

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



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

**October**

Next Meeting  
**11 October, 2014**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Aycock-Crews B&B  
520 CR 703  
West Columbia, TX

Catered by  
*Jay's Cafe*

Presenter  
*Flem Rogers*



**PROGRAM**  
**EARLY FIREARMS OF AMERICA**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
September 13, 2014

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He reminded each one to sign-in, as well as

the guest. The meeting was held at Dido's Seafood and Steak Restaurant adjacent to the historic San Bernard River in Brazoria, Texas.

George Easterling led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the SAR Pledge. The opening prayer and the blessing of the meal expressed by Michael Rees.

All Compatriots gave recognition to their Patriot ancestor.

The May 2014 Minutes were approved as they appeared in the September, 2014 Newsletter.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Arthur Evans, the previous report was approved as there were no transactions.

Announcements were made regarding the up-coming events. Bill Sanders reported that two displays in recognition of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 were in place at the Louise High School, and, at the Louise Middle School in Louise, Texas. These two displays also contained a beautiful flower in commemoration of those who lost their lives on 9-11-2001. Also, Bill Sanders, along with his Comfort Wood Chapter DAR wife, Pat Sanders, agreed to the ringing of the Louise United Methodist Church's bell for "Bells Across America" on September 17, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. "Texas Navy Day" festivities were discussed and will be held in Surfside,

Texas on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Doc Allen Rice emphasized the need for participation in the TXSSAR Knight Essay Contest designed for all Texas high school students. He encouraged all Compatriots to contact key high school personnel and help to finalize plans for the December 31, 2014 deadline for submission.

Bill Sanders, Registrar, reported that he is still working on seventeen SAR applications - three are almost complete and ready for submission. He also emphasized that "Documents of the Day" are the key to a successful approval by the National Office in Louisville, Kentucky.



Bailey and Harold Gaul

Michael

President Michael Bailey introduced guest speaker Harold Gaul of the Brazoria County Honor Guard, and the President of the Texas Historical Cemetery Guardianship Association. Gaul emphasized the importance of assisting families who have lost a U.S. veteran and the proper procedure(s) for requesting recognition of their veteran. The importance of the "DD214 Military Form" is a requirement for government benefits such as a monument marker and flag. The playing of "Taps" and the "21 Gun Salute" finalizes the service. Harold also discussed the sacredness of all cemeteries and the respect which they deserve. He and his

group have helped to restore and preserve over twenty five cemeteries. All services and hard labor are donated by members of the local association in order to restore and maintain the cemeteries.

The meeting adjourned with the SAR Recessional and Benediction by Compatriot Michael Rees.

Next meeting scheduled for October 11, 2014, site to be announced.

**Members Present** - Michael Bailey, Mike Rees, Frank Seidule, Arnold Seidule, George Easterling, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Ted Bates, Doc Rice and Thomas Mayerle.

**Guests Present-** Julie Bailey, Lynn Rice and Ray & Glenda Beall.

Submitted by: William C. Sanders, Sr. in the absence of Secretary Compatriot Win Avera.



### DAR Celebrates Bells Across America 17 September, 2014



Asa Underwood Chapter NSDAR Regent Grace Collins (far left) with Michael Bailey and members of the Brazoria Historical Militia celebrating Constitution Day in West Columbia, Texas- September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

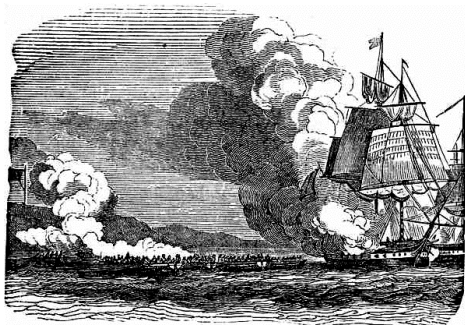


Celebration and artillery workshop held at Surfside, Texas; on 20 September, 2014 for Texas Navy Day.

This Month  
During  
The American Revolution

**Battle of Red Bank**

October 22, 1777



THE British army had been successful in repulsing the Americans, yet their situation was not comfortable; nor could they easily maintain themselves in Pennsylvania unless the navigation of the Delaware were opened, and a free communication established between the fleet and army. The upper line of chevaux-de-frise was protected by a work named Fort Mifflin, erected on a marshy island in the Delaware, called Mud Island, formed by an accumulation of sand and vegetable mould near the Pennsylvania bank of the river, and by a redoubt called Red-Bank, on the Jersey side. At a small distance below

Mud Island, and nearly in a line with it, are two others, named Province and Hog's Islands; between these and the Pennsylvania bank of the river was a narrow channel, of sufficient depth to admit ships of moderate draught of water. The reduction of Forts Mifflin and Red-Bank, and the opening of the Delaware, were of essential importance to the British army in the occupation of Philadelphia. In order, therefore, that he might be able more conveniently to assist in those operations, General Howe, on the 19th of October, withdrew his army from Germantown and encamped in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

He despatched Colonel Count Donop, a German officer, with three battalions of Hessian grenadiers, the regiment of Mirbach, and some light infantry, to reduce Red-Bank. This detachment crossed the Delaware at Philadelphia on the evening of the 21st of October, and next afternoon reached the place of Its destination. Count Donop summoned the fort to surrender; but Colonel Christopher Greene, of Rhode Island, who commanded in the redoubt, answered that he would defend his post to the last extremity. Count Donop immediately led his troops to the assault, advancing under a close fire from the fort, and from the American vessels-of-war and floating batteries on the river; he forced an extensive and unfinished outwork, but could make no impression on the redoubt. The count was mortally wounded; the second in command also was disabled; and, after a desperate conflict and severe loss, the assailants were, compelled to retreat under a fire similar to that which had met them in their advance. Colonel Donop was made prisoner, and soon died of his wounds.

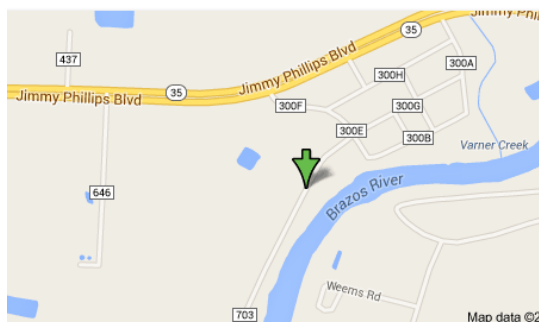
The disaster did not terminate here. That part of the fleet which co-operated in the attack was equally unfortunate. The

Augusta, Roebuck, Liverpool, Pearl, and Merlin, vessels-of-war, had passed through an opening in the lower line of chevaux-de-frise; and on the commencement of Count Donop's attack, moved up the river with the flowing tide. But the artificial obstructions had altered the course of the channel, and raised sand-banks where none existed before. Hence the Augusta and Merlin grounded a little below the second row of chevaux-de-frise. At the return of the tide every exertion was made to get them off, but in vain. In the morning the Americans, perceiving their condition, began to fire upon them, and sent fireships against them. The Augusta caught fire; and, the flames spreading rapidly, it was with the utmost difficulty that the crew were got out of her. The second lieutenant, chaplain, gunner, and some seamen perished in the flames; but the greater part of the crew was saved. The Merlin was abandoned and destroyed.

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