



Pine Shavings

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A Message from the President



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 Larry Stevens (3)

It is my sincere hope that this reading finds you coming off of a great holiday season and surviving in good form from the chills of the winter of 2011. We had a good turnout at our December nomination meeting and have come up with the majority of the slate of officers needed as follows: President - John Beard; VP - Jim Mims; Secretary - Larry Blackburn; Treasurer - Ben Stallings; Chancellor - Allan Henshaw; Genealogist - Kim Morton; Registrar - Larry Stevens; Historian - Jim Mitchell; Chaplain - Cannon Pritchard; Sgt. at Arms - Larry Stevens; Newsletter - Jim Mims; Webmaster - Ray Cox. Of special note, Todd Irion, a prospective member, volunteered to take a VP position. We can't do this officially until he is a member, but at least he is loaded and ready. It's always great to see that type of enthusiasm from those who can't wait to get started in their service to the chapter and the society.



On January 4, Larry Blackburn, Larry Stevens, and myself met informally to discuss and firm up the entries in our Chapter President's Annual Report. This is the report that summarized our activities for the year to the state society. Although it is never "fun" completing all this paper work, it is always amazing to see how many activities our members participate in and what we can accomplish over the course of a year.

On January 5, Jim Mitchell, Larry Stevens, and myself journeyed to Galveston to be part of the TXSSAR Color

Guard contingent that posted the colors at the International Beekeepers Convention. This was the 2nd appearance of the TXSSAR Color Guard at this event and was by special request of the convention.

With the exception of our JROTC awards in the spring, our youth contests are closed out until fall. The high point of our contest year was our Oration contestant, Angela Morisette. She gave her oration on "To Tea or Not to Tea" at our November meeting and was awarded a Chapter Orations Medal with certificate and a \$200 check. Her sponsor, Holly Reineking, who teaches Speech and Debate at Kingwood Park High School, was awarded an Orations Sponsor Certificate. At this point, it looks like Ms. Morisette will represent our district at the state convention in March, there being no other contestants reported in the district at this time.

I would like to make special mention of Don Stallings' activities. Don makes as many of our meetings as he can, but he is on the road a lot each year. While on the road, he is constantly handing out Wounded Warrior Coins and Veterans Appreciation Certificates to any of these people that he meets. He is certainly following the principles of the SAR as he travels around the country honoring those who are usually infrequently recognized.

Future dates - February 19 is the George Washington Parade in Laredo, easily the best patriotic parade you can see or participate in if you are able. On March

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EVENTS



National

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March 10-12, 2011 - Spring 2011 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting, Louisville, KY

July 8-13, 2011 - 121st Annual Congress, Marriot Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem, NC

Sept 30—Oct 1, 2011 - Fall Leadership Meeting, NSSAR HQ, Louisville, KY



State

www.txssar.org

February 19, 2011- George Washington Parade, Juarez-Lincoln Bridge, Laredo, TX 7:30 AM.

March 25-27, 2011 - Spring '11 Convention, Dallas, TX

The Revolution

January 1, 1776: Gen. Washington ordered a flag be flown over his Cambridge headquarters. The flag had the crosses of St. Andrews and St. George on a field of blue.

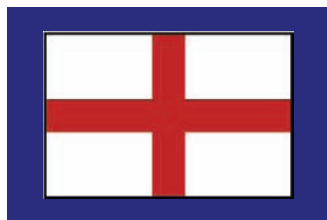
January 10, 1776: Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* is published anonymously in Philadelphia. Sold 120,000 copies in the first three months. Convinced many Colonists it was time to separate from British control.



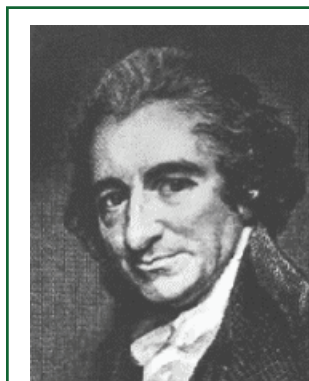
January 3, 1777: Battle of Princeton, NJ. Washington circled during the night around Cornwallis' troops, who had settled in for the night at Trenton, in hopes of attacking the British from the rear. The battle began in the morning and with this victory at Princeton, Gen. George Washington and his men, numbering 4500, had driven the British out of most of New Jersey. The Americans suffered 40 killed and wounded while the British force of 1200 lost 86 killed and wounded and 200 captured. This victory, which improved morale, proved to the Americans they could stand and fight the British and that the Revolution now had a chance to succeed.

January 15, 1777: The Republic of New Connecticut declared its independence from Britain and six months later changed its name to Vermont.

January 17, 1781: Battle of Cowpens, SC. This American victory was the turning point in taking South Carolina back from the British. The American force of 1912 men saw only 25 killed and 124 wounded while the British force of 1150 men had 110 killed, 200 wounded and 712 taken prisoner. This shocking defeat demoralized the British and the victory gave the Americans a boost in their desire to fight on.



Cross of St. George



Thomas Paine



Cross of St. Andrews

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17 at our monthly meeting, we will host President-Elect Bill Marrs who will give our program and will induct our new officers for 2011-2012.

Most important of all at this time is our January meeting on the 20th at Jimmy G's. We are looking forward to a great program by Dr. James "Jim"


Kirby Martin of the University of Houston. From a reading of his profile, which reveals a specialization in Early American History, among others, I think an interesting talk can be guaranteed. I encourage you to attend and to wear Color Guard or period attire in honor of our speaker.

Ray Cox

	PineyWoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2010	
January 20	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)	
February 17	Members Meeting	
March 17	Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)	


MEETING LOCATION

**Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston Parkway
Houston TX 77060
6:30 PM
See ya there January 20th!**



members in the pictures are from left to right: Larry Stevens (PineyWoods Chapter); Bill Whatley (Bernado de Galvez Chapter); Ray Cox (PineyWoods Chapter); George Dersheimer (Bernado de Galvez Chapter); Tom Green (Alexander Hodge Chapter); Jim Mitchell (PineyWoods Chapter)

TXSSAR color guard posted the colors for the 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow held at the Galveston Convention Center in Galveston, TX from January 4-8, 2011. These pictures were provided by Ellen Sundberg of the American Beekeeping Federation (shown in picture on left) and taken on January 5, 2011 at the convention. TXSSAR



Happy Birthday			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
James P. Richards Sr. Dennis M. Key	Woody J. Reese, Sr. James D. Green Kenneth B. Cheatum James P. Richards, Jr. Donald P. Richards Jere H. Banewski Andrew S. Evans	Donald E. MacGregory, Jr. Steven A. Richards	Robert E. McKenna

Guest Speaker—January 20, 2011

James Kirby Martin, Ph.D. is a nationally recognized scholar of Early American history, especially the era of the American Revolution, and he is also well known for his writings on various aspects of American military and social history. He received his B.A. degree from Hiram College (summa cum laude) and then earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He began his teaching career at Rutgers University, where he earned the rank of Professor of History and also served for a period as Vice President for Academic Affairs. In 1980, he moved to the University of Houston, having accepted the assignment of serving as Department Chair of History with the mandate to foster the development of a cutting edge program fully devoted to excellence in teaching and the production of high quality scholarship.



**Dr. James Kirby Martin,
Distinguished University
Professor**

Dr. Martin helped found the Papers of Thomas Edison project at Rutgers University and for a few years served on its board of advisers. He was also on the advisory board of the Papers of William Livingston project. He has also served as general editor for a book series on the "American Social Experience" (New York University Press) and as a consulting editor for a book series entitled "Conversations with the Past" (Brandywine Press). Martin is currently serving on the advisory board of editors for the "Critical Historical Encounters" book series sponsored by Oxford University Press. He has done consulting with some of the nation's most eminent law firms in regard to the history of various consumer products, including alcohol and tobacco, and has both appeared on and advised on television programs aired by the History Channel. He regularly advises on historical issues with Talon Films of New York.

Dr. Martin's teaching interests include Early American history through the Revolution, American military history through the Civil War, and Medicine and Health in the American Experience, especially in relation to the history of drinking, smoking, and hard drugs. He has taught many different undergraduate courses ranging from the survey history of the United States and Colonial and Revolutionary American history to topical courses on such subjects as disease and addiction in the American experience. His graduate level course offerings include Early American historiography as well as the introductory and advanced courses on research and writing in United States history. He also teaches a course on the history of ordinary persons.

Dr. Martin is the award-winning author and editor of twelve books and numerous scholarly articles. His current research interests focus on military, social, and political aspects of early American history, especially the Revolutionary era and beyond. Recently he completed a major revision of his co-authored work, *A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763-1789* (2006), and he has co-authored (with Joseph Glatthaar) a new book entitled *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution* (2006). In 2008, a new, third edition of *Ordinary Courage: The Revolutionary War Adventures of Joseph Plumb Martin*, appeared. Martin's current writing projects include a general history of Revolutionary America, a volume on Benedict Arnold's treason (with Oxford University Press), and the Six Nations and the Battle of Oriskany. He is also completing research on a study of the history of smoking in America (a companion volume related to his earlier co-authored book on drinking in America). Martin has also worked on movie screenplays, one focusing on Benedict Arnold's treason and the other on Oneida warrior Han Yerry Doxtader and Mohawk warrior Joseph Brant.

Selected Publications

Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution (Hill and Wang, a division of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006).

Benedict Arnold, Revolutionary Hero: An American Warrior Reconsidered (New York University Press, 1997).
Drinking in America: A History 1620-1980 (The Free Press, a division of the MacMillan Company, 1982). Revised edition, 1987. With M.E. Lender.

A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the Republic, 1763-1789 (Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1982). Second Edition, 2006. With M.E. Lender.

In the Course of Human Events: An Interpretive Exploration of the American Revolution (Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1979)

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Past—Found in the Present

Local amateur historian, James E. Mitchell of Kingwood, has been a member of the Piney-Woods Chapter since his 2001 retirement. He has spent time investigating his allied family’s genealogical story since their 1732 emigration to America. He joined his Georgia SAR Compatriots on Dec 4th for the annual salute and celebration of the defeat of the British led Tories at Wilkes Militia District in N/E Georgia along Vann’s Creek within the Broad River Colony near Ruckersville, GA.

Although the Fight at Vann’s Creek was a lost battle by 85 American Patriots against a much greater number of Tories, in the string of fights between the local Georgia and South Carolina fighters between Jan. and July, 1779 – the 700 Loyalists were depleted so by this Backcountry Patriot Campaign that the British led Force by Col. Boyd was forced to return to their fort at Savannah until it would be eventually evacuated by orders given by Sir Henry Clinton.

Compatriot Mitchell was drawn to re-enact at the annual Winter (1779) Fight at Vann’s Creek, GA this season, after proving that his ancestors had resettled there from Culpeper, VA about 1785 with several wagon party members and pioneering families of John Rucker, William and Benjamin Head, Jr., William Herndon and Thomas Burton. They had left their native state of Virginia with Bounty Land certificates at the Broad River Colony, chiefly to avoid the Virginia Assemblies ever increasing taxing authority upon property and farms. Increasing, Tobacco taxes and an over abundance of corn were important causes for unrest and resettlement among Virginia Piedmont cattlemen and farmers after the Revolution was won.



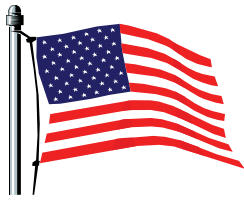
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Ordinary Courage: The Revolutionary War Adventures of Joseph Plumb Martin (Brandywine Press, 1993). Third Edition, Wiley-Blackwell, 2008.

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**RSVP FOR THE January 20, 2011 DINNER MEETING
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday, January 17th. You can send an RSVP email to John Beard at johnbeard@suddenlink.net or call John at 281-358-2970 OR Kim Morton at Genmorton@usa.net. Please RSVP to one person only. Payment of \$25.00 per attendee will be collected at the meeting.