



Pine Shavings



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



From the President,

As a history buff I really enjoyed meeting Captain Smith and seeing his presentation on the history of the Coast Guard, thanks again Bernie for setting this up.


As I write this, I can't help reflecting on the events in El Paso and Dayton. My heart goes out to the families of those killed. Again, the cry goes out for gun control. Guns are not the problem! Adolph Hitler said "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make is to allow the subjected people to carry arms".

Society has changed so much over the past years it is a wonder anyone is still sane. Instead of being outside playing "the violent game of Cowboys and Indians", children sit indoors playing violent video games. Children are rewarded, even though they achieved nothing. Everyone gets a trophy even though it was not earned. Parents are not allowed to physically discipline a child but you are allowed to medicate them.

We have moved away from the Bible teachings of my youth, *"Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them."* New Living Translation.

I hope you will join us the 21 of September when our speaker will be Dr. Polly Heil-Mealey. She will speak on Revolutionary War Medicine. I have done some research and it is a interesting subject.

Kermit Breed



SEPTEMBER
GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Polly Heil-
Mealey ND

Medical Practices
During the American
Revolution

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**PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting
September 21, 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.

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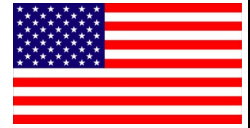
PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter

This newsletter is sent out by E-mail after every meeting and before the next to inform members of chapter business and news. It is generally only mailed by US Mail in the Fall to verify addresses.

Questions—contact the Editor at: wardtracker@aol.com.

Calendar of Events

National Events



NSSAR Trustee
and Leadership
Louisville, September 18-21, 2019

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

State Events



TXSSAR BOM
Meeting: October
4-6, 2019 Hilton, Arlington, Texas

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting—Jimmy G's
September 21, 2019
October 19, 2019

Official Newsletter

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Chapter and State News and National Events

Chapter Coupon Project—Attention all members who are unable to make a physical appearance at our monthly chapter meetings. You can help the chapter by assisting with our *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program*. All that is required is for you to collect the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to: **John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080**. We would like to suggest you clip them out before sending. Or, bring the coupons to the next meeting.

FALL Texas BOM Hilton Arlington October 4-6, 2019—Registration and Hotel information is on the Texas Website—Please attend! Your views are important! This is YOUR Society.

125th Annual Texas Society Convention; The Westin at The Woodlands March 26-29 2020

This is a special Anniversary celebrating 125 years since founded in Galveston. There will be a Special Commemorative Medal struck for this event. FREEDOM and PINYWOODS will Host.

Dr. Polly Heil-Mealy ND



Presentation

Dr. Polly will talk about medicine during the revolutionary war including the Epidemics, Demographics, Medical schools,, the practice of medicine, and the practice of medicine during the war, such as at Brandywine and Valley Forge. What were George Washington's Health Challenges? What were Six Positive medical outcomes from the American Revolution?

About Our Speaker

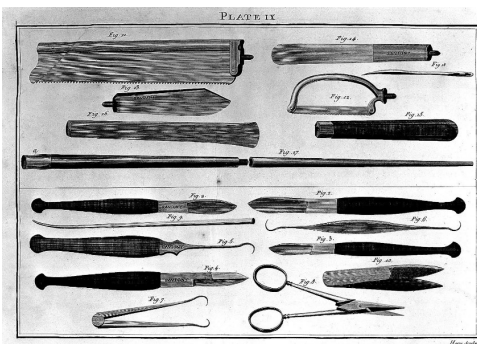
Dr. Polly Heil-Mealey ND, M Ed., CCI is a degreed naturopathic doctor who is also a member of the American Association of Drugless Practitioners. She is also a Diplomat of Pastoral Science with the Pastoral Medical Association. Dr Polly studied BioEnergetic medicine at the Academy of International BioEnergetic Sciences in London, Ontario, Canada. As former President of the international Iridology Practitioners Association (IIPA), she is an IIPA Certified Iridologist with a Master's Degree in Education.



She has been involved in education and Biblical health care since 1994, and has been active in both television and radio, presenting community service programs covering various topics. An international traveler, she gives seminars on alternative health practices, incorporating iridology, EAV and Biblical nutritional counseling.

Dr. Polly, owner of Abundant Health & Wellness, was named finalist for Lone Star College Small Business of the Year 2015. Dr. Polly was named Physician of the Year 2108 by the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce. Currently, Dr. Polly serves on the Board of Directors for Lake Houston Area chamber of Commerce.

One of Dr. Polly's greatest passion is to see her clients restore their health through natural therapies. Every success story confirms the need for education in holistic practices. She has touched the lives of many with her concern and selfless devotion. The verse, "My people perish for a lack of knowledge." Is a scripture that touches every level of society.



From an article published on line by the Independence Hall Association, "*Surgeons and Butchers*" by **Elizabeth Rorke**

"A leather retractor was placed on the bone, and pulled back to allow the surgeon a clear field of operation. Then the surgeon chose his bone saw, a small one to remove arms and a large upper femur saw to remove a leg above the knee. A competent surgeon could saw through the bone in less than 45 seconds. Arteries were buried in tissue skin flapped over and sutured. Bandages with pure white linen cloth and a wool cap were placed on the stump. The patient, who had more than likely gone into shock and had a much lower than normal temperature, was stabilized when possible. Only 35% of the persons who went through this procedure survived. "

Piney Woods Chapter Meeting Minutes May 18, 2019

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

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting welcoming everyone 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 recognize and welcome the healthy return of Kim Morton from serious medical issues he has overcome during the past several months.

Compatriots Present:

Kermit Breed, Abe Abdmoulaie, John Beard, Dick Setser, Jim Pinkerton, Buddy Inman, Kim Morton, Stephen McIntyre, Michael Anderson, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, John Worm, Joe Potter, David Berges, Bernie Kent.

Guests Present:

Sandra Breed, Mary-Claire Beard, Sherry Setser, Capt. Jason Smith, Sharon Mize, Judy Worm, Karen Berges, Ann Kent.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the most recent May 2019 meeting were approved/accepted.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize reported on Chapter funds, and stated that we have now received the promised SAR state of Texas annual chapter support (2019) funding.

Registrar's Report:

Larry Stevens stated that we have 5 in process at various stages toward approval. One in Louisville pending approval for Scott DeMasi. One Supplemental pending approval in Louisville. And one new application in progress for Randy Hall. Kermit Breed confirmed two (Trey Davis and Nathan Daffron) more applications have been submitted to the Texas SAR Registrar.

AWARDS/Recognition:

Larry Stevens presented an award to President Kermit Breed recognizing his continuing efforts registering 20+ (and still counting) new SAR members. Kermit Breed presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Buddy Inman. John Beard received a memorial membership for his deceased father, and 2 supplemental patriots approved by SAR from his documented ancestry pedigree. He stated that SAR approvals from Louisville are currently running as long as 4 months even for simple document submissions.

NEWSLETTER:

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. The electronic copy of our last newsletter was emailed to 84 recipients on Friday, 2 August 2019.

Program Presentation:

Captain Jason Smith, USCG Deputy Sector Commander - Corpus Christi, TX was our guest speaker presenting the history of the United States Coast Guard from its original inception on 4 August 1790, as the United States Revenue Cutter Service by Alexander Hamilton and part of the U.S. Treasury Department. The USCG scope of responsibility has grown over its 229 years of existence, and it now resides as a key part of the U.S. Homeland Security Department.

New Members and Awards:

David Randal Burges was inducted as our newest member of Texas SAR Piney Woods, Chapter 51 by President, Kermit Breed. David told us a story of his (French-Dutch) ancestry leading to his SAR Patriot in Colonial Connecticut. And he is scheduled to be our October 2019 meeting guest speaker discussing our US Constitution and Bill of Rights. We welcome David Burges to Piney Woods Chapter SAR.

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September in the Revolutionary WAR

16 September 1776 – Battle of Harlem Heights New York. After being out flanked and defeated at the Battle of Long Islands on Aug 27, 1776, by General William Howe, the American Force was pinned down at Brooklyn Heights.

On the morning of September 16th, 1776, George Washington wrote to the Continental Congress, “*We are now encamped with the main body of the army on the Heights of Harlem, where I hope the enemy would meet with a defeat in case of attack.*”.....

Researchers say Washington did not finish the letter that morning . He was interrupted by a report that the British were approaching. He sent 150 Rangers out commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton and his Adj. General Joseph Reed to investigate. Washington then rode 2 miles south where he ran in to Reed who was returning to warn Washington of the British advance and said they need forces to support Knowlton. However, before he could react, Knowlton’s Rangers came running up and Washington could hear the Redcoat bugles. Then they heard the British Fifers play “Gone Away”, a tune played at the Fox Hunt when the prey was dead. General Reed commented later, “ I never felt such a sensation, it seemed to crown our disgrace!”

Washington paid no attention, deciding to counterattack. He sent a 1000 men brigade to directly attack the oncoming British; and then he ordered 3 companies of Virginia Continentals and Knowlton’s Rangers to work their way south to the rear of the British and once in position to attack. But, the Continentals and Rangers turned west to soon and attacked the British middle. Howe recognized what Washington was attempting to do and withdrew. There were about 150 dead or wounded on both sides. Lt. Col. Knowlton was mortally wounded.

General Washington finished his letter to Congress. He later wrote that while he was greatly disappointed that his men failed to execute his orders, he won his first battle of the war. His soldiers were elated. that they caused the British to flee. General Reed wrote to his wife, “*you can hardly conceive the change it has made in our army.*” LGS

Thanks in part to an article by Mary Stockwell, Ph.D., “Battle of Harlem Heights”, Washington Library, Center For Digital History, Digital Encyclopedia. The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon.



John Vanderlyn 1804

19 September 1777 - Saratoga – General Horatio Gates’ Continental Soldiers defeated the British at Saratoga, New York; known as the First Battle of Saratoga. Shortly after General Benedict Arnold joined forces with General Gates and on October 17th, 1777, and they defeated the British Army force commanded by General John Burgoyne. The terms of surrender by Burgoyne allowed his troops to return to Great Britain under the condition they would not serve in North America again. The beginning of the showdowns between these two armies was on July 27, 1777, when Loyalist Mrs. Jane McCrea (1752-1777) was murdered and scalped while on her way to see her fiancé, who was in a British camp near Saratoga. The outrage following this incident did more to arouse the Patriots and raise volunteers for Gate’s Army than all the depredations by Tories and Indians in New York.

Old Business and Announcements:

Buddy Inman informed us that consideration of the Holiday Inn in Humble as a potential new meeting place fell through. He is still searching. Larry Stevens debriefed the Chapter on his 6 - 11 July 2019, participation at the 2019 SAR National Congress in Orange County, California, as well as sightseeing in San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, Simi Valley and across Southern California.

Benediction by Jim Pinkerton was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — Bernie Kent

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.

Meeting Highlights

New Member David Burges was inducted by President Kermit Breed, Kermit is his sponsor. David's ancestor, who served for the Revolutionary War cause, was of French-Dutch origin and served in Connecticut.



Jerrel Buddy Inman was recognized for his long service in Law Enforcement. He was presented with the NSSAR Law Enforcement Medal. Thanks to Buddy for his career in service to his community.



Captain Jason Smith, US Coast Guard and headquartered in Corpus Christi, gave a very information presentation on the Origins of the US Coast Guard and the Coast's Mission in the Gulf. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation, a Texas Society Challenge Coin, a gift of a Liberty Bell, and a check to cover his travel. Jason graciously asked that the money be donated to our Public Servant recognitions programs.



Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens presenting **President Kermit Breed with his second Liberty Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)** and Certificate. Kermit has been the first line sponsor for more than twenty new members since Kermit became an assistant Registrar. *(left)* Joe Potter is also helping with new applications as an assistant Registrar. If anyone is interested in becoming a chapter registrar ask Joe, Kermit, or Larry. This is a very rewarding and important function of chapters.



American History
FACTS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS
Larry Stevens—Historian

Laws of North Carolina 1758

We study History to learn about events and leaders in our past. But, some of us study History to learn what our ancestors were doing; what were they like; and what effected their lives. Many of my ancestors immigrated to Virginia and many on to North Carolina by the 1720's.

Just like in East Texas, my North Carolina ancestors were dealing with pesky SQUIRRELS. They ate my homes exterior wood siding. They were eating our ancestors' corn and causing other damage. My Hardison's, Duggan's, Smythwick's, Kirby's, Turner's, DeBerry's, etc., families were just a short distance to the two NC Counties affected by the an Act by the Colonial Assembly of North Carolina on destroying Squirrels in 1758. Were your ancestors subject by law to kill 10 squirrels a year and prove it? Read this law from North Carolina

CHAPTER XVIII

An Act for destroying Squirrels in the Counties within Mentioned

I. Whereas by the numerous Increase of Squirrels much Damage and Injury is Yearly done, as well to the growing Corn, as to the Mast in general, in the Counties of Pasquotank and Perquimons, within this Province; and unless some speed Remedy be taken to prevent their future Increase, much greater Damage and Injury will yearly ensue: For Remedy whereof,

II. Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That every Master, Mistress, or overseer of any Family in the Counties aforesaid, shall kill or cause to be killed, in each Year, Ten Squirrels for each Taxable he or she shall enlist in the Counties aforesaid under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying the Sum of Two Pence Proclamation Money, for each squirrel he or she shall so fail or neglect to kill, or cause to be killed: to be recovered and applied as hereinafter directed.

III. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master, Mistress, or overseer of any Planation shall, on killing any Squirrel or Squirrels as aforesaid, produce the Scalp with the Ears on, to some Justice of the Peace, who, on producing the same, shall give a Certificate to the said Person or Persons for the Number of Scalps, he, she, or they shall produce: which said Justice in giving a Certificate as aforesaid, shall destroy or cause to be destroyed, in his Presence, the said Scalps so produced.

IV. And for the more effectual obtaining Certificates aforesaid; Be it further Enacted, That each Collector of the Parish Levies in each County as aforesaid at the time of receiving the Parish Levy, shall demand of every Person, paying the said Levy, a Certificate signed by some Magistrate in the said County, of the Number of Squirrels by him killed; which If he or she shall fail to produce, or pay the Penalty as aforesaid, then the Collector shall certify the same to the Church Wardens of the said Parish, who are hereby directed to take out a Warrant from some Magistrate for the Penalty aforesaid; and on recovery to apply the same towards lessening the Parish Tax; which said Collector or Church Wardens shall account with the Vestry, on Oath, for the same.

V. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall commence and be in Force on the First Day of March next, and continue in Force for and during the Term of Two Years, and from thence to the end of the Next Session of Assembly, and no longer.

If you have North Carolina roots you may wish to take advantage of an old collection of North Carolina Colonial Records which have been made available to researchers. They can be found at this site https://www.carolana.com/NC/Documents/nc_colonial_and_state_records.html

There are two sets: “*The Colonial Records of North Carolina* were issued in ten (10) volumes from 1886 to 1890 and were edited by William L. Saunders, Secretary of State of North Carolina from 1879 to 1891. This important set of books contains transcribed versions of documents found both within North Carolina and in England, covering the period of 1662 to 1775. “ and “*The State Records of North Carolina* were published in sixteen (16) volumes between 1895 and 1905 and were compiled and edited by Walter Clark, a sitting Justice (1889 to 1903) of the North Carolina Supreme Court and then Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court (1903 to 1924) “

These records and the index to them, in four volumes, have been digitized and are included on this site. It is a wonderful resource to learn about your ancestors and their times. by *BAS/LGS*

– Colonial and State Records.

Mosquitoes Come to America From Africa

CBS Morning News, Saturday, August 3, 2019, 11:59 AM. “How mosquitoes killed billions-and helped win the American Revolution.”

Historian Timothy Winegard was interview by Michelle Miller on “CBS This Morning”. The subject of their talk was his book, “The Mosquito: A Human History of Our Deadliest Predator.” Winegard said he fascinated by the bug. He is especially interested in the female Mosquito because she is the on who bites and transmits disease. And, he says we weren’t her only prey. “70% of dinosaur species regionally were either extinct or endangered by the time the meteor crashes into the Yucatan Peninsula. Certain dinosaur species were already extinct or endangered form mosquito=borne and sand fly-borne diseases.” “Putting man’s relationship with the mosquito into context is even more mind blowing. We think we get to make our own history and that’s not the case. She was far more lethal than the minds of the most brilliant generals or man-made weapons. Disease up until the Second World War took 65% of deaths on the battlefield.”

He said the mosquitoes likely hitched a ride aboard the Nina, the Pinta, the Santa Maria and the thousands of ships transported human cargo across the Atlantic. “They very quickly started vectoring malaria and other diseases.” He stated the slaves from Africa had immunity which is partly why they became a lucrative commodity on the plantations of the Americas. “European indentured servants and workers were dying in droves of mosquito-borne disease, specifically malaria and yellow fever.”

Further, “Then there is the American Revolution, George Washington and Lafayette did not do it by themselves. They had a little help. Cornwallis says very clearly to his commander, General Clinton, and also in his diary that the surrender was not caused by anything, you know, the Americans or French id, but because he (Cornwallis) had roughly 35% of his troops available to fight because they were absolutely shredded by malaria in Yorktown.”

Michelle Miller aske, “So, the birth or our nation we owe to the mosquito?” Winegard answered, “Indeed. She is a founding mother of the United States.”

Aedes Aegyti is the mosquito that was transported to America bringing Malaria and Yellow Fever. See John McNeill’s work on this “domesticated” mosquito and the fights to control malaria, yellow fever and now Zika in South and Central America and its movement into the southern United States!

John R McNeill professor of history at Georgetown University. His book [Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean 1620-1914](#), won the 2010 Albert J. Beveridge Award from the American Historical AssociationLarry Stevens

Aedes Aegypti – Origin West Africa



PineYwoods Chapter 51 Membership

Highest in Several Years Active/Regular—81 New Members—5 Active/Reinstated This Year—8 Dual/Primary Other State—6 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

Total Membership—107

Not Paid 2019 Regular—8 Junior—3

If you are not current on you dues for 2019—PLEASE Contest Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com