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President's Message

The cover of the spring 2015 issue of the SAR Magazine is unique for our organization. President General of the Sons of the American Revolution Lindsey C. Brock, President General National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Lynn Young and Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II meeting at Windsor Castle. When I saw this for the first time my immediate thoughts were of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, John Hancock, and others that signed the Declaration of Independence and what would be their reaction to this photograph. Especially, John Dickenson of Pennsylvania, who opposed separation from England and left congress once the declaration was declared, yet served in the army to defeat England.

Also, it is important today that we outwardly show our heritage and beliefs. Let us make sure that the history of the United States is voiced in loud command of truth and not altered for the belief of a few who stage objection using the present mass media. Regardless of personal opinion, it is a fact that our ancestors opposed the position of the British government and they set in motion a government based upon States Rights. The question of slavery almost stopped the declaration of independence being passed in 1776.

The major cause of the War Between the States was a question of states' rights with the question of slavery being a major component. The conflict did take place with various proponents and situations. The battles stopped. The history of what took place cannot and should not be altered. Monuments were and are being made by descendants of both armies and sides in honor of their ancestors. All should remain and be respected by all regardless of modern times. **The War Did Occur.** It is something to view the photographs of the reunions of various battles and comments of those that fought in the conflicts and became great and close friends.

I have found it a humorous situation that my northern ancestors (Yankees) did posses slaves while my southern ancestors (Rebels) did not own a single slave.

I look forward to seeing you on the 6 of August at Casa Ole'. Take care and God Bless America!

Carl



Since the last meeting, Chapter 57 has gained another member, **George Mickey Cole**, better known as Mickey. His ancestor is Miles Gathright, Jr., who was a 2nd Lt. in New Kent Company, Virginia Militia.
PLEASE MAKE HIM WELCOME!



Our speaker for the August meeting will be John Boland. He is the husband of Ann Boland who brought the program to us in June. He has taught in public education in East Texas for 19 years; and has served on the faculty of several area community colleges for nearly 30 years. As a public speaker his greatest achievement is being a plenary speaker at the 3rd Congress on World Evangelism in Cape Town, South Africa, in October 2010. Being an ordained Baptist minister, he travels globally sharing the Scriptures, teaching English, and preaching God's Word. We look forward to his program on August 6.



Minutes and Treasurer's Report for June 4, 2015

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, met on June 4, 2015, at Casa Ole' Restaurant in Longview, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President, Carl Hedges. The Pledges and salutes were given followed by the invocation and the blessing by Chaplain, Mack Bonds. The business meeting and program followed dinner.

Under Old Business the minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as reported in the newsletter. Members were encouraged to participate in the Fishless Fishing Tournament. A short Memorial was given for Morgan Barry Henderson who recently passed away. Barry had been the Sergeant-At-Arms for the Chapter since it was chartered.

There was no New Business and the meeting moved onto announcements. John Bolton is recruiting new members for the SAR Chapter Color Guard. The next meeting will be August 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Casa Ole' in Longview. (next door to Kroger)

The program was introduced by President Hedges. Ann Boland, art professor at Panola College, gave an interesting insight to "Art and Artists During the American Revolution. The involvement of several famous artists of the time period was discussed. Among those were Charles Willson Peale and Paul Revere. It was a very interesting program.

The closing pledge was given and Chaplain Bonds gave the Benediction.



The treasurer's report:

The current balance: \$1717.84

Gary Fletcher

Secretary/Treasurer





The Funeral of Chris Kyle, Great American Seal



One of the wives of a member of the Navy SEALs recently gave this account of the funeral of Chris Kyle.

“Chris Kyle became the US armed services number 1 sniper of all time. Not something he was very happy about, other than the fact that in so doing, he saved a lot of lives.

Three years ago, his wife, Taya, asked him to leave the SEAL TEAMS because he had a huge bounty on his head by Al Quada. He did and wrote a book “The American Sniper” and 100% of the proceeds from the book went to two of the SEAL families who had lost their sons in Iraq.

Now I need to tell you about all the blessings.

Southwest Airlines flew in any SEAL and their family from any airport to the funeral... free of charge. The employees donated buddy passes and one lady worked for four days without much of a break to see that it happened. Volunteers were at both airports in Dallas to drive them to the hotel.

The Marriott Hotel reduced their rates to \$45 a night for each room and cleared the hotel for only SEAL's and family. The Midlothian, Texas, Police Department paid the \$45 a night for each room.

Two large buses were chartered (an unknown donor paid the bill) to transport people to the events and they also had a few rental cars donated. Police and Secret Service were on duty 24 hours during the stay at our hotel. At the Kyle house, the Texas DPS parked a large motor home in front to block the view from reporters. It remained there for five days.

George and Laura Bush met and talked to everyone on the SEAL team--one on one. They went behind closed doors with Taya for quite a while. They had prayer with us all. Nolan Ryan sent his cooking team to set up in the front yard and fed people all day long including the 200 SEALs and families. The next day a local BBQ restaurant set up a buffet at the house and fed all once again. The family's church kept those inside the house well fed.

Jerry Jones, the man everyone loves to hate, was a rock star. He made sure everyone was taken care of. He donated the use of Cowboy Stadium for the services because so many wanted to attend. Sarah Palin and her husband were in attendance along with about 10,000 other people. The Bagpipe and Drum Corps were wonderful and the Texas A & M men's choir stood through the entire service and sang at the end. We were all in tears. The next day was a 200-mile procession from Midlothian to Austin for burial. It was the longest funeral procession ever in the state of Texas. Two helicopters circled the processions with snipers sitting out the side door for protection. Firemen and police men lined the route with the thousands of people paying respects.

After the service, Governor Rick Perry invited us to the governor's mansion. Anita Perry stood at the door and greeted each person.”

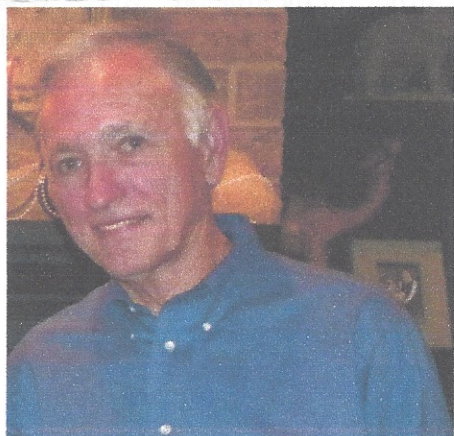
To this day, no one in the White House has ever acknowledged Chris Kyle; his service, his death, his life. A sports person can receive a call from the White House for congratulations.

Why no call for Chris Kyle?



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New Member-Mickey Cole



Carl Hedges, Ann Boland



Kathy Goodwin, David Conner, Ruby and Leon Dodgen

Remember—We meet at Casa Ole' on August 6 !!

