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Pictured above at far left is State President Tom Jackson along with the following compatriots in attendance who received the Congress Certificate of Appreciation (L-R): Allan Perkins, Jerry Clanton, Theron McLaren, Bernice Mistrot, & Michael Bierman. Not pictured are Bronze Medal Award Winners, Jack Muggli & Allen Green.

## Robert Rankin, Texas SAR

*Spring Creek Barbecue*

*November Meeting Highlights*

*Veterans Day Celebration*

- ❖ Allan Perkins gave a patriotic presentation on his ancestor Captain Luce.
- ❖ Michael Bierman gave a presentation on the birthday of the Marines.
- ❖ Berenice Mistrot gave a historical presentation on Mercy Warren.
- ❖ Tom Jackson gave a historical presentation on Armistice Day.
- ❖ Tom Jackson gave an educational presentation on Wreaths Across America.
- ❖ Steven Graves gave a presentation on Lord Dunmore's Proclamation.
- ❖ President Tom Jackson reported on what occurred at the Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting in New Braunfels.



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Allan Perkins (above) spoke on two topics. He provided from insight into Veterans Affairs from the perspective of a former soldier who served in Viet Nam. Allan also provided an Ancestor Presentation on Captain Luce.

### Elijah Luce

Born: 23 June 1746

Died: 29 October 1819

One of 7 siblings, four brothers and two sisters, Elijah Luce was born in 1746. Elijah married Lydia Cleveland and together they had six children. Many years after Lydia's passing, Luce married Love Cleveland. Together, he and Love had a daughter, Mary Luce, who would go on to marry Kohn Barnard Opin. Mary Luce is Allan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandmother.

Elijah Luce commanded the Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine *Eagle*. In May of 1778 the *Eagle* was captured by HMS *Portland's* tender, three short months after the *Eagle* had been commissioned.



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Michael Bierman (below) reminded us of the birthday of the Marine Corps on November 10th.



The First Recruits, December 1775, by Col. Charles Waterhouse, USMCR, shows Capt. Samuel Nicholas, 1st Lt. Matthew Parke, and a scowling sergeant with prospective Leathernecks on the Philadelphia waterfront. (USMC Art Collection)



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Steven Graves (pictured above) spoke on Lord Dunmore's Proclamation.

When Royal Governor Botetourt died suddenly in 1770, a replacement was needed, and rather than wait for someone to be dispatched from England, Lord Dunmore was sent to Virginia from New York.

Dunmore's Proclamation, is a historical document signed on November 7, 1775, by John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, royal governor of the British Colony of Virginia. The proclamation declared martial law and promised freedom for slaves of American revolutionaries who left their owners and joined the royal forces.



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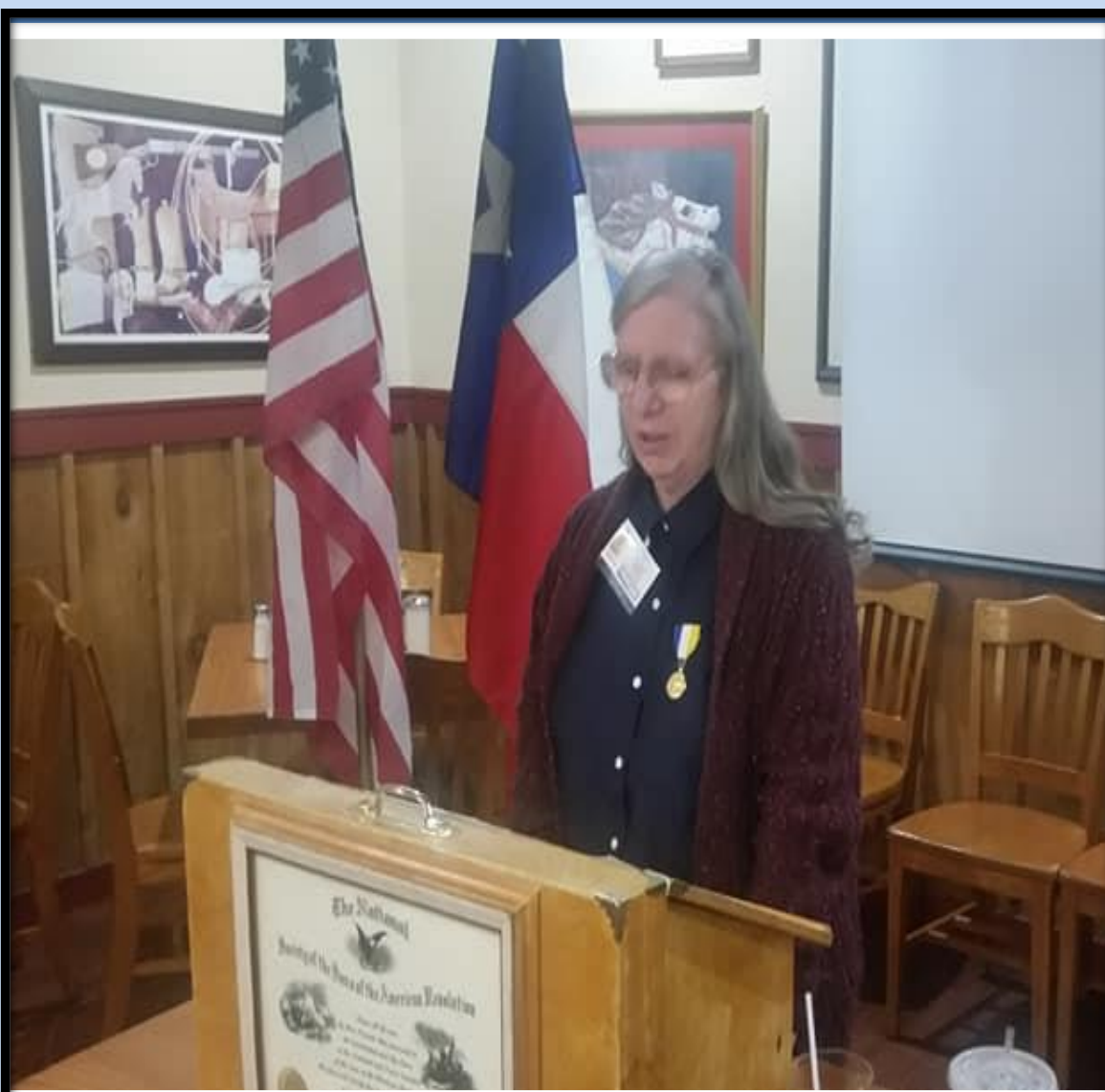
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**Berenice Mistrot, spouse of Compatriot Gus Mistrot who has passed, told us about America's first female author, playwright, and historian Mercy Warren.**



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On this day in history, November 14, 1754, Mercy Otis and James Warren are married. Mercy Otis Warren became one of the first female authors in the United States.

She was an advisor on politics and a correspondent with such people as John Hancock, Patrick Henry, George Washington and John Adams. Mercy's 3 volume "History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution" became one of the first published works about the American Revolution and also one of the first works published by a woman in America.

Mercy published liberty and anti-British themed poems and plays during the years leading up to and including the American Revolution, but never under her own name, which would have been highly unusual for a woman at the time. Instead, she used pen names. Her understanding and insight into politics was unusual for a woman in that day as well, since politics was considered to be the realm of men only.

In 1790, she published her first book using her own name, "Poems, Dramatic and Miscellaneous."

In 1788, Mercy published "Observations on the new Constitution," under the pen name "A Columbian Patriot." This work was critical of the new Constitution. Both she and her husband were anti-Federalists and did not trust centralized power in the new government.

