



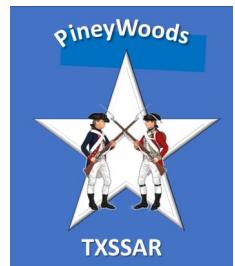
**Pine Shavings
Piney Woods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
January 2, 2026**



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 Piney Woods 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). Piney Woods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas.



**Subject: Celebrating New Beginnings and
Our Nation's Milestones in 2026**

Dear SAR Members and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well and that you all had a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and memories with loved ones. As we step into 2026, let us carry forward the spirit of togetherness and gratitude that the holidays inspire, embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.



This year, we stand on the brink of a remarkable milestone: the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. This celebration is not just a reflection of our nation's history, but a reaffirmation of the ideals that unite us

as a people. One of the pivotal works that helped ignite the flame of independence was Thomas Paine's "Common Sense," published January 10, 1776. This powerful pamphlet resonated deeply with the American colonists, becoming a bestseller and a catalyst for revolutionary thought.



Paine's compelling arguments for self-governance and liberty encapsulated three fundamental ideas that con-

**Chapter Meeting—THE STEVENS HOME—1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood
January 17, 2026 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

tinue to inspire us today. First, he boldly asserted that government should serve the people, not the other way around. Second, he emphasized the importance of unity among the colonies, urging them to come together against tyranny. Finally, Paine articulated the vision of a new nation built on the principles of freedom and equality, a dream that would shape the future of our country.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary later this year, let us reflect on these ideals and honor the legacy of those who fought for our freedoms. Together, we can ensure that the spirit of independence and the pursuit of justice continue to thrive in our hearts and actions.

Wishing you all a prosperous and inspiring new year!
Warm regards,

**Abe Abdoulaie, President
Piney Woods #51 SAR Chapter**



Our SAR Family

We would like to thank all of the members and their wives and our friends that attend our Christmas Lunch get-together this year. We had 34 seated for lunch and everyone was enjoying smoked ham and all of the dishes brought in for lunch, it was very good, really more than I could eat. Those that could not make it this year missed a good time and a great Christmas Music performance by the Kingwood Madrigals. One of the singer was wearing a newly made Victorian Era dress

Christmas Day 2025 is past and the first day of 2026 is here.

Barbara and Larry Stevens

You will find a schedule for our chapter meetings in 2026 on page 3 of this newsletter and the dates are also on our chapter Website posted by our web master Ray Cox. Please note these on your calendars.

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:

January 17, 2026

Meet and Greet Arrival: 11:00 AM

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

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

April 18, 2026

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 Piney Woods 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

Greentree Elementary's Patriot Day was December 5. Piney Woods Members Abe Abdmoulaie, Louis Skip Hawley 2nd VP Youth Programs, and Larry Stevens all participated in 5th Grade presentation to more than 130 students.

With all of the events in 2025, Piney Woods Members presented Educational Historical Programs to more than 2500 5th and 8 grade students in Humble ISD and Splendora ISD.

The SAR Mission is to PRESERVE the MEMORIES and HISTORY OF OUR ANCESTORS who founded this great Republic of the USA.



Piney Woods 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
Sargent 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

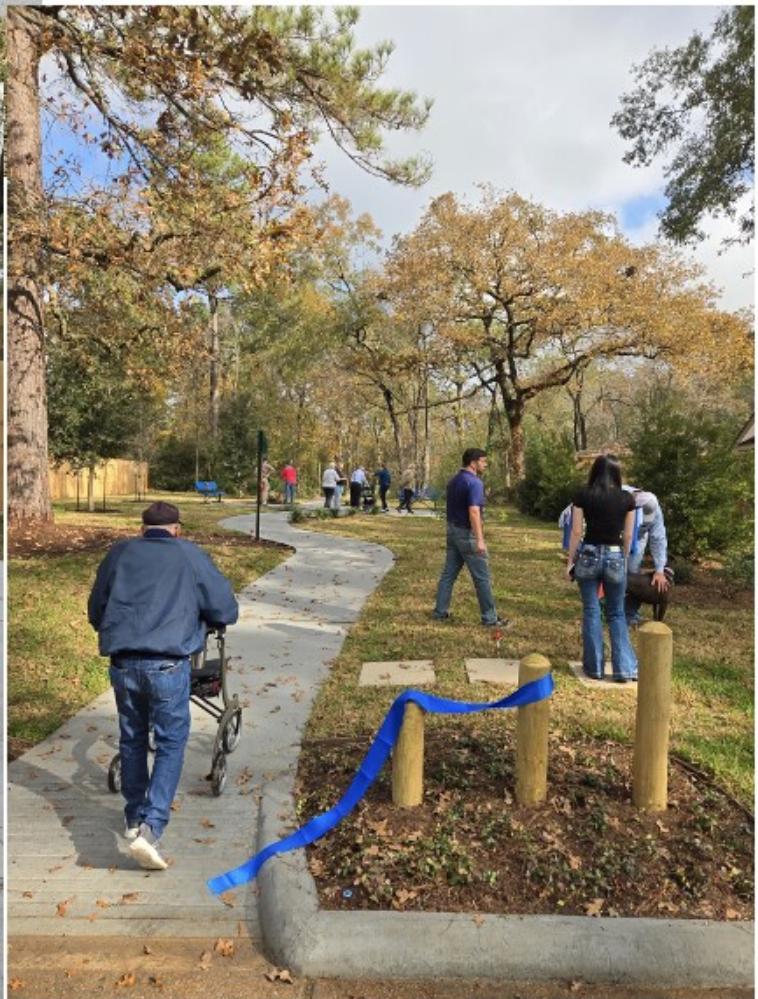
PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

January 17, 2026 Los Cucos
February 21, 2026 Los Cucos

KIM ALLEN MORTON MEMORIAL PARK OPENING



Pineywood's member's Ken Fleming and Anthony Love, neighbors of Kim Morton, are shown 18 Dec 2025 opening Morton Memorial Trailway. The park was donated by the Kim Allen Morton Foundation. Foundation members present were Ken Fleming, Kathleen Karr and Kermit Breed. This park gives much needed neighborhood access to the Kingwood Green Belt.



The home of Kim Morton and his family was razed to create this Memorial on the lot. Kermit Breed and Antoney Love cut the ribbon during the dedication evet.



KIM ALLEN MORTON
28 JUL 1949 - 21 AUG 2021



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
Piney Woods 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 Piney Woods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

Piney Woods 17.00

****TOTAL \$264.50****

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

Supplemental Piney Woods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

Piney Woods 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 Piney Woods 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.

**Piney Woods Chapter 51 TXSSAR
Lunch Meeting
Los Cucos Mexican Cafe
Kingwood Texas 11:00 AM—1:30 PM
January 17, 2026**



Business Meeting 11:30 am

President Abe Abd moulaie

Invocation Jim Pinkerton

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

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."

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Notes
Piney Woods Annual Christmas Lunch and Meeting
The Stevens' Home, Kingwood

The Stevens's home was decorated with Christmas trees, Santas, and Nutcrackers and each table with Christmas arrangements and place settings.



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The three main Christmas Trees, in the entry hall, the formal dining room and the family room area are traditional decorations. The family room tree is the Hallmark Ornament Tree with ornaments' from the mid 1980's to present with some family made items. The Formal Dining Room Tree represents the Patriot room with Whitehouse and Texas Capitol ornaments. The ship is The Rattlesnake designed by John Peck and built in Plymouth Mass. and Launched in 1779 as a Privateer. This model was made by Piney-Woods Chapter member Ed Farmer, deceased. It became apart of the US Navy in 1781 but was shortly after captured and renamed. It is known as the ship that delivered the news of the surrender of General Lord Cornwallis to London.



Members and guests began arriving before 11:00 am, bringing dishes of hot and cold foods and placing them on the Kitchen island. Combined with the aroma of Hams in the oven, all were ready to begin lunch.

The Madrigals were on the front walk promptly at 11:30 am and entered singing a Christmas Carole. There were 18 singers and they filled the house with music for over 30 minutes. This was the Madrigals 26th Christmas program at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens.

Lunch began with a prayer shortly after the Madrigal program. Everyone found a place at a table, carried their places to the kitchen, and returned to their seats to talk to friends.

There were thirty-four seated for lunch:

Members: Abe Abdmoulaie, Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, Louis Skip Hawley, Bernie Kent, Bill King, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Dick Setser, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens (17)

Guests: Kelly Abdoulaie, Samantha Ballard, Dan Ballard, Virginia Ballard (Dan Ballard's mother), Cindy Davis, Terry Hawley, Jeanie Hartwick, Ann Kent, Sue King, Devena Liepman, Sarah Potter, Janisue Rigal, Sheri Setser, Johnnie Schmonesse, Barbara Stevens, Glenn Turner, Sandy Turner (17). Madrigals – 18 and one Parent

Business - Approvals of checks to:

Kingwood High School Madrigals for \$500 by officers' vote December 11, 2025, approved with all yes votes. Abe said checked was presented to Madrigal's parent Chelsea Popp for Director Jason Watt. The 2024 donation was used to make a custom Victorian period dress, buy new top hats, and repair/alter jackets. Jason Watt said the school was very appreciative for our support of this youth program.

Kingwood Fallen Heros - \$500 – a budgeted donation.

Check given to John Beard for Manufacture Coupons mailing postage reimbursements.

Motion by Jim Pinkerton, to reelect sitting officers for 2026-2027, second by Mike Anderson approved by acclamation .

Abe Closed the meeting at 12:45 pm.





President Abe Abdmoulaie and Johnnie Schmonesse
Founder of Rev Edu 1776 Inc.



Abe Abdmoulaie & Merv Hartwick



Merv Hartwick, Ben Baskim, Ray Cox



Joe Potter, Mike Anderson



Merv Hartwick, Ben Baskim, Bernie Kent



Merv Hartwick

Ray Cox





Kermit, John, Ray, Sandy, Sherry, Roland, Glen

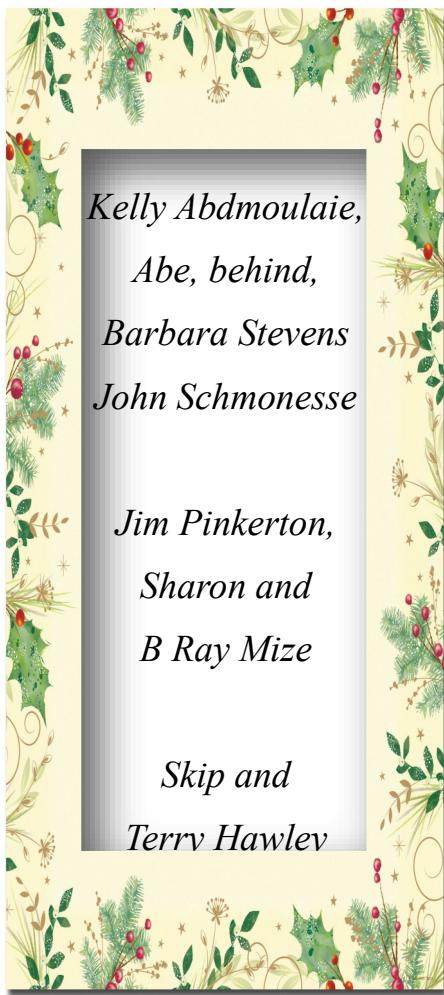


Kermit, Sandy, Sherry, Roland, Glen



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*John Beard, Devena Liepman, Janisue Rigal, (Back) Kelly Abd moulaie, Sue and Bill King
Sherri and Dick Setser and Glen and Sandy Turner*







Larry, John, Jim, Sharon, B Ray, Terry, Skip



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White House and Texas Capital Ornament Tree TOP





Sarah Potter, Kermit Breed, Johnnie Schmonesse (back) Skip and Terry Hawley







