



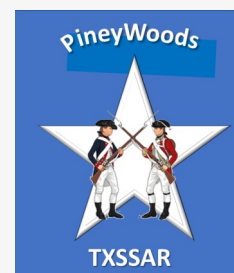
**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
October 2024 Issue 9**



**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.



**SURRENDER AT YORKTOWN**

When British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and his army surrendered to General George Washington's American force and its French allies at the Battle of Yorktown on October 19, 1781, it was more than just a military win. The outcome in Yorktown, Virginia marked the conclusion of the last major battle of the American Revolution and the start of a new nation's independence. It also cemented Washington's reputation as a great leader and eventual election as first president of the United States. *In the painting above, General George Washington is looking away since it was not General Lord Cornwallis presenting his sword in surrender.*

**Los Cuco's Mexican Café—Kingwood Texas 11am-1pm October 19, 2024**



Compatriots,

We'll be meeting at Los Cucos on October 19, 2024 at 11:00am. The social meeting begins at 11:30am.

October 19, 1781, the British surrendered at Yorktown signaling the end of the American Revolution. We should raise a toast at our meeting.

The TXSAR BOM is coming up November 1-3. The Hotel reservation link and Event Registration is on the Texas Website now. The meeting is in Austin, so it is not far away.

There is still time to buy Wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" Ski gave us information about this wonderful program. Our Goal is 200 Wreaths for 2024. There is information included in this newsletter.

Remember that the Lady Houston Chapter DAR are taking donations of books.

[Dues notices are now being sent out so keep a eye out for them!!!](#)

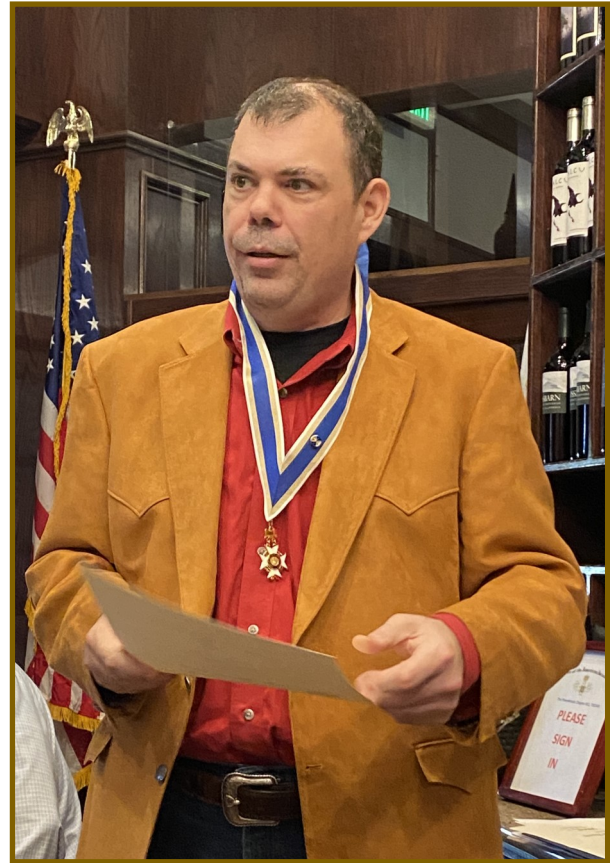
We are coming to the end of the 2023-2024 officer terms. Nominations take place in December. So we are looking for people to fill in the roles for Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor or Parliamentarian, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. **Please consider helping our chapter by filling an office. Contact Mike Anderson.**

See you next meeting,

**Ben Baskin**

President

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR



Wreaths Across America



Sharon Mize is collecting books for Veterans

Due to a painful tendon from the base of my thumb into my wrist, my ability of type is down to one finger. Thus this newsletter has to be very short.

This injury also keeping me from completing two applications in a more timely fashion.



History note: October was a very important time in the revolution. The hot summers were over, the wet season passes so movement is easier, so there was lots of activity: Saratoga, Yorktown, and others.

However also of importance was the discovery of the NEW WORLD by Columbus which changed the history of Western Europe. Pictured below is a commemoration of the Treaty of Tordesillas. Does anyone remember the significance of this treaty?

*Larry Stevens—Editor*



## 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 service-women serving

If you were, contact Ski at [sus4ever@gamil.com](mailto:sus4ever@gamil.com) for more information.

## PineYwoods 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**

**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  
Holiday Inn Downtown, Austin, Texas

## **PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51**

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

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

October 19, 2024

November 16, 2024

December 14, 2024

# PineyWoods Chapter 51

## Texas Society of the Sons of the American

September 21, 2024,

### Meeting Minutes

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

**President, Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Chaplin Alan Bowman gave the opening invocation. President Baskin led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas pledges.

**Members Present: (14)** Ski Grumboski, Merv Hartwick, John Beard, B. Ray Mize, Jim Pinkerton, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Skip Hawley, Donald Stallings, Bernie Kent, Keith Schoonover, Larry Stevens

**Guests Present: (8)** Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Mary Claire Beard, Samatha Ballard, Sharon Mize, Sarah Pinkerton, Ed Wandling, Carolyn Bowman.

**Program:** Former Chapter President and retired FBI agent Michael Anderson presented an interesting program on "Senior Fraud". Michael showed how scams were perpetrated against senior adults in our society. Misrepresentation of the truth costs seniors over 3.4 billion dollars annually. Scams include monetary fraud, sex scams, romance scams, grandparent scams pig butchery, Medicare and others.

**Secretary's Report;** The August secretaries report appears in the current newsletter.

**Treasurers Report:** B. Ray Mize stated that we have a C.D. that is renewing in October. The membership has authorized to pay for 150 wreaths in the wreaths across America at the VA cemetery in the month of October.

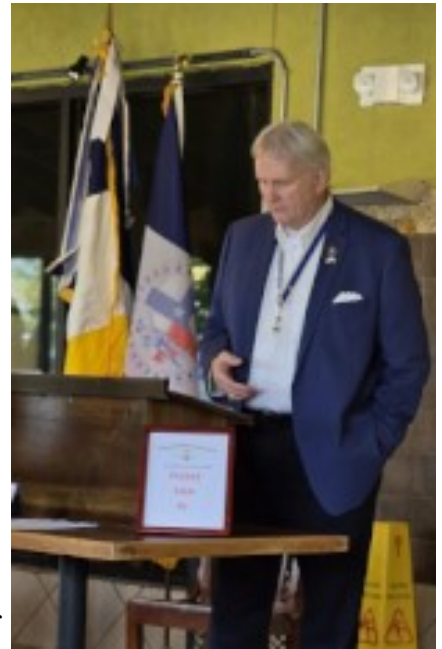
**Old and New Business:** Kermit Breed gave information about a bench to be installed at the Humble Museum. This bench celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the Declaration of Independence. A portion of the funds for this project were provided for by the Kim Morton fund. The bench is 48 inches by 18 inches. It will have a plaque and is made of polished garnet. Ski Grumboski stated that Piney Woods Chapter has been recognized by the DeBaKey VAMC for the donation of travel kits, t-shirts sweatpants, gift cards men and women's briefs, men's and women's pants. John Beard gave the coupon report for our chapter outreach to military bases in the Pacific. He also spoke about compatriot John Worm, the man who initiated the coupon program. John continues to be on hospice but is doing well. Larry Stevens will continue with JROTC Project which was approved by chapter members.

President Baskin spoke about the need to speakers for upcoming meetings. He also mentioned the nomination process, and need of chapter officers for the 2025-26 term of office.

**SAR Closing:** President Baskin led the closing and Chaplin Bowman gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Secretary Jim Pinkerton





Top: Skip Hawley, Mary-Claire and John Beard, Jim and Sarah Pinkerton, and Ski and Susan Grumboski



Left: Ben Baskin, Samantha and Dan Ballard, Carolyn and Alan Bowman, Ed Wandling

Bottom Left: Mary-Claire and John Beard

Bottom Right: Sharon and B. Ray Mize



*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***

***October 19, 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.”

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**  
**PineyWoods Chapter**  
Membership: a/o AUG 28 2024  
**TOTAL 111**  
Current Regular Members— 95—  
Reinstated 4 Dual— 4 Junior —8

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**Chapter #51 Texas Society, SAR**  
**Kingwood, TX 77325**  
**www.txssar.org/PineyWoods**  
**October 19, 2024**

**EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**HUMBLE ISD**

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

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**

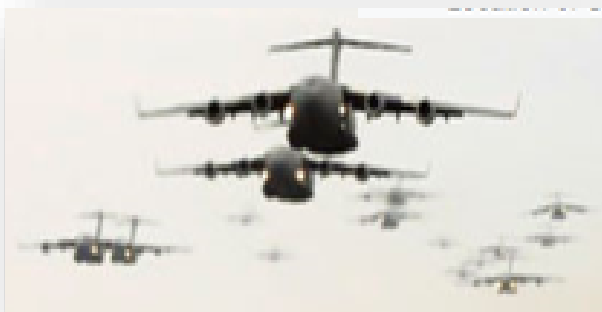
**Oration**

**NEW—VIDEO CONTEST**

**8th GRADE BROCHERE**

**5th Grade Poster**

**GO TO: SAR or TEXAS Website**



**VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

The chapter is at 182 wreaths donated towards our goal of 200 wreaths for the Houston National Cemetery.

Our deadline is midnight December 02, 2024, so ask if members they could please sponsor a wreath. It only costs \$17 and we need 18—SEE SKI GRUMBOSKI

**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.*

# KINGWOOD DAR LADY HOUSTON CHAPTER

## VETERAN BOOK DRIVE

The Service to America and Service to Veterans Committees are excited to announce a joint Chapter project that allows us to serve our Veterans, promote Service to America, and encourage reading! We are having a NEW BOOK DRIVE for the Veterans at DeBakey VA Medical Center, and we encourage chapter members (and friends) to donate new books for those who have done so much to support our country. The VA provided us with a list of authors that the Veterans like, and we have created an Amazon Wishlist of books written by those authors. It will be so nice for our heroes who are in the hospital to be able to read books that are written by authors they love thanks to our generous members!

Please take a look at the list and consider purchasing a book or a few books; they are all relatively inexpensive. We will take all the books purchased to the VA on or around the DAR Day of Service in October! You can choose to send it to me (Anna Archer), and Ronnie Janecka (our NEW Service to America Chair) and I will make sure the books all get taken to the VA in honor of the DAR Day of Service!

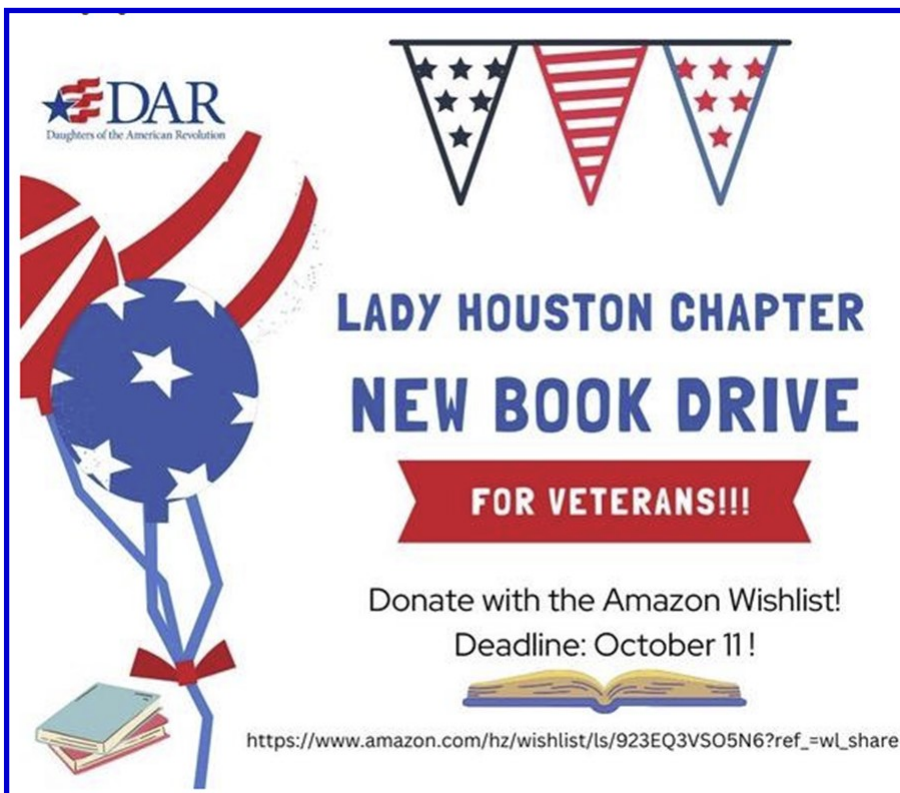
Please note who is sending the books on the gift message that Amazon provides when you purchase an item on a Wishlist. **Here's the Wishlist:** [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/923EQ3VSO5N6?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/923EQ3VSO5N6?ref=wl_share)

*Celebrating 250 Years of America!*

**Anna Archer**

Regent, Lady Houston Chapter, NSDAR

*"Serving Together in Love"*



**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER**  
**SAR Chapter 51**

**Sharon Mize—Ladies Auxiliary**

*Last year we collected books and magazines (in good condition) and our chapter Treasurer B Ray and wife Sharon Mize delivered to the Veteran's Centers.*





# 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 America, 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.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/TX1448](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/TX1448)

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**  
LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE

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