



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Summer, 2024 Issue 6**



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.



FLAG DAY 2024



The origins of Flag Day go back to the American Revolutions. During the beginning of the revolution, the colonists fought under their own flags. Still



*Compatriots and Friends,
We do not meet again until August 17, 2024 at Los Cucos. I hope you enjoy your summer, vacationing or just staying around the house.*



Friday June 14th is U.S. Flag Day so fly your flags.

This year, 248th years ago, the Declaration of Independence was announced on July 4, 1776. Kingwood will hold its annual parade celebrating this historic event. Details are on page two. If you want of join in the "walk" please contact Larry so he can expect you.

Hope to see you at Los Cucos on August 17, 2024.

Ben Baskin -PineyWoods chapter 51 President

early in the revolt, Continental Congress changed this in June 1775 by creating a new flag, one with thirteen stripes, alternating red and white stripes, and the Union Jack in the upper corner. When George Washington saw the flag, he realized this was and problem so on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Stars and Stripes as the US Flag. Over one hundred years later in 1916 President Woodrow Wilson established June 14 as Flag Day.



Women's Veterans Day is celebrated each June 12th for the past 75 years!!

**Los Cuco's Mexican Café—Kingwood Texas
11am-1pm August 17, 2024**



INDEPENDANCE DAY PARADE

KINGWOOD July 4, 2024

Come JOIN Revolution Education 1776 and Piney-Woods marching in the 2024 Kingwood Independence Day Parade, which is only about a mile, from Creekwood Middle to the Kingwood High School parking lot (you can park in the “old” HEB lot if you need to.)

We will begin by securing our place in-line by about 7 AM. Those participating should be there by 9 AM. You can park at the old HEB or new and walk to the starting point beginning by the Post Office if you like. Parking and getting back to your vehicle can be a problem. We do have cars to provide rides if needed.

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 for more information.

Larry Stevens will have his white Tacoma in line with flags. Just look for his truck. There will be water in the truck and those who need to can get in and ride.

VETERAN DONATIONS

Ski Grumboski dropped of the clothing donations and fifteen \$25 food cards for the homeless Vets on June 7, 2024, at the DeBakery Medical Center, to Ms. Annette Bognay, Development and Civic Engagement. The overall value that is going into the Stark report is **\$719.33. They were so happy that much of the donations were to women veterans.**



Thank you PineyWoods members for supporting this important activity since February 2024, with a chapter donation and donations from members.



CDCE
Community Development & Civic Engagement

PineyWoods Veteran Affairs
Coordinator Ski Grumboski
delivered our donation
worth \$ 719.33

PLEASE PRINT

Date: 6-9-24

Donor: Sum of the American Rev. Piney Woods #451

Address: 19223 Blumwater

City, State Zip: Humble, TX 77346

Point of Contact: Blumwater E. Grumboski

Thank you for donating to the Houston VA Medical Center. This receipt is also your acknowledgment for your donation. If you have any questions or wish to make future donations, please contact the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement Office at (281) 284-7373 by telephone, your donation and to find out what is currently being accepted. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on Federal holidays. We do not accept medical equipment or assist devices. Please do not drop off donations during non-operating hours or leave at the Information Desk unattended. Thank you for your continued support!

Item Donated	Quantity	Item Donated	Quantity
Boats			
4 Travel kits, 1pr slide on shoes, 10 T-shirts, XL ladies pants			
8 pair socks			
60 pair Socks, four t-shirts			
10 ladies brief, toothpaste, six pack mens t-shirts, XL sweat shirt,			
two XXL sweat pants, 3X sweat pants			
Six pack V-neck Tee Shirts, Three pack Boxer Briefs other stuff			
Five T-Shirts			
15 Food Cards			
Total			

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*Ms. Annette Bognay
at the VA Center for
Development & Civic
Engagement at the
DeBakery VA Medical
Center Houston, TX
Friday 7 June 2024*

Larry Stevens—Editor

The Declaration

248 years ago, on June, 11, 1775, the Continental Congress appointed 5 men to lead the way in declaring independence of the 13 colonies that later became The United States.

The 5 men were Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R Livingston. Together, they drafted one of the most significant documents in the course of our great nation's history. The 56 delegates who signed the Declaration of Independence came to be known as the nation's Founding Fathers, and the Declaration has become one of the most circulated, reprinted, and influential documents in world history.



Larry G. Stevens Editor.



Thomas Jefferson submitted their document of declaration on July 2, 1776, and after some revisions, not liked by Jefferson, Continental Congress approved and began signing the Declaration of Independence.

Strong language expressing discontent to an oppressive ruler was the following and most quoted, “*We hold these Truths to be self-evident that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness* “, is probably the most misunderstood statement in the declaration and has received multiple opinions by historians taking the penners words out of context of the times, colonial times, and unequal treatment as citizens of

PineyWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

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Events Calendar



NSSAR

Leadership/Trustees Fall Meeting
Sept 2024



Texas SAR Summer ZOOM
July 27, 2024
(check Texas Webpage)

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51
Los Cucos Mexican Café
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

August 17, 2024
September 21 2024

Britain.

Colonialist had no advocates in British Parliament like citizens in Britain and with no representatives in the House of Commons or Lords, they felt they had no say in their affairs. Their only avenue of correspondence was through Crown appointed Royal Governors who in nearly each case in the 13 colonies had no concerns for the opinions of colonial citizens. Representatives sent to London such as Benjamin Franklin were largely ignored.

Thomas Jefferson to Henry Lee, May 8, 1825, just two weeks before his death, “**but with respect to our rights and the acts of the British government contravening those rights, there was but one opinion on this side of the water. all American whigs thought alike on these subjects. when forced therefore to resort to arms for redress, an appeal to the tribunal of the world was deemed proper for our justification. this was the object of the Declaration of Independence. not to find out new principles, or new arguments, never before thought of, not merely to say things which had never been said before; but to place before mankind the common sense of the subject; [. . .] terms so plain and firm, as to command their assent, and to justify ourselves in the independant stand we [. . .] compelled to take. neither aiming at originality of principle or sentiment, nor yet copied from any particular and previous writing, it was intended to be an expression of the american mind, and to give to that expression the proper tone and spirit called for by the occasion. all it’s authority rests then on the harmonising sentiments of the day, whether expressed, in conversns in letters, printed essays or in the elementary books of public right, as Aristotle, Cicero, Locke, Sidney E’c. the historical documents which you mention as in your possession, ought all to be found, and I am persuaded you will find, to be corroborative of the facts and principles advanced in that Declaration. be pleased to accept assurances of my great respect and esteem.**”

Papers of Thomas Jefferson, National Archives
“From Thomas Jefferson to Henry Lee, 8 May 1825,” *Founders Online*, National Archives, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Jefferson/98-01-02-5212>. [This is an **Early Access document** from The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series.]

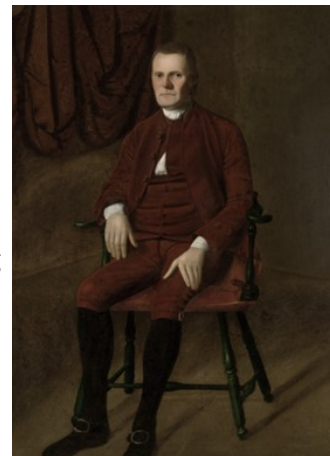
Three of the five men of the Declaration Committee are well known; Benjamin Franklin who was probably the best ambassador and foreign diplomat our country ever had, John Adams from the Boston Massacre to President of the United States, and

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration, statesman, and President. The fourth and fifth committee members are less well known.

Robert Livingston, born November 27, 1746, died February 26, 1813, was an American lawyer, politician, and diplomat from New York, was as a Founding Father of the United States. He was known as “The Chancellor” after the high New York state legal office he held for twenty-five years. He was a member of the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence, but he was recalled by the state of New York before he could sign the final document. Robert Livingston administered the Oath of Office to George Washington when he became the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789.



The fifth was **Roger Sherman**, who was born on April 19, 1721 and died July 23, 1793. Sherman was a lawyer with a career in Litchfield County, Connecticut, despite not having a formal education. He was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, and then served as a justice in the Connecticut Superior Court. He represented Connecticut at the Continental Congress and was a member of the Committee of Five helping draft the Declaration of Independence.



Roger Sherman was the only person to sign all four of our great state papers: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. When Sherman served as a delegate to the 1787 Philadelphia Convention that produced the Constitution, only Benjamin Franklin was older.

Larry Stevens

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
PineWoods Chapter
Membership: a/o May 2024**

TOTAL 111

**Current Regular Members— 96—
Reinstated 3 Dual— 4 Junior —8**

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Kingwood, TX 77325**

**www.txssar.org/PineWoods
Aug 17, 2024**

EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HUMBLE ISD

Revolution Education 1776 with PineWoods 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

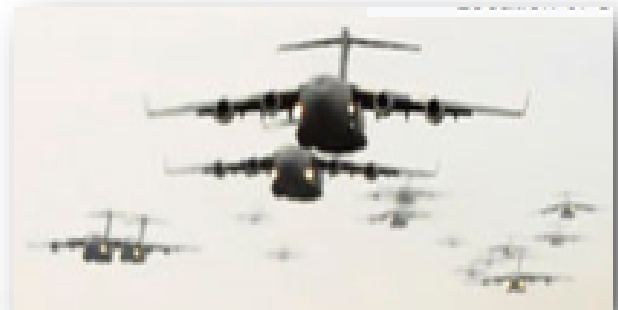
Oration

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 PineWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society of the Sons of the American

MAY 18, 2024

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

Acting President Michael Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by chapin Alan Bowman. Michael Anderson led members and guests in the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags. He then led everyone in the SAR pledge.

Members Present: (17) Bernie Kent, B. Ray Mize, Ray Cox, Jim Jones, Michael Anderson, Louis "Skip" Hawley, Larry Stevens, Bill King, Ski Grumboski, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Keith Schoonover, Mel Oiler, Jeff LaRochelle Donald Stallings, Jim Pinkerton. Johnnie Schmonesse (horary)



Guests Present: (4). Samantha Bailey, Sharon Mize, Susan Grumboski, Carolyn Bowman,

Secretaries Report: The secretaries' report is in the April newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Our checking account balance is currently at \$33,103.15 Our certificate of deposit is currently \$30,000.

Old and New Business: Larry Stevens gave a brief rundown on the upcoming SAR national convention this summer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Members of the SAR local chapters will make a presentation at the Veterans National Cemetery for Veterans Day. Piney Woods member Ray Cox will be in attendance. Ski Grumboski is still accepting clothing donations for needy veterans. We are still waiting on approval to plant a tree at Creekwood Middle School to memorialize the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. A motion was made and approved to give \$1000 each from the KAM foundation to the Cleveland, Porter, and Splendora JROTC programs. Larry Stevens made a motion to give a donation of \$10,000 from the Piney Woods Chapter to the new national SAR museum in Louisville. This motion was passed. Texas President Elect Mel Oiler discussed funding a monument in Galveston to De Zavala.

Registrars Report: Kermit Breed stated that he is working on two new potential members.

Program: Compatriot John K Thompson gave an interesting talk on Paul Revere. He set members and guests straight on many of the myths associated with the "midnight ride."

Adjournment: Alan Bowman gave the ending prayer. Michael Anderson gave the SAR closing. The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

Jim Pinkerton Secretary



PINEYWOODS MEETING 18 MAY 2024



Larry and Barbara Stevens

Jim Jones

John Schmonsees



Texas SAR President-Elect
Mel Oller



Guest Speaker John K Thompson
being presented with a C of A by
Past 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.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR

Lunch Meeting

Los Cuco's Mexican Cafe

August 17, 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.”