



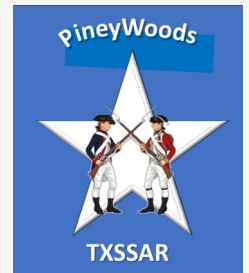
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
August 2024 Issue 7**



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR or NSSAR) is an American congressionally chartered organization, founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.



The PineyWoods Chapter #51 was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas.



NSSAR MEMORIAL MARCH LANCASTER PA July 13 2024

Led by the Rev. Chaplain General Vern Wilkner of KS (Possibles Bag) and Rev. Randy Moody FLA

Los Cuco's Mexican Café—Kingwood Texas 11am-1pm August 17, 2024

SAR Minuteman Class of 2024!



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Derek J. Brown-California Robert 'Bob' S. Cohen-Texas Howard J. Fisk -Missouri, Gregory D. Lucas -Washington State Larry G. Stevens-Texas Dr. Keith A. Weissinger-Washington State (l-r)

Larry Stevens was escorted by Texas Minuteman James T. Jones Jr. for the metal presentation by President General John Dodd. Texas Minuteman Past PG Nathan White was the Master of Ceremony. Texas Minuteman Judge Thomas E. Lawrence was seated at the time of this photo.



Each year the Minuteman Selection Committee reviews all submissions and chooses six compatriots about of nearly 37,000 members to receive the highest award of NSSAR to and individual for long time National Service.





From the President

Compatriots and Friends,

First of all, I hope everyone had a great summer and made it through Beryl ok. We will officially kick off our Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 meetings on August 17, 2024, at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant. If you have any friends and/or family who live in the area nearby, we have more room now for members and guests to come and visit.

John Paul Jones was born July 6, 1747, on the estate of Arbigland, near Kirkbean, County of Kirkcudbright, in Southwest Scotland. Jones was born and raised in Scotland, became a sailor at the age of thirteen, and later served as commander of several merchantmen.



After having killed one of his mutinous crew members with a sword, he fled to the Colony of Virginia and around 1775 joined the newly founded Continental Navy in their fight against the Kingdom of Great Britain in the American Revolutionary War. He com-



manded U.S. Navy ships stationed in France, led one failed assault on Britain, and several attacks on British merchant ships. Left without a command in 1787, he

joined the Imperial Russian Navy and obtained the rank of rear admiral.

Two battles of note took place in August during the Revolutionary War, the battle of Bennington, Vermont on August 16, 1777, was the precursor to the defeat of Burgoyne's army two months later at Saratoga, turning the tide of the war in favor of the Americans. The victory at Saratoga was responsible for the French joining in the fight for American independence.

And the battle of Hanging Rock, South Carolina, on August 6, 1780, where SC General Sumter's force 'defeated' Loyalist and British forces causing 192 enemy losses.

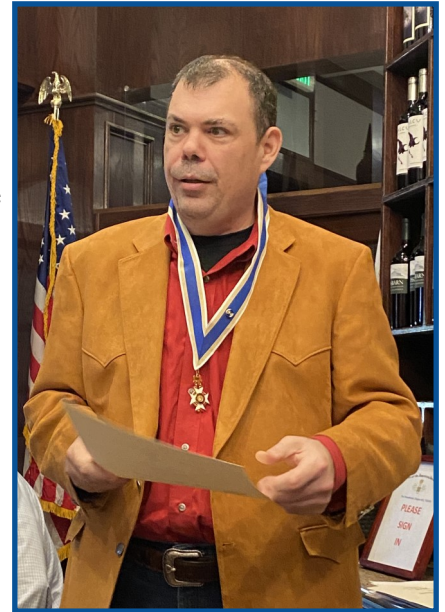
The application fees for new Members, new Junior Memberships, and Supplemental Applications have increased to \$150 as you may already know from the email you have gotten during the summer.

Come join me August 17th. It is time to catch up, especially after Hurricane Beryl ripped through Houston leaving about 2.5 million without power. Some of our friends suffered property damages and are still repairing and cleaning up.

Ben Baskin

President

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR



134th NSSAR Annual Congress Lancaster Pennsylvania July 10-16 2024

APPLICATION FEE INCREASES: The greatest controversial order of business was a report given by Lee Poplam from the Finance Committee. A copy of a part on this report is at the end of this newsletter. Due to new member projects through 2027 and the projected budget to pay our genealogy staff salaries, benefits, and payroll taxes, and the projected cost of processing an application at Louisville. The committee recommendation was to increase most of the application fees; new member, new junior member, and supplemental application from \$100 to \$150 each. A motion was made, a second, and then lots of discussion for and against this proposed increase, some a little heated. PG John Dodd finally asked for just two more for or against arguments and then, repeated the motion and called for a vote. Delegates had a special voting card and for and then against voted. The motion passed by only TWO votes.

DONATIONS: PineyWoods Members and past VPGs Jim Jones and Larry Stevens announced PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas was donated \$10,000 to the Museum Building Project at Headquarters in Louisville in the memory of Kim Morton, a founding member of PineyWoods and the chapter Genealogist for many years.

AWARDS: Kermit Breed added another ten new members during the past year and will be recognized with another Oak Leaf Cluster. The list in the Congress Program did not say if this was his fifth or sixth. Larry Stevens was recognized with two awards; he was presented an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Gold Roger Sherman Metal. And at the special Minuteman Ceremony, Jim Jones escorted Larry and he was presented the Minuteman Metal by President General John Dodd. A picture of the minuteman for 2024 is on page 2.

HIGHLIGHTS: After eating a burger at the Elephant Café at a sidewalk table, PineyWoods members Jim Jones, Mel Oller, Larry Stevens and Freedom Chapter Jim Kuykendall stood on the sidewalk to watch the SAR Memorial Service Color Guard and Officers on the march from the Hotel to the Old Trinity Lutheran Church. There had just been a light shower so the temperature of mild. Larry took the picture on the front page. All four members are members of the

SAR Color Guard but due to travel, clothing required for 5-6 days limits what you take to wear.

PINEYWOODS APPOINTMENTS: Larry Stevens will serve another years as the Chief Compliance Officer and Jim Jones Deputy appointed by incoming PG Darryl Addington to serve during his term in office.

NEW PRESIDENT GENERAL: Dr. Darryl Addington, a dual Texas Members was elected PG in the last business session and inducted at the Monday evening dinner.



Veterans Activities

Engaging in voluntary initiatives not only contribute to Supporting veterans but also plays a pivotal role in shaping the impact of the chapters Stark Report. Your participation in these activities could pave the way toward earning recognition, potentially leading to the prestigious “Service to Veterans Medal”.

Were you involved in any of the following:
Attend a veteran’s funeral, Visit a Veteran in a nursing home, hospital, or at the veteran’s home, Place a flag or decorate a Veteran’s grave’ Donate to a veteran charity, Make a monetary contribution, Donate coupons for servicemen or servicewomen serving

If you were, contact Ski at sus4ever@gamil.com for more information.

National Fees and Annual Dues Chart

The following chart summarizes national fees and dues. All Fees and Annual Dues are Current as of 19 July 2023.

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Annual Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$150 \$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to Under 25 - Established Lineage	\$75 \$40.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH initial application using same ancestor	\$75 \$40.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - Established Lineage	\$75 \$40.00	\$5.00	\$45.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage	\$150 \$100.00	\$5.00	\$105.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to Under 18	No Chg	\$0.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to Under 29	No Chg	\$0.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - age Newborn to Under 18	No Chg	\$0.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	No Chg	\$0.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application - all ages	\$150 \$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$75 \$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$150 \$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	No Chg	\$0.00	\$50.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	No Chg	\$0.00	\$5.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues - Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application located on NSSAR website.			

**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FINANCE COMMITTEE
REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SAR APPLICATION FEES**

Assignment:

Review and comment on proposal to increase selected application fees as requested by PG John Dodd on March 6, 2024 for presentation at the EXCOM meeting on May 7, 2024. At the May 7 EXCOM meeting, the EXCOM requested that the Finance Committee update the proposal for all application fee categories for presentation at the June 5, 2024 EXCOM meeting.

Analysis:

As shown in the following table, since the last application fee increase was approved by the SAR Congress Delegates in July, 2021, the direct costs of processing applications have exceeded the income received from fees. Also, from 2021 - 2024, the CPI Index has increased 16%, so it takes \$116 today to equal \$100 in 2021. As a result, membership dues were used to cover the difference between the application fee income and the application costs.

	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Prel.)
New Member Fees	\$246,218	\$269,480	\$301,878	\$311,067
Supplemental Fees	\$86,905	\$98,380	\$113,655	\$109,310
Total Fees Income (a)	\$333,123	\$367,860	\$415,533	\$420,377
Genealogy and Registrar Staff Salaries, Benefits and Payroll taxes (a)	\$400,469	\$425,529	\$607,548	\$613,552
Net Contribution Margin	\$(67,346)	\$(57,669)	\$(192,015)	\$(193,175)
Applications Received (b)	5,274	5,237	4,840	4,872
Applications Approved (b)	5,148	5,079	4,679	4,081
Direct Cost per Application Received	\$76	\$81	\$125	\$126

Sources: (a) SAR Financial Statements of Operations.
(b) SAR Operations Dept.

The Finance Committee also considered the SAR 2024 Budget and projected application fee costs for the next 3 years based on an inflation estimate of 2.5% per year (source: Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank) and a salary adjustment of 2% per year.

	2024 Budget	2025	2026	2027
Total Projected Applications	4,250	4,340	4,380	4,440
Genealogy and Registrar Staff Salaries, Benefits and Payroll taxes	\$583,378	\$611,000	\$639,000	\$668,000
Direct cost per Application Projected	\$137	\$141	\$146	\$150

Quite a summer. The Kingwood 4th of July Parade was more crowded than ever, not as hot as last year. We had a good group from Revolution Education who organized and supervised our entry with. Ray Cox led the band of fifers and drummers. A new fifer is only NINE and his brother on drum THIRTEEN. Their parents and little sister marched in colonial dress, Dad with a musket. We had some High School actors, a couple of Texas Army and SRT friends, parents, and kids in our group. the parade.



Larry G. Stevens Editor.

My next scheduled event was the 134th Congress in Lancaster, PA. Jim Jones, Barbara, and I were to leave the morning of the ninth, Tuesday, but Hurricane Beryl hit our area about 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday August 8th. We had significant tree damage and fortunately only the metal top of the fireplace was blown off.

United Airlines let travelers change travel dates without penalty, so Jim Jones and I changed to leave Wednesday and Barbara Friday the 12th. Barbara returned Sunday due to contractors coming Monday the fifteenth to give more estimates for tree removal and chimney repair; and the USAA Adjuster was coming Monday. With our deductible, we received no help.



Other than that, it was a fun trip. Jim and I flew from Houston to Washington DC on United and then on to Lancaster PA on Southern Airways Express, Cesena 230, which can carry two pilots, and up to eleven passengers, extra bags you pay for, everything is weighed, and you get your seat assignment by weight, just as you are about to climb up a 'stairs' into the plane find to your seat. I sign on the ceiling says watch your head, which was a good idea since you are already bent over in the less than 5 feet high aisle. One thing that was great is everyone got both a window and an aisle seat. No restroom or drink service but the flight was only an hour and smooth.



Barbara's flight was to Philadelphia and on the same flight was Mickey Jo and

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

President - Ben Baskin
1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie
2nd Vice President - Harry Salisbury
Secretary - Jim Pinkerton
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Roland Skelton
Chaplain - Alan Bowman
Chancellor - Allan Henshaw
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter
Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sergeant at Arms—Merv Hartwick

Chapter Non - Officers Roles

Newsletter - Larry Stevens
wardtracker.aol.com
Web Master - Ray Cox

Events Calendar



NSSAR
 Leadership/Trustees Fall Meeting
 3-6 October 2024, Louisville KY



TEXAS SAR
 FALL BOM November 1-3, 2024
 Austin, Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
 Los Cucos Mexican Café
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

DATES

August 17, 2024
 September 21, 2024
 October 19, 2024

Judge Tom Lawrence. They Ubered from Philly to Lancaster, a couple of hours. Barbara said the corn fields and farms were beautiful.



Mennonites settled in Lancaster early. You can find births and marriages in church records before the Revolutionary War. Today, the Amish have a large presence in Lancaster County. The Amish and Mennonites are not the same religious movement.

Their go back to the 16th century Protestant Reformation, Jakob Ammann, a Swiss Anabaptist, founded the Amish with traditional practices at its core. The Mennonites follow the teachings of Menno Simons, a Dutch minister with a focus on pacifism. Mennonites that I have traced moved from Lancaster to Indiana about 1830. So, I am guessing that the Amish were early settlers of Lancaster too.

The Amish are strict in their beliefs as to modern innovations, so you see no cars, tractors, or even motor bikes. Amish dress is very modest and simple; and they dress much alike with the girls having white prayer caps or bonnets on their heads at all times.

Lancaster was a good place for the 134th Congress due to its historical significance at the time of the American Revolution. When continental Congress fled Philadelphia in the fall of 1777 due to British General Howe marching his army towards them, they first went to Lancaster and then on to York.

Being selected to receive the SAR Minuteman Award this year was special to me and humbling since the work I have done at National in committees and serving as a VPG, a Trustee, and the Chief Compliance Officer was something I wanted to do. I like SAR and the many friends Barbara and I have made; some have become lifelong.

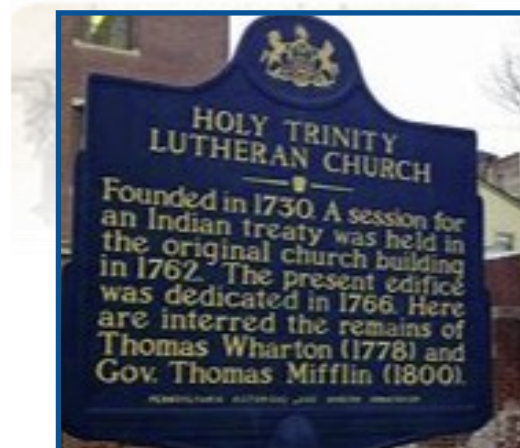
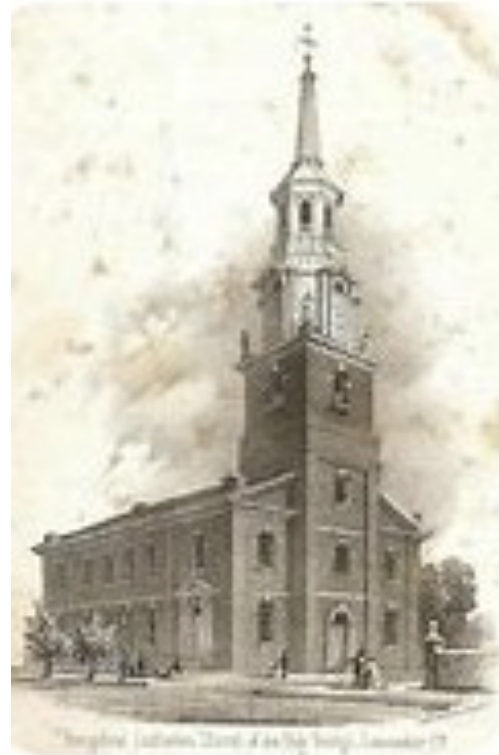
Back to Lancaster: On the front page is the annual SAR Color Guard escort for our Chaplain, and PGs to the Old Trinity Church ca 1730, which was only two blocks from the hotel. A beautiful old style church but much too small for all of us so the service was on

POD CAST for those at the hotel. The service is a Memorial for all of our men who passed away during the year before, since the past 133rd Congress. The entire list of deceased is not read, only a few, but all our remembered and listed in the program.

Barbara had had a tree service trim, top and remove damaged trees on Monday afternoon, the 15th of July. And, just this past Thursday, the city picked up the tree trunks, limbs and small branches piled high at my front curb.

I had to replace about eighty feet of fencing. I could not find a contractor to do it, so Dan, my son-in-law came over each morning last week and we replaced the fence for a little over \$1000.

Larry Stevens—Editor



Revolution Education 1776 and PineyWoods Texas SAR, John Schmonesse and Larry Stevens Holding the parade banner.

RevEdu Staff, Children, 5 Riflemen, 4 Fifers, and 2 Drums, marched in front of a cheering Kingwood crowd spilling into the streets from Creekwood Middle to the Kingwood Hi parking lot.

Stevens followed in his white Tacoma displaying two US Flag, carrying cold drinks and popsicles, candy and patriotic handouts. The truck was also used for those suffering from the heat during the march.

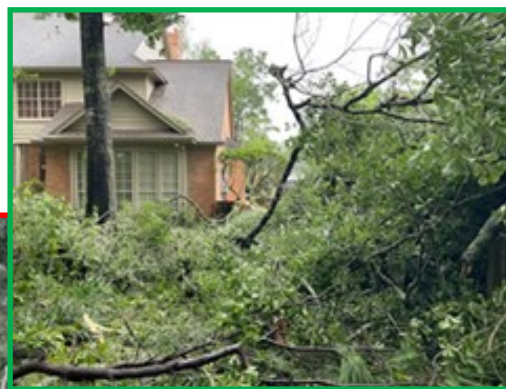




3 HOURS Later; I began cutting and dragging limbs piling them in the street, clearing my neighbors driveway. The metal top on the fireplace was in his drive next to his garage, LARRY wall. It hit nothing!



HURRICANE BERYL roared in beginning about 9:30 am with winds in excess of 80 mph and gusts much higher, a couple of whistling tornados, leaving a chimney with no metal cap and sole brick damage, half a tree in the front yard, a ripped up large acorn oak just outside the master bedroom 9 missed the house, crushed a section of the fence, four tall pines with twisted off tops, still hanging in the trees and numerous hanging branches. In August 1983, we lived in Bear Branch. Category 3 Alicia came right over the top of us at 115 mph. Driving through Bear Branch to avoid closed lanes of Kingwood Drive, it looked much the same .



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineWoods Chapter
Membership: a/o AUG 2024
TOTAL 111

Current Regular Members— 95—
Reinstated 4 Dual— 4 Junior —8

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Kingwood, TX 77325
www.txssar.org/PineyWoods
Aug 17, 2024

EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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Revolution Education 1776 with PineyWoods has the following school events scheduled for this FALL.

Creekwood Middle School	October 4, 2024
Atascocita Middle School	October 18, 2024
Bear Branch Elementary	November 8, 2024
Willow Creek Elementary	November 15, 2024
Greentree Elementary	November 21, 2024
Oak Elementary (Atascocita)	TBD

2024 SAR Youth Contest

All entries must be made by the end of the year with only a couple of program exceptions.

EAGLE SCOUT

ESSAY

Junior ROTC Scholarship

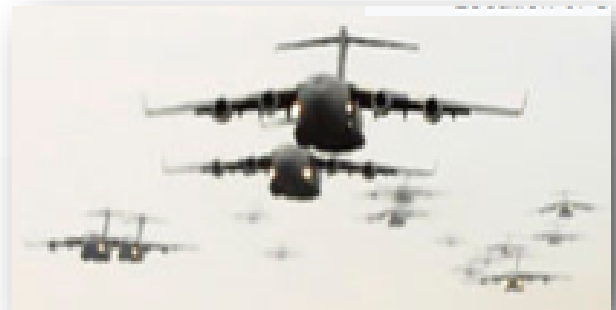
Oration

NEW—VIDEO CONTEST

8th GRADE BROCHERE

5th Grade Poster

GO TO: SAR or TEXAS Website



VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT

Coupons for Overseas Military Families program. All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons out that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

John Beard
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr
Kingwood, Texas 77339

Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.

PINEYWOODS VETERANS PROJECTS

THE NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICAN HONORING VETERAN GRAVES CONFLICTS WITH OUR ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS MEETING BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CAN NOT PARTICIPATE. WE CAN MAKE DONATIONS TO PURCHASE WREATHS AND IF CLOSE ENOUGH TO A VETERANS CEMETERY, VOILUNTEER IN THE MORNING AND STILL ATTEND ARE MEETING.

Why do we lay a wreath at the markers of veterans, many of whom have died in war? Three words define this tradition: **Remember, Honor, Teach.**

Remember: We should remember the names of fallen servicemen and women. That's why, when I lay a wreath, I say the name on the grave marker. Why do I do this? Because we all die twice. The first time is when our physical life ends. The second time is the last time our name is spoken aloud.

Honor: By placing a wreath, we honor the fallen veteran.

Teach: Laying a wreath is a way to teach our children and grandchildren about honoring those who gave their lives for us. It warms my heart to see the little ones honoring the veterans.

Wreaths are \$17 each and for every two WAA will donate one. For Houston National Cemetery.

See the notice below for information on how to donate. If you are not a computer user, bring a check to our meeting this Saturday or the next meeting

made out to Wreaths Across American, or you can mail it to me at ;

Lawrence Grumboski 18223 Blue-water cove, Humble 77346



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Sons of the American Revolution
Piney Woods #51 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at Houston
National Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1448

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ACROSS
AMERICA
LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE

#LiveWithPurpose

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society of the Sons of the American

MAY 18, 2024

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Acting and Past President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by chapin Alan Bowman. Michael Anderson led members and guests in the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags. He then led everyone in the SAR pledge.



Members Present: (17) Bernie Kent, B. Ray Mize, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Michael Anderson, Louis “Skip” Hawley, Larry Stevens, Bill King, Ski Grumboski, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Mel Oiler, Jeff LaRoche, Donald Stallings, Jim Pinkerton. Johnnie Schmonesse (horary)

Guests Present: (4). Samantha Bailey, Sharon Mize, Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman,

Secretaries Report: The secretaries’ report is in the April newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report: Our checking account balance is currently at \$33,103.15 Our certificate of deposit is currently \$30,000.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens gave a brief rundown on the upcoming SAR national convention this summer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Members of the SAR local chapters will make a presentation at the Veterans National Cemetery for Veterans Day. Piney Woods member Ray Cox will be in attendance. Ski Grumboski is still accepting clothing donations for needy veterans. We are still waiting on approval to plant a tree at Creekwood Middle School to memorialize the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. A motion was made and approved to give \$1000 each from the KAM foundation to the Cleveland, Porter, and Splendora JROTC programs. Larry Stevens made a motion to give a donation of \$10,000 from the Piney Woods Chapter to the new national SAR museum in Louisville. . This motion was passed. Texas President Elect Mel Oiler discussed funding a monument in Galveston to De Zavala.

Registrars Report: Kermit Breed stated that he is working on two new potential members.

Program: Compatriot John K Thompson gave an interesting talk on Paul Revere. He set members and guests straight on many of the myths associated with the “midnight ride.”

Adjournment: Alan Bowman gave the ending prayer. Michael Anderson gave the SAR closing. The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton Secretary



Pledge to the United State of America

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR

Lunch Meeting

Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

August 17, 2024

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

Introductions

LUNCH

Officer Reports

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Historian

Genealogist

Registrars

Webmaster

Old and New Business

BENEDICTION

SAR PLEDGE

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

SAR CLOSING

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”