



# THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT

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#### President's Message



Happy New Year! I hope all have a great and prosperous year. It does not seem possible for the time to pass by so fast and this is the beginning of my second year as president of the East Texas # 57 Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The past year has been a very interesting one and filled with many memories.

It is great for us to have two young people involved with their personal history and that of the country in which they live. This is a positive showing of their home life and their quest for knowledge. I look forward to present Eagle Scout Nathan Smith reading his scholarship essay, and first Vice-President General of the Children of the Republic of Texas, Sarah Funderburk, presenting her oration to you.

The induction of a new member is always a positive force for not only the individual but our chapter, state, and national organization. I hope that all will make our new members, Harry Lester Douglas, III and James Howard Wallis welcome and that they will take an active part in our chapter.

A special treat for us is a visit from the President of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Robert (Bob) Cohen and his wife, Jane. He will have comments on the promoting of our organization.

I look forward to seeing you at this special meeting and hope that all will attend and bring a friend or prospective member.



*Carl*

Chapter 57 of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to have as our guest, Texas State President, Robert (Bob) Cohen at our February meeting. He received his BS, MS, and PHD from Texas A & M and retired after almost 40 years with Texas A & M. His wife, Jane, has been a DAR member for more than 45 years. In his address to the 119<sup>th</sup> SAR Convention, Bob gave his theme for the year: Celebrate the Past, Strengthen the Present, Shape the Future.



Be sure and attend this meeting and give Bob a good Chapter 57 welcome.

### Minutes and Treasurer's Report for December 4, 2014

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, met on December 4, 2014, at Johnny Case's Restaurant in Longview, Texas about 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Carl Hedges. The Pledges and Ritual was led by the President and the Blessing was given by the Chaplain, Mack Bonds. Dinner followed with lots of visiting. One guest was recognized, Mr. Gene Pilgrim, President of the Athens Chapter and President of the Society of the War of 1812 of Texas.

The meeting resumed with the acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the November Newsletter. Old business and new business were discussed.

**DUES ARE DUE NOW!!** If you have not received a notice, please contact Gary Fletcher, 903-236-7717. Dues are \$52.00 and should be mailed to TXSSAR Treasurer, Texas Society SAR, PO Box 5419, Kingwood, Texas.

Nathan Smith, an Eagle Scout, is completing an SAR Essay for the State Contest. Sarah Funderburk, granddaughter of President and Mrs. Hedges, will participate in the SAR Historical Oration Contest.

The Fishless Fishing Tournament will officially be announced in February at the meeting.

There is a new pin to be worn on your lapel for the promotion of new members into SAR in Texas.

The Tyler Color Guard has issued an invitation for our chapter to join them in their color guard. Talk to John Bolton if you are interested.

The speaker for the meeting was the Reverend Freddie Mason. Rev. Mason spoke on the Great Awakening and Religious Freedom Movements prior to and during the American Revolution.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at Johnny Case's. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by the President with the Closing Pledge to the SAR and the Benediction by the Chaplain.

The treasurer's report:

The current balance: \$1,854.69

Gary Fletcher  
Secretary/Treasurer



## John Adams—1797 – 1801

It was not easy being the second President of the United States; George Washington was a hard act to follow. At his inauguration in 1797, John Adams could not help noticing that people were looking at his predecessor, who was sitting quietly on one side of the dais, with tears in their eyes, rather than at him. Washington, moreover, seemed “to enjoy a triumph over me,” Adams told his wife, Abigail. “Me-thought I heard him say, ‘Ay, I am fairly out and you fairly in. See which of us will be happiest.’”

John Adams loved to tell his friends of his youth. “When I was a boy,” he said, “I had to study Latin grammar, but it was dull and I hated it. I told my father I did not like Latin, and asked for some other employment.” “Well, John,” said his father, “you may try ditching. My meadow yonder needs a ditch.” So young Adams went to work in the meadow, soon found that “ditching” was arduous work, and by midnight was ready to resume his studies. Too proud to admit it, however, he spent another day digging. But by nightfall, he said, “toil conquered my pride,” and he went back to his Latin. To the end of his life Adams always insisted that “ditching” played an important part in building his character.



### Mark Your Calendars!!

Please mark your calendar for June 20, 2015. There will be a **War of 1812** Memorial for Pvt. William Cunyus. Pvt. Cunyus was in Major Frederick Freeman’s Squadron of Calvary of the Georgia Militia. He served from August 1813 to March 1814. Most likely he took part in the “search and destroy mission” of the Creek Indian village of Autossee. History records that it was Major Freeman and his squadron of cavalry that broke through enemy lines at Autossee. Private Cunyus was discharged and returned to his home in Georgia. In the early 1850s, William moved his family west to Texas.

The memorial will be held at Peatown Cemetery, Lakeport, Gregg Co., Texas, where Pvt. Cunyus is buried. All SAR and DAR Chapters are invited to attend. The Color Guard from Capt. William Barron Chapter of SAR in Tyler will present the colors. More information will come as we get closer to the date.



### SAR Chapter 57 Officers

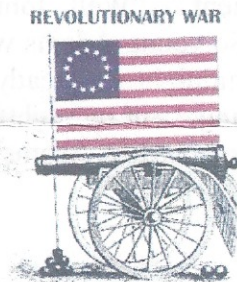
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**\*\*\*\*\* Johnny Case's Restaurant closes March 28, 2015 leaving us without a place to meet. We need your help in suggesting a new place to have our meetings. This new location is most important and a speedy choice needs to be made before the end of February. Contact Carl with any suggestions \*\*\*\*\***

**April meeting will be APRIL 9th at Casa Ole, 280 Spur 63, Longview.**



Carl Hedges and Freddy Mason



Eagle Scout Award, BSA

