



Pine Shavings

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A Message from the President

The oldest “Piney Woods Pine Shavings” newsletter I have is the September 1994 Issue. Our President was Thomas M. Green, VP Larry G. Martin, Secretary/Treasurer Bernard “Bernie” Balsler, Chancellor Allan Henshaw, and Genealogist/Registrar Kim A. Morton, Historian Don Lemon, Chaplain Steven L. Newman, and Sgt. of Arms Gary P. Smith.



The Newsletter announced the September 22, 1994 meeting, to be held at the Quality Inn on Will Clayton Parkway, at 7:00 PM, causal, and the cost of the meeting was \$7.50. The speaker at the August 18, 1994 dinner meeting was Col. Delbert Fowler, Past President of the Texas Society. Col. Fowler presented the newly formed Piney Woods Chapter the American Flag and the SAR Flag, with poles and stands, as his personal gift for the Chapter’s accomplishments in obtaining the required number of new members by a deadline set by Col. Fowler. Membership Certificates were presented by Kim Morton to ELEVEN new members; Lawrence McCutcheon, Jack H. Nelson, John B. Ward, Patrick Wipple, Mark F. Warnack, L. Jack Phillips, Roy B. Nelson, Worthy R. Warnack, Clay V. Warlick, Moody S. Jackson, and Byron G. Ratterree.

As the Texas Society President, Col. Fowler signed the Piney Woods SAR Charter dated 14 November 1993 on 3 February 1994. He had issued a challenge to “Tom” (Thomas M. Green), Allan

Hewshaw, Kim Morton and the other new members, including myself, to find the required number of members and he would buy the chapter flags.

The next newsletter that I have is October 1995. Interest in starting a Piney Woods Chapter Color Guard was on the front page. New members

RAYMOND W. COX and RICHARD LOWSETTER received their Member Certificates and Rosettes. The Chapter just under two years old had grown to 93 members. Tom Green and Kim Morton announced they were working on four new members; MACLEOD SMITH, RICHARD SHANKS, WOODY REESE DDS, and CRAIG REESE, DDS.

Chapter meeting attendance was a concern and was discussed in this issue. Members were encouraged to donate to “The Patriots’ Fund”, which was started in February 1978, to fund and foster projects with a patriotic, historical, or educational value. Projects would be funded using the interest earned on the invested fund. In 1982, TXSSAR began using the accrued interest to fund these projects.

Members at the October 15, 2009 Members Meeting authorized me to take documents and mementos, which are the documentation of the history of the Piney Woods Chapter’s past to the TXSSAR Achieves at University of North Texas at Denton. Our files are pretty

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National

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February 20, 2010 - Laredo George Washington Parade

Dec 12-13, 2009 - Wreaths Across America

March 4-6, 2010 - Spring Leadership Meeting at Louisville



State

www.txssar.org

March 25-27, 2010 - 2010 Annual Conference, Houston, TX

The Revolution

November 1st, 1775: Colonel Richard Richardson's South Carolina Revolutionaries begin march through Ninety Six District in what becomes known as "the Snow Campaign", effectively ending all major support for the Loyalist cause in the back country of South Carolina.

November 2nd, 1776: The Continental Congress authorizes an "emission" of \$5,000,000 payable in Spanish milled dollars, or the equivalent in gold or silver. The paper contains blue fibers and mica flakes in denominations: \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, and \$30.

November 3rd, 1777: General Washington learns of a conspiracy to discredit him with Congress and replace him with Horatio Gates because the Continental Army has suffered several recent defeats.

November 6th, 1778: 3,500 British, Hessians and Tories sail south from New York. After a long, stormy passage, they reach the Savannah River on December 28th. Next day, they route an American force of 800. They kill and wound 80 and take 400 prisoners, 50 cannon, storehouses of supplies and several ships. British losses: 20 men killed or wounded.

November 9th 1779: John Paul Jones writes — "We continue to lay here at Texel. These past few days we have had dirty, thick weather. Three of our men deserted when they got on shore yesterday. Two more deserted today. We have all been busy for the last couple of weeks, one day ordered to get the Serapis jury mainmast out and a new mainmast in, the next day the order countermanded to get the jury mast back in. Our men are quite sickly, some of them near death." (Texel, one of the Frisian Islands in the North Sea, belongs to the Dutch. John Paul is a long way from home.)

November 10th, 1780: The day after the Battle of Fish Dam Ford SC, General Cornwallis writes to Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton; General Thomas Sumter writes to his subordinate, General William Smallwood.

Cornwallis: "We have intelligence that Sumter is expecting some of the mountaineers. They have excellent horses; we cannot hurt them and unless they receive some check, they will be very troublesome. . . . Out of 5 shots fired from their picket, one broke Major Wemyss' arm, another his knee. The command then devolved to a young lieutenant who knew nothing of our plan, the ground, or the force of the enemy, and all was confusion."

Sumter: "Wemyss' men first charged on horseback and were repulsed. They immediately dismounted, formed and charged with the bayonet. Our cavalry at the same time charged on the right of Major Wemyss division"

November 17th, 1781: Connecticut Gazette: "A truce flag returned here from New York with 132 prisoners, the rest of those carried off by Arnold, from the prison ships and some from the prison house. We found that 1,100 French and American prisoners died last winter in the prison ships."

SOURCE: Dr. Joe "Doc" Allen Rice



Board of Mangers Meeting

Richardson, Texas
Oct 30 – Nov 1, 2009

The Richardson BOM began Friday at 1:00 PM with a Bus trip to see the new Cowboys Stadium. We had a guided tour from top to bottom, from the scouting and press boxes to the Cowboys Locker Room. The giant television screens, at a cost of 40 Million, are suspended from the arched ceiling over 100 feet above the playing field.

After the tour of the stadium, we traveled to the University of North Texas at Denton to the campus Library to see the TXSSAR Archives collection. Nine PineyWoods mementos are stored in the archives including our two lineage volumes.

Committee meetings began at 7:30 AM, October 31, 2009 with the Executive Committee and the general committees beginning at 8:00 AM. The minutes of these meetings are being compiled by Dr. Don Pugh Staff Secretary and will soon be posted on the TXSSAR Website. All members should review the committee minutes; Council of Chapter Presidents; States Meetings; Long Range Planning; Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards; Nominations; Newsletters; Patriot Fund; Perpetual Membership; and others like ROTC, Eagle Scouts. Here you will gain insight into the business of TXSSAR.

The buffet BBQ style lunch began at 12 Noon where we enjoyed a Patriot Program.

The General Session began at 3:45 PM. Our TXSSAR President, Judge Tom Lawrence, welcomed all and after introductions began the committee reports. Some committees presented motions for voting

attendees approval. And, President Lawrence presented the hotel with the SAR Flag Certificate. Please go to the TXSSAR Website to read the meeting minutes for details.

At the evening banquet, President Lawrence presented several awards. PineyWoods members

Ray Cox, Allan Henshaw, and Larry Stevens were awarded the Texas Silver Service Medal. Past TXSSAR President George West announced the Patriot Medal selections to be presented at the 2010 State Convention. PineyWoods President Larry Stevens was selected as one to the five compatriots to receive this award. It is the highest society award that can be presented each year by a state society. The number a state can give is determined by the state society membership totals. Larry joins other PineyWoods members honored by this award; 1995 Allan Hewshaw; 1997 Thomas M. Green; 1998 Jeffery Meadows; 2007 Judge Thomas Lawrence; 2008 Raymond Cox; and 2009 James T. Jones.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2009



**Come and join us at the next meeting.
Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM**

November 19 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests) PineyWoods will have a pre-thanksgiving meal with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. **Please RSVP**

December 10 Members Meeting

January 21 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

BOM pics & Awards Presented



Larry Stevens (2nd from right) and Jim Jones (right) enjoy the view of Dallas' new stadium.



Ray Cox receives the Texas Silver Service Medal (2nd received from state) from President Tom Lawrence.



Jim Jones (right) viewing items in the archives section of the UNT Denton Library.



Larry Stevens receives the Texas Silver Service Medal (2nd received from state) from President Tom Lawrence.



Barbara Stevens (left) and Dianne Jones (right) at the UNT Denton Library.



Ron Barker presenting the SAR Veterans Service Medal and 10 clusters. During the BOM-Lunch meeting.

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large now and need a place to be safely stored. I'll be meeting with our TXSSAR Achieves Committee October 30th and will discuss the types of records we should archive; past meeting minutes, newsletters, and a copy of our Chapter Charter and so on.

Also, we agreed to donate \$197 to the Patriot Fund Expense to help fund our TXSSAR Youth Awards Programs for 2010. The problems faced by this fund due to the downturn of the US Economy in 2008 have been well documented both in our chapter newsletter and The Texas Compatriot. Your dues notice for 2010 will include an option to donate money to Patriot

Fund Expense. If you can help, your donations will be greatly appreciated not only by our staff that administers the youth programs but by the young people who receive our awards each year.

New members Ben Stallings and Larry Blackburn attended the October meeting and they were a welcome addition. We need new Compatriots attending our chapter meetings and the fresh ideas they will bring to help keep the chapter strong and to keep up the good work at state and national levels by PineyWoods Chapter 51 members.

Larry Stevens

2010 DUES

This is your annual renewal notice for TXSSAR. We are sending the notices out via our DADA mailer. This year you may receive a mailed copy as well as this notice. You can download your dues statement at the following link:

www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/dues/169519_TXSSAR_2010_Invoice.pdf

In case you need another copy of your dues invoice at any time, you can go to www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/invoice.htm, enter your national number on the form, and download another copy of your statement. The dues invoice page is also on the menu for the Members only web site (www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/).

You have a new option this year in that you can pay your dues and any additional contribution online via PayPal. To access the online dues payment page, go to <http://www.txssar.org/dues10.htm>. The online dues payment page is also on the menu for the TXSSAR web site.

BOOKTIPS NOVEMBER 2009

Authors Savas Theodore and Dameron David stake out a big territory with their history: "A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution."

They call it, "the first comprehensive account of every engagement in the Revolution."

Their intended audience includes historians and "general enthusiasts everywhere." (Like SAR members). They provide maps, show each battle from the viewpoints of both sides and include opposing leaders, location, terrain, weather, time of day, outcome, and losses. In 360 pages, they cover the territory. It's out in paperback.

Happy Birthday			
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Ron Austin Larry Blackburn Allan Henshaw Paul Luther Jim Mims	John Dorsey Jonathan Hubbard Pat O'Neal Edwin Pierson, Jr. Clay Warlick	Ron Barker Dennis Key Robert L. McCain James Richards, Sr.	Jere Banewski Ken Cheatum Andrew Evans James Green Thomas Green Woody Reese, Sr. Donald Richards James Richards, Jr.

Thomas Milton Green

23 February 1925 - 13 November 2009

Thomas M. Green was a native Houstonian and attended Houston schools graduating from John H. Reagan High School in 1942. Tom entered the U. S. Army on May 28, 1943 and served in China, Burma, and India Theater of Operations. He went on active reserve on May 28, 1946. Tom attended the University of Houston in 1946 and received a Bachelor Degree in 1949 and a Masters in Education in 1951. He was called back to active duty in the U. S. Air force to serve in Korea on April 1, 1951 and discharged on August 23, 1952.

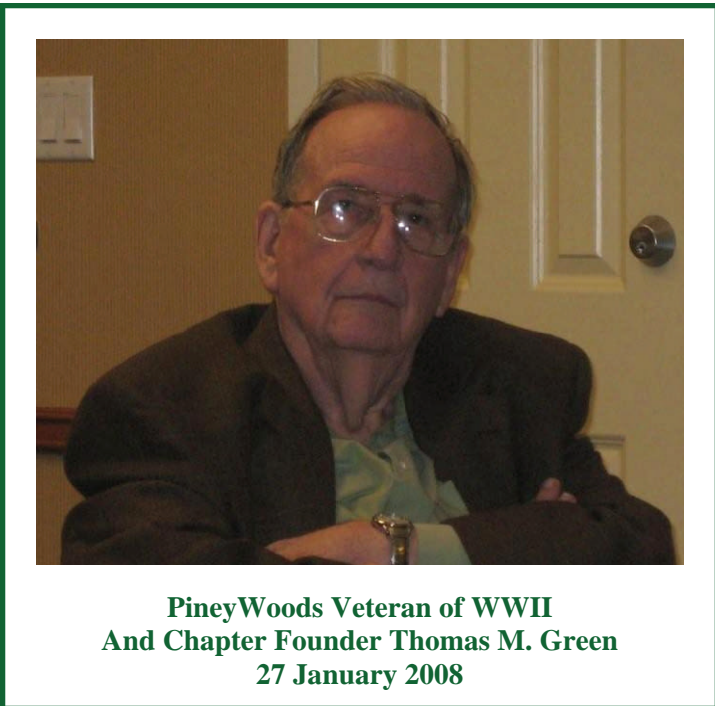
Tom was classroom teacher in the Houston Independent School District (HISD) for six years and an Administrator for twenty-five years. Retiring from HISD, he became an Administrative Assistant with the City of Houston Tax Department. In 1987, he began teaching family history at the Kingwood Campus of North Harris Community College. An avid genealogist, he dug his roots deep. He just as avidly grabbed a shovel and helped a novice dig their roots too.

Tom was a Master Mason and 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite Temple. He was a member of the General Society of Colonial Wars, the Jamestown Society, and the Somerset Chapter Magna Charta Barons.

Tom Green was especially proud of his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), which he joined January 20, 1966 in Texas. He belonged to the Paul Carrington Chapter, Texas Society, and he was instrumental in starting the PineyWoods Chapter 51 in



1993, where he served as the first President for two one-year terms beginning in 1994. Tom received many Sons of the American Revolution Awards and Honors including the Patriot Medal in 1997, which is given to only a select few each year recognizing long and dedicated service to SAR. Tom was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, two Silver Good Citizenship Medals, and



**PineyWoods Veteran of WWII
And Chapter Founder Thomas M. Green**
27 January 2008

the War Service Medal. But one Medal he received and is probably what most of us remember about Tom Green, the Genealogist, was the Liberty Medal. This medal is awarded for signing up ten new members. Tom received this medal four times, Oak Leaf Clusters for the second, third and fourth presentations, for signing up new members at Clayton Library, Conroe Library, Genealogy Societies, and in his classroom. One of his first questions when introduced to a stranger was, "Have you heard of SAR?"

Tom is survived by his wife of 37 years, Albertine "Fritzie" Green; son James Darcy Green; nephew, Carl Fruebing Sanders and wife Mary, as well as numerous other relatives and dear friends. Fritz should always know she is a welcome part of our chapter.

Tom was a great friend of all of us, a good family man, and a true American Hero and Patriot. Tom has been missed during his lengthy illness. Somehow one just knows he is now settled in laughing and joking with those Greens, Popes and Christmases and other ancestors he knows so well.

**Larry Stevens
President
PineyWoods Chapter 51**



PineyWoods Members at the BOM meeting



TXSSAR President Judge Tom Lawrence addresses the BOM assembly stressing our need to actively support all of our SAR programs: Youth, the American History Teacher, Public Services Awards, and our Flag Certificates. He said each chapter should tell all of their members that “The Texas Compatriot” is on the TXSSAR Website and members can read and print their own color copies.

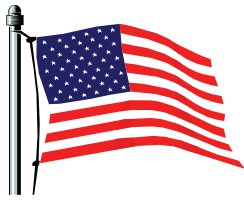


TXSSAR President-Elect Jim Jones, Chairman of the SAR Compliance Committee, discusses compliance with Federal Regulations and supporting our youth programs for 2010 by donating to the Patriot Fund Expense 2010.



TXSSAR Web Master Ray Cox announces dues notices can be "pulled up" on the Texas Website and paid using "Pay Pal". You can print your own member card. All Texas State meetings registrations will be on-line and you can register using Pay Pal to pay.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**RSVP FOR THE DECEMBER 10, 2009 DINNER MEETING
At Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Friday, December 4th. You can send an RSVP email to Kim Morton at Genmorton@usa.net or Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com OR you can call Larry Stevens at 281-361-2061. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$15.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.