



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
February 2, 2026**



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.



PineyWoods Newsletter Message: Celebrating George Washington and Revolutionary Education Inc.

Dear Piney Woods SAR Chapter Members and Friends,

As we approach the birthday of George Washington in February, it is an opportune moment to reflect on his profound impact as a transformational leader during the American Revolution. Washington's leadership was pivotal in uniting the colonies against British rule, serving as a symbol of resilience and determination.

Appointed as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1775, he faced numerous challenges, including a lack of resources and training. However, his strategic acumen and unwavering commitment to the cause ultimately led to decisive victories, such as the surprise attack at Trenton in 1776 and the pivotal win at Yorktown in 1781, which secured American independence.

Washington's ability to inspire and motivate his troops was instrumental in maintaining morale during difficult times. His leadership style emphasized collaboration, discipline, and integrity, setting a standard for future leaders. Beyond the battlefield, Washington's vision for a united nation laid the groundwork for the principles of democracy and governance that we cherish today.

In conjunction with our celebration of Washington's legacy, we are excited to announce updates from Revolutionary Education. They will be sharing special educational events and initiatives as we gear up for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Johnny Schmonesse, the founder of Revolutionary Education Inc., will provide insights into the American Revolution and the founding principles that shaped our nation.



**Chapter Meeting- Los Cucos Mexican Cafe, Kingwood
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

This presentation promises to enhance our understanding of our history and inspire us as we look forward to this significant milestone.

Let us honor George Washington's enduring legacy and engage with Revolutionary Education's initiatives as we celebrate the rich history of our great nation. Together, we can cultivate a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by our founding leaders.

Yours in liberty,
Abe Abdmoulaie
President
SAR Piney Woods Chapter

References:

- Chernow, R. (2004). *Washington: A Life*. New York: The Penguin Press.
- Fischer, D. H. (2004). *Washington's Crossing*. New York: Oxford University Press.



**Painting of Washington at the Victory of Princeton
over Cornwallis British led Regulars January 3,
1777**

By December 1776 the Patriot cause seemed to be on its last legs. After suffering a disastrous defeat at the Battle of Long Island, George Washington's Continental Army had been driven all the way across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania.

As Thomas Paine wrote in *The Crisis*, 1776, *"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."* George Washington, stirred by the message in *The Crisis*, made Thomas Paine's Essay available to all of his Army to raise moral.

From December 25, 1776, to January 3, 1777 — a period of just ten days — Washington's brave soldiers would win a series of victories at Trenton and Princeton that were glorious indeed. These Ten Crucial Days proved instrumental to rekindling Patriot morale and keeping the cause for American independence alive in the wake of early defeats. From Battlefield Trusts

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 Meeting Schedule:

When: **3rd Saturday** of each month

Location: **Los Cucos Mexican Cafe**

Address: 23730 Highway 59 North
Kingwood, TX 77339

Meeting Dates and Times:

February 21, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

March 21, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

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Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

May: May 16, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

August 15, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

September 19, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

October 17, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM



Meeting Start Time: 11:30 End Time: 1:00 PM

November 21, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM Time: 1:00 PM

December 19, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM End Time: 1:00 PM

NOTE!

Our NORMAL Meeting Schedule for 2026 would be April 18th and December 19th.

1. The Texas SAR Annual Convention is April 17-19, 2026, with the dedication of the Texas SAR Patriot Monument Dedication to Patriots buried in Texas. Kim Morton and Bob McKenna (both passed now) found four of these men's burial places and PineyWoods Chapter 51 hosted the memorial ceremonies and placed the SAR Markers.

Traditionally for the past few years the December meeting has been on the second Saturday due to the Christmas Holidays and School Schedule. The Kingwood High School Madrigals do not schedule performances the weekend school lets out for the Christmas and New Year break but are available the second weekend.

These dates will need to be discussed!

FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

During the meeting on January 17th, a question of *'having a Quorum' in a PineyWoods Meeting* was addressed. The answer to this is in the PineyWoods Chapter No. 51 Constitution.

The PineyWoods constitution is published on the chapter Public Site which can be reached in internet by entering:



Larry G. Stevens
Editor



The PineyWoods Chapter #51, Texas SAR

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The PineyWoods Chapter #51, Texas SAR

NOTE: The Constitution was approved in 1993.

CONSTITUTION of PineyWoods Chapter, No. 51, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. ARTICLE VI - **QUORUM**

Constitution of the PineyWoods chapter, No, 51, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, a quorum for the transaction of any business at a regular or special meeting of the membership of this Chapter, including the taking of any action affecting the standing of a member or officer, or disposing of the property of the Chapter, shall require the presence of at least 6 members in good standing or 30 percent of all members in good standing, whichever is less.

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2025 - 2027

President - Abe Abdmoulaie
1st Vice President - Jim Pinkerton
2nd Vice President - Louis Skip Hawley
Secretary - William Bill King
Treasurer - B. Ray Mize
Historian - Kermit Breed
Chaplain - Alan Bowman
Chancellor - Jim Pinkerton
Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson
Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed,
Joe Potter
Genealogist - Kermit Breed
Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick

Chapter Non - Officers Roles
Newsletter - Larry Stevens
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Events Calendar



NSSAR
National Trustees and Leadership
Galt Hotel, Louisville KY
March 5-7, 2026



TEXAS SAR
Austin Southpark Hotel
April 15-19th 2026

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

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MEMBER BIOS VOL III 2005-2025

Time is growing short for PineyWoods Members to send their picture and bio in to be included in the Texas History Volume III. The last volume printed was ended in the year 2005, so it has been twenty years since the last. Ray Cox, Texas Communications Secretary and our PineyWoods chapter Webmaster, and Don Stone (Freedom Chapter) put together Volume II. I first submitted a Bio for Volume I. Bios for the Texas History Volume III 2005-2025 are to be submitted to John Anderson, Texas SAR Historian and who is the Chairman of the Texas SAR Membership Volume III be assembled. Time for sending in your Bios is short.

Your Submission consists of a picture of yourself, name, member number (SAR and Texas), your patriots, something about your family, education, work history, military if served, and chapter, state, and national offices if held any. Try and keep it to one sheet or less. Send it in on a WORD DOC or similar so it can be edited formatted. The Benjamin Franklin bio below is an example of what you can send on ourself. Be's is a little long but so was his history and importance to the new republic of the United States of America *including the building blocks of the foundation of our United States Constitution.* **LARRY STEVENS**

SEND TO: **John Anderson**—History Committee Chairman

janders981@gmail.com or historian@texassar.org

Or send to Kermit Breed breedkermit@aol.com

—SAMPLE BIO—

Benjamin Franklin

Mass. Bay Colony Minuteman Chapter

National Member Number 000001 Ma 00001

Patriotic Ancestor— Myself, Ben Franklin

Renaissance Man—Writer, Publisher, Inventor, Diplomat, and Founding Father

I was born in Boston, Mass. Bay, British Empire, on January 17, 1706. My father was Josiah Franklin and mother Abiah Folger. I was married, common law, to Debroah Reed, who died in 1784, and we had three children, William, Francis and Sarah. Deborah kept everything operating smoothly during my long absences in England and France.

My formal education was at Boston Latin School.

I apprenticed in printing and later open my own newspaper business and was very fortunate that my business grew and was very successful allowing me to step back and pursue a career as a diplomat at first representing some colonies during parliamentary session in London. Of course as an American Colonist, I had no vote so I was more of a lobbyist.

I was a member of the Christ of Christ.

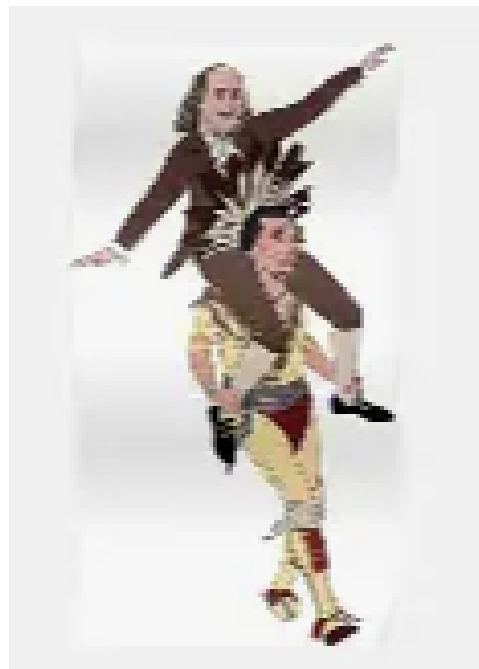
Of all the thinks I did, I love best observing and inventing better ways to do things. My experiment with lightning to prove it was electrical was not the safest thing; the Franklin Stove would eliminate having to cook or even heat water in front of an open hearth. And, I proved the common cold was not necessarily linked to getting wet but was cause by people crowding to closely together where spital would pass the cold demons to the next.

My greatest regret was not having my children inoculate for small pox.

During my publishing days, I wrote many articles using an assumed name, even a lady commenting on the overhanded and stern rule of King George, although it was really a pack of thieves in the House of Lords.

I held many positions in England and France serving colonies and Continental Congress. I helped Ferance to join in our struggle. At the end on the revolution, I was one of the Americans that ed or new Republic Treaty with Great Britain most successfully.

My reward was the United States of America.



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**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 100

Current Regular Members 74

New 1 Trans In 1 Trans out 1
Dual 4

Youth 10 Reinstated 11

Not Paid—14 Regular Members and 3 Dual

As of September 4, 2025

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EFFECTIVE JULY 2024

New Member Application Fee
for PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$264.50

**Check the FEE Schedule
For Junior and Family
Membership Costs**

Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00

TOTAL \$188.00



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.

January 24, 1781

GRAND OPENING

FRANCIS MARION
INTERPRETIVE CENTER
GEORGETOWN COUNTY MUSEUM
120 BROAD ST.
GEORGETOWN, SC

APRIL 19, 2025 ✨ 10:00AM

Special presentation by historian Carin Bloom, as she portrays Mrs. Catharine Greene, wife of General Nathanael Greene.

Followed by the ribbon cutting for the Francis Marion Interpretive Center.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 12
843-545-7020
INFO@GEORGETOWNCOUNTYMUSEUM.COM

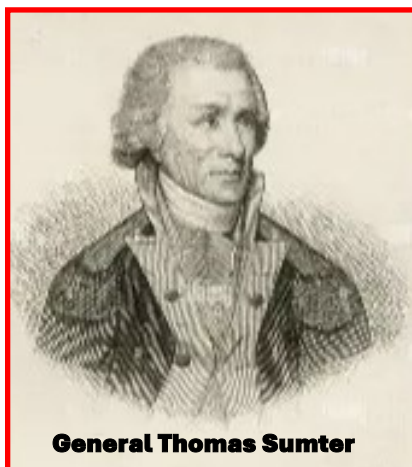
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COLONIAL-INSPIRED REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Georgetown SC Battle Field Site

On this day, January 24, 1781, *Patriot commanders Lieutenant Colonel Light Horse Henry Lee and Brigadier General Francis Swamp Fox Marion of the South Carolina militia* combine forces and conduct a raid on Georgetown, South Carolina, which is defended by 200 British soldiers.

Marion won fame and the Swamp Fox moniker for his ability to strike and then quickly retreat into the South Carolina swamps without a trace. His military strategy is considered an 18th-century example of guerilla warfare. Marion took over the South Carolina militia force first assembled by Thomas

Sumter in 1780. Sumter returned Carolina Loyalists' terror tactics in kind after Loyalists burned his plantation in May 1780. When Sumter withdrew from active fighting to care for a wound, Marion replaced him. The former commander of the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment had just scored his first victory against British Regular troops near Nelson's Ferry on the Santee River at the Battle of Great Savannah, August 20, 1780. Fifteen days later and sixty miles to the northeast, he learned of a large gathering of mounted Tory militia. Though outnumbered five to one, Marion, soon to be titled one of the greatest guerrilla fighters of the American Revolution, did not hesitate and rode hard to attack. First a bold and direct assault routed a detached Tory vanguard. When pursued, he and his small band set ambush among the marshes. When sprung, their victory was complete, terrorizing the loyalist militia with heavy sabers and pistols at close range. The survivors were driven into the swamps, followed by the rebel band's hurled insults. Marion then strategized with Major General Nathaniel Greene, who had recently arrived in the Carolinas to lead the Continental forces. On January 24, 1781, the Patriots under Marion and Lee managed to arrive at



Georgetown undetected and captured at least three officers, including the British commander.

The following month, on February 24, 1781, Lee's cavalry was able to defeat a band of Loyalist cavalry at Haw River, North Carolina, by taking advantage of the extreme similarity of Patriot uniforms to those of British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's troops. British Colonel John Pyle's men at Haw River were surprised to discover that the horsemen approaching them were not friends, as they appeared from a distance, but foes. Losing three fingers and blinding one eye in the course of combat, Colonel Pyle, a doctor by profession, survived by hiding in what is now known as Pyle's Pond.

LARRY STEVENS

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 Cucos Mexican Cafe
Kingwood Texas 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
February 21, 2026***

Business Meeting 11:30 am

President Abe Abdmoulaie

Invocation Jim Pinkerton

PLEDGES

**USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge
SGT At Arms Merv Hartwick**

Guest Speaker Introduction

Officer Reports

Benediction

SAR Closing-All

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.”

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas SAR

Meeting January 17, 2025

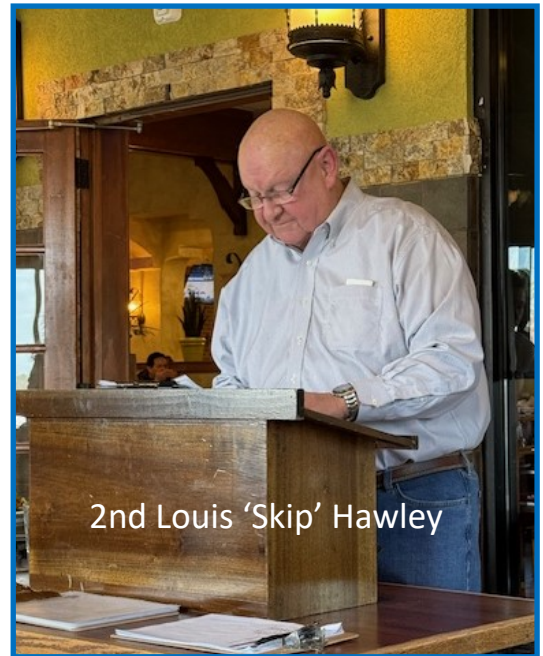
Kingwood Los Cucos Mexican Café

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM by 2nd VP Louis Skip Hawley. President Abe Abdmoulaie appointed Skip to conduct the meeting in his absence.

Attendance: (7) Ben Baskin, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Skip Hawley, Bernie Kent, Keith Schoonover, Larry Stevens. There was one guest, Samantha Ballard.

VP Hawley asked all to rise and he gave the invocation. The Pledge to the United States of America was led by VP Hawley, followed by the Texas Pledge, and the SAR Pledge. Members were asked to introduce themselves. During the introductions, Kermit Breed implored chapter members to send him their BIO 's for the third society history volume, 2006 to 2025. He stated that a substantial number of chapter member biographies were still outstanding. When asked what a Bio should look like, he reviewed the format. He stated he would send instructions and have them in the next newsletter.



2nd Louis 'Skip' Hawley



Battle of the Assunpink Creek, also known as the Second Battle of Trenton

Skip began the meeting with talk on American History during January 1777. The Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777, was a decisive victory for George Washington and his Continentals. Skip said he reviewed a White House Paper when researching and said this period in the was labeled "**Ten Crucial Days**" beginning on December 23rd 1776, as Washington prepared for the attack on Trenton, a make needed victory for not only his campaign but for the moral support of his army. This was followed on January 2, 1777, the Second Battle of Trenton, where the Continental repelled Cornwallis's

attacks along Assunpink Creek until dusk, and the next day was the Battler of Princeton.

Beginning the business session, past president, and Parliamentarian Larry Stevens state there was a quorum presented since seven members were in attendance per Article VI on the PineyWoods Chapter Constitution, which states there shall be (a minimum) six members of good standing in attendance.

Old Business: Officer reports.

Secretary – the minutes were published in the last Newsletter.

Treasurer – In the absence of B Ray Mize, his reports was passed out for review.

Registrar – Kermit Breed reported he had two applications he is working on currently. Larry Stevens said he has one.

Youth Programs – the chapter has two essay entries and one oration contestant referred to PineyWoods by the Freedom Chapter. Skip stated that first and second place in the essay contest had been decided. Larry Stevens said that David Hamaker had sent President Abdmoulaie an email saying her would be sending the information on the oration contestant. Larry Stevens said the chapter should raise the first place prize to \$500. He said the chapter budgeted 1500 dollars for youth contests last year and only two hundred was awarded to one essay contestant. Skip Hawley suggested three hundred for the second place essay contestant. Larry Stevens made a motion that this year we have a five



Kermit Breed Ray Cox Bernie Kent



Ray Cox Bernie Kent Keith Schoonover



Samantha Ballard Larry Stevens Ben Baskin

hundred dollars award for first place and three hundred dollars for second place. VP Hawley asked if there was a second to this motion and Kermit Breed said second. With no further discussion the members approved of the motion.

Larry Stevens then made a motion that the chapter award the oration contestant who would be our first place entry to Texas SAR match the amount as the Freedom Chapter awards. VP Hawley asked if there was a second and Kermit Breed said Second. During discussion Larry Steve said he believe Freedom awards two hundred dollars for first place in Youth Contests and that he would request the president to send that to our chapter. With no further discussion the motion was approved.

New Business – The Humble Museum event is coming soon. RevEdu1776 would be contacted and the chapter would collaborate with them on the programs.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned after the Benediction and the Sar closing by VP Hawley.

Larry Stevens/for Secretary William Bill King