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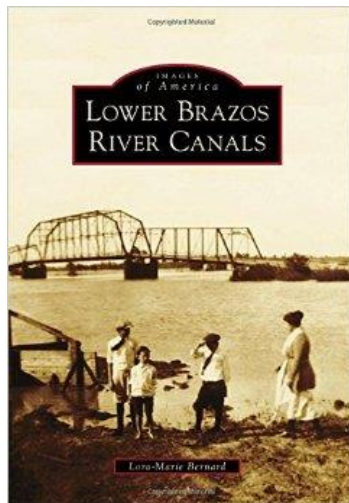
Next Meeting
SEPTEMBER 12

11:30 A. M.

Fat Grass Restaurant
1717 7th Street
Bay City, Texas

Program

Lora-Marie Bernard
LOWER BRAZOS RIVER CANALS



Lora-Marie Bernard worked with regional museums, libraries, and water authorities in Brazoria, Galveston, and Fort Bend Counties to compile *Lower Brazos River Canals*. The book illustrates the importance the river had in building the state. She is a national award-winning Texas investigative and public affairs journalist who is earning her master's degree in the journalism program at Harvard.

She has book contracts stretching through 2017. Her History Press biography of Brazos River slave smuggler and international forger Monroe Edwards is scheduled for release next year. Earlier this year, she was privately commissioned to write and produce a modern history about the heart of downtown Houston.

She suspects the book she'll start after those are finished will be whatever Michael Bailey tells her it should be.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
May 9, 2015

President Michael Bailey opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at On the River Restaurant in Freeport. Bill Sanders led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges.

Chaplin George Easterling gave the blessing for our meal.

President Bailey introduced our guest speaker Texas State Society of SAR President Larry Steven and his wife, Barbara. Larry is the one hundred one (101) State TXSSAR President and he has been an SAR member for 28 years. He introduced many of the different uniforms used by the Continental Army during the American Revolution. General Washington ordered regular soldiers wear blue coats with different colored lapels. His close

officers and personal guards dressed as he did, blue coat and gold trousers. Artillery units wore red uniforms.



Larry announced that Barbara will be running for president of the Texas DAR this year.

The minutes were presented for approval with corrections to dates in the Treasurer's report. George Easterling moved to accept them as written and with corrections and Russell Dart seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

President Bailey reported that Treasurer Arthur Evans' report had not transactions for the month of April.

Committee Reports:

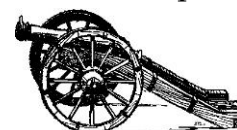
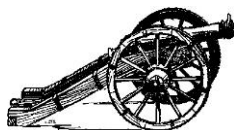
- Registrar Bill Sanders reported the following:
 - The Traveling Vietnam Wall was scheduled to be in El Campo on July 16, 17, and 18. Our Chapter will have a booth at the site and Bill asked for volunteers to man the booth.

- JROTC Air Force awards will be given out at Wharton High School the week of May 11th.
- Six Louise Middle School student would receive Certificates of Appreciation for raising and lowering the flags during the school year.
- Russell Dart was scheduled to present JROTC awards for Navy, Army, and Marine units.
- Frank Seidule reported that he and his father, Arnold Seidule, had been giving JROTC awards for the last ten years and would again award another deserving student in the Brazosport ISD program the week of May 11th.

Upcoming Events:

- May elections
- Memorial Day – May 25th
- Fourth of July
- Vietnam Wall – The miniature wall will be on display in El Campo at 2600 Blossom Meyer Street (by Northside Elementary School) on July 16th through the 19th, from 9:00 to 9:00.
- Constitution Day – September 15th will be celebrated in West Columbia, Angleton and Louise with the ringing of the Bells Across America at the time the Constitution was signed.
- Veterans Day – November 11th with a Brazoria County parade in Angleton

Compatriot Bill Greenwood gave a short narrative on his ancestor Samuel Montgomery who was a Captain in the



Pennsylvania 7th Regiment. Captain Montgomery fought in several main battles of the American Revolution. Bill's information came from the State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania.

Doc Rice said he still has copies of his book *Because We Are Everything* available for sale. The proceeds go to charity.

Winston Avera thanked Michael Bailey for the good job he does in producing our Newsletter.

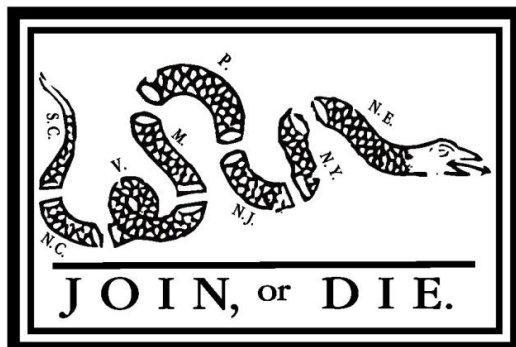
The meeting was adjourned on motion by Winston Avera, second by Russell Dart.

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

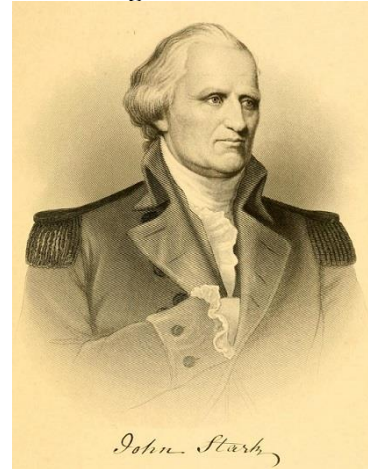
George Easterling gave the benediction.

Members Present - District 7 V.P. Lawrence Casey, Ted Bates, George Easterling, Bill Sanders, Doc Rice, Michael Bailey, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Bill Greenwood, Thomas Mayerle, and Winston Avera.

Guests Present -Connie Avera, Joan Bates, Carl & Caroline Wiggins, Francis Hummel, Ray Beall, and Sue Dart.



**This Month During
The American Revolution
The Battle of Bennington**
August 16, 1777



General John Stark
Aug. 28, 1728 -May 8, 1822

"My men, yonder are the Hessians. They were bought for seven pounds and ten pence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it. Tonight, the American flag floats from yonder hill or Molly Stark sleeps a widow."
General John Stark



The Bennington Battle Monument
In Bennington, Vermont

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SEPTEMBER 12
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<http://www.thefatgrass.com>



MEMORIAL DAY 2015
Angleton, Texas



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