



Pine Shavings

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



PineyWoods Members and Friends,

Many thanks to Jerry Fochtman for being our speaker in October. As a coin collector I enjoyed Jerry’s presentation, but I also enjoyed it as a history buff. Jerry was pleased with the challenge coin I sent him.

November’s speaker is Denise Bennett. Denise will speak on “Women Suffrage”. Please invite your wives to join us for this program. I wish this could be live, but circumstance prevent this. Denise is also in helping with Recruiting for PineyWoods as part of the DAR Finder’s program. Denise has furnished me with the lineage proof for our two newest members Lee and Alden Bennett whose Ancestor is Silas Ayer who was a private in the Morris county New Jersey Militia. Why not celebrate Veteran’s Day all month? Please keep our veterans in your prayers especially those still fighting the problems that sometime come with service. I was fortunate to have received many positives from my four years. I became a man and received training that started me on my life’s vocation.

Wreaths Across America is coming up 19 December 2020. Not sure what the situation will be because of COVID-19 but donations to purchase wreaths is always good.

Thanksgiving is coming up the November 26th. We have decided to stay home this year. I hate to miss the fellowship but on the plus side I will not gain 5 pounds. Sure, will miss that pecan pie.

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest by firing guns and cannons in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The noise alarmed the native people who went to investigate and that is how they came to be present at the first Thanksgiving, says Ramona Peters, historic preservation officer of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, which suggests that paintings depicting Native Americans sitting down for a bountiful and harmonious meal with colonial families is basically a lie.

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**ZOOM
NEXT Meeting
November 21, 2020
10:00 AM
Notice will be e-
mailed**

November 21th – Denise Bennett on “Women Suffrage”
Denise recently presented “The Woman’s Hour”, dressed in period attire from the 1920’s and entered the room as if in a suffrage parade”... (Pictured right).



And then there is Ben Franklin's version on 1785.

"There is a tradition that in the planting of New England, the first settlers met with many difficulties and hardships, as is generally the case when a civiliz'd people attempt to establish themselves in a wilderness country. Being so piously dispos'd, they sought relief from heaven by laying their wants and distresses before the Lord in frequent set days of fasting and prayer. Constant meditation and discourse on these subjects kept their minds gloomy and discontented, and like the children of Israel there were many dispos'd to return to the Egypt which persecution had induc'd them to abandon.

"At length, when it was proposed in the Assembly to proclaim another fast, a farmer of plain sense rose and remark'd that the inconveniences they suffer'd, and concerning which they had so often weary'd heaven with their complaints, were not so great as they might have expected, and were diminishing every day as the colony strengthen'd; that the earth began to reward their labour and furnish liberally for their subsistence; that their seas and rivers were full of fish, the air sweet, the climate healthy, and above all, they were in the full enjoyment of liberty, civil and religious.

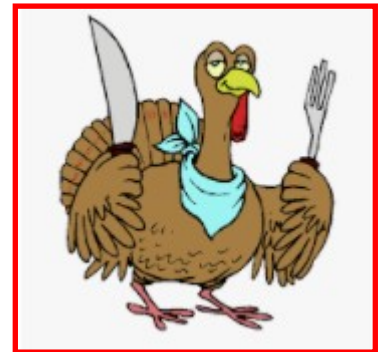
"He therefore thought that reflecting and conversing on these subjects would be more comfortable and lead more to make them contented with their situation; and that it would be more becoming the gratitude they ow'd to the divine being, if instead of a fast they should proclaim a thanksgiving. His advice was taken, and from that day to this, they have in every year observ'd circumstances of public felicity sufficient to furnish employment for a Thanksgiving Day, which is therefore constantly ordered and religiously observed."

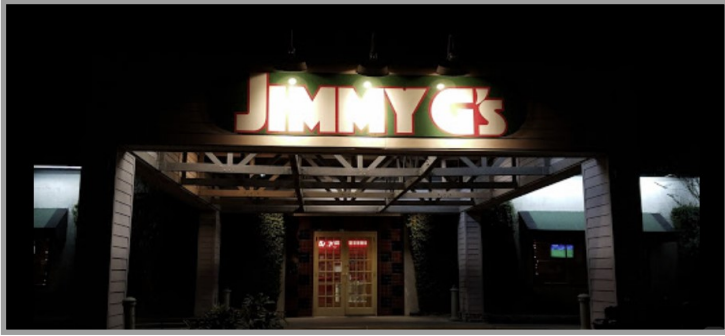


Please Join us; with ZOOM there are lots of seats. And, with our new meeting of 10:00 am during the COVID-19 gathering restrictions, we will finish in time for lunch!

Thank you,

President Kermit Breed





PINEYWOODS 51 WILL NEED A VENUE

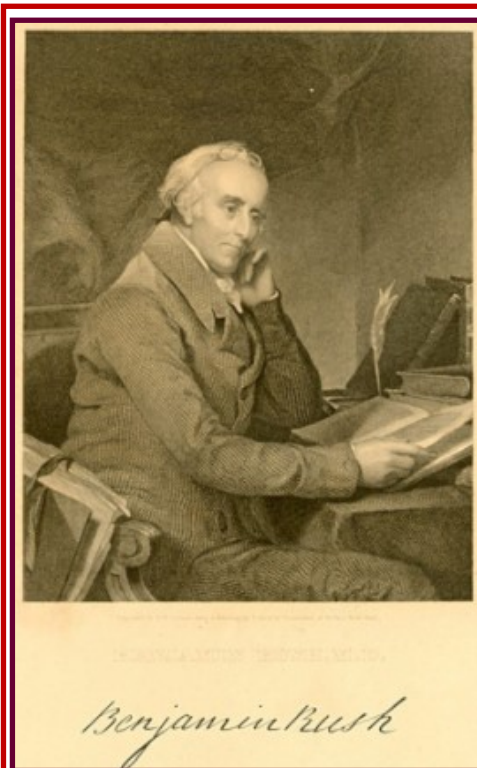
PineyWoods' has met at Jimmy G's for the past few years, first on the 3rd Thursday of each month except in June and July, and then we changed the meeting to the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July. Jimmy G's management was very accommodating to

our group. John Beard was able to sit down with them and create a menu just for our group at a cost of \$25 a person. If you looked at the restaurant's regular menu and the one for PineyWoods, you could see what a great deal this was. As a 501c entity, we did not pay tax when billed as a group thus allowing more items on our menu.

Jimmy G's opened at Greenspoint in 1985 at 307 North Sam Houston Parkway East, and it closed October 30, 2020. Jimmy G's was the last restaurant opened by co-owners Jody Larriviere and Jim Gossen. This pair had a number of restaurants in 1970s and 1980s including the original Landry's and Willie G's. These were sold over the years to Tillman Fertitta and his companies. A hearty thank you



for the memories and great Seafood and PineyWoods wishes you both great retirements.



Many American leaders during the Colonial Era, the American Revolution and the drafting of the US Constitution voiced concerns faced by Americans today!

Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship to restrict the art of healing to one class on Men and deny equal privileges to others; the Constitution of the Republic should make a Special privilege for medical freedoms as well as religious freedom. By Doctor Benjamin Rush. (1746-1813)

Benjamin Rush and Benjamin Franklin corresponded frequently when Franklin was in England.

Larry Stevens



VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Normandy pictured right August 2020



GREENTREE ELEMENTARY HONORS VETERANS

November 11th, 2020

Veterans that were parents and grandparents, drove through the students pickup and drop off drive oat Greentree while Principal Denise Rodriguez, teachers, staff and K-6 students cheered and waved US Flags.



NSSAR FLAG CERTIFICATE

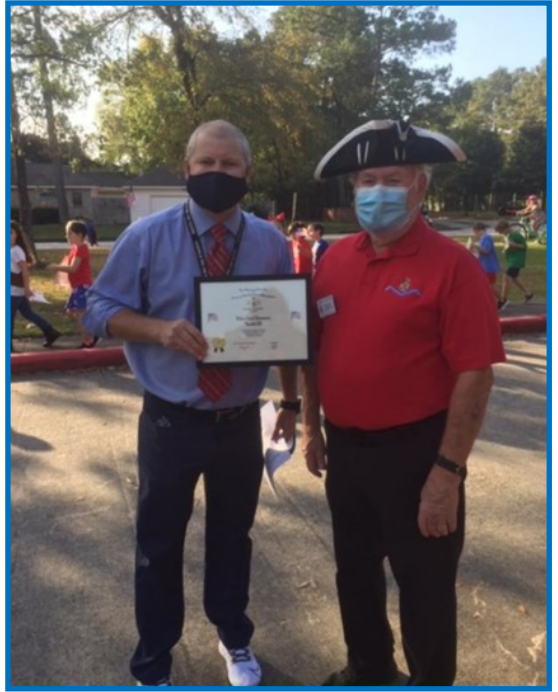
November 13, 2020, an NSSAR Flag Certificate was presented by Larry Stevens to Greentree Flag Patrol members and a letter from PineyWoods Chapter President Kermit Breed. In the center of the picture is Greentree Nurse Lara Para is responsible for Greentree having a flag patrol this Fall.

Pictured - between the two students is Principal Denise Rodriguez, Larry Stevens in the back, Nurse Lara Para and Assistant Principal Stephanie Lake-Garcia. Thank you Missey Schmonsees, Greentree Elementary for making this happen.

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WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY

Wednesday Morning, November 11, 2020, Chapter Newsletter Editor and , and Past PineyWoods Chapter President Larry Stevens (USAF VET) joined the Veterans Celebration at Willow Creek Elementary. Due to COVID restrictions, this year there was a Veterans Car Parade. The Student Body, Teachers and Staff, and Principal Scott Duncan lined the student drop and pickup drive. At 8:15 AM, the first car with US FLAGS and a Placard stating the veterans service was greeting with loud cheers and waving flags. After the parade, Larry met with Principal Duncan and read him a message



from Chapter President Kermit Breed expressing SAR regrets for not being able to participate in the school's Patriot Day this year which was cancelled. Principal Duncan said they will attempt scheduling Patriots Day in the Spring of 2021. Larry presented Principal Duncan with an NSSAR Flag Certificate in recognition of the US Flag being raised and lower each day, respectfully, by school staff.

HONOR OUR Chapters Past US Arm Forces Members

AIR FORCE
Alan Bowman
Kermit Breed
Cannon Pritchard
Larry G. Stevens
John E. Worm

US Marines
Larry Blackburn
Richard "Dick" Setser (R)

US ARMY
John C. Beard
James Tilman Jones Jr.
Curtis Larid
B Ray Mize
Breton P Monteleone
Marcus Pourreau
Richard Stuart

US Navy
Ron Barker
Jonathn Beard
Raymond Cox
Larry "Ski" Gromboski
Tommy J. Morris

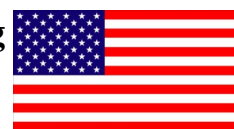
PineyWoods Chapter Officers

President Kermit Breed
1st VP—Jerrel “Buddy” Inman
2nd VP Jim Pinkerton
Secretary—Bernie Kent Treasurer - B Ray Mize
Chancellor - Brent Montelenone
Genealogist - Kim Morton
Registrar - Larry Stevens—
Registrar - Joe Potter
Historian - Abe Abdmoulaie
Chaplain -Alan Bowman
Sgt. at Arms Ben Baskin -
Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens -
Web Master Ray Cox

Calendar of Events

National

Events—Spring



Leadership/

Trustee Meet-

ing March 3-7,

2021 Louisville



State Events—

TBA

Chapter Events

November 21, 2020—ZOOM

December 19, 2020—ZOOM

PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter Editor

My wife Barbara read a post from her I Phone, “Let’s trick or treat, eat Turkey, open presents, watch the Ball Drop in New York while singing Auld Lang Zine, and just go ahead and leap into next year.”



Larry G. Stevens—Editor

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CHAPTER PROJECTS

2020 Annual Yearbook

WE NEED YOUR BIOS and YOUR ANCESTORS

If you served in the United States Military Please send these to “Editor PineyWoods Newsletter” at wardtracker@aol.com To Forward to our Historian Abe



Chapter Coupon Project

Coupons for Overseas Military Families program. All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080. Or, bring the coupons to the next meeting.

The Revolutionary War



November 6, 1776 – Silas Dean **AGAIN** writes the secret committee of safety stating his has garnered great supplies from the French; brass cannon, arms, tents, ammunition, mortars and that these were waiting to be shipped to the colonies from Havre de Grace in Nantes. He had written July 27th, 1776, back to the Congress Committee on Secret Correspondence; Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Harrison, John Dickinson, John Jay, and Robert Morris, stating he had recruited the Marquis de Lafayette to aid in training the Army and had commitments of supplies and ships but the French were reluctant to act until Congress declared independence of Britain, Word of this declaration made on July 4th 1776 had not reached France.

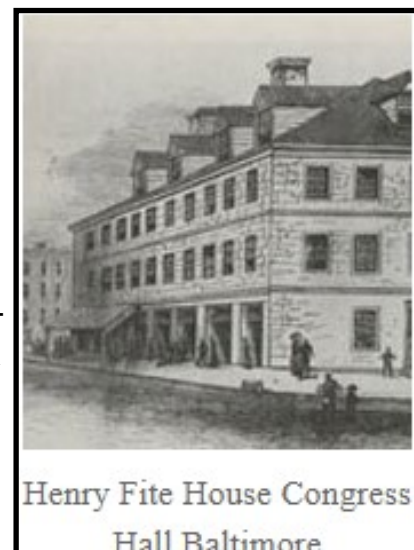
November and December 1776 – General George Washington is forced to abandon New York. On Manhattan, Fort Washington was overrun by the Redcoats. Continental Soldiers, over 100 Cannon, and thousands of muskets and cartridges were captured by General William Howe. In New Jersey, Cornwallis took Fort Lee and pursued Washington. Washington crossed the Delaware moving the Army to Pennsylvania. With winter setting in, General Howe halted pursuit of Washington to settle in for winter. Many of the British soldiers returned to New York.



On December 8, 1776—British General Henry Clinton marched to Rhode Island to capture the Port of Newport. Clinton sent Brig General Richard Prescott with British and Hessians Regiments. These landed and seized Newport, Rhode Island on this day.

On December 12, 1776—Continental Congress fearing

British capture, abandoned Philadelphia and moved Baltimore. Congress met again on December 20th in a tavern built by Henry Fife in 1770 referred to it as **Congress Hall**. Members of Congress complained the town dirty and said they had to ride horses to the Hall due to the muddy streets.



Henry Fife House Congress Hall Baltimore

PineyWoods Chapter 51 ZOOM MEETING

19 October 2020 – remote Meeting via Zoom teleconference

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. He welcomed everyone and led the group in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance. Alan Bowman led the Prayer and the group recited the SAR Pledge. Kermit initiated a welcome that allowed each meeting participant to introduce themselves and provide a brief description of their Patriot Ancestor.

Compatriots (14) Present:

Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Bernie Kent, Abe Abdmoulaie, B. Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Roland Skelton, Jim Jones, Alan Bowman, Mel Oller, Michael Anderson, Randy Hall, Jim Pinkerton, & John Worm.

Guests (4) Present: Caroline Bowman, Sharon Mize, William & Sue King

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Our guest speaker was **Jerry Fochtman** who has two sons that have been active in Boy Scouts in Kingwood and PineyWoods sponsored their competition at State and National levels where they were recognized and awarded SAR prizes as Eagle Scouts. Jerry was born and raised in Northern Michigan, where he grew interested in numismatics and discovered fractional currency. He has been a collector of Postage Currency, Fractional Currency & Vendor Tokens ever since, sharing a keen interest in history, especially during the American Civil War era when postage and fractional currencies evolved. The shortage of coins and precious metals prior to the Civil War led to Postage Currency - 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ with which the Union soldiers were paid starting in 1861. And in 1863, the US government began printing fractional US paper currencies which were actively used until the 1870s. Jerry provided an interesting presentation on Civil War currency interspersed with American History.

Secretary's Report: Bernie Kent reported that the minutes from our September 2020 meeting were published in the October 2020 Newsletter that was recently (10/13/2020) published and emailed to all 78 members. In the absence of any new comments, a motion to accept the minutes was proposed, seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that nothing had changed since we have not spent any money over the last several meeting reports. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded, and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report: Larry Stevens reported that Lee Bennett has been approved for membership. The Application for William King will be submitted by the time these minutes are published.

Larry formally requests stories from members on what they have been doing with pictures related to SAR. And please share any American History stories and source material to assist in future newsletter articles.

Historian Report: **Abe Abdmoulaie**—Each PineyWoods Member's Ancestor will be included a the book (a MS PowerPoint and/or MS Word template will be shared with all to capture important info/pictures). A template was shared via email for all members to complete and return to Abe.

Coupon Report: John Worm

The first eight months of this year, January - August 2020, coupons with a total value of \$ 118,000 have been mailed to commissaries for our servicemen/women and their families. We are now sending coupons to Germany, Guam, and a new location in Kunsan, South Korea.

Please send coupons ASAP so they will not have expired. Thank you for your support of our troops.

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Newsletter:

An electronic copy of our last PineyWoods “Pine Shavings” newsletter was printed and postal mailed to all members earlier in the week, several days before this 17 Oct 2020 remote meeting.

PineyWoods Chapter 51, Texas SAR officers for 2020-2021.

President Kermit Breed , 1st VP Buddy Inman, 2VP Jim Pinkerton, Secretary Bernie Kent, Treasurer B. Ray Mize, Chaplain Alan Bowman, Chancellor Brent Monteleone, Parliamentarian David Cook, Historian Abe Abdmoulaie, Genealogist Kim Morton, Registrars Joe Potter and Larry Stevens, Sgt.-At- Arms Ben Baskin, Newsletter Larry Stevens, Webmaster Ray Cox.

Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

Jim Pinkerton inquired about the lack of activity in schools and whether Patriot’s Night would occur during remote instruction at area schools. Randy Hall is assisting in this effort by contacting several schools.

Abe Abdmoulaie asks for your continued support as he coordinates the design and assembly of a digital scrap-book history for Texas SAR PineyWoods.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing.
President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — **Bernie Kent**

PINEYWOODS SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

21 November 2020 - Denise Bennett - “Women Suffrage”. Denise recently presented “The Woman’s Hour”, dressed in period attire from the 1920’s and entered the room as if in a suffrage parade”. Pictured Right

19 December 2020 - Kermit Breed - Duties of Officers (Nominations of New Officers)

16 January 2021 - Janine Cloud - FamilyTreeDNA In an Interview, Janine stated, “ First, if you aren’t absolutely sure you want to know, don’t test. Be careful of preconceived ideas as to what the results should be. The DNA doesn’t lie, and if the test results don’t corroborate the family lore, it can cause some pretty emotional reactions. Remember that DNA testing has opened a lot of doors in family history research, but some of those have been closet doors. Not everyone’s going to be thrilled over a non-paternal event. And, second, test every one you can, starting with the oldest of each generation that you can.”



20 February 2021 - Mike Anderson ,“The Ethics of Enron”

Michael E. Anderson, FBI Retired
Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI Houston Enron Task Force

“A discussion of Enron’s unethical leadership, culture, and accounting that facilitated criminal behavior and contributed to the failure of the seventh largest company in America. The discussion also provides a retrospective on how the FBI investigated the most complex White Collar Crime case in FBI history resulting in 23 convictions and more than \$100 million in forfeiture to the victims of the Enron fraud.”

20 March 2021—Installation of Officers