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The President's Message

Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life, published on September 8, 1998, is a motivational business fable. The text describes change in one's work and life, and four typical reactions to those changes by two mice ("Sniff" and "Scurry") and two "little people" ("Hem" and "Haw") during their hunt for cheese. A New York Times business bestseller upon release, *Who Moved My Cheese?* They live in a maze, a representation of one's environment, and look for cheese, representative of Happiness and Success.

Who Moved My SAR Cheese?

First movement of cheese occurred when the owners of our Casa Ole' decided to close the restaurant where we met thus our cheese was removed and we no longer have a place to meet or eat on a regular basis. The **Thursday, October 4, 2018** meeting will take place, after special arrangement at **Jason's Deli** on the loop in Longview. Please help us find a new home (with tasty cheese). We would like to be in place for our December 6, 2018 meeting. Be like "Sniff" and "Scurry" and help us find a new home and try not to be "Hem" and "Haw" and let someone else look for new cheese.

Second movement of cheese is we are in desperate need for a variety of new types and kinds of cheese in our membership. Take a moment to think about why you are a member of SAR. Do you have a sample of SAR cheese for a friend, neighbor, relative or acquaintance that might join our ranks? My Big Cheese challenge for our December meeting is a full house because each member, "Sniff", "Scurry," "Hem" and "Haw" brought a prospective member to our gathering and fellowship.

Wouldn't our country's cheese be great if all the politicians would work toward the same piece of USA Cheese?

Carl

(I prefer Sharp Cheddar)

We honor compatriot **Senator John McCain** for his service to our country. He was a SAR member through his ancestor, Captain John Young who served on George Washington's Staff.



Minutes and Treasurer's Report of August 2, 2018

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on August 2 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 J.D. Denton. The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the SAR flag were given and guests were introduced.

After dinner, the meeting resumed with the consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Both were accepted as presented.

President Hedges asked once again for everyone to update their e-mail addresses. The speaker for the meeting, Don Boydstrun, was introduced.

Mr. Boydstrum, a Vietnam Era veteran, served as a Russian linguist for the U.S. Army Intelligence Branch. His program was on "The Battle of Pea Ridge" also known as "The Battle of Elkhorn Tavern". The battle took place in March 1862. The prominent officers in this attack were Major General Earl Van Dorn, Confederate; Major General Sterling Price, Confederate; Brigadier General Benjamin McCulloch, Confederate; Brigadier General Samuel R. Curtis, Union Army; and Brigadier General Franz Siegel, Union Army. Results of the battle were the permanent loss of Missouri and northern half of Arkansas by the Confederates and the loss of brilliant Texan commander, General Ben McCulloch. Union General, Samuel Curtis said, *"The scene is silent and sad. The vulture and the wolf now have the dominion and the dead friends and foes sleep in the same lonely graves."*

It was announced that the next meeting will be on October 4 at Casa Ole` Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by J. D. Denton.

John Bolton, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: August 2018

Beginning Balance (7/1/2018)		\$1,380.93
Deposits: Member donation	\$14.85	
Total Deposits:	\$14.85	
Checks: Casa Ole (speaker's meal)	\$24.75	
J. Bolton (Newsletter, Stamps, etc)	\$25.00	
Total Checks:	\$49.75	
Ending Balance (8/31//18)		\$1,346.03

Mickey Cole, Treasurer

Male Lineage Societies Leading to the Formation of the SAR

There have been several lineage-based organizations formed before and leading up to the formation of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Society of Cincinnati is the oldest male hereditary society and patriotic organization in the United States. The Society was founded in 1783 at the close of the Revolutionary War by George Washington and his associate officers. They sought to provide a means of ongoing fellowship for the officers and to develop charitable funds to assist the families of original members. The Society also acted on behalf of the army's officers in an effort to secure military pensions for surviving Revolutionary War veterans. The Sons of Cincinnati consists of thirteen individual state societies—one to each of the original thirteen states—as well as a French Society. Membership is hereditary and is generally passed to the eldest son. Only one male descendant may represent an eligible officer at any time.

The General Society of the Sons of the Revolution was founded in 1876—13 years before the Sons of the American Revolution. It was founded by the Society of the Cincinnati wishing to broaden participation in preserving the American heritage on the eve of the country's centennial. Any male person of good character and lineal descent from a soldier, sailor or marine and remained loyal to the patriot cause is eligible to join.

The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was established 30 April 1889 by William Osborn McDowell, a New Jersey business man and a member of the Sons of the Revolution. McDowell wanted this society to become more of a mass movement of descendants of Revolutionary Patriots rather than an exclusive social club. This was the time of the centennial for the inauguration of George Washington as the first president of the United States. McDowell was assigned member # 1. In addition to organizing the SAR, McDowell worked with six women to organize the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on 29 June 1890.

The SAR membership is open to any male of “good repute” who can prove lineal bloodline descent from an ancestor who actively support the American Revolution. SAR claims a membership of over 37,000 members in over 550 chapters representing all 50 states as well as societies in Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Spain. King Carlos of Spain and his son are both members of the SAR.

On 9 December 1896 the Texas Society of Sons of American Revolution was organized in Galveston. The first chapter “Bernardo de Galvez” was formed and the first state president Honorable Ira H. Evans was named. The first state meeting was held in February 1897 with 15 members in attendance. Over the past 122 years, approximately 14,000 men have joined the Texas SAR. As of March 2018 Texas has an active membership of 3,072.

NOTICE !!

.We have lost our meeting place as Casa'Ole on the Spur has closed. Please begin looking for a place for us to meet. Everyone needs to be at the October meeting to discuss our situation and make plans for the future. **THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JASON'S DELI IN LONGVIEW.** Please plan to be there to help decide what our next move will be.

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Carl Hedges, Don Boydstrum, Gary Fletcher



Matthew Lee, Federal Judge Rodney Gilstrap, John Bolton and Dennis Brand at Naturalization Ceremony, Federal Courthouse, Tyler, TX.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT
JASON'S DELI ON
OCTOBER 4!
John Bolton will present the
program on "Huguenots in the
Revolution".**