



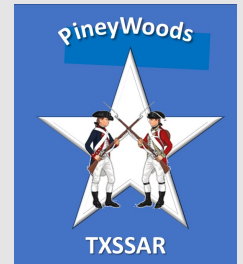
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
May 2023 Issue 5**



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.



The Fife as an Instrument of War

You will not want to miss this awesome program by Compatriot Ray Cox.

Ray has presented this program to SAR, DAR, and other patriotic groups.

He has also presented to school groups. The children get so involved in the tale of the sounds the soldiers heard throughout the day – to wake them up, to call them to meals, and to send them off to bed.

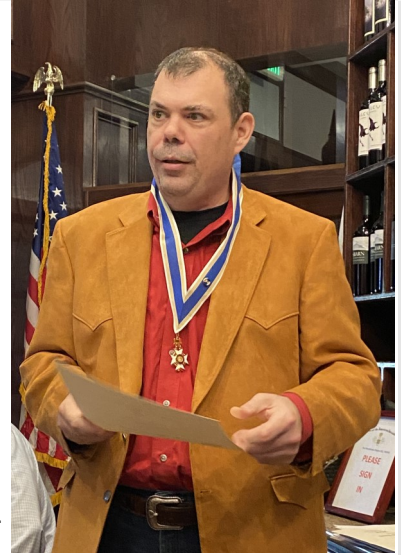
A program not to miss.

***CHANGE TO MEETING
Location.
PLEASE SEE DETAILS
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From the President:

Members and Friends,

First, It has been a busy last couple of weeks with all of the Junior ROTC Bronze Medal presentations. I was a Kingwood Park, my first, and it was fun. A great experience to see how much these young people appreciate being selected by their Instructors to receive our award of excellence. A special thanks to David Hamaker and John Thompson of the Freedom Chapter for presenting at Dayton High. We just could not cover all of them. Randy Hall has done an outstanding job as our JROTC Coordinator; not just for the chapter but for TXSSAR. Randy is moving up to work on the NSSAR ROTC Committee. Congratulations, Randy.



We are honoring JROTC Cadet Blake Eddins our PineyWoods 1st Placed JROTC Contest winner. Blake placed 2nd in state. Blake has been adopted by the Wyoming State SAR Society and will be resubmitted to National for further consideration. And, we are hoping our Chapter 1st Place Eagle Scout Mason R. Pinon can attend. Mason has been in the Scouts for 11 years.

We will be inducting three new members Saturday: Neil Voorhees, Skip Hawley and Junior Member Love. Please help us welcome them to the PineyWoods Chapter.

This year, May 29th marks Patrick Henry's 287th Birthday and June 6th marks Nathan Hale's 268th Birthday. Let us remember the men and women who risked it all to form the United States of America.

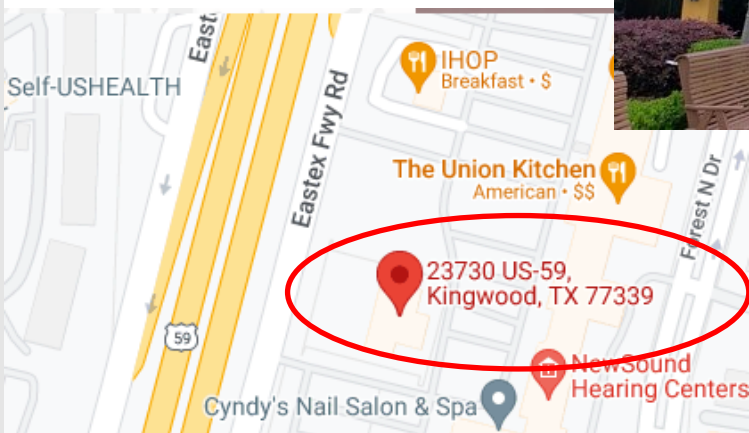
I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. See ya back in August.

Just a quick note to let you know that as promised we have found a new meeting place. We will meet at Los Cuco's Restaurant. It is a separate business off the feeder of 59 in the same shopping center as Union Kitchen. [See map] We will gather at 11 a.m. and close at 1 pm.

Members will order from the menu and as a condition of using the separate room an 18% gratuity will be added to each check. You can view the varied menu online [Kingwood - Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe](#)

I hope all of you have a great summer and see ya in August.

Ben Baskin—President



Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

Kingwood Texas

11am-1pm

May 20, 2023

This May 2023 Newsletter:

There is a mixture of info in this Newsletter. Mike Anderson took notes during the business sessions on Friday, March 31st and these are in this newsletter. An important item was the potential of raising dues in the July Congress in Orlando. I was a delegate in the last Congress where a motion to raise dues with discussion lasted around 2 hours. It will be interesting to see what the delegates do when another increase is put before them for approval. As the Chapter Register, I added some information coming out of the Genealogy Committee on DNA acceptance as proof of lineage. At the bottom of this article is a note about the DAR's policy. You should read theirs. Ours is about the same but the DAR has done a great job of presenting it; plus, they have a training module for members! I sent this info to the SAR Genealogy Committee Chairman. Also, there is a short AD about our Chapter Website. Ray Cox created our Website many years ago and he keeps it current today. The AD is followed by a portion of our By-laws—Officers duties. All chapter members should read these especially the newly elected. *LARRY STEVENS—Editor*

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PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

President - Ben Baskin

1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd Vice President - Harry Salisbury

Secretary - Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B. Ray Mize

Historian - Roland Skelton

Chaplain - Alan Bowman

Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson

Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit

Breed, Joe Potter

Genealogist - Kermit Breed

Chapter Non - Officers Roles

Newsletter - Larry Stevens

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Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

Spring Leadership/Trustee, March 2, 2023 to
March 4, 2023 Louisville, Kentucky

133rd Annual SAR Congress Orlando, Florida
July 14 - 21, 2023



TXSSAR

South Central District—Wichita Kansas
August 25 - 26, 2023
Texas Society BOM— College Station—TBA
October 13 - 14, 2023

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meetings at Los Cuco's
May 20, 2023 and August 19, 2023
Saturdays 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Notes From Texas State Society SAR Conference

March 31, 2023

Michael E. Anderson

Several Piney Woods members and the Chapter itself received awards including Ray Cox - Certificate of Appreciation, Kermit Breed - Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal with a silver oak leaf cluster, and the Chapter received a Flag Presentation Award

SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette is a dual member of the Tyler Chapter

1812 Society is the oldest lineage society in the country. It was formed in 1814 and formalized by an Act of Congress in 1854. State President is Drake Peddie, and there are more than 150 Texas members.

SAR National Website – three new member videos, a medals and awards video, and a canned Constitution Day presentation

Great SAR podcast available on YouTube titled “Revolutionary War Rarities.”

Compatriot and District 7 VP Richard Zdunkewicz presented information about a planned Texas SAR monument recognizing patriots buried in Texas. More information about the memorial is on the TXS-SAR webpage in the “Patriotic” hyperlink. The budget is \$50-60,000.

Three new DAR awards can be presented to SAR chapters and compatriots who assist the DAR. Awards are for assistance at the national, state and chapter levels.

Former Texas State Presidents Drake Peddie, Texas Trustee, and Tom Jackson discussed a potential increase in national dues from **\$35 to \$50**. There has not been a national dues increase in nine years. Need to support this dues increase because of the need for updated technology and a national advertising campaign. Presently trying to do a marketing campaign on a shoestring budget. A dues increase will greatly benefit the SAR.

PineyWoods Members attending the Texas SAR Convention in Spring were Mike Anderson, Ray Cox, Randy Hall, Merv Hartwick, Allan Henshaw, Bill King, Richard D. Payne, B Ray Mize (Registration), Larry Stevens. New Texas State Officers were nominated and elected in the Morning business session on April 1, 2023. They were installed by SAR President General Bruce Pickette at the Banquet that evening. Larry Stevens

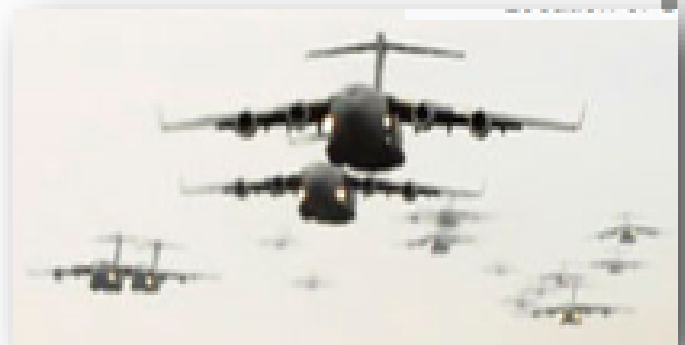
VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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 Cuco's Mexican Cafe

May 20, 2023

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Chancellor

Historian

Genealogist

Registrars

Sergeant-at-Arms

Webmaster

Editor

Old and New Business

Lunch

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

April 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Union Kitchen, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:32. He led members and guests in the U.S. and Texas pledges. Michael Anderson led members in the opening prayer.

Members (14) present: Kermit Breed, Jim Pinkerton, Bill King, B. Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Michael Anderson, Richard Payne, Cannon Pritchard, Larry Stevens, Abe Abdmoulaie, Joe Potter, Ben Baskin, Larry Hall.

Guests (2) present: Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick,

Program: Past President Michael Anderson gave a report about the immediate past state convention. He reported that Piney Woods members helped Freedom Chapter in the staging of the Woodlands event. He stated that the National SAR has developed training videos. Members attended many informative meetings. Michael paid special attention to the Youth Awards luncheon. The president general has been promoting awards for members who served our country in the armed forces during the 1955-75-time frame. The awards would be given regardless of in country service or not. Sharon Mize and Barbara Stevens were recognized for “service and support of the Texas Society SAR. “They worked in raising funds supporting our Youth Program. Barbara and Sharon are members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Youth Awards, our first place Eagle Scout and first place Junior ROTC will be presented checks of \$200. Kermit Breed was presented with two awards. The Layette Volunteer Service Medal and he also received third place for Chapter for the Chapter Yearbook entry. Larry Stevens was presented a third place award for our Chapter Newsletter.

Secretary Report: Jim Pinkerton reported that the March report was in the April newsletter.

Treasurer Report: B. Ray Mize reported there were no changes of note.

Registrars Report: Larry Stevens said the application for Neil Voorhees was approved in March. He also stated that the application for Skip Hawley is waiting for review in Louisville. Kermit Breed application for Love was approved and we should be receiving it. Larry asked to scan the approved record copies for Piney Woods application records when received by the chapter president.

Old and New Business. Larry Stevens discussed navigation of our Chapter Website and how to find our chapter bylaws. He told members that they needed to get access to the Texas private website. He had a handout for those present. First Vice President Abe Abdmoulaie gave an update on the Fallen Hero’s golf tournament. A motion was made and seconded to look at Los Cuco’s Mexican Café Kingwood Restaurant as a new meeting site.

Adjournment: The closing prayer was given by Michael Anderson, followed by the recessional given by President Baskin at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton
Chapter Secretary



President Baskin presents Kermit Breed with the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal



April Meeting



President Baskin presents Kermit Breed with the Third Place Certificate for the PineyWoods Yearbook.



President Baskin presents Sharon Mize with the Certificate of Appreciation from TXSSAR President Massey for her service as LATXSSAR Secretary.



President Baskin presents Larry Stevens with the Ross Shipment Award For his third place finish in the Newsletter competition.



Sharon and B Ray Mize with the TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation



JROTC AWARDS PROGRAM

JROTC Awards Ceremonies have been attended by many of our Compatriots. We are fortunate to have a few photos of the awards.



Compatriot Larry Blackburn attended the Ceremonies at Klein Cane JROTC. He presented medals to Cadet Hayden Hargett (pictured right) and Cadet Hayden Kiesewetter (pictured right.)



Compatriots David Hamaker and John Thompson of the Freedom Chapter assisted PW in the medal ceremonies at the Dayton HS Marine JROTC Unit. Pictured below: left—JROTC Bronze Medal to Marine Cadet Juan Coreas and right—a SAR Flag Certificate to the Dayton HS Marine JROTC Unit commander.



Bronco Battalion



Louis SKIP Hawley - mailed to the Texas Coastal Registrar, logged on the Louisville New Application list on February 6, 2023. His Patriot Ancestor is William Hawley I.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PineyWoods Chapter

Membership: a/o 9 Apr 2023



TOTAL 112

Current Regular Members— 93

New - 2

Dual— 3

Youth—8

Reinstated 6

Not Paid for 2023 - 5 (Regular)

REGISTRAR REPORT

The National Society Genealogy Committee meets in person and by ZOOM at the Spring and Fall Leadership/ Trustees Meetings; and they do have special ZOOM meeting through out the year. The current chairman is William Schwentke. Attendance is open, if there is room, but only committee members can participate. At the meeting on March 3, 2023, there was no Texas Members listed as attending. The following is excerpted from the minutes of that meeting. Any motion requiring approval will be review by the Board of Trustees. The following has not been approved but most likely will.

I have had several questions regarding the use of DNA evidence and I have submitted DNA documentation on two occasions that helped proving parental lineage relationships successfully. Please review the following motion for change to DNA policy in the SAR Genealogy Handbook which you can find on the NSSAR Site.

Larry Stevens

NSSAR Genealogy Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM EST, 3 March 2023, at Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY, reported on the use of DNA to establish proof of lineage to a parent.

Timothy Peterman, Chairman of the SAR Genealogy Committee DNA Subcommittee made a motion to expand the use of DNA:

Change to 5.4006 Policy with Respect to the Use of DNA Evidence

Moved that the Genealogy Committee Policy Manual be changed as shown below:

5.4006 Policy with Respect to the Use of DNA Evidence.

SAR looks at the breadth of information, including genetic information, to prove lineage. We also recognize the importance of respecting privacy. Therefore, any use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of living people for DNA evidence will require affirmative consent from those individuals. **The Genealogy Staff will review DNA proofs that are limited to generations one to two or generations two to three only. Proof of the parentage of an applicant in the absence of a birth certificate or similar proof confirming the parent's names, is**

the preferred circumstance for use of DNA testing.

If DNA testing of minors is precluded for legal reasons and when DNA cannot be used, sworn signed affidavits submitted by a close relative with first-hand knowledge of the circumstances of the birth or, in the case of a surrogacy, by the surrogate birth mother attesting to the identity of the biological parent of the child is acceptable.

DNA proofs linking earlier generations can be used only if the DNA proof argument is prepared by a professional genealogist with expertise in DNA analysis such as DNA specialist holding certification by the Board for the Certification of Genealogists with a specialization in DNA, or other known specialists in DNA research who have been vetted and accepted by the NSSAR. **The applicant will bear the cost of the accepted genealogist.**

The SAR will accept the conclusions reached by a recognized DNA expert without re-review. However, the proof argument used, including all supporting documentation and consent forms, must be included with the application submittal.

Motion passed and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

Currently, the SAR Genealogy Policy dated 2 NOV 2022 is as follows. The above language will be substituted if approved.

5.4005 DNA—DNA evidence can only be used as one element of a genealogical proof argument that includes additional conventional proof of the lineage. None of the major tests -- Y-DNA, autosomal DNA, mitochondrial DNA, or X-DNA alone can prove descent from a specific individual. DNA tests can show with a high probability that two individuals are related but without traditional evidence, they fail to determine whether the person being considered is a specific individual, a sibling of that individual, a cousin of, or other relation to that individual. However, by combining the various tests and using techniques to support predicted relationships, coupled with traditional evidence, a case can be built to demonstrate relationships.

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More on DNA—**The NSDAR has information on what they accept as DNA** proof of lineage on their website that better explains DNA tests. Also, The DAR has long accepted paternity, maternity and siblingship tests of the type used by the court system, as proof of parentage for members. Besides paternity tests, there are three types of DNA tests that are available commercially to genealogists.

These include Y-DNA, mtDNA

(mitochondrial DNA) and autosomal DNA tests. Each type of DNA test has its advantages and limitations. At this time, autosomal DNA and Y-DNA tests offer the most reliable means of using DNA evidence for DAR application papers. Y-DNA is passed from father to son, so only males can be tested; therefore, women applying for DAR membership using Y-DNA evidence will need to find appropriate male surrogates to take the Y-DNA test. **Larry Stevens—Registrar**

[DNA and DAR Applications | Daughters of the American ...](https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy/dna-and-dar-applications)

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The PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution is a PUBLIC SITE. Chapter Members should visit the site. **The Chapter Constitution and Bylaws are under Chapter Info.** In the By-laws are the duties of our officers. You find these on the last pages of this newsletter. Chapter Newsletter from January 2008 are posted under Chapter Info; on so on.

There are links to the Texas Society and National Society where Parents and Students can learn of our Youth Contests as well as other education sources.

PineyWoods Chapter #51, TXSSAR

<https://txssar.org/PineyWoods> ▾

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- ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers of this Chapter, other than those usual under parliamentary law for the respective officials, shall be such as elsewhere provided in the Constitution and these By-Laws, and in the following sections of this article:

SECTION 1. President: The President shall appoint all standing committees and such special committees, as he deems necessary. He shall announce to the Chapter at meetings, or direct the Secretary to do so to the members by mail all actions and decisions of the Board of Directors. He shall represent the Board of Directors in all its dealings. He shall countersign all checks written on funds of the Chapter.

SECTION 2. First Vice President: The First Vice President shall fill the office of the President of the Chapter when the President is absent or unable to act. In matters other than presiding at meetings, however, he shall act only if the matter will not reasonably await the return of the President or his renewed ability to act. Duties of the First Vice President shall include, but are not limited to: • Responsible for the Chapter Meeting Programs. • Assists the Chapter Genealogist with follow up on new member application issues. • Other duties or responsibilities as may be assigned by the Chapter's Board of Directors. • The President will appoint an Assistant to the First Vice President. The term of the Assistant to the First Vice President will be one year in length. He will be responsible for the Newsletter.

SECTION 3. Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall, as provided for the First Vice President, will fill the office of the President in case both the President and the First Vice President are absent or unable to act. Duties of the Second Vice President shall include, but are not limited by: • Leads the Chapter activities in the area of Chapter sponsored Youth Contests, such as essay, oration, and poster programs. • Assists the Medals and Awards Committee in the performance of its official duties. • Other duties or responsibilities as may be assigned by the Chapter's Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall have custody of all papers, books, files, and property of the Chapter, except such as pertain to the duties of other officers, and have same available for use of the Chapter at all meetings, or as it may direct. He shall keep the minutes of all meetings and present them for approval at the next regular meeting of the Chapter, after which he shall enter them in the minute book. Such minutes shall show the names of all members present at the meetings and the actions taken and other performances at same. He shall carry into effect all orders of the Chapter at meetings, except such as are directed to other officers and committees, and perform such other services for the Chapter as directed by it or its authorized officers, committees, and members. He shall keep all books, files, records, and property subject to inspection of all members of the Chapter at all reasonable times. He shall preserve all property of the Chapter in his possession from loss or injury, and permit it to be used for Society purposes only. He shall conduct all business and correspondence for the Chapter as directed by the President and/or the Board of Directors, except such as may be in the hands of other proper officers or committees for attention.

SECTION 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Chapter deposited in a good and solvent bank in an account or accounts, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Chapter, and such funds may be withdrawn only on checks signed by him or the Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or another Officer, as approved by the Board of Directors. At the last regular meeting of each year he shall make an annual report, in writing, to the Chapter showing all money and property of the Chapter in his possession, all that has been received by him during the year, and fully the manner of its disposition. He

shall make such special reports during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of Directors. He shall collect from the Secretary all funds due the Chapter and make deposit thereof.

SECTION 6. Registrar: The Registrar shall keep a list of all members of the Chapter and their addresses, with the dates of admission to membership, dates of resignation, death, or other termination of membership. He shall make a report to the Chapter in writing, at the February regular meeting for the entire preceding calendar year, and at such times during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of directors, and deliver to his successor in office all the lists of members, books, papers, correspondence, and other property pertaining to his office.

SECTION 7. Genealogist: The Genealogist shall render such assistance to the Secretary and members of the Chapter as may be needed in compiling the genealogy for all applicants for membership, and give such advice and assistance in completing applications for membership as may be needed.

SECTION 8. Chancellor: The Chancellor shall be an attorney-at-law if one be included in the Chapter and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Chancellor may also act as Parliamentarian at any of the meetings of the Chapter.

SECTION 9. Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall be called upon by the President or the Board of Directors in all matters affecting parliamentary law in the course of meetings of the Chapter.

SECTION 10. Historian: The Historian shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the collection and preservation of historical and genealogical material, collect and record information in reference to historical sites and related matters, and keep a scrapbook or record of the events pertaining to the Chapter's history.

SECTION 11. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall open and close all meetings with prayer, and officiate in such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may direct

SECTION 12. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead the members of the Chapter into the meeting hall, bearing the flag, at the opening of meetings. Between meetings the flag shall remain in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will deliver it for use at meetings of the Chapter. During meetings he shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES The President shall appoint the following standing committees, of not less than three (3) members each, whose duties shall be such as may be defined by the Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Chapter at a regular or special meeting: Membership Committee Credentials Committee Genealogy Committee Finance Committee Program Committee Publicity Committee Visitation Committee Also, the President may appoint such special committees as may be necessary from time to time.

Original By-Laws adopted by members of the Chapter at an organizing meeting held on Thursday January 13, 1994. Thomas M. Green, President

Revolutionary War Timeline

May 1-5, 1778 The Battle of Crooked Billet Pennsylvania - in Philadelphia's *Royal Pennsylvania Gazette*, reads as follows:

"On Thursday night last, a small party of the British infantry, dragoons, and Queen's rangers, with a few of Capt. Hoveden's Pennsylvania, and Capt. James's Chester dragoons, left the city about eleven o'clock, and proceeded up the Old York road. About a mile beyond the Billet they fell in with Lacey's brigade of militia, consisting of about 500 men, and immediately attacked them: Lacey, at first, made some appearance of opposition, but, in a few seconds, was thrown into confusion, obliged to retreat with precipitation, and were pursued about 4 miles. They left between 80-100 dead on the field; and on Friday, between 50-60 prisoners, besides waggoners, with 10 of their wagons loaded with baggage, flour, salt, whiskey, &c. were brought in by the troops on their return: What number of rebels were wounded, we have not been able to learn. Besides the above wagons, 3 were burnt after taking out the horses; also all the huts and what baggage could not be brought off. The royal party did not lose a single man on this occasion, and have only 7 men wounded, and 2 horses killed."



May 8, 1778 The Battle of Bordentown Rhode Island -- Following the Continental Army's retreat across the Delaware River in December 1776, 2,000 Hessian and Scots troops commanded by Colonel Kurt Von- donop occupied this town. A small band of American's under Colonel Samuel Griffin lured these troops toward Mt. Holly prior to George Washington's attack on Trenton thus contributing to his victory on December 26. The town was pillaged and sections burned by the British on May 8, and June 23, 1778. In May 1778, General Clinton was preparing to evacuate Philadelphia and return to New York via New Jersey. To secure the crossing of the Delaware River, Clinton sent a corps of light infantry to destroy the Pennsylvania Navy that was moored at Bordentown and White Hill (Fieldboot).



On May 8, 1778 , the British Force landed at White Hill, finding a few of the Pennsylvania boats already scuttled. As the British Force marched from White Hill to Bordentown on the Burlington Road, they were met by two companies of militia with an artillery piece. As the British formed, the militia fired one volley and fled into Bordentown. The British immediately marched into Bordentown and destroyed those vessels that had not already been scuttled. Local loyalists directed the British to the homes of Colonel Borden and other influential rebels, which they burned. Their dark deed complete, the British retired to Philadelphia.

May 25, 1778 Bristol Rhode Island - 500 British and Hessian soldiers, under orders from General Sir Robert Pigot the commander of the British garrison at Newport, Rhode Island landed between Bristol and Warren, destroyed boats and other supplies, and plundered Bristol. Local resistance was minimal and ineffective in stopping the British activities. Five days later 100 soldiers descended on Freetown, where less damage was done because local defenders prevented the British from crossing a bridge.



*Sir Robert Pigot 2nd Baronet
20 Sep 1720 – 1 Aug 1796*

May 30 – June 1, 1778 The Battle of Cobleskill or Cobleskill



Massacre was a raid on the frontier settlement of Cobleskill, New York on May 30, 1778. The battle, having taken place in the modern-day village of Warnerville, NY, marked the beginning of a phase in which Loyalists and Iroquois encouraged and supplied by British authorities in the Province of Quebec, raided and destroyed numerous villages on what was then the United States western frontier of New York and Pennsylvania. A small party of Iroquois entered Cobleskill and drew the local defenders into a trap set by a much larger party of Iroquois and Loyalists under the command of Joseph Brant. After killing a number of the militia and driving off the remainder, Brant's forces destroyed much of the settlement. New York's defenders retaliated against Brant's actions against Cobleskill and other communities by destroying Iroquois villages later in the year, and continental Army forces destroyed more Iroquois villages in a major 1779 expedition.

*Joseph Brant or Thayendanagea,
Mohawk
August 1743 – 24 No 1807*

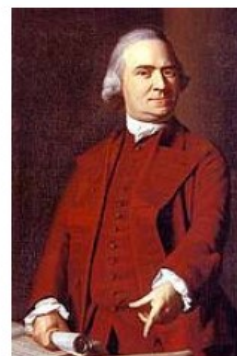


Did You Know?

American Revolution Trivia (See: Alpha History-American Revolution Trivia)

Myths sometimes become our history as we know it, but if we research our past and our heros', we may find a more accurate story to tell. The on-line Alpha History site has a tons of these myths.

Today, most believe Sam Adams was a brewer and a number of American beers have carried his name because of this; Samuel Adams Lager, produced in Boston, sports his image on its labels. However *Adams neither brewed beer nor drank it.*



Research suggests that colonial America was one of the most literate societies of its time. Adult literacy in rural areas was around 70 per cent; in American cities it usually exceeded 95 per cent. This is in stark comparison to literacy levels in Europe, which ranged between 40 and 70 per cent.