



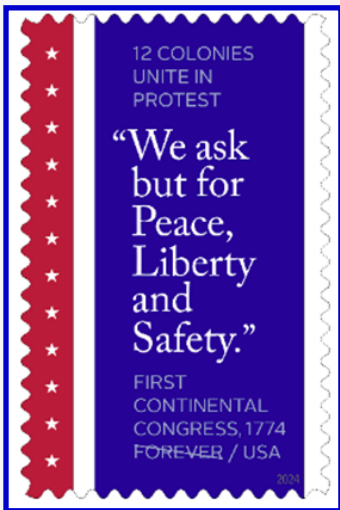
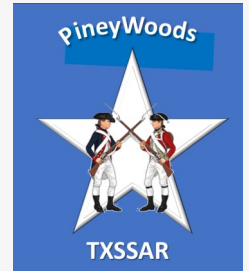
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PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
September 2024 Issue 8**



**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.**



**FOREVER STAMP**

**THIS MONTH IS  
THE 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of  
the FIRST DAY OF THE  
FIRST CONTINENTAL CON-  
GRESS**

**Which occurred on September  
5, 1774, at Carpenters' Hall in  
Philadelphia, PA.**



On the Anniversary, The U.S. Postal Service held a dedication ceremony on the steps of Carpenters' Hall for the First Day of Issue of the new First Continental Congress Forever stamp. The National SAR Color Guard led the presentation of colors and the National Society was represented by Secretary General Michael Elston, who provided remarks during the ceremony.

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**Los Cuco's Mexican Café—Kingwood Texas 11am-1pm September 21, 2024**



**From the President**

Compatriots and Friends,

We'll be meeting at Los Cucos on September 21, 2024, at 11:00am. The social meeting begins at 11:30am. Past President Michael Anderson will be our speaker and he'll be talking about Elder Care Scams. This should be a good topic for our group since we get junk all the time wanting us to do something, invest in something, fix one of our accounts, or donate. Bring your notepads!

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

Sharon Mize, of the Lady Houston Chapter DAR, will announce their Book Donations Drive for 2024. She will tell us what items are being collected this year.

Dues notices are being sent out: So, we are asking everyone to pay when they receive their notice. Late payments are really reinstatements, reinstatement fees apply to late payments.

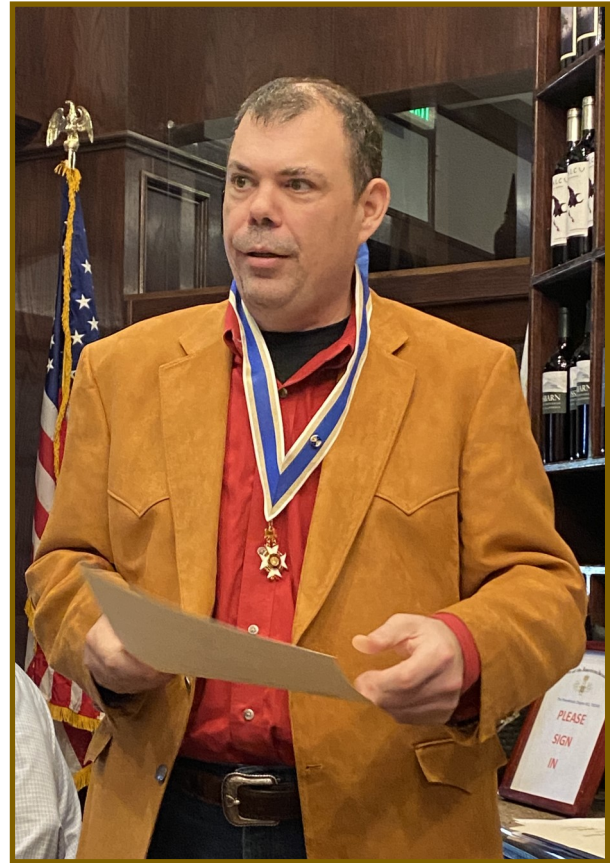
It is time to begin to plan for the nomination of chapter officers for next term. The Board of Directors, led by Mike Anderson, will put together the slate of officers. Candidates for all offices are being sought at this time. We will elect a nominating committee at this meeting. Please consider serving many of our officers have been working at these positions for multiple terms, new blood is good. The officers of this Chapter are the following President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor or Parliamentarian, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

See you next meeting,

**Ben Baskin**

President

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR



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### *Larry Stevens—Editor*

When in grammar school and Corner School, Don Pedro Dam, Tuolumne County, California, Mrs. Madaline Poe, a one room School teacher 1 through 8 grades, led us each morning in the Pledge to the US Flag followed by the American Creed. "I believe in the United States of America, a government of the People, by the People and for the People, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a Democracy in a Republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states, a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality justice and humanity for which American Patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, obey its Laws, to respect its Flag and to defend it against all enemies.



The American's Creed was a result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition. The contest was the idea of Henry Sterling Chapin, Commissioner of Education of New York State. Over three thousand entries were received, and William Tyler Page was declared to be the winner. James H. Preston, the mayor of Baltimore, presented an award to Page in the House of Representatives Office Building on April 3, 1918. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the commissioner of education of the state of New York accepted the Creed for the United States, and the proceedings relating to the award were printed in the Congressional Record of April 13, 1918. It was a time when patriotic sentiments were very much in vogue. The United States had been a participant in World War I only a little over a year at the time the Creed was adopted.

Page said: "It is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions, and its greatest leaders." His wording of the Creed used passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's reply to Robert Y. Hayne in the Senate in 1830.

### **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***

September 21, 2024  
October 19, 2024  
November 16, 2024  
December 14, 2024

## THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

### CARPENTER'S HALL PHILADELPHIA



The first prayer of the Continental Congress was offered on September 7, 1774, at 9:00am, by the Reverend Jacob Duché, Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, PA. The motion regarding prayers in Congress was adopted on September 6 and Duché's appearance occurred the following day. Duché opened the session with a reading from the 35th Psalm, followed by an extemporaneous prayer. The prayer had a profound effect on the delegates, as recounted by John Adams to his wife.

*“O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme*

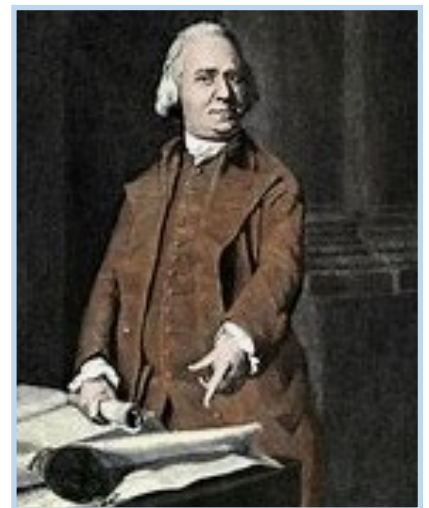


*and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which*

*Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle! Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.*

#### **John Adams recounted the prayer in a letter to his wife dated 16 September 1774:**

*“When the Congress first met, Mr. Cushing made a Motion that it should be opened with Prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina, because we were so divided in religious sentiments, some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians and some Congregationalists, so that we could not join in the same Act of Worship.—Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said he could hear a Prayer from a Gentleman of Piety and Virtue, who was at the same Time a Friend to his Country. He was a Stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duché (Dushay they pronounce it) deserved that Character, and therefore he moved that Mr. Duché, an episcopal Clergyman, might be desired, to read Prayers to the Congress, tomorrow morning.*



*The Motion was seconded and passed in the Affirmative. Mr. Randolph our President, waited on Mr. Duché, and received for Answer that if his Health would permit, he certainly would. Accordingly next morning he appeared with his clerk and read several*

prayers, in the established Form; and then read the psalter for the seventh day of September, which was the Thirty Fifth Psalm. You must remember this was the next morning after we heard the horrible rumour of the Cannonade of Boston. I never saw a greater effect upon an audience. It seemed as if Heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning.

After this Mr. Duche, unexpected to everybody, struck out into an extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess I never heard a better prayer or one, so well pronounced. Episcopalian as he is, Dr. Cooper himself (Minister of Brattle Street Church in Boston) never prayed with such fervour, such ardor, such earnestness and pathos, and in language so elegant and sublime—for America, for the Congress, for The Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially the Town of Boston. It has had an excellent effect upon everybody here.”

In Patriotism,  
Jeff Thomas  
Historian General  
SAR America 250 Chairman

**Note:**

The New Englander, Samuel Adams, no fan of the Anglican church, had a strategic motive. Having an Anglican rector deliver the prayer would hopefully encourage more Anglicans to support the cause and demonstrate to the British that support for the rebel position was more widespread than they thought. He made sure that his friend Joseph Warren in Boston publicized the address there. Samuel Adams would later defend his choice of Duché, stating that “as many of our warmest friends are members of the Church of England, [I] thought it prudent, as well on that as on some other accounts, to move that the service should be performed by a clergyman of that denomination.” Delegate Joseph Reed pronounced the appointment of Duché (and the prayer service itself) to be not only a needed spiritual support for the fledgling country, but a “masterly stroke of policy.” [Online Library of Liberty, The Works of John Adams, Volume 2 (Diary, Notes of Debates, Autobiography), 378. JAR – by Richard J. Werther, People, 6 Aug 2019]

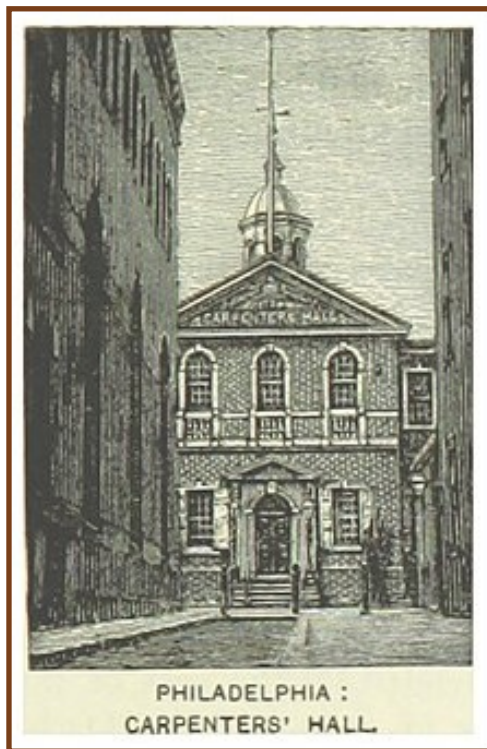
Editor and Historian Larry G. Stevens

The land on which **Carpenters' Hall** is built was purchased on behalf of the Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia in 1768 by Benjamin Loxley, Robert Smith,

and Thomas Nevell. The hall was designed by Robert Smith in the Georgian style based on both the town halls of Scotland, where Smith was born, and the villas of Palladio in Italy. The carpenters' guild held their first meeting there on January 21, 1771, and continued to do so until 1777 when the British Army captured Philadelphia.<sup>[4]</sup> On April 23, 1773, which was Saint George's Day, it was used for the founding meeting of the St. George Society of Philadelphia.

The First Continental Congress of the Thirteen Colonies of North America met at Carpenters Hall from September 5 to October 26, 1774, as the

Pennsylvania State House, later re-named Independence Hall, was being used by the moderate Provincial Assembly of Pennsylvania. It was here that Congress resolved to ban further imports of slaves and to discontinue the slave trade within the colonies, a step toward phasing out slavery in British North America. It also passed and signed the Continental Association. In June, 1776, it was where the Pennsylvania Provincial Conference officially declared the Province of Pennsylvania's independence from the British Empire and established the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, mobilized the Pennsylvania militia for the American Revolutionary War, set up the machinery for the Pennsylvania Provincial Convention from July 15 to September 28 in 1776, which framed the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 and enabled the Declaration of Independence to be written and ultimately adopted. It was briefly occupied in 1777 by the British Army during the war. The meeting hall served as a hospital for both British and American troops in the American Revolutionary War. [Philadelphia Tourism]



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## This Day In History

On September 1, 1774, British soldiers removed gun powder and other military supplies in a raid on a powder magazine near Boston alarming the country side. Thousands of American Patriots sprang into action believing war was imminent. After learning this was just a false alarm, which is known as the Powder Alarm, the citizens became more cautious in the days ahead. Essentially this served as a dress rehearsal for what happened just seven months later. In response, the colonists removed military supplies from several forts in New England and distributed them among the local militias. - Fischer, David Hackett (1994). *Paul Revere's Ride*. New York: Oxford University Press

**ON** September 2, 1752, Britain changed from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian calendar. Wednesday September 2nd became September 13th. Having lost more than a week, crowds rioted and the public in general was upset.

CALENDAR 1752						
SEPTEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**ON** September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and John Jay bring the American Revolution to an end. Not mentioned in most accounts, is that Henry Laurens and Thomas Jefferson were to be emissaries but Laurens was locked in the Tower of London after being captured by a British warship. And, Jefferson was unable to travel to Paris.



**Henry Laurens**

**ON** September 5, 1774, the First Continental Congress, held at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. This was the first only time that Americans from 12 colonies representing a political spectrum gathered to debate issues. Fiery patriots such as Patrick Henry addressed the 1774 meeting and never spoke nationally again. Convened in response to the Intolerable Acts



**1774 America Swallowing the Bitter Draught of the Intolerable Acts**

passed by the British Parliament earlier that year, the 56 delegates to the First Congress sought to repair the frayed relationship between the British government and the American colonies. They passed the *Continental Association*, and economic boycott of Great Britain, and petitioned the king for a redress of grievances. They resolved to reconvene in May 1775 if necessary. However, the Revolution had begun at Lexington and Concord in April 1775.

The *Continental Association*, also known as the *Articles of Association* or simply the Association, was an agreement among the American colonies adopted by the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia on October 20, 1774. It was a result of the escalating American Revolution and called for a trade boycott against British merchants by the colonies. Congress hoped that placing economic sanctions on British imports and exports would pressure Parliament into addressing the colonies' grievances, especially repealing the Intolerable Acts, which were strongly opposed by the colonies. Although not attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress, Thomas Jefferson's signature can be seen in the lower corner. The signers were: Edward Rutledge, George Ross, Caesar Rodney, Thomas McKean, George Reed, Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, William Paca, John Morton, Samuel Chase, Richard Harvey Lee, **George Washington**, **Patrick Henry**, Richard Bland, Benjamin Harrison V, Edmund Pendleton, John Dickinson, Charles Humphreys, Thomas Mifflin, Edward Biddle, John Rutledge, Christopher Gadsden, Thomas Lynch, Henry Middleton, Richard Caswell, Peyton Randolph, John Sullivan, Nathaniel Folsom, Thomas Cushing, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Stephen Hopkins, Samuel Ward, Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, Silas Deane, Isaac Low, John Alsop, John Jay, James Duane, Philip Livingston, William Floyd, Henry Wis-

ner, Simon Boerum, James Kinsey, Robert Treat Paine, William Livingston, Stephen Crane, Richard Smith, John De Hart, Joseph Galloway, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper. The effective date was December 1, 1774.



ON September 29, 1789, the first U S Army was formed by congress consisting of 1,000 men. George Washington had worked hard for several months to ensure the Untied States had a standing army.



**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 servicewomen serving

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



ON September 13, 1788, New York City, established by the US Constitution, officially became the first Capital of the Untied States. The City had been the capital since 1785.

ON September 22, 1776, twenty-one year old Nathan Hale, born June 6, 1755. Hale was a part of Knowlton's Rangers, the first organized intelligence service organization of the United States of America, led by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Knowlton. In the spring of 1776, the Continental Army moved to Manhattan to defend New York City against the anticipated British attack. In August, the British soundly defeated the Continentals in the Battle of Long Island via a flanking move from Staten Island across Brooklyn. General George Washington was desperate to determine the location of the imminent British invasion of Manhattan; to that end, Washington called for a spy behind enemy lines, and Hale was the only volunteer. Hale was on this intelligence finding mission in when he was captured and hung without trial as a spy. It is said he dramatically declared, “I have only one life to give to my country”. Whether he actually said this is not known. He was hung without trail. This was the stimulus for the formation of the Culper Ring.



ON September 25, 1789, the first U. S. congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution. Ten of these are now know as the Bill of Rights were ratified.

**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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**Kingwood, TX 77325**  
**www.txssar.org/PineyWoods**  
**September 21, 2024**

**EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**HUMBLE ISD**

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

Creekwood Middle School	October 4, 2024
Atascocita Middle School	October 18, 2024
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**

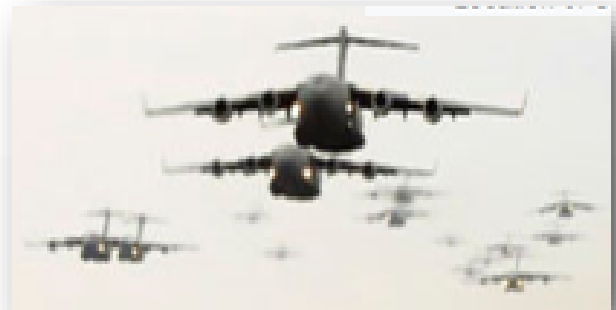
**VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

**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!

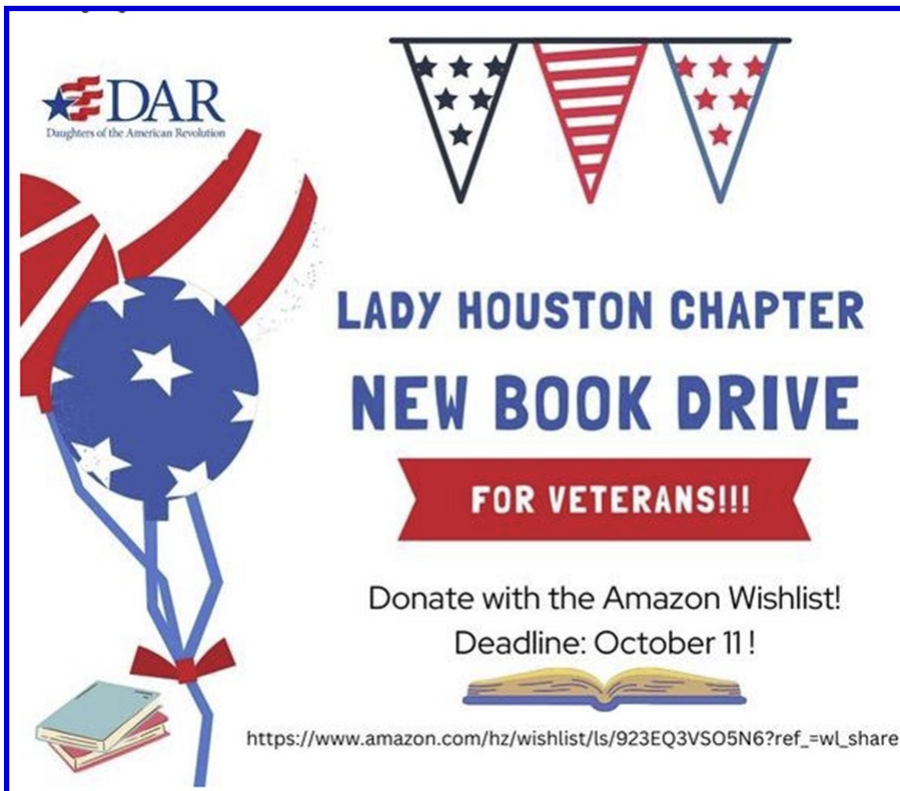
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**Anna Archer**

Regent, Lady Houston Chapter, NSDAR

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NEW BOOK DRIVE**

**FOR VETERANS!!!**

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**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.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1448](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1448)

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

**#LiveWithPurpose**

# PineWoods Chapter 51

## Texas Society of the Sons of the American

### August 18, 2024

**Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas**

**President Ben Baskin** called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. He led members and guest in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the invocation.

**Members Present: (17):** Ski Grumboski, Bill King, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Michael Anderson, B. Ray Mize, Merv Hartwick, Bernie Kent, Jim Jones, Jim Pinkerton, Roland Skelton, Keith Schoonover, Alan Henshaw, Richard Payne, Ben Baskin, Mel Oller.

**Guests Present (5):** Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman, Stephen Ternois, Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick.

**Secretary's Report:** Jim Pinkerton stated that the May report was in this past month's newsletter.

**Treasurers Report:** B. Ray Mize stated that our finances were unchanged from the May report.

**Program:** There was no program presented in August.

**New and Old Business:** Larry Stevens gave a report about the recently completed National SAR Convention. Larry stated that delegates at congress voted to increase application fees. For example, new member applications have increased from \$100 to \$150. Supplemental applications also increased from \$100 to \$150 effective September 1, 2024. These increases are to cover inflation costs. Larry was recog-

nized with the prestigious Minute Man Award at the National Convention. This is the highest service award to SAR. He was also awarded ----. Larry stated that the Kim Morton foundation was making a donation to the SAR National Museum. This donation was made on behalf of the late member Kim Morton's estate. Ski Grumboski stated that the Wreaths across America program was coming up at the Houston National Cemetery in November. Kermit Breed made a motion that our chapter give 1,700 for Wreaths this year. The motion was approved. Kermit said he had three new member applications he was currently working on. They are as follows: Stephen Ternois, Erich Arbogast and James Winston.

Sharon Mize, DAR member stated that they are taking in books to be donated to the local V.A. hospital.

Larry Stevens is asking for some members to step up and take over the JROTC program for the chapter. He said he would be checking with USAF JROTC Units to see if they again need our support.

No coupon report was made as John Beard was not in attendance. Coupons were collected by Larry Stevens for John.

President Baskin gave the SAR closing, and adjourned the meeting 1:10 p.m.

**Jim Pinkerton, Secretary**



*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***

***September 21, 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.”