



**November**

**Next Meeting**

November 12, 2016

**11:30 a.m.**

**Program**

River Point Restaurant  
 111 Abner Jackson Pkwy  
 Lake Jackson, TX 77566

John Hamlin, Texas State Sons on the American Revolution, Vice-president for Americanism Contests, Medals and Award will be the speaker.

*MEETING MINUTES*

Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 and Comfort Wood Chapter #6027

The Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution had a joint meeting on October 8, 2016, at the Morris Ranch Carriage House Museum in Burr, Wharton County, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Comfort Wood Regent, Hazel Foltyn and acting Chaplain, Debra Hamman led the Opening Ritual and Pledges for DAR. Cradle of Texas President, Winston Avera led the SAR Pledges.

Chaplain Ted Bates gave the Blessing for our meal. Hinzes Bar-B-Que provided an outstanding catered meal.

President Win Avera introduced TXSSAR District 7 Vice President Ron Brown and wife, Pam Brown. Win also introduced 98 year old World War II Veteran John Nesbitt McCain of Wharton County. Other guests were welcomed which included new SAR members and new DAR members.

SAR Registrar William C. Sanders Sr. led the induction of new SAR members.

- John Nesbitt McCain (father of Comfort Wood member Peggy Roberts) Bill presented his certificate and Peggy pinned his Rosette as his son, Gene, and daughter-in-law, Sheron, looked on.



- Cody Beall Wright and Caleb Michael Smith were both inducted into Junior SAR. They are the sons of Comfort Wood new member Jamie Beall Britt, who pinned their Rosettes. SAR Secretary and grandfather, Raymond Beall, pinned their medals and Bill Sanders presented their certificates. Five year old Caleb then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag for the crowd.



Comfort Wood Regent, Hazel Foltyn and Debra Hamman inducted Jamie Beall Britt, Betty Parr Muegge and

Karen Muegge Rees into DAR. They each received a Certificate, a book titled "Questions and Answers about DAR" and their Yearbooks. New member, Jamie Beall Britt is in the Navy and will be deployed to South Africa in November 2016.



President Avera presented Registrar Bill Sanders with the Roger Sherman Medal, recognizing him for his many efforts to support the SAR, Cradle of Texas chapter, his community and the Comfort Wood DAR chapter.

Hazel Foltyn was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Comfort Wood, in recognition of outstanding support given to the Sons of the American Revolution.



Mr. Stewart Morris, Jr., was presented with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the meeting and

providing the program. Avera, also, presented a Certificate Of Appreciation to Billy Rodgers for preparing the museum for our meeting.



Compatriot Ray Beall received the "jack pot award" from Bill Sanders. The jack pot was a large, heavy box filled



with documents, references and articles used to prepare Beall's ancestral lineage for his SAR application.



Avera presented 98 year old World War II Veteran John McCain with the Sons of the American Revolution War Service Medal. Compatriot McCain gave an inspirational account of his life in the military and some history of Wharton where he was raised.

He is the son of Joe and Sally Pearl and a graduate of Wharton High School. He joined the 36th Division of the Texas National Guard in 1940.

On January 2, 1941, McCain's National Guard Company was assigned to the 193rd Tank Battalion, Second Armored Division under General George Patton. His service in the military included repairing and reloading battle tanks at night for tank crews to use the next day. When asked what he did in

WWII, he says (with tongue-in-cheek) that he slept through it and missed the whole war (because he worked nights and slept days). His military experience allowed him to travel to several states in the United States as well as La Havre, France and Czechoslovakia.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Ted Bates noted a correction that the September minutes should be dated 9-10-2016. Bill Sanders noted that Carl Wiggins SAR application was still at the Texas Registrar's and not yet in Louisville.

Sanders moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Arthur Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Avera noted that there were errors in the Treasurer's Report as written in the Agenda. These would be corrected to show what Treasurer Arthur Evans reported.

### **General Fund - CORRECTED**

Beginning Balance

8/31/2016            \$4,585.29

Deposits:

(TXSSAR Dues)    \$532.00

Expenditures      0.00

Ending Balance

4/30/2016            \$4428.67

McAlexander Fund \$883.00

Ending Balance

4/30/2016            \$900.00

Total Bank Balance \$5328.67

Webmaster Carl Wiggins gave a brief report on the status of the chapter website. The name of the website will be

Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution and the address is <http://www.cradletxsar.org> . The Host will be GoDaddy for a term of 5 years. At present, the website is useable but not complete. He requested that members visit the website, review content and wording and offer comments including suggestions for improvement, deletions, additions and corrections.

President Avera reported that Jim Dougherty is the editor of the Texas Compatriot and a member of the Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Committee. He requested Russell Dart to add Dougherty to his newsletter distribution list in order for it to be considered for newsletter awards.

### **PROGRAM:**

Mr. Stewart Morris, Jr., Stewart Title Company executive and owner of the ranch and carriage museum, enlightened us with information about each of the 20 antique carriages housed in the museum. The most famous would be the 1885 Studebaker Carriage that actress Vivian Leigh (Scarlett O'Hara) used in the movie Gone with the Wind. Mr. Morris is an avid horse-drawn carriage collector and driver, founder of the Houston Area Carriage Association and a member of SAR's Paul Carrington Chapter in Houston.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Avera will send out the Cradle of Texas Constitution and Bylaws for Compatriots to review. We will confirm them as written or with amendments at the November meeting.

**SAR CORRESPONDENCE:**

Invitation to join The Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution.

The next SAR meeting will be on November 12, 2016, in Brazoria County. John Hamlin, TXSSAR Vice President for Americanism Contests, Medals and Award will be the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mike Bailey and seconded by Arthur Evans. Ted Bates gave the benediction, Bill Sanders led the recessional and retirement of colors.

**SAR/DAR RECESSIONAL:**

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.”

**SAR MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stewart Morris Jr., Winston Avera, Mike Bailey, Ray Beall, Arthur Evans, Ted Bates, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Tillman Daniel, John Nesbitt McCain (new member), Cody Beall Wright (new member), Caleb Michael Smith (new member), Scott Leopold and TXSSAR District Vice President Ron Brown.

**DAR MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hazel Foltyn, Debra Hamman, Paula Burns, Linda Runnells, Peggy Roberts, Pat Sanders, Betty Parr Muegge (new member), Karen Rees Muegge (new member) and Jamie Rae Beall Britt (new member).

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Connie Avera, Julie Bailey, Joan Bates, Pat Blair, Jeff Blair, Heath William Britt, Pam Brown, George Burns, Freda Daniel, Sue Dart, Ben Dincans, Carole Dincans, Kenneth P. Blount, Tracy Jones, Sally Heurich, Sarah Hudgins, Nelson Leopold, Sheri Leopold, Gene McCain, Sheron McCain, John H. Monkert, Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Bud Northington, Mary Northington and Billy Rodgers.

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Visit our new website:  
<http://www.cradletxsar.org>.

Note that it is up and running but is still under development.

TXSSAR awarded Arnold Seidule the Alexander Hamilton Medal for his contribution to the Patriot Fund.



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