



# Pine Shavings



**PineyWoods Chapter #51  
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

## President's Message



PineyWoods Members and Friends,

As March arrives, I can see that Spring is in the air. I think Spring is my favorite season. There is new growth and a sense of renewal. Our youth are part of the new growth in our community. Without them there would be no future. SAR has a strong commitment to the youth today. As a Patriotic organization, one of our pillars is to work with young people. We want to instill in them a sense of history and a love of our fore fathers.

With that in mind, I have invited two outstanding educators to present a program that hits all the right buttons. These two ladies have given untold hours to service learning and Patriotic endeavors. They work with middle school children. An impressionable group that are just finding their way from childhood to adult responsibilities. Their program is inspirational and should give us hope about the youth today.

Come join us for our St. Patrick's day meeting about Creekwood Middle School's Veterans Garden. It is a real icon of the Kingwood Community. It has touched our youth, but also people of all ages.

*Jim Pinkerton*



**Meeting  
Saturday,  
March 17,  
2018  
Member &  
Guest**

Jim- February 1778 my G's,  
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,  
Greenspoint  
12:30 p.m.



CreekWood Middle Lake Houston Parkway See page 5

**March 17th PROGRAM**

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## Memorable Quotes

*Without Freedom of Thought, there can be not such thing as Wisdom, and no such thing as public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.*



*Benjamin Franklin, The New England Curreant, July 9, 1722*

### Official Newsletter

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**NOTICE:** Chapter Bylaws state PineyWoods Officers are to be elected each year. PineyWoods now Elects officers for two year terms. The Byllaws have not been chaged to reflect this, so the list of officers must be advertised and sworn in each year. The list of officers was publish in the February 2018 Newsletter (above). Only the Sgt. At Arms. Is to be inducted and sworn into office.

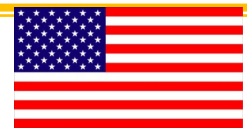


### **UNSUNG HORES OF THE REVOLUTION**

**Nancy Hart, nee Nancy Morgan,** The most Famous of Georgia's women in the American Revolution, remains the only women for which a Georgia County is

Pic by Ed Jackson

### **Calendar of Events**



#### **National**

NSSAR Leadership March 1-3, 2018



#### **State Events**

TXSSAR Conference April 5-8, 2018

#### **Chapter Events**

Member/Guest-Jimmy G's Mar 17, 2018



## This Day in History

**1778 February**— Provision shortages led to what Washington called a “fatal crisis” that threatened the continued existence of the army. Poor management of commissary and transportation problems caused by bad weather plus not enough wagons combined to bring about a logistical collapse of procurement and transport of needed provisions; almost of a halt. Bread and meat were nearly non-existent. The soldiers were dressed in rags. There was a threat of a general mutiny. Washington's efforts to save his army was probably the highest point of his career.



**1778 March 1st**— Washington writes praising his troops for their “uncomplaining Patience during the scarcity of provisions in camp” and exhorting them to persevere in the face of any “occasional” shortages that might yet occur. Indeed, the letters written by Washington during January and February about the stay in Valley Forge demonstrate that although the crisis had passed, shortages, especially clothing, continued to concern Washington. The problem was magnified as the commander in chief turned his attention to gathering men and supplies for the upcoming summer campaign. Washington continued to question the readiness. This was an ongoing theme in his correspondence. The campaign readiness issue was addressed through training although hampered by shortage of officer. One problem had been resignations and absenteeism which Washington continued to address. To alleviate that problem, Washington continued to urge Congress to make the reforms that he had recommended to improve the status and organization of the officer corps. During this period, systematic drill continued under the instruction of Steuben and the increase in army discipline.



**1779 March 29** - George Washington causes the completion of Major General Steuben's *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*. Final reviews and revisions were made during his encampment at Middlebrook and Congress ordered the publication printed on March 29, 1779.

### References:

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# Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 17 February 2018

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The Invocation by Kermit Breed was followed by the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Larry Stevens, Bernie Kent, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin, Kim Morton, Bill McKinney, Billy McKinney, Jack McKinney, Joshua Williams, Larry Blackburn, Alan Bowman, John Beard and Doug Blodgett.

GUEST: Ann Kent, Barbara Stevens, William McKinney, Sarah Potter, Carolyn Bowman, Mary Claire Beard and Andria Blodgett.

MINUTES: Motion made and seconded to approve the January minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Beard reported a balance \$ 2,411.76. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

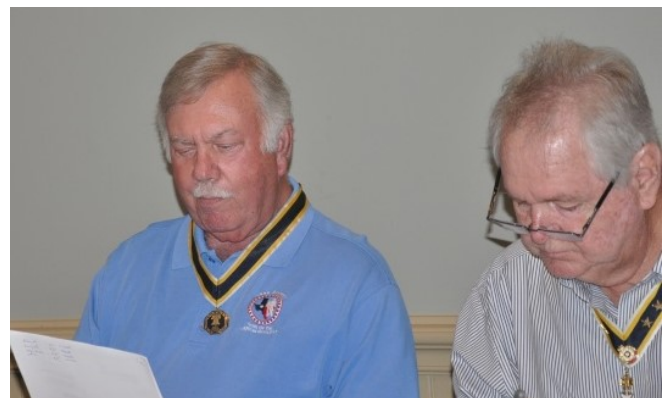
REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Bruce Nickell, Benjamin Sapp and Donald Sievertson. Larry Stevens is working on an application for John Schmonsees. Larry is also serving as State Registrar. Joe Potter is working on new applications for Abraham, Samuel and Bo Alexander Abdmoulale.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Larry Blackburn is in the process of putting together the schedule for the members that will give out the JROTC medals and certificates. Larry is in need of someone to present medals to four schools in the Baytown area if you wish to help let Larry know. Larry also will be needing volunteers for the 128<sup>th</sup> Congress to be held in Houston this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military or War Service Medal. A DD214 is required. Contact Kermit Breed at [breedkermit@aol.com](mailto:breedkermit@aol.com)

NEW BUSINESS: Kim Morton and Jim Pinkerton were awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered the PineyWoods Chapter.

GUEST SPEAKER: State President John Beard presented a program about financing the Revolutionary War. Emphasizing again that the more things change the more they remain the same in government. President Jim Pinkerton presented John with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.



Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the Benediction by Kermit Breed. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM

## NOTICE

***The PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meeting are Member and Guest unless otherwise published.***



## PineWoods Chapter Membership News



**Welcome the Mc Kinney men** to the Texas society SAR Piney-Woods Chapter 51. William “Billie” McKinney II, son William III and son Jack were sworn in by Chapter President Jim Pinkerton. Proud father, grandfather William I watched. The Mc Kinney descend for a Frontier Ranger from Pennsylvania who served at Wood’s



Fort near Peter Mountain and Cook’s Fort in Monroe and Greenbrier Counties Virginia..

Jacob and Elizabeth Miller’s daughter Catherine Miller married James Walker, and their daughter Susanna married Phillip Singleton. Phillip and his wife named a son James W. Singleton. They moved to Texas before 1835 Son James W. married Margaret Ryan in the Republic of Texas Their daughter Sarah married Albert Mc Kinney on the 16th of December 1866 in Harris County, Texas. Family letters and Family Bibles found in Kentucky lead to the supporting proofs for the Mc Kinney Line. The Mc Kinney's' were sponsored by Registrar Larry Stevens.



Jim Pinkerton receives a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for Registrar



John Beard presenting the Roger Sherman Medal to Jim Pinkerton for outstanding service to the chapter. And, to the right, the Chapter Genealogist since 1994, Kim Morton, is presented the Roger Sherman Medal. Both well deserved.





## March 17th Program—Veterans Honor Garden



This is the sight you see when driving on Woodland Hill Parkway about one mile North of Kingwood Drive. A Memorial to Veterans maintained by students attending Creekwood Middle School, Humble ISD. As a Veteran, USAF, I know many other Veterans. I fill proud to know that these students and parents, and teachers, have dedicated so much of their personal time to honor our young Americans who serve, have served, in the US Military; and, espe-

cially the many who served and did not return.

Saturday, we will hear the story of why this memorial from two Creekwood Middle teachers *that made it happen. Tara Framer and Jan York.*

Tara Farmer (top left), and Jan York 4th form left, and Creekwood 8th Grade Students

The story behind the Veteran's Honor Garden at Creekwood Middle School

Presenters: Jan York & Terra Farmer - 8th grade science teachers and sponsors of

Creekwood's Service-Learning Group



As a science teacher, Jan was always interested in ways to make the science more relevant and inserted several 'service-learning projects' as part of the curriculum. After seeing an ABC Sunday Morning show spotlighting the last living American WWI soldier, Frank Buckles, a special service-learning project took off. This one involved the whole school and the community. Fortunately that year was Terra Farmer's first year at Creekwood. A

partnership was forged between 2 teachers who believed in service with learning and who supported the military. It was Mrs. Farmer's vision that is at the heart of the current Veteran's Honor Garden. The rest of the 'tale' will be shared at the March 17th meeting.



***The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve is any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."***

*President George Washington*

## Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



Picture From the Texas Website

**Larry Stevens, Alternate Texas National Society Trustee** Report for the Louisville Leadership/Trustee's meetin  
March 3, 2018

The Trustee Meeting began at 9:45 am, Saturday morning, March 3rd, 2018.

The Minuteman Class of 2018 was announced.

Motion to approve \$7000 to be used by the Education Committee to continue the development of an education program, "America's Founding Documents". There were also personal donations of \$3500 to be used in the development of the education program.

In Education, Colorado has produced a video on a "Trunk Program", on life during the colonial period, which is an instructional guide for those wanting to begin making presentation to schools and other groups. This DVD can be obtained from the Colleen Wilson our SAR Education Director in Louisville. The Education Committee is investigating digital access.

A motion was made to create a special fund for money donated by Past President General Mike Tomme and his wife Pricilla or Celia and other donors to Youth Education. This would be a special fund and not a part of the SAR Foundation.

Motion to approve a significant change in the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History contest. Past Texas State President and Past President General of NSSAR and his wife Mickey Jo will donate \$15000 annually to be used by the American History Contest Committee for three teacher contests; namely, to the winning entry in a High School History, Middle School, and Elementary History teacher at \$5000 per contest. Money allocated to each, \$5000, if not used will remain in the fund for the next year. The donated money will be held in a special fund by SAR and not be a part of the Foundation fund. This motion was approved; however, some details need to be resolved before publishing the "New" American History Teacher contest. The proposed contest update would be effective 2019. (The proposed American History Teacher Contest presented to the Trustees is attached)

A motion was made by Past PG and Past Texas President Nathan White for \$200,000 to buildout some of the office space on the 2nd Floor of the new building. Using an Overhead, PG White displayed the additional office space that would be constructed on the 2nd Floor. This was apart of the approved buildout plan. The motion passed.

The EXCOM recommended that the Board of Trustees issue an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a new website within 60 days with specifications supplied by the IT Committee in 45 days. After discussed, this was approved.

Other items discussed in the Trustees meeting should be available some on the NSSAR Website.

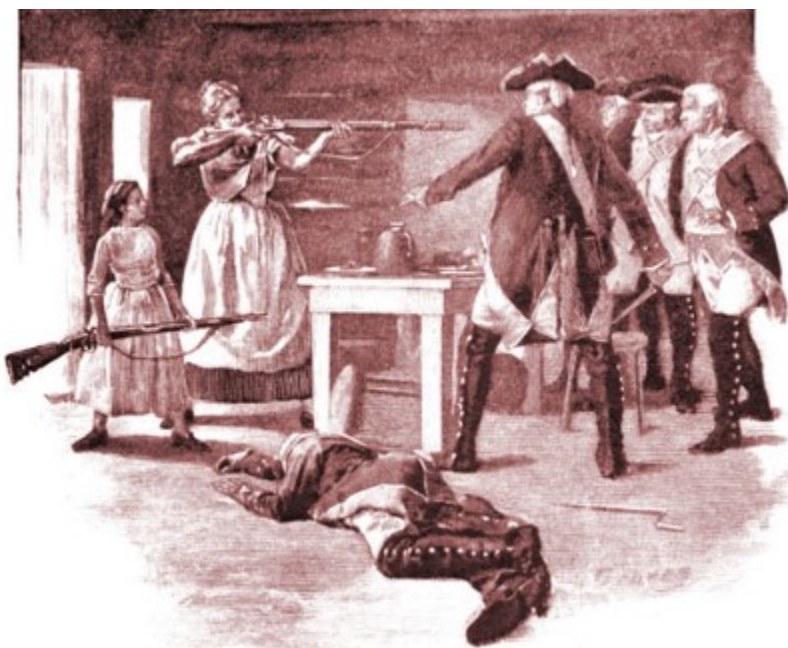
Larry G. Stevens

Alternate Trustee



# UNSUNG HEROS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

## Nancy Morgan Hart ca 1735-1830



Georgia frontierswoman Nancy Morgan Hart was a legendary hero of the American Revolution who made it her mission to rid the Georgia territory of British Loyalists (Tories). According to various accounts, she captured six, killed one, and oversaw the hanging of five others. She also served as a spy.

A good deal of folklore surrounds Hart's story. Born Ann Morgan in either Pennsylvania or North Carolina around 1735 (little is known of her actual birth date); Hart was called "Nancy", a nickname for Ann. She was said to be an imposing, red-headed woman who grew to be six feet tall and muscular. Hailed for her fearlessness, local Cherokees referred to her as "Wahatche" or "war woman." Possibly a relative of frontiersman Daniel Boone, she was illiterate but knew much about frontier survival. She was a skilled herbalist, hunter and an excellent

shot, despite being cross-eyed. She married Benjamin Hart at the late age of 36, and in the 1771 the couple settled along the Broad River in Wilkes County, Georgia. She had six sons and two daughters.

During the Revolution while her husband was away, Hart managed their farm, though she often snuck off to spy on the British. Dressed as a man, she would enter British camps pretending to be feeble-minded to gain information, which she handed off to the Patriots. Hart also engaged in the war and may have been present at the Battle of Kettle Creek on February 14, 1779.

The British frequently stopped at the Hart house, keeping an eye on the patriotic woman. In one instance, Hart's daughter noticed a Tory spying through a hole in the wall. Hart was making soap and threw a boiling ladle-full through the crack, scalding the spy. She and her daughter then tied him up and turned him over to the Patriots.

Hart's most famous act involved five or six British soldiers, who killed her last turkey and demanded that she cook it for them. She devised a plan to get the soldiers drunk on her corn liquor, take their guns and hold them captive. Hart sent her daughter Sukey to get some water and to use a hidden conch shell to alert neighbors of the British presence. While the soldiers ate and drank, Hart began sneaking their guns out through a hole in the wall. Caught holding the third gun, she drew it and threatened to shoot. When a soldier rushed at her, she killed him and wounded another; the rest surrendered.

When her husband returned, Hart was holding the British soldiers at gunpoint. They, along with neighbors, hung the soldiers from a nearby tree. In 1912, six bodies were found buried near the Hart home, believed to have been those of the British soldiers, giving credence to the Hart legend.

In the late 1790s, the Harts moved to Brunswick, Georgia, where Benjamin died around 1800. Hart then returned to Broad River, but found her cabin had been washed away. She settled in Henderson County, Kentucky in 1803, near her son, until her death at roughly age ninety-three. In the 1930s, the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a replica of the cabin, using some of the original stones. A Georgia county, city, lake, and highway are all named for the state's most famous female Revolutionary War hero.

**Chicago - Michals, Debra. "Nancy Morgan Hart." National Women's History Museum. 2015. [www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/nancy-morgan-hart](http://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/nancy-morgan-hart). 2015**