



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the
American Revolution
November 2021 Issue 10**



The PineyWoods Chapter #51 was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E). If you are an SAR Compatriot or prospective member in this area, we invite you to visit with us and consider joining our chapter to further your interest in our Patriotic, Historic,



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PineyWoods Veterans



Larry Blackburn USMC
B Ray Mize US Army



Cannon Pritchard Col
US Air Force
Larry Stevens US Air
Force



Kermit Breed US Air Force (Left)
John Worm US Air Force Ret.
(Right)



From the President:



Members and Friends,

November marks two significant holidays and recognitions during the month of November, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, and I thought it would be good to reflect on the history of each day.

Firstly, we honor all of our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th. Originally called Armistice Day commemorating the end of World War I, the “war to end all wars.” In 1926, Congress officially recognized the date as the end of World War I, and in 1938, it became an official holiday. But after World War II and the Korean War, at the urging of veterans’ service organizations, on June 1, 1954, Congress amended the commemoration by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars. In 1968 Congress changed the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday every October beginning in 1971. However, it became ap-

parent most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th. On September 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law returning the annual observance to November 11th starting in 1978.

Canada and Australia both call November 11th Remembrance Day. Canada’s observance is similar to our own and many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more like our Memorial Day. Great Britain calls it Remembrance Day but observes it on the Sunday closest to November 11th with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to those who lost their lives in war.

Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 proclamation established Thanksgiving as the national holiday we celebrate today, making him the father of modern Thanksgiving. The Revolutionary generation, however, created the first national Thanksgiving holidays 157 years after the Pilgrims and 85 years before Lincoln’s historic proclamation.

The Continental Congress issued nine proclamations calling for days of thanksgiving. By the time of the Continental Congress, days of fasting and thanksgiving had become intertwined with politics, as many in the Revolutionary War generation identified liberty as a divine gift that they were obligated to defend. Calls for days of fasting or thanksgiving throughout the colonies had the added benefit of promoting unity by giving everyone an opportunity demonstrate commitment to the Patriot cause.

Politics aside, for the founders, Thanksgiving remained a religious occasion. Thanking God

for his divine intervention in America's affairs did not end with the Revolution. The founding generation continued the practice after establishing the country as a constitutional republic under the current U.S. Constitution. George Washington, in his first year as president, proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day for the end of November 1789, "That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for this kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation."

Just as America has changed since the Revolution, so has Thanksgiving, becoming more secular and private. The founders would not recognize many of today's traditions, but there is nothing to stop us from understanding theirs. Perhaps, as we gather for the holiday this year, we might recall those first thanksgivings Americans celebrated as a country, when they gave thanks for the nation's blessings and not only those that graced the lives around the table. (Source: Journal of American Revolution)

I thank all of our chapter veterans for their service and commitment to our great nation and wish everyone a happy and hearty Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

Mike Anderson
President



PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2021-2023

President—Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP—Bernie Kent

Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B Ray Mize

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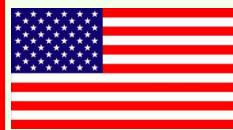
Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar

NSSAR



Trustee Leadership Meeting Louisville, Ky. Feb 24-27, 2022

SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—
July TBA

TXSSAR



2022 Annual TXSSAR Convention
Mar 30 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson
Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meeting November 20, 2021

Lunch Meeting December 11, 2021

Home of Larry and Barbara Stevens

NEW MEMBERS 2021

Welcome new members. We continue to get inquiries for Membership. These are referred to our Registrar (s) - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter. If other members would like to help, please let me know. Helping someone PROVE their PATRIOT Ancestor can be challenging but fun research.
President Mike Anderson

PineyWoods Chapter Membership—Regular—91 Junior-5 Dual-4 —————Total 100

NEW APPLICATIONS: New Members 2021

◇ William O. King	SAR # 217906	TX # 14584	15 Jan 2021
◇ Henry J. Salisbury III	SAR # 218844	TX # 14704	9 Apr 2021
◇ Norman Lee Funderburk	SAR # 220050	TX #	30 Jul 2021
◇ Cole Brewer (Y)	SAR # 220302	TX # 14802	20 Aug 2021
◇ Davis Brewer (Y)	SAR # 220301	TX # 14801	20 Aug 2021

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS

The Fall school year has started. Now is the time to contact schools in your area . Our Youth Scholarship information is on the Texas SAR Website. These can be copied and down loaded. Children of SAR Members are not excluded nor are Youth Members. They just need to meet the entry requirements. Last year we sponsored an Eagle Scout. Any of you in Scout Leadership roles can help enter an Eagle Scout. We have not had a JROTC Scholarship Entry from our chapter in years. PineyWoods awards JROTC Medals to 38 High Schools. We have had High Scholl student entries in the Essay Contest and they have been good. We have sponsored an Oration Contestant for 3 years in a row. So, please get involved with our Youth Contests.

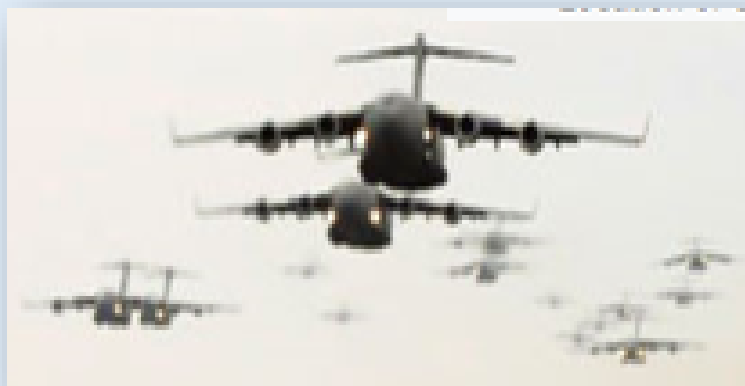
VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER PROJECTS

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
2130 Lexford Lane, Houston,
Tx 77080



CHAPTER VETERANS PICTURES

Those who were not able to send pictures prior to the posting of this newsletter, please forward your service picture to our Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens. Your pictures will be included in the next issue and become a part of our chapter year book for 2021.



Larry G. Stevens, Editor.

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2021 issue 10 Editor—Larry Stevens

October 6th, I had another Birthday, eighty years, born before Pearl Harbor. My Dad and his three brothers all served in WWII. My Dad in the Army, Uncle Warren in the Navy, Pacific Operations, my Uncles' Earnest and Claude were Marines in the Pacific. They probably had lots of stories to tell. But, they never talked about their service, at all. Instead, we had large family get togethers either at the lake in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada where I lived, or at Grandpa and grandma Stevens farm just north of San Francisco. Lots of food and noisy kids.



On, November 26th 2021, my 3rd great-grand child was born, Juniper, daughter of my grandson Mason and Matty. My daughter Samantha, who has just moved back to Kingwood from Roseville, California, flew back out to Sacramento to help her son and daughter with the new baby.

To our Veterans and those who served. Thank You.

Your Editor

Larry Stevens



250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 2025-2033

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution has challenged every SAR State Society and Chapter to recognize those events that led to the American Revolution, as well as those events that occurred during the Revolution. Each SAR State Society and Chapter should hold public venues to educate, recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. These events will be significant events related directly to acts of resistance of British attempts to coerce the residents in American from the first Parliamentary Act, through the armed struggle, until the Treaty of Paris.

Old Humble Cemetery CLEAN-UP

Located at the corner of Isaacs Road and Old Humble Road, this is the oldest cemetery in Humble, Texas. The town founded in 1870 was named after its founder Pleasant S. Humble.

“Most people who shop at Home Depot or work at the Humble ISD Administrative Building probably are unaware that a forgotten cemetery, overgrown with weeds and thorns, lies in their backyard”, Pam Gibbons, Houston

Chronicle, 18 June 2003.



In a Tribune article by Historian and local resident Robert James Meaux published May 28, 2019, wrote a great article on the History of Old Humble Cemetery (available on ourtribune.com”), “The old Humble Cemetery. I'm sure you've seen it. It's the old

country cemetery at the corner of Old Humble Road and Isaack's Road, just across the street from St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. It has a gate with a narrow dirt road going down the middle of the cemetery. If you haven't seen it, then get over there and have a look. There is a lot of history in that cemetery! The cemetery originally started out as the Dunman Family Cemetery. Humble's original settler, Alamo Rider Joseph Dunman, was buried there back in 1859. There are several Denman's' buried in the back, northwest corner of the cemetery, although we don't know where Joseph Dunman's 1859 grave is because it is not marked. After 1860, the Dunman family allowed other people to bury their departed family members on this land, and it slowly became the community cemetery.....”

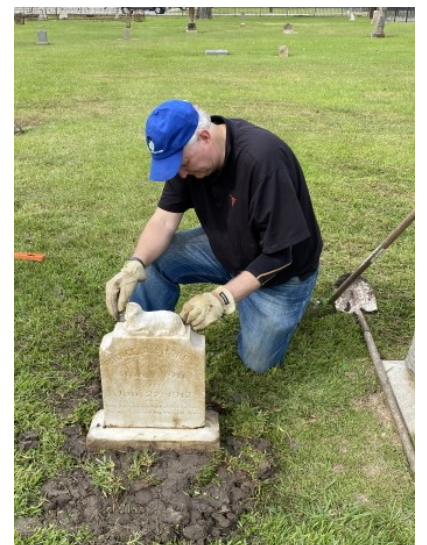
The James Tull Chapter TXDAR has taken this on this Fall. And, this is not the first time the DAR, the DRT, SAR, and the SRT, have volunteered to make the place pretty again.

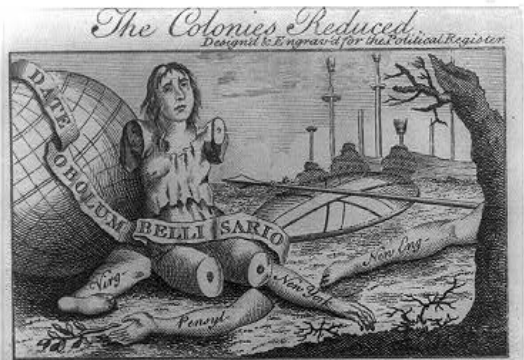
October 23, 2021, TSSAR lent a hand. PineyWoods Chapter 51 President

Mike Anderson joined the volunteers from the James Tull Chapter. They cleaned and reset grave markers and tombstones. Clayton Grubbs, husband of DAR Connie Grubbs, is pictured helping Mike.

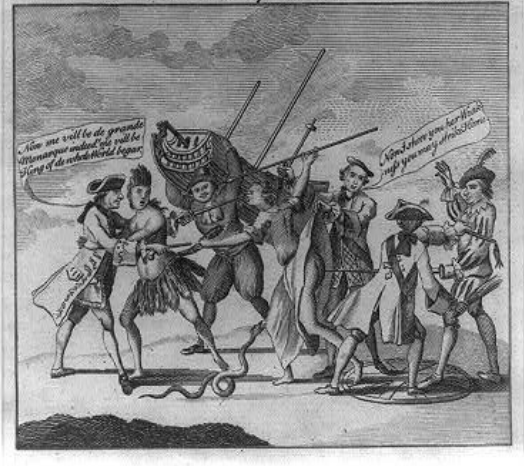
The next scheduled work day is November 20, 2021.

NOTE: **Robert James Meaux**, Humble Museum, has Many written articles and books on the “History of Humble Texas”. You can find these listed on the Tribune Website.





Its Companion.

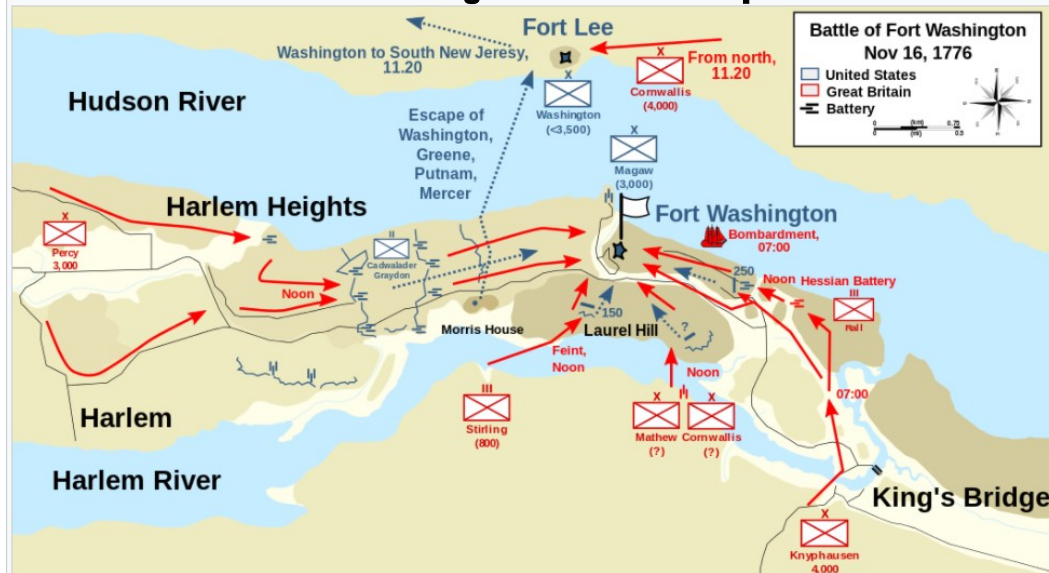


NOVEMBER In the American Revolution

November 1, 1775 In Philadelphia, Congress learns King George III rejected the colonial congress petition known as the **"Olive Branch"**, which was an attempt to reconcile differences and avert civil war. Congress adopted the Petition on July 5, 1775. King George was told the American Colonist were loyal subjects and just wanted their rights as British Citizens. *"We, your Majesty's faithful subjects of the colonies of new Hampshire, Massachusetts bay, Rhode island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, in behalf of ourselves, and the inhabitants of these colonies, who have deputed us to represent them in general Congress, entreat your Majesty's gracious attention to this humble petition."* Ironically, the Declaration of Independence was circulated July 5, 1776; just one year later..

November 16, 1776 General Howe takes Fort Washington on the East side of the Hudson and the Continental abandon Ft. Lee on the West Bank. General George Washington's devastating, and disastrous Manhattan Island campaign ended on November 16, 1776. After Howe defeated the Continentals at White Plains, New York, on October 28, he focused his attention on Fort Washington defended by Colonel Robert Magaw, who General Greene had told to hold the Fort. Greene and Magaw felt secure after a successful bombardment on the British Fleet and repulsing Hessian attacks in early November. However, Howe launched a three prong attack breaking through the outer defenses. Trapped, Colonel Magaw surrendered the Fort at 3:00 pm; with 2800 Continentals taken prisoner. Washington learned of the surrender of Magaw and his men. With the British Fleet controlling the Hudson River and Howe's Army preparing to cross, Washington led the

Ft Washington Battlefield Map



Continentals away from Ft Lee. General Howe ordered to Lord Cornwallis, *"clear the rebel troops from New Jersey without a major engagement, and do so quickly before the weather changes"*.

November and December 1776 New Jersey. The British led by Cornwallis invaded New Jersey occupy-

Pledge to the United State of America

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and jus-



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



AGENDA—20 November 2021 — 11:30 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTIONS President Mike Anderson

CALL FOR REPORTS

1st Vice President—Abe Abdmoulaie

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Sgt. At Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Report—Larry Stevens

Webmasters Report — Ray Cox

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans—John Worm

Youth Awards—JROTC

NEW BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

SAR CLOSING—Abe Abdmoulaie

SAR PLEDGE

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

SAR CLOSING

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”

Piney Woods Chapter # 51 Texas Society SAR
Lunch Meeting at Union Kitchen Kingwood, Texas
October 16, 2021

President Michael Anderson called the meeting together at 11:40 a.m. Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also gave the invocation. This was followed by the introduction of members and guests.

Compatriots (14) present: Norman Funderburk, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Abe Abdmoulaie, Cannon Pritchard, Ray Cox, Joe Potter, Cole Brewer, Davis Brewer, Jim Pinkerton, B Ray Mize, Bernie Kent.

Guests (6) present: Julie Brewer, Lance Brewer, Mike Kelly, Dee Kelly, Nancy Pinkerton, Ann Kent.

Inductions: Cole and Davis Brewer, grandsons of Jim Pinkerton, were inducted. Norman Funderburk, the current mayor of Humble, was also inducted. Each gave some small background information about their patriot ancestor.

Secretaries Report: Jim Pinkerton stated that the September report was in this past month's newsletter.

Treasurers Report: B Ray Mize gave a short report.

Special Awards: Kermit Breed, current registrar, was presented the Distinguished Service Medal for past work as president, and registrar. Kermit is a tireless worker for the Piney Woods chapter. Abe Abdmoulaie, current first Vice President, was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal for efforts in collating and publishing our most recent yearbook. The Piney Woods yearbook took first place in the 2020 Best Yearbook competition at the recent Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting in Clear Lake.

Registrars Report: Larry Stevens stated that he has a couple of potential members that he has sent to national for approval.

Old Business: Larry Stevens reminded everyone of the upcoming patriots day programs at Greentree and Willowcreek elementary schools in the month of November. Any compatriot who is available is welcome to help-out with these programs. Creekwood Middle school also put on a Constitution Day program with the help of Piney Woods volunteers. President Anderson also reminded everyone of the DAR clean up at the Humble Cemetery on October 23rd and November 6th. President Anderson reminded compatriots that we are continuing to collect coupons for overseas active-duty military personnel. Veteran attendees were reminded to email photos of themselves in uniform from their service days to Larry Stevens for inclusion in the November newsletter.

New Business: President Anderson informed everyone that there would be a special Texas Memorial Illumination to remember the more than 21,000 Texans who have died in armed conflict. The site will be the San

Jacinto Memorial. Compatriots are encouraged to participate. Our August speaker, Denton Florian, gave a wonderful presentation about this project. President Anderson said that at the last BOM that the state SAR decided to have the local chapters purchase their own JROTC medals awarded to students each spring, and the state will reimburse the expense.

Program: Eric Dick, owner of the Dick Law Firm, gave an informative program on the book he has written. The book is entitled *Come and Take It!* a historical fiction of the Tomlinson family, one of the original 300 families in Texas.

Recessional: President Anderson concluded the meeting at 1:50 p.m. with the benediction.



**Michael Anderson-
President**



Norman Funderburk

PineyWoods Meeting



Above Jim Pinkerton and President Mike Anderson Induct Jim's Grandson Cole Brewer and Davis Brewer. Jim sponsored his two grandsons.

New Member Inductions

Humble Mayor Norman Funderburk is inducted as a new member by Mike Anderson. Kermit Breed sponsored Norman. Norman attended the PineyWoods Chapter Chartering Ceremony in 1994 while working

on his papers with Chapter Founder Thomas M. Green. He is very pleased after working with Kermit to finally complete his application and join the SAR.

Kermit Breed and Abe Abdmoulaie are recognized for Chapter Service.

Kermit Breed is presented the highest Chapter Service Award –the Distinguished Service Medal—SURPRISED, pleased. Abe is presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Service Medal for his work on an OUTSTANDING Digital Year Book and Printed that paced 1st Texas Competition for 2020.



In the meeting October 16th, 2021, President Mikael Ander- presents Eric dick a Certificate of Appreciation after his talk..



son



The featured speaker of our lunch meeting on October 16th, was ERIC DICK, Writer Publisher Attorney, who discussed writing his book, “Come And Take It”, a story of the times his ancestors role in the Come And Take It cannon at Gonzales Texas. His ancestors settled in the area before 1835. He said his story is about different events that affected the lives of just ordinary people and how they dealt with not only with the Mexican Revolution, the constant threat of Indians raids, but daily frontier life.

Community Recognition

The New Humble School Bus Transportation Center on the Northside of Kingwood



Manager Cindy Black is presented an NSSAR Flag Certificate by Ben Baskin and Larry Stevens on October 21, 2021 at her office.

Each Texas SAR chapter should present one or more flag certificates each year to qualify the Texas Society for the Admiral William F. Furlong Memorial Award. To qualify for the award more than half of the chapters must present at least one flag certificate. A special award will be given the Texas Society when all of our chapters participate. The Admiral Furlong Award will be presented to the state society at the National Congress the following year.

PineyWoods has a long tradition of recognizing both Individuals, businesses and institution for Flying Our US Flag!

TEXAS SOCIETY LADIES AUXILIARY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

PATRIOTISM, EDUCATION, HISTORY

It is reasonable to assume that most new members of PineyWoods do not know about the Ladies Auxiliary of TXSSAR. **I am here to tell you a little about it and plead for more PineyWoods wives to become members.**

The LATXSSAR was formed in 2005 to support TXSSAR. LATXSSAR members have played many roles over the years in assisting with meetings and raising funds for a number of the TXSSAR causes, most often the Patriot Fund which provides the youth awards.

The current LATXSSAR Board of Management has two PineyWoods wives, Sharon Mize, Recording Secretary, and Barbara Stevens, Treasurer/Registrar as officers. Former officers include Dianne Jones and Mary-Claire Beard. Current members from PineyWoods are Dianne Jones, Sharon Mize, Sarah Potter, and Barbara Stevens. Please join them. The form is below.

The 2021-23 Fundraising Project is designated to support the SAR Museum in Louisville. The Museum has a program which allows members, chapters, and organizations such as LATXSSAR to purchase artifacts. A further description of this project is on the next page. The ladies are hoping to make a significant contribution to the Museum in the name of the LATXSSAR. The raffle for this term is for one of two Patriotic stained glass pieces pictured. The "tickets" are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Ask a LATXSSAR member for more information .



Membership Form:

Name					Membership Fees			
SAR Contact					Annual	\$5		
Address					Lifetime	\$100		
City				State	Zip	LATXSSAR pin	\$10	
Email					NLASSAR Pin	\$10		
Telephone				cell	Total			

Please make checks payable to LATXSSAR. Send completed form and checks to Barbara Stevens, 1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood, TX 77345-1911

SAR Museum Artifact Donor Program



The SAR Museum Committee, under Museum Committee Chair, Kent Gregory, started a program to supplement the existing artifact collection which Revolutionary War period artifacts. The program has successfully added some wonderful pieces to the collection. They periodically publish a list of artifacts they have identified as available and others that they wish to have. The Committee has some very good relationships developed with collectors and vendors which can assist potential donors. The LATXSSAR has chosen this program as the benefactor of their 2021-23 Fundraising. See below just a few of the donations.

