



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
March 15, 2025 Issue 3**



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.



MARCH 1, 2025

**City of Humble - Dedication of a bench celebrating the
250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence 1776-2026**



Abe Abdmoulaie, Ben Baskin, Larry Stevens, Mayor Norman Funderburk
Kermit Breed, Dr. Robert Meaux, Museum Curator (story on page 4)

Chapter Meeting- Los Cucos Mexican Café, Kingwood March 15, 2025 11:15 AM to 1:00

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 PRESIDENT BEN BASKIN

Compatriots and Ladies,

The March Piney Woods Chapter SAR meeting will be on March 15, 2025 at Los Cucos in Kingwood.

On March 1, 2025, at the Humble Museum, our chapter held a bench dedication to begin the year long celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration Of Independence. The bench was erected to the memory of Ken Morton. The following Piney Woods members and spouses attended; Abe Abdmoulaie, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick and his wife Jeanie, Bill King, Steve McIntyre, Larry Stevens and his wife Barbara. Wives Sharon Mize and Susan Grumboski were also helping man tables. Other SAR chapters — Freedom, Alexander Hodge and the Robert Rankin — had members in attendance and assisted with the volley salutes. Our own Merv Hardwick participated in his first volley firing. I thank the members and volunteers of Revolution Education for the great patriotic program at the Humble museum for the fourth year and the City of Humble for making this happen.

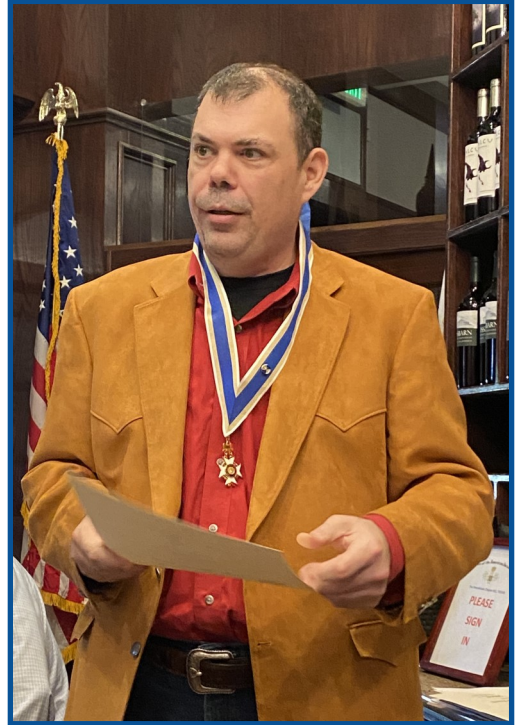
Mel Oller, the incoming TX SAR President, will be here to swear in our new 2025-2027 officers. Mel will be inducted as Texas SAR President at the Texas Convention in Richardson March 27-30, 2025.

Our Chapter Knight Essay Contest winner will be at the meeting and will read her Essay and receive her award.

I'd also like to say it has been a true pleasure being the Chapter President for the last 2 years and I really appreciate all the support & help over the last 2 years during my term from my officers, Compatriots and the DAR Ladies.

God bless America! God bless SAR! Hope you can attend the meeting.

Ben Baskin



Humble Museum Entrance: Larry Stevens with a DAR Baton Rouge member, Kermit Breed sitting, and Mayor Norman Funderburk

MARCH 15 INDUCTION **Piney Woods Chapter Officers** **2025 – 2027**

- ◆ President: Abe Abdmoulaie
- ◆ Vice President: Jim Pinkerton
- ◆ Vice President: Lewis 'Skip' Hawley
- ◆ Secretary: Bill King
- ◆ Treasurer: B. Ray Mize
- ◆ Historian: Kermit Breed
- ◆ Chaplain: Jim Pinkerton
- ◆ Chancellor: Allan Henshaw
- ◆ Parliamentarian: Michael Anderson
- ◆ Registrar: Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed
- ◆ Genealogist: Kermit Breed
- ◆ Sgt.-at-Arms: Mervyn Hartwick

FROM THE EDITOR

Our members who volunteer their time to present programs at public and private schools, and those who participate in events like Patriots Day at the Museum, are doing their part to preserve the history of the formation of the Republic of the United States of America. Colonial, militia outfits or colonial uniforms work for all events, We have some events upcoming with RevEdu1776, which I am one of the founders, that would really like and enjoy your assistance.



Larry G. Stevens
Editor

VOLUNTEERS are needed:

April 11th, in the afternoon at Jesse Jones are colonial programs for private schools. Help with kitchen and military camp.

April 12, at Jesse Jones Park, Soldiers Needed, in Civilian, Militia, Colonial uniforms to fire muskets/rifles. This will be a reenactment of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775. RevEd will be staging.

Some of the events that took place will be staged. There will be musket volleys and firing by Redcoats and Civilians, where civilians fired on British Regulars...THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD!!!!

REGISTRARS

END of the Paper Trail

This means your research comes to a dead end!

You find no records of who your parents are. This generally occurs before the 1850 Census. There are no Wills, Probates, Land Records, Marriages, Births, or Death; and there is no family Bible to be found. Ancestry Family Files on Ancestry.com often show a family back several generations but with no proofs listed. What information did they use to establish their trees? After researching many of these, I have come to the conclusion there is NONE. This is why you need to build YOUR tree up from the ground with PROOFS. IF YOUR TRAIL ENDS just keep looking, now and again.

Larry and Kermit

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

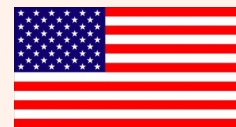
2023 - 2025

President - Ben Baskin
1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie
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Chancellor - Allan Henshaw
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
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Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sargent at Arms—Merv Hartwick

Chapter Non - Officers Roles

Newsletter - Larry Stevens
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Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

National Congress
July 12-18, 2025
Mohegan Sun, CT.



TXSSAR

Hilton, Richardson Texas
March 27-30, 2025

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Los Cucos
March 15, 2025
April 19, 2025
May 17, 2025

PineyWoods Donates 250th Anniversary Bench to the City of Humble



Cities across the Nation are preparing for massive celebrations for the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for the independence of the United Colonies by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776

The Declaration of Independence, mainly written by Thomas Jefferson, was proclaimed and the first members signed the Declaration on July 4, 1776. John Dunlap a Philadelphia publisher printed the Declaration in Broad sides that were passed around the streets.

On January 29, 2025, the President of the United States wrote, *"It is the policy of the United States, and a purpose of this order, to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of America"*, and the City of Humble is planning for this historic occasion.

The donation of the 250th Anniversary bench by the PineyWoods chapter 51, Texas SAR, made possible by the KAM Fund, and the monument company who produced the bench, are now apart of the upcoming

festivities. Humble City Mayor Norman Funderburk stated it is very important that we remember those men and women to risked all to establish this Republic and we need to care in preserving the history their sacrifices to create this great Nation.

Fife and Drum musicians began playing at 10:30 am followed by two musket volleys.

Larry Stevens began the program jointly coordinated by PineyWoods and RevEdu 1776 501(c)3, welcoming all. Participating in the day's activities were PineyWoods, Alexander Hodge, Freedom, and Robert Rankin Compatriots, DAR members from Jame Tull and Lady Washington Chapters, the Louisiana Galvez Grenadiers (one from Connecticut and one from Oregon), and all the RevEdu 1776 volunteers, including their actors from the Humble & Kingwood High School drama department.





Vietnam Veteran Day Ceremony

March 28th 9:00 AM 2025 Houston VA National Cemetery -

DRAFT

9:00 Welcome - Houston National Cemetery Director
Mrs. Celethia Announce

Special Guest

Master of Ceremonies - TBA

Presentation of Flags – 7 Marines will also bring their
flags

Pledge Allegiance- USMC Sgt Terranes Ford Vietnam
Veteran two Time Purple

Heart Recipient

National Anthem – 7 Marines Color Guard Cpl Joseph
Joblin

Invocation – USAF Mr. Henry Guidry

Guest Speaker – Mr. Eric Hitchcock

Vietnam Veteran Day Proclamation – TBA

POW/MIA Ceremony – USMC Mr. George Hofer

Rifle Salute 7 Marines

Taps – 7 Marines

Retire the color's 7 Marines Color Guard

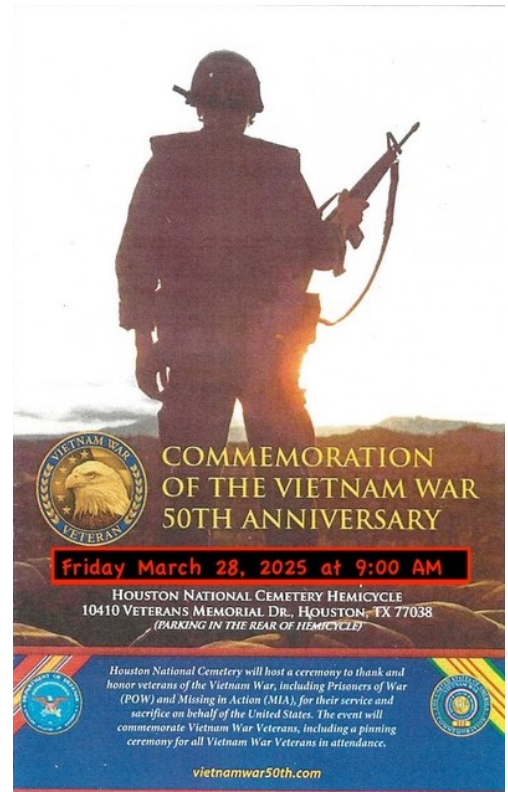
Presentation Of Certificates to the Widows of Vietnam
Veterans

Vietnam Veterans will line up in single file in front of
their respective Branch of

Military Service to receive their pins..

Closing Remarks – VA National Cemetery Director Mrs.
Celethia US Navy

The End



Gen Creighton Abrams

1914-1974

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

**PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 91

Current Regular Members 80 Dual 3 Youth

8 Reinstated

Not Paid—19 Regular Members

As of March 8, 2025

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PINEYWOODS YOUTH

ACTIVITIES

□ Hidden Hollow Elementary: March 28

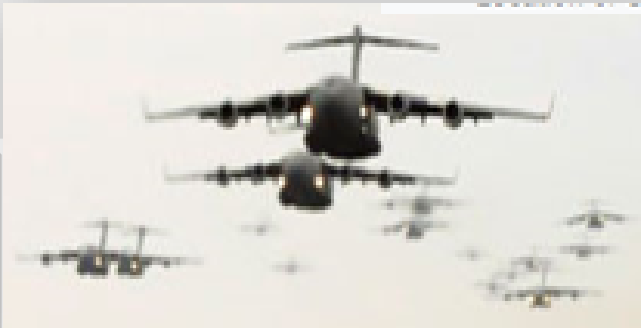
Splendora Middle 8th Grade History Fair April 9-11 (inv. only)

□ Jesse Jones Park (School Version): Apr 11

□ Jesse Jones Park (Community Version): Apr 12

□ Humble ISD Multi-School Event: May 7

□ Splendora ISD Multi-School Event: May 16



VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT

Coupons for Overseas Military Families program. All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons out that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

**John Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.

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.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR

Lunch Meeting

Los Cucos Mexican Cafe

Kingwood Texas

March 15 , 2025

11:15 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

Officer Reports

President

1st Viced President

Youth Report (Stevens)

Secretary Report

Treasurer

Chaplain

Registrar

Historian

Nomination Committee Chair Report

New Business

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."

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

February 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Chaplin, Alan Bowman led the invocation.

Members Present (14) : Bill King, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Ski Grumboski, Ben Baskin, B. Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Richard Payne, Larry Stevens, Kermit Bread, Ray Cox , Abe Abdmoulaie, Alan Bowman, Keith Schoonover.

Guests Present (4): Susan Grumboski, Sharon Mize, Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman.

Secretary's Report: The report appears in the last newsletter.

Treasurers Report: There was no activity from last month's report.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens went over the Annual Report. He stated that we had not given any public service awards and have not done so since COVID. We need to try to recognize community members that have contributed to the well-being of our area. He stressed the need to build a base of people in our area that have given back. Kermit Bread and Larry are both working on new member applications at present. Their potential members have dead ended in that they cannot show lineage to the American Revolution. Kermit mentioned that the increase in fees has also kept potential compatriots from submitting applications. National SAR is offering a 50% off sale between now and April to join.

Larry Stevens, spoke about historical tariffs considering President Trumps push to increase them on trading partners. Tariffs are not new. He spoke of England's first tariffs on the American colonies in 1620 and 1650. These tariffs greatly affected the American Colonies.

There will be a combined SAR, DAR get together on March 1st in Humble. The Dallas chapter

is currently selling raffle tickets for colonial uniforms. The price is twelve tickets for \$100.

Compatriot Richard Payne was awarded two certificates for new supplementals to his original patriot. These men were from the Virginia area and fought in the revolution.

Larry mentioned that we need to order bronze medals for the JROTC programs in our area. We are currently only serving eleven programs in our area. John Beard was not present, and no coupon report was given. Ray Cox, webmaster, stated that room availability is on the website for the upcoming state convention.

Ski Grumboski, gave an update of the Stark report. He stated that our chapter had purchased 360 wreaths for our veterans' cemetery. The current administration is making budget cuts for veteran's affairs. Our cemetery is in need to new flag poles. A motion was made to purchase a new one from our chapter. The cost will be \$1400. The motion carried and Piney Woods will have a new flag pole in our honor at the cemetery. The bench we purchased for the library in Humble will be dedicated on February 21st.

The SAR closing and departing prayer was given and the meeting concluded at 12:58 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton—Secretary



Compatriot Richard Paine is presented certificates for two Supplemental Ancestor by Ben Baskin.



1st VP Abe Abdmoulaie, Alan and Carolyn Bowman

Ray Cox and Merv Hartwick

Below

BELOW

Jim Pinkerton, Bill King, Ski Grumboski, Richard Paine, Susan Grumboski, Keith Schoonover

Jim Pinkerton, Bill King, Ski Grumboski





Around the Table—

Jim Pinkerton, Bill King, Ski Grumboski, Alan Bowman and Carolyn, Richard Paine, Susan Grumboski, Keith Schoonover, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, B Ray Mize



Kermit Breed with Alan and Carolyn



B Ray and Sharon Mize, Samantha Ballard



Larry Stevens
Joe Potter
Abe Abdmoulaie

