



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
September 19, 2026**



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.



PineyWoods Newsletter Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

September invites us to remember both the promise and the resilience of our nation. As we mark the anniversary of September 11, we pause to honor the innocent lives that were lost, the families forever changed, and the first responders whose courage remains an enduring example to us all.

We also remember the days that followed. In the midst of heartbreak, Americans came together. Neighbors checked on one another, volunteers arrived to help wherever help was needed, and countless people set aside their own concerns to serve others. It was the American spirit at its best—compassionate, courageous, and determined.

That same spirit reaches back to 1776, when our founders declared that liberty and self-government were worth the risks and sacrifices required to secure them. The Declaration of Independence expressed a bold conviction: that our rights come not from government, but are inherent, and that free people have both the right and responsibility to govern themselves.



Sept 19, 2026 Chapter Meeting- Los Cucos Mexican Cafe, Kingwood TX 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Later this month, on September 17, we celebrate Constitution Day. The Constitution gave lasting structure to the ideals declared in 1776, creating a framework for liberty under law. It reminds us that freedom depends not only on strong institutions, but also on citizens willing to uphold them through service, character, and mutual respect.

May we continue to honor that legacy by caring for one another and preserving the principles that unite us.

We hope you can attend our meeting next September.

In Patriotism and service,

Abe Abdmoulaie

President

Piney Woods Chapter #51



SEPTEMBER 11 2001

Hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center and explodes at 9:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001 in New York City. The crash of two airliners hijacked by terrorists loyal to al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and subsequent collapse of the twin towers killed some 2,800 people.



FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

We discussed where were you on 9 11 2001, and as stated by Abe in his message, and very tragic event in our history.

Barbara and I were in County Clare Ireland, with good friends Kim and Will. We had rented a 5 bedroom farm house complete with a peat burning fireplace..

The morning of September 11, we drove to the Lahinch Golf Club just a few minutes from the farm house in Cora Clare and began playing about 10 am or about 5 am in Houston.

At around two o'clock that afternoon a young man from the golf club house came up to us in a cart and stated the World Trade Center Towers in New York was just hit by airplanes and blew up. We started at each other in disbelief and heading to the club house. It was pack with golfers, mainly local. The quieted when we came in and watched the videos of the plane slamming into the building. Kim was a Continental Airlines Flight attendant. It was especially hard on her. She was able to get Will and herself on a Continental direct flight to Houston 6 days later. Barbara and I were planning to go to the Ryder Cup at the Belfry in Bermingham England about a week later and we were not flying back home for three weeks. After the golf event we were staying in Stratford of Avon and then flying to Amsterdam before returning to London and then home. We called our agent in Edinburgh Scotland and he said he would take care of us and asked our trip schedule. The man lived up to his word. Put us at the Belfry for two nights, we played golf on what would have been to practice day, rented us a car, and helped with a hotel reservation in Stratford on Avon. They also scheduled us to be at the next Cup in 2002 at the Belfry. We will never forget this event and the wonderful people in County Clare Ireland, the gracious help from the travel agent, but most of all the tragedy and loss of Americans that day—Nine-Eleven. Larry



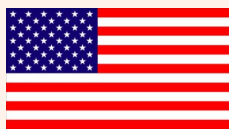
PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2025 - 2027

President - Abe Abdmoulaie
1st Vice President - Jim Pinkerton
2nd Vice President - Louis Skip Hawley
Secretary - William Bill King
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Kermit Breed
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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Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR

**Galt House—Fall Leadership
October 1-3, 2026**



TEXAS

**Fall BOM
Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Arlington
South
October 22-25, 2025**

**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
September 19, 2026 Los Cucos
October 17, 2026 Los Cucos
November 21, 2026 Los Cucos
December 12, 2026 Stevens Home**

PineyWoods Chapter News



Houston National Cemetery was established to honor and inter veterans of the United States, serving as a key military burial ground in Texas since its inception in 1965. On **September 4, 2026**, Piney-Woods Members attended a US Navy Memorial Service for Chapter Member Lawrence 'Ski' Grumboski and with his family, Susan, son Jeff, and his family, friends and the Veterans Motorcycle Club.

Pictured l-r B Ray Mize, Larry Stevens, Jeff and his mom Sue Grumboski, Ray Cox, Mike Anderson, Merv Hartwick and a family member. Not pictured is Skip Hawley.



City of Humble Founders Day

September 12, 2026

Mayor Norman Funderburk, Piney-Woods Chapter Member, and Dr. Rob Meaux kicked off the celebration of Founders Day and the 50th Anniversary of the Humble City Museum at 10:30 am. A number of City Administrators, employees and friend attended. Piney-Woods Chapter and the Humble Area Genealogy Society staff organization information tables.

Members attending were PineyWoods President Abe Abdmoulaie, Merv Hartwick, Louis Skip Hawley not pictured and Larry Stevens.

PINEYWOODS LUNCH PROGRAM

September 19, 2026

UNIFORMS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Larry Stevens

Historian

SAR Education Chairman 2013-2016

VPG 2020-2022

Where did your ancestor serve?

Were they militia or continentals?



Lt. Charles Mackubin Lefferts (1873-1923) studied the uniforms of the Revolutionary War for most of his life. He delighted in making watercolors of these uniforms, visiting museums and examined archives in Europe and the United States to learn the cut and color of the uniforms of the troops. He also studied Orderly books, consulted diaries, newspapers, and letters to be as accurate as possible.

If he learned where there were uniforms, or even scraps of uniforms, he visited the sites. This makes his uniform paintings the most accurate that are available.

His works were compiled and published three years after his death, by Dorothy C. Barck of the New York Historical Society Library. Many of the depictions herein are the watercolors of Lt. Lefferts.

A Power Point Presentation by Larry Stevens

There are many misconceptions on what the colonial soldiers wore in the Continental Army, and militias, organized by General George Washington at Cambridge in 1775 and throughout the American Revolution. This presentation is about uniforms, from George Washington's notes and the research of Lt. Charles Lefferts.



**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 93

Current Regular Members 70

New 1 Dual 3

Youth 9 Reinstated 10

***Not Paid—16 Regular Members and 3
Dual***

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APPLICATIONS

New Member PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

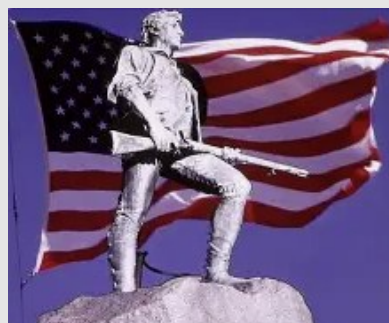
Check the FEE Schedule For Junior

Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00



PATRIOTISM MATTERS

Membership

**Chapter Lists were last undated August
30, 2026**

New Members

Micheal Young, Fletcher Gray Jr., Andrew Rober Witt approved. Sean Carahan and Robert McCulloch (not logged as of this reports date) waiting review in Louisville. Andrew Austin pended is now approved. James Wagers being completed by Stevens

Society ◆	Chapter ◆	Name ◆	Patriot Ancestor
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Young, Michael Scott	Asher, Barnett
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Carnahan, Sean Patrick	Carahan, Adam
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Gray, Jr Fletcher L.	Johnson, Joseph
TX	TX51 - Pineywoods	Witt, Andrew Robert	Roberts, John

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 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
September 19, 2026

Business Meeting 11:30 am

Opening by 2nd VP Louis Skip Hawley

PLEDGES

USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge and Mission Statement

SGT At Arms

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Presidents—Hawley

Secretary Bill King

Treasure B Ray Mize (Filed)

Registrars Breed and Stevens

SAR Closing and Benediction

SAR Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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
August 15, 2026 Meeting Notes
Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

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, Stephen McIntyre, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Andy Witt, B Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton. Michael Young, Mel Oller, and Jeff LaRochelle. Guests included Sue King, Barbara Stevens, Samatha Ballard, Jeanne Hartwick, and Sarah Pinkerton.

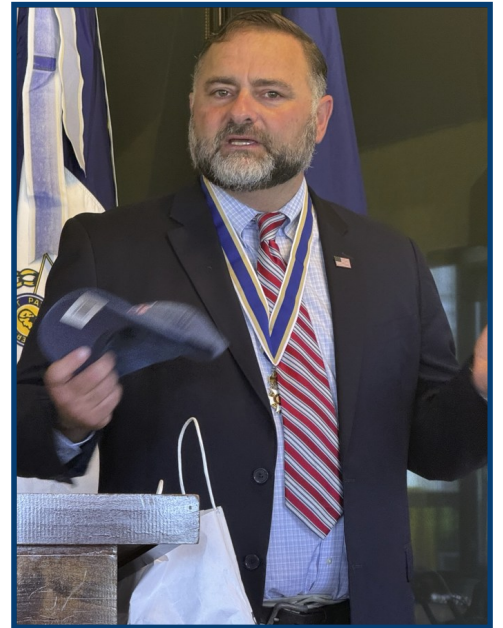
Abe then asked those in attendance to say a few words and also to introduce their Guest.

Next, Abe presented 250th anniversary hat to members.

Ski Grumboski was remembered. He will have a memorial service at the Veterans Houston National Cemetery on September 4th at 1:30 pm. Ski was an advocate for all veterans, and he spent countless hours visiting the VA hospital, witnessed interment of homeless veterans at the Houston veteran's cemetery, and collected clothing for distribution at the VA hospital. Ski was also an active member of the USO. Abe read Ski's obituary, and asked members to remember Ski in a moment of silence. Ski's Dedication to our veterans will be sorely missed.

Abe then introduced Michael Young. Michael's Patriot is Bartlett Asher who served in the Continental Army from Culpepper, Va in 1779. Michael's induction followed led by President Abe.

Abe introduced Mel Oller, Past President of Texas SAR and past President of the Texas Freedom chapter. Mel reported his travels to SAR National events over this summer. Mel reported that the SAR financial status has vastly improved over the last 2 years. He attributed this to the increased membership nation wide. Mel the reported on recent national support for the CAR((Children of the SAR) by waiving CAR member dues. Mel expects the Texas SAR to also waive the member dues for CAR members. Currently, Junior members' dues are paid by the state until they are 18 years old.



Mel the reported that Texas will host the National SAR Congress in 2029. The proposed site is Austin. Mel reported that either individuals or as a chapter to adopt a person who is on the Texas SAR Memorial monument the Texas Sate Cemetery.

A motion was made and passed by members present to support the Captain Edward Wayman Child of the American Revolution or CAR, that serves Montgomery County and surrounding areas, projects. This motion is to donate \$250 towards their cause.

Committee reports :

B Ray Mize presented the financial report. No discussion followed.

Larry Stevens reported that Texas SAR Youth Scholarship opportunities will be launching a new scholarship program this year. A detailed report is included in the meeting notes. He said this is the time of year to advertise all of our youth programs. Guidelines can be found on the Texas website.

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

Larry Stevens reported that there is a total of four new member applications in Louisville waiting to be approved.

Secretary Bill King reported that the last meeting notes are in Larry's August news letter.

Bill then presented a brief report on the Akron Colorado SAR bench dedication over the Memorial Day weekend. Family attending came from Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, and California. In all 26 persons from the King and Ellliott families attended. Pictures of the event are in the August news-letter..



New Business:
Nothing to report.

At the next meeting details for the rollout of the SAR Color Guard will be discussed. Piney Woods and Freedom chapters will be jointly training the combined chapter training.

250th Anniversary of the Declaration SAR Hats –Abe presented to PineyWoods

Members at the end of the program and asked everyone to stay for a group picture.

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

Faithfully submitted by Bill King



President Abe Abdmoulaie inducts Micheal Young into the Sons Of The American Revolution.



And sponsor Kermit Breed pins the SAR Rosette on new member Mike Young shirt.



Pictures right Stephen McIntyre, Andy Witt, Jeff LaRoche, Mike Young

Bottom left Ray Cox Jeannie and Merv Hartwick, Sharon Mize

Bottom right Mel Oller Jim and Sarah Pinker-

