



# Pine Shavings

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The PineyWoods Chapter members have been busy organizing our Youth Program efforts this fall. After a protracted effort, the chapter obtained a permission letter from the Humble ISD to approach the various campuses and departments with information about our programs. John Beard wrote a letter to the Humble ISD school board that generated a lot of interest and promises to make the information available throughout the district. He also wrote to several private schools in the area. I visited a meeting of home schoolers in the Kingwood/Humble area as well as a local private school and provided information on our programs. Several PineyWoods members have volunteered to help with the Outstanding American History Teacher effort, the Elementary Poster Contest, the Eagle Scout Contest, and the ROTC/JROTC awards.



weekend of September and witnessed the opening of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH). Ray Cox and Larry Stevens were part of a Color Guard contingent that served at an Open House and Naturalization Ceremony at the Department of Homeland

Security on October 28th. Jim Mitchell gave a presentation at the Red River Valley Chapter in Paris also in October.

Jim Jones, Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, and John Beard attended the Fall Board of Managers meeting in Houston the last weekend in October. At that meeting, the PineyWoods chapter presented TXSSAR President Jim Jones with a check for \$500 for the CAAH. The NSSAR had put out a request that each SAR chapter make a \$500 donation to the CAAH to help pay down the debt, and the PineyWoods chapter was the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter in Texas to do so. During the Saturday luncheon at the BOM, the PineyWoods chapter presented a Fire Safety award to Adam Carlin, who was one of several Fire Fighters receiving awards in honor of Fire Safety month.

John Beard was presented with a Meritorious Service medal by TXSSAR President Jim Jones for his work on the Sarbanes Oxley procedures which he helped set up both for TXSSAR and NSSAR.

Other good news received at the BOM was the nomination of Jim Mitchell for the Patriot award. Jim was nominated on the strength of his service in the area of Patriot Grave identification and marking,

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- PAST PRESIDENTS**  
 Tom Green  
 Bernie Balsler  
 Don Lemon  
 Jeff Meadows  
 McLeod Smith  
 Robert McKenna  
 Bob Smith  
 Cannon Pritchard  
 James Jones  
 Ray Cox  
 Ron Barker  
 Larry Stevens (3)

EVENTS



National

[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

November 25-26, 2010 - NSSAR & Genealogical Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

December 24-25, 2010 - NSSAR & Genealogical Library Closed for Christmas Holidays

March 10-12, 2011 - Spring 2011 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting, Louisville, KY



State

[www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org)

March 25-27, 2011 - Spring '11 Convention, Dallas, TX

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The Revolution

**November 10, 1775:** The Corps of Marines created by a resolution of the Continental Congress.

**November 16, 1776:** America receives its first cannon salute – 11 guns, 2 less than the 13 to nations. The Lesser Antilles governor fires it after the captain of the privateer, “USS Andrew Doria,” shows him a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

**November 17, 1777:** The Continental Congress submits the Articles of Confederation to the states for ratification.

**November 19, 1778:** Newspaper ad: “All those men who have deserted from General Count Pulaski’s legion, and will deliver themselves up at the general’s quarters at Sussex Courthouse in New Jersey on or before the 19th of November instant, shall have the general’s free pardon — And those who do not return by that time shall, if caught, be punished as a general court-martial shall direct agreeable to the articles of war.”

**November 24, 1779:** Washington to John Jay, President of the Continental Congress: “I am now using my best endeavours to get things in train for putting the Army in quarters. The Distribution of cloathing, owing to its late arrival, the scantiness of the stock, the diversity in colour and in quality, its not having been properly sorted when passed, the absence of cloathiers, under various pretences, forgetting articles that would be deficient &c., has proved a matter of most irksome delay and difficulty. . . .”

**November 25, 1780:** Pacifist Quakers, accused of being Tories, get treated as enemies: “On this date, two unconnected Quakers were hanged for two unconnected treason convictions,” a fellow prisoner writes. “They were taken out amidst a crowd of spectators — walked after a cart in which were two coffins and a ladder, etc., each had a rope about his neck and their arms tied behind them. . . they were both hanged in the commons of this city abt. 1 o’clock.”

**November 29, 1781:** Slave ship “Zong” dumps 133 Africans into the Atlantic for insurance.

**November 30, 1782:** U.S. and Britain sign Preliminary Peace Articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War..

**November 2, 1783:** Rocky Hill, New Jersey, General Washington gives his “Farewell Address to the Army.”





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both in and out of state, and his support of the Boy Scout program. He will receive his medal at the March 2011 Convention and will join other PineyWoods Patriot Medal holders Allan Henshaw, Tom Green (deceased), Jeff Meadows, Tom Lawrence, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, and Larry Stevens.

On November 5th, Larry Stevens and myself visited with and presented a Flag Certificate to PineyWoods member Ed Farmer. Ed is not able to get out too much at this point, but at one time, he was part of a crew that raised and lowered the American flag daily at the front of his subdivision until they were able to talk their neighborhood association into installing a light so it could fly 24 hours a day. Ed and Jane still fly a lighted American flag 24 hours a day at their home in the Pinehurst subdivision of Atascocita. On November 10th, Larry and I both served at another Naturalization Ceremony held aboard the Battleship Texas on the day before Veterans Day. In this one ceremony, Sylvia Halfhill of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), incorporated the swearing in of new citizens, a salute to Veterans (including numerous DHS employees present at the ceremony), and a tribute to the Marine Corps 235<sup>th</sup> birthday! This was followed on the same day with attendance by Ray Cox and Jim Mitchell at the 235th Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Town Green Park in The Woodlands.

After many long years of service, Bob McKenna has requested his retirement from the Registrar position, and Larry Stevens has agreed to accept this position. Bob has provided valuable and faithful service to the PineyWoods chapter as President and Registrar, has been instrumental in setting up several of our Patriot grave making ceremonies, and served as emcee for

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|  | <b>PineyWoods Chapter 51<br/>Meeting Schedule 2010</b> |  |
| <b>November 18</b>  | <b>Dinner Meeting (Members &amp; Guests)</b>           |   |
| <b>December 16</b>  | <b>Members Meeting</b>                                 |   |
| <b>January 20</b>   | <b>Dinner Meeting (Members &amp; Guests)</b>           |   |

one of them. He has received the Liberty medal in recognition of the number of applicants he has helped become a member of our society while working as our

Registrar.

Our state Oration Contest Chairman is looking for a replacement for the Region 6 Chairman position. As PineyWoods is becoming more familiar with the Oration Contest, it would be easy for one of us to volunteer for this position. Essentially, the Regional chairmen are responsible for organizing a Regional contest in the event that there is more than one Oration contestant in their region, as only one contestant per region can proceed to the state competition. Please contact me if you are interested in this position or if you would like more information about it.

Our President-Elect, Bill Marrs, is also looking for state officers and committee chairs to serve for the 2011-2012 term of office starting in March 2011. If you are willing to help on a state level as an officer, committee chair, or committee member, please contact Bill at [pres\\_elect@txssar.org](mailto:pres_elect@txssar.org).

Ray Cox

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Jimmy G's,  
307 N. Sam Houston Parkway  
Houston TX 77060  
6:30 PM  
See ya there November 18<sup>th</sup>!**

| <b>Happy Birthday</b>   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>   | <b>DECEMBER</b>  | <b>JANUARY</b>                         | <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |
| Ronald B. Austin<br>Larry H. Blackburn<br>Allen M. Henshaw<br>Raul T. Luther<br>James H. Mims, IV | John B. Dorsey<br>Edwin G. Pierson, Jr.<br>Jonathan I. Hubbard<br>James P. O'Neal<br>Clay V. Warlick | James P. Richards Sr.<br>Dennis M. Key | Woody J. Reese, Sr.<br>James D. Green<br>Kenneth B. Cheatum<br>James P. Richards, Jr.<br>Donald P. Richards<br>Jere H. Banewski<br>Andrew S. Evans |



Guest Speaker—November 18, 2010



Larry and Barbara Stevens

We have a great meeting lined up for the PineyWoods Chapter next Thursday (November 18th). We have an Oration contestant (first time ever for PineyWoods to my knowledge) who will be heard and Barbara and Larry Stevens will give a program on Food, Articles, & Tools Used on the Frontier. I invite all of you to make a special effort to attend with your spouse as this is our last regular meeting of the calendar year.

All members and wives who have Color Guard uniforms or period dress are encouraged to wear them to help commemorate Veterans Day.

Please email your RSVP to John Beard ([johnbeard@suddenlink.net](mailto:johnbeard@suddenlink.net)) so he can get the head count to Jimmy G's.

If you need directions to Jimmy G's, they are on our web site at <http://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/jglocate.htm>.

There is still lots of construction along the feeder road in front of the restaurant, so allow a little extra time to arrive.

Come early at 6:00pm for social time, and we will order and begin our meeting promptly at 6:30pm.



Flag Certificate



Edward "Ed" Farmer, II, WWII US Navy Veteran, Pacific Theater, was presented the SAR Flag Certificate for displaying the US Flag in a proper manner on November 5, 2010, at his home in Atascocita.

Ed is a member of PineyWoods but his health prevents him from attending meetings.



Meritorious Medal Awarded



John Beard received the Meritorious Service Medal for his work in bringing TXSSAR into compliance with Federal Rules as mandated in the Sarbanes Oxley Records Retention and Destruction of Documents policy.

TXSSAR President James T. Jones, Jr. presented the medal at the BOM luncheon Oct. 30, 2010.

**Fall 2010 Board of Managers Meeting**



**A group picture at the BOM of all of the Firemen who were recognized along with various state and national officers and chapter presidents. Nine firemen received recognition at the BOM in honor of Fire Safety month.**



**Naturalization Ceremony held aboard the Battleship Texas**

**The group mustered at 9:15 AM, John Thompson arrived a little later and is not in the first picture. The Naturalization ceremony was scheduled to begin at 10 AM but was delayed until 10:15 AM for late arrivals. US Army Colonel Danny F. Tilzey was "kind of an emigrant" from Manchester UK, in the industrial Midlands of England, near Liverpool and the BEATLES. Although born in Glendale (LA), California, his parents divorced and mom took him to Manchester. He returned when about 18 years old, with \$100 in his pocket and landed in Akron, Ohio, worked on a family farm, then joined the Army. After discharge, he used his GI Bill money for college and returned to the Army as an officer. He served in Desert Storm and two trips to Iraq. His story of "Coming to America" was one that all those being Naturalized could relate to. Standing in front of them, holding our Flag, I saw their understanding glances.**

**God Bless the USA**

Larry Stevens



**Left to Right Larry Stevens, Colonel Danny F. Tilzey , Stephen Tanner, Ray Cox, John Thompson (Freedom Chapter - Conroe)**



Naturalization Ceremony held aboard the Battleship Texas (cont'd)



**M**arching up to post the colors. We are on the very bow of the ship, as you can see the anchor chains disappearing through the deck. You can see Ray Cox followed by Larry Stevens with the American flag and others behind and out of sight. The two soldiers you can see in camo are of Vietnamese nationality, but they are serving in the U.S. Armed forces and became citizens on that day. The young lady in uniform at the right of the picture is originally of Chinese nationality, is also serving in the U.S. Armed forces, and also became a citizen.



**C**olor Guardsmen that participated as well as the speaker for the day. Left to right background is Tom Green (Alexander Hodge), Larry Stevens, Stephen Tanner (Robert Rankin), John Thompson (Freedom), Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas), Pat Kerr (Robert Rankin), and Ray Cox. In front is Col. Danny F. Tilzey, Commanding Officer 407<sup>th</sup> Army field Support Brigade, Ft. Hood, TX.



**T**he Color Guard group and Col. Tilzey along with the two Vietnamese soldiers mentioned earlier (names not known). The gentleman in the dark suit to the front right is an employee of DHS (name unknown) who also has a military service background.



**L**eft to Right Tom Green (Alexander Hodge), Ray Cox (PineWoods), Larry Stevens (PineWoods), Stephen Tanner (Robert Rankin), Pat Kerr (Robert Rankin), Russell Dart (Cradle of Texas - Lake Jackson)

BOOKTIPS

by  
"Doc" Rice



Gerald Carbone, author of "Nathanael Greene," likes powerful images. He tries to end every chapter with an explosion, each page with a firecracker. By chapter three, the reader wants to wave a white flag.

With that tribute behind us, "Nathanael Greene" has just about everything you could ask for in a history of a half-forgotten hero. Carbone tells us right off that Greene and Washington had a trait in common: Both were skilled at sizing-up men. Washington made Greene a general almost as soon as he set eyes on him. Greene kept a clean camp and that's what Washington was looking for. Greene, for his part, took one look at Thomas Paine and made him an aide.

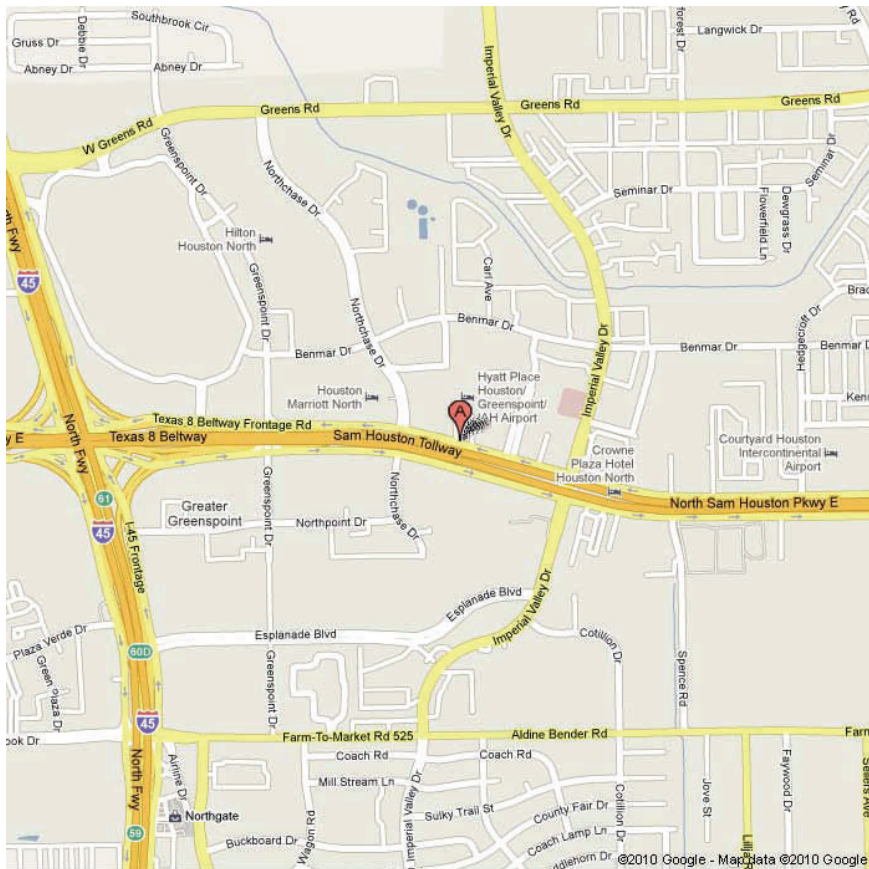
Histories have given us men of the Continental Congress who putter along in one direction and fighting men in another. Here we learn that General Greene turned to John Adams to get veterans' pensions through Congress. Fighting men getting laws passed. This is a different look at fighting men.

Carbone's loves apocrypha. Crossing the Delaware, Washington says to Henry Knox, "Shift that fat ass, Harry. But slowly, or you'll swamp the damned boat!" Never happened. Carbone admits it. Good story, though.

True story: Christmas Day 1776, 2,400 half-frozen men assembled. Washington orders officers to read Paine's "These are the times that try men's souls" to the troops. Then they march. Really happened. Carbone is generous with stories about Washington, fond as he is of Greene.

Major General Greene fought in the big battles — Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown. A dozen in all. When the war moved south, that's when he made his reputation as a general of genius.

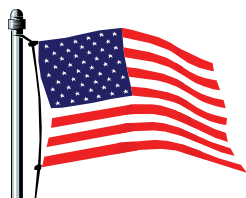
The book's out in paperback. Spend \$8.00 on Ebay. You won't regret it.



**Jimmy G's  
Cajun Seafood Restaurant,  
307 N. Sam Houston Parkway  
Houston TX 77060  
Social Hour 6:00 PM  
Meeting 6:30 PM**



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**RSVP FOR THE NOVEMBER 18, 2010 DINNER MEETING  
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Sam Houston Parkway. Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. You can send an RSVP email to John Beard at [johnbeard@suddenlink.net](mailto:johnbeard@suddenlink.net) or call John at 281-358-2970 OR Kim Morton at [Genmorton@usa.net](mailto:Genmorton@usa.net). Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$25.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.