



**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Rev-  
olution  
May 2021 Issue 5**



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). If you are an SAR Compatriot or prospective member in this area, we invite you to visit with us and consider joining our chapter to further your interest in our Patriotic, Historic, and Educational activi-



**The Republic of the United States of American**

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**CHAPTER YEARBOOKS ARE READY For Printing**

**1ST VP Abe Abdmoulaie will contact each who ordered a Yearbook as soon as the cost per book is determined which will be in the next few days. He will e-mail each who ordered. The cost project is about at this time is \$50.50.**

## From the President:



### Members and Friends,

Last month our chapter met in person for the first time in 14 months with 12 compatriots and one guest present. It was great to connect again and actually enjoy each other's company. The meeting also marked my first as president. I made a couple of rookie mistakes but promise to correct them for our May meeting. For example, I will make sure to have the SAR Pledge and Recessional printed and at every seat. I was meticulous in my planning but missed that one! Italiano's Restaurant in Atascocita worked pretty-well for our meeting; however, I would like to find a restaurant with a private room closer to Highway 59 and Kingwood or along Beltway 8 in the airport area like Jimmy G's. Something not so far out as Atascocita is preferred, and I have been told road construction is scheduled to begin on FM 1960 which will impact all of us getting to Italiano's. We can all work on that over the summer. If you have recommendations, reach out to me.

Before joining SAR, I was doing research on the organization and found a YouTube video about the history of the SAR I want to recommend called "SAR 'Centennial History, 1889-1989' Program." If you have not seen it, you should definitely watch it. There are many other interesting YouTube videos about the SAR worth watching as well. I think it is important for us to know our organization's history, and how we began.

I want to congratulate Compatriot and newsletter publisher Larry Stevens for recognition at last month's virtual Texas State SAR Convention. The *Pine Shavings* was awarded the Ross Shipman Award for newsletter excellence. Compatriot Stevens is always looking for newsletter material so if you have a patriot biography or other Revolutionary War articles or papers, please share with Larry for publication in the *Pine Shavings*. There are members who have done extensive research on their patriot ancestors that others would find interesting.

Congratulations are also in order for our Webmaster Ray Cox. Compatriot Cox was recognized at the virtual State Convention with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Texas Society Silver Service Medal for his work as webmaster for the State Society's website. Thank you Ray! And we thank James T. Jones Jr. or Jim for recognition of his work on the Perpetual Fund.

And it was a great pleasure to finally meet in person, induct, and congratulate Bill King on his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Like all of us, he is justly proud of the contributions of his ancestors in the establishing the Republic of the United States of America.

Since the chapter does meet in June or July, May will be our last meeting before summer. Mark your calendars for our next meeting after July, August 21, 2021; we will be sending an announcement two or three weeks before. Since this meeting will follow the National Congress in Renton, Washington State, those that attend can provide a Congress report for the chapter.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Italiano's in Atascocita.

I will end with a quote from Thomas Jefferson, "The most valuable of talents is never using two words when one will do." In other words, be concise. I will heed those words.

*Mike Anderson*  
President



## UNIFORMS OF THE REVOLUTION

Lt. Charles Mackubin Lefferts (1873-1923) studied the uniforms of the Revolutionary War for most of his life. He delighted in making watercolors of these uniforms, visiting museums and examined archives in Europe and the United States to learn the cut and color of the uniforms of the troops. He also Orderly books, consulted diaries, newspapers, and letters to



**PineyWoods Chapter Membership—  
Regular—87 Junior-3 Dual-4**

**NEW William "Bill" O. King**

### PineyWoods Chapter Officers

President Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP Bernie Kent

Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B Ray Mize

Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian-Mark Anthony

Genealogist - Kim Morton

Registrar - Larry Stevens

Registrar - Joe Potter

Historian - Kermit Breed

Chaplain -Alan Bowman

Sgt. at Arms Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens

Web Master Ray Cox

### Calendar of Events

#### National Events

Conference American Revolution,  
Providence, RI,  
Jun 11-13, 2021

131th NSSAR Congress— Renton, Washington  
State, July 10-15, 2021

#### State Events

BOOM ZOOM August 2021

BOM Hilton NASA  
Oct. 7-10, 2021

#### Chapter Meetings

May 15, 2021— 11:30  
a.m. Italiano's Restau-  
rant , Atascocita

June and July 2021—No  
Meetings

August 21, 2021—TBA





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### The Republic of the United States of American

Leaders of the Republic expressed concern of Generations preserving this Union. President Abraham Lincoln struggled greatly with the Southern States seceding, fighting a War for Union amidst dissentions from all sides. The Union did prevail with many changes.

One of the more famous quotes was made by Ronald Reagan when address the Nations unrest.



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Not to want his sacrifices go for naught, George Washington wrote and spoke,

*“The establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive which induced me to the Field-the object attained-and it now remains to be my earnest wish and prayer, that the Citizens of the United States could make a wise and virtuous use of the blessings placed*

*before them.”* President George Washington.



John Adams, angry at the thought of Generations not preserving the Republic,

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*“Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present Generation to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven, that I ever took half the Pains to preserve!”*

## The Revolutionary War

**10 May 1775 – Continental Dollars** – The Thirteen Colonies were at “War” with the mother country after Lexington and Concord when militia units drove the British task force back to Boston inflicting many casualties. The Continental Congress have no money to spend on an Army, Munitions and Supplies, Ships, or any thing else. After much very secret debates, it was jointly decided to issue paper currency. In his paper, “The Continental Dollar: Initial Design, Ideal Performance, and the Credibility of Congressional Commitment”, Farley Grubb, Professor of Economics and NBER Research Associate in the Economics Department, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, writes that the first emission, was three million, with the date of May 10, 1775 printed on the bills. He states then Continental Congress passed redemption instructions on 29 July 1775, where the states would remit fixed quotas of Continental Dollars to the Continental treasury to be burned. States were assigned quotas base on population. It was left to the states to decide how to redeem Continental dollars from its citizens. The remittances would be over a four-year period “beginning 30 November 1779 and ending on 30 November 1782”. The result of this plan can be summed up in the saying, **“NOT WORTH A CONTINENTAL DOLLAR!”**

**Paper Currency included notes for 1/6, 1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 2/3 of a dollar; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 dollars.**

**Editor's note: For a good read on the Continental Dollars, Professor Grubb's paper can be found on line, it is a PDF and only 29 pages.**

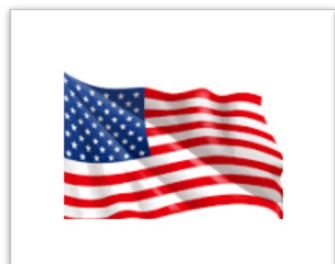


**19 June 1775—**On this day George Washington was commissioned Commander and Chief of the Continental Army. Over all other candidates, he was selected because of his military background and the hope that a Virginian could unite the colonies. Many thought the war would be short and the Militia would fight hard, win the day, and then could go back home. Washington believed neither. **Arriving in Cambridge Massachusetts July 3, 1775** with a small force of Virginia men, he began trying to organize the band of militia. He summoned all the unit colonels to meeting. Most had no identifying uniforms or emblems of rank. Washington devised ribbons and braids of rank to be worn on clothing for each command level so they could be readily recognized. He then began addressing the lack munitions, supply, and money to purchase needed goods pay his men. Washington knew he had to create a seasoned continental line. In February 1776, he wrote to John Hancock, *“To expect then the same service from Raw, and undisciplined Recruits as from Veteran Soldiers is to expect what never did, and perhaps never will happen.”*



*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 jus-*



*Texas Pledge*

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



**AGENDA—15 MAY 2021 11:30 AM**

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Pledge to the Texas Flag; and the SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTIONS President Mike Anderson

CALL FOR REPORTS

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Sgt. At Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Report—Larry Stevens

Webmasters Report -- Ray Cox

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans—John Worm

Youth Awards—JROTC

NEW BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

SAR CLOSING—Abe Abdmoulaie

**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**

**Italiano's Restaurant**

**8148 FM 1960 East**

**April 15, 2021—LIVE!**

**President Michael Anderson** opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Michael welcomed everyone to our first live meeting, since the Covid pandemic began. He led the group in United States Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the SAR pledge. Jim Pinkerton gave the invocation.

**Attendance: Compatriots (12) present:** Randy Hall, John Thompson, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens, Mike Anderson, Mel Oller, Kermit Breed, Bernie Kent, Harry Salisbury, Buddy Inman, Ray Cox, Bill King. **Guests (1) present:** Nancy Pinkerton

**Presentation:** Since this was the first live meeting since the Covid virus began, we had a social meeting with all those present. We were able to catch up with each other's activities. Italiano's Restaurant in Atascocita offered delicious meals. We used a menu just for our group at a cost of \$13 person payable to the chapter treasurer who paid the tab as a tax-exempt group avoiding taxes.

**Secretary's Report:** No report was given.

**Treasures Report:** No report was given (Larry Stevens) collected the money for the meal.

**Registrar Report:** Larry Stevens said he has two Junior Applications and two supplementals nearly ready to mail. Kermit Breed reported that Anderson has two supplemental applications and he had one supplemental in Louisville pending review. New member application Harry Salisbury's (Patriot John Chenoweth VA) has been approved by National. A new member application for Norman Funderburk (Patriot William Wilkie NC) is now at State level. Stevens said Alan Bowman has a supplemental that should be logged in Louisville anytime. Supplemental applications are taking up to 10 months to be reviewed. Stevens said supplemental applications must be reviewed by the chapter registrar before submitted.

**JROTC:** Randy Hall our Sargent at Arms, and JROTC representative gave an update on distribution of medals and certificates. In most cases High Schools are still shut down and awards are mailed out. Live presentations are at the following schools: Cleveland H.S. 24 April, Dobbie H.S. 5 May, Dayton H.S. 11 May. If you are available to cover one of these schools, please contact Randy at 713-444-3047.

**New Member Installation:** Bill King was installed as our newest member. Larry Stevens was his sponsor. Bill was given his rosette and certificate by President Anderson.

**Veteran Coupon Project:** President Anderson stated the John Worm has collected over \$36,000 worth of coupons for active-duty service members this year. This is approximately 8 pounds of coupons.

**Old and New Business and Announcements:** Mel Oller, from Freedom Chapter asked if Piney Woods would help sponsor the Texas SAR convention in 2023. We were going to help them this last year when the pandemic hit. No one voiced any opposition to the proposal. No formal vote was taken. President Anderson made an announcement about a proposal from our local DAR chapter. They would like to partner with Piney Woods in cleaning up the Old Humble Cemetery during the month of April and May. For details, contact President Anderson. There was discussion on the upcoming year book. No definite price has been established. The Texas State Convention is being held on zoom Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 15, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Atascocita.

President Anderson closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with our closing recessional and Jim Pinkerton gave the benediction.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome! William "Bill" O. King SAR No. 217906

was inducted as a new member during our meeting of April 15, 2021 at Italiano's Restaurant in Atascocita. Bill descends from James King, Private, Sussex County, Delaware.

Chasing a Family Story of a Patriot Ancestor, Bill began searching his family tree. It led back to Delaware. Wanting to join the Sons of the American Revolution, he made contact and he was referred to Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens. Soon, his proof file was complete. He could not wait to share this with his family and now wants to add them to our rolls. Further, he has others who fought or provided services during the Revolution. (Probate Records-James King mentions all children!!!)



*To NICHOLAS RIDGELY, Chancellor of the state of Delaware, composing the Orphans' Court for the County of Sussex.*

THE PETITION of *William King* ———— HUMBLY SHEWETH:  
*That James King* ———— late of Sussex county aforesaid, deceased, died  
intestate, on or about the day of *December 14* being at the time  
of his death, owner of a certain tract of land situate in Broad hills  
hundred, containing three hundred acres, also two parcels of

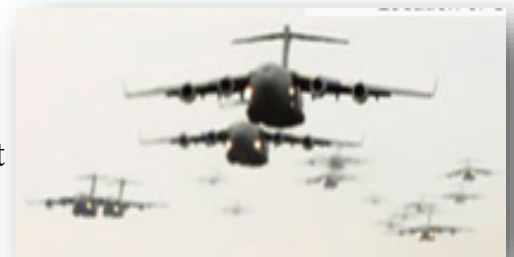
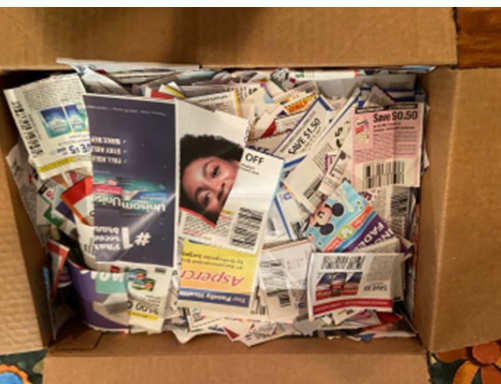
*That the said James King* — — — — left to survive him a widow named  
*Nancy King* ———— and *seven* — children, to wit: *Davida King, Mary since*  
*de. left issue one child namely Jane Barr, George King, Hannah*  
*Hendrick,* *William King, John King & Ann King*

## CHAPTER PROJECTS

### Chapter Coupon Project

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

**John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080.**



## VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE

### MEMBERS

Someone discovered we have a coupon project to send need-  
ed to assistance to our service members over seas. Her name  
is Jean, a widow and lives in Jim Pinkerton's neighborhood.  
Jean mailed this 5 pound box to John Worm containing  
COUPONS WORTH about \$20,000! A BIG SUTE, JEAN



## Youth ACTIVITIES

### JROTC



Missing Service man Ceremony

Times have changes for 2020 and 2021. JROTC Bars, Medals with Certificates were mailed to the High Schools we have supported, Thirty-Nine including Ramstein AFB in Germany. However, this Spring, some schools asked if an SAR Member could attend to help presented this award. Our Co-Ordinator Randy Hall has done his best to

make this happen. Larry Stevens attended the Porter High Awards Program on April 29th. The Porter program has new instructors, Col. Black and MSgt. Evans. They said their program struggled through COVID. Takin over last summer, Sgt. Evans said it has been a long road back having only 41 Cadets, but growing . Stevens presented the Bronze Medal to Cadet Revera, a Junior, and a Leader in the Porter program.



### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

#### **PATRIOT DAY GREENTREE ELEMETERY KINGOOD**

April 21st, a 26ft U-Haul was loaded with the stage and wall panels to set up the mock village., army tent, shelters, barrels, wooden muskets, tables everything to setup a Colonial Education Area in support of the schools Patriot Day activities., which include, Making butter, candle dipping, quill pens and ink, toy making. girls school, boys school, music, and other activities. Rev Edu and PineyWoods Chapter TEXAS SAR provided a Kitchen, a



Fire Brigade exercise, a surgery tent with a stretcher carrying contest, militia drill, a table of colonial artifacts, and a play performed by Atascocita and Kingwood High Drama students on the Declaration of Independence.. PineyWoods Members Abe

Abdnoulaie, Jim Pinkerton, Assoc. member John Schmonsees, and Larry Stevens, with



Nancy Pinkerton and Barbara Stevens all participated in the activities. (Abe, Larry, and John are Rev Edu members also). Special thanks go to 5th Grade Teachers Kelly Abdmoulaie, Dani Galiano (Rev Edu), and all of the 5th grade teachers, Missy Schmonsees, Greentree Admin., especially Principal Denise Rodriquez, and lots of parents that worked to make this a great event the kids will remember forever.



# SAR NEWS

**The National Society Sons of the American Revolution will Meet in Renton, Washington (Seattle)** NSSAR President Jack Manning says this meeting is still planned to be IN PERSON on July 10-15, 2021. The meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency on Wake Washington at Southport. The Seattle airport is just a short distance away.

**2020 Annual Conference On The American Revolution** which was scheduled and cancelled last June is now June 25th to the 27th of 2021, in Detroit, Michigan. “Interpreting Independence; The Declaration through the Generations”. (Information, contact your Editor Larry Stevens.

**2021 Annual Conference on the American Revolution** is schedule for June 11th-13th, in Providence, RI.

## South Central District—2021

The SCD Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for August 28, 2021, Saturday, at 8:00 am – 12 Noon. There will be a candidate forum Friday evening, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and a dinner if COVID 19 restrictions allow.

Texas Society—there will be a Summer BOM in August this year.



**George Washington’s General Order of October 2, 1779**, which fixed blue as the color for all branches of the service, and for all the state regiments in the Continental Line, with distinctive differences in linings and facings.

The **blue coats** of the infantry regiments were all to be lined with white, and have white buttons, and states were distinguished by different colored facings, as follows:

- ◆ New England states, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, **white facings**;
- ◆ •New York and New Jersey, **buff facings**;
- ◆ •Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, **red facings**
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