



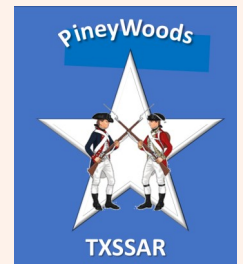
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
November 16, 2023 Issue 9**



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR or NSSAR) is an American congressionally chartered organization, founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.



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). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas.



VETERANS DAY 2023



Lunch Program Speaker
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BILL FORNEY-SURVIVOR
November 18, 2023
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Western Migration
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In 1958, two unidentified American war dead, one from World War II and one from the Korean War, were buried in Arlington National Cemetery alongside the Unknown Soldier from World War I. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed beside them. They symbolize all Americans who gave their lives in all wars. (The remains of the Vietnam Unknown were exhumed in 1998; he was identified through DNA testing and reinterred in another cemetery. Since then, that crypt has remained vacant.)

"Perhaps you and I have lived with this miracle too long to be properly appreciative. Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction." Ronald Reagan

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Chapter Meeting - Cucos Mexican Café Kingwood - Nov. 18, 2023 11:30 AM

From the President

We are very pleased to have as our speaker Saturday, November 18, 2023, Bill Forney, of Belaire, who escaped one of the Twin Towers. Mike Anderson reached out and contacted Mr. Forney. We have plenty of room at Los Cucos for members and guests. Larry Stevens would like to have an idea of the number attending so he and his daughter Samantha can meet with the restaurant manager before.



You may want to think, before, what were you doing when terrorist struck the hearts of all Americans on what has become known as '911' ?

November 11th is a day we remember. Veterans Day. We have many veterans in the chapter. They were highlighted in the Chapter Annual Year-book published by Kermit Bread two years ago. Post a US Flag in front of your residence on Saturday, November 11th.

SAR is honoring 250th Year Anniversaries events beginning with the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773, and the Boston Tea Party Event at The Woodlands Lone Star College Campus on December 9th. This will continue throughout the eight years of the American Revolution. The biggest will be the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. This is a National Events, for all Americans.

Dues have been sent out and you should have or should be receiving your notice. If not by Thanksgiving, have please contact Registrar Larry Stevens, or me and we can tell them how to pay their dues or send them their notices. Larry's e-mail is in the newsletter, and he also sends the newsletter; so, we can respond as a "reply" to ask Larry about your invoice.

A Famous Birthday in this month of November is John Dickinson November 8, 1732, in Talbot County, Maryland. He died February 14, 1808. Dickinson, an American Statesman, is often referred to as, "the Penman of the Revolution".

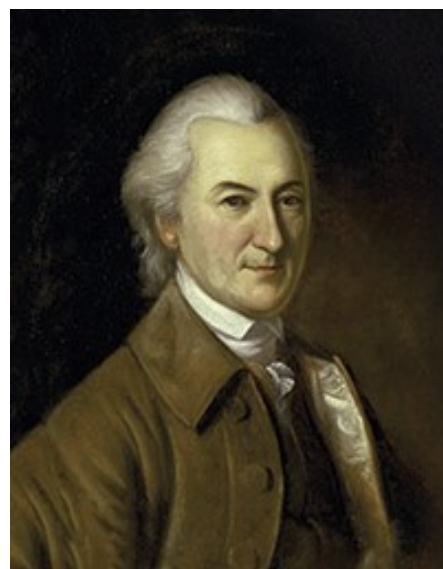
Many notable battles took place in November, such as, the Battle of Fort Mifflin in New York on November 16, 1776, Battle of Gloucester in Philadelphia, PA on November 25-26, 1777,

and Cherry Valley Massacre in Central New York on November 11, 1778, when the town and fort was attacked by British and Iroquois forces. It has been described as one of the most horrific frontier massacres of the war.

Ben Baskin President PineyWoods Chapter 51



Cherry Valley New York



John Dickinson



BILL FORNEY

8:43am: I am sitting at the table in the center of the office, my back facing the outside windows. Suddenly, a horrific explosion. An immediate change in the air pressure. A ghostly column of air shoots like a canon into the office. The front door slams shut. Papers are whipped into the air. I'm thrown off my chair and to the ground. My boss jumps out of his office a second prior to the explosion. He had watched, in horrific disbelief, the entire event as the plane narrowly missed the empire state building and set a direct course for our building. The explosion sends the tower shaking furiously, lurching back and forth with sickening vengeance for maybe five or ten seconds. I think we may die. The building may topple over, or crumble. Finally it stops. The building is still standing. Everybody stares at each other, no idea of what happened or what to say. Speculations about an explosion, a bomb. No, it was a plane, our boss says. A commercial jet.

(Losing track of time): I immediately walk to the door. Someone screams not to open the door; the hallway is on fire. Curious, Rob "Opie" Leder and I touch the door and the handle. It's cool. I open the door, slowly, cautiously, to see what's out there. It's pitch black out there, except for the office light, still on, shining off of the billowing smoke in the hall. The smell is horrible. This is no

ordinary smoke. It smells of metal, jet fuel, of rancid concrete, of things unspeakable. I close the door. People are still numb, shocked, confused. Opie was the first to say it; he was getting the hell outta there. I'm with you man. I open the door again. The smoke is thinner. I see an orange glow outside the door, a fire smoldering around the corner. I hear guys in another office yelling for help or something, too scared to open their door. Nobody knows where the stairs are, not even them.



World Trade Center 2001



BOUNTY AND LAND GRANT SYSTEMS POST REVOLUTION WESTWARD MIGRATION

Barbara Stevens



BACKGROUND. The Revolutionary War had many risks but the rewards were also great. Britain in 1763 had issued a proclamation banning settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains without Royal permission. This was very unpopular among the colonists who were looking at this land to expand trade and resources. Many cite this as a chief reason for the war.

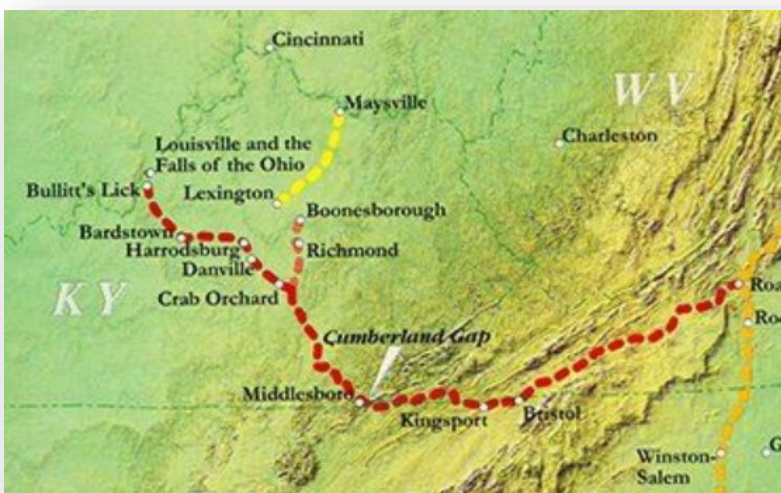
Before addressing the westward expansion after the war was won it may be the time to demonstrate this unrest with the 1763 proclamation in two separate actions by colonial and later revolutionary leaders.

The first was pre-Proclamation. The Ohio Company was organized in 1748 by Virginians Thomas Lee, Augustine and Lawrence Washington (brothers of George Washington.) It envisioned a settlement to trade with the Indians and rival the French fur trade. Investors in this enterprise included these Revolutionary figures: George Washington, George Mason, John Mercer, George Mercer, James Mercer, Richard "Squire" Lee to name a few. The French-Indian War ended the chances of the success of this endeavor, but the Ohio Company shows the plans of colonial leaders to forge an economic base in the west.

The second interesting westward expansion was happening as the Revolutionary War was beginning. This was most familiarly known as the Transylvania Company in January of 1775, and was spearheaded by former Jurist Richard Henderson of North Carolina. In March of 1775 they met with Cherokees at Sycamore Shoals to purchase a large swath of land (see map.) This was called the Treaty of Watauga. Henderson hired a down on his luck trapper and adventurer



Daniel Boone to establish settlements in Transylvania. So when the shots were fired at Lexington and Concord, Boone and his first group of settlers were forging their way into the West, 1763 Proclamation be Damned. However, since both Virginia and North Carolina governments claimed this land this endeavor failed in 1776. The Wilderness Road was however established and provided an invaluable route to westward travel across the Appalachians. It left the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road at Roanoke.



Economics were always at play for colonists during the war. The reasons for the Revolution were clear in the minds of the leaders/ They needed to find a way engage soldiers to stand up and fight. One way was to entice them with promises of land in the West. Both the central government and the various colonies engaged in land awards for service, though each state was different.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

September 16, 1766 bounty lands were promised to soldiers of the Continental Line who served to the end of the war or to widows of those killed.

Privates and NCOs	100 acres
Ensigns	150 acres
Lieutenant	200 acres
Captain	300 acres
Major	400 acres
Lt. Colonel	450 acres
Colonels	500 acres

In August of 1788 the program was extended to

Brigadier Generals	850 acres
Major Generals	1000 acres

Two of the many acts implementing the Federal bounty lands were:

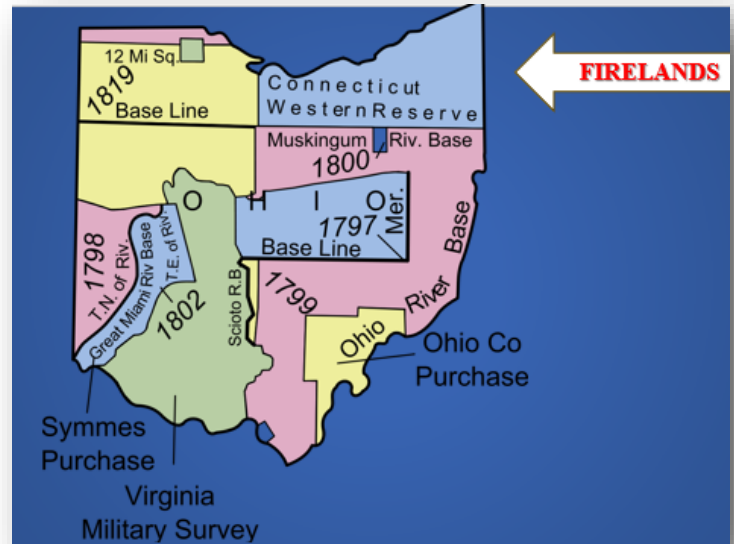
June 1776: Reserved 4000 ac² in Northwest Territory

May 1830: Opening lands in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana

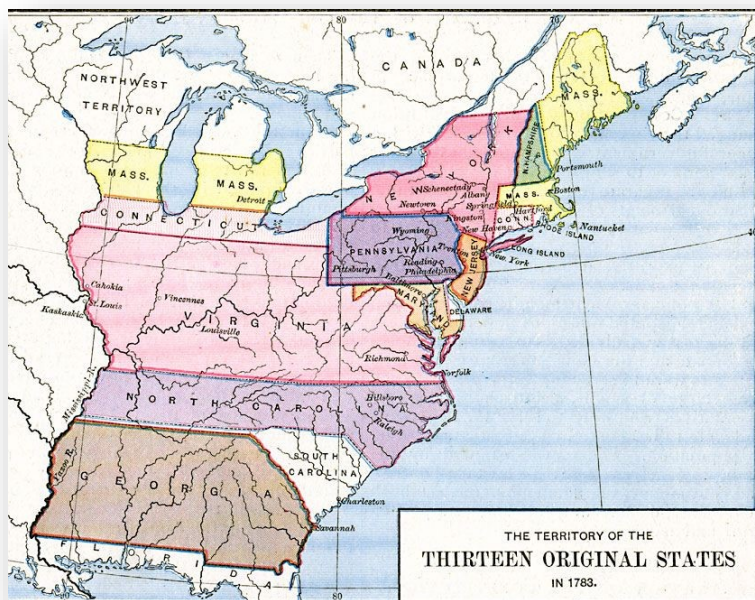
STATE BOUNTY LANDS

No all states as constituted in 1783 had sufficient or western lands to offer bounties. These were New Jersey, New Hampshire, Delaware, and Rhode Island.

Connecticut: Highest pay to soldiers, but did not offer bounty land for service. Did establish “Firelands” to compensate the citizens of the following cities: Danbury, East Haven, Fairfield, Greenwich, Groton, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, and Richmond. They also offered tax credits.

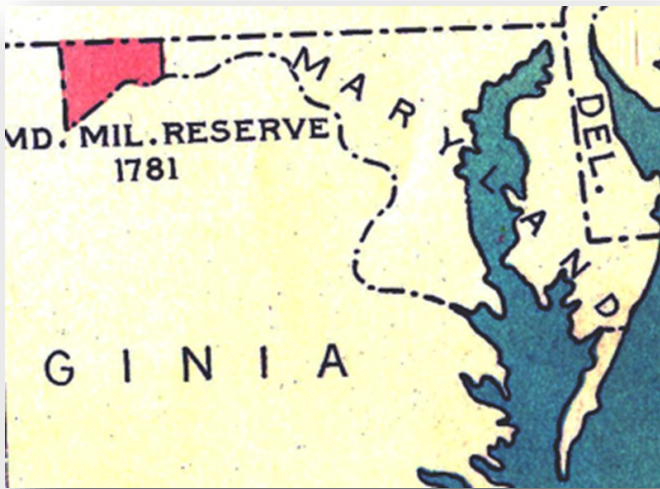


Georgia: Georgia, with its sparse population, had trouble fielding a regiment during the Revolutionary War. With its vast expanse to the west after the war it needed settlers to protect its lands from the Indians. Bounty-land grants were made to soldiers who served in the Georgia military, civilian residents of 1781 and 1782, and Georgia citizens who went to other states during the Revolution to continue the war ('refugees'). Most of the surviving Georgia Revolutionary War bounty certificates (except for civilian residents) are abstracted (see Hemperley, Military Certificates under Military Records) Georgia land lotteries offered extra land to Revolutionary War participants.



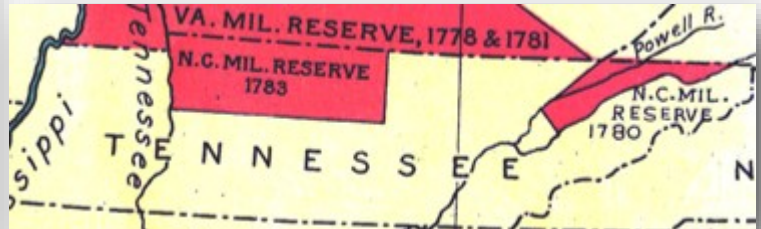
Maine: Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820 and Massachusetts established its bounty lands in this area. Maine had a policy of giving lands to soldiers of the Continental line from any state.

Maryland: Established lands in its western reserve.

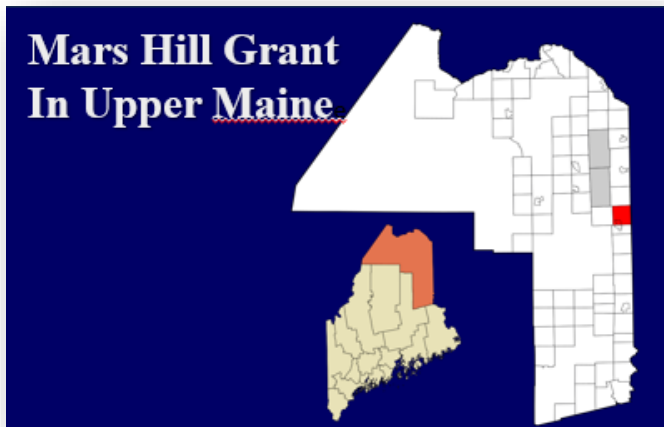


Massachusetts: Since Maine was part of Massachusetts the bounty lands were established in Maine.

North Carolina: North Carolina had vast western holdings, though quite a bit of the western third was still Indian land. It established two tracts of bounty land in its western areas which became Tennessee in 1796. North Carolina was still issuing land warrants in Tennessee in 1820. ([NC Land Grant Images and Data | Home \(nclandgrants.com\)](http://nclandgrants.com))

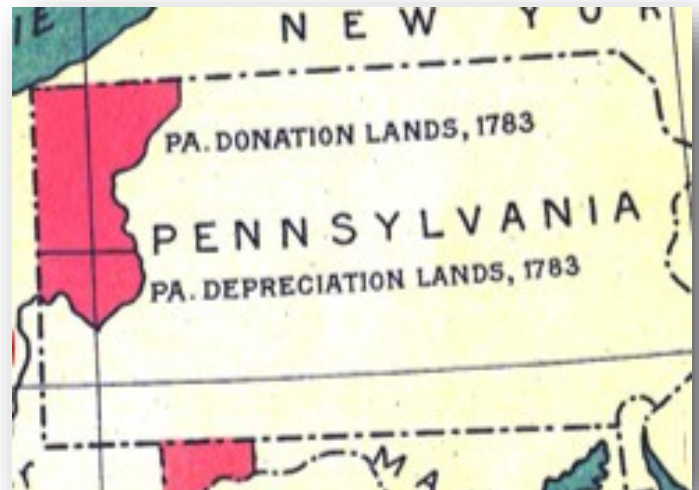


Pennsylvania: Each Pennsylvania Line soldier and officer who served in the Continental forces until the end of the war was to receive a bounty, or donation, of a tract of land consisting of **200, 250, 350 or 500 acres**, the size of the tract to be based upon his rank. ([PA State Archives - RG-17 - Donation Land Images - Main Interface](http://pa.state.gov))



New York: The bounty lands were established in the Finger Lakes area, a very rich area of New York.

[| New York State Archives \(nysed.gov\)](http://nysed.gov)



South Carolina: The bounty lands were established in the lands newly acquired from the Indians who supported the British during the war.

[State Plats for Land Grants 1784-1868 Now Available Online | SC Department of Archives and History](http://sc.gov)



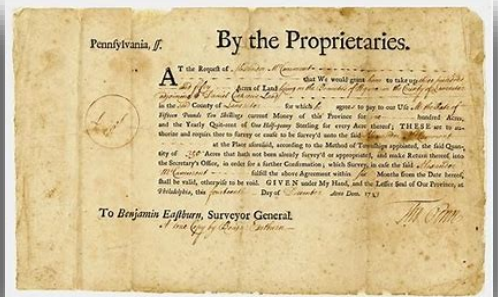
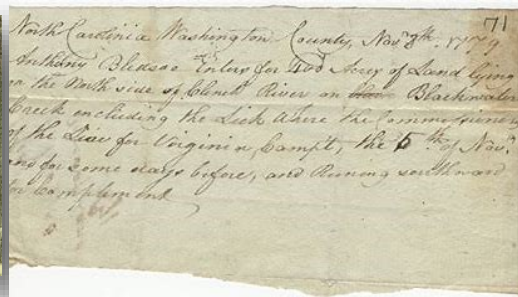
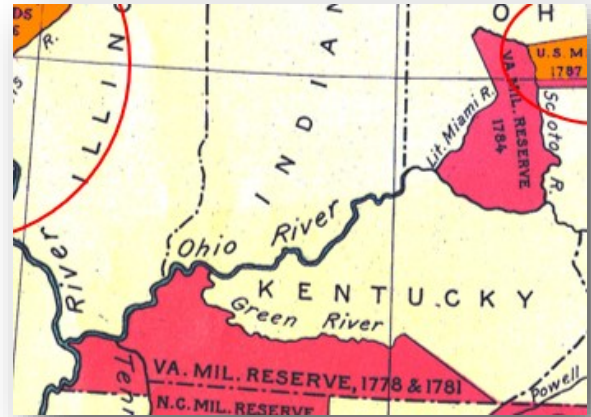
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Virginia: Virginia, a state with vast western lands, established its bounty lands in what would be Kentucky in 1794. To qualify, a Virginia soldier or sailor had to serve at least three years continuously in the Continental or state forces. No bounty land was given by the state for militia service. There was also an area in Indiana reserved for those serving with Rogers and Clark. [Home - Revolutionary War Bounty Land Claims - Research Guides & Indexes at The Library of Virginia \(libguides.com\)](#)



PINEYWOODS PATRIOTS

FLAG INDICATES SERVICE STATE WHICH IS PLACED WHERE PATRIOT DIED.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

PineyWoods Chapter

Membership: a/o 8 Oct 2023

TOTAL 112

Current Regular Members 94 New 3 Dual 3

Youth 6 Reinstated 6

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Youth Programs

One, the Chapter needs and JROTC Medal Coordinator. The JROTC Instructors want our Broze ROTC Medals to recognize above and beyond performance of a Cadet in their Junior or 11th Year.

It is time to talk about our Youth Programs to our schools, teachers and students. The programs can be found on our Websites.

The Elementary School Teachers Award Program has been discontinued by SAR. Texas currently has an Elementary School Teacher program and will be discussing at the BOM in College Station October 21st, 2023.

Upcoming School Programs (Register as a volunteer in your school district-online)

Other Events

Humble Christmas Parade December 5, 2023

BOSTON TEA PARTY Woodlands Dec 9, 2023

Humble Museum January 20, 2024

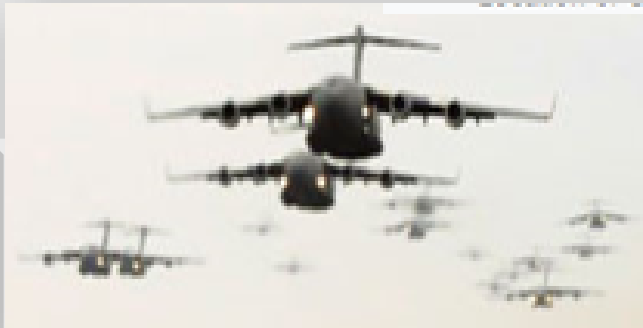
Houston Christian Univ. April 6, 2024

Greentree Elementary November 15, 2023

Willow Creek Elementary November 30, 2023

Deerwood Elementary January 31, 2024

Contact Larry Stevens for details on these events at wardtracker@aol.com



VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT

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

**John Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.

VETERANS DAY

Our Humble ISD schools here in Kingwood, concluded their study of Colonial America 1750-1800, or there about, as close as possible to Veterans Day. This is called 'Patriot Day'. Friday, November 3rd, Bear Branch Elementary 5th graders began their Patriot Day. I joined the Flag Patrol and participated in the raising of the Flag of the united States and Texas, presenting them with an SAR Flag Certificate. The celebration began at 8:20 am with a rousing colonial 'line dance' with period lively music.



Larry G. Stevens Editor.

Ray Cox, with his Fife, and Skip Hawley and I presenting a colonial living program to the largest call ever at Bear Branch –more than 170d. The students rotating through period crafts, a cooking demonstration by RevEdu1776, and alternated between Ray and Skip and I beginning at 9:00 am and the last group around 2 pm. Roland Skelton was able to come out for a short time. He has a daughter in the 5th grade so was able to take her picture during the colonial dance.

Great experience. Our teachers to work hard to educate our children, Larry Stevens

Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

Kingwood Texas

11am—1pm



PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

President - Ben Baskin
1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie
2nd Vice President - Harry Salisbury
Secretary - Jim Pinkerton
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Roland Skelton
Chaplain - Alan Bowman
Chancellor - Allan Henshaw
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter
Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick

Chapter Non - Officers Roles

Newsletter - Larry Stevens
wardtracker.aol.com
Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

Spring Leadership/Trustee, 2024 Louisville, Kentucky



TXSSAR

SAN ANTONIO (TBA)
April 10-16, 2024

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
Los Cuco's Mexican Café Kingwood
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

November 18, 2023

December 16, 2023 Stevens Home
January 20, 2023

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

October 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Texas Sons of the American Revolution -Chapter Meeting Minutes

Acting President Larry Stevens

called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He bid all a welcome and did introductions. Chaplin Alan Bowman led members and guests in an opening prayer. Larry led all in the U.S. and Texas pledges.

Attendance: 16 compatriots present: Jim Pinkerton, Ski Grumboski, Larry Stevens, Ski Hawley, B. Ray Mize, Ray Cox, Michael E. Anderson, Alan Bowman, Merv Hartwick, Kermit Breed, Roland Skelton Richard Payne, John Beard, Dick Setser, Cannon H. Pritchard, Jim Jones.

Attendance: 7 guests present; Sharon Mize Carolyn Bowman, Jeannie Hartwick, Mary-Claire Beard, Sherry Setser, Nancy and Darrel Radford

Program: Barbara Stevens presented an interesting program on Revolutionary War bounties and land grants given to veterans for service in the war. Each state did something different. She received a Certificate of Appreciation

Business: Louisville, SAR budget, JROTC Program (chapter needs a program coordinator). Need a local elementary school history teacher nominated for teacher of the year.

Secretary Report: Minutes appear in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: A motion was made and accepted in the September meeting to purchase a C.D. B. Ray Mize was authorized and to establish an C.D. account to be styled appropriately.

Registrar: Larry Stevens has two he is working on that are almost complete.

Kermit Breed registrar and genealogist said that a Mr. Loves application has been approved and should be received shortly. Larry Stevens asked to scan the approved record copies for Piney Woods application records when received by the chapter president.

Recognitions: Sharon Mize and Barbara Stevens were recognized for their support of the Texas Society as officers of Ladies Auxiliary and their efforts in raising funds supporting our Youth Program.

Kermit Breed was presented two awards . The Layette Volunteer Service medal and he received third place the chapter year-book entry.

Larry Stevens was honored for third place for our chapter newsletter.

Webmaster: Ray Cox stated that dues were now available on the website. Dues statements would also be arriving by mail at members houses .

Closing: Alan Bowman led members in the closing prayer. Larry Stevens led members in recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.





**October
2023**



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 justice for all.



Texas Pledge

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



PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR

Lunch Meeting

Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

November 18, 2023

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Historian

Genealogist

Registrars

Webmaster

Old and New Business

Lunch

BENEDICTION

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.”