



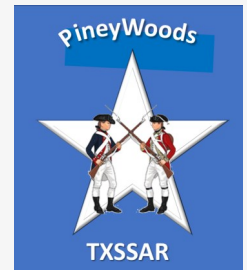
**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
November 2024 Issue 10**



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.



Compatriots,

We'll be meeting at Los Cucos on November 16, 2024 at 11:00am. The social meeting begins at 11:30am.

We can still donate more Wreaths to reach our chapter goal. Help us attain this. It is to honor our veterans in the Houston National Cemetery. See notice at the end of this newsletter.

We want to thank Sharon Mize for collecting book donations for Vets.

This is a repeat from me. [Dues notices are now being sent out so keep a eye out for them!!! Please process yours now.](#)

Each year we average about 18 not paid by December 31st. Our Registrars work hard each year to get mem-



bers to reinstate.

We are coming to the end of the 2023-2024 officer terms. Nominations take place in December. So we are looking for people to fill in the roles for Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor or Parliamentarian, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. **Please consider helping our chapter by filling an office. Contact Mike Anderson.**

I will miss the November meeting with my foot problem. I am resting it waiting for an ok for surgery.

Our Annal Christmas meeting will be at the home of Barbara and Larry Stevens this year on December 14th, in Kingwood. The Madrigal Choir is scheduled to entertain us with some traditional Christmas songs again. Don't miss this.

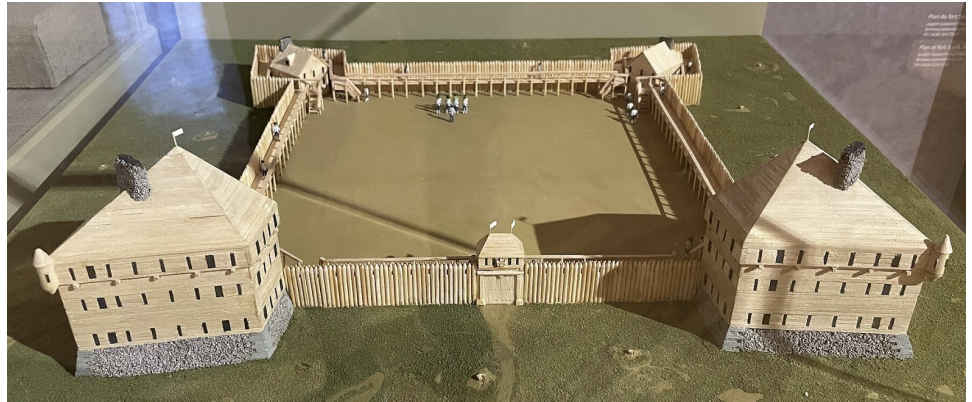
Ben Baskin
President

PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR

Los Cuco's Mexican Café—Kingwood Texas 11am-1pm November 16, 2024

This Day in the American Revolution

On November 13, 1775, Brigadier General Richard Montgomery take, Montreal, Canada, with no opposition. Ethan Allen's disorganized attack and defeat by the British General and Royal Governor Guy Carleton on September 24, 1775, that led to his capture and imprisonment at Pendennis Castle in Cornwall,



FT ST JEAN on the St Lawrence across from Montreal



Governor Guy Carleton

England, caused Governor Carleton to rethink his defenses along the St. Lawrence. Allen's attack was a failure but had a long term effect. While concentrating on Allen, Carleton refused to send reinforcements to Fort St. Jean. Montgomery laid siege on the Ft. St. Jean from August 21 to November 3, 1775. The fort commander Major Charles Preston surrendered on November 3 because with winter coming he was concerned about the welfare of the town's civilians. Montgomery then marched on Montreal. Guy Carleton barely escaped to Quebec.

December 31st, 1775—Colonel Benedict Arnold and General Richard Montgomery attacked the city and fort of Quebec. General Montgomery was mortally wounded in the first assault, Arnold continued the fight crossing to the second fortification, where he was forced to retreat. This was the first American defeat of the American Revolution. It was also the battle in which Benedict Arnold sustained his disability from a wound.



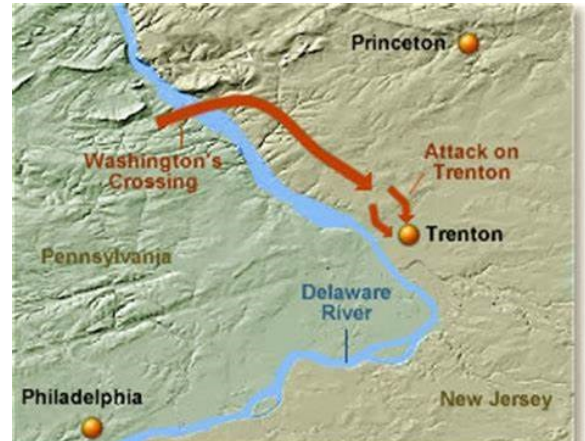
Richard Montgomery.



**Benedict
Arnold**



December 25-26th, 1776 —Washington Crosses the Delaware George Washington moves his troops on Christmas Eve across the Delaware river a few miles upstream above Trenton with another force just south of Trenton and routed the British Hessians in the town of Trenton on December 26th, 1776. On January 3, they defeat the British force and Princeton.



Valley Forge December 19, 1777 - Washington's Army staggered into the valley named after an iron Forge on Valley Creek just west of today's King Of Prussia, Philadelphia. They would remain here until June 1778.

Washington's assessment to General Clinton follows:

Governor George Clinton

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, February 16, 1778

*"Dear Sir: It is with great reluctance, I trouble you on a subject, which does not fall within your province; but it is a subject that occasions me more distress, than I have felt, since the commencement of the war; and which loudly demands the most zealous exertions of every person of weight and authority, who is interested in the success of our affairs. I mean the present dreadful situation of the army for want of provisions, and the miserable prospects before us, with respect to futurity. It is more alarming than you will probably conceive, for, to form a just idea, it was necessary to be on the spot. For some days past, there has been little less, than a famine in camp. A part of the army has been a week, without any kind of flesh, and the rest for three or four days. **Naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery**, that they have not been ere this excited by their sufferings, to a general mutiny or dispersion. Strong symptoms, however, discontent have appeared in particular instances; and nothing but the most active efforts everywhere can long avert so shocking a catastrophe.*

"Our present sufferings are not all. There is no foundation laid for any adequate relief hereafter. All the magazines provided in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, and all the immediate additional supplies they seem capable of affording, will not be sufficient to support the army more than a month longer, if so long. Very little has been done to the Eastward, and as little to the Southward; and whatever we have a right to expect from those quarters, must necessarily be very remote; and is indeed more precarious, than could be wished. When the aforementioned supplies are exhausted, what a terrible crisis must ensue, unless all the energy of the Continent is exerted to provide a timely remedy?"



Due to a painful tendon from the base of my thumb into my wrist, my ability of type is down to one finger. Thus this newsletter has to be very short.

This injury also keeping me from completing two applications in a more timely fashion.

Larry Stevens—Editor



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 service-women serving

If you were, contact Ski at sus4ever@gamil.com for more information.

PineWoods Chapter Officers

2023 - 2025

President - Ben Baskin
1st Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie
2nd 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 Spring Meeting
TBA 2025, Louisville KY



TEXAS SAR

March 28-30, 2025 Richardson, Texas

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

November 16, 2024
December 14, 2024

PineyWoods Chapter 51

Texas Society Sons of the American Minutes

September 19, 2024

Los Cucos Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

President Ben Baskin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guest in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, and the SAR Pledge. Chaplain Alan Bowman gave the invocation proceeded by a daily devotional.

Members Present: (15): Abe Abdmoulaie, Michael Anderson, Ben Baskin, John Beard, Larry Blackburn, Alan Bowman, Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Merv Hartwick, Jim Jones, B. Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Larry Stevens, Don Stalling, Larry Stevens

Guests Present (5): Samantha Ballard, Carolyn Bowman, Sharon Mize, Jeannie Hartwick. Ed Wandling

Program: Larry Stevens talked about American History during the Revolution era and the discovery of the Americas by Columbus.

President: Ben said Sharon Mize, DAR member stated that they are taking in books to be donated to the local V.A. hospital. Please get your books to Sharon. He said Officers' terms would end in March and it is time for nominations. He asked for members to step up and ask to be considered for all positions.

First Vice President: Abdmoulaie gave an update on the chapter project of planting a Liberty Tree for the 250 Anniversary of the Declaration. It has been approved but on hold. It was suggested to approach the City of Humble. Abe said it is time to donate to Fallen Heroes again this year. It was suggested we double the amount of the donation to \$500.00 which was favorable to the members present. Mike Anderson made a motion that this should be an annual budgeted item so it would not have to be approved each year. John Beard second, no discussion, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Larry Stevens, reporting for vacationing Jim Pinkerton, stated that the September

Minutes are in the current newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize stated that our investment in the CD is due to be addressed. Kermit Breed made a motion to reinvest, second by John Beard, no discussion, passed. B Ray said he has checks made out for JROTC unit donations for Stevens to get to the schools approved last meeting. Two Tomball schools were added during the meeting, making it six JROTC Units.

Registrar's Report: Kermit reported he has one at NSSAR and he is working on Erich Arbogast and James Winston. Stevens said he had two new ones, for Riley and Wilcox. The father of Will Wilcox, who passed away, was a member of the Paul Carrington Chapter. He said he has two more, Wandling and Young, that still need proof for one generation.

Veterans: COUPONS: John Beard reported he sent just a little over one pound of Manufacturer Coupons to two overseas bases. He said the number of coupons continues to decrease due to digital coupons.

Wreaths Across America: We need seventeen more wreath donations to reach our goal for this year.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time

Alan Bowman gave the Benediction and President Baskin gave the SAR closing, and adjourned the meeting 12:50 p.m.

Larry Stevens—for Secretary Pinkerton



Commander Boucher, Senior Instructor Tomball Memorial High Marine Junior ROTC, accepts the PineyWoods Chapter Donation from Past President Larry Blackburn. This will greatly support the

unit with needed funds due to cutbacks. The school is very grateful! **Larry B.**

**September 19
Meeting
Las Cucos,
Kingwood**



Ben Baskin, Samantha Ballard, Mike Anderson John Beard, Joe Potter



Merv and Jeannie Hartwick



Ed Wandling, Carol and Alan Bowman, Abe Abdmoulaie



Larry Stevens



Lunch Group

September 19th Meeting



Ben Baskin presents a Certificate of Appreciation from TXSSAR President Sam Massey to John Beard



Joe Potter, Larry Blackburn, and Jim Jones



Mike Anderson, Jim Jones, Ed Wandling, Ray Cox, Carol and Alan Bowman, Abe Abdmoulaie, front Sharon and B. Ray Mize

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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EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HUMBLE ISD

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

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

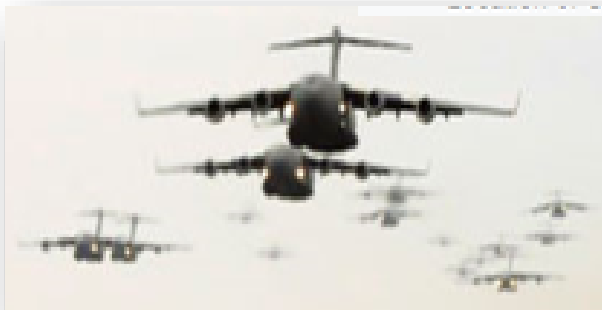
Oration

NEW—VIDEO CONTEST

8th GRADE BROCHERE

5th Grade Poster

GO TO: SAR or TEXAS Website



VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

The chapter is at 182 wreaths donated towards our goal of 200 wreaths for the Houston National Cemetery.

Our deadline is midnight December 02, 2024, so ask if members they could please sponsor a wreath. It only costs \$17 and we need 18—SEE SKI GRUMBOSKI

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.

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE

#LiveWithPurpose

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

November 16, 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.”