



Compatriot Allen Greene, seated next to his wife Linda at the front table. To their left is Rankin Secretary Michael Bierman who is seated in front of Bernice Bierman. To the right and behind Allen is Judy Zachmeyer and her husband David just out of the picture.

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Spring Creek Barbecue January Highlights

- ❖ We welcomed several guests and a prospective new member
- ❖ Jennie Muggli of the John Everett DAR Chapter was presented with an award
- ❖ As our guest speaker, Compatriot Tom Jackson presented “The Lion in Winter: George Washington and the Battles of Trenton & Princeton”
- ❖ President Bruce McMordie complimented Tom’s presentation with This Day in History “American victory at the Battle of Princeton”

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Robert Rankin Chapter President Bruce McMordie calls the meeting to order. Later in the meeting, Bruce gives This Day in History, which focuses on the Second Battle of Trenton and the victory at Princeton.



Front table: Linda & Allen Greene.
Middle row of tables (L-R): Brenda Jacksons & Gary Mosmeyer, Judy Zachmeyer and her husband David, & Billy Sorrals.
Back row of tables (L-R): Norman & Velma Strey & then Jennie & Jack Mugglie.
Last row of tables: Kevin Strange, Dr. Frost and his son Daniel.

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Former Chapter President Allen Greene, as acting Chaplain, gives the invocation.



In the audience, we have MIT Professor Dr. Frost (in the green shirt) and his son Daniel (standing), both of whom are Compatriots.

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We recognize Jennie Muggli with an oak leaf cluster to the Martha Washington Medal for her tremendous service in helping interested men to become members of the SAR. Last year she helped over **50** men become members. From L-R: Compatriots Billy Sorral & Tom Jackson, Jennie Muggli, Chapter President Bruce McMordie, and Compatriot Allen Greene.



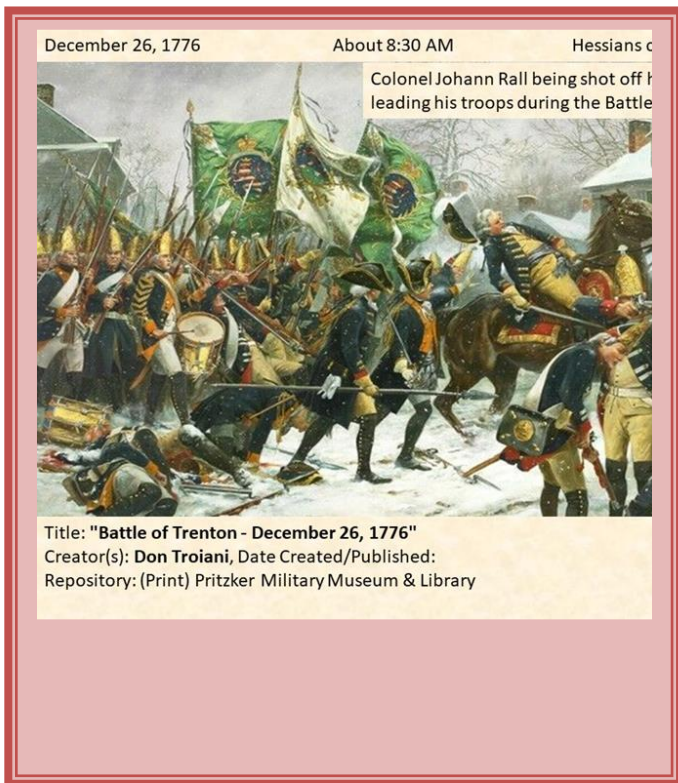
Prospective new member Kevin Strange, posing with Jennie Muggli of the John Everett Texas Society of DAR, met with Compatriot Tom Jackson earlier in the day to work on his SAR application; he should be a shoo-in.

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Compatriot Tom Jackson is the speaker since William Bozic won't drive hundreds of miles from Louisiana for the meeting. The presentation is entitled "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and is on the First Battle of Trenton.



December 26, 1776 About 8:30 AM Hessians c
Colonel Johann Rall being shot off horse
leading his troops during the Battle

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Bernice Mistrot, a descendent of Hessian soldiers stationed in America, stands next to the Hesse-Kassel flag.

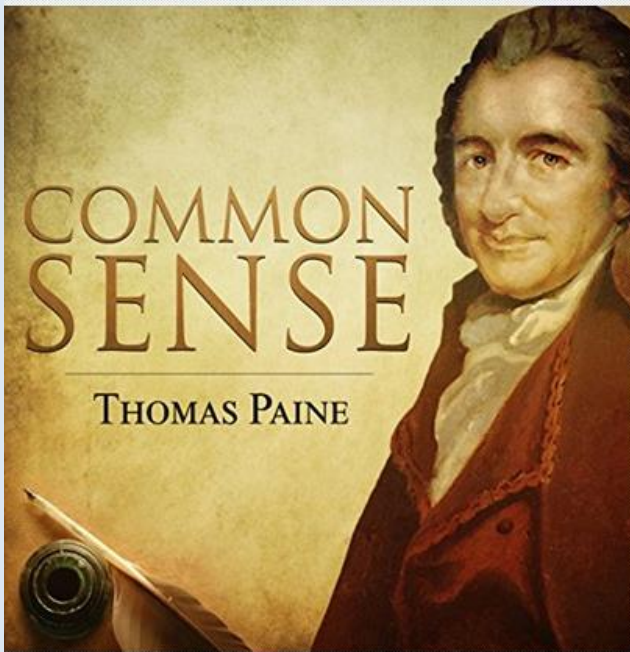
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Thomas Paine The American Crisis, December 23, 1776 (by Orson Welles)

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated.



The presentation is entitled “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” and is on the First Battle of Trenton. For fun, Tom added riffs of the music by The Tokens but the home run is the stentorian voice of Orson Wells as he reads “American Crisis” by Thomas Paine.

Did you know that Paine was the equivalent of an embedded reporter? He wrote this in early December, published December 19th, and read to the troops on December 23rd, 1776. The crossing of the Delaware started just before midnight on Christmas Day; Washington and his troops arrived at 8:00 the next morning being harassed by a driving snowstorm.

It was a complete victory over the Hessian troops!