



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
October 25, 2025 Issue 8**



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.



Dear Piney Woods SAR Chapter Compatriots,

I am pleased to announce that on October 25, 2025, we will welcome the President of the Freedom Chapter and SAR State Color Guard Commander as our guest speaker. He will present on the importance of SAR Color Guards and share insights on how to actively participate in related activities. I hope you all will be able to join us. As we stand together to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, we are not simply marking the passage of time—we are honoring the unbroken chain of courage, sacrifice, and vision that began in October 1775 and continues to shape our nation today.



**David Hamaker Commander
Texas SAR Color Guard**

In that pivotal month, with the odds stacked against them and the fate of liberty hanging in the balance, the Continental Congress made a bold decision: to form a Navy and a band of Continental Marines. These pioneers had little more than determination and a dream of freedom, yet they launched into uncharted waters, challenging the mightiest empire of the age. Their actions were more than tactical maneuvers—they were a statement to the world that America would never yield to tyranny.



From those first daring missions—intercepting enemy supply ships and defending our fragile coastlines—to the Marines' legendary courage at the Battle of Nassau in 1776, where they seized the British-held island of New Providence, October 1775 stands as a testament to what determined patriots can achieve. The Navy and Marine Corps quickly became symbols of unity,

**Chapter Meeting- Los Cucos Mexican Café, Kingwood October 25, 2025
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

valor, and hope, proving that greatness is forged not by circumstance, but by character.

As the Revolutionary War unfolded, the Navy's strategic victories, such as the capture of the British ship HMS *Margaretta*, and the Marines' fierce fighting at the Battle of Trenton, showcased their unwavering commitment to the cause of independence. These early triumphs laid the foundation for future engagements and established a legacy of resilience that would echo through the ages.

That legacy is alive in every sailor and Marine who serves today. Whether delivering humanitarian aid across distant shores, defending the freedoms we cherish, or standing ready in times of uncertainty, the spirit of 1775 endures. Their dedication reminds us that the values born in the crucible of the Revolution—courage, unity, sacrifice—are just as vital now as they were then.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals that launched our Navy and Marine Corps. May we honor their memory not only with words, but with actions that serve our communities, strengthen our country, and keep the torch of liberty burning bright.

Happy 250th anniversary to the Navy and Marine Corps—may their legacy guide and inspire us always. In Liberty and service,

Abe Abdmoulaie

Piney Woods #51 Chapter President

United States Army, Marines and Navy 1775

CONTINENTAL ARMY BLUE COATS

June 14, 1775

The Continental Army wore white breeches and white vests under blue coats. Trim varied according to region. Drummers and fifers typically wore

the reverse color combination of the rest of the regiment. New Englanders wore blue coats trimmed and lined with white, while drummers and fifers

wore white coats trimmed in blue. The coats of New Jersey and New York were trimmed in buff and were lined in white. The middle colony regiments of Pennsylvania and Delaware, and Maryland and Virginia had blue coats trimmed in



red and a white lining. The Carolinas and Georgia had blue coats trimmed in a lighter blue with button holes edged in white. All Continentals soldier generally wore cocked, tricorn hats.

CONTINENTAL MARINES

Marines uniforms had green coats. The Marines were the traditional soldiers of sailing ships, however they do fight on land.



Standard used by the *Continental Marines*

On October 13, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened and directs the acquisition, fitting out, and the manning of two vessels for the Continental Navy. Since Marines were a normal part of the warship's complement, this was the first, albeit indirect, authorization for the enlistment of Continental Marines, as well as sailors for the Continental Navy.



PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
250th Anniversary Memory Projects



PineyWoods SAR and The Kim Morton Foundation are proud to be a part of the installation of a second Memorial Bench; the first was for the City of Humble last March 2025.

The second bench is at the Akron Cemetery, established in 1887, in Akron, Colorado. The dedication will take place on Memorial Day 2026 to honor all Veterans that survived and for those that gave their lives. Chapter Secretary William 'Bill' King was instrumental in this endeavor. Bill secured the finance, permits and the monument company to build and install the bench. There are thirteen King/Elliott family members buried there that has military service. Also, this memorial is to celebrate Bill's Patriot Ancestor James King (1752-1819), who was a private buried in Delaware.



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SPENDORA ISD SOCIAL STUDIES US HISTORY FAIR

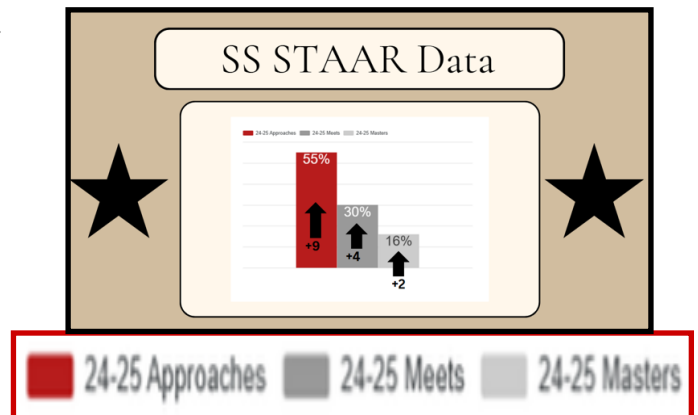
SUCCESS!!

With the help of donations, teachers, staff, volunteers, Splendora ISD 8th Graders excelled on the STAAR Social Studies Test after being rated below standard in the 2024 and a previous year. This was a major achievement.

Dr. Kristy Dietrich Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning and Brittany Ricci M.Ed. attended the September PineyWoods Chapter meeting to talk about the results of the Splendora ISD 8th Grade STAAR Social Studies Test. The result was an outstanding achievement. The Social Studies US History 'Fair' made the difference. Kristy and Britiany thanked PineyWoods for making a significant contribution enabling them to pay for printing and placards



needed for the History Games the students played. Each game was tied to a period studied during the year reenforcing the lessons taught. Splendora is looking forward to the next Fair in the Spring of 2026.



FROM THE EDITOR

Many schools celebrate Patriot's Day around Veterans day which represents the end of their Revolutionary War module — Humble ISD Elementary Schools have the following Patriot Day scheduled as follows.

- November 7 Bear Branch
- November 14 Willow Creek
- December 4 Greentree

Wreaths Across America December 13th Ski Grumboski has the scan cards for individual donations to buy wreaths.

LGS

DUES

Your Dues Notices have been sent USPS so you should receive yours soon.

Dues can be paid on line using the chapter private site.

- National (NSSAR) Dues: \$50.00
- State (Texas) Dues: \$15.50
- Chapter #51 Dues: \$10.50
- TOTAL \$ 76.00

Last year PineyWoods had 25 members who did not pay dues on time; 11 reinstated, and 14 were dropped. Texas Currently does no charge for reinstatement. We have 99 member currently; the lowest total for more than 30 years.

Since COVID, The Sons of the American Revolution membership has remain relatively flat causing a strain on our over all Budget. Please pay up on receipt this year.

Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens

FROM—President Abe Abdmoulaie



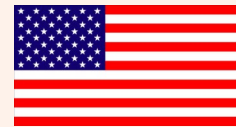
Larry G. Stevens
Editor

**PineyWoods Chapter Officers
2025 - 2027**

- President - Abe Abdmoulaie**
- 1st Vice President - Jim Pinkerton**
- 2nd Vice President - Louis Skip Hawley**
- Secretary - William Bill King**
- Treasurer - B. Ray Mize**
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- Chaplain - Alan Bowman**
- Chancellor - Jim Pinkerton**
- 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
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Events Calendar



NSSAR
National Trustees and Leadership
Galt Hotel, Louisville KY
March 5-7, 2026



TXSSAR
Austin Southpark Hotel
April 15-19th 2026

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
Los Cucos Mexican Café Kingwood

- October 25, 2025
- November 16, 2025
- December 13, 2025
- (Christmas Party-Stevens Home)

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS AGO

October 1775

John Holt's Journal of October 12, 1775—

October 2 — Piscataqua Prize

This evening arrived in the Piscataqua river a ship from England intended for Boston. It appears that yesterday she was in company with the *Raven* man-of-war, bound to the same place, but parted with her in the night. Meeting a fisherman at the eastward of Cape Ann, the captain inquired the course to Boston.



The honest fisherman, pointing towards the Piscataqua, said, "There is Boston." The crew shaped their course accordingly and soon found themselves under the guns of a battery lately erected by the people of New Hampshire. The commander of the battery, with a number of men, very humanely went on

board to pilot the ship up to Portsmouth. "I cannot go there," said the captain of the ship, "I am bound to Boston." "But you must," replied the other. Then he ordered her to get underway, and soon carried her safe alongside a wharf, where she is taken proper care of. She has been out eleven weeks from Bristol, in England, and has on board eighteen hundred barrels, and four hundred half barrels, of flour, intended for the use of the besieged army in Boston.

John Holt (1721–1784) — Holt was a prominent newspaper publisher from Williamsburg, Virginia. His most famous publication was the *New York Journal or General Advertiser*, or *Holt's Journal*. Holt was a member of the New York Sons of Liberty, who helped support his printing operation. He fled New York City when British forces approached it in 1776. He resumed printing operations in Kingston until British forces attacked and burned the town during Clinton's Highlands Expedition (1777). He resumed publication at Poughkeepsie and died in 1784.

October 4 — Congress established a committee with Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Lynch, and Benjamin Harrison to visit General George Washington at

his headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Upon arrival, they asked him about the status of military preparations and encouraged him to capture Boston by December if possible.

October 4 — Dr. Benjamin Church, head of the army medical corps, was court-martialed for treason, having corresponded with the British, and dismissed. He became the first American soldier condemned for acting against the United States. However, General Washington referred the



matter of punishment to Congress. Church was replaced by Dr. John Morgan, who supported widespread inoculation of troops against smallpox. (Above Church Left Morgan)

October 4 — An American Parliament A correspondent at London says,

"It is under consideration to form a parliament, or general council, for all the provinces in America, something similar to that of Ireland; the governors and some particular officers to form an upper house." With due thanks to our aged mother, now debilitated in her mental faculties, for her solicitude in forming a government for us, we would desire her to spare herself that trouble. We, being now of age to manage our own business, shall take care to form a government for ourselves, in which we want no one to interpose, though we shall always have a dutiful regard to our mother, desire to be upon good terms with her, and render her all the help that is consistent with the necessary care of our freedom and interest — which is as much as any reasonable, affectionate mother can expect or desire. — *Holt's Journal* (October 5, 1775).

October 5 — Congress authorized General Washington to recruit Marines and sailors for his small fleet of warships off Boston. This was the first instance of "marines" being specifically mentioned by an official body.

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 100

Current Regular Members 74 New 1 Trans
In 1 Trans out 1 Dual 4
Youth 10 Reinstated 11
Not Paid—14 Regular Members and 3 Dual

As of September 4, 2025

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EFFECTIVE JULY 2024

New Member Application Fee
for PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

**Check the FEE Schedule
For Junior and Family
Membership Costs**

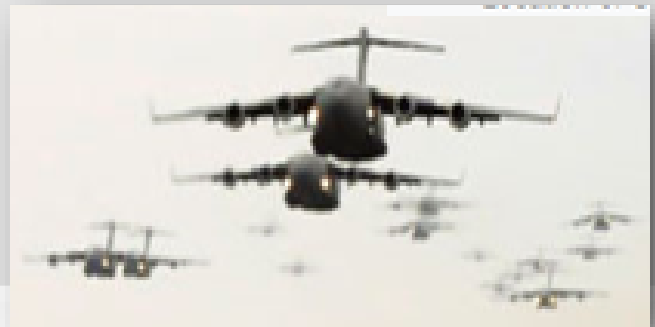
Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00

TOTAL \$188.00



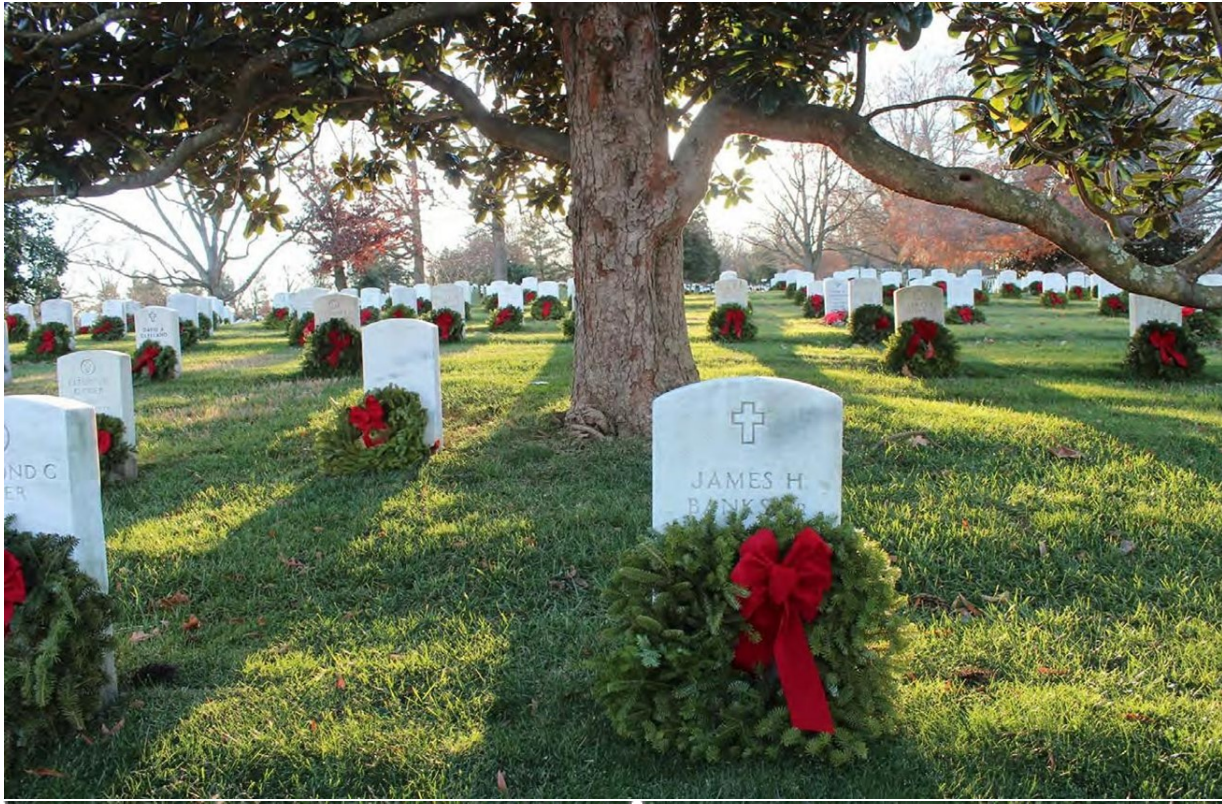
VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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.



★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Sons of the American Revolution Piney Woods #51 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a Veteran's grave this December at Houston National Cemetery

Use the QR code to make a donation online or www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1448



SKI Grumboski will give a brief presentation about this project and he will bring the small QR code cards to our next chapter meeting. The chapter has approved another donation for 2025 and we need to submit the check by November 30 to ensure the wreaths are delivered to the Houston National Cemetery for the December 13th event.

Help the Sons of the American Revolution PineyWoods #51 honor local heroes. Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a Veterans Grave this December at Houston National Cemetery.

GO TO www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1448

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 Cucos Mexican Cafe

Kingwood Texas

October 25 , 2025

11:15 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

Guest Program-COLOR GUARD David Hamaker

Officer Reports

President (Abdmoulaie)

1st VP Report (Pinkerton)

2nd VP Youth Report (Hawley)

Secretary Report (King)

Treasurer (Mize)

Chaplain (Pinkerton)

Registrar (Breed, Stevens)

Historian

New Business

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

September 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

The meeting began at 11:35 AM with the opening prayer, Pledge Allegiance, Texas Pledge, and SAR pledge by chapter president Abe Abdmoulaie.

Members present included: Abe Abdmoulaie, Bill King, Lawrence "Ski" Grumboski, Joe Potter, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Harry Salisbury, Larry Stevens, Roland Skelton, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Kermit Breed. Guests included Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Mark Fishlock, Fred, Barbara Stevens, Lois Hawley, Dr. Kristy Dietrich, Brittany Ricci.

Abe reminded everyone of the upcoming September 17th Constitution Day, which is now starting on September 16th and extended to October 1st. Included in this is the 5th page of the constitution in which all states convention members ratified the proposed constitution and then rolled out the constitution to all of the states to approve. Of note was Vermont that was The Republic of Vermont, January 15, 1777, to March 4, 1791, or 6 years before becoming a state.

Next, Abe introduced the guest speakers who included the Splendor ISD Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Kristy Dietrich and Managing Coordinator of Humanities Instruction from 6th to 12th grades, Brittany Ricci, M.Ed.

Dr. Dietrich started the presentation with thanks to Larry Stevens and Piney Woods for sponsoring the Splendor ISD program event last May. Dr. Dietrich stated that she will be looking forward to continued



support from our SAR chapter.

Dr. Dietrich then introduced Brittany Ricci.

Ms. Ricci began with stating additions to the STAAR testing for 8th graders is the American Civics test. Intent of the test is to include vocabulary, comprehension, academic language, and evidence of competency of American Civics.

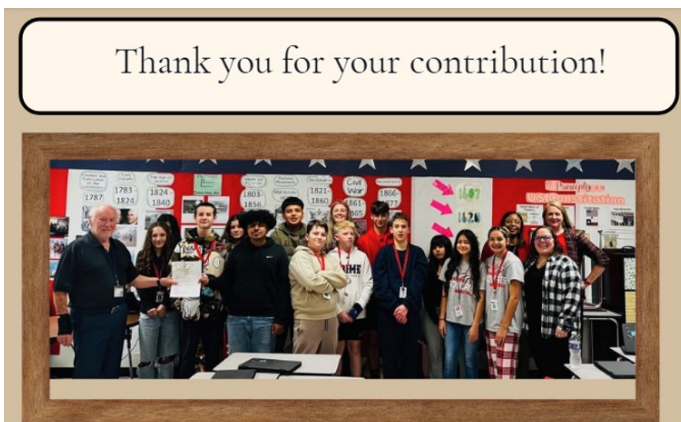
A copy of selected questions taken from a recent STAAR test is included in the meeting minutes. Most notable comment made by Bernie Kent in which he admitted that he would fail the test without the year instruction that 8th grade students are required to complete before taking the formal STAAR test.

Brittany Ricci stated that the average grade on the exam was 53%.

At the conclusion of the Splendor ISD presentation, Dr. Dietrich and Ms. Ricci were presented the SAR bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



Thank you for your contribution!



SAR veteran coordinator Lawrence “Ski” Grumboski was then awarded the Roger Sherman Bronze Medal with certificate.

Committee reports :

Secretary Bill King thanked Abe for submitting last month’s meeting notes. Bill recommended an SAR

can now be paid through the SAR Texas website.

Veterans’ coordinator reported there is a monthly ceremony for all veterans who were interned at the Houston National Cemetery without any family or friends. On the first Monday of each month at 8:45 AM a special service for such veterans is honored lest they become forgotten. Ski reminded everyone to log in all hours spent on veteran activities such as visitations, donations to veteran organizations, etc., on the SAR website. Finally, Ski passed out business cards that can be used to donate funds to the Wreaths across America. Last year our chapter donated \$400 to this worthy cause.

New Business:

At the next meeting details for the rollout of a chapter Color Guard will be discussed.

Abe closed the meeting at 12:47 with the closing prayer and SAR closing.

Faithfully submitted by Bill King Secretary

Thank you for your contribution!



YouTube video called “Revolution Rarities.” A new video is posted to YouTube every 2 weeks by SAR. Video can be found on YouTube by using the searching icon typing “revolution rarities.”

Kermit Breed reported that the application for James Thomas Marshal is under review .

Webmaster Ray Cox reported that all past chapter newsletters can be found on the Texas SAR website using the search function. He stated SAR yearly dues

