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 Sons of the American Revolution



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November

Next Meeting
NOVEMBER 14, 2015
 11:30 A. M.

On the River
 919 W 2nd Street
 Freeport, Texas

Drake Peddie:
 Texas State Color Guard
 Commander.
 "Preserving History"

The November 14th meeting will be at On the River in Freeport and our guest speaker will be Drake Peddie, State Color Guard Commander. His topic will be "Preserving History".

MEETING MINUTES
 Sons of the American Revolution
 Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
 October 10, 2015

President Michael Bailey opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Smithharts's Texas Grill in Angleton. After posting the colors, Ted Bates led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges.

Chaplin George Easterling gave the blessing for our meal.

The minutes were presented for approval on motion by Arthur Evans and seconded by Winston Avera. The motion carried.

Arthur Evans gave the Treasurer's report and nothing had changed:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
9/1/2015	\$4,558.82
Deposits	0.00
Expenditures	
(SAR Banner, Guest meals)	99.18
Ending Balance	
9/30/2015	4,459.64
McAlexander Fund ¹	<u>883.00</u>
Total Bank Balance	\$5,342.64

Committee Reports:

Registrar Bill Sanders reported the following:

- Applications number 22. Most are waiting documentation from the applicants.
- SAR dues will be going up \$5.00 after November 1st and will apply to new applicants.

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

- On Constitution Week, booths were set up at the Louise High School and Middle School.
- Eight certificates were given to Louise Middle School students for raising the flag.
- One Eagle Scout award was presented in Louise.
- Clean up of the Louise Cemetery, which was established in 1897, continues and is about 70% complete. Over 100 additional graves have been located.
- Distributed SAR lesson plan CDs about the American Revolution to compatriots for them to give to history teachers in the area schools. Sanders, also, passed out *The American Flag: History and Etiquette* booklets.

Program:



Winston Avera introduced Laurie Kincannon, Mayor of West Columbia, who told about the settling and development of the area by Josiah Hughes Bell, Stephen F. Austin's friend and land agent. While Austin was in Mexico in 1822-1823, Bell was in charge of the

colony. Bell laid out the town of Marion, commonly known as Bell's Landing, on the Brazos River. It was an important inland port. Today it is known as East Columbia. In 1824, Bell moved two miles west and laid out Columbia, where the first Congress met and Sam Houston was inaugurated as President of the Republic of Texas on October 22, 1836. On November 30, 1836, the Texas Congress decided to move the seat of government to Houston because Columbia did not have adequate accommodations for government personnel. On December 27, 1836, Stephen F. Austin, Secretary of State, died in Columbia at the home of George B. McKinstry and was buried there http://www.texasbob.com/travel/tbt_sfaustin.html. Kincannon highlighted a few of the many historical sites in West Columbia from the replica of the First Capitol of Texas and its original location, the Varner-Hogg Mansion operated by the Texas Historical Commission, and the Old Columbia Cemetery which is the burial ground for several of Austin's Old Three Hundred, San Jacinto Veterans, the Battle of Velasco Commander and two (2) survivors of the Goliad Massacre.

Upcoming Events:

- November 3th - Stephen F. Austin Birthday Celebration at the Stephen F. Austin Statue in Angleton

- November 7- Austin Town, Angleton, Texas; for information www.bchm.org
- Veterans Day - November 11th we will have a float in the Brazoria County Veterans Day Parade in Angleton if there are enough participants.
- November 14th - Next meeting

New Business:

President Bailey appointed George Easterling, Ted Bates, and Russell Dart as the Nominating Committee for officers for next year.

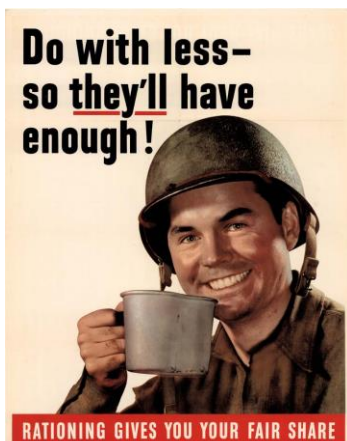
The meeting was adjourned on motion by Winston Avera, second by George Easterling.

Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional and retirement of the colors.

George Easterling gave the benediction.

Members Present - Ted Bates, George Easterling, Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Arthur Evans, and Winston Avera.

Guests Present - Pat Sanders, Connie Avera, Joan Bates, Laurie Kincannon, Julie Bailey, Frances Hummel, Carl Wiggins, Caroline Wiggins, Rodney Weems, and Ray Beall.



Remember Veterans' Day
November 11

This Month During The American Revolution

Battle of Gloucester November 25, 1777



Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette
6 September 1757 - 20 May 1834

Cornwallis having entered New Jersey with five thousand men, Greene was sent to oppose him with an equal number. Lafayette joined him as a volunteer, and at Mount Holly was detached to reconnoitre. On the 25th of November he found the enemy at Gloucester, near Philadelphia. Their forage wagons were crossing the river, and to make a more thorough examination of their position, he advanced dangerously far on a tongue of land called Stony Point, which extended into the water. Here he might have been cut to pieces or taken prisoner, but he was quick enough to escape without injury. At four o'clock in the afternoon he found himself before a post of Hessians, numbering four hundred men with cannon. Lafayette had one hundred and fifty sharpshooters under Colonel Butler, and about two hundred militia-men

and light-horse under Colonels Hite, Ellis, and Lindsey. Four French officers also accompanied him. The strength of the enemy was at first unknown; but Lafayette attacked boldly, and drove them in with such impetuosity that Cornwallis, who supposed he had to do with Greene's whole force, and was not prepared for an engagement, allowed himself to be driven back to Gloucester with a loss of sixty men. Greene being informed of the action, arrived during the night, but did not think it best to attack. Cornwallis then crossed the river, and the American forces returned to Whitemarsh.

This unimportant, but well-conducted, engagement was highly favorable to Lafayette's military prospects. His personal popularity in the army was already great, and his conduct at Brandywine and Gloucester showed him to be a fighting man of coolness and judgment.

LIFE OF GENERAL

LAFAYETTE... VOLUME 1

By Bayard Tuckerman

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