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# AFRICAN AMERICANS SERVED VALIANTLY IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

It is estimated that up to 10,000 Black Americans served in the Continental Army or in colonial militias between 1776 and 1782. Many slaves joined the army to gain their freedom. Many took names appropriate to the cause such as Jeffery Liberty and Ned Freedom. The majority served as privates in the army or as seamen in the navy.

Those who served in the navy received better treatment than those who served in the army. Many African American women also served in the military by pretending to be men. Robert Shirtliffe (Deborah Sampson) received both sword and gunshot wounds before being discovered after serving for three years.

**Chronicle of America, 1989** 

#### REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE TOPIC FOR JUNE SAR MEETING

Dr. James Duban will present a program on Revolutionary Literature at the June 5 meeting. Dr. Duban is Director of Postgraduate Fellowships and Professor of English (specializing in American Literature) at the University of North Texas. Dr. Duban will use My Kinsman Major Molineaux by Nathaniel Hawthorne as a focus of his presentation. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Samaritan Village.

Meeting:7:00 P.M.June 5, Good Samaritan

### SAR EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program is an opportunity for deserving Eagle Scouts to receive a special patch, the SAR Medal, a bronze desk top trophy, and a cash scholarship. Selection for these awards is based on the scout's personal history and his leadership activities. Applicants must submit a patriotic theme of 500 words or less. If you know any deserving Eagle Scouts encourage them to apply. Applications may be obtained by contacting SAR Chapter #23 President, James Baird.



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Many of us are going to be out of town the two weeks prior to the Independence Day Parade. If we are going to have a float in the parade we need compatriots that are going to be in town during that period that would be willing to arrange for the preparation of the float. If you are interested in chairing this project or working on it, please contact James Baird. If there is no response to this request we will not have an entry, which is a shame since we won a prize last year.

#### Women of the Revolution: Molly Pitcher

Many of us first heard the story of Molly Pitcher when we were school children. Her heroic deeds at the battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778 are legendary. When her husband John Cooper Hays was overcome by heat exhaustion, Molly, who had been carrying water to thirsty soldiers, replaced him at his cannon and remained there for the duration of the battle.

"Molly" was born Mary Ludwig on October 13, 1754. Her first husband, John Hays died in 1789. A few years later Molly married John McCauley. In 1822 the state of Pennsylvania awarded her \$40 a year in recognition of her wartime services. She died on January 22, 1832.

Compton's Interactive Enclyclopedia

Next Meeting: 7P.M. 6/5/97 Good Sam



Meeting was called to order with the opening ceremony led by President, James Baird.

Treasurer, Compatriot William Vaughn, reported a balance of \$546.89.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the INK AND QUILL.

President James Baird reviewed objectives and plans for the coming year including the sponsoring of the High School Essay Contest, the fifth grade poster contest, and the submitting of essays by eighth grade history teachers. The subject of the purchase of parade uniforms was discussed.

The program was presented by Compatriot Tom Bailey regarding the involvement of the Scots in the American Revolution. This program was patriotic, historical, and eductional and was well received.

Motion was made by Compatriot Tom Cain to get a Post Office box in order to have a fixed address for chapter communication. Motion was passed unanimously. A search for a patriotic box number was instituted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** 

Gerald S. Brenholtz
Secretary, Chapter #23 TXSSAR

SAR MEETING-June 5th-7 p.m. GOOD SAMARITAN
VILLAGE, "Revolutionary Literature"......Dr. James Duban

#### SAR Member Participation List

- 1. Submit your name suggestions for our chapter
- 2. Turn in the biography of your ancestor
- 3. Complete your supplementals
- 4. Submit articles for the Newsletter

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 5.....Revolutionary Literature
Dr. James Duban
July 4.....Fourth of July Parade

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## Voices of the Revolution

"Let me have my farm, family and goose quill, and all the honors and offices that this world has to bestow may go to those who deserve them better and desire them more. I court them not.

John Adams





#### INK & QUILL

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