



Pine Shavings

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A Message from the President

September 27, 2001, after an uncertain journey, Barbara and I found ourselves at 8:00 AM near the Tenth Tee of the Belfry's Corsican Golf Course, in a suburb of Birmingham England, waiting for our names to be announced on the tee, when a London Times reporter, John Hopkins, approached and asked if we would talk to him about the events of September 11, 2001. It was eerie that instead of Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Sergio Garcia, Monty and the other Ryder Cup Team Members working on their games the Thursday before the start of the Friday matches, it was Barbara and I, and Harley and Cheryl Ballinger from Sioux Falls, North Dakota, who we had just met that morning, playing with a bunch of Brits and Scots. The 2001 Ryder Cup was cancelled. Our golf tour agent had put us up at the Belfry, arranged for our round of golf, a car and the Cotswolds. I could not say enough about how wonderful the Irish and Brits were to us.



reporters with Birmingham Television interviewed me for their evening broadcast and asked some of the same questions as John Hopkins; how did you feel about the terrorists who killed more than 5000, how do think it will affect Americans traveling, the safety and security of travel, and other questions.

John asked where and what we were doing when the tragic event occurred in New York the morning to September 11, 2001. Barbara related we were playing golf at the Lehinch Golf Course on the west coast of Ireland, in county Claire, when a young man came running up to tell us the news. When we arrived at the club house, all there surrounded the television watching the fire fighters, the police, and shots of the jet slamming into the towers, the fires, explosions.

Days later, while in the town of Stratford on Avon, I pulled the car over in front of a store so Barbara could get drinks and snacks for a ride into the Cotswold's. She returned with five or six copies of the London Times. The Sports Daily section had an entire page titled "American keep date with The Belfry" and Mr. Hopkins' interview with the Stevens and the Ballinger's.

What impressed me most when watching the tragedy unfold were the emergency personnel and stories of these public servants risking all, doing better than their best to rescue victims, and many times, it was rescuing their own.

Eight years later, Thursday night, September 17, 2009, at the Piney Woods dinner meeting at the Homewood Suites, VP Ron Barker introduced our invited guests, two Kingwood police officers, Sgt. B. Wilburn and Officer Scott Dalmas, and Houston Fire Department Assistant Chief William Barry head of all EMS Units in Harris County. Three Houston Firemen were not able to attend due to work. Sgt. Wilburn had nominated Officer

After our first nine holes at the Belfry,

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www.sar.org
 February 20, 2010 - Laredo George Washington Parade

**State**

www.txssar.org
 October 30-November 1, 2009 - TSSAR BOM meeting, Holiday Inn, Richardson, TX
 March 25-27, 2010 - 2010 Annual Conference, Houston, TX

The Revolution

October 1st, 1775: Abigail Adams writes her husband John on the death of her mother — "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me o! my beloved, for the Hand of God presseth me soar. . . . Tis a dreadful time with this whole province. Sickness and death are in almost every family. I have no more shocking and terrible Idea of any Distemper except the Plague than this. . . ."



October 3rd, 1776: Congress borrows five million dollars, "to halt the rapid depreciation of paper money in the colonies."

October 4th, 1777: Battle of Germantown. Troops under George Washington are repelled by British troops under Sir William Howe

October 6th, 1778: Armed vessels and galleys under Captain Collins of the British Navy with 400 troops of the British Seventieth Regiment raid the privateer port of Chestnut Neck (NJ) on the Mullica River.

October 9th, 1779 : "For 55 minutes at dawn, there was fought on the western outskirts of Savannah what was unquestionably the most sanguinary battle of the entire 8 years of the War for Independence . . . fought with a partly lifted fog obscuring and hindering the movements of American and French, helping to continue the confusion. In that hour, there fell within an area of a few square hundred yards more dead and wounded than are credited to any other battlefield in the struggle for American independence." Americans have 457 dead or wounded, the French, 383. British losses: only 18 killed and 40 wounded.

October 10th, 1780: "The greatest of all hurricanes" strikes the Eastern Caribbean. Lives lost: 22,000. The English fleet anchored off St. Lucia disappears and a convoy of 40 French transports sinks with 4,000 soldiers.

Yorktown, October 11th, 1781: "At nightfall, Washington ordered the Americans to dig a second parallel 400 yards closer to the British lines. During the night British fire continued to land in the old line; Cornwallis did not suspect a new parallel was being dug. By morning, they had pushed it to include the captured works. Allied troops were in position in the new line." Cornwallis writes to Clinton: "My situation has now become very critical."

Yorktown, October 14th, 1781: A British Lieutenant James writes — "At 9 P.M. they stormed from left to right with 17,000 men advancing with drums beating and loud huzzas; the whole garrison was a scene of fire throughout the lines which added to the thunder of the heavy artillery and the blaze of musketry from so prodigious an army within a few yards of each other, opened to view a scene which will ever make an impression on my mind and which I cannot attempt to describe."

October 17th, 1782: The Cherokee sign the "Long Swamp Treaty" with General Andrew Pickens in Selacoa, Georgia. They cede land in Georgia as reparation for siding with the British during the Revolutionary War.

SOURCE: Dr. Joe "Doc" Allen Rice

Awards Presented



The SAR Fire Safety Award was present to Fireman Harry Simmer (R) by Jim Mitchell. Pictured is Chief Sparks (L) and Fireman Simmer.



Rex McLain, III, (L) received a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate, for the Revolutionary Service of his ancestor Philip Everhart, from President Larry Stevens at the September 17th meeting.



Picture of Ray Cox (4th from left) and Ron Barker (5th from left) as part of the funeral service of B.J. Anderson, Freedom Chapter member, on August 13, 2009 at United Methodist Church in Conroe, Texas.



Jim Mims (L) received the Bronze Texas Service Medal at the September 17th meeting from President Larry Stevens.



John Beard (R) received the Military Service Medal at the September 17th meeting from Larry Stevens.

James Huey Grave Marking

by Jim Mitchell

James Huey, Senior at age 97 entered the Ouachita Parish CH at Monroe, LA and swore to a Justice of the Peace (unfortunately, not to the county or parish judge) that he was b. 1742 in Augusta Co., VA and moved upon reaching manhood to Chester Co., SC under the British King George's rule. On Aug 1st 1777 he attested that he enlisted in Lacey's Militia Rgt., of the Chester County SC militia and marched to the head waters of the Savannah River to fight the British army. There before the initial battle in the marches near the mouth of the Savannah River, he heard the British drums and for the 1st time. The British departed before the SC militia readied their fire. After several months service, his militia rgt. was discharged to return to Chester Co, SC. The next service that he was called up in Chester Co., was 1780 and Jan., 1781 to march to the aid of Gen. Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens, SC, where his rgt. was commanded by a Capt. James Gore. Other engagements against the British were at Eutaw Springs a British Loyalist stronghold of Ninety-Six in SC during June that same year. After his discharge that year, he was called up again in 1782 during the spring time and his militia rgt. marched to Orangeburg, his commander was now, Col. Joseph Brown. The British evacuated that place as we arrived and we returned home to Chester Co. At age 70, he his wife and family crossed the Cherokee and Creek Indian Nation through (Fall Line Trail that runs from Boston to Montgomery, Alabama, today) Georgia and re-settled west of Ft. Miro on the Ouachita River, Louisiana. He bought 20 acres of "first quality" land within west Ouachita



Patrick McGriff and James Huey, Sr. served in the Chester County, Militia, SC. Huey enlisted 8/1/1777 in Lacey's Militia Regiment commanded by John Winn.

near Indian Village community and established his family. Patriot James Huey's sworn petition was unfortunately signed by the Ouachita Parish JP, not the parish judge so it was never approved although it is documented in the US National Archives at WDC.

Larry Stevens' ancestor, Patriot Patrick McGriff, appears on the same page of the 1790 Chester Co., SC US Census as James Hughey and other proven soldiers including James Gore

Irony, both SC Militia Patriots James Huey and Patrick McGriff's new grave markers were set the same summer 2009 after being lost for decades by descendants and members of the NSSAR, Larry Stevens and Walker Chewning , GSSAR (McGriff) and Johnny B. Mitchell, LSSAR and Jim Mitchell, TXSSAR (Huey).



PineWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2009



Come and join us at the next meeting.

Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM

October 15 Members Meeting

November 19 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests) PineWoods will have a pre-thanksgiving meal with turkey, pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. Please RSVP

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Dalmas to receive the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for action above and beyond in the apprehension of a criminal in Kingwood. Houston EMS Chief Barry came to recognize Ronald Grimstead, an EMS responder of 30 years, when he discovered Grimstead could not attend due to work. Chief Barry related the amazing EMS career of this individual and why he recommended him to receive the SAR EMS Medal and Certificate. Then Ron read the recommendations for the SAR Heroism Medal for three Houston Fire Fighters, Captain Jimmy Bull, fireman Thomas Atkinson, and Fireman Robert Pecht, for their unselfish act of plunging into a burning trailer home and rescuing a severely burned victim at great risk to their own safety.

The stories of these individuals, our Public Servants, took me back those eight years as I listened, to the heinous acts of terrorism on the morning of September 11th, and, the gallant efforts of the emergency responders captured on film forever in NYC.

Larry Stevens



PineyWoods Chapter business meeting held August 8, 2009 at Homewood Suites.

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Miller Parker Patriot: William Scurlock
 Larry Hollis Blackburn Patriot: William Matteson
 Benj. Blair Stallings Patriot: Thomas H. Hardeman

Newsletter

Our largest expenditure is the cost of our newsletter. Help us eliminate mailing newsletters thereby saving money on mailing. Please send your e-mail address to Jim Mims at jhmims4@aol.com.

The PineyWoods Shavings is mailed to 25 members. Thirty-nine members have elected to receive their copy by e-mail. This has saved the chapter around half of the money budgeted for the newsletter. The PineyWoods Shavings is also posted on our Chapter's website at:

<http://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/>

The Texas Society is attempting the same due to budget woes. Our State Secretary Bill Marrs is asking all of our 2400 plus members who can to provide him their e-mail address. The State will have enough money to mail one more hard copy to about half of our members this summer. The Fall Texas Compatriot may just be available electronically.

Please help your SAR out.

TITLE: News from America, or the Patriots in the dumps.

SUMMARY: Cartoon shows Lord North standing on a platform holding letter announcing successful campaign by British troops in America. A distraught woman "America" holding a liberty cap, sits at the base of the platform; others present react to the news.



CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London : s.n.], 1776 Nov.

NOTES:

Illus. from: London magazine, v. 45 (1776 Nov.), p. 599.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDALS PRESENTATIONS

Those recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution are put forth as outstanding examples of living patriots among us. Many are average people who do extraordinary things. Some are people who happened to be in the right place and acted out of a care for their fellow Americans more than themselves.

The Sons of the American Revolution has honored Judges, Fire Department personnel, Law Enforcement personnel, Senators, Congress Representatives, Presidents, Corporations, Community Councils, Churches, and individuals from all walks of life.

We honor Eagle Scouts from the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, outstanding JROTC Cadets, History Teachers and outstanding individuals who represent the future of America in our school systems.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

This National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) medal was authorized during 1933 and it may be presented by the chapter, state or national society to recognize peace officers, judges, attorneys, prosecutors and legislators who have preformed an exceptional act of service beyond that normally expected.

On May 26, 2009 Houston Police Department (HPD) Kingwood Division officer Sgt. B. Wilburn released a news announcement to the Kingwood Observer, published on June 3, that HPD Bicycle Officer Scott DALMAS came upon three males at 5PM behind a strip shopping center on Northpark Drive. They were believed to be engaging in suspicious behavior that was possibly drug related. When one male ran from the scene as the officer announced himself, he had to be physically wrestled to the ground after fleeing. This male suspect was held for identification purposes and several arrest warrants were found though an immediate inquiry canvass of records within the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

“The suspect had seven outstanding felony warrants out of Cleveland, Oklahoma,” Officer Wilburn advised the Kingwood Observer. Additional local charges are pending and authorities have not released the name of the suspect.



Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal, first authorized in 2005, may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected. It may be presented only to an individual and may be only presented once. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

EMS

Paramedic Ronald Grimstead

Grimstead has been with HFD since 1979. Assistant Chief Bill Barry of HFD EMS selected Paramedic Grimstead for his long and distinguished career in EMS. Ron is the epitome of the Holder Rule in action. He is retiring in December. The "Holder Rule" -- Treat patients and their families as if they are a member of your own family. This "rule" is named after long time HFD EMS Assistant Chief Dennis Holder, who died during his tenure as EMS assistant chief. It's a belief he frequently espoused and has now been turned into a rule and placed in the HFD patient care protocols.

Fire Safety Enforcement Commendation Medal

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. It may be presented only to an individual and may be only presented once. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

The obverse of the medal depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names.

Fire Rescue

Firefighters Thomas Atkinson (been with HFD since 1980) & Robert Pecht (been with HFD since 1969) both of Fire Station 65 Captain Jimmy Bull (Retired) FF Pecht will attend with a guest. The other two can't make it to the meeting.

At 09:35 hours on the morning of May 4, 2007, OEC received calls reporting a mobile home on fire with people trapped. The distance between Station 65 and the other responding apparatus meant that 65's crew would be working this fire alone for quite some time.

Engine Co. 65 and Medic 65 were the first arriving units. Engine 65 reported smoke showing from a doublewide mobile home. Bystanders were using a garden hose to spray water into the burning trailer house. As Captain Jimmy Bull exited the cab, civilians informed him that someone was inside the burning house. The husband of the victim was frantically screaming for someone to help her. Captain Bull, Firefighter Thomas Atkinson and Firefighter Robert Pecht stretched a 1 3/4" attack line to the front door.

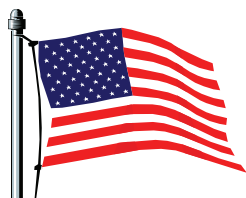
Captain Bull and his crew entered the front door of the home to begin their search for the missing woman. The firefighters found thick smoke and a small fire in the living room. The victim was located just few feet inside the front door, badly burned, conscious but unresponsive. As the firefighters attempted to lift her, she became combative, making the rescue extremely difficult. Atkinson and Pecht were able to move the victim to the front door where other firefighters were waiting to administer medical care. Engineer/Operator/Paramedic Kaz Mariaz, Firefighter/Paramedic John Delbosque and Engineer/Operator Tim Wilkey rushed their patient to the medic unit and transported her to an area hospital. Unfortunately, she passed away days later.

The Houston Fire Department presented Captain Jimmy Bull, Firefighter Robert Pecht and Firefighter Thomas Atkinson with the Unit Medal of Valor in 2007.



Happy Birthday			
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Bernie Balser Raymond Cox Kenneth Flemming Jeff O'Neal Stephen Parker James Reese Larry Stevens	Ron Austin Larry Blackburn Allan Henshaw Paul Luther Jim Mims	John Dorsey Jonathan Hubbard Pat O'Neal Edwin Pierson, Jr. Clay Warlick	Ron Barker Dennis Key Robert L. McCain James Richards, Sr.

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**RSVP FOR THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009 DINNER MEETING
At Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Friday, November 13th. You can send an RSVP email to Kim Morton at Genmorton@usa.net or Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com OR you can call Larry Stevens at 281-361-2061. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$15.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.