



Pine Shavings



**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I enjoyed the presentation of the young speaker Katherine Hill. It is easy to see why her essay placed First in the Texas Essay Contest in Austin this year. She talked about the forming of our country and the responsibilities we have. A video, produced by Ms. Hill of her reading her essay, will soon be posted on the Texas Website under Youth Programs. Watch it; see what our young folks can accomplish.

Our liberties are being attacked from all sides. The need for Patriotic originations like the SAR is most important today. I encourage everyone to promote the SAR and encourage those you know to join us in our efforts to remember our Patriots and the ideals for which they fought and died.

As Benjamin Franklin said ***“ Make yourself sheep and the wolves will eat you”.***

Socrates and Plato are both credited with saying: ***“The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the***

room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, ross their legs, and tyrannize their teachers.”

I believed the same about the children of today. About four years ago I started helping with the JROTC program and came face to face with the children of today. I was pleasantly pleased with I found. We have some great young people. So, I encourage you to Volunteer and Help with this program and find out for yourself.

Kermit



Continental Uniforms or Militia Dress

Their clothes were often homespun, everyday wear. In the frontier areas, deer skin was common for breaches. George Washington encouraged this dress for comfort and utility. Further, he believed long pants or overalls was more practical.

Piney Woods Chapter 51 Meeting May 18, 2019

**Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.**

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

**RSVP to Larry Stevens
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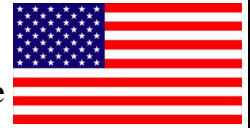
PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter

This newsletter is sent out by E-mail after every meeting and before the next to inform members of chapter business and news. It is generally only mailed by US Mail in the Fall to verify addresses.

Questions—contact the Editor at: wardtracker@aol.com.

Calendar of Events

National Events



NSSAR Conference
on the Amer. Rev.

June 14-16, 2019—Philadelphia

NSSAR Congress—July 5-11, 2019,
Hilton Costa Mesa, Orange County,
California

State Events -



TXSSAR BOM

Meeting: October

4-6, 2019 Hilton, Arlington, Texas

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting—Jimmy G's

May 18, 2019

August 17, 2019

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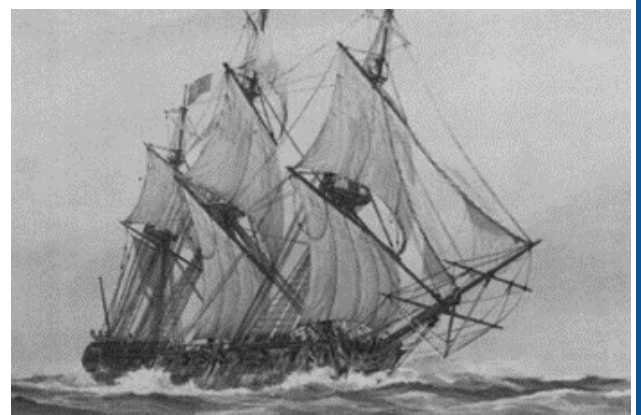
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Editor—Larry Stevens

The Continental Navy: The Last Shots

The 36 gun *Frigate Alliance* fired the last shots by the Navy in the Revolutionary War and was the last ship in the Continental Navy which was disbanded in 1785 by Congress. The Alliance was only one of the eleven ships in the Continental Navy to survive the war. The officially recognized date for the establishment of the US Navy is **October 13, 1775**. However, newly appointed General of the Continental Armed Forces George Washington had already been acquiring ships. The *Hannah* was chartered by Washington and put to sea from Beverly, Massachusetts, on September 5, 1775. During the Revolution, 65 ships would see service. Construction of Alliance began in 1777 in Massachusetts and she was named the Hancock when launched on April 28, 1778. The ship was renamed the Alliance when commissioned by Congress on May 29, 1778. Her first mission was to transport Lafayette back to France so he could petition the King for support. The Alliance was the last to go. She was auctioned off by Congress for \$26,000 on **August 1, 1785**. The Navy was disbanded for several reasons including lack of money, the change from war to peace, and the lack of interest by the loosely united States. LGS



The American Revolution

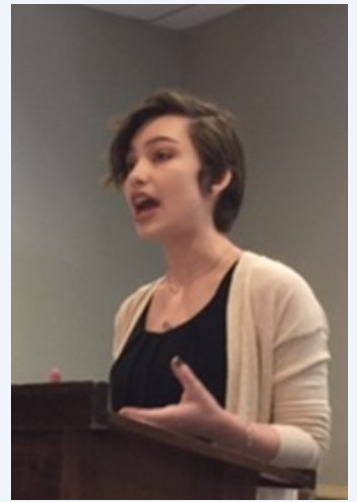
Determination Established a Nation

By Katherine Hill

It is the people and not the land that truly make a nation great. This nation was formed through the determination of strong, moral, resilient men and women. It is through their sacrifice and long-lasting passion for personal liberties that the United States of America stands as the greatest nation to ever be founded. This country was not established, however, without sacrifice and bloodshed. The struggle in founding this country demonstrates a clear picture of its ideals. The fight for freedom and liberty for all is so clearly displayed through the war and the aftermath in the maturity of the nation. Ultimately, the United States was formed through the grit of the men and women that bravely said “no” to injustice. Grit, defined as a “firmness of mind or spirit... unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger” (“Grit”), encompasses the entirety of the evolution of America. Individuals fought with grit through inspiring the hearts and minds of people, unrelenting action, and maintaining ideals which enabled success in the country’s future.

John Locke first articulated many of the principles utilized in the way in which the Revolution began, the development Declaration of Independence, as well as the Constitution as a whole. His political philosophies were used in the argument for reform and establishment of the nation. He advocated for civil liberties and limitations on government, pushing for individuals to have the right to govern themselves. It is his essay *On Civil Government* that formulated constitutional law and democracy. In the progression of the conflict between the Colonies and England, it is clearly shown that conflict was rooted in how the motherland had robbed individuals of their freedom and individual choice. Locke showed the importance of preserving personal liberties in a country’s development when he said, “...men are naturally free...the 1 governments of the world, that were begun in peace, had their beginning laid on that foundation, and were made by the consent of the people” (Locke 116). It is because of the failures of the British government to consider this that inspired uprising. However, to say that the problems of the motherland were the *reason* for the war is close minded and fails to credit the men and women that chose to stand up to injustice. It is people like Patrick Henry saying, “Give me liberty or give me death” and Thomas Paine, author of *Common Sense*, that inspired the hearts and minds of the people that revolution was not only possible but necessary. These are men that recognized the impact of their words for good or evil and chose to speak fire into the revolution. Conversely, they also understood the consequences of their words in the event of failure. In this way they had the firmness of spirit that was needed to inspire action.

Persuading the individuals in the Colonies that revolution was possible was only half of the struggle in the foundation of the country. The next steps were taking real, impactful action. The way the Colonists chose to pursue freedom laid the groundwork for the pursuit of change today. They were incredibly reasonable and did not turn to violence until absolutely necessary. Instead, through non-violent



Essayist Katherine Hill is a student graduating early to pursue a career in Law. Katherine’s paper was judged 1st Place in the Texas Society Knight Essay Contest. Her paper was forwarded for the NSSAR Contest in Costa Mesa California. A Video she produced for the Youth Luncheon in Austin will be featured on the Texas Website.

The American Revolution Continued

protest they championed their liberties. In this way, women and children could also support revolution, and without the necessity of persuading individuals to take up arms, it created a more unified country. Individuals would pledge to “non-consumption” where they would buy only American made goods or “non-exportation” where individuals chose to send no raw materials to Britain. This resulted in economic pressures on merchants and consequently pressure on the British government. On a much larger scale, resistance began taking shape within the development of a unified American government (“The Often-Overlooked Nonviolent Roots of the American Revolution”). The First Continental Congress, made up of representatives from each colony now striving to work as a collective unit rather than individually, recognized the importance of presenting a list of grievances to the motherland (“First Continental Congress”). They did so in the Intolerable Acts, however, after Britain failed to take action, individuals recognized more was needed for change to occur. Refusing to become deterred by the British government’s disregard, individuals such as George Washington and the Patriots stood by their convictions and pursued, fought for, and achieved their goals through the Revolutionary War. Historian David McCullough explained, “...it was Washington who held the army together and gave it “spirit” through the most desperate of times... Above all, Washington never forgot what was at stake and he never gave up” (McCullough 293).

Following the War and throughout the establishment of the nation, there was unyielding courage in the face of hardship that remained rooted in the foundation of the country. This is illustrated in the current processes of legislation confirmation, the judicial system as a whole, and even the election process. The United States is a country rooted in grit as it refuses to take the effortless path of blind mandates, and instead this nation is built upon debate and open-minded discussion. This was demonstrated throughout the Revolution and especially in its conclusion. With Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin among others pursuing an end to the war and a Declaration of Independence, there was undoubtedly argument and resolution, but the debate was always rooted in the spirit of patriotism and grit. It is this that sets the United States apart: a dedication to looking for the best outcome for the nation as a whole and an unwillingness to surrender ideals.

The success of the American Revolution cannot be attributed to a select group of people. The lives spent and lost fighting for freedom are unmeasurable, but it is the collective courage and unyielding passion of the men unwilling to accept defeat that must be celebrated. Thomas Paine articulates this fervance of spirit saying, “These are the times that try men's souls... Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph... Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death” (Paine 1). This is precisely how this nation was established and why it continues to be the greatest nation on earth: a country rooted in grit, integrity, and freedom for all.

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New Members

Michael Anderson

Michael Anderson was inducted by Kermit Breed. He was sponsored by Registrar Larry Stevens. Michael Anderson's Ancestor was William Rippetoe who was born in Virginia on March 15, 1748 in Virginia and died on April 16, 1839. Rippetoe signed an Oath of Allegiance in Burke County, North Carolina, in order to make a Land Entry. This record is reference as "Huggins, Burke Co., NC Land Records, 1778, Vol 1, P 157. (DAR 970355 Ancestor # A096236). William Rippetoe's will was recorded in Russell County, Kentucky. In his will, he names his heirs., including his son William Jr. who served in the War of 1812.



The difficulty with proving Michael's application was there were two William Rippetoes; one was in Gen George Washington's body guard.

Michael with President Kermit Breed and Larry Stevens



Grave Marker of William Rippetoe Sr. in Russell County Kentucky, Rippetoe Cemetery, Olga, Russell County. No Headstone but he is known to have buried in this place.

PineWoods Chapter 51 Membership

Highest in Several Years Active/Regular—81 New Members—2 Active/Reinstated This Year—7 Dual/Primary Other State—5 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

Total Membership—102

Not Paid 2019 Regular—9 Dual Other State-1 Junior—3

If you are not current on you dues for 2019—PLEASE Contest Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com

Piney Woods Chapter Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019

Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant Greenspoint at 307 N Sam Houston Parkway, Houston

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting welcoming everyone at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Alan Bowman was followed by the pledge to the United States & Texas flags, and the SAR pledge.

Compatriots Present:

Kermit Breed, Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael Anderson, John Beard, Jim Pinkerton, Alan Bowman, Buddy Inman, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, John Worm, Joe Potter, Bernie Kent

Guests Present:

Sandra Breed, Mary Claire Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Kathy Inman, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, Ann Kent, Katherine Hill, Judith Hill

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2019 meeting were approved/accepted.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize reported Chapter funds of \$ 5,941.98 (on 4/19/2019) and stated that we are still awaiting receipt of promised SAR state of Texas annual chapter support (2019) funding.

Registrar's Report: Larry Stevens submitted several supplemental applications that are still awaiting approval from Louisville. Two new pending applications just need a signature and check to be submitted. And two reinstatements are in progress. Kermit Breed is working on applications for 2 more potential members. The Registrar informs us that our Piney Woods Chapter now has 101 chapter members – Active, Reinstated, Dual and Junior Members.

Newsletter: The Chapter sent out printed copies of the March 2019 Pine Shavings (4-page) newsletter to all members on 30 March 2019, with correct postal mailing addresses (at a cost of \$103.84) detailing the newly elected officers for Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR. The electronic copy of our newsletter was emailed to 83 recipients on Monday, 15 April 2019.

Program Presentation: Larry Stevens announced our Piney Woods Chapter 51 sponsored high school contest winners: **Essay: Ms. Katherine Hill**, placed 1st in the state of Texas. After hearing the Program Presentation by Ms. Hill, she was presented with a check and recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Oratory: Ms. Halley Harmon, placed 2nd in the state of Texas. Ms. Harmon did not attend but will also receive a check and be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation from our Piney Woods Chapter. **Ms. Katherine Hill** shared her 1st prize state winning essay, "Determination" with all Compatriots and Guests. It was easy to recognize why she won the essay contest. Her poise and speaking skills are rare for such a young person. Perhaps we might have a future oratory contest winner in this talented young lady.

Youth Activities: Jim Pinkerton announced that our ROTC program supporting area high schools continues to have an urgent need for SAR volunteers to attend various high school ROTC awards & recognitions banquets. Please contact Jim at jpnd97@embarqmail.com

Coupon Collection Report: John Worm confirmed that > \$36,000 in face value grocery and household coupons have been sent to various U.S. military personnel outposts around the world thanks to generous public donations and collections by our Piney Woods SAR Chapter.

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NOTICE

Piney Woods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meetings are Member and Guest unless otherwise published. Piney Woods as a set menu of several specialties at a cost of \$25 per meal.

MINUTES'

Kingwood Fallen Heroes Memorial Golf Tournament: Abe Abdmoulaie reminded everyone that this annual event <http://www.kingwoodfallenheroes.com/> will occur on Saturday, 11 May 2019, at the Clubs of Kingwood – 1700 Lake Kingwood Trails, 77339. Recall that the organizers of this growing event – Scott & Don Mitchell – were our Piney Woods Chapter, February 2019, guest speakers. For more information: Contact Scott Mitchell at – KingwoodFallenHeroes@gmail.com

New Members and Awards:

One of our newest members, Michael Anderson was inducted into SAR by President Breed. We heard a brief story of Michael's Compatriot ancestry, and he confirmed that he has identified additional American Revolutionary War ancestors. We welcome Michael Anderson to Piney Woods Chapter SAR. Barbara Stevens was presented with a SAR Membership Certificate for her brother Michael Stuart who lives in Tulsa. And, she accepted a Memorial Certificate for her deceased father Richard Stuart who served in the US Army during WWII. She thanked us and gave a brief history of their family SAR Patriot.

Old Business and Announcements:

John Beard confirmed he filed a new IRS Form 1099 for Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR.

President Kermit Breed noted that he has distributed business a card inside the protective jacket of each Meeting Program and encouraged us to use them as required to recruit and promote our SAR Chapter. It was noted that Kim Morton is currently undergoing Chemotherapy, and he is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the May meeting if his health permits.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — Bernie Kent

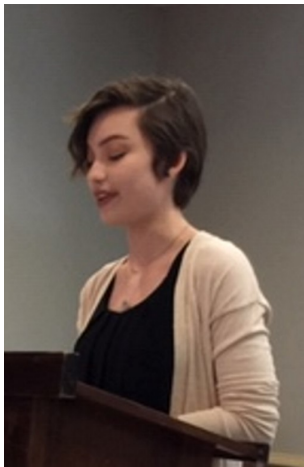


Youth Programs

Chapter Essay Contest—Katherine Hill reading her Prize winning essay during the PineyWoods chapter meeting on April 20, 2019.

JROTC –SAR Bronze Medals were presented for PineyWoods by Freedom Chapter President Mel Oller at C E King High School; and, by Scott Hebert at Klein Oaks and Klein High Schools

Katherine Hill (l) Mel Oller and Cadet (r)



Kermit Breed at Atascocita HS (L)

Scott Hebert (R) Presenting the Bronze



COLOR GUARD

Chapter Color Guardsmen dress in uniforms styled after those of our Revolutionary Ancestors or in Militia dress of the period which was general what was being worn when called to duty. The picture at the left is from Greenville South Carolina in 2014 taken during the march to the Memorial Service on Sunday about noon. Below is Laredo in 2009. You see differences in the



uniforms. Continental uniforms did differ by region and sometimes by who paid for the uniforms to be made. Restarting our Chapter Color Guard tradition would require four men to wear period dress to meeting to “Present the Colors”, and then “Post”. At the



Chapter and State News and National Events

Chapter Coupon Project

"Attention all members who are unable to make a physical appearance at our monthly chapter meetings. You can help the chapter by assisting with our *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program*. All that is required is for you to collect the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to: **John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080**. We would like to suggest you clip them out before sending.

Seventh Kingwood Fallen Heroes Memorial Golf Tournament ' May 11, 2019

Contact Scott Mitchell at kingwoodfallenheroes@gmail.com

ATTN: Rescheduled to July 27th due to weather in Kingwood May 3-11, 2019

Annual Conference on the American Revolution June 14—16, 2019

Sheraton University City, 3549 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This years subject is; Women Waging War in the American Revolution will be chair by Holly A. Meyer Associate Professor of History at Doquesne University and 2019 SAR Distinguished Scholar.

129th Annual NSSAR Congress Hilton Orange County Airport in Costa Mesa, California

Registration for the 129th NSSAR Congress is now posted on the NSSAR Website.. Read the instructions carefully when registering. An e-mail sent to the state societies gave additional instructions on registration to avoid problems some of the earliest members had.

This Hotel just by Orange County Airport and is near Disneyland in Anaheim, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Long Beach is just a few mile up the coast.