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



Editor Kermit L Breed

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 Chapter Officers

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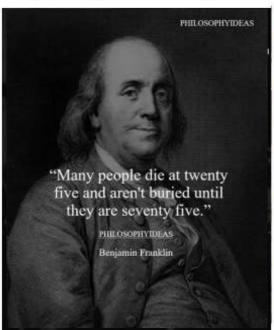


# PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas Society of the Sons of the American

#### Christmas Luncheon

### December 16, 2023

The Christmas meeting is the chapters officer nomination meeting each year. However, the Texas SAR Convention is not until the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of April, so officers' nomination/election can take place in the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and still meet the time requirements in the PineyWoods Constitution and bylaws. President Baskin and the Chapter officers agreed to hold nominations until January where there would be more time to discuss officer position and other business. There was no formal Chapter meeting, just a time to meet, get to know each other better, enjoy good food, and be entertained by the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir.



There were Thirty-nine members and guests at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens – 22 members. Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Lawrence Ski Grumboski, Marv Hartwick, Skip Hawley, Jim Jones, Bernie Kent, Bill King, Jeff LaRochelle, Sam Massey, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Keith Schooner, Dick Setser, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens.

Guests: Kelly Abdmoulaie, Dan and Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman, Gennie Hartwick, Susan Grumboski, Ann Kent, Sue Ann King, Jen LaRochelle, Sharon Mize, Sarah Pinkerton, Sarah Potter, Ms. David, John Schmonesse, Jenelle Schooner, Sherri Setser, Barbara Stevens,

All were welcomed by President Ben Baskin, and he asked our chapter Chaplain Alan Bowman to bless our lunch at

11:30 am. Lunch, potluck with ham provided by the chapter, began.

At 12:30 pm, the Madrigals, twenty strong, caroled their way through the front door and took their po-

sitions on the stairs. They sang familiar Christmas songs both classic and popular for thirty minutes and sang their way back out the front door. The chapter donated \$250 to help fund the Victorian costumes worn by the singers.

After, everyone tasted the many delicious desserts brought for after lunch. The luncheon formally tended at 1:30 pm, although some stayed to visit.

Thank you to those who sent pictures.

Secretary Jim Pinkerton and Larry Stevens



## Meeting 20 January



Larry Stevens Ben Baskin Mason Pinon Jeff LaRochelle Eagle Scout Chapter 1st Place also Essay Chapter Contest 1st Place



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### January 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

### Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

**President Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. He led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Chaplin, Alan Bowman led the invocation.

Members Present: (17). Richard Payne, Larry Blackburn, Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartwick, Skip Hawley, Michael Anderson, Jim Jones, Ray Cox, Jim Pinkerton, Alan Bowman, Bernie Kent, B. Ray Mize, Ben Baskin, Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed Richard Setser, John Beard.

Guests Present (6) Susan Grumboski, Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman, Barbara Stevens, Sherry Setser, Mary-Claire Beard

**Program:** January's program was given by Mason Pinon. Mason is an Eagle Scout, and a first place winner in the Eagle and Essay Contest. The chapter gave him \$400 for his endeavors. Mason gave a presentation on Ben Franklin and his accomplishments.

**Secretaries Report:** The report will appear in the February newsletter.

**Treasurers Report:** B. Ray Mize stated that money had been given to the Fallen Hero's golf tournament. A committee composed of John Beard, Jim Jones, and Michael Anderson was formed to review potential Piney Woods future awards recipients and other treasurers needs.

New and Old Business: Larry Stevens stated that compatriot Joe Potter fell and broke his arm. Both Larry and Kermit Bread that there were several potential new members who were in various stages of being approved for new membership. Ray Cox, webmaster said that members had until the end of the month to pay yearly dues or would be dropped from active membership. Ski Grumboski gave the Stark Report on member interaction with Vets. John Beard gave the coupon report. He stated that in 2023 41, 25 pounds of coupons had been accumulated for military bases in the Pacific. The estimated value is \$240,000. Two women Jean Waldron and Johnnie Horn have been instrumental in collecting coupons. A motion was made to give these women certificates of appreciation for their efforts. The motion was approved. A motion was made and approved to use \$1000.00 for the Splendora JROTC Program. They are struggling financially. This money would come out of the Kim Morton fund. The motion was approved.



PineyWoods Officers: Back row: Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, B. Ray Mize, Mike Anderson Front Row: Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Ben

Baskin, Alan Bowman, Jim Pinkerton



Ray Cox.

Jim Jones

Merv Hartwick

Skip Hawley



Alan Bownan

Carolyn Bowman



B Ray Mize

Bernie Kent



"We are all born ignorant, but one must work very hard to remain stupid!"

~Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

Larry Blackburn

John Kenton Thompson







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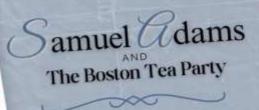
Saturday January 27, 2024

10:00am - 04:00pm

Join us for a fun, free, family-friendly event about life in the 18th century and the founding principles of America!







A short play by Revolutionary Education Performed by Humble High School Varsity Theatre at the top of every hour, 11am-3pm

### **FEATURING:**

Apothecary • 18th Century Kitchen

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Fife & Drum . Musket Demos

18th Century Crafts . Food Trucks

### Location

Humble Museum 601 Higgins Street, Humble, TX



### Special Thanks To

The Kim Allen Morton Foundation, the City of Humble, and the Friends of the Humble Museum

# Humble Museum 27 January 2024



**REVOLUTIONARY EDUCATION ACTORS** 



## Humble Museum 27 January







Mike Anderson Introduced our guest speaker. FBI Agent Art Fontes (RET) who spoke on Mexico Today. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Baskin. COMPATRIOTS PRESENT (21): Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, Cannon H Pritchard, Ray Cox, Mel Oller, Mike Anderson, Donald Stallings, B. Ray Mize, Skip Hawley, Marv Hartwick, Jim Jones, Joe Potter, Bill King, Harry Salsbury, Ski Grumboski, Bernie Kent, Ray Cox, Darrel Radford, Keith Schoonover, and Mike Allard. GUESTS (23): Sharon Mize, Caleb Allard, Terry Hawley, Sherry Hall, Cadet/A1C Bradley Ferri, Ca-det/SSgt Aylin Perez, Cadet/1Lt Serenity Grein, Cadet/MSgt Brandon Araguz, Cadet/Lt Col Mason Hann and Cadet/Lt Col Layla Alderete, (Ret) USAF, Col. Kevin Mertens, USAF, Wendy Hann, Brittaney Ellsworth, Virginia Harwell, Kennedi Hann, Mason Hann, Nancy Radford, Diane Halvorson, Barbara Stevens, Kyle Farri, Samantha Ballard, Dan Ballard and Art Fontes. 11

### Pineywoods 17 February 2024



New Member Darrel Radford being inducted by sponsor Kermit Breed. Darrel received his SAR Membership Certificate and New Member Package for himself his son Kent Aaron Radford and his



Grandsons Alen Waclaw Radford and Michal Julian Radford.
Their Patriot was Reuben Radford Soldier Virginia Militia.
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Georgia.
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DAR METAL OF APPRECIATION
Presented to
Camellia Diane Radford Halverson
Of New Mexico DAR
for bringing 4 new members to SAR!

### Pineywoods 17 February 2024



Sponsor Kermit Breed inducting Michael Paul Allard. Grandson Caleb, son of Joshua Paul Allard who is a missionary in New Zealand, excepted for his father. New member Michael David Allard was not present. The Allard Patriot Ancestor is William Cornelius, North Carolina, Matross in Capt. John Kingsbury's Company of Artillery. Wife Lettice Cargill. Death 1852 Blount County Alabama.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas Sons of the American Revolution 17 February 2024. Splendora High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard and Officers posted the United Stated and Texas Flags.



SPECIAL EVENT: Splendora High School Cadet/Lt Col Mason Hann and Cadet/Lt Col Layla Alderete talked about the Air Force JROTC Program and Larry Stevens presented the Cadets with the \$1000 donation from the chapter to help fund their projects in the memory of PineyWoods charter member Kim Morton.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Youth Programs for 2024. PineyWoods needs help with this part of our program. PLEASE volunteer. Larry Stevens asked the chapter if he should pursue making contributions to the other Air Force Junior ROTC Units, Cleveland, Porter, and K Park as we did Splendora, due to the Air force cutting funding the units this year by 70%. Stevens said he would make this a motion, and President Baskin asked if there was a first to this motion. There was a first and second, no discussion. Motion passed.

# Texas SAR Council of Committee Chairmen Meeting 2024-02-19



### VETERANS

# Cushing veterans memorial installed in historical cemetary

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The historical McKnight Cemetery in Cushing has a new plaque commemorating the veterans who are buried there.

The plaque honors the 183 veterans who served from the Civil War to Vietnam.

Marine Corps Sgt. Larry Blackburn and Army Col. Maury Millican donated the plaque to honor their fellow veterans.

"These veterans represent families who were early settlers in colonial America, patriots in the American Revolution and pioneers in the Republic of Texas," Blackburn said in a press release. "Some were killed in action and did not come home. All served with honor. They will not be forgotten."

McKnight Cemetery was founded in 1850. The cemetery began as a burial ground for the family of William Newton and Rebecca McKnight.

it had opened to other families community. in nearby communities such as



Contributed Photo/Millican

U.S. Army Colonel Maury Millican (left) and United States Marine Corp Sgt. Larry Blackburn (right) pose next to a plaque dedicated to veterans interred at McKnight Cemetery.

doned in 1904 after the Texas and ed on the rail line. By the time of the Civil War, New Orleans railroad bypassed the

The population of Toliver most- at www.findagrave.com.

Glenfawn, Linn Flat and Toliver, ly moved to the newly established a farming town which was aban- town of Cushing, which was locat-

> A database of those buried at McKNight Cemetary can be found



KERMIT B. RAY KEN BEN

Ken Fleming President of the KAM Foundation presented Pineywoods' treasurer B. Ray Mize a check to be used for Pineywoods' youth active. On hand also are President Ben Baskin and Past President Kermit Breed. To date,, PineyWoods has given \$1000 to Cleveland High School Junior ROTC and to Splendora High School Air Force Junior ROTC units. The US Air Force cut funding to the High Schools Units by 70% this year due to internal reorganization. Senior Instructors hope this is just a one year cut. Our support will allow the schools to have a more normal awards program this Spring. Without our support, this was not possible. We have other Air Force JROTC groups supported by our chapter for many years. PineyWoods will be offering the same assistance this Spring.

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**Darrel and Nancy Radford** 

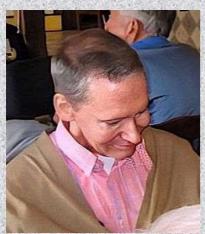
Alan and Carolyn Bowman



Sarah and Jim Pinkerton



Cannon Pritchard



Bernie Kent

Samantha Ballard and Sharon Mize





Pres. Baskin presenting speaker "Speedy" Zuniga a Pineywoods CofA



Speedy giving our chapter a USO certificate of appreciation



Skip Hawley Merv Hartwick



Susan and Ski Grumboski



Merve Hartwick and Abe Abdmoulale



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# The Revolutionary

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Larry Stevens Pineywoods Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

### THE REVOLUTION COMES TO WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY

On February 16, 2024, Revolutionary Education had the pleasure of hosting an event at Willow Creek Elementary School for their Patriot's Day celebration. The day was kicked off with a patriotic parade throughout the school, with RevEd's Fife & Drum Corps leading the fifth grade classes throughout the hallways. Younger students eagerly watched on in



anticipation as the parade turned each corner to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," a classic American folk tune from the era that lives on today. Fifers Ray Cox, of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Christine Gonzalez, a RevEd staff member, led two elected fifth-grade drummers and the fifth-grade classes back through time, setting the tone for the rest of the day.

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Revolutionary Education prides itself on being able to provide a unique form of education: experiential learning. Through hands-on activities and demonstrations, RevEd takes classroom knowledge to the next level by allowing students to travel back in time and experience what life would have been like during the American Revolution.

### THE REVOLUTION COMES TO WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY



# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



### PATRIOT MEDAL

### THE CLASS OF 2024

Kermit L. Breed (Piney Woods)

Mark H. Harrison (Dallas)

Frank L. Kebelman (San Antonio)

David A. Kinsey (McKinney)

John E. Ray (McKinney)

Richard L. Zdunkewicz (Paul Carrington)

THE PATRIOT MEDAL IS AWARDED ONLY BY A STATE SOCIETY. IT IS THE HIGHEST AWARD GIVEN FOR SERVICE AT THE STATE OR CHAPTER LEVEL. THIS MEDAL IS PRESENTED ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS AND MAY BE RECEIVED ONLY ONCE. IT REPRESENTS LONG, FAITHFUL, AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT THE STATE AND/OR CHAPTER LEVEL. SERVICE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL CANNOT BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THE AWARD.

### PATRIOT MEDAL CLASS OF 2024



Below - Other Pineywood member attending State Convention



Ray Cox receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Bobbie Hulse SCD VPG Kansas



Jim Jones with Past SAR PG Dr. Tom and wife Mickey Jo Lawrence

### **TEXAS ANNUEL MEETING APRIL 2024**



SAR Texas State President Sam Massey presenting Jim Jones State Henry Knox Achievement Medal



Jim receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service as Perpetual Fund Chairman



SAR Texas State President Sam Massey presenting Ray Cox with Silver Roger Sherman Award



Ray receiving a State Henry
Knox Achievement Medal in
recognition of strong and
reliable Texas SAR leadership.

### **TEXAS ANNUEL MEETING APRIL 2024**



Kermit Breed being presented 2 Silver oak leaf clusters for his Lafayette medal by State President Sam Massey

Below:
State Chairman
Kermit L. Breed
presenting History
Teacher Award for
1st Place State Winner



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

### **April 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

**President, Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. He led members and guests in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He also led members and guests in the SAR pledge. Chaplain Alan Bowman led the invocation.

**Members Present: (15)** Michael Anderson, Kermit Breed, Alan Bowman, Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartman, Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, Ben Baskin, Larry Blackburn, John Beard, Joe Potter, Bill King, Don Stallings, Jim Pinkerton.

Guests Present: (5). Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman, Susan Grumboski, Barbara Stevens, Sharon Mize

**Program:** There was no program for the April meeting. A review of the recent 2024 SAR state convention was given. Piney Woods was a District 8 repeat winner for the Flag Presentation Award, The Galveston Award, having the highest dollar total increase of donation to the Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund for 2023, A Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of its assistance in the 2023 reporting year for the USS Stark Award enabling Texas SAR to earn the National Sons of the American Revolution State Society Streamer. Larry Stevens was recognized for past service with the NSSAR Minute Man Award, the highest service award that can be given. Only James T. 'Jim' Jones Jr. and Tom Lawrence of the PineyWoods chapter have received this award. Kermit Breed was also recognized for the Texas State Patriot Metal which is the highest state society service award.

**Secretary's Report:** The March meeting minutes appeared in the past month's newsletter.

**Treasure's Report:** The current C.D. was redeemed at the end of March. A motion was made and seconded for the purchase of a 6 month C.D. for \$30,000.

Old and New Business: Larry Blackburn was given a medal and certificate for his veteran work. Larry has been instrumental in the restoration of a veteran's cemetery (Mc Knight) in Nacogdoches Co. Texas. Civil War, World War 1 and 2 vets are buried there. Kermit Breed is working on this year's chapter scrapbook. He had managed to get the cemetery listed on Ancestry and Find a grave. Ski Grumboski gave a veteran's report. He spoke about the Honor Flight at Hobby Airport. John Beard has collected \$50,700 worth of coupons for active duty personnel in East Asia. Larry Stevens stated that we have 111 regular members for 2023-24. Our chapter is still looking for someone to take over the JROTC program. JROTC medals have been mailed out to the various schools in our service area. Larry Stevens is working with Porter H.S. Larry Blackburn is working with the Tomball Schools.

**Closing:** President Baskin led members and guests in the SAR closing. Alan Bowman gave the closing prayer. The adjournment was at 12:55 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton-Secretary



SAR Minuteman Metal Light Blue Patriot Metal Dark Blue





### **PINEYWOODS MEETING 20 APRIL 2024**



PW President Ben Baskin and PW Veteran Affairs Coordinator Ski Grumboski with past PW President Larry Blackburn. Larry received the Service to Veterans certificate and medal for his work marking veteran graves McKnight Cemetery in Cushing, Texas



Larry Blackburn John Beard



Larry Stevens Ray Cox

### PINEYWOODS MEETING 20 APRIL 2024



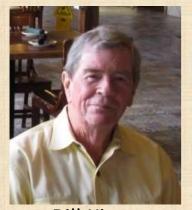
Sharon and B.Ray Mize



Dr. Don Stallings



Mike Anderson



Bill King



Alan and Carolyn Bowman



Joe Potter



Merv Hartwick



Susan and Ski Grumboski

# Atascocita Marine JROTC SAR Medal Presentation 7 May 2024



Marine Cadet meets Veteran Marine. Compatriot and Marine Veteran Larry Blackburn presented the SAR JROTC Chapter Award to Marine Cadet Sgt Maj Adrian Garcia.



About nine years ago I started helping with the JROTC program and came face to face with the youth of today. I was pleasantly pleased with I found. We have some great young people. I encourage you to volunteer and help with this program and find out for yourself. KERMIT

# PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas Society of the Sons of the American 18 MAY 2024

Acting President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by chapin Alan Bowman. Michael Anderson led members and guests in the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags. He then led everyone in the SAR pledge.

**Members Present:** (17) Bernie Kent, B. Ray Mize, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Michael Anderson, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Larry Stevens, Bill King, Ski Grumboski, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Mel Oiler, Jeff LaRochelle Donald Stallings, Jim Pinkerton. Johnnie Schmonesse (honorary)

**Guests Present:** (4). Samantha Bailey, Sharon Mize, Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman

**Secretaries Report**: The secretaries' report is in the April newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Our checking account balance is good.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens gave a brief rundown on the upcoming SAR national convention this summer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Members of the SAR local chapters will make a presentation at the Veterans National Cemetery for Veterans Day. Piney Woods member Ray Cox will be in attendance.

Ski Grumboski is still accepting clothing donations for needy veterans. We are still waiting on approval to plant a tree at Creekwood Middle School to memorialize the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. A motion was made and approved to give \$1000 each from the KAM foundation to the Cleveland, Porter, and Splendora JROTC programs. Larry Stevens made a motion to give a donation of \$10,000 from the Piney Woods Chapter to the new national SAR museum in Louisville. This motion was passed. Texas President Elect Mel Oiler discussed funding a monument in Galveston to De Zavala.

**Registrars Report**: Kermit Breed stated that he is working on two new potential members.

**Program:** Compatriot John K Thompson gave an interesting talk on Paul Revere. He set members and guests straight on many of the myths associated with the "midnight ride." Adjournment: Alan Bowman gave the ending prayer. Michael Anderson gave the SAR closing. The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m. Jim Pinkerton Secretary

### PINEYWOODS MEETING 18 MAY 2024



Larry and Barbara Stevens



Texas SAR President-Elect Mel Oller

Jim Jones

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John Schmonsees



Guest Speaker John K Thompson being presented with a C of A by Past President Mike Anderson



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PineyWoods Veteran Affairs Coordinator Ski Grumboski delivered our donation worth \$ 719.33



Ms. Annette Bogany at the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement at the DeBakey VA Medical Center Houston, TX Friday 7 June 2024





Коерр Allard Peek McDaniel Ritchie Yarbrough Pineywood's member Mike Allard: "I had the privilege of being asked this year to serve as a military chaplain in a WW2 re-enactment at "Camp Geronimo" just outside of Sainte-Mère-Église, France. The camp coincided with the 80th anniversary of the D Day invasion celebration June 6, 2024. There were more than 50,000 that came through our camp alone was my understanding. We held services showing what a chaplain might have conducted during a WW2 service for military service personnel. We had a wonderful time with many touched by the Lord!" (Reenactors shown from Texas)

### **D-Day 6 June 1944**

The 4th Infantry Division landed 21,000 troops on Utah at the cost of only 197 casualties. Airborne troops arriving by parachute and glider numbered an additional 14,000 men, with 2,500 casualties. Around 700 men were lost in engineering units, 70th Tank Battalion, and seaborne vessels sunk.

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### Genealogist General Forum 25 June 2024



### Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee meeting June 27



### SAR Minuteman Class of 2024!



### National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Ladies and gentlemen, we would like to present to you the SAR Minuteman Class of 2024! From left to right: Derek J. Brown - California Society, Robert S. Cohen - Texas Society, J. Howard Fisk - Missouri Society, Gregory D. Lucas - Washington Society, Larry G. Stevens - Texas Society, and Keith A. Weissinger – Washington Society.







# PineyWoods Chapter 51

# Texas Society of the Sons of the American

# August 18. 2024

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. He led members and guest in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the invocation.

Members Present: (17): Ski Grumboski, Bill King, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Mi-

chael Anderson, B.
Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Bernie Kent, Jim
Jones, Jim Pinkerton,
Roland Skelton, Keith
Schoonover, Alan
Henshaw, Richard
Payne, Ben Baskin,
Mel Oller.



### Guests Present (5):

Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman, Stephen Ternois, Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick.

Secretary's Report: Jim Pinkerton stated that the May report was in this past month's newsletter.

Treasurers Report: B. Ray Mize stated that our finances were unchanged from the May report.

**Program:** There was no program presented in August.

New and Old Business: Larry Stevens gave a report

about the recently completed National SAR Convention. Larry stated that delegates at congress voted to increase application fees. For example, new member applications have increased from \$100 to \$150. Supplemental applications also increased from \$100 to \$150 affective September 1, 2024. These increases are to cover inflation costs. Larry was recog-

nized with the prestigious Minute Man Award at the National Convention. This is the highest service award to SAR. He was also awarded ----. Larry stated that the Kim Morton foundation was making a donation to the SAR National Museum. This donation was made on behalf of the late member Kim Morton's estate. Ski Grumboski stated that the Wreaths across America program was coming up at the Houston National Cemetery in November. Kermit Breed made a motion that our chapter give 1,700 for Wreaths this year. The motion was approved. Kermit said he had three new member applications he was currently working on. They are as follows: Stephen Ternois, Erich Arbogast and James Winston.

Sharon Mize, DAR member stated that they are taking in books to be donated to the local V.A. hospital.

Larry Stevens is asking for some members to step up and take over the JROTC program for the chapter. He said he would be checking with USAF JROTC Units to see if they again need our support.

No coupon report was made as John Beard was not in attendance. Coupons were collected by Larry Stevens for John.

President Baskin gave the SAR closing, and adjourned the meeting 1:10 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton, Secretary





# **PineyWoods Chapter 51**

# Texas Society of the Sons of the American

September 21, 2024,

**Meeting Minutes** 

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

**President, Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Chaplin Alan Bowman gave the opening invocation. President Baskin led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas pledges.

Members Present: (14) Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartwick, John Beard, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Skip Hawley, Donald Stallings, Bernie Kent, Keith Schoonover, Larry Stevens

Guests Present: (8) Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Mary Claire Beard, Samatha Ballard, Sha-

ron Mize, Sarah Pinkerton, Ed Wandling, Carolyn Bowman.

Program: Former Chapter President and retired FBI agent Michael Anderson presented an interesting program on "Senior Fraud". Michael showed how scams were perpetrated against senior adults in our society. Misrepresentation of the truth costs seniors over 3.4 billion dollars annually. Scams include monetary fraud, sex scams, romance scams,



grandparent scams pig butchery, Medicare and others.

**Secretary's Report;** The August secretaries report appears in the current newsletter.

**Treasurers Report:** B. Ray Mize stated that we have a C.D. that is renewing in October. The membership has authorized to pay for 150 wreaths in the wreaths across America at the VA cemetery in the month of October.

**Old and New Business:** Kermit Breed gave information about a bench to be installed at the Humble Museum. This bench celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the Declaration of Independence. A portion of the funds for this project were provided for by the Kim Morton fund. The bench is 48 inches by 18 inches. It will have a plaque and is made of polished garnet. Ski Grumboski stated that Pinev Woods Chapter has been recognized by the DeBakey VAMC for the donation of travel kits, t-shirts



sweatpants, gift cards men and women's briefs, men's and women's pants. John Beard gave the coupon report for our chapter outreach to military bases in the Pacific. He also spoke about compatriot John Worm, the man who initiated the coupon program. John continues to be on hospice but is doing well. Larry Stevens will continue with JROTC Project which was approved by chapter members.

President Baskin spoke about the need to speakers for upcoming meetings. He also mentioned the nomination process, and need of chapter officers for the 2025-26 term of office.

**SAR Closing:** President Baskin led the closing and Chaplin Bowman gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Secretary Jim Pinkerton







Top: Skip Hawley, Mary-Claire and John Beard, Jim and Sarah Pinkerton, and Ski and Susan Grumboski

Left: Ben Baskin, Samantha and Dan Ballard, Carolyn and Alan Bowman, Ed Wandling

Bottom Left: Mary-Claire and John

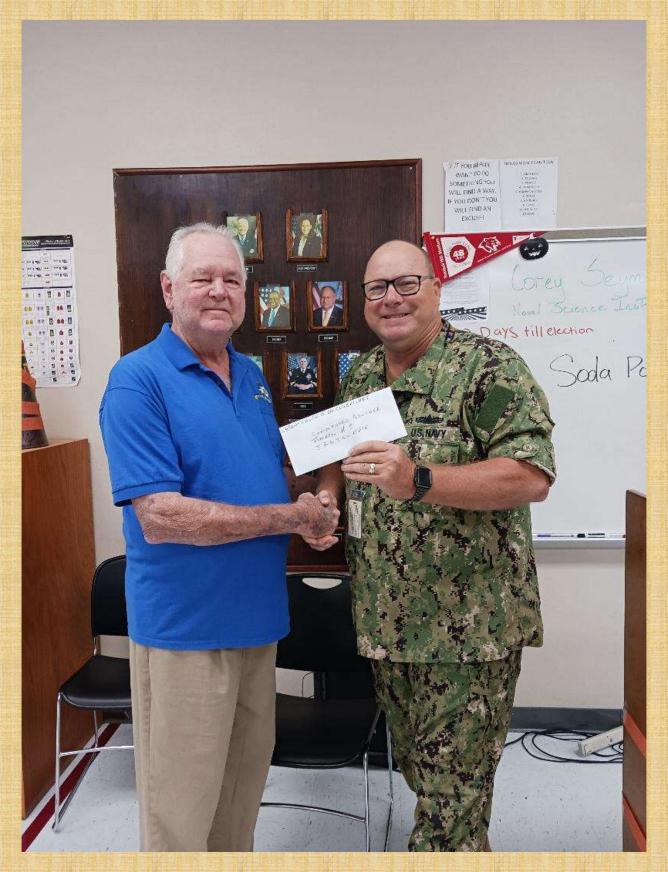
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Bottom Right: Sharon and B. Ray Mize





Commander Boucher at Tomball HS Navy JROTC and Marine JROTC Cadets at Tomball Memorial HS receive their \$1,000.00 gift from Larry Blackburn of SAR Pineywoods Chapter



# **PineyWoods Chapter 51**

# **Minutes**

September 19. 2024

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

**President Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guest in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, and the SAR Pledge. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the invocation proceeded by a daily devotional.

Members Present: (15): Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Larry Blackburn, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, Jim Jones, B. Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Larry Stevens, Don Stalling, Larry Stevens

Guests Present (5): Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman, Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick. Ed Wandling

Program: Larry Stevens talked about American History during the Revolution era and the discovery of the Americas by Columbus.

**President:** Ben said Sharon Mize, DAR member stated that they are taking in books to be donated to the local V.A. hospital. Please get your books to Sharon. He said Officers' terms would end in March and it is time for nominations. He asked for members to step up and ask to be considered for all positions.

First Vice President: Abdmoulaie gave and update on the chapter project of planting a Liberty Tree for the 250 Anniversary of the Declaration. It has been approved but on hold. It was suggested to approach the City of Humble. Abe said it is time to donate to Fallen Heroes again this year. It was suggested we double the amount of to the donation to \$500.00 which was favorable to the members present. Mike Anderson made a motion that this should be an annual budgeted item so it would not have to be approved each year. John Beard second, no discussion, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Larry Stevens, reporting for vacationing Jim Pinkerton, stated that the September Minutes are in the current newsletter.

Texas Society Sons of the American Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize stated that our investment in the CD is due to be addressed. Kermit Breed made a motion to reinvest, second by John Beard, no discussion, passed. B Ray said he has checks made out for JROTC unit donations for Stevens to get to the schools approved last meeting. Two Tomball schools were added during the meeting, making it six JROTC Units.

> Registrar's Report: Kermit reported he has one at NSSAR and he is working on Erich Arbogast and James Winston. Stevens said he had two new ones, for Riley and Wilcox. The father of Will Wilcox, who passed away, was a member of the Paul Carrington Chapter. He said he has two more, Wandling and Young, that still need proof for one generation.

> Veterans: COUPONS: John Beard reported he sent just a little over one pound of Manufacturer Coupons to two overseas bases. He said the number of coupons continues to decrease due to digital coupons. Wreaths Across America: We need seventeen more wreath donations to reach our goal for this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time

Alan Bowman gave the Benediction and President Baskin gave the SAR closing, and adjourned the meeting 12:50 p.m.

# Larry Stevens-for Secretary Pinkerton



Ben Baskin presents a CofA from TXSSAR President Sam Massey to John Beard



# PINEYWOODS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CLEVELAND High School Junior ROTC CADETS October 31, 2024

LtC Robert Hunt USAF (Ret), Senior Instructor Cleveland Junior ROTC, sent this photo of a very grateful flight of cadets. The donation will insure they will have a successful awards ceremony Spring of 2025; plus, it will help replace old equipment.

Mrs. Kim Sommers, President of RevEdu1776, accepting the needed donation from Piney-Woods Chapter member Larry Stevens

Below





PineyWoods at Willowcreek Elementary Nov 15th, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens (pictured) joins RevEdu1776, Ray playing the Fife and Larry talking about life during the Colonial period from the French and Indian War tur Revolution using artifacts, foods and spices common during that time in America. November 20th, Ray and Larry were at Green tree Elementary. Altogether, talking to well over 200 5th grade student, teacher and parents.

## **BRONZE HANNAH WHITE ARNETT METAL AND CERTIFICATE**

# presented by JENNIFER JONES Vice Regent Lady Houston Chapter Texas Daughters of the American Revolution





### TO MERV HARTWICK AND B RAY MIZE

# November 19, 2024 at Skeeters

The Hannah White Arnett Medal is one of DAR's newest recognitions.

Dear Mr. Mize,

I am the current Regent of the Lady Houston Chapter of the DAR. The Chapter would like to present the Hannah White Arnett Award to you in recognition of the invaluable assistance you consistently provide to the Chapter. We would like to invite you to attend our November meeting, if possible, so that we can present the award to you and formally thank you for your help. It will be held on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Skeeters Mesquite Grill in Kingwood.



Here is some more information about the award:

The Hannah White Arnett Medal is one of DAR's newest recognitions. It may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. This medal may not be awarded posthumously. The Chapter level award is the bronze medal.

Thank you for everything you do to support DAR and our mission! Annie Archie Vice Chair PR Committee Texas DAR and Regent Lady Houston Chapter Kingwood

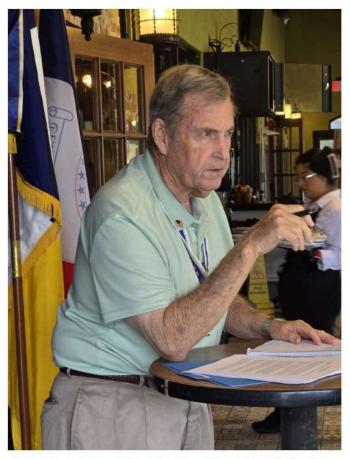
# **Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting**

# November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

# **Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Past President Jim Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, and the SAR Pledge. Each members introduced themselves.

Members Present (12): John Beard, Kermit



Secretary & Past Chapter President Jim Pinkerton

Breed, Merv Hartwick, B. Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Ski Grumboski, Darrel Radford, Cannon H Pritchard, Richard Payne, Richard Setser, Louis "Skip" Hawley

Guests Present (5): Sharon Mize, Sarah Pinkerton, Nancy Radford, Stephen Ternois, Dan Ballard

**Program:** Jim Pinkerton presented President Grover Cleveland first Democrat elected after the

Civil War in 1885, our 22nd and 24th and the only President to leave the White House and return for a second term four years later (1885-1889 and 1893-1897) until now. Jim conducted a quiz comparing President Donald J Trump to President Cleveland. Everyone enjoyed the program and learned a lot.

**Secretary Report:** Approved and published in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** B. Ray Mize presented his report, and it was approved.

**Registrar's Report**: Kermit reported Stephen Ternois' application is at NSSAR. Larry Stevens said he is working two new applications.

**Veterans:** John Beard reported the number of coupons continues to decrease due to digital coupons.

**Old Business:** Officers' terms will end in March, and it is time for nominations. We need members to step up and ask to be considered for all positions.

### New Business:

- 1: John Beard made a motion that we purchase another 100 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Motion seconded and was approved. This brings our total donated wreaths to 333.
- 2: Kermit Breed made the motion that we donate \$2000 to the Kingwood Madrigal Choir to help with the cleaning of their period costumes that were damaged by the resent flood. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sarah Pinkerton gave the Benediction. After the SAR closing the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Kermit Breed for Secretary Jim Pinkerton Chair Texas SAR History Teacher Contests



Bunker (Breed) Hill Flag

# DONATIONS BY PINEYWOODS SAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FROM KAM FOUNDATION FUNDS

KINGWOOD MADRIGAL CHOIR \$2250.00

SAR EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM \$400.00

HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAMS:

SPLENDORA - \$2000.00

CLEAVLAND - \$3000.00

PORTER - \$2000.00

TOMBALL MEMORIAL HI - \$1000.00

TOMBALL H -\$1000.00

KINGWOOD PARK -\$1000.00

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA \$3400.00

AMERICAN HISTORY FAIR (SPENDORA) \$2000.00

FALLEN HEROES GOLF TOURNAMENT KINGOOD \$500.00

KIM MORTAN MEMORIAL BENCH HUMBLE MUSEUM \$1325.00

DEBAKEY VA HOSPITAL \$719.33

SAR NATIONAL MUSEUM LOUISVILLE KY \$10,000.00

DAR SCHOOL PROGRAM: Revolution Ed. 1776 \$ 2000.00

# Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

# **December 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes**At the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens'

# **Chapter Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 11:25 am by President Ben Baskin who led the Pledges to the US Flag and Texas Flag, followed by the SAR Pledge. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the Invocation.

Members Attendees: Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Skip Hawley, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Lawrence 'Ski' Grumboski, Jim Jones, William King, Sam Massey, B Ray Mize, Cannon Pritchard, Jim Pinkerton, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens

There were 31 total members and wives, friends, and family for lunch.

After introductions, President Baskin discussed a Texas SAR Fundraising event. He passed around information about the event and tickets.



The 250th Bench project was updated by Kermit Breed and all is expected to be completed on time.

A Liberty Tree purchase and placement was discussed. The chapter has approved this project and it is just a matter of locating an appropriate location for planting this 50th Anniversary of the Declaration memory tree.

President Ben said this concludes the business for this meeting and asked Stevens to discuss dinner. He sated their was no reason for the SAR Closing since were not leaving until after lunch, the Madrigal Choir and desserts.

11:45 AM LGS for/JP -Secretary

Officer Nominations—During the Christmas Chapter meeting on December 14th, the chapter nomination Committee Chair Past President Mike Anderson presented a slate of officers for the next office terms beginning in 2025. He read the names of the candidates. Only the position of Historian is vacant. Kermit Breed said he would continue filling in until someone volunteers to serve as Historian.

### Proposed Piney Woods Chapter Officers 2025 – 2027

President: Abe Abdmoulaie Vice President: Jim Pinkerton

Vice President: Lewis 'Skip' Hawley

Secretary: Bill King Treasurer: B. Ray Mize Historian: Kermit Breed Chaplain: Jim Pinkerton Chancellor: Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian: Michael Anderson Registrar: Larry Stevens and Kermit

Breed

Genealogist: Kermit Breed

Sgt.-at-Arms: Mervyn Hartwick

Youth Programs and Activities-PineyWoods has received three letters thanking the chapter for their support of their education programs; from Cleveland High School Senior AFJROTC Instructor and Cadets, Splendora ISD Social Studies Fair Foundation for 8th Grade Social Studies, and Kingwood High for supporting the Yule Season Madrigal Choir.



# RESULTS 2024 SO FAR

356 Wreaths Sponsored 78.0% Over Our Goal! Exceeded by 156 Wreaths!

Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir Members and guest enjoyed the carols offered by the students. As always, they were fantastic and fun This year PineyWoods gave the choir a substantial gift to support the wonderful work this group does over Christmas. They work all season to support the choir













# **VETERAN Wreaths Across AMERICA**

Our chapter sponsored 356 wreaths fon the Houston National Cemetery, this year. Total there was 45,748 graves that were covered. The total goes down every year. Al least, there are 356 that will be covered by us.

With the donation of wreaths and veterans visits, and other activities, PineyWoods has exceeded any previous Stark Awards performance.

TOTAL STARK AWARD POINTS EARNED

8,095

THANKS FOR CARING!



Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. — John Adams



# America's 14 Forgotten Presidents Before George Washington





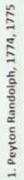






5. John Jay, 1778-79

4. Henry Laurens, 1777-78





3. John Hancock, 1775-77

2. Henry Middleton, 1774





6. Samuel Huntington, 1779-81



8. John Hanson 1781-82

7. Thomas McKean, 1781

9. Elias Boudinot, 1782-83



10. Thomas Mifflin, 1783-1784



12. Nathaniel Gorham, 1786

11. Richard H. Lee, 1784-85



13. Arthur St. Clair, 1787



14. Cyrus Griffin, 1788-89



1. George Washington, 1789-97

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep and miles to go before I Robert Frost



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By the Author of COMMON SENSE.

HESE are the times that try men's fouls: The fummer foldier and the funthine patriot will, in this criffs, shrink from the service of his country; but he that flands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not eafily conquered; yet we have this confolation with us, that the harder the yet we have this confolation with us, that the narder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we effect too lightly:—'Tis dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to fet a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freemont should not be highly cared. Beliefs with a series to expect the transport highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared, that she has a right (not only to TAX, but) "19 BIND 11 in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner is not flavery, then is there not fuch a thing as flavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious, for to unlimited a power can belong only to Gon.

WHETHER the Independence of the Continent was de-

clared too foon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own fample opinion is, that had it been eight months earlier, it would have been much betto be did not make a proper use of last winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependent state. However, the sault, if it were one, was all our own; we have none to blame but ourselves. But no great deal is lost yet; all the Home has beautiful deiter the ment hand in rather with the sault of the restore. that Howe has been doing for this month past is rather a ravage than a conquest, which the spirit of the Jessies a year ago would have quickly repulied, and which time and a little refolution will foon recover.

I have as little fuperfittion in me as any man living, but

- "The prefent winter" (meaning the laft) "is worth an age, if rightly employed, but if loft, or neglected, the whole "Continent will partake of the evil; and there is no punishment that man does not deserve, be he who, or what, or where he will, that may be the means of facrificing a tensor." To precious and useful."

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