



Pine Shavings

**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



Dear Compatriots,
Our next Chapter Meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Jimmy G's restaurant. I am having quite a run of work conflicts and will be unable to attend the meeting. Larry Stevens has kindly offered to lead the meeting, so I am confident you will be in good hands.

Mr. Andrew Kodak is interested in joining our Chapter and is looking forward to attending the meeting and meeting our SAR Compatriots. I suggested to Andrew that our experienced Chapter members can provide guidance towards his SAR Membership application.

Thank you and very best regards,

Ben Stallings
Chapter President



On Veteran's Day Compatriots Jim Pinkerton and Larry Stevens attended the Veteran's Day Celebration at Kingwood High School.

See article within.

Meetings—2014

November 20, 2014 - Member/Guest
December 18, 2014 - Member

Meeting— November 20th
Member/Guest
Jimmy G's
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway, Greenspoint
6:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Wednesday before the meeting date.
ASAP to Larry Stevens wardtracker@aol.com or 281 361-2061

This Month in the Revolution

November 10-21, 1775 – The first land battle of the war fought in the South was at the prosperous village of Ninety Six in South Carolina. The siege lasted almost two weeks and ended in a truce. The area became a Loyalist stronghold in the early years of the war. In the spring of 1780 Patriot General Nathaniel Greene led a twenty-eight day siege against the loyalist there. The siege [Battle of Star Fort] was the longest of the war. Greene was unsuccessful in routing the loyalists. The site is now a National Historic Site.



16 November 1776: On this day in 1776, Hessian Lieutenant General Wilhelm von Knyphausen and a force of 3,000 Hessian mercenaries and 5,000 Redcoats lay siege to Fort Mifflin at the northern end and highest point of Manhattan Island. Among the 53 dead and 96 wounded Patriots were John and Margaret Corbin of Virginia. When John died in action, his wife Margaret took over his cannon, cleaning, loading and firing the gun until she too was severely wounded. The first woman known to have fought for the Continental Army, Margaret survived, but lost the use of her left arm. Margaret was given the nickname Captain Molly as was the title for other wives who were camp followers and shared similar duties. She was occasionally confused with Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) who was at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778

30 November 1782: After the British defeat at Yorktown, peace talks in Paris began in April 1782 between Richard Oswald representing Great Britain and the American Peace Commissioners Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, and John Adams. The American negotiators were joined by Henry Laurens



two days before the preliminary articles of peace were signed on November 30, 1782. The Treaty of Paris, formally ending the war, was not signed until September 3, 1783.

25 November 1783: Nearly three months after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolution, the last British soldiers withdrew from New York City, their last military position in the United States. After the last Red Coat departed New York, Patriot General George Washington entered the city in triumph to the cheers of New Yorkers. The city was captured by the British in September 1776 and remained in their hands until 1783.



21 Steps; 21 Seconds, 21 minutes 24 by 7

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery is guarded by members of the 3rd US Army Infantry Regiment, known as the Old Guard. The 3rd is the oldest active duty unit in the Army serving since 1784.

November 11th, 2014, Kingwood High School and the Navy JROTC celebrated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the school common area. A monument was constructed, the PAD was laid, and the Cadets in dress uniform performed the duties of guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The meticulous routine that the guard follows when watching over the graves:

Marches 21 steps south down the black mat laid across the Tomb.

Turns and faces east, toward the Tomb, for 21 seconds.

Turns and faces north, changes weapon to outside shoulder, and waits 21 seconds.

Marches 21 steps down the mat.

Turns and faces east for 21 seconds.

Turns and faces south, changes weapon to outside shoulder, and waits 21 seconds.

Repeats the routine until the soldier is relieved of duty at the Changing of the Guard.

Weapons are meticulously inspected at each change of guard. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

The unit received its unique name from Gen. Winfield Scott during a victory parade at Mexico City in 1847 following its valorous performance in the Mexican War. Fifty campaign streamers attest to the 3rd Infantry's long history of service, which spans from the Battle of Fallen Timbers to World War II and Vietnam.

Since World War II, The Old Guard has served as the official Army Honor Guard and escort to the president. In that capacity, 3rd Infantry soldiers are responsible for the conduct of military ceremonies at the White House, the Pentagon, national memorials and elsewhere in the nation's capital. In addition, soldiers of The Old Guard maintain a 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, provide military funeral escorts at Arlington National Cemetery and participate in parades at Fort Myer and Fort Lesley J. McNair.



Education - Pin Oak Middle School

On October 17th members of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution presented lectures at Pin Oak Middle School in Bellaire. The students participating were eight graders who were completing a module on the American Revolution.

Of the presenters two were conducted by PineyWoods members:

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| Fife/Drum – Communication Tools | - | Ray Cox (PineyWoods) |
| Colonial Life- Food, Clothing etc | - | Larry & Barbara Stevens (PineyWoods) |
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Seven groups of about 30 students attended the 45 minute lectures. Students were given workbooks with questions about each of the lecture topics and were very attentive. The school provided lunch for the lecturers. It was a wonderful experience.

Before the sessions began the Texas Society SAR gave the school a gift of a George Washington portrait obtained from the Mount Vernon Ladies Society as a part of the initiative by Former SAR President General Joe Dooley.



Above: Al Greene, Tom Jackson, Tom Green, Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, Ginny Evans and Barbara Stevens

Below: Larry Stevens with Class



Above: Larry Stevens Below: Ray Cox





Ray Cox presents a program, "Music of the Revolution" at Shadow Forest Elementary on Nov 12.



Larry Stevens presents a program, "Colonial Life," at Willow Creek Elementary on Nov 13.



Our National SAR Secretary General Tom Lawrence is retiring from his post as Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace on the 31st of December. Tom is a long time dual member of PineyWoods. His court is in Humble. Tom began his career as a judge in January of 1983 and has successfully been reelected to that post seven times.

As he looks forward to his term as SAR President General his colleagues celebrated his thirty-two years on the bench. His accomplishments included service on two statewide task forces — including twelve years on the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee and also a member of the State Bar of Texas Court Administration Task Force. He also drafted seven pieces of very important legislation dealing with judicial practices and rules of civil procedure. One of his proudest legacies was the establishment of a Teen Court.

Tom says he is looking forward to his free time. He wants to work on his genealogy and history.

Wife Mickey Jo intends to join him in retirement next year.

Calendar of Events

National Society



George Washington Parade – Laredo, Texas – 21 February 2015
Spring Leadership – Friday, 6 Mar 2015 – Saturday, 7 March 2015 –
Brown Hotel, Louisville

125th NSSAR Congress – Friday, 26 June 2015 – 1 July 2015 – Galt Hotel, Louisville
Fall Leadership – Friday, 25 September 2015 – Saturday, 26 September 2015

Texas Society



120th TXSSAR Convention – 26 March 2015 – 29 March 2015
Greenspoint Marriott, Houston, Texas

October Meeting

The October 2014 Member only of the Piney Woods chapter was held at Jimmy Gee's, President Stallings was traveling in Italy so Past President Larry Stevens

presided. Nine members were present including District VP John K. Thompson. Business was conducted and the upcoming BOM in Temple was discussed



Above: Jim Jones and Curtis Breed with Larry Stevens center receive their supplemental certificates.

Above: Chapter Secretary Joe Potter.



Above: Todd Simmons & John K. Thompson



Above: Joe Potter, Ray Cox, Todd Simmons, John K. Thompson & Larry Blackburn