

Pine Shavings

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A Message from the President

The Chapter has been busy this year. Our color Guard marched in the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 20th, the Kingwood Marti Gras Parade, participated with the National Color Guard at the Spring Trustee/Leadership meeting in Louisville, and helped post the Colors at the DAR State Convention in Houston on March 13, 2010.



Ray Cox, Jim Jones, and I were present in Austin on February 11th when Judge Tom Lawrence presented Governor Rick Perry with the Son of the American Revolution Gold Good Citizen Medal and Certificate in the Governor's Reception Room of the State Capitol. Then, our National Society President General Ed Butler, from San Antonio, inducted Governor Perry into the San Antonio Chapter of the SAR.

March 2, 2010, at the Bush Library at Texas A&M, College Station, TXSSAR Elect James T. Jones Jr. and Dianne and Larry and Barbara Stevens presented United States President George H. W. Bush with the two volumes of the Texas Society SAR History books. Texas president elect Jim Jones worked several months scheduling this meeting. What a thrill this was. President Bush was very gracious in receiving us and asked many questions about the SAR. President has been a member since 2001.

We had a great flag program at our January 21st Member/Guests meeting at Homewood Suites. Past TXSSAR President and friend Thomas B. Green brought many flags that flew over the

fledgling thirteen colonies and the early United States. Tom discussed several of the flags telling little known history of each. The stories behind the flags surprised many of us. Young Tyler Parker, son of Stephen, sat in front and enjoyed the program. Like many of our presenters, Tom likes sharing his

flags with our youth and does more than 200 flag programs each year, many at elementary schools in the Houston area.

Our chapter officers for 2010-2011 were announced in the January 21st meeting and were unanimously approved in the February 18th meeting. Ray Cox, our 2005 Chapter President, has agreed to serve as the next president completing our slate of officers for the next year.

This was my third term as chapter president, 2006, 2008, and 2009, and during the last two terms, I also served as secretary. Ron Barker served as VP and Treasurer for two terms. Although it meant a lot of extra work for the both of us, we enjoyed serving you. I would like to thank all of you who assisted us and the support you gave us these last four years.

I am happy to report we have each position filled for the next term. I would like all of you to start attending meetings and help us keep the history of our Ancestors alive. You only have to look at the curriculum and books of our public schools to realize how important it is for We the Descendants of the American Revolution to actively become involved with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Larry Stevens

EVENTS



National

www.sar.org

April 13, 2010 - Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Event - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C.

June 25 - July 1, 2010 - 120th Annual Congress, Cleveland, OH



State

www.txssar.org

July 31 - August 1, 2010 - Summer BOM, location TBD

The Revolution

March 1, 1775: Harvard — Tory students (Loyalists) bring India tea into Harvard Hall and nearly come to blows with Rebels carrying a grudge from the Boston Tea Party of 1773 and the Coercive Acts of '74. The next day, March 2nd, 1775, Rebels burn 300 pounds of tea in Providence, Rhode Island.



March 2nd 1776: Citizen-soldiers begin hauling several cannons onto Dorchester Heights, overlooking Boston and Boston Harbor. Their aim is to threaten the British supply line. British commander William Howe evacuates on March 17th. This ends the Siege of Boston, which began on the first day of the Revolution, April 19th, 1775.

March 3rd, 1777: Schenectady NY Committee of Correspondence — “Resolved that by a Presedent of the County Committee this Committee Shall take an Oath not to Discover their Proceedings in regard to Disaffected persons that is to say if there happens to be any difference in opinion not to Disclose the same but it Shall always appear as if this Committee are unanimous in opinion about Such matters.”

March 4th, 1778: “The New Hampshire House of Representatives took into consideration the 13 Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the 13 United States of America, as agreed by the Honourable Congress of said States, and came to the following Resolution thereon, viz.“Resolved that we do agree to said Articles of Confederation, perpetual Union, &c.&c. . . .”

March 9th, 1779: HM's 17th Regiment of Infantry, Head Quarters, Brunswick, Jersey — “A Review of arms, accoutriments and necessaries to be on the Parade on Friday morning next, and the Regiment will parade at Two The same Day with Black Leggens and verry clean for Exercise these men who wants their hair cutt, non Commissioned offs. will take Care to have the men of their Squads Cutt this Evening for which they will be answerable.”

March 15th, 1781: The British win a costly battle at Guilford Courthouse NC. Nathaneal Greene has brought a force of 4,400. British losses are 532 killed vs. 265 Americans. At one point, with men tangled together, Cornwallis fires two cannon into the mass to blast them apart, killing many of his own troops. After the British victory, an exhausting 200-mile retreat further weakens them and saps their spirit.

Col. Lighthorse Harry Lee writes: “It was a day never to be forgotten by the Southern section of the United States... ”

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PineyWoods Chapter 51
Meeting Schedule 2010



Jimmy G's, 307 N. Sam Houston Pkwy, Houston, TX 6:30 PM

April 15	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
May 20	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

January 21, 2010 Meeting



Some of the many flags presented at the meeting by Tom Green.



Robert "Bob" McKenna presents approved supplemental applications to Jim Jones and Larry Stevens.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

**Jimmy G's,
307 N. Houston Parkway
Houston TX 77060
6:30 PM
See ya there April 15th!**

President Stevens presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our speaker Past TXSSAR President Thomas B "Tom" Green. Also, Larry presented Tom with a Daughter of the Republic wood encased pen made from wood of the Cat Claw tree that grew next to the Alamo Shrine. The Cats Claw Tree had been declared a National Monument and stood at the Southeast corner of the Alamo. It fell in a rainstorm on May 15, 2005. These pens were made especially for the Daughters.



Happy Birthday

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Thomas E. Lawrence Donald E. MacGregory, Jr. Steven A. Richards	Robert E. McKenna Patrick J. Whipple	Ronald J. Barker Byron C. Basham John G. Ives, Jr. Ken M. Korthauer Rex. E. McLain, III Jeffrey M. Meadows David J. O'Neal Cannon H. Pritchard	James E. Allen Scott W. Banewski Miles D. Harper, Jr. Jack C. Lightfoot Walter J. McCaine, Jr. Woody J. Reese, Jr.



More of the many flags presented at the January meeting (l - r) John Beard, Larry Stevens, Jim Jones



Gathering at the Mitchell house before the Kingwood Mardi Gras Parade. (l-r) Bill and Carole Whatley (Galvez Chapter Galveston), Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kerr (Robert Rankin), Liz Whatley, wife of Steve Whatley (Galveston), and host Jim Mitchell.



Larry Stevens, Pete Lenes, Steve Whatley, Ron Barker, Fred Hill, Conni Barker, Aaron Stevens, Barbara Stevens



Tom Green Presenting flags at the January meeting.



At the State Capitol (l-r) Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, Jim Jones

George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas

On the 20th of February President General Edward Butler and Color Guardsmen from Texas, Virginia, California and Florida joined together to march in the largest parade in the world to honor George Washington. The day began with an SAR Color Guard delegation joining Laredo and Nuevo Laredo city leaders at the middle of the International Bridge for an 8:00 AM good will ceremony. There was an exchange of greetings and flags with delegates from Nuevo Laredo. Later that morning the color guard and several ladies marched in uniform the three and a half mile route which was lined with over 300,000 people. They were greeted with flag waving and cheers. The local Laredo chapter sponsored a float and the Dallas chapter brought the replica Liberty Bell.



L to R

Lewis Ramirez, Joe Dooley (VA), James Mitchell, J.W. Duckworth, Peter Rowley, James T. Jones, Jr., Patrick Kerr, Lindsey Brock (FL), Thomas Green, Edward Butler, Peter Baron, Ron Barker, Frank Rohrbough, Bob Northcraft, Ray Cox, Jack Terry (CA), Steven Rohrbough, Mike Ratcliff, Larry Stevens

Standing: Mike Ratcliff, Charles and Barbara Baker, Pat Kerr, Jim Mitchell, Lindsey and Karen Brock (FL), Peter Rowley, John Hall, Ron Barker, Ann and Jack Terry (CA), Larry Stevens, Bob Northcraft, Tom Green, Chester Hale (SRT);
Kneeling: James T. and Diane Jones, Barbara Stevens, Marty Cox, Conni Barker, Ray Cox



Mardi Gras Kingwood

Colorguard Members from Galvez Chapter, Galveston, Freedom Chapter, Conroe, Robert Rankin Chapter, Katy, joined PineyWoods Members Ray Cox, Jim Mitchell, Ron Barker, and Larry Stevens to march in the annual Kingwood Mardi Gras Parade. Members and wives gathered at the home of Jim Mitchell where they were treated to Chili, Cornbread, Coffee and Tea before heading to line up for the parade. Lord Sterling's Drum and Fife Corps, Ray Cox, Fifer, warmed up prior to the parade drawing lots of attention. We marched, some in period uniform, some in causal dress with SAR shirts, and one with a BSA leadership shirt and pants. The crowd applauded as our Color Guard passed with the US Flag, the Texas Flag, the Culpepper Flag and the SAR Flag waving in the breeze. Next year I hope more of you will join us. It's a short walk and we can meet before, as this time, enjoying food, drink and each others company.



Ray Cox

l to r: Pat Kerr, Pete Lenes, Steve Whatley, Ron Barker, Conni Barker, Bill Whatley, Jim Mitchell, Barbara Stevens, Fred Hill, Larry Stevens



Ray Cox with members of the Lord Sterling Drum and Fife corps



L to r: Larry Stevens, Pat Kerr, Pete Lenes, Steve Whatley, Barbara Stevens, Ron Barker, Fred Hill, Conni Barker, and Aaron Stevens (barely seen, son of Larry)

**2010 TXSSAR State Convention
March 25-25
Houston, TX**

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Members: James Tillman “Jim” Jones Jr., will be sworn in as President of the Texas Society of the Son of the American Revolution on March 27, 2010, at the TXSSAR State Convention, at the Hilton Westchase, located at 9999 Westheimer Rd., Houston. Registration forms for this event can be found on the Texas Website.



Photo taken at the awards banquet of Humble High School, March 12, 2010, of Cadet Blake Best receiving the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal from Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Compa- triot Larry Blackburn and Army JROTC 1st Sgt Donny O'Bryant.

**Spring Leadership Conference
Louisville, KY
March 5, 2010**

March 5th, Louisville Kentucky. After a day of Committee meetings, PineyWoods members Ron Barker, Jim Jones, James Mitchell and Larry Stevens, taking pictures, gather with National Color Guard members to post the colors at the evening banquet. Ron, James, Jim, and Larry, as well as Judge Tom Lawrence SAR International VP, serve on many committees and sub-committees concerning Genealogy, Finance, Youth and American History Teacher Programs, Americanism, Revolutionary Graves, Colorguard, Newsletters, and many others. Most of the committees were scheduled for March 5th so it was a busy day. Ron Barker, Jim Jones, Jim Mitchell and I walked the six blocks from the Brown Hotel to National Headquarters where we met Genealogists who process for applications. We visited merchandise to buy needed certificates and medals. Any SAR member can purchase SAR Merchandise; shirts, ties, caps, certificates, desk sets, etc., just follow directions found in your SAR Magazine for go to the NSSAR website and look for the merchandise tab. There is an on-line catalog. If you want to order on-line, set up a SAR merchandise account.



JROTC/ROTC Committee Meeting March 6, 2010 - Ron Barker, Robert Townes (Georgia Society).



Color Guard Evening Banquet - Rev. James Taylor (San Antonio), Ron Barker, Jim Jones.



Art Munford (Victoria), Jim Mitchell

President George H. W. Bush Presentation of TXSSAR History Books

On the 2nd of March 2010, TXSSAR President Elect James T. Jones, Jr. presented President George Hubert Walker Bush with Volumes I and II of the Texas Society History Books at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas. Larry Stevens, editor of The Texas Compatriot newsletter, Dianne Jones and Barbara Stevens, both DAR members, were also present.

President Bush was very gracious and generous with his time. Mr. Jones told him of the various TXSSAR youth programs. President Bush was quite interested in these programs including the JROTC, Eagle Scout and oration contests.

In 1989 the TXSSAR Society presented a Gold Good Citizenship Award to President Bush. On February 22, 2001, President Bush was inducted into the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Austin, Texas. In 2005 he was awarded the War Service Medal by the Louisiana Society SAR.



Larry Stevens, President George H. W. Bush, TXSSAR President-Elect James T. Jones, Jr.

Larry Stevens, Barbara Stevens (DAR), President George H. W. Bush, Dianne Jones (DAR) and TXSSAR President-Elect James T. Jones, Jr.



Texas State Governor Rick Perry becomes SAR Member



Front row (l-r) Larry Stevens, Don Pugh, Tom Lawrence, Governor Rick Perry, Edward Butler, James T. Jones, Jr., Peter Baron; Back row (l-r) William Marrs, Marvin Morgan, Ray Cox, John Knox, Jim Heath, Frank Rohrbough Peter McLellan

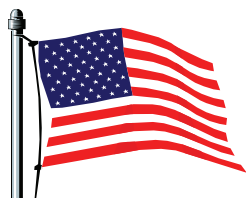
On 11 February 2010, Texas Governor Rick Perry was awarded the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal by Texas State President Tom Lawrence in Austin, Texas. The citation was awarded, in part, “in recognition of his outstanding achievements of National importance by improving the quality of life for all Americans along the U.S.-Mexican border”.

Governor Perry was also inducted into the San Antonio Chapter, SAR by President General Edward Butler. Governor Perry is the fourth great grandson of James Dinsmore, a private in George Maxwell’s Company in Col. Isaac Shelby’s North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line. NSSAR Genealogist General Joseph Dooley was

instrumental in the preparation of Governor Perry’s application for membership. Governor Perry was very conversant on his genealogy and enjoyed discussions with the members present.

The Compatriots attending were: President General Edward Butler, TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence, TXSSAR President-Elect James T. Jones Jr., TXSSAR Secretary William Marrs, TXSSAR Staff Secretary Don Pugh, TXSSAR Treasurer Peter McLellan and Color Guardsmen Marvin Morgan (Southern Color Guard Commander), Peter Baron, Ray Cox, James Heath, John Knox, Frank Rohrbough and Larry Stevens.

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**RSVP FOR THE APRIL 15, 2010 DINNER MEETING
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Houston Parkway. Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Friday, April 9th. You can send an RSVP email to John Beard at johnbeard@suddenlink.net or call John at 281-358-2970 OR Kim Morton at Genmorton@usa.net. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$25.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.