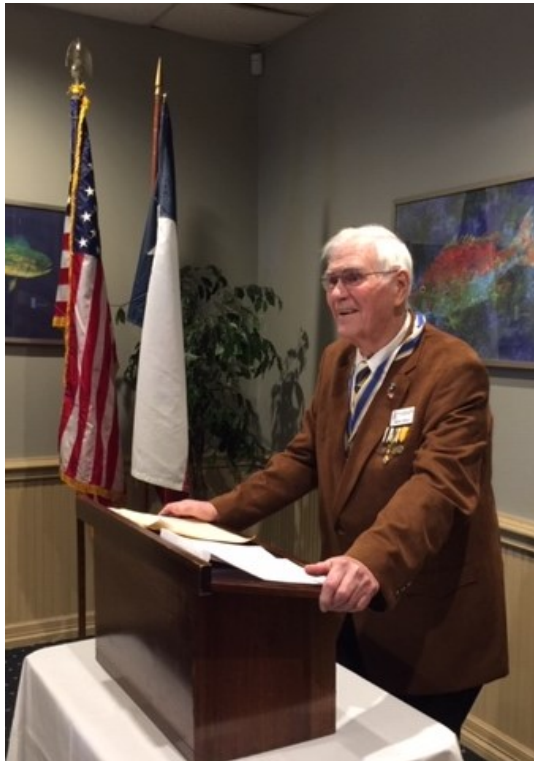




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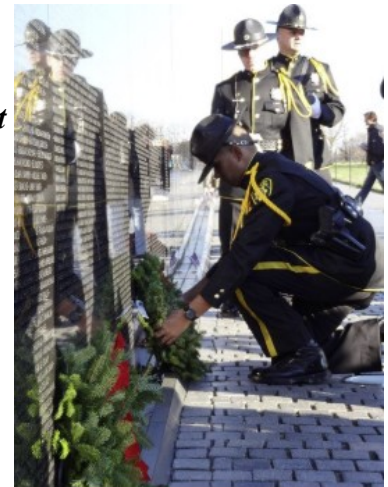
**PineyWoods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



From the President,

My thanks to Dr Polly Heil-Mealy for a great presentation about the medical conditions during the Revolutionary war. Hard to believe but only 10 percent of the casualties were from battles.

I think back on my required 5 years in the military service and marvel at how lucky it was. Between 1955 -1960, I was in the Army National Guard, Air Force and Army Reserve. It was a rare period of world peace. The most serious thing that happened was Francis Gary Powers' spy plane being shot down.



Before and after my service a lot of my fellow service members were not as lucky. We honor fallen service members in many ways, as we should. One way we honor them here in Houston is by placing wreaths on their graves every December. The

local chapter of Wreaths Across America will do this at 11:00 AM the 14th of December at the Houston National Cemetery. Your PineyWoods Chapter is making a donation this year through the Kingwood NJROTC. You can help in this worthy cause by your donation or labor. For information go to their web site : info@waahouston.com. or call 281-540-9444. See you there.

Kermit Breed



*“We The People
of the United
States Of Amer-
ica..”*

*A Presentation
by*

David Berges

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PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting October 19, 2019

**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.

RSVP to Larry Stevens
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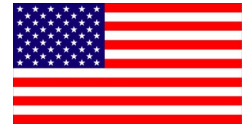
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Calendar of Events

National Events



NSSAR Congress—July 10-16,
2020 Richmond, Virginia—Hotel
Info Posted!

State Events

TXSSAR 125th
Anniversary Con-
vention March 26-
29, 2020—Westin
at The Woodlands



Chapter Events

Chapter Meetings-Jimmy G's
October 19, 2019
November 16, 2019
December 14, 2019

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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.

Wreaths Across America—December 14, 2019—Wreaths will be placed at the gravesites of many **Veterans** on this date throughout the United States and other lands. PineyWoods is making a significant donation to be used by the **Kingwood High School Navy JROTC** for the purchase of Wreaths that they will place at the Veterans Cemetery.

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Membership

Highest in Several Years! Active/Regular—81 New Members—6 Active/Reinstated
This Year—8 Dual/Primary Other State—6 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

Total Membership—108

Not Paid 2019 Regular—8 Junior—3

If you are not current on you dues for 2019—PLEASE Contact Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens at

The Constitution of the United States of American

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

David R. Berges

David was born in Niagara Falls, New York, and lived in West Haven Connecticut and Huntsville, Alabama before moving to Texas in 1965. David's first stop in Texas was Old Humble, where he attended Francis Elementary School (still in operation) before moving on to La Porte, Huntsville (TX), and Conroe, where he graduated in 1972. He spent the next 30 years in Baytown before moving back to the Humble area in 2003.

David's sister, Melanie Ferguson, has been a DAR member for many years, and David is now honored to address the Piney Woods chapter of the SAR as a newly sworn in Compatriot.

David and his wife, Karen, are the parents of a blended family of 11 children, 26 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild (arriving in January).

Our Program for the PineyWoods Chapter Lunch Meeting at Jimmy G's will be a presentation by David Berges on "*The Constitution of the United States of America*".

While working in Baytown Texas, David became intensely interested in the United States Constitution and the principles of liberty it proclaimed and defended. He led discussions at every opportunity, and also hosted a seminar presented by the National Center for Constitutional Studies.

Topics to be covered in Saturday's discussion include: 1) a basic review of the US Constitution, 2) changes to the Constitution that have weakened it, 3) the increasing need to protect religious freedom, and 4) the direction of our political system as constitutional principles are bypassed. Those attending will also receive their own pocket Constitution to carry with them for easy reference.

Over the past 200 plus years there have been many corrections, changes and amendments made to our constitution. Some changes made intended to address one issue became the gateway for additional solutions.



AMENDMENT XIV

Passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868.

Note: Article I, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by section 2 of the 14th amendment.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

PineyWoods Chapter Meeting Minutes September 21, 2019

Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant Greenspoint at 307 N Sam Houston Parkway, Houston

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation was followed by the pledge to the United States & Texas flags, and the SAR pledge. Kermit Breed was pleased to welcome everyone, including an introduction to a soon-to-be new member, Randy Hall.

Compatriots Present:

John Worm, Bernie Kent, Kermit Breed, Abe Abdmoulaie, John Beard, Lawrence "Ski" Grumboski, Jim Pinkerton, Kim Morton, Stephen McIntyre, Michael Anderson, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, David Cook Joe Potter, David Berges

Guests Present:

Ann Kent, Sandra Breed, Mary-Claire Beard, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, Randy Hall, Stephen Hale, Polly Heil-Mealey

Secretary's Report: [A motion to accept](#) Minutes from the most recent August 2019 meeting [was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.](#)

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize shared a monthly report on Piney Woods Chapter funds. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report:

Larry Stevens reported that he has 3 applications in process at various stages toward approval. One (1) new member has been approved for Scott DeMasi. One (1) supplemental application is awaiting approval in Louisville. And one (1) new application has been mailed to the Texas Coastal Registrar for Randy Hall. Kermit Breed confirmed that two (2) - Trey Ryan Davis & Nathan Douglas Daffron - more applications have been submitted to Louisville and are awaiting approval.

AWARDS/Recognition:

Kermit Breed presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal & Certificate recognizing the career contributions of Michael E. Anderson. He joined the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) in 1989, initially serving in San Antonio, TX and Washington D.C., until coming to Houston, TX in 2000, to serve as a Supervisor of the FBI Commodities Fraud and Money Laundering Program. Agent Anderson was designated Supervisor of the Enron Investigation Task Force in 2001 that ultimately resulted in 21 convictions and over \$100 Million in forfeiture to victims of the Enron fraud. In 2006, Agent Michael E. Anderson received the highest award issued by the Justice Department – the Exceptional Service Award. He retired from the FBI in November 2017, following 28 years of dedicated service.

NEWSLETTER:

PineyWoods Chapter now has 107 members which includes 6 dual, out-of-state and 7 Youth members. The Chapter will mail out printed copies of a Fall 2019 monthly Pine Shavings (4-page) newsletter to all members with correct postal mailing addresses. An electronic copy of our last PineyWoods "Pine Shavings" newsletter was emailed to 84 recipients on Monday, 16 September 2019.

Program Presentation:

Dr. Poly Heil-Mealey, ND was our September meeting guest speaker presenting the topic - American Revolutionary War Medicine. Poor sanitation, limited food rations and contagious diseases were rampant in war time of early America. We learned that 90% of the American Revolutionary War fatalities were a result of disease, versus direct battlefield fatalities. And George Washington was no exception as he suffered many ailments throughout his life including Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Smallpox, Dysentery, Malaria & Pneumonia, ultimately succumbing to Quinsy, a severe bacterial infection of tonsillitis.

New Members:

Scott deMasi—Ancestor Ezekiel Magee—Private—Essex New Jersey

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Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

SAR PineyWoods Chapter has been requested to sponsor a donation to Kingwood High School Navy ROTC for Wreaths Across America. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> This organization coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 1,600 locations (cemeteries, memorial sites, etc.) across the United States, at sea and abroad. Additional information is being gathered and a preliminary proposal to contribute \$250 (\$200, chapter funds + the \$50 expense check return-gifted from Capt. Jason Smith's August presentation) will be presented for vote at a forthcoming PineyWoods Chapter meeting. And our September guest speaker's firm – Abundant Health and Wellness Center/Humble, TX – offered to match our \$250 donation to total \$500.

Benediction by Jim Pinkerton was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — Bernie Kent



Michael Anderson is presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal , Ribbon, and Certificate by President Kermit Breed recognizing his long career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Congratulations Mike!



President Breed recognized our Luncheon Speaker Dr. Polly Heil-Measley and her husband Stephen. He presented Dr. Polly with a certificate of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell. Stephen was presented the Texas SAR

Challenge Coin. What a very informative and interesting presentation by Dr. Polly of medical education, medicines and practice during the Revolutionary War and what was learned about treatments.



NOTICE
PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at 12:30 pm Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant.

American History



September 5, 1781 – The Battle of the Virginia Capes – The French fleet commanded by Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, the comte de Grasse was guarding the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay. Laying at anchor in the bay, de Grasse saw the British fleet, that was commanded by Rear Admiral Thomas Graves. Graves knew that de Grasse was sailing up from the West Indies and the French Fleet under Admiral de Barras, had sailed south from Newport Rhode Island to join de Grasse, so he sailed 19 Ships of the Line south from Sandy Hook New Jersey in an attempt to get there first with provisions for Cornwallis. As soon as the French

spotted Graves, 24 French War ships sailed out to do battle. After most of the day was spent maneuvering, the fore and middle ships engaged in battle with the British. Graves suffered the most damage and at sundown he sailed North. The French then sealed the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

September 14, 1781 – The Marshall Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau arrives after a long march starting about July 6, 1781 from Rhode Island to New York to join George Washington at Mt. Kisco, New York, on the Hudson River. There he made his headquarters on Odell's Farm. On August 19, 1781, Rochambeau ordered his force South to Williamsburg, Virginia. George Washington and he both marched at the same time but separately mainly due to obtaining provisions in route. Both armies reached Williamsburg before September 22nd where they joined the Marquis de Lafayette's Force of 5,000 who were blocking any means of escape by Cornwallis. By September 28th, de Grasse had sent 3,000 French soldiers ashore.



THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU AND THE FRENCH ARMY AT NEWPORT -- BY PERCY MORAN



October 6, 1781—Washington has his **Allied Army** start digging the first zig-zag ditch called a parallel to provide cover as they approached the British positions.

October 17, 1781— A British Drummer and a White Flag Of Truce signal Cornwallis wants to talk. On **October 16th** before dawn, a British counter attack had failed. **Evening of the 16th**, a storm prevented Cornwallis's attempted to withdraw to Gloucester Point north across the River from Yorktown, leaving his sick and wounded. He was trapped.

October 19, 1781 – The British Surrender at Yorktown – On August 19, 1781, George Washington marched his Continental Army from the Hudson River to Williamsburg Virginia arriving about the same time as Rochambeau, Joining Lafayette. Washington's Combined force was 7,800 French, 8,000 Continentals and 3,100 militia. Washington leaned heavily on the judgement of Rochambeau having no experience in siege warfare. After many days of cannon bombardment from the French fleet, the French and American batteries, and the combined assault forces of the French and Americans. Cornwallis surrendered his Army on October 19, 1781 effectively ending the American Revolution against Britain.

WOMEN IN THE REVOLUTION

Over the years Compatriot Jim Mitchell of the Galvez Chapter has told our chapter stories of the spies of the American. This article is going to feature those spies of the fairer sex. Both the British and the Colonial commanders recruited women to assist with the effort. These women were needed to cook and clean and perform domestic duties around the camp, the Camp Followers. This gave the ladies access to many levels of military command. What gave this access even more importance was the attitude of men towards women at this time. Women were seen as delicate beings with only a head for housewifery and needlework. Soldiers frequently spoke of military matters in front of the women as they would children or animals, dismissing the notion that they would either understand or act upon this knowledge. This made them very effective. Featured here are tales of four such women.

One of the first women called upon to serve was Elizabeth Burgin. Washington used her to spy on the British prison ships in New York harbor. Men were not allowed on board, but women were not considered dangerous. She is credited with helping 200 prisoners escape, before being found out by the British. They placed a £200 bounty on her head. She was forced to flee with the clothes on



her back. She was granted a pension in 1781.

General George Washington, reporting to the Continental Congress:

"Regarding Elizabeth Burgin an inhabitant of New York. From the testimony of our own [escaped] officers...it would appear that she has been indefatigable for the relief of the prisoners, and for the facilitation of their escape. For this conduct she incurred the suspicion of the British, and was forced to make her escape under disturbing circumstances."

Another spy ring in the New York area, the Culper Spy Ring, had several operatives who were women. They used the code "355" to designate one female agent. This group

was important in uncovering the treason of Benedict Arnold and the arrest of Major John Andre. The identity of agent "355" has never been determined.

Anna "Nancy" Smith Strong (1740-1812) was one of the Culper agents for which a little is known. Vital information was gathered in New York City and passed to an agent. He carried it to Setauket and placed it into a drop box on a farm. Mrs. Smith lived within view of the farm and used her laundry as a signal where the information could be delivered to the next agent. That agent, #725, a whaler, was hidden in one of six local coves, Mrs. Smith would hang her black petticoat on her clothesline. She indicated which of the six coves by hanging up handkerchiefs along with the black petticoat. No one knows how Mrs. Smith knew when and where to locate the whaleboat of Agent 725, Caleb Brewster. Nancy's husband Selah Strong, spent much of the war on a NY prison ship and after his release went into hiding in Connecticut. They united after the war and in 1790 Selah led George Washington's carriage to the tavern on Long Island.



The British side had its heroines too. Gen Henry Clinton recruited a Philadelphia schoolteacher Ann Bates. She was the wife of a British cannon repairman and was very familiar with military weapons. She began work in 1778 posing as a peddler lady, Mrs. Barnes. She was able to infiltrate Washington's headquarter in White Plains, NY. Her intelligence was responsible for the American withdrawal from Newport in August of 1778. She went with her husband to England in 1781. After her husband deserted her, she was awarded a pension from the British government.

These were just a few of the many women spies. Clearly underestimating women cost both sides. Larry Stevens

Cleaning Headstones

After years of watching others use tombstone cleaners to bring totally unreadable tombstone back to new Barbara and I made a trip to Lamar, Johnson County, Arkansas, after the Texas Society Business meetings in Arlington, to perform this miracle on tombstones from the 1840s that had never been cleaned. Well, we got there and the whole cemetery had been cleaned by the wonderful Johnson County Historical Society about a year before. So at least some work had been done. But in just one day we were able to return these tombstones to their former glory. So how does the solution work? Well, if you are patient, you can just spray the tombstone and forget it and the solution will work over time to produce a very clean tombstone. I have seen photos of tombstones over a year later which look white and new. I have not done this so cannot attest to this being one treatment. However, I think what we found in Arkansas must be a procession of how it works. We used a sprayer with D2 and another sprayer with water to use if you get D2 on your skin, and heavy duty gloves to prevent exposure.. Also took 3 gallons of water and a pail and soft plastic brushes. We sprayed D2 on an entire side and lightly brushed it and left for the day. The next day we came back re-sprayed, let it set for about 15 minutes then with the water in the pail, lightly scrubbed the tombstone. There are three copies of the tombstones below to illustrate the treatments. Amazing stuff. We purchased more D2 on the return home at Houston Mounment Works, Crocket TX.



Cemetery Preservation Supply at www.gravestonecleaner.com

Untreated	After one year	Immediately after second treatment