



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Summer 2026**



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). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas. Except this May 23rd, 2026 and this December.



The Declaration of Independence beautifully states the principles on which America was founded. It also contains a list of grievances against a tyrannical king who abrogated the rights of the colonists, including their ability to pass laws, elect representatives, and administer justice. Those who signed it did so “with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence,” and they supported it by pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.



On June 24, 1826, just weeks before his death, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to Roger C. Weightman, mayor of Washington, D.C., declining an invitation to attend the city’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of American independence. Though too ill to travel, Jefferson expressed his enduring hope that the Declaration’s principles would inspire freedom worldwide.

Letter from Thomas Jefferson to Roger C. Weightman

Monticello, June 24, 1826

Respected Sir-

The kind invitation I receive from you, on the part of the citizens of the city of Washington, to be present with them at

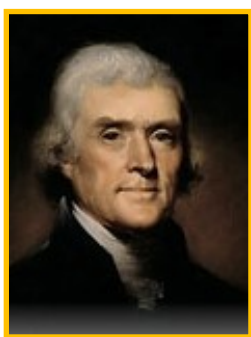
**Chapter Meeting- 15 AUGUST 2026 at LOS CUCOS Mexican Café Kingwood
23730 Highway 59 N, Kingwood, TX 77339**

their celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of American Independence, as one of the surviving signers of an instrument pregnant with our own, and the fate of the world, is most flattering to myself, and heightened by the honorable accompaniment proposed for the comfort of such a journey. It adds sensibly to the sufferings of sickness, to be deprived by it of a personal participation in the rejoicings of that day. But acquiescence is a duty, under circumstances not placed among those we are permitted to control. I should, indeed, with peculiar delight, have met and exchanged there congratulations personally with the small band, the remnant of that host of worthies, who joined with us on that day, in the bold and doubtful election we were to make for our country, between submission or the sword; and to have enjoyed with them the consolatory fact, that our fellow citizens, after half a century of experience and prosperity, continue to approve the choice we made. May it be to the world, what I believe it will be, (to some parts sooner, to others later, but finally to all,) the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God. These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them.

I will ask permission here to express the pleasure with which I should have met my ancient neighbors of the city of Washington and its vicinities, with whom I passed so many years of a pleasing social intercourse; an intercourse which so much relieved the anxieties of the public cares, and left impressions so deeply engraved in my affections, as never to be forgotten. With my regret that ill health forbids me the gratification of an acceptance, be pleased to receive for yourself, and those for whom you write, the assurance of my highest respect and friendly attachments.

Th. Jefferson

Chapter Members, on July 4th 1826, two famous men in the History of our



Republic passed away, just hours apart. One, Thomas Jefferson, the **third president**, served two terms from 1801 to 1809 and one of the five chosen to write the declaration, and who wrote the Declaration of Independence. The second man was John Adams, the **second president**, served from 1797 to 1801. Before his presidency, he was **George Washington's vice president** and a key figure



in the American Revolution. Adams was a strong advocate for independence and helped draft foundational documents. Adams was one of the committee of five chosen to write the Declaration. The picture on the front page is of the five presenting the document to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Adams and Jefferson came from completely different backgrounds, and they did not get along that well. But in later years they became close and wrote to each other often. Adams and Jefferson both had to turn down invitations to address crowds on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration. Both died on that day, July 4th, 1826, at home.

Our next Chapter meeting will be on 15 AUGUST 2026 at Los Cucos Mexican Café Kingwood. Come and join the meeting and help us kick off the Fall Season, **ABE ABDMOULAIE** President

FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

Barbara and I were in Liberty Saturday, at the Sam Houston Library and Archives located at 650 FM 1011, at the invitation to James Anderson, Reference & Outreach Assistant, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, Texas State Library & Archives Commission.

Our presentation on Colonial Frontier Life was in the old St. Stephens Episcopal Church, ca 1898.

The Library serves as the official regional historical resource depository for the 10 Southeast Texas counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, and Tyler. The Center's primary mission is to collect, preserve, and provide access to historically significant state and local government records and publications of the designated region and secondarily to serve as a library of Texana and genealogical resources through its collections, historic buildings, and educational exhibits and initiatives, it also honors the distinguished public service of former governors, organizations, and citizens of the Atascosito District. Located on the Center's grounds are four historic buildings and the Jean and Price Daniel Home and Archives. These buildings document 19th and 20th century Southeast Texas history. On September 27, 1973, Governor Price Daniel, Sr., and his wife donated 116.97 acres for the building site. Reservations to tour old homes should be made in advance. Telephone: (936) 336-8821. If you have never visited the Center and displays, buildings, it is well worth the shot trip.



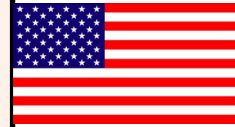
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PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2025 - 2027

President - Abe Abdmoulaie
1st Vice President - Jim Pinkerton
2nd Vice President - Louis Skip Hawley
Secretary - William Bill King
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Kermit Breed
Chaplain - Jim Pinkerton
Chancellor - Vacant
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
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Joe Potter
Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick
Chapter Non - Officers Roles
Newsletter - Larry Stevens
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Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR
National Congress
Sherton Greensboro North Carolina
July 8—17, 2026



TEXAS SAR
SCD Meeting Hilton Richardson Dallas
August 20-23, 2026

BOM Hilton Garden Inn, Arlington
October 23-25, 2026



PineyWoods Chapter
Los Cucos Mexican Café,
Kingwood
23730 Highway 59 N, Kingwood,
TX 77339
August 15, 2026
September 19, 2026
October 17, 2026

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

PineyWoods Chapter Membership:

Current Regular Members 72
Dual 3
Youth 9 Reinstated 6 +5 (NP)
Not Paid 2026—9

As of June 8, 2026

TOTAL 93

(List is not current—yet)

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PATRIOTISM MATTERS



APPLICATIONS

New Member PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

Check the FEE Schedule For Junior

Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00

ATTENTION!

1. John Beard reported that the address for submitting dues payments on the Dues Notices sent for 2026 is INCORRECT. The posted address on the invoice states SUITE 300—SHOULD BE 250. The correct address will be posted on the website under DUES INVOICES. This affect dues paid via USPS. It should be noted that, if paying using PayPal, charges were waived for 2026.
2. New Membership Application SAR Fee, received in Louisville, post marked July 1 to July 31, will be \$76, in remembrance of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. PineyWoods New Membership Application would be \$140.50.
3. Texas SAR DUES INCREASE—2027 2028 2029 PineyWoods. Currently there is a \$3.00 increase to raise money to host the 2029 National SAR Congress in Austin. The \$3.00 will end this year. The next three years \$5.00 increase will be \$5.00. This increase approved by the delegates at the Texas Convention was necessary to have enough funds, the estimated budget, to host the Congress Reception. The fund will still be short of the target by about 5K. In 2030, the increase will be removed.

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting at the Home of Larry and Barbara Stevens

May 23, 2026

11:35 am

Attending members: Abe Abdmoulaie, Chris Anderson, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Larry Blackburn, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartwick, Skip Hawley, B Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Cannon Pritchard, Roland Skelton, Luke Sivia, Larry Stevens.

Guests: Cindy Davis, Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Sharon Mize, Julie Sivis, Barbara Stevens, prospective member Mike Young, Knight Essay Contestant and Mother

Opening by President Abe Abdmoulaie. He welcomed all to the Memorial Weekend Lunch Meeting at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. New Prospective member Mike Young , application in Louisville for 5 weeks waiting to be approved, was welcomed to his first meeting.

Jim Pinkerton gave the Invocation.

The Pledges to the US and Texas Flags was led by Sgt at Arms Merv Hartwick. President Abdmoulaie led the SAR Pledge and read the SAR Mission statement.

President Abdmoulaie said first on the agenda in the introduction on our first place Knight Essay Contestant. Abe read the requirements and then asked 2VP Skip Hawley to introduce our contest winner. He asked her to read her essay. After her reading he presented the Knight Essay Certificate and 1st Place Medal, and a check for first place.

This was followed by the Induction of member Luke Sivia, whose application was approved in 2022. He is a student at Texas Tech, and this was his first opportunity to attend a meeting and be sworn in. President Abdmoulaie conducted the ceremony and presented him his “original” USPS Envelope with his Member Certificate and Record Copy. His sponsor Larry Stevens presented him with the member Rosette.

Jeannie Hartwick was presented with the Martha Washington Medal, which can only be presented to a DAR Member for the work she has done with the SAR and Revolution Education 1776, and public and school Historical Programs.

Kermit Breed was presented with four more bronze leaves clusters for its Lafayette Service Award Medal for completing another 150 hours of work inputting data into the SAR PRS Database.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. Secretary Bill King is in Akron Colorado to dedicate the 250th Bench on Memorial Day, May 25th. There was surplus of 1504 dollars collected, and the family and others wanted the surplus donated to the Akron Veterans Home. A check for that amount was written to the PineyWoods Chapter. A check from the chapter for 1504 dollars was written to the Veterans Home, and it with a letter from Abe was given to King to present during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Akron City Cemetery on May 15, 2026.

Treasurer B Ray Mize reported he has received our check for dues collected for 2026. He said IRS has approved our tax filing.

Registrars: Breed, New Prospective member Mike Young's, application is in Louisville, 5 weeks, waiting to be approved.

Larry Stevens gave a report on the Texas Convention, with the dues being increased \$5.00 for 2027, 2028, 2029 to raise the estimated amount money for hosting the National Congress in Austin, 2029. Currently there is an increase of \$3.00 which will be changed to \$5.00. He reported on the dedication ceremony of the SAR Monument honoring known Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas. PineWoods members Bob McKenna and Kim Morton helped identify four. Governor Greg Abbot was sworn in as a new member of SAR during the ceremony. He gave a great dedication speech on the Republic of the United States.

Ray Cox reported the National Fee for new membership will be \$76.00 for application received post marked July 1st to July 31st of 2026 commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The program and details for the July 4th event at the Humble Museum is still a work in progress. PineWoods will be joining the DAR, RevED, and the City Humble to present a 250th experience of two hundred and fifty years ago.

Abe wanted everyone to leave with an important statement in the July 4, 1776, Declaration, ***"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."***

SAR Closing and Prayer at 12:20.

Larry Stevens/ for Bill King



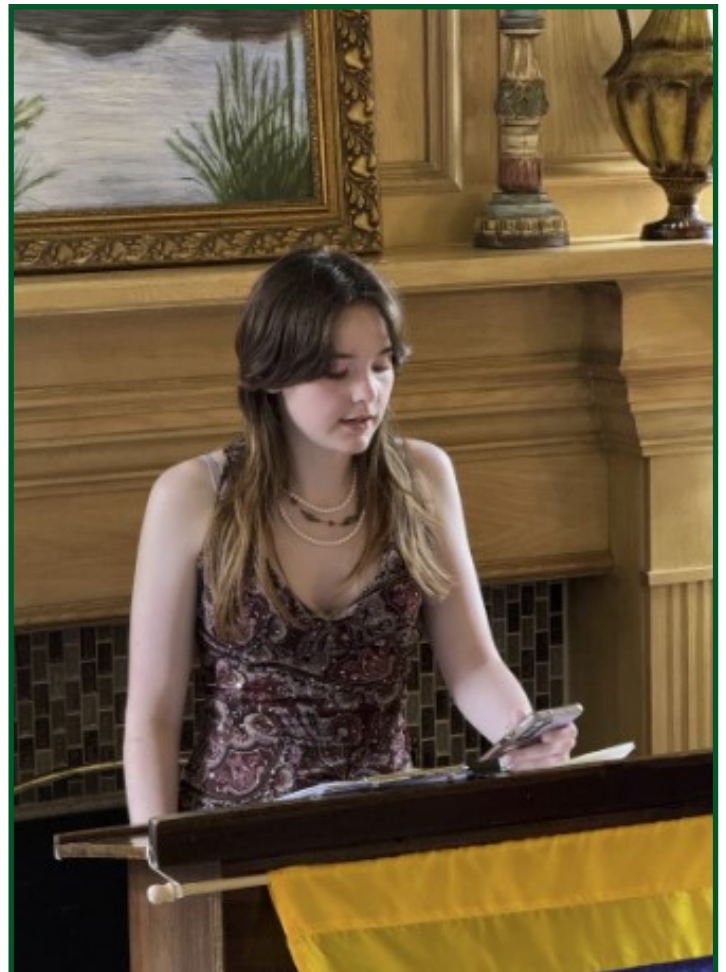
Akron Colorado City Cemetery

The "KING" Family who made this 250th Bench placement possible, HUZAH!





PineyWoods Chapter 51 1st Place Essayist Reading her winning Essay and receive her 1st Place Award and Medal





Luke Sivia, member for three years finally receiving his SAR Membership Certificate. Luke is a senior at Texas Tech and this has been the first opportunity for Chapter President Abdmoulaie to conduct the induction ceremony.



Jeannie Hartwick Awarded the Martha Washington Medal



Jeannie received the Martha Washington Medal for the many events she has attended supporting the PineyWoods Chapter and Revolution Education 1776; the Humble Museum, Lone Star, Jesse Jones Park and school programs.





Abe, Skip, Ski giving reports. Ski discusses Wreaths Across America 2026. Check the 'Wreaths Site for the date this December. We will again publish the QR for donating.





Abe presenting Kermit Breed with four Broze Clusters and the Lafayette Service Award Certificate for all the volunteer hours imputing Patriot and Lineage Data into the SAR Patriot Records System. Kermit talked about the system which will be a records source for researchers. Just as the DAR GRS is. The group watching is Jim Pinkerton front, Past President Larry Blackburn, Richard Skelton, Sharon Mize, and Dan Ballard. And, Larry Blackburn, Pinkerton, Larry Stevens, Ray Cox, Mike Anderson, Chris Anderson, Ski Grumboski.



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.



**PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR
Lunch Meeting August 15 2026
Kingwood Texas 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
Los Cucos Mexican Cafe
23730 Highway 59 N, Kingwood, TX 77339**



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

August 15, 2026

Business Meeting 11:30 am

Opening by

President Abe Abdmoulaie

Invocation Jim Pinkerton

PLEDGES

USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge and Mission Statement

SGT At Arms Merv Hartwick

OFFICER REPORTS

SAR Closing and Benediction

SAR Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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.”