



Cradle of Texas Crier
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

May

Next Meeting

May 14, 2016

11:30 a.m.

The Red Snapper Inn
402 Blue Water Hwy,
Surfside Beach, TX 77541

Program

Lora-Marie Bernard

Monroe Edwards



Lora-Marie Bernard has worked with regional and national resources to produce a book on Monroe Edwards, which is due out later this year. Forger Monroe is one of the most interesting characters to come out of the nineteenth century America. Her presentation will be on Monroe's family history, a fascinating story in its own right. Ms. Bernard is a national award-winning Texas investigative and public affairs journalist who is earning her master's degree in the journalism program at Harvard.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution

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Date: April 9, 2016

President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on April 9, 2016, at the La Casona Restaurant at Columbia Lakes Event Center, Columbia Room. Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges. George Easterling gave the Blessing for our meal.

A moment of silence was given in remembrance for Compatriot Robert Beard of Alvin who went to be with his Lord on March 15, 2016.

Several members of the SAR, Cradle of Texas Chapter 33 attended Doc Rice's memorial in West Houston on April 9, 2016.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Michael Bailey moved to accept them as written and Frank Seidule seconded the motion. The motion was passed.



The Treasure's report provided by Arthur Evans was approved as submitted.

General Fund

Beginning Balance

2/29/2016	\$4,537.52
Deposits: (JROTC-Russell and Sue Dart, Chuck and Judy Bernard)	\$200.00
Expenditures (Guest Meals, Supplies)	\$152.23

Ending Balance

3/31/201	\$4,585.29
McAlexander Fund ¹	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance	\$5,468.29

Russell Dart gave a report on the state meeting. The new president will be Mike Ratcliff and the new state secretary will be Ron Brown.

Frank Seidule gave a report on the Color Guard meeting that he attended at the state meeting. One of the recommendations suggested was to give a challenge coin to people who participate in the color guards, ROTC, etc. Challenge coins cost \$10.00 each.

Michael Bailey made a motion to purchase 10 challenge coins to be given out by the Color Guard. Donald Mudd, second the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Beall gave a report on the cost of uniforms for future color guard members. Michael Bailey made a motion that the SAR Cradle of Texas contribute \$300.00 from the McAlexander Fund for each of three individual uniforms. Russell Dart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michael Bailey donated

\$13.00 to the McAlexander fund to bring the balance to \$900.00.

The *Brazosport Facts* (Southern Brazoria County newspaper) published the story on Jim Guillen receiving the EMS Medal at the February meeting.

Bill Sanders gave a report that he has 28 SAR applications including Eastland, Wiggins, and Weems. He also reported that on April 20, 2016, the Wharton Historical Society will visit the 1897 cemetery in Louise, Texas.

NEW BUSINESS: Douglas Harris Rhodenbaugh was inducted into the SAR by Bill Sanders. His mother (Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh-DAR member) pinned the rosette on her son. Douglas' sister, Molly Marie Molenaar, nephew,



Michael Dean Molenaar, and niece, Sophie Grace Molenaar came from Utah to celebrate his induction. Members of the Sons of the American Revolution wear small, blue-and-buff rosettes as lapel buttons. The colors of the rosette match those of the uniform of General George Washington and the Continental Army. Mr. Rhodenbaugh, an Austin I.S.D. teacher, emphasized that it is very important that we continue to educate the youth on the American ideals and

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards



morals as they are the future leaders of tomorrow.

PROGRAM: Cynthia Ericson gave an excellent legal chronology on the life of Clyde Thompson, "The Meanest Man in Texas". Thompson killed his first man when he was 17 years old and killed three more while in prison. His sentence of execution for the first murder was commuted to life. Later he was sentenced to three life terms for the other murders. While in solitary confinement, he began reading the Bible for the first time and became a born-again Christian. He started the first prison ministry in Texas and was eventually pardoned and released.



Ms. Ericson is a graduate of Columbia High School, She was named Brazoria County Fair Queen, and her escort, Hector Ward, was honored with the James Massey Award. She attended Texas A&M University, where she was a member of the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteers, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, and the Corps Center Guard. She served as Deputy Corps Commander and was commissioned a PATRIOT Missile officer in the US Army. After the Army, she graduated from Tulane University School of Law and she is now a proud employee of the District Attorney in Brazoria County. Cynthia is now

pursuing a Masters in Anthropology at the University of Houston with Dr. Kenneth R. Brown with whom she is studying the Levi Jordan Plantation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 15-17-San Jacinto Festival in West Columbia
- April 21 San Jacinto Day /Memorial/Commemoration
- April 23 Battle of San Jacinto Re-enactment
- April 24, 2016 Confederate Memorial Day
- May 30-Memorial Day
- July 4th-SAR Cradle of Texas and DAR Asa Underwood Chapter joint festivities at Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh's Holly Farms in Wild Peach

The next SAR meeting will be on May 14, 2016, time and place will be forth coming.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Michael Bailey and second by Frank Seidule. Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional and retirement of colors.

SAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Rees, Russell, Dart, Win Avera, Frank Seidule, Arnold Seidule, Mike Bailey, Donald Rhodenbaugh, Bill Sanders, Charles Bernard, Ray Beall, George Easterling

DAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Molley Molenaar, Pat Sanders, Judy Bernard

GUESTS PRESENT: Charles Eastland, Michael Molenaar, Sophia Molenaar, Sue Dart, Edie Weems, Mason Locke Weems, Julie Lyn Bailey, Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Connie Avera, Vicke Ermis, Janice Goines



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This Month During

The American Revolution

May 12. 1775

Seth Warner, while in command of a unit of Green Mountain Boys, captures the British fort at Crown Point, New York, which contain one hundred eleven cannons.



Statue of Seth Warner, Bennington Battle Monument

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