



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
October 17, 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:

From the Western Frontier to Our Front Door

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

I hope this finds you all enjoying a productive start to the fall season. There is something about the first cool mornings when they finally arrive and the color coming into the trees that makes a person want to slow down and look backward a little, and October gives us plenty of events to reflect back on.

Consider October 7, 1763. On that day King George III drew a line down the spine of the Appalachians and told his American subjects that the land beyond it was closed to them. Men who had fought in the French and Indian War, many holding honest claims to western acres, found the continent shut in their faces. That grievance was not merely about soil; it was about livelihood and the right to decide one's own future, and it did a great deal to turn loyal subjects into revolutionaries.

This is what makes George Rogers Clark so remarkable. At twenty-five, leading a small force of Virginia volunteers, he captured Kaskaskia in July 1778. The following February, now twenty-six, he led his men through



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11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

flooded bottomland to capture Fort Sackville at Vincennes. His victories strengthened the American position in the western country and contributed to the nation's claim to lands northwest of the Ohio River. He earned the title "Conqueror of the Old Northwest."

Clark founded Louisville in 1778, and his statue still stands above the Ohio River, facing the country he helped secure.

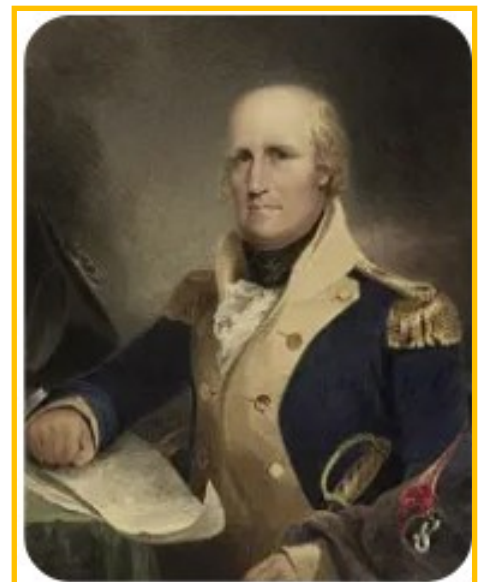
Fitting, then, that our SAR National Headquarters sits in that same city. I visited this past May and found it genuinely moving, from the research library to the galleries.

I hope you will join us at the Chapter meeting on October 17. Bring a guest if possible.

In patriotism and service,

Abe Abdmoulaie—President

SAR Piney Woods Chapter 51



February 1779, the Virginians marched 180 miles east from Kaskaskia to Vincennes through prairie and forests that were flooded by seasonal high waters.

PATRICK HENRY'S LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS,
IN TWO PAGES, SEE OPPOSITE PAGE.

Fac-simile, reduced in size.

Virginia^{for} In Council at Petersburg Decr 2^d 1778
Lieut Colonel George Rogers Clark

You are to proceed with all convenient Speed
to raise Seven Companies of Soldiers to consist of
fifty men each officered in the usual manner
Sarmed most properly for the Enterprise & with the
Tons attack the British Post at Kaskasky.

It is conjectured that there are many stores of
Gunpowder & military Stores to considerable Amount
at that place, the taking & preservation of which
would be a valuable Acquisition to the State
If you are so fortunate therefore as to succeed
in your Expedition you will take every possible
Measure to secure the Artillery Stores & what else
may advantage the State.

For the Transportation of the Troops, provi-
sions &c down the Ohio, you are to apply to the
Commanding Officer at Fort Pitt for Boats &c.
During the whole Transaction you are to take ex-
traordinary Care to keep the true Destination of your
Force secret. Its Success depends upon this. Orders
are given to Capt. Smith to secure the two men
from Kaskasky. Similar conduct will be proper in similar
cases.

It is earnestly desired that you show
Humanity to such British Subjects and other per-
sons as fall in your hands. Of the whole Inhabitants
at that post & the neighbourhood will give undoubted
evidence of their attachment to this State for it is
certain they live within its Limits, by taking the
best possible care of them & by every other way & means
in their power let them be treated as fellow Citizens
& their persons & property duly secured Affordance
& protection against all enemies whatever shall be
afforded them & the Common wealth of Virginia is
pledged

PATRICK HENRY'S LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS,
(Continued from opposite page.)

pledged to accomplish it. But if these people will not
obey to their reasonable demands, they must feel the
miseries of war, under the direction of that humanity
that has hitherto distinguished Americans, & which it is
expected you will ever consider as the Rule of your
conduct & from which you are to in no instance de-
part.

The Corps you are to command are to receive the
pay & allowance of a Militia & to act under the Laws
& Regulations of this State now in force as Militia.

The Intendants at this Post will be informed by you
that in case they decide to the effect of becoming Citizens
of this Commonwealth a proper Garrison will be main-
tained among them & every attention bestowed to under-
take to become beneficial, the farrest prospects being
opened to the Dominions of both France & Spain.

It is in contemplation to establish a Post
near the mouth of this. Cannon will be wanted to
fortify it. Part of those at Nashaskey will be easily brought
thither or otherwise secured as circumstances will make
necessary.

You are to apply to General Hand for powder
& Lead necessary for this Expedition. If he can't supply it
the person who has that which Capt. Lynn bro't from
Orham can. Lead was sent to Hampshire by my
orders & that may be delivered you. Wishing you
success I am

Yr
your obt. servt

P. Henry

George Rogers Clark's efforts to obtain Virginia's support for the Kentucky settlements in 1776 preceded his proposal to strike the British posts in the Illinois country. On December 10, 1777, he presented that military plan to Governor Patrick Henry. After private consultations, Henry approved the expedition and issued secret instructions on January 2, 1778, authorizing Clark to raise seven companies of fifty men each and attack the British post at Kaskaskia. Clark set out in 1778 with a much smaller force than he had hoped to recruit.

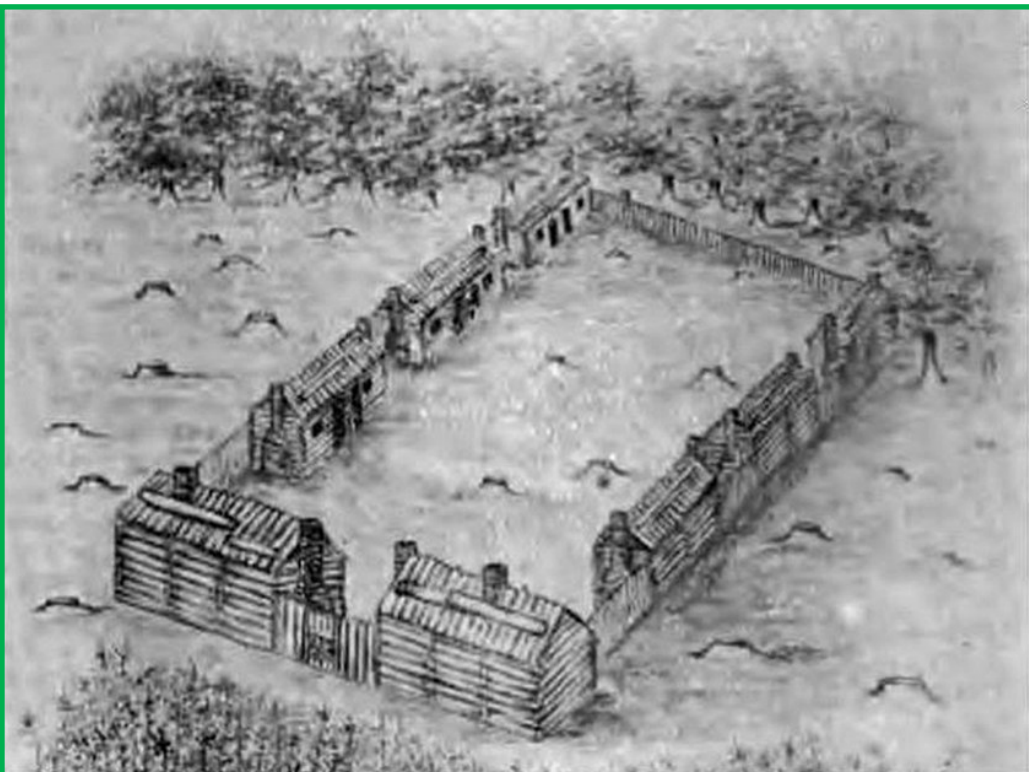
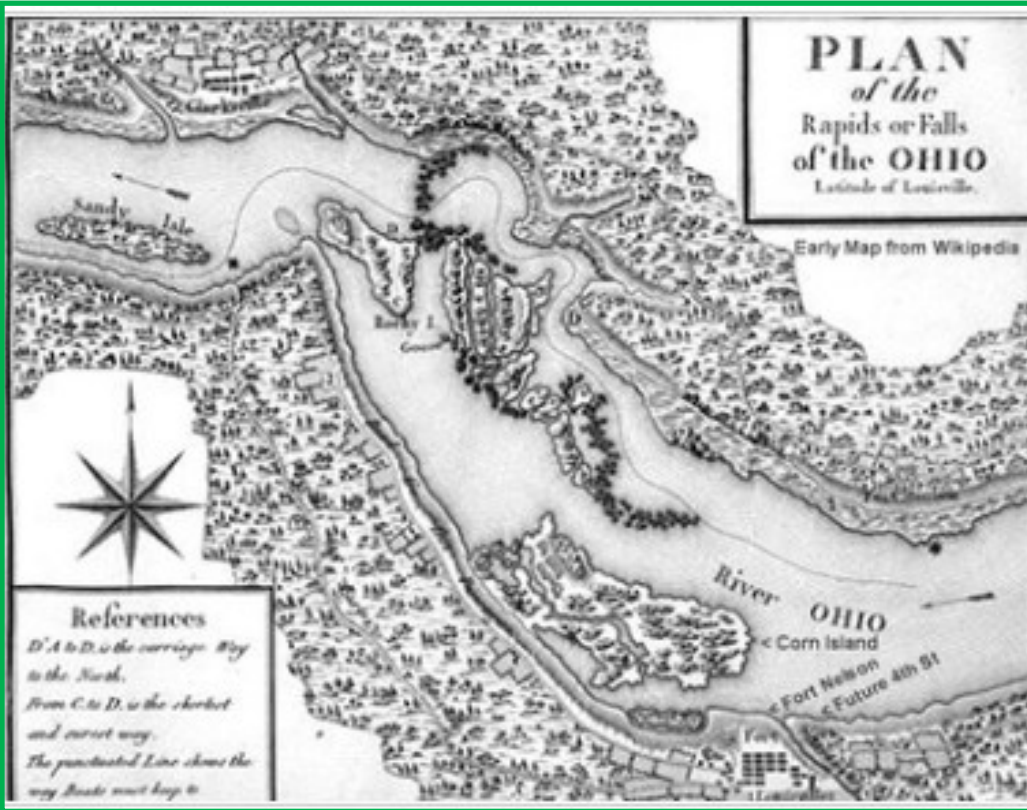
Clark established a post on Corn Island at the Falls of the Ohio, near present-day Louisville. There he gathered his force and prepared for the expedition.

On June 24, 1778, Clark and his men left Corn Island. They first moved about a mile upstream to reach the main channel, then passed over the Falls of the Ohio and continued downstream. Near the site of Fort Massac, on the Ohio River, they went ashore and began the overland march to Kaskaskia. Traveling roughly 120 miles, they reached the settlement on the night of July 4 and took it without firing a shot.

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REF: *"Conquest of the county Northwest of the river Ohio 1788-1783" and the Life of Gen George Rogers Clark* by Wm Hayden English, 1896 Vol 1

Patrick Henry's instructions to George Rogers Clark, January 2, 1778.



Blockhouse and Log Cabins on Corn Island, 1778, First Settlement of Louisville, Ky.

From a ground-plan by George R. Clark.

FROM THE EDITOR

LARRY STEVENS

When I was studying history in college and taking the survey classes, I began to read more about what people did for entertainment, and even something as simple as what the new Americans ate. Research shows that the newcomers brought animals and seeds from Europe. This is what they knew and this is what they wanted. However, some plants would not grow well because of differences in soil and climate, so they incorporated many plants and animals indigenous to America into their diets. Indian corn, or maize, is a good example. They learned to make hominy and corn grits.



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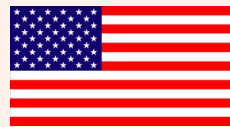
When Thomas Jefferson returned from France in 1789, he brought four waffle irons purchased in Amsterdam. According to research by Monticello librarian Anna Berkes, shipping records document the irons, and a collection belonging to Jefferson's



granddaughter Septimia contains two waffle recipes.

Source: Will Price, "A Pressing Mystery: Thomas Jefferson and the Waffle," Garden & Gun, April 13, 2016.

Events Calendar



NSSAR

Spring Leadership TBA



TEXAS

Texas SAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting
October 23–25, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Arlington South
521 East Interstate 20, Arlington, Texas

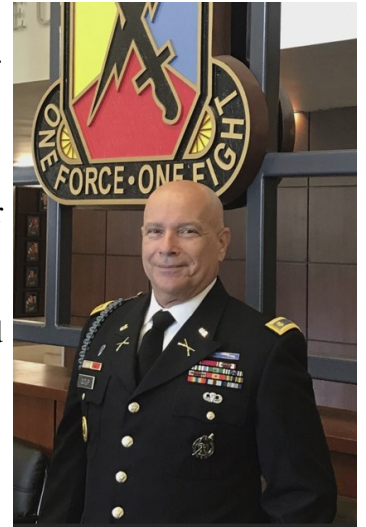
PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

October 17, 2026 Los Cucos
November 21, 2026 Los Cucos
December 12, 2026 Stevens Home

Upcoming Programs

November 13, 2026 Willow Creek Elementary Patriot Day-PineyWoods Chapter will have members there presenting programs.

November 21, 2026 Lunch Meeting at Los Cucos—Our Chapter Lunch Speaker will be retired Army Major Ron Cutlip. He was born and raised in France and came to the U.S. after high school. His father was American and his mother was French. After retiring from the Army, he worked at the Department of Justice and then at the FBI. Major Cutlip was asked to speak to us by Mike Anderson on, “What It Is Like to Be an American”.



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP OPPOTUNITIES

PineyWoods welcomes entries for the Essay, Eagle Scout, Oration, JROTC, and Video contests. Please contact Skip Hawley or Larry Stevens for eligibility requirements, application instructions, and the chapter’s submission deadlines. Submit materials early so the chapter has time to review them.

NEW! The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (Texas SAR) will be launching a new scholarship program this year.

Our chapters all have young members who are of college age (17 -24) who are seeking or planning to seek post-secondary education degrees or certificates. As we all know, these members and their families could all use additional resources to help these young members pay for school. Here are our proposed scholarship details.

- To be eligible for these scholarships the *applicants must be a member of National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and affiliated with one of the Texas Society’s chapters.*
- These scholarships will not be merit based.
- Eligible applicants will be asked to submit their application to the Texas SAR to be put in a drawing hopper.
- Winning names will be drawn from that hopper.
- Each scholarship is \$2,500 payable to the winner’s school for their benefit.
- At least two (2) scholarships will be awarded at the 2027 State Convention.
- Eligible higher ed institutions can be 4-year universities or colleges, community colleges, or technical colleges and schools. If there is a concern please check with the State Treasurer.
- Institutions can be in state or out of state institutions.
- Winners must provide the appropriate contact information to their school for the delivery of the funds.

For further information contact:

Mark Ellison

markmellison1@gmail.com ALSO—Go to the Chapter Website or the TXSSAR.org Website for Youth Programs

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineyWoods Chapter
Membership:**

TOTAL 93

Current Regular Members 70

New 1 Dual 3

Youth 9 Reinstated 10

***Not Paid—16 Regular Members and 3
Dual***

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APPLICATIONS

New Member PineyWoods Chapter 51

NSSAR \$200.00

TXSSAR 47.50

PineyWoods 17.00

TOTAL \$266.50

Check the FEE Schedule For Junior

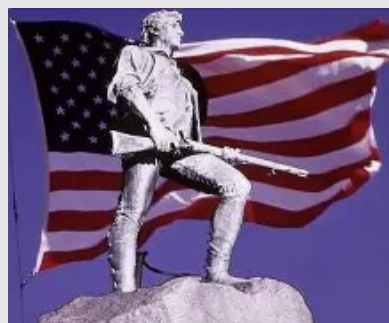
Supplemental PineyWoods

NSSAR \$150.00

TXSSAR 32.00

PineyWoods 6.00

TOTAL \$188.00



PATRIOTISM MATTERS

Membership

Chapter Lists were last undated

August 30, 2026

Newest approved applications for PineyWoods Members: OCT 10, 2026

Austin, Andrew Freeman	Patriot Austin, Jonthan	ACN# 109989 SAR No. 240509
Carahan, Sean Patrick	Patriot Carahan, Adam	ACN# 125161 SAR No. 240855
Gray, Jr. Fletcher L.	Patriot Johnson, Joseph	ACN# 125163 SAR No. 240857
Witt, Andrew Robert	Patriot Roberts, John	ACN# 125164 SAR No. 242858

Pending Review McCulloch, Robert Stewart

Pledge Allegiance

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
October 17, 2026

Business Meeting 11:30 am
Opening by 2nd VP Louis Skip Hawley

PLEDGES

USA & Texas & SAR Pledge & Mission Statement
Merv Hartwick

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Presidents— Skip Hawley
Secretary Bill King
Treasure B. Ray Mize
Registrars Breed and Stevens
SAR Closing and Benediction

SAR Mission

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

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
September 19, 2026 Meeting Notes
Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Meeting began at 11:25 AM with the opening prayer, Pledge Allegiance, Texas Pledge, and SAR pledge by chapter Vice President Louis Skip Hawley.

Members present included: Bill King, Skip Hawley, Ray Cox, Larry Stevens, Keith Schoonover, Michael Anderson, and Chris Anderson, Andy Witt. Guests included Sue King, Samantha and Dan Ballard. and Jack Vincent.

VP Hawley then introduced our speaker for September, Larry Stevens. Larry's topic was Revolutionary War Uniforms. The uniform of the Continental army under command of George Washington varied. So varied, that General Washington devised a method for identifying his officers from regular troops. The first directives issued were the uniform color and rank of each soldier:

Corporal with green ribbon or epaulette, Sergeant with red ribbon, Subaltern with green cockade and white neck ribbon, Captain with yellow or buff cockade with white neck ribbon, Aide-de-camp with green ribbon over the heart between coat and waistcoat and green cockade, Major with red cockade, Brigade Major with one green ribbon over the heart between coat and waistcoat and red cockade, Colonels with pink cockade, Brigadier General with pink ribbon over the heart between coat and waistcoat, Major General with pink ribbon over the heart between coat and waistcoat and purple armbands, Commander-in-chief with light blue ribbon over the heart between coat and waistcoat. General Washington decreed that the uniform color was to be blue. These details were not recorded historically. Years later, after the USA was established Lt. Leffert researched army devices. The results were recorded in the earlier paragraphs. Included were the army's dragoon brigade, Light Horse brigade, Washington's light guard, Continental Army infantry, and other Army units.

Militia state uniforms varied by state.

Committee reports:

Secretary's Report: Bill King said the meeting minutes for the last meeting were in the August Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: B Ray Mize's financial report was issued while he was enjoying a



tour in France.

Larry Stevens Registrar's Report – There are four applications in Louisville waiting to be approved. Prospective Member Jack Vincent was introduced. His application needs proof of service for his ancestors in South Carolina.

Larry Stevens reported on upcoming school programs: Willow Creek Elementary on November 13, 2026, and a tentative program at Greentree during the first week of December 2026.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Skip closed the meeting at 12:47 with the closing prayer and SAR pledge.

Faithfully submitted by Secretary Bill King

SLIDES FROM THE PRESENTATION



Uniforms of the American Revolution

Larry Stevens
TX SAR Education Chairman
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Where did your ancestor serve?
Were they militia or continentals?



LOCAL MILITIA TROOPS

Green Mt Ranger Officer ca 1775 Independent Companies - 1775 Minute Men - 1775