

## Pineywoods Chapter 51 History

Chapter 51 of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution had its humble beginnings in the coffee shop at the Randall's store on U.S. Highway 59 in Kingwood Texas. Several distinguished gentlemen met almost every morning to have coffee and to discuss the events of the day. There were others who dropped in on the gathering on a frequent basis, but three members of the Paul Carrington Chapter were the core group: Thomas M. Green, Kim A. Morton, and Donald W. Lemmon.

One of the topics that surfaced was that a SAR Chapter was needed in the area. Tom Green came in one morning after a meeting at the Paul Carrington Chapter and informed us that he had been asked by Dr. Bill Floyd, who was the Texas Society President, if he would start a chapter in the Humble area. Tom had talked with Allan Henshaw about the details of opening a chapter, and Allan said he would take a dual membership with the group if we decided to do so. That became the topic of the day on a Monday morning.

A date was set to meet with Allan to discuss the procedures necessary to sponsor a Chapter. We agreed that now was the time to ask for a Charter to be given to us.

Each pledged to devote their time and efforts to make this Chapter a success. We decided to have our meetings in the evening during the week rather than on the weekend, and we also felt that more members would attend if the meetings were in the immediate area rather than "downtown" Houston.

The PineyWoods Chapter received a Charter in February 1994 with nine founding members. During the institutional meeting, Colonel Delbert Fowler threw down the gauntlet. He said that if PineyWoods could have an additional fourteen new members by Convention time that he would present the Chapter with a set of flags.

The project could not have been completed without the help and support of both members and non-members of the PineyWoods Chapter. It was decided early in the formation period of the Chapter to maintain a permanent file of "Record Copies" of each member's lineage. A number of the chapters do not have this type of records in their files. It was decided that the first year's membership would compose a book of records to be bound, not only to keep a record of members but to be a proven record of their ancestors to assist future members and new members in their genealogical research.

This project also could not have been completed if it weren't for the interested Compatriots who have given the time and ability to complete this book. The committee of advisors were always ready to assist in many ways with solid advice and real concern.

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The PineyWoods Chapter, No. 51, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution closed out the 1994 Chapter Year with seventy-six members and we are still counting.

At the end of the first year, the results of the pledge speaks for itself. At the Texas Society Annual Convention held in San Antonio March 10-12, the awards received by the PineyWoods Chapter were:

1. Greatest increase in membership for any Chapter in the Texas Society
2. Most members under 40 years of age for any Chapter in the Texas Society
3. Most supplementals for any Chapter in the Texas Society

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The above history is from the chapter's record book, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, PineyWoods Chapter, No. 51, 1994 - 1995, *Our First Year*, published and copyrighted in 1995. The book contains record copies of all membership applications and supplemental applications of its charter and founding members. The names of the patriots listed on these applications can be found on our website's