

# *Piney Woods Pine Shavings*

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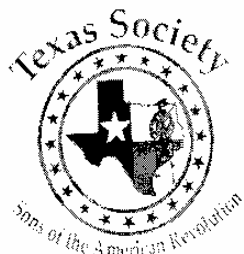
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## **Newsletter**

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## Message from the president

Happy New Year to all of the PineyWoods compatriots, family and friends.

2007 was a very active year for PineyWoods. We had our first enhanced JROTC entry, Mark Freeman; go on not only to be selected as the TXSSAR winner, but also to finish second in the National SAR competition. Five of our members attended a Grave Marking in Georgia for compatriot James Mitchell's revolutionary ancestor. We had excellent attendance at the National Congress in Williamsburg.

As we move into 2008, it is time to consider the new slate of officers for the 2008-2009 that will take office in March, 2008 to be sworn in by in coming TXSSAR president Harry Fife.

From the December 13<sup>th</sup> Nominating Committee meeting, the following recommendations were made to the Board of Directors for the slate of officers for 2008-2009:

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 Cheatam
Newsletter	Jim Mims
Web Master	Ray Cox

I would like to reactivate the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Our upcoming Programs are:

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Ray Cox Fife History Presentation

Feb 21 Member only meeting-we are hoping for a speaker on care packages for the military and we have one member in Iraq-Jonathan Marshall.

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> President Harry Fife will swear in new officers.

Our largest expenditure is the cost of our newsletter. We want to eliminate mailing newsletters. We need your email addresses. Please send to Ron Barker at [ron.barker@hp.com](mailto:ron.barker@hp.com) or Bernie Balsler at [BBalsler@aol.com](mailto:BBalsler@aol.com).

We also plan to have the newsletter on the website.

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

Ron

### Michael Gaar, Revolutionary Soldier, Grave Marking

Five members of the PineyWoods Kingwood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution [SAR] traveled to Elberton, Georgia to dedicate a marker on the grave of Michael Gaar, a Revolutionary War soldier. Jim Mitchell, of Kingwood, a descendant of Michael Garr, worked with the local and state SAR and DAR chapters to sponsor the marking of the grave.

The ceremony was conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, at Van's Creek Baptist Church. The five members attending the ceremony from the PineyWoods chapter were Jim Mitchell and Larry Stevens of Kingwood, Ray Cox of Humble, Ron Barker of the Woodlands and Jim Jones of College Station. Ray Cox was the fifer for the event and all five men participated in the color guard presentation of the flags – including the state flag of Texas. PineyWoods Chapter President Ron Barker unveiled the marker. Jim Mitchell presented a biography of Michael Adam Gaar [1740-1797]. Gaar, of Culpepper Co, Virginia, served as a lieutenant in the Virginia militia. In his civilian life he was a wheelwright. After the Revolutionary War the Gaar moved his family to Georgia, where he lived until his death.

The PineyWoods Chapter TXSSAR has dedicated three graves of Revolutionary War patriots in the past few years. The purpose of SAR is to preserve and perpetuate the stories of American patriotism. Information on the PineyWoods chapter can be found on their website.



**PineyWoods Members with GASSAR and GASSAR members**

Larry Stevens, Jim Mitchell, Jackson Guest (GA), Robert Chewing (GA), Ron Barker, Jim Jones, Ray Cox

## Happy Birthday

### JANUARY

Dennis Key  
James Richards, Sr.  
Robert McCain  
Ronald J. Barker

### FEBRUARY

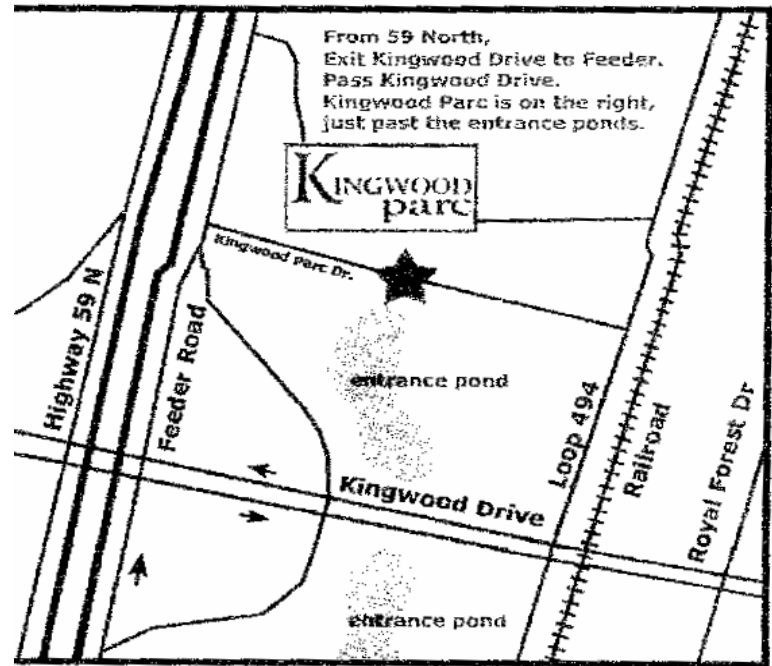
Jer Banewski  
Kenneth Cheatum  
Andrew Evans  
James Green  
Thomas Green  
Woody Reese, DDS  
Donald Richards  
James Richards, Jr.

### MARCH

Donald MacGregory  
Steven Richards  
Thomas Lawrence  
Ryan Gertz  
Edward Farmer, II

### PAST PRESIDENTS

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

### Email addresses

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*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

January 17	Dinner Meeting Members & Guests
February 21	Members Only Meeting Election of Officers
March 20	Dinner Meeting Members & Guests Install 2008-09 Officers

### **RSVP FOR THE JANUARY 17TH 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 JANUARY 14th by either an email to [Genmorton@usa.net](mailto: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.