

# *Piney Woods*

Texas Sons of the American Revolution

*Humble / Kingwood Texas*



Historian Kermit Lewis Breed



Sons Of Liberty 1765



Bedford flag – Concord  
Bridge 19 April 1775



Breed / Bunker Hill Flag  
16-17 June 1775



Bennington Vermont 16 August 1777



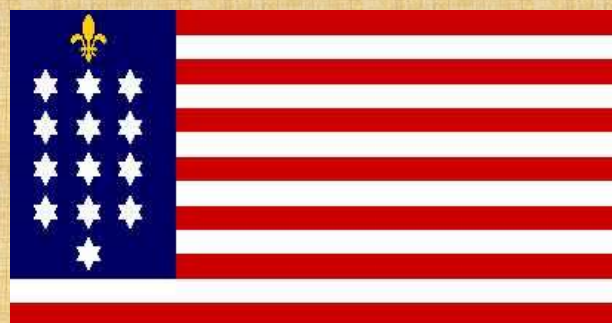
Green mountain Boys 1775-1777



Fort Moultrie Flag 28 June 1776



Gilford Courthouse 15 March 1781



American / French Alliance 1781-1782

# PINEYWOODS #51

## MEETING 15 JANUARY 2022

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Chairman, Jeff LaRoche, introduced Eagle Scout, Jonathan Elliott. Jonathan gave a special presentation on the Battle of Trenton. Eagle Scout Elliott was Presented the Eagle Scout Certificate and a cash award.

PineyWoods Chapter Officers  
President—Michael Anderson  
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Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall  
Newsletter - Larry Stevens  
Web Master - Ray Cox



**Eagle Scout Jonathan Elliot, his Aunt Lecia Chaney and G Grandmother Bonnie Elliot**

### New Members 2022 Approved Jan 28, 2022

Hartwick, Mervyn Lester # 221542 Anc. HART, Gilbert NY ... SARAH LINSLEY  
King, Darren William # 221548 Anc. KING, JAMES DE ... NANCY FARQUHAR  
King, Evan Darren # 221550 Anc. KING, JAMES DE ... NANCY FARQUHAR  
King, Ryan Elliot # 221549 Anc. KING, JAMES DE ... NANCY FARQUHAR



# PINEYWOODS MEETING 15 JANUARY 2022

Dr. Rob Meaux, president of the Humble Historical Association, and Humble I.S.D. employee gave an interesting power point program on the development of the City of Humble. Dr. Meaux was introduced by compatriot Norman Funderburk, Mayor of the City of Humble.



*Humble Mayor  
Norman Funderburk,  
Dr. Robert Meaux  
and President  
Mike Anderson*



## VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

### CHAPTER PROJECTS

#### **Chapter Coupon Project**

*Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.* All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:



**John Beard  
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr  
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

**PineyWoods Chapter 51 extends *Thank You John Worm* for starting this wonderful project helping our service men and women and their families located at bases and posts overseas. On nearly all bases, there is only one place to buy groceries, laundry supplies, and personal items: from Base Commissaries.**



## PineyWoods Join RevEdu1776 at Humble Museum



**TWELVE Texas SAR Members from Alexander Hodge Chapter, Freedom Chapter, and PineyWoods joined Revolution Education 1776 President John Schmonsees, an associate of PineyWoods, to present a Revolution Era Educational program at the Humble Museum on January 22, 2022. Dr. Robert Meaux, having seen part of the presentation at a Kingwood School at their Patriot's Day last Fall, invited us to present the program at the Museum.**

**The moving truck arrived about 6:00 am on January 22nd, to unload all of the material for the faux town building, the 18th Century Cooking site, and the Revolutionary War Army encampment. John a couple of students of the 17 Students who helped that day, were the only ones who braved the 29 degrees. But by 7:30, the buildings and tents were going up. They were all ready to go by 9:30. The High School Drama Class volunteers**



**from The Woodlands, Atascocita Hi and Kingwood Hi who would be firing muskets were still being trained; so, we started a few minutes after 10 am. Each hour a program began, 10 am to**

**3 pm, with skits and a play presented by the student actors, on the news of the Declaration of Independence in John Dunlap's Broadside. The characters portrayed in the play were real Patriots of the American Revolution. AT 10:50 am members of the SAR Musket**

**detail fired a volley announcing the start of the 11:00 am program. Each program ended with actors playing the roles of American Officers, a French and Spanish Officers, and a woman who joined the Army disguised as a man. The Actors, joined by the SAR Musket Detail, fired a volley. They were immediately called to assembly to march off to battle. The Field Kitchen brewed "cowboy" coffee, made and baked bread, a meat pie and beef stew using Colonial recipes. Visitors could**







**Left Above—Mayor Norm Funderburk by the Colonial Trunk Exhibit.**

**Above Right-Texas SAR Color Guardsmen John Thompson and David Hamaker**

**Left-Captain John Schmonsees presenting Gift to Dr. Robert Meaux the Museum Director**



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SAR -Alexander Hodge-Carl Hill; Freedom-John Thompson, David Hamaker, Hiram Dunlap: PineyWoods-Abe Abdmoulaie, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Norman Funderburk, Merv Hartwick, Ski Grumboski, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens; DAR –Jeannie Hartwick, Barbara Stevens. Also, REVEDU and Teachers-Kelly Abdmoulaie, Dani Deliano, John Schmonsees, Missy Schmonsees, AND Roger Curry, David Donahoo. And 17 High School Drama Students!**



**PREPARING FOR BLACK POWDER DEMO**



**The High School Drama Class volunteers from The Woodlands, Atascocita Hi and Kingwood Hi**



# PINEYWOODS #51

## MEETING 19 FEBURARY 2022



PineyWoods President Mike Anderson presenting Kristen Leshner  
A certificate of appreciation for her program on Elder Care Law.



**Kristen with husband and  
program assistant Kirby**





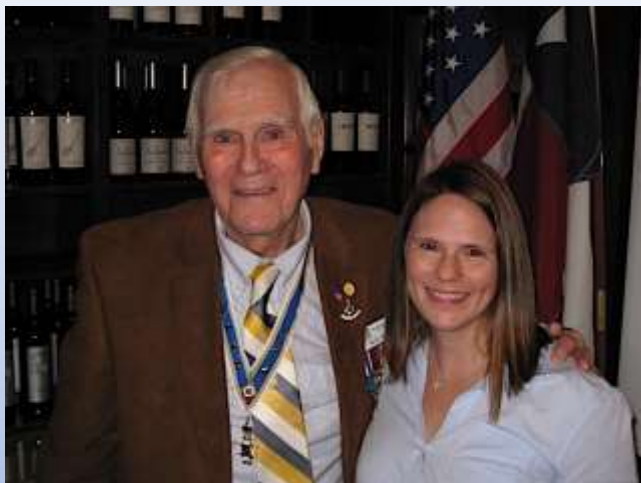
Barbara Stevens and Dianne Jones



Jim Pinkerton, John Beard  
and Barbara Stevens



Larry Stevens, Ken Fleming  
and Alan Bowman



Kermit Breed and Christina Lesher



Joe Potter, Norman Funderburk  
and Cannon Pritchard



Ray Cox, Ann Kent and Bernie Kent



# PINEYWOODS #51

## MEETING 19 March 2022



March in Houston also signals the arrival of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR). In December, HLSR Chairman Brady Carruth spoke at the Houston Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI meeting and provided some interesting facts about Houston's signature event which is comparable to Mardi Gras and the Texas State Fair. The 501(c)(3) charitable organization has awarded more than \$500 million in scholarships since it began in 1932.

*President Mike Anderson*

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FARMING AND RANCHING

by Davena Liepman

Organized in 2019 by founders Janisue Rigel and Davena Liepman of Texas, The National Society Descendants of American Farmers honors American farmers by recognizing the unlimited contributions they have made in the development of our country, the bread basket of the world. Ancestors must have been farmers from July 4, 1776 to July 4 1914.



Janisue Rigel

Our next meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Union Kitchen and Janisue and Davena Rigel will speak about the National Society Descendants of American Farmers. I look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP to me confirming your attendance.

Michael Anderson

#### SAR ROTC AWARD DATES

THESE ARE THE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SCHEDULED AWARD SHOWS AND WOULD LIKE A REP FROM OUR CHAPTER TO PRESENT THE AWARD. *I HAVE SENT AWARDS/CERTIFICATES TO THEM*

DEKANEY HS 31 MAR 2022 1830  
KINGWOOD PARK HS 18 APR 2022  
KLEIN COLLINS HS 23 APR 2022  
TOMBALL HS 27 APR 2022 AT HS 5- 7PM  
SPLENDORA HS 29 APR 2022 HS CAF 5:30 PM  
NEW CANEY HS 30 APR 2022  
KINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 5 MAY  
ATASCOCITA HS MAY 6  
PORTER HS 6 MAY 2022  
KLEIN FOREST HS MAY 13 2022  
SPRING HS WAITING DATE  
TOMBALL MEMORIAL LATE APRIL  
DEER PARK HS 11 MAY 2022  
DAYTON HS 11 MAY 2022 TIME 1830



#### PineyWoods Members

It is a great honor to present these medal to deserving young High School JROTC Cadets. It is the highest national award Cadets can be presented from organizations such as the DAR, VFW, and others and one of only a couple that the Cadet can wear on their dress uniform as authorized by the US Congress.

If you are available to present this ROTC Bronze Medal please contact our Chapter ROTC program chairman Randy Hall or president Mike Anderson

### PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2021-2023

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**2nd VP—Bernie Kent**

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**Chaplain -Alan Bowman**

**Sgt. at Arms—Randy Hall**

**Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens**

**Web Master - Ray Cox**

### Events Calendar



NSSAR

SAR 132 Congress Savannah, GA—  
July 9-15, 2022



TXSSAR

2022 Annual TXSSAR Convention  
Mar 31 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson  
Texas

### PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51



Meetings at Union Kitchen

March 19, 2022

April 16, 2022

May 21, 2022



# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 19 March 2022



Mike Anderson, B. Ray Mize  
and  
Sharon  
Mize



Carolyn and Alan Bowman

Larry Stevens, Janisue Rigel  
Davena Liepman & Ray Cox,



Jim Pinkerton, John Beard, Larry Blackburn and Mary-Claire Beard

# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 19 March 2022



President Mike Anderson presenting Certificates of Application to NSDOAF National President, Janisue Rigel and Davena Liepman



Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover  
and Ben Baskin



Ray Cox and Bernie Kent





## **2022 TXSSAR Convention Mar 31 to Apr 3, 2022 Richardson Texas**

- **Freedom Chapter's Jim Kuykendall** was inducted as the Texas Society President for 2022-2023.
- Past Communication Secretary Sam Massey was inducted as President Elect. Sam Is a long time member of Paul Carrington.
- Mel Oller of the Freedom Chapter remains as State Secretary.
- Ray Cox, Past President PineyWoods was inducted as the Texas Communications Secretary.
- David Kinsey of the McKinney Chapter remains the State Treasurer.
- Chuck Wagner, a past president and *Texas Officers for 2022-2023*. registrar of the Paul Carrington Chapter is now the Texas Society Coastal Registrar.
- Kenneth Graalum is the District 8 Vice President

# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 16 APRIL 2022



I want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. The observation of Easter began hundreds of years ago to commemorate the rising of Christ from the dead. During the early 18th century, Pennsylvania Germans suggested that, in spring, the Easter Bunny would hide eggs, or perhaps the bunny would put them in an upside-down hat, left out overnight.

April is filled with historical events in our nation's history, including the birth of our nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, on April 13, 1743. The inauguration of our first president, George Washington, on April 30, 1789,



At the Annual Texas SAR Convention March 31st to April 3rd, PineyWoods and its compatriots were recognized with several awards. I congratulate the recipients and thank them for their dedication to the community and our honored organization.



## **New Members 2022**

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## **SUMMPLEMENT S APPLICATIONS APPROVED 2022**

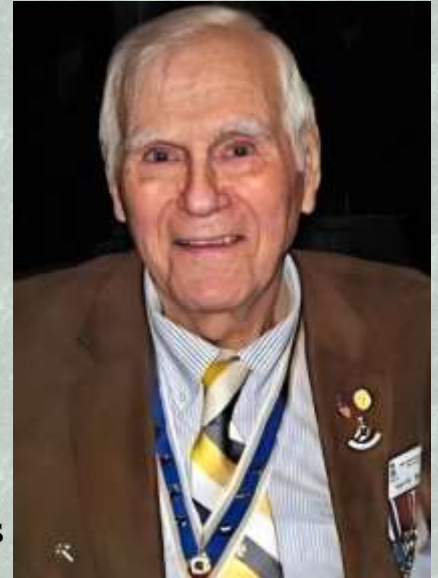
**Bowman, William Alan** 180088 Patriot Nathan Kelly Private PA  
**Pinkerton, James Phillips** 191618 Patriot Harris Sr., John  
**Pinkerton, James Phillips** 191618 Patriot McCurdy, John



# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 16 APRIL 2022

## Kermit Breed Awarded Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal and Cluster

Our very own, hard working past chapter president Kermit Breed was awarded the National Lafayette Volunteer Service Award and Medal and bronze oak clusters. The medal is awarded to an individual for 40 hours of volunteer service performed at the NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY or other significant volunteer work as determined by the President General. This award from President General Davis Wright cited his service as the Chairman of the History Teacher Sub-Committee National. Kermit also volunteers on the project to enter all patriot information into the Patriot Research System which will allow compatriots and prospective members to search for ancestors and their descendants when working on new member-ship or supplementals. This project is similar to the Daughters of the American Revolution GRS system. It will be invaluable to increasing SAR membership numbers. As we all know, Kermit also works hard for our chapter. His chapter yearbook won third prize in the State competition at the State Congress.



PineyWoods April 16th Program

VERNON BECK

*An Air Force fighter pilot during the Reagan administration, he later became director of transportation and logistics at Texas Petrochemical. Beck set up a fake company and billed his employer for fake work – \$13.5 million or 7 years.*

***"It was nothing more than greed. I wish I could blame this on a drug or alcohol problem".***

# PINEYWOODS MEETING 16 APRIL 2022



President Mike Anderson Presenting our program speaker Vernon Beck a Certificate of Application



Larry Stevens Vice President General South Central District presenting Kermit Breed the National Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal and Cluster



# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 16 APRIL 2022

*Larry Stevens  
Receiving  
Texas SAR  
first place  
winner overall  
in the newsletter  
category from  
Pineywoods  
President  
Mike Anderson*



Jim Pinkreton, Sharon Mize & John Beard

Denise and Lee Bennett

## From the President:



I have done a couple of JROTC Medal presentations over the last month and have one more to do on May 13<sup>th</sup>. I wish everyone would do one of these award presentations to see the pride, commitment, and discipline of the youth. At the Klein Collins Awards Ceremony, the retired Air Force Major instructor asked the class seniors to repeat the Air Force core values which they very enthusiastically exclaimed. He told the cadets those core values would serve them well in life whether they went on to military service or private industry. The instructor also presented each senior with an Air Force challenge coin inscribed on one side with the core values and told them to carry the coin in their pocket as a reminder. I left so impressed with the school's program and remembering the core values... Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do.

## PINEYWOODS MEETING 16 APRIL 2022



*Bill King center with sons Darren and Ryan and grandson Evan.  
Compatriots being inducted by president Mike Anderson*



*Jeanie Hartwick,  
Larry Stevens,  
and new member  
Merv Hartwick,  
Mike Anderson*





# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 16 APRIL 2022



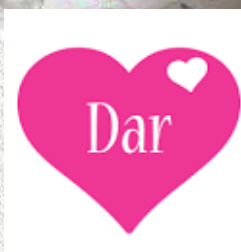
*Newest Youth Member  
Evan with proud  
Grandpa Bill King*



*Randy Hall and Ray Cox*



*Dianne Jones  
and  
Barbara Stevens*



*Joe Potter and Ronald Skelton*

## YOUTH PROGRAMS and RECOGNITION



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PineyWoods presented the Bronze JROTC medal and certificate to various high school JROTC programs this month, Pictured: Past President Kermit Breed at Atascosita , President Michael Anderson at Klein Forest, VPG Larry Stevens at Porter High School , and President Michael Anderson at Splendor High School





Jesse Jones

Park—Harris County

May 14, 2022



Larry Stevens  
John Schmonsees  
Buffalo Soldier

RevEdu1776 and Texas SAR joined by a descendant of the US Army Buffalo Soldiers and the James Tull Chapter NSDAR. RevEdu1776 Actors presented play on the Declaration of Independence while John Schmonsees and Larry Stevens discuss life during the American Revolutionary War, 250 years ago. Like many others that day, the Buffalo Soldier wanted to know about the artifacts on Larry's table and how they relate to our history.



James Tull Regent Jane Thomas and  
Member Mrs. Taylor



RevEdu1776 Actors



PineShavings





# PINEYWOODS MEETING 21 May 2022



Alan Bowman Receiving  
Supplement from President  
Mike Anderson



Jim Pinkerton receiving two  
Supplements from President  
Mike Anderson



L to R  
Ben Baskin  
Randy Hall  
Carolyn and  
Alan Bowman





# PINEYWOOD MEETING 21 May 2022



*Vice President, District 8* Kenneth and Carol Graalum



L to R  
Jim Jones  
Larry Stevens  
John Beard  
Ray Cox



L to R  
Cannon  
Pritchard  
Bill King  
Harry  
Salisbury



# PINEYWOODS #51 MEETING 21 May 2022



Pictured left  
Top—background Larry Stevens, Dianne and Jim Jones  
Front—Jim Pinkerton, John Beard, Ray Cox

Pictured below  
Kermit Breed and speaker  
Compatriot John Kennon Thompson



Pictured left  
John Beard  
Mike Anderson  
Dianne Jones  
Cannon  
Pritchard



Pictured below  
Merv Hartwick  
Jeannie Hartwick  
Barbara Stevens



Treasure B. Ray Mize with  
Merv Hartwick, Sharon Mize  
And Jeannie Hartwick





## PINEYWOOD MEETING 21 May 2022



1st VP Abe Abdmoulaie shares at Thank You Card for our Chapter's support of Kingwood's Fallen Hero's. He said news of the next fundraising event is forthcoming and would like all to participate again.

## Paul Revere One If By Land, Two If By Sea



Compatriot John Kenton Thompson, Freedom and PineyWoods chapters, Past District 8 VP, being presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation by President Mike Anderson for being the program speaker. John gave one of his favorite talks of Paul Revere with some of the stories and facts about this ride shouting, "The Regulars Ara Comin!"

## Pineywood's Patriot Medal Winners



THOMAS M GREEN 1997



JEFFERY M MEADOWS 1998



RAYMOND W COX 2008



JAMES T JONES 2009



# Pineywood's Patriot Medal Winners



LARRY G STEVENS 2010



JAMES E MITCHELL 2011



JOHN C BEARD 2013



LARRY H BLACKBURN 2018

"Council of Committee Chairmen" 06 Jul 2022





## STATE GENEALOGY COMMITTEE MEETING 19 JULY 2022



## TXSSAR Archives/History/Yearbook Committee 20 July 2022



## National Congress, Sons of the American Revolution July 13, 2022 Savannah Georgia



South Central District Breakfast Meeting. Larry Stevens of Texas is the outgoing Vice President General and has done a superb job.



Past Texas President Drake Peddie with Pineywood's members Jim Jones and Larry Stevens



# Summer Board of Managers Meeting



Saturday 06 August 2022

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## *PINEYWOODS MEETING 20 AUG 2022*

### *New Member*



Ken Fleming, Ramsey Love, new member Anthony Love being sworn in by Pineywood President Mike Anderson. Anthony lives just across the street from Kim Morton, our long time chapter Genealogist who pass away last year. Compatriot Love descends from Patriot 2nd Lt James Buchanan who served in NC (now Tennessee), and his spouse Margaret Kennedy. He was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on 12 Jan 1759 and died in Nashville on 7 Nov 1832. John Buchanan became one of the first settlers, of what is now Nashville, TN joining General James Robertson in December 1778. Tennessee was Washington County, NC in 1778, and Nashborough Fort, at present day Nashville, was a place of refuge for the few that ventured there. There was a constant threat from the Indians with many small confrontations. Walking to the farm field to work was not safe with men laying in wait. The Battle of Bluff at Fort Nashborough in 1781, where John's brother Alexander Buchanan died, was one of the larger confrontations on the frontier in Tennessee.



## PineyWoods Lunch Meeting August 20, 2022

### *NEW Members*



Cameron Killina is inducted as a member of the PineyWoods Chapter 51 by President Mike Anderson. After the ceremony, Cameron was asked to speak about his ancestor Captain John Hines of North Carolina. Notably, Captain Hines served at Shallow Ford, a crossing of the Yadkin in North Carolina and the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in 1781, plus numerous actions in the American Revolution. The Pension of Private Solomon Geren who served under Captain Hines provided some detail of Hines' service.



Aunt Shearon Mize  
and B Ray

Proud Mother Debo-  
rah Lee Cormack  
Killina and Cameron  
President Anderson.

## PINEYWOODS MEETING 20 AUG 2022



Dick Setser, Bill King, John Beard, Jim Pinkerton, B Ray Mize



Anthony Love is pinned by Sponsor Kermit Breed as daughter Ransey looks on. Kermit, Anthony and President Mike Anderson



**PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR**  
**August 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Union Kitchen, Kingwood, Texas**

**President Michael Anderson** opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Chaplin, Alan Bowman gave the invocation. This was followed by President Anderson leading members and guests in the pledges of the U.S. and Texas flag.

**Attendance:** (20) Compatriots present: Jim Pinkerton, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, Kermit Breed, Bill King, Jeff Larochelle, Anthony Love, Ken Fleming, Cannon Pritchard, B. Ray Mize, Dick Setser, John Beard, Ski Grumboski, Larry Stevens, Jim Jones, Abe Abdmoulaie, Alan Bowman, Alan Bowman, Harry Salisbury, Cameron Kallina.

**Attendance:** (9) Guests present: Romsey Love, Jeannie Hartwick, Sharon Mize, Sherry Setser, Mary-Claire Beard, Susan Grumboski, Diane Jones, Carolyn Bowman, Debbie Kallina.

**Program:** Past State SAR President and Piney Woods Chapter President, and current registrar, Larry Stevens presented the program. Larry had recently returned from the national SAR convention in Savannah, Georgia. Larry gave a brief history on the founding of Savanna followed by convention highlights. Twenty delegates including our own past state president Jim Jones were in attendance. This was the 132<sup>nd</sup> annual congress. Larry informed the membership of the proposed SAR Education Center and Museum. He reminded members of the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our country. Larry stated that the Savannah congress was the second largest in attendance ever.

**Secretary's Report:** The May and August report will appear in the September new letter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Compatriot B.Ray Mize gave the report.

**Old and New Business;** Abe Abdmoulaie informed members that the Fallen Hero's Golf Tournament will take place October 29<sup>th</sup> and will be played at Oakhurst Golf Club. Registrar Larry Stevens informed members that we currently have 108 paid members on or rolls. The largest in several years. John Beard, informed members that we have currently raised \$ 130,000 worth of coupons for service men currently serving in the Pacific. Alan Bowman recommended that members visit Amazon Prime and view a movie entitled " The First Americans. " Harry Salisbury asked if there were any member who were interested in forming a local history club. Harry suggested the club could meet once a month and discuss historical issues.

**Adjournment:** The closing prayer was given by Alan Bowman. President Anderson gave the recessional and the meeting was closed at 1:45 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton

Chapter Secretary

# PINEYWOODS MEETING 20 AUG 2022



(B) James T. Jones, Carolyn and Alan Bowman with Ben Baskin. Back Table—Merv and Jeannie Hartwick and Susan and Ski Grumboski. Past President Cannon Pritchard on the side



Larry Stevens, Abe Abdmoulaie, Jeff LaRochelle & Cannon Pritchard



Sheri Setser, Mary Clare Beard, Dianne Jones



## PINEYWOODS MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER 2022



Barbara Stevens receiving a Certificate of Appreciation  
from Pineywood's President Mike Anderson



Larry Stevens, Merv Hartwick and Jeff LaRochelle 35

## PINEYWOODS MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER 2022



Keith, Ronald, Jeannie, Richard, Merv, Jeff and Ben



Alan Bowman  
Carolyn Bowman  
and  
Barbara Stevens





## PINEYWOODS MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER 2022



Abe, Alan, Carolyn, Larry, Kermit and John



Larry Stevens conducting Patriots Day at Greentree Elementary School Kingwood TX October 2022



## PINEYWOODS MEETING 15 OCTOBER 2022



Abe Abdmoulaie wielded the gavel as our VP substituting for President Anderson who had to go out of town on business. He took his responsibility seriously! He had everyone laughing.

Jim Pinkerton (above right) thought Kelly Abdmoulaie yelled duck, I guess, while she and Dani Galianio were discussing teaching 5th grade American History. As a former educator and administrator, Jim can appreciate all that our guest speakers do.

It was a great pleasure for him to recognize Bear Branch elementary Principal Kakie Palmer with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Some of the chapter members joined RevEdu776 in helping Kakie's school celebrate Patriots Day on November 4, 2022.



Larry is pictured at left with a Bear Branch 5th grade student who is submitting his application to become a member of the PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR.

Ray Cox and Larry Stevens made presentations from around 8:45 until 2:15. Principal Palmer was present at different times during the day watching the performances.



**Jim Pinkerton and Kakie Palmer**



**Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting**  
**Union Kitchen Restaurant**  
**October 15, 2022**

**Vice President Abe Abdmoulaie** called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Vice President Abdmoulaie gave the invocation. He led the members and guest is the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

**Attendance;** (13) Compatriots present: Merv Hartwick, Bill Kip, Kermit Breed, Abe Abdmoulaie, Larry Stevens, B Ray Mize, Richard Payne, Roland Skelton, Cannon Pritchard, Ray Cox, Anthony Love, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton.

**Attendance:** (7) Guests present: Jeannie Hartwick, Dani Galiano, Kelly Abdmoulaie, Kakie Palmer, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize, Romsey Love

**Program:** Dani Galiano and Kelly Abdmoulaie, fifth grade teachers at Greentree Elementary School presented a program titled "Better Together." Dani and Kelly are both long time Greentree teachers, involved in the Patriots Day Program. They took members on the year long journey of teaching 5<sup>th</sup> social studies including Civil Rights Day and Hippie Day. Both ladies were presented Certificates of Appreciation, and Bronze Good Citizen Medals for their long time love and work in the "Why America is Great" program.

**Old and New Business:** Registrar Larry Stevens, stated that he had two new applications in progress. He also stated that our chapter will have 111 members when the Texas Secretary/Treasurer updated his files. Vice President Abdmoulaie reminded members of the upcoming Fallen Hero's Golf Tournament scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit scholarships and Blue Star Mothers. The DAR will be sponsoring a blood drive in conjunction with St. Arnolds Brewery. Coupon report indicated that we have sent out \$140,000 worth of coupons to our Asian Air Force bases. Ray Cox stated that the 2023 state dues can be accessed on the state web site. Larry Stevens stated that they had finished a patriot's program on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at Creekwood Middle School. John Schmonesse also presented his program at the school. Kakie Palmer, Principal of Bear Branch Elementary School, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her schools work in the Patriots Day Program.

**Adjournment:** The closing prayer was given by Vice President Abdmoulaie. He also gave the recessional, and the meeting was closed at 1:15 p.m.

## PINEYWOODS MEETING 15 OCTOBER 2022





# From the President:

## Members and Friends,

In last November's message, I discussed the history of Veteran's Day, and while very worthy of repeating, I do not want to recycle my previous columns. I thought I would discuss Veterans Day and salute our veterans with some statistics. . . .

The United States military ranks in the top five biggest militaries in the world; in terms of active-duty members, we rank just after China and India. In 2020, the most current year for which I could find statistics, there are 2,395,993 active duty, national guard, and reserve forces broken down by branch as follows:



Army	1,092,475
Air Force	532,107
Navy	443,219
Marine Corps	279,910
Coast Guard	48,282

The total represents just .727 percent of our population. Amazing such a small percentage of our population keeps our country safe and protects our freedoms and those of many around the world.

In our nation's history, from the American Revolution through Desert Storm/Desert Shield, more than forty-one million served in the military during wartime. The number of veterans who served in the Revolutionary War is unknown but estimated to be between 184,000 and 250,000. The last surviving veteran of the Revolutionary War is murky. John Gray is the last veteran of the Revolutionary War who was able to prove his service in the Continental Army; he died in 1868 at the age of 104. Daniel F. Bakeman, who died on April 5,

1869, at the ripe old age of 109, is the last soldier to receive a pension. No specific records validating his service survived, but authorities deemed his testimony credible.

Please help me in celebrating our veterans on this Veterans Day as we thank them for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude.

One matter on which I am being pinged quite often as we approach the end of the year is the service of Flag Certificates. Please help me in identifying worthy individuals or businesses who are patriotically displaying our nation's flag. Both Compatriot Larry Stevens and I have certificates we can personalize for presentation. We should be able to serve a few before the end of the year. Once served, we need to report the service to the state flag coordinator. Presenting Flag Certificates is a great way to recognize patriotism and discuss our organization.

Lastly, we are quickly approaching the end of the current officers' terms and are actively seeking new compatriots to step forward to lead the chapter for the next two years. I have enjoyed my term as president, but it is too early for me to reminisce as I have a few months left. New officers will assume responsibilities in March 2023, and we have TXSSAR State President Jim Kuykendall scheduled to speak at that month's meeting.

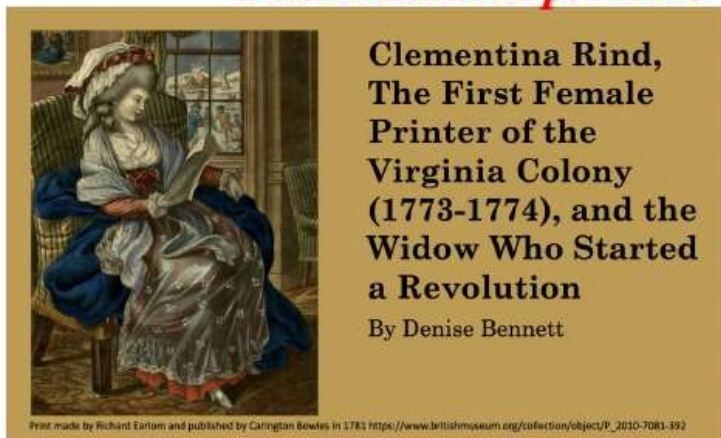
**Mike Anderson**

**President**



## PineyWoods Lunch Program - November 19, 2022

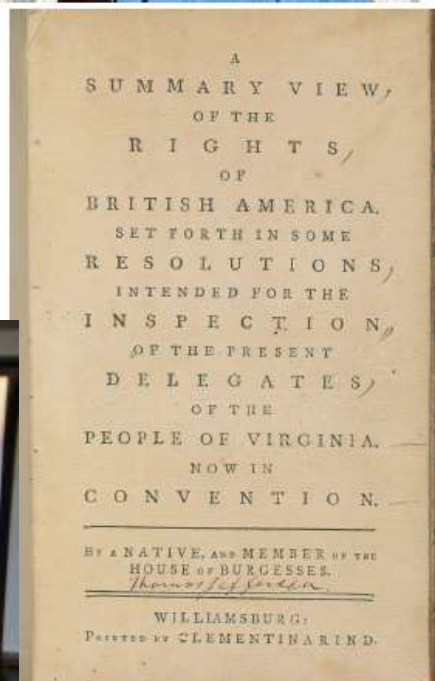
### *Denise Bennett presents Clementina Rind*



Denise Bennett is a lifelong volunteer. Mrs. Bennett is a 1st and 2nd generation American whose husband can trace his ancestry back to several of the Pilgrims who came to America in 1620 on the Mayflower.

She has researched her genealogy for over 25 years, going on numerous research and ancestral journeys including to Ireland and Scotland. Despite her very recent immigrant ancestors, she can trace her lineage in America back to the American Revolution and to the third ship that arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1623. She has joined 10 lineage societies with one of the most international applications.

In her first 3 generations she had proof documents which required translations in 3 different languages – German, Spanish and old Persian.



1<sup>st</sup> VP Abe Abdmoualie  
presenting a Certificate  
Of Appreciation to  
Denise Bennett



## PINEYWOODS MEETING 19 November 2022



Jeannie, Merv and B Ray



Daniel, Ramsey and Anthony



Richard, Bill and Ben



Keith, Cannon and Larry

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid."  
- Benjamin Franklin



Ray Cox,  
Denise  
Bennett  
And  
Lee  
Bennett



**Merry Christmas**

**Piney Woods  
Annual Christmas Party  
December 10, 2022  
1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood  
11:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m.**

The Christmas and Chapter Meeting will be at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens in Kingwood. The party is a pot-luck, with the chapter furnishing the ham and members bringing their favorite salad, vegetable or dessert.

This event is a member-guest event so please bring your significant other or a friend. We will enjoy the beautiful music of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir who will perform at about 12:30 p.m., so please be on time so you won't miss the Christmas Cheer from these Dickens clad singers.

Maps are included here for your convenience. RSVP by December 3rd to Larry Stevens at [REDACTED]@aol.com or text to 832-814-7132 indicating number attending and dish you will be bringing.

Please join us!

Michael Anderson President



## **Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting**

### **December 10 , 2022**

1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood TX

Meeting Minutes December 10, 2022

Attendance: 23.

Members – 13. Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Lawrence Ski Grumboski, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Keith Schoonover, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens. Non-Members – 10. Kelly Abdmoulaie, Dan and Samantha Ballard, Susan Grumboski, Sharon Mize, Sarah Potter, Cindy David, John Schmonsees, Jenelle Schoonover, Barbara Stevens.

President Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Ray Cox gave the Invocation. Abe Abdmoulaie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the pledge to the Texas Flag. This was followed by the SAR Pledge.

President Anderson introduced Jason Watt, KHS Chair Director who talked about the Kingwood Madrigals and how much the students loved coming to present their Holiday Songs to an attentive group. He said a lot of their presentations are more “background” at area events. But here, the singers can

see their audience

and their acceptance of their performance. Jason thanked the chapter for their generous donation to help fund the Madrigals.

Abdmoulaie gave a report of “Fallen Heroes” and how much that organization appreciates our continued support. This is a great tribute to our young men who lost their lives in the service to our Nation. He also mentioned upcoming events.

John Schmonsees talked about the upcoming RevEdu1776 scheduled Humble Museum’s program on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and how much the area SAR units participated. He said our support is needed again. He also said there is another event at Jesse Jones Park on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10 am to 4 pm, where there will be a Revolutionary War Battle reenactment involving American Militia and Continentals, Spanish, French and Cajun Against the British with cannon and musket firing. Lots of help in uniform is needed.

Larry Stevens added comments about the events and also the chapters participation with RevEdu1776 in the City of Humble Christmas Parade. Ray Cox led members of the newly formed RevEdu1776 Drum and Fife Corps.

President Anderson said there were really only two business items to discuss today, he said the first was the approval of the donation.







The motion was unanimously approved by the members present. The second item for discussion was the nomination of chapter officers for the next terms beginning in March 2023. Due to time constraints, he asked those present if this could be taken up in the January meeting. All agreed. He said members need to be thinking about volunteering for offices now, and those interested now should contact him or Secretary Pinkerton, or any current officer. He said some members have volunteered to serve multiple years and will probably continue to do so unless someone would like to do that job. He said most jobs really do not take much personally time to perform.

President Anderson asked Ray Cox to lead the Benediction, he led the SAR Closing, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm. Secretary Jim Pinkerton

**Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir**

**B Ray and Sharon Mize**



**Patriotic Dining Room**







**Nutcracker Hearth**



**Ben Baskin**  
**Susan and Ski**  
**Grumboski**  
**Jenelle and**  
**Keith Schoono-**  
**ver**  
**Ray Cox**  
**Sharon Mize**  
**Roland Skelton**  
**Mike Anderson**  
**standing in the**  
**back**



Franklin suggested we should **“pay them in kind with rattle snakes”**.

The image of a rattlesnake was used as a symbol of the American colonies from the beginning of the French and Indian War to the end of the War for Independence. It appeared in printed caricatures, newspapers, and paper money, in addition to other media including flags, buttons and even on a cemetery monument. The basis of this pervasive imagery can be traced back to a May 9, 1751, tract by Benjamin Franklin. Franklin wrote a satirical article entitled “Rattle-Snakes for Felons.”



For years England had been shipping convicted criminals to her American colonies, which she justified as a way to help them grow in population. Franklin wrote,

*“such a tender parental concern in our Mother Country for the welfare of her children calls aloud for the highest returns of gratitude ... In some of the uninhabited parts of these provinces there are numbers of these venomous reptiles we call rattle-snakes: felons-convict from the beginning of the world. These, whenever we meet with them, we put to death, by virtue of an old law: Thou shalt bruise his head. But as this is a sanguinary law, and may seem too cruel; and as however mischievous those creatures are to us, they may possibly change their natures if they were to change the climate; I would humbly propose that this general sentence of death be changed for transportation”*

***Further, “In the spring of the year, when they first creep out of their holes, they are feeble, heavy, slow and easily taken; and if a small bounty were allowed per head, some thousands might be collected annually and transported to Britain. There I would propose to have them carefully distributed in St. James Park, in the Spring Gardens and other places of pleasure about London; in the gardens of all the nobility and gentry throughout the nation; but particularly in the gardens of the prime ministers, the lords of trade, and members of Parliament, for to them we are most particularly obliged.”***

Franklin Closed this article, ***“Rattlesnakes seem the most suitable returns for the human serpents sent us by our Mother Country.”***

Walter Isaacson, *A Benjamin Franklin Reader* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2003), 150-151.

The following letter from “An American Guesser” was published in the *Pennsylvania Journal* on December 27, 1775. Its author has been identified as Benjamin Franklin.

***“I recollected that her eye excelled in brightness, that of any other animal, and that she has no eye-lids. She may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance. She never begins an attack, nor, when engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage. As if anxious to prevent all pretensions of quarreling with her, the weapons with which nature has furnished her, she conceals in the roof of her mouth, so that, to those who are unacquainted with her, she appears to be a most defenseless animal: and even when those weapons are shown and extended for her defense, they appear weak and contemptible; but their wounds however small are decisive and fatal. Conscious of this, she never wounds ‘till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her.”***



**The Christopher Gadsden Flag adopted 1775**





United States (1776–1777)



Betsy Ross Flag 1777 - 1795



Battle of Cowpens 17 Jan 1781



Star-Spangled Banner 1795 –  
1818 15 Stars 15 Stripes



United States 1818 – 1819 20 Stars



United States 1865 –  
1867 36 Stars



**TELL ME AND I FORGET.  
TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER.  
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**