



Pine Shavings



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



President's Message

One year ago, my home was flooded by water from the awful storm Harvey. Today, I am moving back in. One year. Most of the work is complete; what a blessing.

We had a great turnout for the August meeting where I inducted two new members who have been attending our Chapter lunch meetings. And, I believe we will be welcoming another new member this next meeting September 15th. We have two great presenters coming to the September meeting, who have spoken to us before, *Donna Passmore and Jan Smulcer*, who are real warriors fighting for teaching our children the stories of our Founding Fathers. They have traveled all over the country, visiting school districts and showing them the value added of adopting their educational program, "Why America Is Free" curriculum. You need to attend and learn about teaching History in our schools today. This will be our 2nd program on teaching history in our schools this year. My wife



Nancy and I feel strongly that our children need to know the sacrifices made for what we enjoy as America today; Freedom Is Not Free. Please join us. Our Chapter Officers would love a big group to welcome our special guests. *Here is hoping to see everyone Saturday September 15th at Jimmy G's!* **Jim Pinkerton**



PineyWoods 51 September Lunch Presenters are Donna Passmore and Jan Smulcer Founder of Values Thru History (Above Awarded the SAR Silver Service Medal)

"A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people." James Madison

**PineyWoods Chap 51 Meeting
September 15, 2018**

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.
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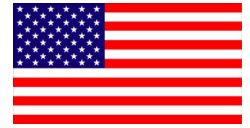
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Calendar of Events

National Events



Leadership/
Trustees-
Louisville—Sept. 27-29, 2018

State Events



TEXAS SOCIETY
BOM - New
Braunfels Oct. 12-
14, 2018

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting-Jimmy G's

Sept. 15, 2018

Oct. 20, 2018

Nov. 17, 2018

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Memorable Quotes



John Adams,

"Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it."



Abigail, in a letter to John, March 31, 1776 "Do not put unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have not voice, or Representation."

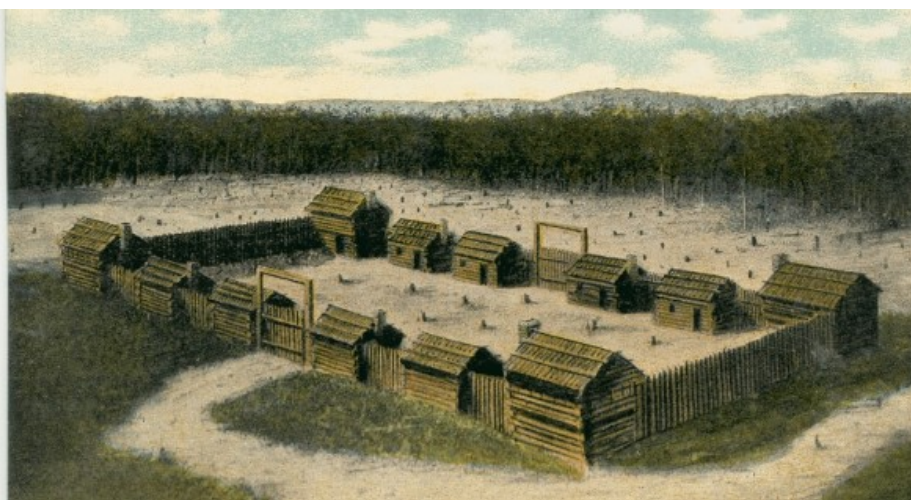
This Day in History

1780 September 25 - Sycamore Shoals, Carter County Tennessee. Several hundred men gathered to march across the mountains to join men from North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia and move against the Loyalist and **British Major Patrick Ferguson**. The overall Commander was **William Campbell**. In his command was **John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, Benjamin Cleveland, Joseph Winston, James Williams, and often not mentioned, Colonel Edward Lacy and Lt. Colonel Patrick McGriff** of South Carolina. This Continental Militia force was around 900 men, mainly mounted and armed with rifles. They battled at Kings Mountain on October 7th 1780.



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1778 September 7 – Fort Boonesborough: Daniel Boone and a frontier militia force of just about 40 to 50 men, watched from inside the fort as the Shawnee **Chief Blackfish** appeared with 444 Indians, mostly Shawnees, but there were Cherokee, Wyandot, Miami, Delaware, and Mingo; plus, 12 white men, which were French-Canadian militia from Detroit. This was the largest force sent against Kentucky settlements to date. Blackfish motioned to Boone to come and talk, which he did, and Boone was asked to surrender the fort as promised. Boone said that during his capture, others were in charge and that he would have to go back in and talk with these leaders for a decision. Blackfish agreed because he believed there were at least 200 militia men in the fort, so, negotiations went on for a couple of days. Boone had been told the second day that if those in the fort surrendered, they would be treated well and transported to Detroit. After several days of firing at the fort, and an attempt to burn the fort that foiled by a rain storm; then being fired upon by a make shift cannon assembled by **Squire Boone**, and many casualties, Blackfish withdrew on September 17th, 1778 and left. The fort suffered only two dead.



1779 September 10 - The British sloop-of-war HMS West Florida and the US Navy schooner USS Morris battled on *Lake Pontchartrain*. The Morris, captained by William Pickles, with a mixed crew of Americans and Spanish, successfully boarded the West Florida and killed its captain. The capture of the West Florida ended the Revolutionary War in Louisiana and weakened British control of West Florida.



Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 18 August 2018

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Cannon H. Pritchard was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, B. Ray Mize, Bernie Kent, Joe Potter, Cannon H Pritchard, Jim Pinkerton, Alan Bowman, Ben Baskin, Eric Lavezzari, Kenneth Dewayne High, John Beard, Daniel Florian, James Scott Weatherly and Frank Mueller. And John Worm visiting.

GUEST: Ann Kent, Mary-Claire Beard, Denton Florian, Sharon Mize and Katheryn Mueller

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the May meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Beard reported a balance \$2,639.53. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Benjamin Sapp, Mark Berges and David Berges

NEWSLETTER: On line at: <http://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/pdf/aug2018sar.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military or War Service Medal. A DD214 is required. Contact Kermit Breed at breedkermit@aol.com.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made and seconded for PineyWoods #51TXSSAR to request the following proposal be considered during the business session of the Board Of Managers in New Braunfels, TX, October 13th, 2018 "That the Chapter and State Fee for Memorial Applications be reduced to \$6.00 for Chapter and \$6.00 for State." Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase one new flag pole and four stands for our flags. Motion carried. Sargent of Arms Ben Baskin accepted this task.

GUEST SPEAKER: Compatriot John Beard gave an informative talk on our recent SAR National Congress here in Houston. John also explained about the B.O.M. coming up in New Braunfels, TX starting Oct 12-14 going in to details about what a BOM is.

NEW MEMBERS: Kenneth DeWayne High and Frank Joseph Mueller were sworn in as our newest members. Both gave a great talk on their Patriots. Kermit Breed received a Liberty Medal for being first line signer on ten applications for new members. Kermit also received a supplement and talked about his Patriot James Stewart. Larry Stevens was given Two Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters. He was credited with 21 new applications in 2017 and has sponsored more than sixty new Members.

Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by Cannon H Pritchard. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

NOTICE

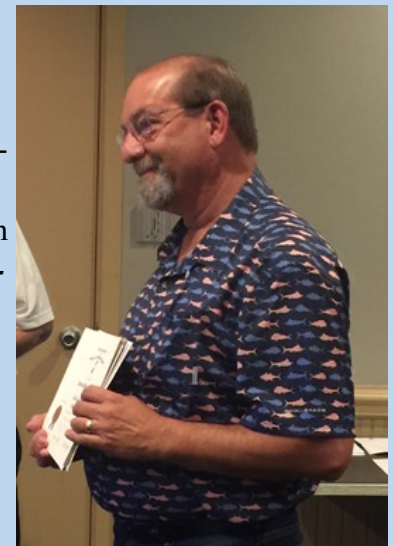
PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meetings are Member and Guest unless otherwise published. Piney-Woods as a set menu of several specialties at a cost of \$25 per meal.

PineWoods Chapter Meeting Pictures



NEW MEMBERS

Top Left—Sponsor Kermit Breed help President Pinkerton induct **Frank Mueller**. Spouse **Katheryn Mueller** helped Frank with his Certificate. Ancestor **Colonel John Donaldson**, who was a member of the Virginia House of Burgess and served in the Revolution against the Overhill Cherokees, and, he was a founder of Nashville. His son **Samuel Donaldson** was the brother-in-law of **Pres. Andrew Jackson**.



Top Right-Kermit also was the Sponsor of **DeWayne High** and helped induct Dewayne. Dewayne proudly displays his Membership Certificate. His **Ancestor is Col. Edward Moseley**.

Bottom -New Member Don Sievertson

“I went by Donald's home in Humble and swore him in and presented him with his Members Certificate and his **Military Service Medal**. Donald was a US Navy SEABEE beginning in 1969. Donald is unable to attend meetings because of a medical condition.

Donald's Patriot is Private **James Jones** of Virginia under Captains Thomas West and John Kinchloe under Colonels Wagoner and John Hoe.

Donald's application was approved May 11th, 2018. And, I can say, just like the rest of us, he is very proud of his Revolutionary Ancestor.”

Secretary and Registrar Kermit Breed.

Private James Jones was born in Charles County, Maryland in 1762. He served as a Private in Virginia He died November 10th, 1850 in Tyler County, Virginia. **He had filed for a Revolutionary War Pension – S*W5008.**



PineWoods Chapter 51 Business and Lunch Meeting



Ann Kent, Katheryn and Frank Mueller, Ben Baskin, Dewayne High, Joe Potter

Chapter Registrar and Secretary Kermit Breed receives his 1st Liberty Medal from Past TXSSAR President John Beard. A Compatriot must be a 1st Line Sponsor on 10 approved applications to receive this Medal. Lots of HOURS and hard work!

Compatriot John Worm, visiting, introduced by John Beard. The two Johns worked for the same company that made World Headlines a few years back.



Kermit Breed talks about his Supplemental Ancestor. Many of you may know this, but Kermit's Ancestors' owned Breeds farm on which the 1775 Battle of "**Breed's Hill**" not "Bunker" was fought.



Our Just Past State President John Beard presented just two of the many awards, to Breed and Stevens.

Texas was recognized as the Best in NSSAR 2017 in Annual Competition. John will be presenting the rest of the awards, may take awhile, at the Fall BOM in New Braunfels.

Beard presented Registrar Larry Stevens with his 5th and 6th Medal Clusters for sponsoring more than 60 new members.



Pinkerton, Daniel Florian and Denton Florian. Denton produced the Film Special shown on PBS on **Sam Houston**.

Youth Programs

Kingwood High School NJROTC -Wreaths Across America

Cadets lead by XO Lt. Nash were out in force at the Kingwood Alsbaugh's Ace Hardware on August 25th asking patrons to purchase Wreaths. Kingwood Navy JROTC will place all of the Wreaths at Veterans Cemetery December 15th, 2018. Lt. Nash who was awarded the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal last Spring, said the Cadets will return to Alsbaugh's on September 22, October 20, and November 2 arriving a 9:00 am To raise more money for Wreaths to place t Veterans Cemetery.



Historic Travel

How Big Was the Republic of Texas 1836-1846?

August 14, 2018, Barbara, President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas or DRT, and Larry Stevens (SRT), caught an early morning flight to Denver, rented a vehicle, and with two other Lady DRT

Texians, drove to the Northern Border of the Republic of Texas, near Rawlins Wyoming. The Daughters were unveiling a marker in Rawlins at the County Museum in recognition of the Northern Border of the Republic.



Rawlins is a small town at just under 7,000 feet and about 40 to 50 miles north of the Colorado border. We did not see any roaming Buffalo but there were lots of Antelope. Just north a few miles is the Platt River explored by the Mountain Men after Lewis and Clark made the most amazing trek in American History in 1803. Before the Great Pacific Transcontinental Railroad was completed May 10, 1869, those seeking new lands in Oregon, and then the Gold fields of the Mother Load in California inn 1850, walked, rode horses or mules, often puling a cart with all they owned; or traveled in "Covered Wagons" which meant covered by a tarpaulin. It



is estimated 500,000 immigrants made their way along the Platt before the railroad. Many were buried along the trail. In the period 1836-1846, many of these travelers may have been in Texas or close enough to be called Texans. LARRY STEVENS

R-Janisue Rigel –President WY Daughters of 1812 and Piney-Woods Lady



Barbara Stevens, Betty Edwards, Janisue



Historic Travel

Looking for places to visit? Touring Revolutionary War Historic places can not only be fun but educational. Many of these sites are managed by the National Park Service, so get your pass before going.

If possible, try to schedule your trip when our SAR Members and others are re-enacting either the event that took place or Colonial Life as it was. Many of these you can find on the Web.

September 25th, near Elizabethton Tennessee at Sycamore Shoals is a reenactment of the gathering of the Tennessee “Over The Mountains Men” who will cross the Watauga river at Sycamore Shoals as they did 238 years ago.



October 7th, the Battle of Kings Mountain. We’ve been there, This is a don’t miss park and will take more than a half a day. There are picnic areas.



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution, the Kings Mountain Chapter, North Carolina SAR, and the Daniel Morgan Chapter, South Carolina Society, Invite You to Attend the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The DAR, SAR and other groups will be placing

Wreaths at the Monument at the top of Kings Mountain at 11:00 am. SAR Members can register for the event on line. On internet, go to – “*Battle of Kings Mountain – SAR South Atlantic District.*”

Huck’s Defeat on July 12, 1780 is re-enacted every July near the anniversary date of July 12, 1780. (Check the Calendar for July 2019). This was the first of a series of Revolutionary War Battles won by the South Carolina Militia. Barbara and I made it to the site, at **Williamson Plantation, Brattonsville, SC.**, a few years back and witnessed one of the most realistic staged events you will ever see. Before the battle, we toured the plantation and talked to re-enactors who were portraying family and workers. In character, they talked about what they were doing. You can tour the house and other buildings.



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TWO things really stood out for me; I met a man, an SAR guy, that was portraying my ancestor Lt. Col. Patrick McGriff in the battle. Second, the MC for the event was **Michael Scroggins**, County Historian for York County, Author, who wrote a book about Huck’s Defeat titled, “*The Day It Rained Militia*”, and discovered **he is my cousin**. Michael also descends from the McGriff family. The Williamson Planation was used to

film the action at the Battle of Guilford Court House in the movie *The Patriot*.