



Pine Shavings



**PineyWoods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

President's Message



As we begin the holiday season, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone the best of wishes. 2017 has been both a rewarding and heart rendering year for myself and my family. I have had many ups and downs and want to thank all of you for your condolences during the recent hurricane Harvey flooding. I feel that me and my neighbors are resilient folk. We have only to look to our patriot ancestors as examples. When times were tough, they were tougher. They lost many battles during the war for independence, but their fortitude prevailed. I know that Houstonians will do the same.

Our guest speaker this month is John Schmonsees, John, a West Point graduate, was involved in the production of the Mel Gibson movie *The Patriot*. I know you will want to join us for our November meeting to hear John's interesting story.



November 18th Meeting

The November 18th Chapter meeting will feature a program on the film "The Patriot" by John Schmonsees, a teacher at Greentree Elementary. John work on the film as a consultant and was one of the soldiers. John is currently a prospective member.

Meeting Saturday, Nov 18th Member & Guest

Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

ASAP to Larry Stevens
wardtracker@aol.com or
281 361-2061

This Day in the American Revolution

1774 Oct 19—The Annapolis Tea Party. The *Peggy Stewart* a Maryland cargo ship was burned in punishment for contravening the boycott of tea imports which had been imposed in retaliation for the British treatment of people in Boston after the Boston Tea Party



1776 Oct. 28 - The Battle of White Plains was a battle in the New York and New Jersey campaign near White Plains New York. Following the retreat of George Washington northward from New York City, the British under General Wm. Howe landed troops in Westchester County to cut off Washington's escape route. Washington was alerted and retreat further taking a position at white Plains but he failed to take control over local high ground. Howe's forces drove Washington from a hill near the town. Washington retreated further North.



1777 Oct. 4 - Americans driven off at the **Battle of Germantown.** On October 2nd, Washington conceived a bold plan of attack on Howe's 9,000 troop garrison stationed in Germantown. It called for the simultaneous advance of four different units of troops — moving by night. At dawn, the four columns were to converge not far from General Howe's headquarters and catch the British by surprise. The morning started well for the Americans who had the British retreating. But Washington's plan went astray when one of his four columns lost its bearings in a dense fog and thick smoke. Others columns failed to coordinate effectively. The British defense was particularly strong at a Germantown mansion named Cliveden where dozens of soldiers had taken refuge. Valuable time was lost while the Americans under Henry Knox bombarded the house. Those inside did not surrender because they feared that Anthony Wayne's men, still furious over the Paoli Massacre, would kill them anyway. In the end, bad luck and poor timing forced Washington to retreat to Whitemarsh with the British in pursuit.



Henry Knox
Charles Willson Peale,
1783, Portrait Gallery

Calendar of Events

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| NSSAR Leadership Louisville | (Feb-Mar) 2018 TBA |
| | State Events |
| TXSSAR Annual Conference | March 5-8, 2018 |
| | Chapter Events |
| Member/Guest | November 18, 2017 |
| Member/Guest | December 16, 2017 |
| Member/Guest | January 20, 2018 |

Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR
Meeting at Jimmy G's
Greenspoint, Houston, TX 21 October 2017

Vice President Larry Stevens welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, Larry Blackburn, John Beard, B. Ray Mize, Bernie Kent, Josh Williamson, Ben Baskin, Doug Blodgett, Dennis Keister

GUEST: Mary Claire Beard, Sharon Mize, Ann Kent, Andrea Blodgett, Kim Williamson

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the August meeting. Motion carried. There was no meeting in September

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Beard reported a balance \$2,832.52 Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for John Schmonsees and Benjamin Sapp. Junior Memberships applications for William N. and Jack R. McKinney are at state level. Applications for Tom Morris and Joshua Williamson have been approved. Larry Stevens is working on new applications for Jim Barber, Todd Keilman. and helping with John Schmonsees. Larry is also serving as State Registrar.

NEWSLETTER: The August newsletter was sent out by E-mail. Check out the view of Lake Houston from Larry's front walk.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Larry Blackburn said this year JROTC Medals are in and will be handed out soon. There is always a need for SAR members to help with this worthwhile project. Larry is Chairman of the Manpower Committee, for the 128th NSSAR Congress in Houston July 13-19, 2018. Larry hopes to set up carpooling for members who wish to help.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military and War Service Medals. A DD214 is required. Contact Jim Pinkerton or Kermit Breed.

NEW BUSINESS: Our newest members Doug Blodgett and Dennis Keister were presented with their Certificate and Rosette. John C. Beard, President Texas SAR presented each new member a Texas SAR Challenge Coin.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Jim Brewster, Family Tree DNA, Houston, TX, presented a program on DNA and how it can be used in genealogical research. Vice President Larry Stevens presented Jim with a Certificate of Thanks from PineyWoods SAR and a Texas SAR Challenge Coin.

If you weren't there you missed a great program.

Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by John Beard. Vice President Larry Stevens adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

New PineyWoods Chapter 51 Members



Kermit Breed pinning the NSSAR Ro-
sette on Dennis. The Membership Ro-
sette is the same colors as the uniform of
Gen George Washington—Gold and
Yellow.



Dennis Keister (3rd from left) was inducted by Chapter 1st VP
Larry Stevens. He was assisted by Chapter Registrar and Secretary
Kermit Breed (left), and Texas Society President John C.
Beard. Dennis' brother Larry was approved at the same time but
could not attend.

| 419 OFFICERS ENTITLED TO HALF-PAY. | |
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| Adams, Nathan, Captain, Dela- ware. Died March 27, 1778. | Bunting, William B., Lieut., Vir- ginia. Died April 1, 1777. |
| Anderson, ———, Major, Maryland. Killed at Guilford Court-House, March 15, 1781. | Bell, Wm. M., Capt., N. Hampshire. |
| Armstrong, Mark, Capt., Mary- land. Killed at the slope of | Bayley, Mountjoy, Capt., Md. |
| | Brownson, Gideon, Major, N. H. |
| | Blodget, Caleb, Lieutenant, do. |

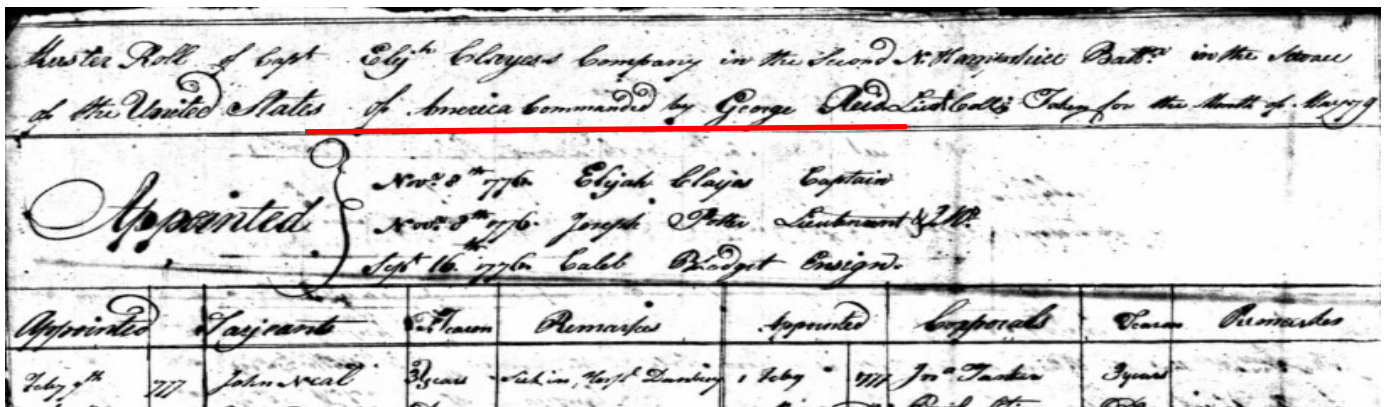
forty-nine.

Gratuity due
John N. Kister,
to be paid to
Lawrence Kister.

SECTION 2. That the state treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to Lawrence Kister, of Clinton county, the sum of forty dollars, being the amount of a gratuity due John N. Kister, the father of said Lawrence, in pursuance of the act of third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, entitled "An Act for the relief of John Woodcock, and other soldiers and widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary and Indian wars.



Larry Stevens,
New Member
Doug Blodgett,
Kermit Breed



Youth Programs

Humble ISD Willow Creek Elementary celebrated Veterans Day on Friday November 10th beginning with raising the US Flag and The Texas Flag with Veterans of different branches of the U Military in attendance. This was followed with lunch beginning at 10:30 for Grade K and 1-5 after. VETERANS ATE FREE with the students. Thanks to the Parents and Teachers of Willow Creek Elementary for remembering our Heros.

