



# Pine Shavings

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Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution

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## A Message from the President

I hope all of you enjoyed the Holidays. Our next meeting is January 21, 2010, at Homewood Suites. We have a real treat for a program. Past TXSSAR President Tom B. Green will bring his collection of Revolutionary Period Flags and tell us about each, as time allows. Tom does this program in public schools and groups year round, probably well over 100 presentations just in 2009. Bring your wives, children, and friends. This is a very educational program.



Bernie and Barbara Balsler are doing well just north of Detroit. Bernie sent me a 1994 PineyWoods picture taken at the chapter chartering ceremony and asked me to include it in the Newsletter. We would like to identify everyone in the picture. I was there but cannot remember some of the names.

Our Color Guard events start in February beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> with the Kingwood Mardi Gras 2010 at Town Center, Kingwood. Marching with us will be Dr. Livingston's Lone Star College Drum and Fife Corps, which Ray Cox is a member. You do not have to have a Revolutionary uniform or period attire to march with us. Join us and help us promote SAR.

Next on February 20<sup>th</sup> is the Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas. The National Society SAR last year by vote declared this a National SAR event due to the enormity and enthusiasm of people who come to this parade. Crowd estimates are 250,000 to 400,000. This

year the members of the National Color Guard, many from Texas, will participate in the opening parade bridge ceremony where officials representing Nuevo Laredo and Laredo meet at the middle of the Rio Grande bridge at about 8:00 AM. The parade begins at 9:30 AM. This year our color guard

will follow George Washington portrayer Mark Nelson who rides a great white horse. Those of you who watched the George Washington series on the History Channel a couple of years ago will recognize Mr. Nelson. He looks just like President Washington. To date, five PineyWoods members will march.

The December 10, 2009, meeting at Homewood Suites, which was attended by Ron Barker, Larry Blackburn, Allan Henshaw, Bob McKenna and myself accomplished most of the agenda items but we did not have a quorum of six members needed to approve any business issues. The major task of the meeting was selecting chapter members to serve in PineyWoods Chapter 51 offices for the next term, March 2010 to March 2011.

The following were nominated and will be announced at the January 21, 2010 Member/Guest Meeting at Homewood Suites:

- President – Vacant
- Vice President – John Beard
- Vice President – Jim Mims
- Secretary – Larry Blackburn

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- PAST PRESIDENTS**
- Tom Green
  - Bernie Balsler
  - Don Lemon
  - Jeff Meadows
  - McLeod Smith
  - Robert McKenna
  - Bob Smith
  - Cannon Pritchard
  - James Jones
  - Ray Cox
  - Ron Barker
  - Larry Stevens

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**National**

[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

February 20, 2010 - Laredo George Washington Parade

Dec 12-13, 2009 - Wreaths Across America

March 4-6, 2010 - Spring Leadership Meeting at Louisville



**State**

[www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org)

March 25-27, 2010 - 2010 Annual Conference, Houston, TX

**The Revolution**

January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 1770: Riots take place in New York (Battle of Golden Hill and Nassau Street Riot).

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1776: Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* is published in Philadelphia, PA.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1777: General George Washington attacks 1400 British Troops commanded by Lt. Colonel Charles Mawhood in Princeton, NJ. Gen Washinton withdrew his troops before Lt. Gen. Charles Cornwallis could arrive with British reinforcements.

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1781: The American Militia was known to retreat when faced with British troops. American Major General Nathanael Greene used this to his advantage at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina. Andrew Picken's Militia turned and ran, as planned, and Gen. Cornwallis' light troops broke rank and followed. Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan's troops then were able to take the British troops resulting in victory.

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1784: The Treaty of Paris is ratified by the US Congress.



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- Treasurer – Ben Stallings
- Chancellor - Allan Henshaw
- Chaplain – Cannon Pritchard
- Genealogist – Kim Morton
- Registrar – Bob McKenna
- Historian – Stephen Parker
- Newsletter – Jim Mims (Vice President)
- Sergeant at Arms – Vacant
- Web Master – Ray Cox

If you are able to serve in any capacity please let me know.

Please attend our next meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. PineyWoods Chapter 51 needs your attendance and your support. And, please bring the family and learn of the flags that are an important part of our history.

Larry Stevens

**Richard Shanks**, member of Piney-Woods Chapter and the Color Guard suffered a heart attack Christmas Eve and at last word was still in ICU at Memorial Herman Northwest (IH 45 and FM 1960). Please keep Richard and family in your prayers.



**PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2009**

**Come and join us at the next meeting.**

**Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM**

- January 21 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
- February 18 Members Meeting
- March 18 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)



**L to R Back Row:**  
**Tomas G. Martin (?), Gary Smith, ?,**  
**Larry Stevens, ?, Don Lemon, Kim**  
**Morton**

**L to R Front Row:**  
**Bernie Balsler, Allan Henshaw, Tho-**  
**mas M. "Tom" Green, Rev. Steven**  
**Newman, Larry Martin**

The above picture was taken at the PineyWoods Chapter Chartering Ceremony. Can you help identify the person on the far left on the back row? How about either of the members on either side of our current President Larry Stevens (in the middle of the back row)? If so, please contact Larry Stevens at [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com) OR you can call Larry at 281-361-2061

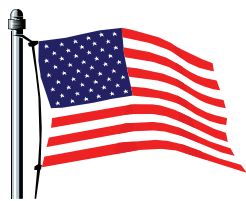
**Program from the PineyWoods Chapter Chartering Ceremony**

<p><b>FOUNDING MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Bernard S. Balsler              Thomas M. Green              Allan M. Henshaw              Donald W. Lemon              Larry G. Martin              Kim A. Morton              Rev. Steven L. Newman              Gary P. Smith              Larry G. Stevens</p> <p><b>CHARTER MEMBERS</b></p> <p>E. Conrad Carroll, Jr.              Charles S. Fox              Gerald A. Green              Thomas G. Martin              John L. Meredith              Kenneth R. Vaughn III              Glen W. Withrow, Jr.</p>	<p>PINEYWOODS CHAPTER, NO. 51              TEXAS SOCIETY              Sons of the American Revolution</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTER INSTITUTION and              OFFICER INSTALLATION</p> <hr/> <p><i>Keynote Address by Judge, Ted Poe</i>              228<sup>th</sup> District Court</p> <hr/> <p>Kingwood College, Teaching Theater              Kingwood, Texas 77339              Thursday, February 3, 1994              7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Institution and Officer Installation Ceremony</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p> <p>"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAR PLEDGE</b></p> <p>"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSING</b></p> <p>"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, February 3, 1994</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-- PROGRAM --</p> <p>Welcome ..... Thomas M. Green              Invocation ..... Rev. Steven L. Newman              Pledge of Allegiance ..... Allan M. Henshaw              SAR Pledge .....              Introduction of Special Guests ..... Dr. William H. Floyd, Jr.              Chapter Institution and              Officer Installation .....              Introduction of Keynote Speaker ..... Larry G. Martin              Address of the Luncheon ..... Judge Ted Poe              Special Presentations ..... Col. Delbert Fowler              Benediction ..... Rev. Steven L. Newman</p>
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**Happy Birthday**

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
<p><b>Ron Barker</b>  <b>Dennis Key</b>  <b>Robert L. McCain</b>  <b>James Richards, Sr.</b></p>	<p><b>Jere Banewski</b>  <b>Ken Cheatum</b>  <b>Andrew Evans</b>  <b>James Green</b>  <b>Thomas Green</b>  <b>Woody Reese, Sr.</b>  <b>Donald Richards</b>  <b>James Richards, Jr.</b></p>	<p><b>Thomas E. Lawrence</b>  <b>Donald E. MacGregory,</b>  <b>Jr.</b>  <b>Steven A. Richards</b></p>	<p><b>Robert E. McKenna</b>  <b>Patrick J. Whipple</b></p>

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**RSVP FOR THE JANUARY 21, 2010 DINNER MEETING  
At Homewood Suites, Kingwood Park Dr. Kingwood TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. You can send an RSVP email to Kim Morton at [Genmorton@usa.net](mailto:Genmorton@usa.net) or Larry Stevens at [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com) OR you can call Larry Stevens at 281-361-2061. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$15.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.