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“Happy Birthday USA”

I am glad that I was born in this country and in Texas.

The Children’s sermon at a local church referred to the Lee Greenwood song “God Bless the USA” and the lyric “I’ll gladly stand up and defend her still today.” If we are willing to stand up when we say the pledge of allegiance to the flag and when we sing the national anthem and place our hand on our heart, are we willing to stand and proclaim that we are Christians? Our country was built on religious freedom and on Christianity. Our forefathers were not afraid to stand up and fight for this right. It is our responsibility to stand up and proclaim the goodness of America. It is our right to stand up for America and to stand up for God.

They say that it was hot and steamy in Philadelphia City in the month of July in 1776. Especially in what is now known as Independence Hall. What was it like to hear the arguments pro and con on the break from England. Can you just imagine what we would hear if this occurred today with the TV coverage. John Adams and Benjamin Franklin attack the Pennsylvania delegation. Edward Rutledge of South Carolina battles Thomas Jefferson of Virginia over the question of slavery. John Hancock simply wants to put the question to a vote.

It is July and that means vacation. We will be traveling again with our granddaughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Abigail Mae Funderburk, on another “ghost busting” adventure. This trip will take them to where some of their ancestors lived and their final resting place. We will travel in the following states: Tennessee, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Along the way we will cover not only our ancestors but also historical areas of the American Revolution, War of 1812, the Civil War, the Amish Country, and for fun lots of chocolate in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

I am proud of my family and their participation in heritage organizations. In May at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) state convention, Elizabeth was elected Historian General and granddaughter Sarah became a full member of DRT obtaining dual membership with that of CRT. In June at the Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT) state convention Sarah, a past president general of CRT was elected to the position of Parliamentarian General and younger sister Abigail was elected to the position of 4th Vice-President General of CRT. Grandson, Carl F. Hedges, IV became a full voting member of CRT.

God Bless America! I’ll see you at Casa Ole Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00pm..

Carl

Minutes and Treasurer's Report for April 6, 2017

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, met on June 1, 2017, at Casa Ole` Restaurant in Longview, Texas at 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Carl Hedges. The opening prayer was given by J.D. Denton. The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the SAR flag were given. Guests were introduced.

After dinner, the meeting resumed with the acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. John Bolton gave a brief report on the funerals and arrangements of the five members/friends we had lost. Under old business, the matter of e-mails was once again addressed. If your address has changed, please let us know. We need to keep our records up to date.

Panera Bread is still interested in helping us to use them for a fund raiser. Under new business, a replacement for the late Steve Lee, Vice President of District 10, is now underway.

President Hedges introduced the speaker for the evening, Brian Naples of Panola College who gave his program on "The Plight of Constitutional Freedom".

President Hedges gave the flag report and named two businesses and an individual to receive a certificate. They are Panola National Bank in Carthage; Lively Automobile Dealership in Longview, and an individual in Tatum.

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by J.D. Denton

Treasurer's Report: The current balance : \$1,475.21
Gary Fletcher, Sec./Treasurer



The speaker for the August meeting will be Pat Browning, Assistant Principal for Carthage ISD. He is a Carthage Native and graduated from Carthage High School. While in high school he played football for Carthage High and that resulted in a scholarship to Tyler Junior College and Sam Houston State University. With a teaching field in history, he taught at Tatum High School and coached football and track. His topic for the evening will be one of his favorite lessons on the American Revolution.



District 10 Update

William Sekel has replaced the late Steve Lee as Vice President of District 10. He is also the president of the Athens Chapter of SAR and is currently serving as President of the Society of the War of 1812 after the death of Jim Heath in June.



The Treaty of Paris

The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783, and it was ratified by congress on January 14, 1784. It marked the end of the American Revolutionary War. It would only be brought back to life by history books, stories, and other accounts of the events which so violently took place.

After eight years of bloodshed and sorrow; eight years of devastation and loss; after many had died and seen loved ones fall, it was finally over. To be lost in memory and haunted dreams.

On that cloudy day the British, represented by Richard Oswald and Henry Strachey, met with the Americans, represented by John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Laurens and William Temple Franklin. That day they signed a treaty of peace. The Americans were finally free. They could make their own rules, they could be their own people. The violence and bloodshed was over. A painting was to be done of the signing, but when asked to pose for the picture, the British refused. They were too proud to have their faces on the painting of what amounted to a defeat. The painting to this day is incomplete..

Provisions of the Treaty of Paris

1. The king acknowledged the U.S. to be free, sovereign and an independent state. He promised to treat them as such and that his heirs would treat them as such as well.
2. To prevent future dispute about where is America and what belongs to the British, boundaries were marked, set and described in the treaty.
3. It is agreed that the United States citizens may fish in the seas where they please, for whatever kind of fish they please, in British and U.S. territory.
4. Neither Britain nor the S.S. would do anything to prevent the collection of debt by lawful creditors in either country.
5. British subjects and loyalists who had property confiscated during the war would have it returned or be reimbursed for it.
6. No one would be persecuted or suffer anymore loss due to the war or the side he had chosen. Any currently in prison over such charges would be immediately released.
7. All prisoners of war on both sides were to be released. The king promised to withdraw all armies from America without taking anything from the American citizens and all property taken would be returned.
8. The navigation of the Mississippi river would be free for both sides "for ever."
9. If any land were taken by either side before the treaty reached the U.S., such holdings would be returned without problem and without compensation.
10. Both parties promised to ratify the treaty within six months or sooner if possible.

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We were very saddened to learn of the death of “Miss Kathy” Goodwin on July 1, 2017. Kathy was a special friend of member David Conner attending many SAR meetings with him.

Remember—We meet at Casa Ole’ on August 3, 2017 !!

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.