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"Patriotism, American History & Education are Cornerstones of the SAR"

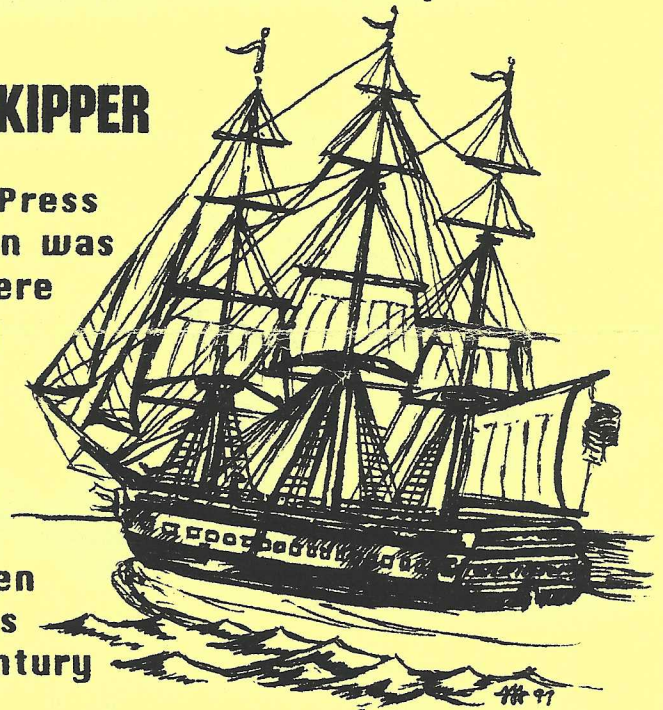
Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Denton Chapter # 23, TXSSAR Inc.

"OLD IRONSIDES" 200TH YEAR TOPIC OF AUGUST SAR MEETING

A video tape highlighting the bicentennial of the launching of the U. S. S. Constitution will be shown 7 P. M. Thursday August 7, 1997 at the Good Samaritan Village in Denton. Although conceived and named by George Washington, the ship was launched in 1797 during the presidency of John Adams. The "Constitution" was nicknamed "Old Ironsides" because cannon balls seemed to bounce off of her live oak sides during battle. When launched the vessel weighed 1900 tons, was 175 feet long and 43 feet 6 inches wide. The U. S. S. Constitution is the oldest commissioned ship in the United States Navy.

"CONSTITUTION" GETS NEW SKIPPER

According to the Associated Press on July 26, the U. S. S. Constitution was towed out into Boston Harbor where the change of command ceremony took place. Michael C. Beck was replaced by Christopher A. Melhuish. Captain Beck was the man responsible for the ship being restored to sailing trim. The new skipper Captain Melhuish was given a 21 gun salute. The ceremony was conducted in early nineteenth century Navy uniforms.



Meeting: 7 P.M. Aug.7 AT GOOD SAM

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Denton Chapter #23

**Meeting, 7 P.M. at Garibaldi's
Restaurant- Denton, Texas
July 3rd, 1997**

The informal meeting was called to order by Tom Cain in the planned absence of President James Baird.

Compatriot Cain noted that the absence of Adam Davidson was due to his Father's heart attack. We pray that Adam's father is making good progress.

Treasurer William Vaughan reported a balance of \$635.14.

Tom Cain introduced the program entitled *Washington's Home Brew* presented by the Denton Fermented Brewers.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Gerald S. Brenholtz
Secretary, Chapter #23
TXSSAR**



NEXT SAR MEETING: 7 P. M. AUGUST 7, GOOD SAMARITAN

POP CULTURE REFLECTS INCREASED INTEREST IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Many of us are concerned that our children are not aware of their American heritage and that they are more interested in imaginary monsters and animated animals. The entertainment and toy industries of late seem to have developed an altruistic interest in our history. Another possibility is that they have discovered that they can make money from the American Revolution. In either case it is encouraging to see the range of movies and toys that are currently available.

In the last ten years there have been several revolution related movies. "Revolution," although not a great motion picture in the artistic sense, depicted accurate costumes and settings. "The Madness of King George" and "Jefferson in Paris" are more recent examples of the genre.

Toys emphasizing our nation's beginnings include "Patriot Barbie" by Mattel and the "Revolutionary War Soldiers" part of the "Soldiers of the World" series manufactured especially for K-Mart Corporation. The later toy is a 12 inch doll comparable to the larger G I Joe. The costumes of these dolls are quite authentic. Rumor has it that these dolls may appear as table decorations at our future SAR functions.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"The condition of the aborigines (Indians) within our limits, and especially those who are within the limits of any of the the states, merits particular attention. ...to remove them from it, the territory on which they now reside, by force, even with a view to their own security and happiness, would be revolting to humanity and totally unjustifiable. Between the limits of our present states and Territories and the Rocky Mountains and Mexico there is a vast territory to which they might be invited with inducements that might be successful."

James Monroe

NEXT MEETING: 7 P. M. AUG. 7 AT GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7.....SAR MEETING, "OLD IRONSIDES"

Sept. 20.....200th Anniversary of the
launching of the U. S. S. Constitution

SAR Member Participation List

1. Submit articles for the Newsletter
2. Turn in the biography of your ancestor
3. Complete your supplementals

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Heroes of the Revolution

WILLIAM MOULTRIE

Colonel William Moultrie became the defender of Charleston in June 1776. His actions were heroic against a superior English force. Although bombarded by British cannon, the soft logs of the fort did not splinter and thus protected the defenders. By doggedly defending Sullivan's Island in Charleston harbor Moultrie and his compatriots gained two years of peace for the south.

Source: *200 Years, A Bicentennial Illustrated History of the U. S.*, U. S. News and World Report, Publishers, Washington D. C., 1973

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