



Piney Woods Chapter 51

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



2023





"Committee Of Safety" Pattern 1776 Rifle built by William Grice



Richard Varick Small Sword



British 1769 Short Land Brown Bess Musket

Editor Kermit Breed



French Officers Sword 1767



Spanish model 1757 Musket

*Contributors Larry Stevens
and Jim Pinkerton*



Nicholas Ruxton Moore Highland Broadsword



Charleville Musket and Bayonet

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Lunch Meeting at Union Kitchen Kingwood, Texas January 21, 2023

President Mike Anderson called our meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the Invocation. Mike Anderson led the Pledge to the US Flag, the Texas Flag, and he led the SAR Pledge.

Attendance; 16 Members Mike Anderson, Ben Baskin, Larry Blackburn, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ken Graalum, Kent Grosser, Randy Hall, Merve Hartwick, Bill King, B Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Harry Salisbury, Keith Schoonover, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens Guest 6—Carolyn Bowman, Carol Graalum, Jeannie Hart-wick, Sharon Mize, Barbara Stevens, Perrye Turner.

President Anderson then announced upcoming events, the Humble Museum February 4th and Jesse Jones Parks February, and the George Washington Camp Tent replica at the Museum of Fine Arts Bayou Bend, that were posted in the January Newsletter and the March 2023, Texas Society Convention in The Woodlands. He then asked for officers reports. Treasurer B Ray Mize state the only activity was a donation by the chapter to the Kingwood Madrigal Choir.



*Randy Hall, Kent Grosser, Bill King
Keith Schoonover in the back*



Randy Hall, ROTC coordinator reported he has been able to contact 15 of the schools on our list of the 38. He reported he has received 3 Junior ROTC Scholarship entries.

PineyWoods January 2023

Mike Anderson opened new business and said the chapter would be electing new officers for the 2023- 2024, and 2024-2025 terms of office. He said in the meeting today, the members will be nominating officers for the new terms.

He then open nominations for each office for 2023-2025 and the following is the list of members nominated by those present to serve.

Nominations for Officers for 2023-2025

President—Ben Baskin

1st VP—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP—Harry Salisbury III

Secretary—Jim Pinkerton

Treasurer - B Ray Mize

Chancellor - Allan Henshaw

Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson

Registrar - Larry Stevens,

Kermit Breed, Joe Potter

Historian - Roland Skelton

Genealogist - Kermit Breed

Chaplain—Alan Bowman

Sgt. at Arms — Merve Hartwick

NON-Chapter Offices

Newsletter Editor- Larry Stevens

Web Master - Ray Cox

Mike thanks all of those willing to serve the chapter and said the nominations would be sent out immediately due the election officers in the next chapter meeting on February 18, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm after the Benediction and the SAR Closing. Larry Stevens for Secretary Jim Pinkerton

(PineyWoods Officers are one year; however, it was agreed that those elected would serve two consecutive years.)



David Bushnell's American Turtle



Mike Anderson presented Perrye Turner with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for his long and dedicated serve to our country and a leading member of the FBI.



Barbara Stevens Jeanie Hartwick Sharon Mize



Hessian Dragoon Pistol



Larry Blackburn receiving a supplement for his ancestor James A Blackburn, private Continental Line from President Mike Anderson



Alan and Carolyn Bowman with
Vice President, District 8 Kenneth Graalum and wife Carol



Texas Vice President, District 8
Ken Graalum and wife Carol



Merve Hartwick Larry Stevens
Joe Potter B. Ray Mize



Carolyn Bowman
Ronald Skelton
Ben Baskin
Harry Salisbury

*"The only thing that is
more expensive than
education is ignorance"*
Benjamin Franklin





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2023 Issue 2 Editor—Larry Stevens

PineyWoods Members, Ladies Auxiliary, and Friends,

First, I would like to thank Jeannie Hartwick for many of the pictures featured in the Newsletter! Thank you Jeannie!

Americans should know of the struggles and sacrifices made by the men and women that wrote the Declaration on Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of this Republic, and the Bills of Rights, the blood and sweat on the battle fields from Lexington and Concord to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and the evacuation of the British the forces, and the diplomatic successes in the Courts of Europe. And, our History should not be a political battlefield. When it comes to the preservation of *our* Republic of the United States of American, our FREE way of a life, of Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness, and Freedom of Speech, all **should be an American issue.**



Two Hundred and Fifty-Two years ago, April this year, the British tried to seize the Armory at the town of Lexington, Massachusetts. When I was in the 5th Grade, it was only One hundred eighty-two years. The sad thing is, the amount of time teaching American History in public schools has not increased, and the time spent studying the founding of this Republic is only around six weeks.

As the History of America grows, the time allotted in our schools teaching American History should be increased instead of eliminating portions and deviating from what really happened. Larry Stevens—Editor

Thanks to TXSSAR Members Participating at the Humble Museum and Jesse Jones Park In Uniform—Alexander Hodge, Paul Carrington, Freedom, PineyWoods

Walter Bailey
Ray Cox
Don Hayes
David Hamaker
Carl Hill
Kermit Breed
B Ray Mize
Bill Myers
Larry Stevens
John Thompson



B Ray and Sharon Mize
making paper Tricorn
Hats for the Kids at Jesse Jones



On February 11th, at Jesse Jones Park in Harris County, was an outdoor program in the park's frontier village which included an re-enactment of the siege at Pensacola in 1781. The battle included units of the British and Loyalist Army, Spanish soldiers under Bernardo de Galvez with his American advisors, and the French from New Orleans, to show the public the importance of the other allies of the American colonies. There was the cooking demonstrations, crafts and musicians playing period music. The battle included fifers and drum and musket firing to the delight on of about 200 onlookers. A special event for young attendees was a scavenger hunt



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

February 18, 2023

Lunch Meeting at Union Kitchen

Kingwood, Texas

President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. He led the members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. A special prayer was given for Diane Jones, former State President Jim Jones wife.

Attendance: (14) Compatriots present: Merv Hartwick, Jim Pinkerton, Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, Richard Payne, John Beard, Joe Potter, Michael Anderson, Abe Abdmoulaie, Kermit Breed, Harry Salisbury, Allan Henshaw, William King, Cannon Pritchard.

Guests Present: (3) Jeannie Hartwick, Louis Hawley, Mary-Claire Beard, John Schmonesse



RevEdu1776 Theme Park Concept

Program: John Schmonesees, founder of Revolution Education 1776, presented a most interesting program, "Teaching History is Vitally Important." John emphasized that it is okay to love the U.S.A. John is involved in many projects which involve young people in Educational Programs on the American Revolution. On February 11 this year, John worked with Jessie Joes Park on a Revolutionary War Program that featured the Spanish, French from Louisiana, American Militia against the British at Pensacola connecting the American Revolution to Texas History. Johnny talked about the goals and vision of Revolutionary Education 1776 and mentioned SAR Members Abe Abdmoulaie and Larry Stevens involvement in RevEdu1776. He stated long term, they would like to build a Revolution Education 1776 Theme Park here in North Houston so schools could bring classes in to experience America during the Colonial Period. Learn about the founders and founding documents.

After the program, President Anderson presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking.

Secretary Pinkerton requested the minutes of the December and January meetings be approved. The members voted to approve.

Treasurer B Ray Mize gave his financial report.

Registrar Larry Stevens reported he had two application pending approval in Louisville. Kermit Breed reported he had one for Love in Louisville which should be approved soon.

Old and New Business: The slate of officers for 2023-25, as presented below, was accepted by acclamation. Officers will be sworn in during the March meeting.



President-Ben Baskin
 1st V P -Abe Abdmoulaie
 2nd V P-Harry Salisbury
 Secretary -Jim Pinkerton
 Treasurer-B. Ray Mize
 Chancellor-Allan Henshaw
 Parliamentarian-Mike Anderson
 Registrar-Larry Stevens,
 Kermit Breed, Joe Potter
 Genealogist- Kermit Breed
 Chaplain-Alan Bowman
 Historian-Roland Skelton
 Chapter Non-Officers Roles
 Newsletter-Larry Stevens
 Web Master-Ray Cox



Hartwick, Pinkerton, Beard and Henshaw

Larry Stevens reported that we have 108 paid members on the Piney Woods rolls for 2022. Randy Hall is asking for compatriots to volunteer for JROTC awards. Please check your email and sign up for openings. John Beard reported that we have sent \$220,000 worth of coupons to active duty service members in 2022. **Closing:** Mike Anderson led members in our closing benediction at 1:07 p.m.
 Jim Pinkerton Secretary



Baskin and Salisbury



Stevens, Pinkerton and Hartwick



Payne and King



Hawley, Payne, King, Potter and Cannon



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PineyWoods Chapter Membership: a/o 6 Mar 2023

TOTAL 108

Current Regular Members— 93

New - 1

Dual— 2

Youth—6

Reinstated 6

Not Paid for 2023 - 5 Regular and 1 Junior

Welcome new members to the PineyWoods Chapter.

We continue to get inquiries for Membership. . These are referred to our Registrar (s) - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter. If other members would like to help with prospective members, please let us know. Larry Stevens, our Registrar would be glad to help you get started.



Helping someone PROVE their PATRIOT Ancestor can be challenging but rewarding researching. One must usually have, or have access to, some genealogical subscriptions or on-line genealogical search sites like Ancestry.com.

And, it requires so of your time. If you are a ancestor researcher, this should not be problem, its an obsession!

This past year, 2022, PineyWoods has had several membership inquiries. These were referred to Larry Stevens or Kermit Breed. Sometimes prospective members do not follow-up once they learn the documentation requirements or the cost of joining.

First, membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is by invitation only, and each applicate must certify they are a Male and a Citizen of Good

Standing.

There must be acceptable proof of service. And, each generation back to the Patriot requires primary proofs for the blood line.

Records that are acceptable for service and generation proofs are listed on our Public website under "Interested in joining?" If you have questions about what proofs are acceptable, contact Larry or Kermit.

President Mike Anderson

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.

March 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Union Kitchen, Kingwood, Texas

President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He led members and guests in the U.S. and Texas pledges. Chaplain Alan Bowman led members in the opening prayer.

Members Present: (18): Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, Merv Hartwick, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter, Alan Bowman, B. Ray Mize, Cannon Pritchard, Roland Skelton, Michael Anderson, Jim Jones, Jim Kuykendall, Mel Oller, Abe Abdmoulaie, Keith Richardson, Jim Pinkerton, John Thompson

Guests Present: (4): Carolyn Bowman, Sharon Mize, George and Sally Baskin

Mike Anderson said he has really enjoyed his time as Chapter President and thanked all of those that helped during the past two years. The members thanked Michael Anderson for his role as PineyWoods President for the last two years.

Mel Oller, State Secretary, spoke about the President Generals efforts to recognize and award SAR members who were in the military service in the Viet Nam era which is from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. The award would be given to all members who served in the US Armed Forces regardless of where they were stationed during this era.

President Anderson reminded members that a list Junior ROTC Schools from Randy Hall was circulating. He said he still had some schools that need presenters. Members are encouraged to sign up for the upcoming openings at campus awards ceremonies.

Larry Stevens, Registrar reported he had two potential members who had applications sent to the national office in Louisville. Larry stated that applications were taking up to 12 or 13 weeks to approve. In the past applications were taking 6 to 7 weeks to approve.

Richard Payne was installed as a new Piney Woods Member. Kermit Breed, registrar presented Richard with his initiation rosette.

Members were encouraged to participate in the upcoming SAR state convention in the Woodlands in the month of April. The Freedom Chapter is the sponsor and would like help with registration from the Piney Woods Chapter.

State President, Jim Kuykendall gave opening remarks to members. He then installed members for the upcoming two - year term of office. (see below)



Richard Payne, Kermit Breed, TXSAR President Jim Kuykendall

President Baskin thanked members for their confidence in him. Alan Bowman gave a closing prayer. The SAR closing was given. President Baskin closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton—Chapter Secretary



L to R Ben Baskin, Abe Abdmoulaie, Jim Pinkerton, Harry Salisbury, Joe Potter, Roland Skelton, Larry Stevens, Mike Anderson, Alan Bowman

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR Officers Inducted on March 21, 2023 for 2023 - 2025

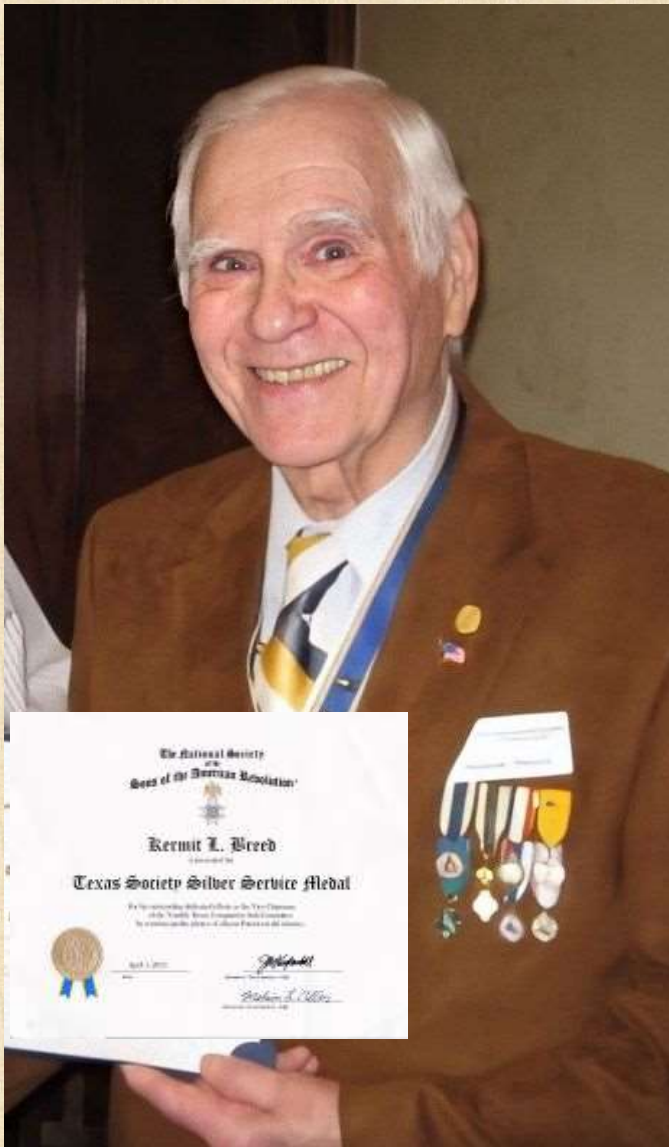


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★ 250
Daughters of the
American Revolution

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2nd Vice President - Harry Salisbury
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Historian - Roland Skelton
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Registrar - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter
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Sergeant-at-Arms—Merv Hartwick
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Newsletter - Larry Stevens
Web Master - Ray Cox

*"The most magnificent
movement of all"*

John Adams



*Abe Abdmoulaie
State President Jim Kuykendall
John K Thompson
State Secretary Mel Oller,
Cannon Pritchard,*

Texas Society Silver Service Medal *to Kermit L Breed*

For his outstanding dedicated efforts as the Vice Chairman of the Notable Texas Compatriots Sub-Committee by securing quality photos of all past Patriot medal winners.



Woodridge Forest Middle School.

PineyWoods Youth Programs

With student rotations beginning at 7:15, four rotations, close to 120 Middle School students were given talks on Colonial Life, Medicines and Dentistry, Clothing, and Musket firing. Some students did wear colonial dress, others were given jackets, skirts, and other clothing to put on over their dress. Then they were given cartridge boxes, canteens, haversacks and other colonial and Revolutionary Era gear to try on. Larry Stevens described different artifacts from the colonial period of American History including Sugar, Tea, and Paper products to talk about Taxes on the American Colonist. Then, the students watched a demonstration on firing a musket - by Johnny Schmonesse.



Pineywood's Meeting 15 April 2023



Pineywood's President Ben Baskin presenting Kermit Breed with 2nd Silver Oak Cluster for his Lafayette Service Medal.



Pineywood's President Ben Baskin Presenting Larry Stevens 3rd place state wide for his outstanding News Letter



Sharon Mize with husband B Ray After receiving a Certificate of Application for her help at the State Convention April 2023



Pineywood's President Ben Baskin presenting Kermit Breed with 3rd place for the PineyWoods Scrapbook In state wide competition

We are all born ignorant but one must work very hard to remain stupid. Ben Franklin

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

May 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He led members and guests in the U.S., Texas, and the SAR pledges. Chaplin Alan Bowman led members in the opening prayer.

Members Present (27): Jim Pinkerton, B. Ray Mize, David Hamaker, Ken Graalum, John Beard, Joe Potter, Alan Bowman, Dick Setser, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Merv Hartwick, Larry Stevens, Neil Voorhees, Richard Payne, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Kenton Thompson, Richard Skelton, Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Cannon Pritchard, Anthony Love, Daniel Anthony Love, Harry Salisbury, Ski Grumboski, Buddy Inman, Skip Hawley



Guests Present (17) Sharon Mize, Samantha Ballard, Mary Claire Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Blake Eddins, Gavon Eddins, Cheryl Eddins, Sherry Setser, Kent Grosser, Jeannie Hartwick, Barbara Stevens, Pat Voorhees, David Hamaker, Pam Love, Penny Love, Ramsey Love, Susan Grumboski,

B. Ray Mize gave the treasurer's report. This was followed by a review of the April secretary's report given by Jim Pinkerton. Both reports were accepted by the membership.

The coupon report was given by John Beard. John stated that almost 13 pounds of coupons have been collected. The coupons go to overseas to active duty service members and families.

President Baskin inducted three new members. They are as follows: junior member Daniel Love, and regular members Neil Voorhees, and Louis Hawley.

Blake Eddins, a JROTC member, and 1st Place in the chapter JROTC program, from New Caney I.S.D. gave a short presentation on himself and his work in JROTC. Blake is also a state award winner, he was presented the NSSAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate at the Texas Annual Convention in Spring, Texas, this past April.

Texas SAR District 8 VPG Ken Graham from College Station gave a short presentation.

Ray Cox, webmaster, presented his revolutionary war life presentation.

Alan Bowman gave a closing prayer. President Baskin led members in the SAR closing. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Pineywood's Meeting 20 May 2023

Carolyn Bowman, John Thompson, past Dist. 8 VP,
Kenneth R. Graalum Dist. VP 8
with Alan Bowman

Thanks to Mike Anderson for these pictures!!

Certificate of Appreciation to Samantha Stevens Ballard
for working with Los Cuco's for our Meetings



ENCHANCED JROTC 1ST PLACE PINEYWOODS
BLAKE EDDINS of New Caney JROTC who receive
and Life Saving Medal at the Texas Annual Convention

in April!!! Blake received his Medal and Certificate with the chapter
check.



Ray Cox Certificate of
Appreciation for his
presentation, "The
Fife, a Weapon of
War".

Kermit Breed, Can-
non Pritchard, Joe
Potter

The Grumboski's and
the Hartwicks

Some of the 40 Plus
Attendees



PineShavings



Summer 2023

Pineywood's Meeting 20 May 2023



(Top L) Neil Voorhees with Pres. Ben Baskin and Sponsor Reg. Larry Stevens

(Top R) Daniel Love with Pres Ben Baskin, Anthony Love and Sponsor Reg. Kermit Breed

(Mid L) Skip Hawley with Pres. Ben Baskin and Sponsor Reg. Larry Stevens

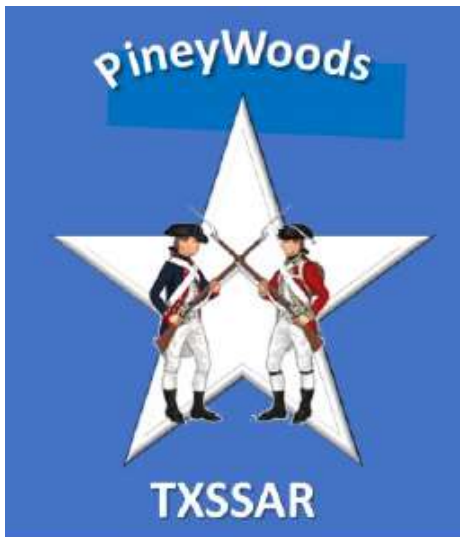
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

PineyWoods Chapter

Membership: a/o 9 Apr 2023

TOTAL 112

**Current Regular Members— 94 New -3 Dual— 3 Youth—6 Reinstated 6
Not Paid for 2023 - 5 (Regular)**



PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
Los Cuco's 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

***Third Saturday of
each Month Except
June and July***

Parades 4th July 2023



TSSAR President Sam Massey
Tom Stuewue John K Thompson



John Schmonsees & Larry Stevens accepting 1st place trophy



Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee zoom meeting
July 6 at 6:30 pm



Texas Society - Americanism Committee Zoom Call - Friday,
7/21/2023 7PM

TXSSAR BOM 29 JULY 2023



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

August 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Members Eighteen (18) -Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Ski Grumboski, Randy Hall, Merv Hartwick, Jim Jones, William King, Jeff LaRochelle, B Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Cannon Pritchard, Dick Setser, Larry Stevens

Guests Seven (7) - Samantha Stevens Ballard, Mary-Claire Beard, Carolyn Bowman, Cynthia Conner, Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick, Sherry Setser

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM welcoming all in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Alan Bowman, and President Baskin lead the Pledge to the US Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the SAR Pledge.

President Baskin asked for introduction of guests, and he asked members to introduce themselves and talk briefly about one of their Patriot Ancestors.

President Baskin asked Parliamentarian Michael Anderson to review the Rules of Order. Anderson stated business is conducted using Roberts Rules of Order, all chapter members and any state officers present, of good standing, can vote on business actions.

Introduction on guest and Member were asked to introduce themselves and talk briefly of one of their Patriot Ancestors.

Chapter Officer Reports

1st VP – Abe Abdmoulaie spoke on the SAR Liberty Tree 250th Project and suggested we get involved. The census was yes. He said Greentree Elementary wants to participate in the American History Poster Contest and that Greentree 5th Grade teachers Kelly Abdmoulaie and Dani Galiano would be in touch with Larry Stevens.

Secretary-Larry Stevens said he was sitting in for Secretary Pinkerton and that Merv Hartwick was helping him with the minutes. He stated a copy of the May 20th, 2023, chapter meeting minutes were passed out for review and that the minutes were also published in the Summer 2023 Newsletter. Jeff LaRochelle said the minutes should be approved as written, and the members present agreed unanimously.

Treasurer- B Ray Mize said the budget report was passed around. He said he had one check for the Eagle Scout that was never presented. Larry Stevens said he would deliver the check since the scout did not live that far from him. Larry Stevens said second and all approved. B Ray Mize asked that a Special Committee be appointed to help him prepare a budget. This was deferred to New Business. B Ray said that our USPS Box at the Post Office still receives mail since he found an envelope to Mike Anderson; so, he will continue to pay the rental fee. Motion by Jim Beard to approve the budget, was seconded by Jim Jones, the Motion passed.

Registrars – Kermit Breed has five new applications in progress for Andrew James Austin, Andrew Freeman Austin, Kevin Justin Degraad, William Nixon Miller, James Curtiss Winston; Joe Potter is working on one for Evans, and Larry Stevens has one in progress.

Coupon Project - John Beard gave the Coupon report, The last mailout weighed 428 ounces, and was valued at \$155,000. The coupons go overseas to Active Duty service members and families.

Newsletter – Editor Stevens said it is time to send an eight page newsletter by USPS mail to check chapter addresses. The newsletter has not been mailed for two or three years, and members move, etc., and do not change their mailing addresses.

Webmaster- Ray Cox gave the Web Master report. He stated the Board of Managers meeting will be held in College Station, Texas October 20-23rd.

Old Business

JROTC Schools Coordinator – Randy Hall said he would no longer be able to coordinate with the High Schools we support with delivering



or presenting Bronze JROTC Medals for the chapter. He said he has taken a leadership position on the SAR ROTC National Committee and does not have enough hours to do both.

Larry Stevens spoke of the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, Florida. He said only fifteen members from Texas attended the National Congress in Orlando, Florida, and three of these were past SAR PG's. Texas could have more than 50 voting delegates at each annual congress and could affect the outcome of many business motions and elections. The 134th SAR Congress will be in Lancaster, PA.

New Business

John Bread reported on the results of a Special Committee to work on a proposal for a Grant from the "Kim Morton Private Foundation" for funds to help with our chapter outreach education programs. After speaking of the back-

ground and discussing the proposal, **John made a motion for the chapter to approve the grant proposal** for President Ben Baskin to sign and Larry Stevens forward the signed proposal to the Foundation Board. A second was made and the members approved the proposal.

Meeting Schedule for upcoming meeting was discussed and the following was approved. Meetings will be at Los Cucos, except the Christmas Lunch at the Stevens on December 9th, the 2nd Saturday, (NOTE: *this was changed after the meeting due to a conflict by the Stevens, on December 16, 2023; and will need member approval.*) Los Cucos opens its doors at 11:00 AM and the meeting begins at 11:30 AM. President Baskin read the dates:

- ♦ Saturday, September 16th at Los Cucos,
- ♦ Saturday, October 14th at Los Cucos
- ♦ Saturday, November 18th, at Los Cucos
- ♦ Saturday, December 9th, at the Home of Larry Stevens
- ♦ Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Los Cucos
- ♦ Saturday, February 17, 2024, At Los Cucos
- ♦ Saturday, March 16, 2024, at

Los Cucos

A motion was made of a Special Task

Group to be appointed for the purpose of analyzing and preparing a chapter budget by Treasurer B Ray Mize. Kermit Breed seconded this motion and all members approved. President Baskin appointed B Ray Mize, John Beard, Jim Jones, and Anthony Love to this committee.

Veterans Vietnam Era -Michael Anderson provided information on special pins that are available for Veterans that served in the U.S. Military during Vietnam War. Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin. Mike was sent a package containing the **Vietnam Era Flag**, a recognition certificate, and information on how to obtain the veteran recognition lapel

pins. Both veterans of this era and their spouses can be given pins.

Michael Anderson gave information on a proposed 911 Speaker, for one of our meetings, that would require a \$250.00 donation to the 911 Museum. A Motion was made for the donation that passed.

Ben Baskin said the Texas Children of the American Revolution were seeking support of their project benefiting the new Independence Hall at Houston Christian University. He said the CAR is available to send representatives out to talk to SAR Chapter. He was asked to invite the CAR to come to present a lunch program.

Larry Stevens provided information for our upcoming Humble Museum program in March 2024.

Alan Bowman gave a closing prayer. President Baskin led members in the SAR closing. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Larry Stevens

For/ Secretary Jim Pinkerton



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Youth—6 Reinstated 6



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



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.

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

September 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution -Chapter Meeting Minutes

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Chaplin Alan Bowman gave the invocation. President Baskin led members and guests in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flag. He also led the assembly in the SAR pledge.

Members Present: (11) Jim Pinkerton, John Beard, William King, B. Ray Mize, Richard Payne, Skip Hawley, Bernie Kent, Larry Stevens, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Merv Hartwick.

Guests Present: (9) Sarah Wursche, Mary Claire Beard, Sharon Mize, Barbara Stevens, Larry's daughter Samantha Ballard, Darrel and Nancy Radford, Jeannie Hartwick, Mike Allard.

Program: Larry Stevens presented an interesting program on "14 Colonies" Larry directed members and guests to look at Florida as a potential 14th colony, Patriots tried to make a move to have Florida a part of the Revolution.

Treasury Report: B. Ray Mize, chapter treasurer, made a recommendation to move \$22,500 from the J.P. Morgan checking account to a C.D. at the same institution. This would be interest bearing for 6 months. Membership approved this recommendation.

Registrars Report: Kermit Breed stated he was working on a potential new member Darrel Radford. Kermit just finished three new member application. Registrar Larry Stevens said he has one on hold and is working on another new member application.

JROTC Report; Randy Hall, our current

JROTC representative has accepted a position at the SAR State level. This leaves us with an opening in our current slate of officers.

Old Business: A motion was made by Larry Stevens to resend a check for an Eagle Scout recipient. We have been unable to locate him. Motion was accepted.

New Business: There was a discussion about potential usage with the Kim Morton Memorial Fund. Scholarships for students will be the route taken. John Beard gave the coupon report. \$30,000 worth of coupons have currently been collected for military bases in the far east. There was a discussion on the Liberty Tree fund for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The patriot programs will be starting shortly in the local elementary schools. The BOM will be held in the month of October.

Closing: President Baskin led members in our SAR closing at 12:55 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton

Chapter Secretary



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Youth Programs

One, the Chapter needs and JROTC Medal Coordinator. The JROTC Instructors want our Bronze ROTC Medals to recognize above and beyond performance of a Cadet in their Junior or 11th Year.

It is time to talk about our Youth Programs to our schools, teachers and students. The pro-grams can be found on our Websites.

The Elementary School Teachers Award Program has been discontinued by SAR. Texas currently has an Elementary School Teacher program and will be discussing at the BOM in College Station October 21st, 2023.

Upcoming School Programs (Register as a volunteer in your school district-online)

Other Events

Humble Christmas Parade December 5

Boston Tea Party Woodlands Dec 9th

Humble Museum January 20, 2024

Houston Christian Univ. April 6, 2024

Atascocita Middle October 13th

Katy Classical Academy October 26

Beard Branch Elementary November 3rd

Greentree Elementary November 16th

Willow Creek Elementary November 30th

Deerwood Elementary January 31, 2024



Fall Board of Managers Meeting~ College Station



Larry Stevens

Ray Cox



Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

October 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

ACTING PRESIDENT: Larry Stevens called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He bid all a welcome and did introductions. Chaplin Alan Bowman led members and guests in an opening prayer. Larry led all in the U.S. and Texas pledges.

ATTENDANCE: 16 compatriots present: Jim Pinkerton, Ski Grumboski, Larry Stevens, Ski Hawley, B. Ray Mize, Ray Cox, Michael E. Anderson, Alan Bowman, Merv Hartwick, Kermit Breed, Roland Skelton, Richard Payne, John Beard, Dick Setser, Cannon H. Pritchard, Jim Jones.

SEVEN GUEST; Sharon Mize Carolyn Bowman, Jeannie Hartwick, Mary-Claire Beard, Sherry Setser, Nancy, and Darrel Radford

PROGRAM: Barbara Stevens presented an interesting program on Revolutionary War bounties and land grants given to veterans for service in the war. Each state did something different. She received a Certificate of Appreciation

BUSINESS: Louisville, SAR budget and dues increase of \$15. Stevens said SAR would be \$200,000 short for this year's business costs. He said the dues increase would be of no impact until the end of 2024. He said Chapter JROTC Program needs a member program coordinator. And we need to nominate a local elementary school history teacher for teacher of the year.

SECRETARY: Minutes appear in the newsletter.

TREASURER: A motion was made and accepted in the September meeting to purchase a C.D. B. Ray Mize was authorized and to establish a C.D. account to be styled appropriately. This was accomplished. There was a discussion of the intended purpose of the grant.

REGISTRAR: Larry Stevens has two he is working on that are almost complete. Kermit reported he had nine applications approved at the State level.

WEBMASTER: Ray Cox stated that dues were now available on the website. Dues statements would also be arriving by mail at members' homes.

CLOSING: Alan Bowman led members in the closing prayer. Larry Stevens led members in the recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.
Jim Pinkerton—Secretary



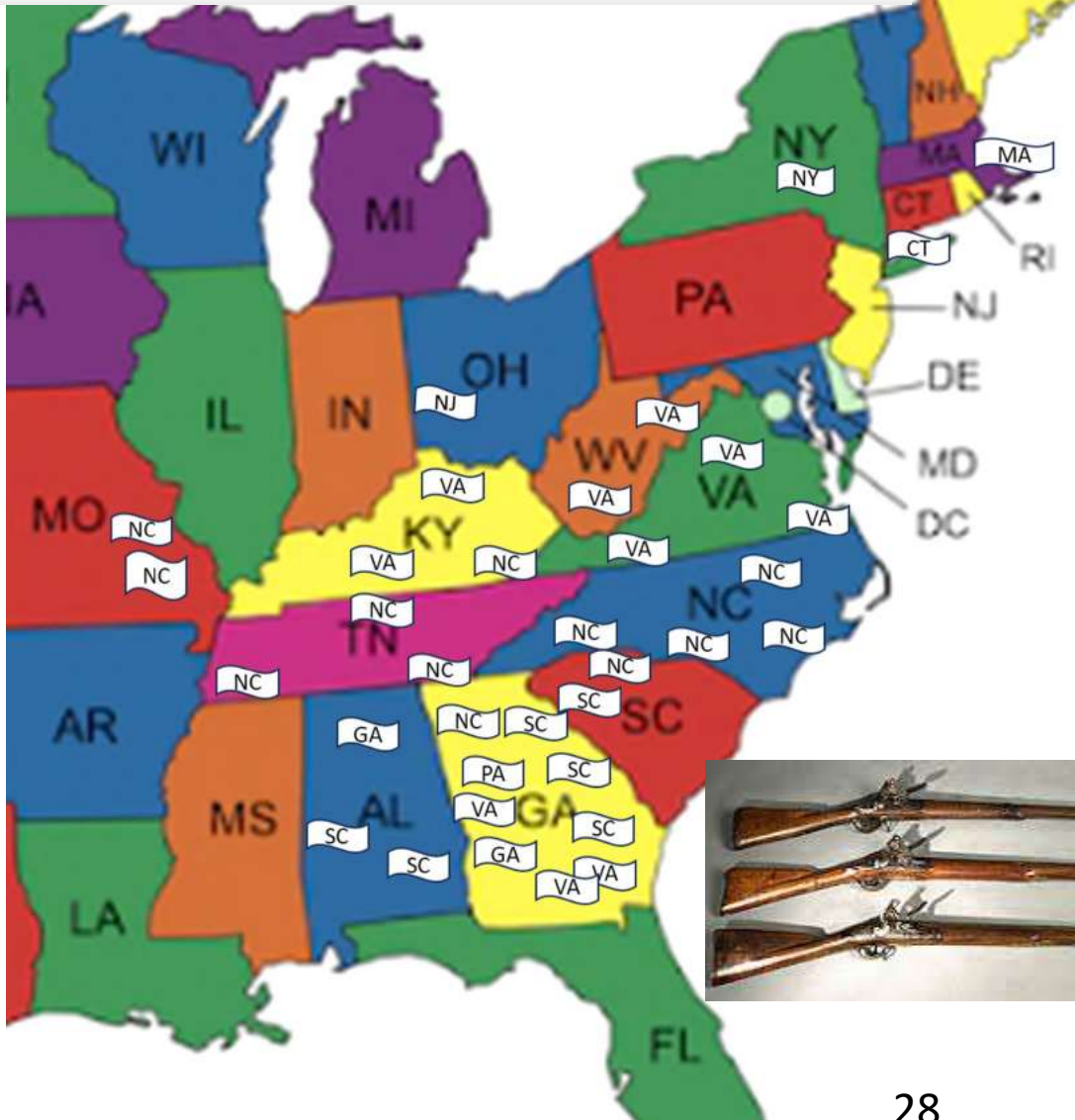


Much thanks to Barbara Stevens for her outstanding Presentation of "Bounty and Land Grant Systems post Revolution Westward Migration."



PINEWOODS PATRIOTS

FLAG INDICATES SERVICE STATE WHICH IS PLACED WHERE PATRIOT DIED.





**October
2023**



PINEYWOOD MEETING 18 NOV. 2023



MR. BILL FORNEY

8:43am: I am sitting at the table in the center of the office, my back facing the outside windows. Suddenly, a horrific explosion. An immediate change in the air pressure. A ghostly column of air shoots like a canon into the office. The front door slams shut. Papers are whipped into the air. I'm thrown off my chair and to the ground. My boss jumps out of his office a second prior to the explosion. He had watched, in horrific disbelief, the entire event as the plane narrowly missed the empire state building and set a direct course for our building. The explosion sends the tower shaking furiously, lurching back and forth with sickening vengeance for maybe five or ten seconds. I think we may die. The building may topple over, or crumble. Finally it stops. The building is still standing. Everybody stares at each other, no idea of what happened or what to say. Speculations about an explosion, a bomb. No, it was a plane, our boss says. A commercial jet.

(Losing track of time): I immediately walk to the door. Someone screams not to open the door; the hallway is on fire. Curious, Rob "Opie" Leder and I touch the door and the handle. It's cool. I open the door, slowly, cautiously, to see what's out there. It's pitch black out there, except for the office light, still on, shining off of the billowing smoke in the hall. The smell is horrible. This is no

ordinary smoke. It smells of metal, jet fuel, of rancid concrete, of things unspeakable. I close the door. People are still numb, shocked, confused. Opie was the first to say it; he was getting the hell outta there. I'm with you man. I open the door again. The smoke is thinner. I see an orange glow outside the door, a fire smoldering around the corner. I hear guys in another office yelling for help or something, too scared to open their door. Nobody knows where the stairs are, not even them.



World Trade Center 2001

Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

November 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

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President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He bid all a welcome. Chaplain Alan Bowman led members and guests in an opening prayer. This was followed by President Baskin leading members and guests in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Attendance: (15) compatriots present: Jim Pinkerton, Bernie Kent, Bill King, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, B. Ray Mize, Dick Setser, Ben Baskin, Harry Salisbury, Mel Olier, Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael E. Anderson, Roland Skelton, L.E. Grumboski, Merv Hartwick.

Attendance: (7) guests present: Sharon Mize, Laurie Anderson, Sherry Setser, Billy Forney, Barbara Stevens, Susan Grumboski, Jeannie Hartwick.

Program: Billy Forney was a stock trader who was present in the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. As a result, he was an eyewitness to what was the largest terrorist attack on the history of the U.S. Billy told members and guests about his remarkable decent from the North Tower just after it was hit by a passenger airplane. President Baskin awarded Mr. Forney a certificate of appreciation after his presentation.

B. Ray Mize and Jim Pinkerton gave their respective treasurers and secretaries report.

Business: Larry Stevens made a motion with regard to the Kim Morton memorial fund. He stated that Kim was active in four Revolutionary War Veterans being identified. He asked that \$2,500 be set aside to help fund head stones from his fund. These patriots are in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. The motion was seconded and past by the membership.

Piney Woods members will be participating with Freedom chapter members in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party on December 9th.

Abe Abdmoulaie thanked members for again giving \$250 to the Fallen Hero Golf Tournament. Ski Gromboski gave an update on the Stark Report. He also gave a short report about the Wreaths Across America Program. Kermit and Larry both stated that they had new SAR application pending at the national office. Mel Olier stated that there was on opening for Costal Chapter Registrar. Larry Stevens stated that there was an opening for a chapter JROTC

officer. He asked that someone would was currently needed.

Closing: President Baskin led members and guests in the SAR closing at 1:20 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton Secretary



PineyWoods was asked if the chapter who participate in the Crosby, Texas, Historical Society event on December 2, 2023. by the DAR, and provide information on the Sons of the American Revolution. **Kermit Breed Chapter Genealogist (pictured above), attended**, set up an information table and talked to men interested about SAR Membership Applications.



Setser and Mize



Baskin, Skelton and Hartwick



Pinkerton and King

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Grumboski and Stevens



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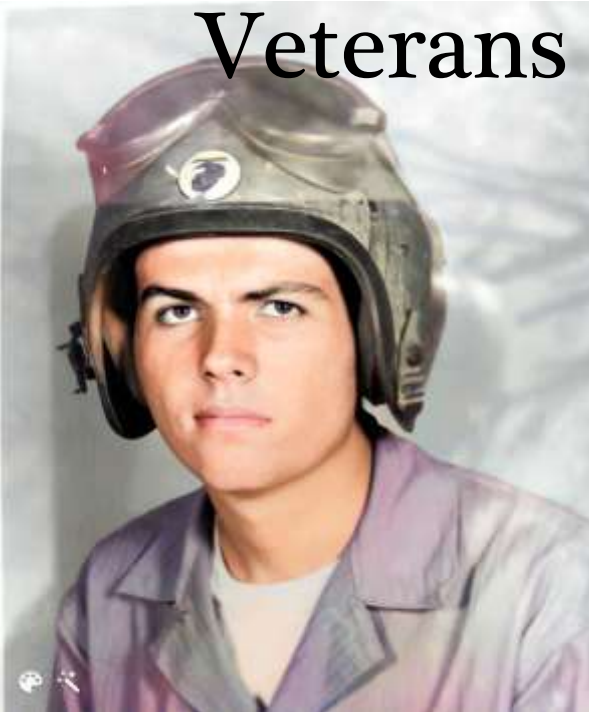


Oller and Kent



**Larry Stevens, left, talking to a visitor at
The Boston Tea Party event at Montgomery
Lone Star College December 9, 2023**

Pineywoods Veterans



Richard R. Setser USMCR



"To be prepared for war is one of
the most effectual means of
preserving peace."

George Washington

Pineywoods Veterans



Larry Blackburn USMC



Lawrence "Ski" Grumbosk USN



Kermit Breed USAF



John Worn USAF

Pineywoods Veterans



B Ray Mize. US



Larry Stevens USAF



Cannon Pritchard USAF



Merv Hartwick USN



**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER, SAR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 16, 2023
AT 1706 CHESTNUT GROVE LN
KINGWOOD, TX
11:00 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
MADRIGALS AT 12 NOON**

The Christmas party is a pot-luck, with the chapter furnishing the ham. The host provides drinks. Members bring their favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert. A list of Colonial dishes, with recipes is attached. It would be so wonderful if members volunteered to bring a colonial dish. Please RSVP indicating what you will be bringing, or your regrets.

This is a member-guest event so please bring your significant other or a friend. It is a seated event so the host must have a count of attendees.

We will enjoy the beautiful music of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir at 12 noon, so please be on time so you won't miss the Christmas Cheer from these Dicken clad youth.

A map is included for your convenience. RSVP to Larry Stevens at 832-814-

with the number attending and the dish you are bringing. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A COUNT TO PLAN SEATING.

Please respond by 12/14











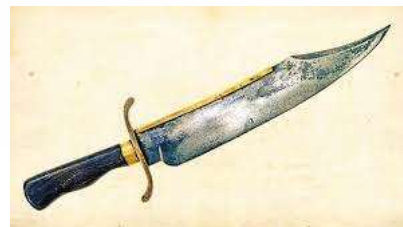
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American pikes and trench-spears.



Richard Clough Anderson Horseman Pistols



Roger's Rangers Tomahawk



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French Artillery at Yorktown