



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the
American Revolution
October 2021 Issue 9**



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, and Educational activi-



**TEXAS HISTORY
BUFFS**

You will enjoy our Chapter Lunch Program on OCTOBER 16th at Union Kitchen. Our speaker is Attorney **Eric Dick** who is the author of the historical fiction book, *Come and Take It: The Story of the Tomlinson Family*, detailing the Texas Revolution, Camanche War and the proud State of Texas. Mr.

Dick will discuss Texas history and interesting facts developed from researching his book. In his twenties, Eric Dick was a Papa John's pizza delivery driver. He dreamed big and never lost faith, and today, he owns Dick Law Firm. He represents thousands of Houston consumers with their denied or underpaid property insurance claims (e.g., home insurance disputes against Allstate). As a lifetime learner, he was fortunate to start an MBA at Rice University during the Coronavirus pandemic. Giving back to the public is crucial to Eric Dick. In that regard, he serves an unpaid elected position as a trustee for the Harris County Department of Education and worked as president of the board of trustees. Eric Dick is happily married to Danielle, and they share two beautiful daughters, Grace and Caroline.

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From the President:



Members and Friends,

I want to remind everyone of an upcoming event in which our chapter is participating; your children/grandchildren might be interested as well. Our August speaker, Denton Florian, gave an informative presentation about the Texas Memorial Illumination which will take place on Saturday, November 13th. The event is to commemorate the sacrifice of more than 21,500 Texans who gave their lives in armed conflict. We will be participating by assisting in placing, lighting, and picking up a portion of 21,500 candles on the San Jacinto battlefield to visually depict what President Abraham Lincoln called “the last full measure of devotion.” For more information about the event, go to <https://www.texasmemorialilluminationatsanjacinto.com>. Under the “Resources” hyperlink is a link where you can access a PowerPoint with detailed information. There is also a brief YouTube video available by searching Texas Memorial Illumination. I am attending a team leader meeting on Wednesday, October 6th, and will thereafter email everyone with information about signing up.

I also want to give a heads-up for how we want to recognize Piney Woods chapter veterans in November. What better way to acknowledge their patriotic commitment than by publishing photos of them during military service in our Pine Shavings newsletter. Therefore, by October 31st, please email newsletter editor and Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens a photo of you while you were in the military and in uniform. It can be a headshot, photo by military equipment, etc. I think we all would enjoy seeing these photos. A few years before I retired from the FBI, our photographer collected similar photos of veterans in the Houston Field Office and displayed them on monitors in the elevator banks during the entire month of November. It was a big hit, and I found myself standing and watching for extended periods as the photos scrolled on the screen. Running them in our newsletter is way to imitate this worthwhile project.

October marks one of the most important dates in Revolutionary War history. On October 19, 1781, British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his army of some 8,000 men to General George Washington at Yorktown, giving up any chance of winning the Revolutionary War. Cornwallis had marched his army into the Virginia port town earlier that summer. In early October, approximately 17,000 American and French troops led by Generals George Washington and Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau, respectively, surrounded British-occupied Yorktown. The Franco-American siege exhausted the British army’s supplies of food and ammunition. With no hope for escape, Cornwallis agreed to the terms of Washington’s Articles of Capitulation, signing the document at Moore House on October 19. Hours after the surrender, the general’s defeated troops marched out of Yorktown to the tune “The World Turned Upside Down.”

Our next meeting is October 16th at the Union Kitchen on Highway 59 in Kingwood, and our speaker will be Houston attorney Eric Dick who has written a historical fiction book about Texas history. He will talk about Texas and historical anecdotes derived from his research. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Anderson
President

The Surrender of Yorktown October 19, 1781

September 5, 1781, a naval battle that took place called the Battle of the Capes at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. The British Fleet commander by Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves was defeated by the French commanded by Rear Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, the Comte de Grasse. Even though it was not a decisive victory for the French, the French blocked the sea lanes and sent siege cannon and more soldiers to General Comte de Rochambeau. Washington's joint command was now more than 16,000.



With the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay blocked by the French Fleet, the British were trapped in Yorktown. There was no way out. Cornwallis finally agreed to surrender terms but did not appear in person. Instead he sent his second in command Charles O'Hara to present the Sword to General Rochambeau. The French general refused to except the sword say it should be presented to General Washington. Washington refused and sent Benjamin Lincoln to accept the sword.

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

President—Michael Anderson

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

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Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

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Registrar - Joe Potter

Historian - Kermit Breed

Chaplain -Alan Bowman

Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

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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 TX Hyatt

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Meeting October 16, 2021

Meeting November 20, 2021

Lunch Meeting December 11, 2021

Home of Larry and Barbara Stevens

Fallen Heroes Fund Golf KCC October 23

Willow Creek Elem Patriot Day Nov. 5 All Day

Greentree Elem. Patriot Day Nov. 18 All Day

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—92 Junior-5 Dual-4 —————Total 101

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 Funderbunk	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 Scott. 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 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080

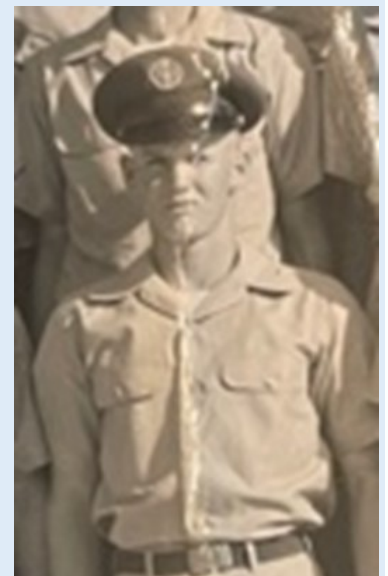


CHAPTER VETERANS PICTURES

Airman Kermit L. Breed USAF 1957 (L)

**Airman Larry G. Stevens USAF 1960 R)
SQDN 3703 Flight 333
Basic Training Lackland AFB San Antonio**

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE
"GATEWAY TO THE AIR FORCE"
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
APRIL, 1960





Larry G. Stevens, Editor.

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2021 issue 9 Editor—Larry Stevens

We have two exciting educational programs coming in November at two Humble ISD Kingwood Elementary Schools November 5th and November 18th. I am heading up the SAR effort and need some volunteers to help set up props and tents early in the mornings before the school programs begin and to take all down after.

I need help manning the Colonel Trunk table. Colonel period life is discuss using the types of foods and clothing during the late 1700's. We participated with Rev Edu and the school Principals in two nearly identical programs last Spring. We were asked to come back!! Contact me if you can help at wardtracker@aol.com.

The topic of education DAR and SAR today is the upcoming Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. But we intend to recognize events each year from 1775 to 1783, including events before the SHOTS FIRED AT LEXINGTON on April 19, 1775. Last issue highlighted the North Carolina Battle at Alamance.

The only other event happened in Britain and was on December 3, 1771. It was related to the case of James Sommersett, an escaped slave found imprisoned on the ship British Ann and Mary. The result of this case was the end of Slavery in Great Britain.

Your Editor

Larry Stevens

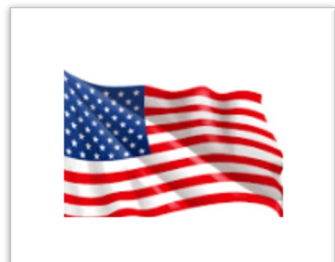


250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 2025-2033

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.

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—16 October 2021 — 11:30 AM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTIONS President Mike Anderson

CALL FOR REPORTS

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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—Business Meeting Union Kitchen—September 18, 2021

President Michael Anderson opened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the invocation. This was followed by President Anderson leading the members in the U.S., Texas, and SAR pledges. Members introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their patriot ancestors.

Attendance: Fourteen (14) Compatriots and one guest present: Larry Stevens, Keith Schoonover, Randy Hall, Bernie Kent, Ray Cox, Michael Anderson, Cannon Pritchard, Harry Salisbury, Kermit Breed, Ben Baskin, Jim Pinkerton, David Berges, Alan Bowman, Mel Oller and Caroline Bowman (guest).

Secretary Report: The report was in the last newsletter.

Treasurers Report: None given. Larry Stevens collected the money for the luncheon.

Guest speaker, Dr. David Schein, Professor of Business at Saint Thomas University, gave an interesting presentation. His talk was reflective of his book, *The Decline of American, 100 years of Leadership Failure*. Dr Schein discussed key events in building the American empire and pointed out areas in which the U.S. has “fumbled” opportunities from Presidents Wilson to Obama. He also discussed ways to save the American Empire. Dr. Schein was presented a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Registrars Report: Larry Stevens is currently working with two potential members.

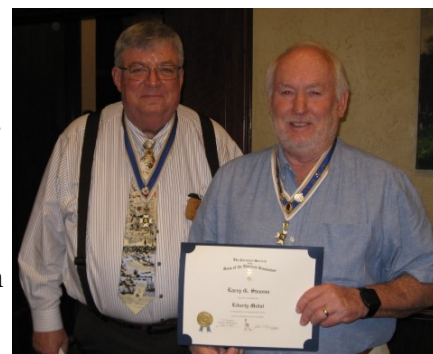
JROTC: Randy Hall had no report but noted the JROTC instructor at Al-dine Sr. High had died unexpectedly. Randy was instrumental in training the officer.

Old Business: President Anderson, reminded members of a DAR sponsored cemetery clean up in the Humble area October 9th and 23rd. The cleanup would also be on November 20th. Details to follow.

New Business: Kermit Breed said there would be a memorial service for Compatriot Kim Morton in the near future. Kim was a founding member of the Piney Woods Chapter, and our Genealogist. Kim will be missed by all. President Anderson was to send out the email address for Jim Jones, Piney Woods member, and past state president. We are encouraged to wish Jim a happy 85th birthday. Michael also encouraged members to send Larry Stevens, newsletter publisher, pictures of themselves in military uniforms if they served. This would be included in our November newsletter. A great idea in conjunction with Veteran’s Day.



Presentation: Mel Oller, Freedom Chapter member and Texas SAR State Secretary presented NSSAR certificates of appreciation to Kermit Breed and Larry Stevens for their extensive work in bringing in new members to our chapter. These compatriots spend countless hours as registrars. They are charged with making all the puzzle pieces of patriot ancestry fit together. Without them, we would have no new members. Additionally, Larry received a certificate for his tireless work in promoting patriotic ideas through the education of students. Compatriot Oller also presented the President General’s Education Outreach Streamer to our chapter for continued work with our youth. Piney Woods also received a certificate for Partners in Patriotism.



Closing: President Anderson closed the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be October 16, 2021.



PineyWoods Meeting Pictures

**Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin Bernie Kent, Ray Cox, Cannon Pritchard
(Not Picture Alan and Carolyn Bowman not seated, and TXSAR SEC Mel Oller)**



Dr. Schein (R-F): Mike Schoonover, Randy Hall, Harry Salisbury, Kermit Breed standing

Mike Anderson and David Berges (L)



CONSTITUTION DAY

September 17, 1787

PineyWoods Joined the Lady Houston Chapter NSDAR Kingwood at 3:00 am September 17, 2021 at Kingwood Drive and Lake Houston Parkway for a Remembrance Ceremony of the signing to the US Constitution. Vice Regent Julia Savia hosted the event. John Thompson of the Freedom Chapter and past District 8 VP, Larry Stevens, SAR VPG and PineyWoods Chapter, and Mike Anderson President of the PineyWoods Chapter all took an active part in the ceremony by reading excerpts from the Articles of the Constitution



along with TXDAR District Regent, and the American Legion. The United States Flag of posted by the Kingwood Park USAF JROTC Unit commanded by the Great Grand Son of PineyWoods Chapter Past President Kermit Breed.

Small Constitution Books provided by PineyWoods were placed on the information table for all to take with them.

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.

American Fowling Piece used at Fort Ticonderoga by Beriah Murray, New Hampshire Militia
Donated by Neil S. Murray
Michigan Society

Hanoverian Musket brought to America by German Troops
Purchased with Funds from:
Kings Mountain Chapter, Tennessee Society
Dr. Darryl Addington, Tennessee Society
Brooks Lyles, International Society
Bruce Pickett, Alabama Society
SAR Museum Board

American, Hessian, & French Halberds
Donated by the SAR Color Guard, John Bredemfoerder (OH), PG Joseph Dooley (VA), Bruce Buehler (AL), Dr. Darryl Addington (TN) & Dr. Kent Gregory (CA)

Three Powder Horns
Donated by Bruce A. Buehler
Alabama Society

Leather Shot Bag, Priming Horn, and 7 "Brown Bess" Musket Balls
Donated by Jeff Thomas
Virginia Society

British 6 Pounder Cannon on loan from the PA Society

Compass & Sundial
Donated by Dr. Samuel C. Powell
North Carolina Society

Mariner's Quadrant
Donated by the Sacramento Chapter
California Society

Blood-letting Medical Equipment
Donated by Dr. Matthew Barlow, Virginia Society & Dr. Allan Campbell, Illinois Society

"Spider" Skillet
Donated by Paul & Keitha Callanan
Michigan Society

Small Copper Pitcher
Donated by Dr. Kent Gregory
California Society

Copper Tea Kettle
Donated by Col. Peter Goebel
New York Society

Bone Dice with Stamp Act Insignia
Donated by Dr. Samuel C. Powell
North Carolina Society

Broth Bowl, Mallet Bottle, Wine Funnel, & Wine Glasses
Donated by the Alabama Ladies Auxiliary

RARE EARLY GEORGE III HANOVERIAN PATTERN SILVER SUGAR SIFTER LADLE
William Tant, London, 1762
Donated by Barbara Stevens in honor of Vice President General - SCD
Larry Gene Stevens

Horn Cup
Donated by Dr. M. Kent Gregory
California Society

Cooking Utensils
Donated by Ron Barker
California Society