



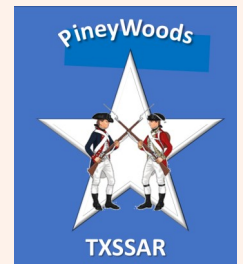
**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
January 18, 2025 Issue 1**



**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.



**Member National News**

**SAR Member US President Jimmy Carter passed away**

President Jimmy Carter was a member of the Atlanta and Button Gwinnett Chapters of the Georgia SAR.

**He joined SAR in March of 1990 member No. 134672.** His ancestors were Thomas Ansley, Thomas Cox, and Job Morris.

Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 100 years old. Following a nine day state funeral, he will be laid to rest on Thursday, January 9th, at the Carter Home and Garden, part of Jimmy Carter National Historical Park.

Son of a nurse and a farmer, James Earl Carter Jr, was born in the small farming town of Plains, Georgia. He grew up in the nearby community of Archery and was educated in public school, later attending Georgia Southwestern College in Americus and the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. In 1946, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and became a submariner. Carter received further training in reactor technology and nuclear physics at Union College in Schenectady, New York, and served as pre-commissioning officer

for the US Navy's second nuclear submarine, the USS Seawolf.

He left the navy and returned to Plains to take over his family's peanut farm after



the death of his father in 1953. He became active in the civil-rights movement with the Democratic Party and moved into politics, being the governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1975 and serving one term as the 39th president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. He married Rosalynn Smith in 1946. They had 4 children and shared 77 years together, with Rosalynn being a crucial partner in both his political and philanthropic activities until her death in 2023. Sixteen US President joined NSSAR. The first was Rutherford Birchard Hayes (1877-1881).

**PineyWoods News**

**President Ben Baskin** is at home recovering

**Chapter Meeting - Los Cucos Mexican Café, Kingwood Texas**

**JANUARY 18, 2025 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM**

from his recent surgery on his foot. He is in good spirits and says the surgery went great. He can not attend the Saturday meeting do to surgery Rehab but hopes to be back for the February meeting.

**Officer Nominations**—During the Christmas Chapter meeting on December 14th, the chapter nomination Committee Chair Past President Mike Anderson presented a slate of officers for the next office terms beginning in 2025. He read the names of the candidates. Only the position of Historian is vacant. Kermit Breed said he would continue filling in until someone volunteers to serve as Historian.

**Proposed Piney Woods Chapter Officers  
2025 – 2027**

- President: Abe Abdmoulaie
- Vice President: Jim Pinkerton
- Vice President: Lewis ‘Skip’ Hawley
- Secretary: Bill King
- Treasurer: B. Ray Mize
- Historian: Kermit Breed
- Chaplain: Jim Pinkerton
- Chancellor: Allan Henshaw
- Parliamentarian: Michael Anderson
- Registrar: Larry Stevens and Kermit Breed
- Genealogist: Kermit Breed
- Sgt.-at-Arms: Mervyn Hartwick

**Youth Programs and Activities**-PineyWoods has received three letters thanking the chapter for their support of their education programs; from Cleveland High School Senior AFJROTC Instructor and Cadets, Splendora ISD Social Studies Fair Foundation for 8th Grade Social Studies, and Kingwood High for supporting the Yule Season Madrigal Choir.

**From the President**

First of all, I hope everyone is enjoying their holiday season!!! It was a great privilege to present a check to help the Kingwood Choir continue to offering their Christmas Carol programs each year.

I am rehabilitating at home and doing great. In December nominations for officers was presented by Mike Anderson for 2025-2027, and this list was sent to all members that have e-mail address on December 16, 2024. This notification meets our Constitution and Bylaws requirement of 30 before an election can take place. Therefore, we can have the election in the January meeting. I want to thank all of the candidates for wanting to manage our chapter’s business.



We have a number of youth event opportunities coming up this Spring. Larry Stevens has listed the events in the newsletter. We have a new version for this newsletter. If you can help in anyway, please let us know.

Ski Grumboski has completed our Veterans Activities Report, the Stark Report, and has sent it in. We did an outstanding job thanks to Ski.

Sorry I will miss this meeting. I hope to see you in February.

**Ben Baskin**  
**President**  
**PineyWoods Chapter 51**

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I have listed upcoming education events (page 4) from Revolution Education 1776, which I am a member of, and they need our support, especially if you have a continental uniform or period civilian attire. Most of the fighting in the southern colonies and on the frontiers was by state troops and militia. The following are some clothing options.



Larry G. Stevens  
Editor

I have bought from these vendors with good results.



Larry

Townsend's & Sons Men's Clothing

Knee length or "overalls" long pants

Waistcoats



Red Wool



Sampson's Historical  
- Men's Clothing

Continental Uniforms  
can have Red (as  
shown), White,  
Beige, or Light Blue  
Facings. The colors  
are for different  
states.

## Piney Woods Chapter Officers

### 2023 - 2025

**President - Ben Baskin**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
**Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick**

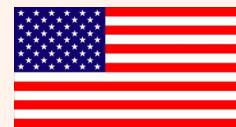
## Chapter Non - Officers Roles

**Newsletter - Larry Stevens**

**[wardtracker.aol.com](http://wardtracker.aol.com)**

**Web Master - Ray Cox**

## Events Calendar



### NSSAR

Spring Leadership/Trustee, Galt House, Louisville,  
Kentucky

February 27 to March 1, 2025



### TXSSAR

Hilton, Richardson Texas

March 27-30, 2025

## PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

January 18, 2025 Los Cucos

February 15, 2025

March 15, 2025

Tricorn hats were worn by the military and Civilians alike, and there are many different prices. Shirts had collars or not, long sleeves or not, long sleeves.



Product No. 4618-002  
1770s Colonial Waistcoat

**CRAZY CROW**

Socks are knee length, white, black, etc., you can buy these locally. Shoes black generally with a buckle.



The Frock Coat (left) is from "Crazy Crow" Website – about 110 dollars.

When shopping check to see if items are in stock for your sizes. Check different sites for prices. Townsends Quality is

good!

- PINEYWOODS YOUTH  
ACTIVITIES "The Spanish Gamble": Humble Museum: Mar 1***
- ▣ Deerwood Elementary School: Mar 5***
  - ▣ Hidden Hollow Elementary: March 28***
  - ▣ Jesse Jones Park (School Version): Apr 11***
  - ▣ Jesse Jones Park (Community Version): Apr 12***
  - ▣ Humble ISD Multi-School Event: May 7***
  - ▣ Splendora ISD Multi-School Event: May 16***



Splendora 8th Grade Class with teacher and Social Studies curriculum staffer. Larry Stevens is presenting the school with the PineyWoods donation supporting the school's first ever American History Social Studies Fair April 9-11, 2025.

## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

### PineyWoods Chapter

Membership: a/o OCT 2024

**TOTAL 111**

Current Regular Members 95 Dual 4 Youth  
6 Reinstated 4

**NOTE1 Membership has not been updated for the start of 2025. We generally have 15-20 losses. These will be contact-**

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## VETERAN Wreaths Across AMERICA

Our chapter sponsored 356 wreaths for the Houston National Cemetery, this year. Total there was 45,748 graves that were covered. The total goes down every year. At least, there are 356 that will be covered by us.

With the donation of wreaths and veterans visits, and other activities, PineyWoods has exceeded any previous Stark Awards performance.

**TOTAL STARK AWARD POINTS EARNED**

**8,095**

**THANKS FOR CARING!**



## 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.*



*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*

*January 18, 2025*

*11:15 AM—1:00 PM*

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES;** USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge

**Introductions**

**Officer Reports**

President

1st Viced President

Youth Report (Stevens)

Secretary Report

Treasurer

Chaplain

Registrar

Historian

Nomination Committee Chair Report

New Business

**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.”

**Lunch**

# **Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting**

**December 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas**

## **Chapter Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 11:25 am by President Ben Baskin who led the Pledges to the US Flag and Texas Flag, followed by the SAR Pledge. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the Invocation.

Members Attendees: Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Skip Hawley, Merv Hartwick, Ray Cox, Lawrence 'Ski' Grumboski, Jim Jones, William King, Sam Massey, B Ray Mize, Cannon Pritchard, Jim Pinkerton, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens

There were 31 total members and wives, friends, and family for lunch.

After introductions, President Baskin discussed a Texas SAR Fundraising event. He passed around information about the event and tickets.

Mike Anderson was asked to give his nominating report. Anderson read the names of the candidates, and all positions were filled except Historian. Chaplain Alan Bowman said that as much as he wished, he would not be able to continue as our Chaplain. Those present expressed their gratitude for his guidance and long service to the chapter. Jim Pinkerton said he could serve as long as needed. Mike said this list would be presented in the January meeting. If anyone wishes to serve to please contact him. He said a number of past officers continue to support the chapter and would be willing to help someone new learn a position.

The 250th Bench project was updated by Kermit Breed and all is expected to be completed on time.

A Liberty Tree purchase and placement was discussed. The chapter has approved this project and it is just a matter of locating an appropriate location for planting this 50th Anniversary of the Declaration memory tree.

President Ben said this concludes the business for this meeting and asked Stevens to discuss dinner. He stated there was no reason for the SAR Closing since we were not leaving until after lunch, the Madrigal Choir and desserts.

11:45 AM LGS for/JP –Secretary



## **RESULTS**

2024 SO FAR

356 Wreaths Sponsored

78.0% Over Our Goal!

Exceeded by 156 Wreaths!

**Secretary & Past Chapter President Jim Pinkerton**





Jeannie Hartwick and Susan Grabowski



Davena Liepman & Janisue Rigel







**Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir**

Members and Guests enjoyed the carols offered by the students. As always, they were fantastic and fun. This year PineyWoods gave the choir a substantial give to support the wonderful work this group does over Christmas. They work all season to support the choir.



Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, and Penny Johnson







Sam & Catherine Massey & Ray Cox



Jim Pinkerton.  
Dan Ballard, and  
B. Ray Mize



Susan Grumboski







Caroline Bowman, Barbara Stevens, Davena Leipman, Janisue Rigel, Samantha Ballard and Sarah Pinkerton



Cindy David and Cannon Pritchard



B. Ray and Sharon Mize





Larry Stevens, Susan and Ski Grumboski, Roland Skelton



B. Ray and Sharon Mize, Skip and Janet Hawley



Larry Stevens, Susan Grumboski, B. Ray Mize, Skip and Janet Hawley





Jim Pinkerton, Kelly  
Abdmoulaie, Sue Ann King



Jim Pinkerton, Kelly  
Abdmoulaie, Sarah  
Pinkerton



Sue, Jim and Kelly



Cannon Pritchard



Cindy and Cannon





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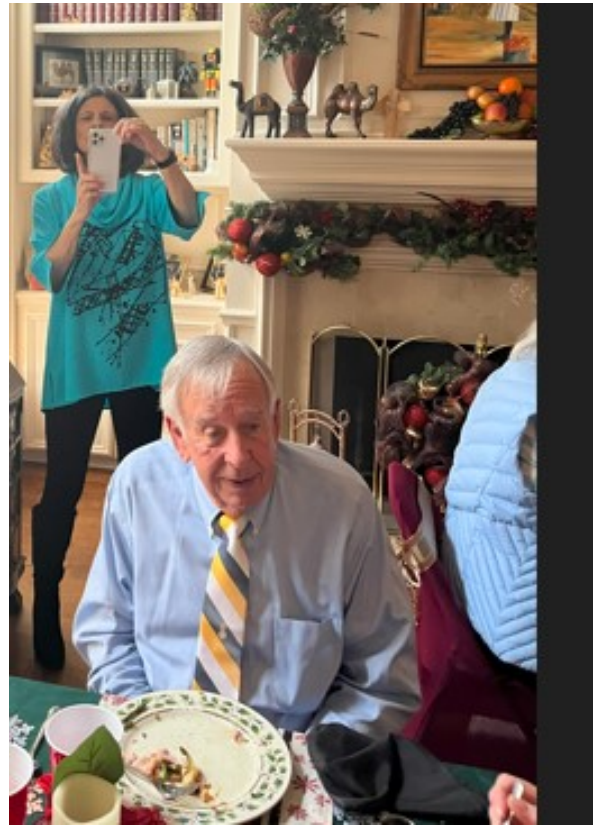


Cannon Pritchard



Cindy and Cannon





Barbara Stevens and Merv Hartwick

Merv and Jeannie Harwick, Catherine Massey, Janisue Rigel, Sam Massey, and Davena Leipman



Janisue, Davena, Sam and Catherine



Jeannie, Dan, Samantha and Merv (with Sharon on camera)