPLEMENT S APPLICATIONS APPROVED 2022

Bowman, William Alan	180088	Patriot Nathan Kelly	Private	PA wife Hannah Miller
Pinkerton, James Phillips	191618	Patriot Harris Sr., John		
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PineyWoods Chapter Membership: a/o 15 May 2022

Regular- 84* New - 4 Dual- 4 Youth-4 Reinstated 11 Total 107

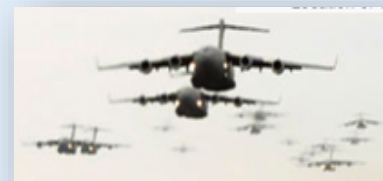
*ADD Kallina

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Please clip your coupons into individual coupons if you are able.

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 Luncheon Meeting at Union Kitchen May 21st 2022

Cannon Pritchard, Bill King and Harry Salisbury join each other for Lunch during the Piney-Woods meeting.



1st VP Abe Abdmoulaie shares at Thank You Card for our Chapter's support of Kingwood's Fallen Hero's. He said news of the next fundraising event is forthcoming and would like all to participate again.

Ben Baskin and Randy Hall join Carolyn and Alan Bowman for some talk during lunch.



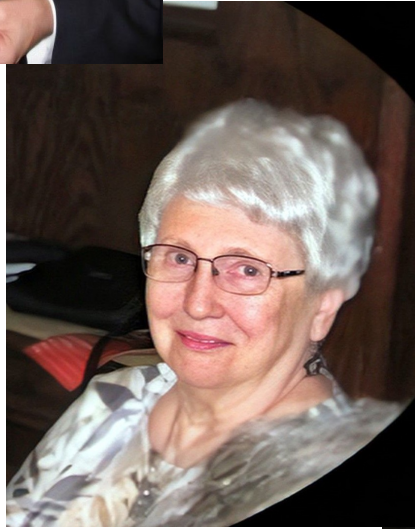
Treasurer B Ray Mize with Merv Hartwick, Sharon Mize, and Jeannie Hartwick.



Compatriot John Kenton Thompson, Freedom and PineyWoods chapters, Past District 8 VP, is being presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation by President Mike Anderson for being the program speaker. John gave one of his favorite talks of Paul Revere with some of the stories and facts about this ride shouting, “The Regulars Ara Comin!”

“**Listen my children and you will hear...**” is a poem we all have heard.

Kenneth Graalum District 8 Vice President and wife drove down from College Station to attend the Piney-Woods Lunch meeting. Ken has been enjoying his time as Dist. VP visiting all of the chapter



SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTERS ADDED TO THE PATRIOT DATA BASE

Pictured left is Past President and Chapter Secretary Jim Pinkerton accepting two Supplemental Ancestors Certificates from Mike. Patriots John Harris and John McCurdy.

Right, Alan Bowman is presented his Supplemental after a lengthy wait to add an Ancestor Star to his Ribbon. His Patriot is Nathan Kelly who served as a private in PA under CAPT Andrew FARLEY, Lt. Col Henry ENOCH; 1ST BATT, WASHINGTON County Militia.



Pictured left
 Top—background Larry Stevens, Dianne and Jim Jones
 Front-Jim Pinkerton, John Beard, Ray Cox

Pictured below
 Kermit Breed and speaker
 Compatriot John Kennon
 Thompson



Pictured left
 John Beard
 Mike Anderson
 Dianne Jones
 Cannon
 Pritchard



Pictured below
 Merv Hartwick
 Jeannie Hartwick
 Barbara Stevens



Pictured above
 Jim Jones, Larry Stevens, John Beard, Ray Cox,
 and Jim Pinkerton



Time for catching up each month is one of the main attractions for many during lunch. Getting to know newer members better is easy since we all have something in common—Ancestors who risk it all to establish

“This Republic For Which I Stand...”

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—Aug 20, 2022 — 11:00 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

OFFICERS 2021-2023

President Mike Anderson

Introductions

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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.”