



Pine Shavings

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Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution

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A Message from the President



The PineyWoods Chapter as a group is back together and going again after our usual summer off-time. Even though the chapter was off, many individuals participated in events throughout the summer which promoted our purposes. Larry Stevens and Jim Jones attended the National Conference and the South Central District Annual Meeting, also attended by Jim Mitchell. Larry, Jim Jones, John Beard, Allan Henshaw, and Ray Cox attended the summer Board of Managers meeting. Jim Mitchell spent several weeks at the National Boy Scout Jamboree representing NSSAR by promoting SAR Scouting programs. Ray Cox gave a program for a Daughters of Founders of Patriots chapter and helped out at a VA "Welcome Home for Veterans" event in Houston. Jim Jones has been busy as our Texas President and I will let you hear of his additional accomplishments through the Texas Compatriot. I'm sure that there were others that I haven't reported due to our lessened communications over the summer. If you participated in any events as an SAR representative since May, please let either the chapter President or Secretary know so you can be given proper credit for your efforts!

Our August meeting was basically a review of what is necessary to administer the various Youth and other programs throughout the year. Fall is the busiest time for these programs and contests and we have already started getting organized for these efforts. Volunteers are still

needed to help with these programs, particularly in the area of the C.A.R. Essay Contest, the Knight Essay Contest, the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, and the Sea Cadet Contest. If you feel strongly about advancing our purposes via these contests, would like to help our youth realize the importance of the history of our country, and/or would like to step up your participation in the PineyWoods Chapter, please contact me at coxmr@earthlink.net. We could really use and would really appreciate your help! Without your help, some of these programs may need to be ignored for the year due to lack of manpower.

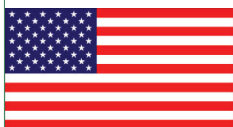
This is also Patriot Medal nomination season. Is there someone in the chapter who you feel is worthy of the highest award that the state society can present? Justification can be based on work at the chapter, state, and/or national level and processing at the chapter level must be completed by the Fall BOM. A nomination form is available on the private side of the TXSSAR web site.

Everyone knows that if we don't recruit, we will die. Attrition in any organization is normal, so new members must constantly be acquired. Mike Everheart has written an excellent article on recruiting which is available on the private side of the TXSSAR web site. Please read this information and you will get lots of ideas on how to look for and interest new members.

- PAST PRESIDENTS**
- Tom Green
 - Bernie Balser
 - Don Lemon
 - Jeff Meadows
 - McLeod Smith
 - Robert McKenna
 - Bob Smith
 - Cannon Pritchard
 - James Jones
 - Ray Cox
 - Ron Barker
 - Larry Stevens (3)

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EVENTS



National

www.sar.org

September 23-25, 2010 - Fall 2010 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting

September 24-25, 2010 - NSSAR Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Louisville, KY

October 7, 2010 - 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC



State

www.txssar.org

October 29-31, 2010 - Fall 2010 Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting, Westchase Hilton, Houston, TX

The Revolution



September 1, 1773: Phyllis Wheatley's book *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* is published in London. It is the first volume of poetry by an African-American to be published. Wheatley, 20, is called a prodigy.

September 5, 1774: The First Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia. Ben Franklin had tried for a year to get it started. When the Port of Boston was closed in response to the Boston Tea Party, Franklin got the support he needed.

September 10, 1775: After this date, exports to Great Britain are not allowed. In early September, North Carolina's tobacco planters hope to get off a last shipment before the deadline, but a hurricane destroys tobacco warehouses, causes ships to run aground and kills 200 sailors.

September 11, 1776: Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Edmund Rutledge meet on Staten Island with British Admiral Lord Howe to work out a peaceful settlement of the Revolution. Howe offers pardons for treason but does not offer independence. The talks break off.

September 11, 1777: Washington's defeat in the Battle of Brandywine was the largest land battle of the Revolution. It forced his army into a hard winter at Valley Forge. It was the first battle for the Marquis de Lafayette. The British used breech-loading rifles for the first time. Betsy Ross's American flag flew in battle for the first time.

September 17, 1778: Chief Koquethagechton, the Principal Chief of the Delaware, signs a treaty that promises to allow the Delaware Nation to become the 14th state.

September 20, 1779: In a night attack, Spanish and American Militia, and forces under Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Galvez, capture the British fort at Baton Rouge. This leads to the surrender of all the British forts on the Mississippi.

September 20, 1780: Battle of Wahab's Plantation, North Carolina Patriot Militia under Capt. William Davie surprise a Loyalist camp on the west bank of the Catawba River. They inflict heavy casualties and retreat safely as Cornwallis looks on helplessly from the east bank. Fifteen years later, Davie is elected Governor of North Carolina.

September 22, 1781: At dawn, Washington and Rochambeau, with a combined force of over 16,000 men, march out of Williamsburg bound for Yorktown, 12 miles down the road.

September 6, 1782: Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson dies. The wife of Thomas Jefferson, she was known for her skill at the harpsichord while he played the violin.

September 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris is signed, marking the official end of the American Revolution.

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Guest Speaker—September 16, 2010

Locating & Restoring My Ancestors' Final Resting Place

Bill Cox was born in Columbia County Florida on the family homestead of his Great-great grandfather, Robert Cox. Robert Cox was the son of Revolutionary War Soldier Moses Cox. Bill received his education in central Florida in a four room school house that had all 12 grades.

Bill joined the US Air Force and served 19 months in Vietnam and Thailand. He was retired from the Air Force on a 100% combat related disability. Bill has a Bachelors degree in Forest Resources Management from the University of Minnesota and was certified as a Silviculturist by the University of California at Berkeley. Bill is also retired from the US Forest Service.

Bill has the following memberships: Disabled American Veterans (Lifetime); Minuteman Civil Patrol (Lifetime); The Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc. (Lifetime); Florida Pioneers; Sons of Confederate Veterans (Lifetime); Sons of the American Revolution – California Society (Lifetime)



Bill has many colorful ancestors in his heritage which he can talk about, but he accomplished a truly outstanding work: finding and restoring his Revolutionary War and Civil War Ancestors' final resting place.



PineYwoods Chapter 51 Meeting Schedule 2010



September 16 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)
 October 21 Members Meeting
 November 18 Dinner Meeting (Members & Guests)

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The Fall BOM will be handy to our members as it is being held at the Hilton Westchase in Houston on October 30 - 31. Information and registration forms are available on the TXSSAR web site. The Robert Rankin Chapter is sponsoring the BOM and they are going all out to make it a special one. If you've never been to a state meeting, this is your chance to see what the state does, how it is done, and to meet many other SAR members who share your passion for history and patriotism.

MEETING LOCATION

**Jimmy G's,
 307 N. Houston Parkway
 Houston TX 77060
 6:30 PM**

Ray Cox



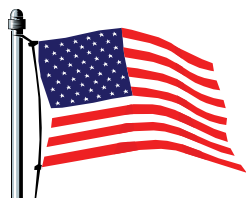
PineYwoods' 2nd Vice President, John Beard, awarded the Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal to Crosby High School Cadet 1st Lieutenant Zackary Thomas in May of this year.

Happy Birthday



AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Henry H. Marshall James A. McKim, III Benjamin B. Stallings	James T. Jones Ross S. Miller	Bernard S. Balsler Raymond W. Cox Jeffrey M. O'Neal Stephen M. Parker James C. Reese Larry G. Stevens	Ronald B. Austin Larry H. Blackburn Allen M. Henshaw Raul T. Luther James H. Mims, IV

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**RSVP FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 DINNER MEETING
At Jimmy G's, 307 N. Houston Parkway. Houston TX 6:30 PM**

Please respond with the number of people attending and their names by Monday, September 13th. 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.