



The East Texas
Chapter
of

**The
Sons of the
American
Revolution**

Will meet on
Thursday, May 4th, 1995
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Grill Room
of the Summit Club (tenth Floor)
in the
Bank One Building
200 N. Fredonia.
Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
No meal is planned

Plan to be there!!

The East Texas Patriot

The Newsletter of

The East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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May Meeting Soon!!

The May meeting of the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will on **Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet in the Grill Room of the Summit Club in the Bank One Building, 200 N. Fredonia Street. The Summit Club is on the Tenth floor. There will be a social time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 (cash bar). We are not intending to eat.

Our meeting will include the approval of the Constitution and by-laws of our cha~ter adopted by the officers of the Chapter.

There will be a presentation of the effect of the Revolutionary War on the Anglican, and later, the Episcopal Church. This will be presented by Fr. John Whitsell, Chaplain of the Chapter.

Plan now for Future Meetings

The officers have planned the meetings for the coming year. Put these dates on your calendar today!

All meetings will be in the Summit Club, in the Bank One Building, 200 N. Fredonia Street, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a social time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 (cash bar). We are not intending to have meals except as noted.

Thursday, September 7th, 1995

Thursday, October 3rd, 1995

Thursday, December 7th, 1995

(This will be our Christmas party with our wives.)

Thursday, February 6th, 1996

Thursday, March 2nd, 1996

(This will our Installation dinner with our wives.)

Talmadge Booth Given Award

Compatriot **Talmadge Booth**, President of the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, was awarded the S.A.R. Meritorious Service medal by Compatriot **C. R. Harrison**, Texas Society S.A.R. President. The award was presented at the dinner held at the Oak Forest Country Club on March 30th. The dinner was held to celebrate the establishment of the East Texas Chapter.

The Meritorious Service medal was given to Compatriot **Booth** in recognition of his outstanding work in organizing the chapter. It was a well deserved honor and one which everyone in the chapter applauds.

Compatriot **Harrison** also presented the charter for the East Texas Chapter to Compatriot **Booth** at the dinner.

Installation of Officers

Compatriot **Ross L. Shipman**, President-elect of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution installed the new officers at the dinner held March 30th. Compatriot **Talmadge Booth** was installed as President. Also installed were:

Compatriot **Wesley L. Whatley**,
First Vice President;

Compatriot **W. D. Northcutt, III**,
Second Vice President;

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Compatriot **Kenneth B. Kimbrough**,
Secretary-Treasurer;

Compatriot **John Whitsell**,
Chaplain.

Compatriot **C. R. Harrington**, State President, presented the President's insignia and a gavel to Compatriot **Talmadge Booth**.

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Compatriot **Delbert Fowler** presented the Chapter with an American flag and an S.A.R. flag for gaining so many new members in such a short time. He also gave the Chapter a gift of \$100 to open its treasury with.

Former Jefferson Chapter Members Join the East Texas Chapter

Compatriot **Talmadge Booth**, new President of the East Texas Chapter of the S.A.R. was a Past-President of the Jefferson Chapter. Compatriot **Wesley Whatley** and Compatriot **W. D. Northcutt, III**, are also Past-Presidents of the Jefferson Chapter. Compatriot **Whatley** and Compatriot **Northcutt** are First and Second Vice-Presidents, respectively.

Compatriot **Booth** recognized Compatriot **O. L. (Kim) Kimbrough**, also a Past-President of the Jefferson Chapter, for his dedication to the organization and his work in the East Texas area over the years.

Eleven State Officers Attend Dinner

Eleven officers of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution attended the dinner celebrating the institution of the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. In all, seventy-seven people attended the dinner.

Included in the officers were:
Compatriot **C. R. Harrington**,
Texas Society President
Compatriot **Ross L. Shipman**,
Texas Society President-elect;
Compatriot **Frank A. Gibson**,
Texas Society Secretary-Treasurer;
Compatriot **John B. Stepp**,
Texas Society Chaplain-elect;
Compatriot **Robert W. Coker**,
Texas Society Vice President for Expansion;
Compatriot **John C. Haughton**,
District Vice President;

Compatriot **Delbert L. Taylor**,
District Vice President-elect;
Compatriot **Delbert M. Fowler**,
National Trustee;
Compatriot **Joe M. Hill**,
Texas Society Past-President;
Compatriot **E. Graham Martin**,
Texas Society Past-President;
Compatriot **Tom M. Green**,
Texas Society Geneologist.

Special Guests Attended the Dinner

Mayor **I. J. Patterson**, mayor of Longview, attended the dinner held at the Oak Forest Country Club, and presented a resolution proclaiming March 30th, 1995, Sons of the American Revolution Day in Longview.

Other special guests were:

Dr. Norman Black,
Chairman of the Gregg County
Historical Commission;
Mrs. Robert Cannon,
Regent of the Aaron Burleson Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution;
Mrs. T. F. Madison,
Regent of the
Captain William Young Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution;
Compatriot **David Broume**,
President of the Tyler Chapter of the
Sons of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Morgan L. Willeford sang "An American Medley" of Patriot songs.

Are We Number One Yet???

The East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution now has 25 members whose ancestry to a Revolutionary War soldier or patriot has been proven. We have 26 more in the process. That will give us a total of 51 members. There is no doubt that others are
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being presented even while this newsletter is being prepared.

Certainly we are the fastest growing Chapter. Are we number one in the State Society in membership?? If not, all of those big city chapters had better watch out!

Proof of ancestry to a Revolutionary War soldier or patriot is necessary for membership. This can often be proved rather easily if one's father, grandfather, such like was a member. If you know of someone who thinks they qualify and wants to become a member, contact Compatriot Talmadge Booth, 757-2750, or any officer for details and necessary forms.

Remember that we within the East Texas Chapter are the best - and we are proving it by growing fastest and continuing to be number one in the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Special 4th of July Meeting

The East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Thursday, July 4th, 1995, at the Gregg County Court House. The time will be announced in the newspaper. Plan to be there!

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Editor' Note

I have volunteered to edit the East Texas Patriot, the newsletter for the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. I will need the assistance of everyone in the chapter to get news and other items to include.

The sort of things needed are:

- > expressions of appreciation
- > interesting genealogical questions and facts
- > recruiting ideas
- > Revolutionary War historical briefs and facts
- > Personal awards and items of interest.

Please send your items for inclusion to:

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Or feel free to call:
(903) 984-0537

I plan to mail the next newsletter in mid-August, so please provide your input in good time.

John Whitsell, editor