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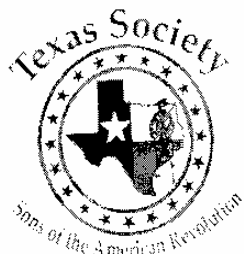
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Message from the president

Our first meeting in 2008 in January was a good start for the New Year.

Tom Green and his wife Fritz jointed us at our meeting an all enjoyed the company of the founder of our chapter.

Our speaker, Ray Cox, gave a talk on "An Instrument of War". I had no idea that a fife was used for so many purposes. Thank you, Ray.

We have nominations for the Eagle Scout and Enhanced JROTC which we will forward to the TXSSAR state competition.

We will have a speaker for our February Meeting, Bea Ellis, founder of F. A. I.T.H, (Families And Individuals Thanking Heroes). They send out 200 care packages to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After the talk we will have a business meeting to vote on our new officers for 2008-2009 and other items on the agenda.

From the December member only the following slate of officers is submitted to the members:

President	Larry Stevens
Vice President	Ron Barker
Secretary	Jim Mitchell
Treasurer	Open
Register	Bob McKenna
Genealogist	Kim Morton
Chaplain	Bernie Balsler
Sergeant at Arms	Ray Cox
Chancellor	Allan Henshaw
Historian	Ken Cheatum
Newsletter	Jim Mims
Web Master	Ray Cox

I would like to reactivate the position of 2nd Vice President that the chapter has had in the past. This position would over see the youth programs and the history teacher programs.

Jim Mitchell and Larry Stevens are working on Eagle Scout and Oration contest, and Ron Barker is coordinating the JROTC program so the Essay, Poster, Essay and Teacher programs would be left this position. These contests are very important in promoting patriotism with our youth.

Nominations from the floor will be taken for these open positions. I have agreed to take on the Treasurer if no other candidate steps forward.

The new officers for the 2008-2009 that will take office in March, 2008, and be sworn in by incoming TXSSAR president Harry Fife.

I will again be collecting items for our military member, Jonathan Marshall. Please bring sport magazines, paper back books, packaged foods, toiletries and I will send our second care package. Our first one was almost 20 pounds. Thank you everyone.

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Our upcoming programs are:

Our largest expenditure is the cost of our newsletter. We want to eliminate mailing newsletters if possible. If you still want to continue receiving a hard copy, let us know. We need your email addresses. Please send to Ron Barker at ron.barker@hp.com or to Bernie Balsler at bbals@aol.com

We also plan to have the newsletter on the website.

We are looking forward to a year of growth and opportunities for others to be more active in the PineyWoods Chapter.

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Happy Birthday

APRIL

Robert McKenna
Robert Armstrong
Patrick Whipple
Walter Thompson

MAY

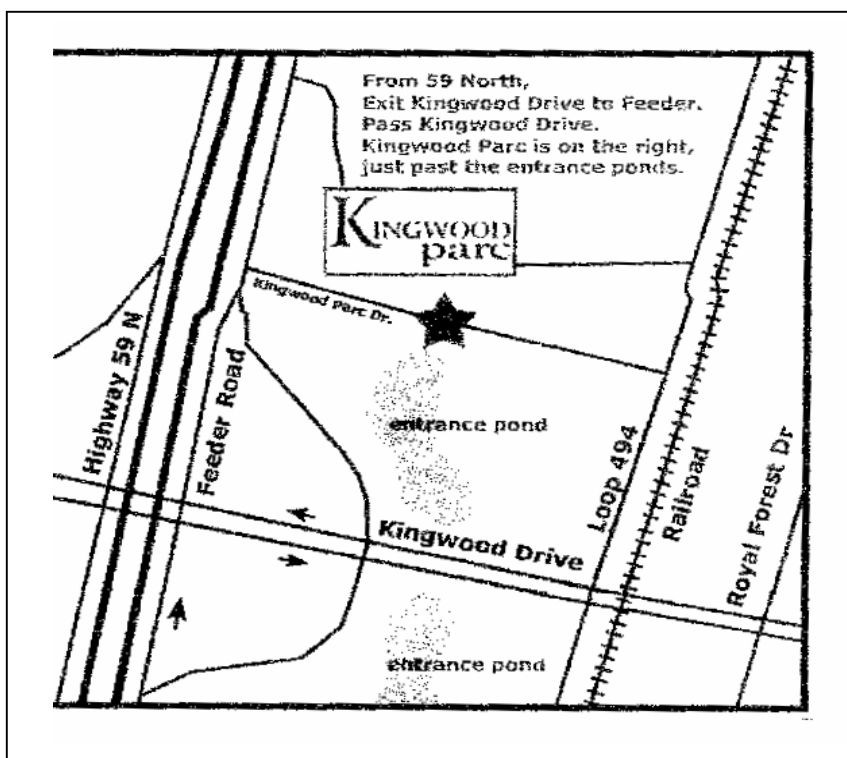
Ken Korthauer, MD
Jeffrey Meadows
Cannon Pritchard
Davis O'Neal
Byron Basham
John Ives, Jr.
Rex McLain, III

JUNE

Scott Banewski
Walter McCain, Jr.
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Jack Lightfoot
Woody Reese, Jr. MD
Jordan Monk

PAST PRESIDENTS

Tom Green
Bernie Balsler
Don Lemon
Jeff Meadows
McLeod Smith
Robert McKenna
Bob Smith
Cannon Pritchard
James Jones
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Wanted

Email addresses

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send your address to me. This will save us a considerable amount of \$\$, both in printing as well as postage.

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By virtue of the authority granted the National Society by its Constitution and the charter issued by the Congress of the United States, charters are issued to the State Societies of the various States and territories. Each State Society is empowered to issue charters to chapters within the boundaries thereof.

The affairs of the National Society are administered by the Board of National Trustees, composed of the General Officers, all living Past Presidents General, one trustee from each State Society, and any member of the Execu-

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PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2007-2008

February 21	Members Only Meeting Election of Officers
March 20	Dinner Meeting Members & Guests Install 2008-09 Officers

RSVP FOR THE FEBRUARY 21st MEMBERS ONLY DINNER MEETING At Homewood Suites, Kingwood Parc Dr. Kingwood TX 6:15 PM

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday February 18th by either an email to Genmorton@usa.net OR by calling Ron Barker at 281-514-0447 (Do Not Do Both). Payment of \$15.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.