



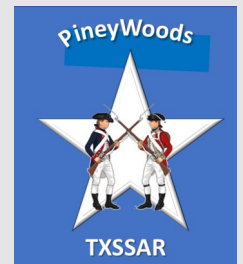
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
September 16, 2023 Issue 7**



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.



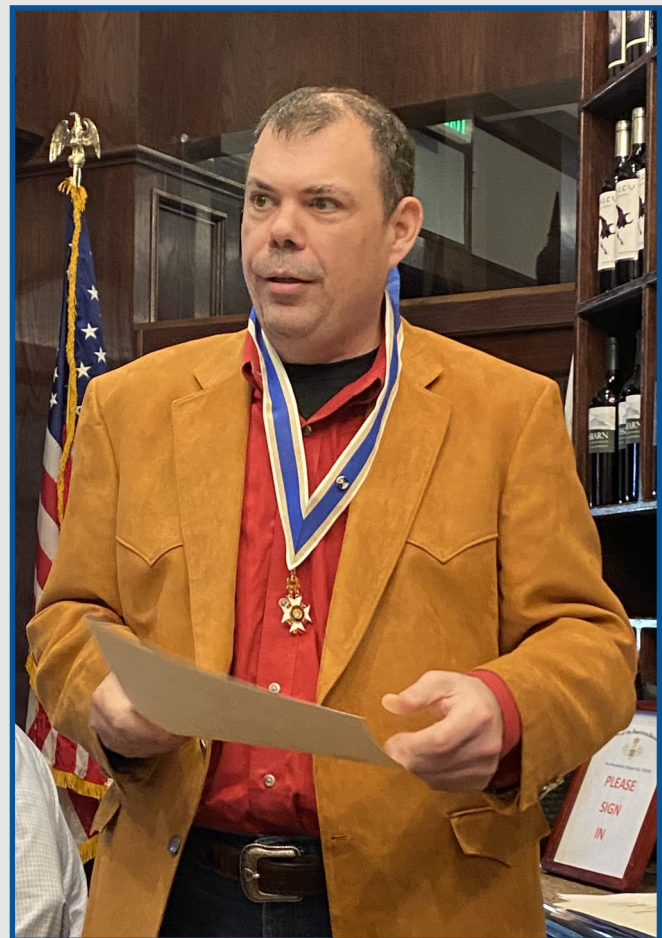
From the President:

Members and Friends,

We had a good meeting, with school just in, some members still vacationing, but we had a good group of eighteen members and seven guests in attendance at the August 19, 2023, meeting at Los Cuco's in Kingwood, TX. Larry Daughter Samantha has talked to Los Cucos management, and we are scheduled for September and October. We will need to reserve the November date during or after the September 16th meeting.

Kermit has five applications in process and Larry has 1 application in process. Past President John Beard presented the Kim Morton Foundation Grant Committee's grant request proposal, and he made a motion to approve the proposal and send it to the foundation. After it passed, I signed it, Larry Stevens sent it to the Foundation Board, and it has been approved. The Education Grant has been put in the bank and we need to discuss it in the next meetings. There are things to help foster American History in Kim Morton's name.

Other suggested projects are listed in the



meeting minutes posted in this newsletter. Pay special attention to scheduled educational and historical public and school

programs where we partner with Revolutionary Revolution 1776 Inc. The DAR have been helping with the presentation. The schools are really embracing these presentations.

Here are some events that happen during the month of September in the American Revolution period. On September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the Revolution and establishing boundaries and rights. On September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was executed. September 23, 1779, John Paul Jones proclaimed his famous saying "I have not yet begun to fight!" And, the Siege of Yorktown September and October, 1781, leading to the surrender of British General Lord Cornwallis.

Birthdays of Patriots of the Revolution include Sons of Liberty Samuel Adams on September 29, 1722, in Boston and the young Frenchmen, who became one of General George Washington trusted Generals, the Marquis de LaFayette, who was born September 6, 1757, in Chanvanciac, France. The Marquis is buried in Paris, France, and each year, in a ceremony, a new US Flag is placed at his grave site.

Join us on September 16th, 2023, at Los Cucos. Chapter Newsletter Editor and Historian, Larry Stevens will be our speaker. His subject is "Fourteen Colonies?".

Ben Baskin
President
PineyWoods Chapter 51

Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

Kingwood Texas

11am-1pm

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PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

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- Genealogist - Kermit Breed**
- Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick**

Chapter Non - Officers Roles

- Newsletter - Larry Stevens**
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- Web Master - Ray Cox**

Events Calendar



NSSAR

Fall Leadership/Trustee, Sept 21, 2023 to Sept 24, 2023 Louisville, Kentucky



TXSSAR

Texas Society BOM— Wyndham College Station—
 2829 Texas Ave
 October 20-22, 2023

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

Los Cucos 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 September 16, 2023
 October 14, 2023
 November 18, 2023
 December 16, 2023

FROM THE EDITOR

Past Chapter President John Beard and I had lunch Thursday the 10th at 3 B's in Kingwood when he said he received a notice of and SAR PG trip to France in April 2024 when the best time would be a trip around the 4th of July so they could participate in the New Flag Ceremony at the grave site of the Marquis de La Fayette. He said he had been to the cemetery in Paris and it was moving to visit a true American Revolutionary War Hero. Why did he even come to the colonies and join George Washington. I have been to Paris, once, on a short trip, but did not visit the grave. I did find on internet the following:

Far from the POMP of Fireworks and celebrations across the United States, is another Fourth of July commemoration in one of the most quiet places in Paris, France. The final resting place of the Marquis de LayFayette, George Washington's young French General and confidant, hero of the American Revolution, who lays in the CIMETIERE DE PICPUS which is in the 12th arrondissement. Each year, on the 4th of July and new French and American flag is placed in a special ceremony.

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier de La Fayette, Marquis de La Fayette was born September 6, 1757, at the Chateau de Chayaniac, Chavaniac-Lafayette, France. He died on May 20, 1834, in the 8th arrondissement, Paris, France. His son was named George Washington de La Fayette

There is a posting on the web by the DAR where they had been a part of the new flag ceremony. In the picture below, you can see



members of the US Military, who had just posted the New US Flag saluting, as a part of the French Annual Flag replacement ceremony each July 4th, the date of the announcement of the American Colonies Declaration of Independence.

You will see Wind River, Riverton Wyoming occasionally. PineyWoods Member Karl Falken' profession took him there a few years back. There was no SAR Chapter there so he found enough men to join and I helped with a Constitution and Bylaws. Karl's new chapter was charter and I try to kept up with his Northern activities.



Marquis de La Fayette

Larry Stevens
Editor



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The Revolutionary War

September

1776 PHILDELPHIA

September 9, 1776 – Continental Congress formally declared the name of the new nation to be the “United States of America”. Prior, they referred to the “United Colonies.”

file was a post and rail fence, and over that, the afore-mentioned field. Our people let the enemy advance until they arrived at the fence, when they arose and



poured in a volley upon them. How many enemy were killed and wounded could not be known, as the British were always as careful as Indians to conceal their losses. There were doubtless some killed, as, I myself counted nineteen ball holes through a single rail of the fence at which the enemy were standing when action began. The British gave back our people advance into the field. The action soon became warm....Our regiment was now ordered into the field, and we arrived on the ground just as the retreating enemy were entering a thick wood, as disagreeable to them as it was agreeable to us at the period in the war. We came to action with them. The troops engaged, being reinforced by our regiment, kept them retreating until they found shelter under the cannon of some of their shipping lying in the North River”, Joseph Plumb Martin 1830, recollections. Publication 1962, George F. Scheer, Little Brown, Private Yankee Doodle.

1776 NEW YORK

September 16, 1776 – Battle of Harlem Heights

George Washington’s Continental Army held the high ground forcing the British to retreat. Washington Army formed on the 15th and in the morning, *“We lay that night upon the ground which the regiment occupied when I came up with it. The next day (16th of September), in the forenoon, the enemy, as we expected, followed us “hard up” and were advancing through a level field. Our Rangers and some few other light troops under the command of Colonel (Thomas) Knowland of Connecticut and Major (Andrew) Leitch of, I believe, Virginia were waiting for them. Seeing them advancing, the Rangers &c, concealed themselves in a deep gully overgrown with bushes. Upon the western verge of this de-*

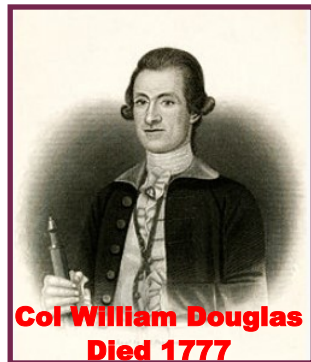


September 17, 1776 – The British executed and amphibious landing at Kip’s Bay, on the

East River of Manhattan north of New York City or constituted the city.



George Washington and his officers had considered abandoning and even burning New York City after retreating from Long Island on August 29, 1776. However, Washington believed Congress wanted the city held. He had deployed his army on a sixteen mile front. General Israel Putman's 5,000 soldier division were at New York while Nathaniel Greene deployed a similar number across the central part of Manhattan. William Heath's 9,000 men held an area from Harlem Heights to Knight's Bridge to protect the armies escape route off the island. Nathaniel Greene urged Washington to reconsider his decision due to their vulnerability. A council of war was held on September 12th, and they voted to abandon the island. Putman began but was slowed by a lack of transportation and the British control of the Hudson River. British General Howe struck on the morning of September 15th, attacking the vulnerable middle of before they had evacuated. Five British warships sailed into the East River and anchored two hundred yards off shore from Kip's Bay. This is between modern day East Thirty-Second and Thirty-Eighth Streets. The ships on the Hudson began a diversion on the opposite side of Manhattan while 4,000 British and German troops in eighty-four flatboats rowed towards Kip's Bay from Long Island. The five warships unleashed a naval barrage on Colonel William Douglas's inexperienced 450, 6th Connecticut's Levie Regiment who were deployed in a shallow ditch. Douglas's broke under the onslaught panicking nearby units while waves of British and Germans landed largely unchallenged. Note - Edited from a paper by



**Col William Douglas
Died 1777**

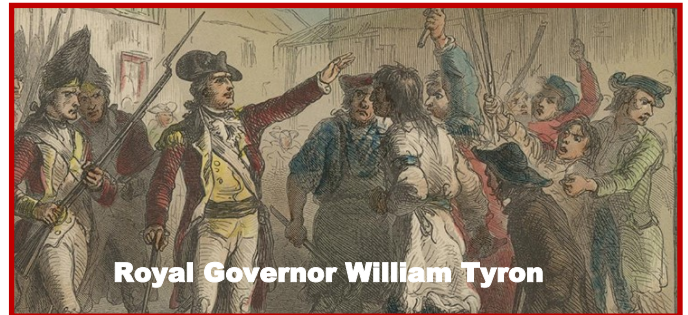
Michael P. Gabriel, PhD, Professor of History, Kutztown University – George Washington's Mount Vernon Note: Levies were like today's State National Guard and existed under the British. They were noted separate from Militia.

September 20-21, 1776 – New York City burns, Washington defeated. In an account by an American prisoner aboard the HMS Pearl, the fire began in the Fighting Cocks Tavern near Whitehall Slip. The dry weather and strong winds pushed the flames north and west rapidly setting



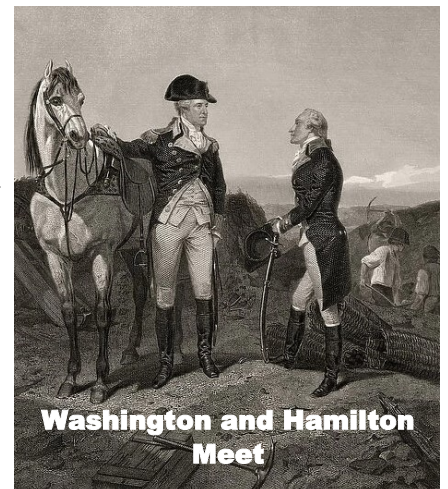
afire the tightly packed homes and business. In the morning of the 21st the winds changed, and the flames reached the undeveloped fields of Kings College stopping

the fire. General Howe suspected "wrenches of the tavern" to have maliciously set the blaze. Royal Governor William Tyron accused Washington of secreting officers in town to set the fire.



Royal Governor William Tyron

Washington wrote to John Hancock on September 22nd, denying knowledge of the fire. In another letter to his cousin Lund Washington, he wrote, "Providence, or some good honest fellow, has done more for us than we were disposed to do for ourselves".



Washington and Hamilton Meet

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

August 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Members Eighteen (18) -Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Ski Grumboski, Randy Hall, Merv Hartwick, Jim Jones, William King, Jeff LaRochelle, B Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Dick Setser, Larry Stevens

Guests Seven (7) - Samantha Stevens Ballard, Mary-Claire Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Cynthia Conner, Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Sherry Setser

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM welcoming all in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Alan Bowman, and President Baskin lead the Pledge to the US Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the SAR Pledge.

President Baskin asked for introduction of guests, and he asked members to introduce themselves and talk briefly about one of their Patriot Ancestors.

President Baskin asked Parliamentarian Michael Anderson to review the Rules of Order. Anderson stated business is conducted using Roberts Rules of Order, all chapter members and any state officers present, of good standing, can vote on business actions.

Introduction on guest and Member were asked to introduce themselves and talk briefly of one of their Patriot Ancestors.

Chapter Officer Reports

1st VP – Abe Abdmoulaie spoke on the SAR Liberty Tree 250th Project and suggested we get involved. The census was yes. He said Greentree Elementary wants to participate in the American History Poster Contest and that Greentree 5th Grade teachers Kelly Abdmoulaie and Dani Galiano would be in touch with Larry Stevens.

Secretary-Larry Stevens said he was sitting in for Secretary Pinkerton and that Merv Hartwick was helping him with the minutes. He stated a copy of the May 20th, 2023, chapter meeting minutes were passed out for review and that the minutes were also published in the Summer 2023 Newsletter. Jeff LaRochelle said the minutes should be approved as written, and the members present agreed unanimously.

Treasurer- B Ray Mize said the budget report was passed around. He said he had one check for the Eagle Scout that was never presented. Larry Stevens said he would deliver the check since the scout did not live that far from him. Larry Stevens said second and all approved. B Ray Mize asked that a Special Committee be appointed to help him prepare a budget. This was deferred to New Business. B Ray said that our USPS Box at the Post Office still receives mail since he found an envelope to Mike Anderson; so, he will continue to pay the rental fee. Motion by Jim Beard to approve the budget, was seconded by Jim Jones, the Motion passed.

Registrars – Kermit Breed has five new applications in progress for Andrew James Austin, Andrew Freeman Austin, Kevin Justin Degraad, William Nixon Miller, James Curtiss Winston; Joe Potter is working on one for Evans, and Larry Stevens has one in progress.

Coupon Project - John Beard gave the Coupon report, The last mailout weighed 428 ounces, and was valued at \$155,000. The coupons go overseas to Active Duty service members and families.

Newsletter – Editor Stevens said it is time to send an eight page newsletter by USPS mail to check chapter addresses. The newsletter has not been mailed for two or three years, and members move, etc., and do not change their mailing addresses.

Webmaster- Ray Cox gave the Web Master report. He stated the Board of Managers meeting will be held in College Station, Texas October 20-23rd.

Old Business

JROTC Schools Coordinator – Randy Hall said he would no longer be able to coordinate with the High Schools we support with delivering

ground and discussing the proposal, **John made a motion for the chapter to approve the grant proposal** for President Ben Baskin to sign and Larry Stevens forward the signed proposal to the Foundation Board. A second was made and the members approved the proposal.

Meeting Schedule for upcoming meeting was discussed and the following was approved. Meetings will be at Los Cucos, except the Christmas Lunch at the Stevens on December 9th, the 2nd Saturday, (NOTE: *this was changed after the meeting due to a conflict by the Stevens, on December 16, 2023; and will need member approval.*) Los Cucos opens its doors at 11:00 AM and the meeting begins at 11:30 AM. President Baskin read the dates:

- ◆ Saturday, September 16th at Los Cucos,
- ◆ Saturday, October 14th at Los Cucos
- ◆ Saturday, November 18th, at Los Cucos
- ◆ Saturday, December 9th, at the Home of Larry Stevens
- ◆ Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Los Cucos
- ◆ Saturday, February 17, 2024, At Los Cucos
- ◆ Saturday, March 16, 2024, at

Los Cucos



or presenting Bronze JROTC Medals for the chapter. He said he has taken a leadership position on the SAR ROTC National Committee and does not have enough hours to do both.

Larry Stevens spoke of the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, Florida. He said only fifteen members from Texas attended the National Congress in Orlando, Florida, and three of these were past SAR PG's. Texas could have more than 50 voting delegates at each annual congress and could affect the outcome of many business motions and elections. The 134th SAR Congress will be in Lancaster, PA.

New Business

John Bread reported on the results of a Special Committee to work on a proposal for a Grant from the “Kim Morton Private Foundation” for funds to help with our chapter outreach education programs. After speaking of the back-

A motion was made of a Special Task Group to be appointed for the purpose of analyzing and preparing a chapter budget by Treasurer B Ray Mize. Kermit Breed seconded this motion and all members approved. President Baskin appointed B Ray Mize, John Beard, Jim Jones, and Anthony Love to this committee.

Veterans Vietnam Era -Michael Anderson provided information on special pins that are available for Veterans that served in the U.S. Military during Vietnam War. Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin. Mike was sent a package containing the **Vietnam Era Flag**, a recognition certificate, and information on how to obtain the veteran recognition lapel

pins. Both veterans of this era and their spouses can be given pins.

Michael Anderson gave information on a proposed 911 Speaker, for one of our meetings, that would require a \$250.00 donation to the 911 Museum. A Motion was made for the donation that passed.

Ben Baskin said the Texas Children of the American Revolution were seeking support of their project benefiting the new Independence Hall at Houston Christian University. He said the CAR is available to send representatives out to talk to SAR Chapter. He was asked to invite the CAR to come to present a lunch program.

Larry Stevens provided information for our upcoming Humble Museum program in March 2024.

Alan Bowman gave a closing prayer. President Baskin led members in the SAR closing. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Larry Stevens

For/ Secretary Jim Pinkerton



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PineyWoods Chapter Membership: a/o 9 Aug 2023

TOTAL 112

Current Regular Members— 94 New -3 Dual— 3
Youth—6 Reinstated 6



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.

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 Cuco's Mexican Cafe

September 16, 2023

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Historian

Genealogist

Registrars

Webmaster

Old and New Business

Lunch

BENEDICTION

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.”



Wind River Chapter

PineyWoods member and founder of the Wind River Chapter, Riverton Wyoming, marching the Annual July 4th Parade (on July 3rd this year), carrying the Betsy Ross Thirteen Star Flag. He was assisting in Revolutionary War period dress in a pick-up

(Riverton, WY) The Riverton Museum is temporarily hosting a collection of reproduction artifacts related to the American colonial era in what is known as the Patriot Chest of the Wyoming Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, on display now through Independence Day.

“We’re really happy to have this Revolutionary War display, just in time for the Fourth of July,” said Riverton Museum Site Manager Nathaniel Griffie. “The exhibit gives kids and adults an opportunity to see, learn about, and even touch our country’s formative history.”

Since 1889, the **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** has served as a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism and preserving and promoting the education of American history to fu-



ture generations. The Patriots Chest is part of an interactive presentation intended to complement elementary and middle school lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and the Colonial period of American History, with the purpose to bring history alive

while providing students with a sense of the times and appreciation of the men and women who helped build the foundation of the United States.

Each state’s SAR society is expected to create and maintain a Patriot Chest. The one for Wyoming was created by the Wind River Chapter, based in Fremont County.

“I have documented twelve of my ancestors who served in the patriot cause of the American Revolution,” said Karl Falken, president of the Wind River SAR chapter. “They braved British bombs, bullets, and bayonets to give us a free nation and a constitutional government. This is the very least I can do to honor their memory and achievements.”

The exhibit also includes a museum-quality reproduction of a late-war Continental Army Private’s uniform and an original thirteen-star American flag. Some items are displayed on a table outside the display case for a hands-on experience with history. “The Cologuard uniform is all handsewn and made by a very famous tailor, who unfortunately died after he made this one... which makes it so much more special,” Falken said. “The material was carefully selected to be as close to the original materials as possible. Even the buttons are pewter. The hat was made by **Matthew Brenckle**, one of the top hat makers in the country. The musket is not truly Revolutionary War, but very similar and close to that time period.” Karl Falken—Wind River and PineyWoods