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Sons of the American Revolution

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President's Message

It is March 6, 2017 as I write this message. Why is it such an important date in our history? What about December 7, 1941? I recently took a test on Facebook concerning the History of the United States. The 79 questions were about the various events that have occurred in the existence of our country. Since it was a multiple choice test, the correct answer was given and all one had to do was make a selection. I wish that a copy had been made and the test could be submitted to our chapter. What a program that would be! For the most part any person having gone through school in the U.S. should have passed with flying colors.

A display of the remembrance of our country's past historical events by our attendance at memorial services is a way to help educate our youth of today. For example, with several in costume, the Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas held a memorial service in front of the Alamo honoring those that lost their lives for Texas. This brought attention to the Texas Revolution and the history of our state and thus the history of our country. They shared probably 50 or so pictures of the event on Facebook.

Our family has been very fortunate to travel to various areas of our great country. Once on the 4th of July, we were able to visit George Washington's Mount Vernon. What a spectacular site to visit on that day with the re-enactors on parade on the grounds firing flintlocks and cannon.

We have also been enlightened by reenactments at Gettysburg and Pleasant Hill. We definitely learned a lot about 19th century warfare as we witnessed the close proximity of the combatants. We were only two of many attending. (Over 100,000 at Gettysburg)

Various heritage organizations sponsor memorial services at historic places all over the country—even locally. Let me encourage you to find one that interests you and participate with your attendance.

April 6, 1776—The Continental Congress declares colonial shipping ports open to all traffic except the British. The Congress had already authorized privateer raids on British ships and also advised disarming all Americans loyal to England.

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, April 6!

Carl



Chapter 57 member and Alabama native, **James David Denton**, will present the program on April 6. J.D. graduated from the University of Alabama in 1959 with a M.S. in Geology and was in the military from 1960 – 1962. He attended S.M.U. for B.A. in Business and finished an M.B.A. degree in 1972 at North Texas University. After living in several countries around the world, the family moved to Longview in 1994. He has a dual membership in SAR in Alabama and Texas through his ancestor Archibald Buchanan and is currently working on two supplements. His program will be on Early U.S. History.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report for February 2, 2017

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, met on February 2, 2017, at Casa Ole` Restaurant in Longview, Texas at 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Carl Hedges. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain, Mack Bond. The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the SAR flag were given. Guests were introduced.

The meeting resumed with the acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Old business and new business were discussed. Under new business, The Tyler Chapter of SAR asked Chapter 57 to sponsor their second place winner in the essay contest. Cullen Malone is home schooled and has a 94.31 g.p.a. He is currently a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and Sons of the Republic of Texas. Last year the Tyler Chapter won the State Essay Contest.

Mickey Cole told members that the newsletter is now on the web site. March 31 – April 2 will be the Texas State Convention in San Antonio. February 28 is the deadline for registration and members were urged to attend.

Members were reminded of dues notices. New member brochures were made available.



President Hedges introduced Liz Hedges for her program on the Germanna Foundation. Germanna was a settlement in the Colony of Virginia--settled in two waves, first in 1714 and then in 1717. Virginia Lt. Gov. Alexander Spotswood encouraged the immigration by advertising in Germany for miners to move to Virginia, partly for frontier defense but mainly to operate his newly developed ironworks. Today the site of these settlements are located in present-day Orange, Culpeper and Spotsylvania counties.



President Hedges announced that the next meeting will be on April 6 at Casa Ole' Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance : \$1,317.72

Gary Fletcher
Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 57 member Dr Warren Hunt and his wife, Norma, have moved to Summer Meadows in Longview. Their address is: Summer Meadows

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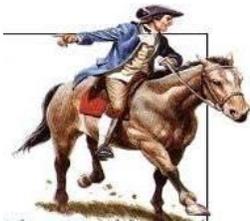


They Rode for Freedom

Folk hero **Paul Revere** was born January 1, 1735, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was the son of Apollos Rivoire, a French immigrant who had come to America at the age of 13, and Deborah Hichborn, a Boston native and the daughter of an artisan family.

The elder Revere set up a shop of his own as a goldsmith and when he was old enough, his son, Paul, apprenticed with him. Upon his father's death, Paul took over the business to support his mother and siblings. By this time Revere was married and had eight children and upon the death of his wife, Revere married a second time and had another eight children. He supplemented his income by becoming an engraver and dentist.

As his business did well, he sensed that his own livelihood could soon be affected unless issues with the British were soon addressed. He joined the Freemasons and befriended other activists. As his confidence in his leadership abilities grew, so did his responsibilities. As tensions deepened, Revere was tapped to spy on British soldiers and report on their movement.



In a brazen act of defiance, he and others dressed as Indians and dumped tea into Boston Harbor, launching what came to be known as the Boston Tea Party. On April 8, 1775, Revere rode to Lexington to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams of the approaching British. He didn't yell "the British are coming" as stories say. He was trying to be quiet so he wouldn't get caught. He was not very well known during his lifetime. It wasn't until 1861, when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the poem "Paul Revere's Ride" that his ride and life became famous.

Paul Revere donned many hats during the American Revolution. He manufactured gunpowder and cannon for the Continental Army, printed the country's first money, and as a Lt. Colonel. commanded Castle William at Boston Harbor.

Paul Revere's ride was historic but we must not forget the midnight ride of **Sybil Ludington**. Almost two years to the date, April 26, 1777, Sybil Ludington rode forty miles through the night to warn approximately 400 militiamen under the control of her father that British troops were planning to attack Danbury, Connecticut, where the Continental Army had a supply depot.

Her father, Colonel Henry Ludington, fought in the French and Indian War and following that he headed the local militia during the Revolution. Sybil had to move from town to town following her father and played an important part in the success of the colonies. She knew the land and was known and trusted by the men. Against her father's wishes, this sixteen year old, mounted her horse and began her journey.



Ludington's ride started about 9 p.m. and ended around dawn. She rode 40 miles into the damp hours of darkness. She used a stick to prod her horse and knock on doors so that she didn't have to dismount. When, soaked with rain and exhausted, she returned home, most of the 400 soldiers were ready to march. The men were too late to save Danbury, Connecticut, but were able to drive General Tryon and his men to Long Island Sound.



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Remember—We meet at Casa Ole' on April 6, 2017!!

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.