



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
May 19**



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. Except this May 23rd, 2026 and this December.



Fellow Patriots and Friends of the PineyWoods Chapter,

As we move into May, our hearts and minds turn to one of the most transformative seasons in American history — a time when ordinary men and women made extraordinary decisions that shaped the nation we love and serve today.

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This month, we are thrilled to highlight our Knight Essay Contest, one of the most meaningful programs our Chapter proudly supports. This contest gives young students the opportunity to explore the ideals of patriotism, liberty, and civic responsibility through their own words — and that is no small thing. We are honored to announce that a finalists from Crosby ISD will join us at our program to read her essay aloud to the Chapter. We encourage every member to attend and show these remarkable young people just how much their voices matter. Their enthusiasm for American heritage is truly the greatest reward for all the work we do.



Speaking of heritage — May carries profound significance in the story

Chapter Meeting— Home Of Barbara and Larry Stevens at 1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood arrive at little after 11:00 AM and Meeting begins at 11:30 AM

of American independence. It was in May of 1775 that the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia, bringing together bold leaders from across the colonies. Out of that critical meeting came key decisions that would change the course of history — including the formation of the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, and the unanimous appointment of George Washington as Commander-in-Chief on June 15, 1775. These early steps toward a unified colonial defense planted the seeds of self-governance that would soon blossom into the Declaration of Independence.

These moments did not happen in a vacuum. They were fueled by the fire of men like Patrick Henry, whose immortal words — "Give me liberty, or give me death!" — delivered just weeks before in March 1775, had already stirred the souls of colonists everywhere. Henry's passionate cry reminded us that freedom is never free and that silence in the face of tyranny is



its own surrender.

At our Annual Convention in Austin and during the dedication of the SAR Memorial program, Larry Stevens reported that our Texas Governor Gregg Abbot was sworn in as a member the SAR. During his talk he stressed how important it is to remember our heritage and founding of the Republic of the United States of America especially this year, the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



May also calls us to pause and honor those who gave everything to preserve the freedom our Founders fought so hard to establish. On Memorial Day, May 25th, we remember with deep gratitude the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation. As Sons of the American Revolution, may we lead our communities in solemn and genuine remembrance of the 250th Anniversary of America's Independence — flying our flags, attending local ceremonies, and keeping their memory alive in all that we do.

May we never forget the courage it took to begin — or the sacrifice it took to preserve. See you at the meeting!

In Patriotism and Service, Abe Abdmoulaie—President





Akron Colorado SAR Celebration 250th Project Complete



On Memorial Day, May 25th, 2026, the PineyWoods Chapter 250th Anniversary of

the Declaration Commemorative Bench installed in the City Cemetery in Akron, Colorado, and will be dedicated at the end of the Akron annual Memorial Day Parade.

This project was chaired by PineyWoods Chapter Secretary William 'Bill' King, who did all of the work securing funding, contacting the monument company who make the Bench, engrave it with the SAR Logo, and had it installed in the cemetery, and organizing the dedication ceremony.

Early in the morning of the 25th, members of the Akron VFW will place US Flags at each Veteran Grave before joining the parade.

The Dedication and Memorial presentation will be made by Judge Dave Davison, City Manager Gillian Laycock, and PineyWoods member Darren King Who will talk about the Memorial Bench and family.

Thanks to the town of Akron Colorado for not only allowing us to place the 250th Bench in the City Cemetery but their help during the process.

Fund raising for the project was managed by William 'Bill' King. Bill reported that more than enough was raised to pay the monument company to make the bench, engrave it, and install it in the Akron City Cemetery. The overage was fifteen hundred and four dollars. Bill said it was the wish of the family that this overage be donated by the PineyWoods Chapter to the Akron Veterans Home during the Memorial Day Memorial program on May 26.

Abe Abdmoulaie



PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas SAR

Meeting, March 21, 2026

1st Vice President and Past chapter President Jim Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Attendance: 10 —Bill King, Ben Baskin, Bernie Kent, Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Louis “Skip” Hawley, Merv Hartwick, B Ray Mize, Michael Anderson, Ray Cox.

Guests: 3—Fletcher Gray, Samantha Ballard, Jeannie Hartwick

Jim Pinkerton gave the invocation, the pledge of allegiance to the US flag, the Texas flag, and the SAR Pledge.

Jim Pinkerton asked each person attending to introduce themselves and mention their favorite dessert. Many deserts were mentioned. Some mentioned included cheese cake, German chocolate cake, and peach cobbler were just a few of the desserts.

Jim Pinkerton was the guest speaker of the day. Jim’s topic was Britain’s King George IV. Jim then asked the members and guests to take a quiz on historical facts about King George IV Life.

George the IV and a little bit of George the III quiz

1. George the fourth was the first child of George the third. How many brothers and sisters did he have. ((A) five children, three sons and two daughters. **(B) 15 children, 9 sons and 6 daughters. The largest royal family in the history of the British Monarchy.** (C) Three children, two sons and a daughter who died in infancy. (D) Seven children, four sons and three daughters. Two of which married European monarchs.
2. In later years George the fourth thought that: **(A) He fought alongside Wellington at the battle of Waterloo.** (B) That his father was crazy as early as 1800. (C) He was in love with the woman he married. (D) He lived most of his life in Wales.
3. George the fourth is the only British monarch to rule before he was king. The reason was (A) his younger brother was trying to usurp his right to be king. (B) His father George the third was out of the country, had an accident leaving him unable to fulfill his duties as king. **(C) George the 3rd had times of mental illness. He would be lucid and then go crazy.** (D) George the 3rd kept on harping on the loss of the American colonies and parliament finely gave up and gave the job to his first-born George the 4th
4. The time that George the 4th ruled before he was officially king (1811-1820) was referred to as (A) The assumption period (B) The usurp period **(C) The regency period** (D) The elegant period.
5. George the 4th in 1785 secretly married a Catholic widow, Maria Fitzhebert. The marriage was **illegal** under British law for all the following **except: (A) Royals needed the monarch’s permission to marry.** (B) A catholic spouse could disqualify him from becoming a king. (C) All potential wives had to be certified as virgins. (D) Potential wives could not be commoners.
6. George eventually married Caroline of Brunswick. The wedding was marked by the fact that (A) Caroline was considered a beauty and a great catch for George (B) A favorite of the British court at the time. **(C) George hated her and was drunk at his own wedding.** (D) Was pregnant with Georges baby at the time of the wedding.
7. George fancied himself as a dandy, a fashion icon, and trend setter. **(A) George became obese, weighing over 240 pounds due to his excesses.** (B) Put on fashion shows at Buckingham Palace to showcase current trends. (C) Used French styles as a monitor for his English clothing. (D) All of the above.

8. In 1821 George became the first British monarch to: (A) visit India (B) rides a camel at Buckingham palace (C) Take to helping the poor and neglected in the slums of London. **(D) Visit Ireland, the first time since the 1600's**

9. At the time of George, the 4th death in in 1830 a miniature portrait was found in his personal effects. The portrait was of: (A) His daughter by Caroline of Brunswick **(B) A portrait of Mary Fitzherbert. The royal family insisted that he had not been married to.** (C) His favorite dog. (D) A picture of his father George the 3rdGeorge the 4th

10. George the 4th loved to dress up. In 1822 he made a historic visit to Scotland. The first time in 170 years. He came at the invitation of Sir Walter Scott. (A) He was adored by the Scottish people for appealing to their food. (B) He rode in a Scottish ox cart to the cheers of the people in Edinburg. (C) Drank too much Scotch in front of the Scottish clergy. **(D) Wore a Scottish kilt. By this time, he was very obese and the kilt looked like a mini kilt on him. The English press satirized him.**

One of the most unusual things of George the 4th reign was (A) he appointed his brother successor because his only child by Caroline died in childbirth. (B) He gave all his expensive clothes way upon his death (C) **He dug up the graves of Charles the 1st, Jane Seamore and Henry the 8th and peered inside.** (D) He left his estate to Grace Elliott and Francis Villiers his most famous mistresses.

Jim Asked all to take the quiz. Jim then added that the person with most correct answers would receive a gift. Larry Stevens had the most correct answers at 5 out of 13. That means all in attendance failed the exam. The correct answers are in bolt text.

Several other historical facts were mentioned. King George III was fluent in 4 different languages. George IV died with no legitimate heirs. Consequently, the next Monarch in line of succession were King George IV followed by King William IV, and then Queen Victoria.

Business meeting: Secretary Bill King reported that the previous meeting notes were included in the March news letter.



B Ray Mize reported that the present amount in the chapter's account is \$20,000. B Ray noted that once these funds are designated, the chapter will once again operate month to month. Larry Stevens noted that the funds were intended to be used to support education programs upon by the chapter members.

Kermit Breed reported that one potential member application was sent to the National chapter. Larry Stevens reported the one applicant was acquiring additional documents before the application can be forwarded to Texas and National SAR.

Skip Hawley is asking for volunteers to attend JROTC ceremonies at Splendor HS and other banquet dinners. There are twenty-four potential JROTC awards.

Finally, the collection of grocery coupons has ended because local newspapers no longer provide them.

Webmaster Ray Cox reported that he will be attending a Texas conference April 17-19, 2026 in Austin.

Essay contest writers will attend our chapter meeting on May 16th, 2026.

Jim Pinkerton closed the meeting with the closing benediction and the SAR closing.

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.



Piney Woods Chapter 51 TXSSAR

Lunch Meeting May 23, 2026

Stevens Home

1706 Chestnut Grove Lane

Kingwood Texas 11:00 AM—1:30 PM

May 23, 2026

Business Meeting 11:30 am

Opening by

President Abe Abdmoulaie

Invocation Jim Pinkerton

PLEDGES

USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge and Mission Statement

SGT At Arms Merv Hartwick

OFFICER REPORTS

SAR Closing and Benediction

SAR Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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.”

Annual Texas Convention

Austin, Texas

On Saturday morning at the Texas Cemetery, the SAR Monument listing 69 Revolutionary Patriots known to be buried in Texas. Governor Greg Abbot was our dedication speaker. At the dedication Governor Abbot was sworn as a new SAR Member by Texas President Mel Oller. Also, he was presented the SAR Silver Good Citizen Medal. Ray Cox participated in the Collor Guard as the Fifer.

Business—Texas was selected to host the 2029 National Congress. The planning committee said we would need to raise fifty thousand Dollars for the Host Reception. A motion was made by the committee at the 2026 Convention to increased dues 2027-2029 five dollars for members.

History and projection: At the 2024 convention, a motion was passed to add a \$3.00 assessment to our state dues for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 to go towards the 2029 National Congress to be held in Texas. At the time we were looking at San Antonio as the host city, but San Antonio hotels priced us out with enormous cost. Now we have moved our focus to Austin as the host city.

Based on our roughly 3,200 memberships, 714 of those are Life, Juniors, Perpetual only, and Emeritus members. This leaves the regular membership number at 2,486. With the \$3.00 assessment based on this number, we would anticipate seven thousand four hundred fifty eight dollars of funds towards the 2029 Congress each of the three years totaling twenty-two thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars.

Actual collections for the year 2025 were 2,196 members paying six thousand five hundred eight-eight dollars and YTD 2026 collections of 2,057 members totaling six thousand one hundred seventy-one dollars bringing us to a total of twelve thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars for the 2029 Congress.

At our 2026 State meeting, the motion was made to increase the 2027 assessment by \$2.00, bringing it to \$5.00 for the year. Also, the motion included adding two additional years 2028, and 2029 at \$5.00 for each of those years. And, at the end of this three year period the \$5 increase would be dropped.

Going forward with these amounts and using an average of 2,150 paying members each of the next 3 years we will have collected thirty-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars to go along with our current balance of twelve thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars bringing us to a collection total of forty-five thousand nine dollars for 2029 National Congress. The Texas Congress Committee says this would leave short Texas short by five thousand dollars of the fifty thousand dollars projected amount required to host.

After much discussion and debate, the motion passed and would begin in 2027 with the current 3 dollars bring raised to 5 dollars, and then 5 dollars in both 2028 and 2029. **PineWoods chapter dues would be \$78 in these three years.**

NSSAR REPORTS OF NOTE—SAR Executive Director Phil Bloyd at Louisville reported that with the State of Kentucky donations for our SAR Museum Solid Light Project on the US History during the Revolution and other private donations, we have enough funds now to complete the state of the art exhibit this Fall. He stated funds are still being sought for manning and maintaining our museum and exhibits.

New Application approvals is now down to 5 to 6 weeks, down from 16 weeks at the beginning to the years. Thanks goes to Genealogist General Col. Gary Green USAF (ret) working hard with a number of new Staff Genealogist. This is great improvement over the past few years.

The next SAR 136th Annual Congress will be begin July 10th and end the evening of 15th, 2026, in Sheraton, Greensboro, North Carolina.

PineWoods Members attending were Ray Cox and Larry G Stevens: Report by LG Stevens



Texas State Cemetery Austin Texas 18 April 2026

The governors dedication speech was about Patriotism, and remembering those that made tremendous sacrifices, including their lives, fighting for independence and then establishing a Constitution and a Bill of Rights for a Republic the world had never seen before. He said it is up to the citizens of the United States to keep America Free. And remember, those fifty six men who sacrificed all in signing this document.

He said this year is the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of the SAR Memorial Marker that honors 69 Revolutionary Patriots buried in Texas. PineyWoods located and placed SAR Markers at their grave sites.

Texas Governor Greg Abbot is presented the SAR Silver Good Citizen Medal and Certificate.



FOOD and Native American CORN

POTASH or LYE, NOT ONLY FOR making soap for washing bedding and clothing, BUT in PREPAREING FOODS



The population in the Americas had been using ash and water mixtures to remove the outer *shell of corn kernels for centuries. They added the corn to warm water mixed with ash and soaked the corn for hours until the skin was dissolved,*

They then drained and rinsed the corn and placed it back into water containers, cooking baskets. Hot rocks were added to the water to heat to corn until near boiling. After the Europeans arrive, they began using metal pots. The kernels absorbed water and increased greatly in size. The hominy could be eaten at this point.

The “hominy” was also dried and later could be mixed with fats, mashed and made into cakes or tortillas, cooked on a flat surfaced before eaten or put aside.

Different varieties of corn were grown by Native Americans including Maise, Steel, and Flint that were used to make hominy or a corn ‘flour’.

When early Europeans arrived in North America in the early 1600’s, they had brought little food and in the case of the Virginia Company, 1607, there were no farmers only adventurers. In 1620, the Pilgrims suffered greatly during the trip and had little food supplies, or seeds to plant.

The Native Americans brought them dry corn, taught them how to make hominy out of hard corn kernels, or to grind the corn into a meal, and how to store corn, saving them from starvation.

The Native Americans taught the emigrants how to plant corn by digging a hole, placing a dead fish in the hole for fertilizer and then the seeds, covering up the hole after. After the growing corn was about six inches tall, the Indians planted beans at the base of the corn plants.

When the beans began growing, they planted squash around the corn and beans. The leaves of the squash reduced the growth of weeds. The Indians called this planting method the Three Sister.



LG Stevens

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER YOUTH PROGRAMS



EDUCATION—Deerwood Elementary—Bill Myers, Skip Hawley, Larry Stevens made presentations to about 140 5th graders. Splendor Junior High History Fair April 17 and 20th, 2026. Larry Stevens loaned colonial era artifacts for display and he was able to attend Monday afternoon and talked to around fifty of the four hundred Splendor 8th grade students on the Revolutionary War Uniforms and Lexington and Concord Minutemen and Militia., April 19-21, 1775.

Lone Star College dedicated an entire day and evening to the remembrance of the Declaration of Independence. Chapter President Abe Abdmoulaie, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, Skip Hawley, Bill Ray Cox, Bill Meyer, and Larry Stevens joined the Galvez Chapter Color Guard presenting the colors.

ESSAY—Two Crosby Hi Students contacted us and Skip Hawley worked with these two Seniors so their essays would be timely. They are our 1st and 2nd place award winners and one will attend the May 23th, 2026 meeting and read their essay and receive our chapter awards. Their essays were sent for Texas Competition but did not place first, second or third. PineWoods 1st place Rylan Vickers, \$500 and 2nd place Hailey Johns, \$200.



JUNIOR ROTC—Skip Hawley went to MacArthur, New Caney, Cleveland, Crosby. Larry Stevens to Kingwood and Kingwood Park, Porter. Larry Blackburn Tomball and Tomball Memorial.

K Park upper Right—Cadet Sgt Clark (r above), Marsha Richards DAR at Park, & Skip Hawley Cleveland



FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

Memorial Day is May 25th 2026 this year. It's a day to remember our Ancestors the served in the American Revolution and all of the conflicts that followed up until today. My ancestors served in all but the Spanish American War, including the fight against Santa Ana in 1836 and during the Texas Republic Days. Grandpa Ernest Stevens was a *Doughboy in WWI in France*. He was a Private on the ship Passenger lists. My father John Frank joined the CCC in the 1930's. When drafted in the US Army in WWII, he served as a rifle range instructor at Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, California.



In this issue is news from the Texas Convention and the swearing into SAR Governor Greg Abbott.

Due to the unavailability of Los Cucos Mexican Café in May due top graduation Lunches and dinner, and other area restaurant, our meeting will be at my home.

We have been active in Youth Education—Essay Contests, Schools visited and hopefully this will continue. Each program, medal presented, informs what SAR is all about—remembering the history of the USA and our Patriot Ancestors, fulfilling our mission.

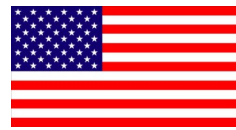
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Events Calendar



NSSAR

National Congress
Sherton Greensboro North Carolina
July 8—17, 2026



TEXAS SAR

Hilton Garden Inn, Arlington
October 23-25, 2026

PineyWoods Chapter
Los Cucos Mexican Café, Kingwood



August 15, 2026
September 19, 2026
October 17, 2026

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

PineyWoods Chapter Membership:

Current Regular Members 71
Dual 3
Youth 9 Reinstated 6 +5 (NP)
Not Paid 2026—9

As of May 9, 2026
TOTAL 93

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APPLICATIONS

New Member PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

Check the FEE Schedule For Junior

Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00



PATRIOTISM MATTERS

MINUS 19 OR 14%

**PINEYWOODS MEMBERSHIP IS
DOWN 16 FROM THE END OF 2025
(109)**

THRU May 9, 2026 (93) even with

ATTENTION!

1. John Beard reported that the address for submitting dues payments on the Dues Notices sent for 2026 is INCORRECT. The posted address on the invoice states SUITE 300—SHOULD BE 250. The correct address will be posted on the website under DUES INVOICES. This affect dues paid via USPS. It should be noted that, if paying using PayPal, charges were waived for 2026.
2. New Membership Application SAR Fee, received in Louisville, post marked July 1 to July 31, will be \$76, in remembrance of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. PineyWoods New Membership Application would be \$140.50.
3. Texas SAR DUES INCREASE—2027 2028 2029 PineyWoods. Currently there is a \$3.00 increase to raise money to host the 2029 National SAR Congress in Austin. The \$3.00 will end this year. The next three years \$5.00 increase will be \$5.00. This increase approved by the delegates at the Texas Convention was necessary to have enough funds, the estimated budget, to host the Congress Reception. The fund will still be short of the target by about 5K. In 2030, the increase will be removed.



MERV HARTWICK B RAY MIZE



LARRY STEVENS WINNER OF THE QUIZ ON KING GEORGE IV AN AUTO GRAFTED PAINTING OF GEORGE MIKE ANDERSON AND SAMANTHA BALLARD GRINNING



BERNIE KENT

Below Left
BEN BASKIN
FLETCHER GRAY

Bottom Left
BILL KING
MIKE ANDERSON

Bottom Right
ROLAND SKELTON
SKIP HAWLEY



SKIP HAWLEY MIKE ANDERSON LARRY STEVENS SAMANTHA BALLARD JEANNIE HARTWICK RAY COX

