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Next Meeting

January 14, 2017

ON THE RIVER RESTAURANT

919 W Freeport, TX 77541

2nd Street

11:30 a.m.

Bryan Frazier

Brazoria County Parks Director



Photo by Nash Baker

As the director of Parks for Brazoria County, Bryan manages a staff of several dozen park superintendents, rangers, maintenance staff and other employees, and oversees all aspects of a diverse, 11-park system. Brazoria Parks offer RV and tent camping, cabin and group facility rentals, trails, 23 boat ramps and some 14 miles of public beach access along the Gulf of Mexico. This region represents multiple eco-regions in Southeast Texas, including bottomland hardwood, pine tree forests, bayous, bays, estuaries, and great beaches. Often called the Cradle of Texas, Brazoria

County is home to one of Texas' most renowned historical figures, Stephen F. Austin, who colonized the origins of the Republic of Texas with 300 Spanish Land Grants. Honoring this, Brazoria County Parks also operates the Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, statue and visitor center.

Prior to coming to Brazoria County, Bryan was the director of Travel Services with the Texas Dept. of Transportation. There, he oversaw all operational, facilities, and staff management of the 12 Texas Travel Information visitor centers located along the entry borders of Texas, and managed a staff of 60-plus employees, charged with promoting travel and tourism and assisting visitors to destinations all across Texas.

Bryan first became a recognized fixture among Texas tourism and outdoor recreation as the Public Affairs Director for the State Park system at Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. He oversaw all aspects of the public affairs, promotions, marketing, special events, advertising and information campaigns for state parks, and managed PR, media access and public presentation functions, serving as the official public spokesperson for the State Parks Division at TPWD.

He represented TPWD on statewide initiatives and committees as a lead liaison with outdoor recreation

organizations, state agencies, business partnerships, and numerous revenue strategies. He was a regular writer and photographer for TPWD news releases, features, brochures, Web content, ads, Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine, social media, and other publications, as well as a public presenter to audiences big and small.

As a PR writer, he has won more than 20 regional and national awards, and has also been a freelance newspaper and magazine writer, columnist and photographer for sports and outdoor publications spanning two decades.

Before his 12-year stint at TPWD, Bryan worked in college athletic administration, TV sports broadcast and media relations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He served as a collegiate assistant athletic director, and worked various media projects for organizations such as the U.S. Olympic trials, and Southern Methodist University football.

Bryan attended Abilene Christian University, where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in advertising and marketing and was a college baseball player, where he was awarded one of the nation's highest honors, named to the prestigious GTE Academic All-American team for both athletic and academic achievement in 1993. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, working out, coaching youth baseball and spending time with his wife and young son.



Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 December 10, 2016

The Sons of the American Revolution met on December 10, 2016, at the Baytown Seafood Restaurant in West Columbia, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., Mike Bailey led the opening pledges and Bill Sanders gave the invocation and blessing for the meal.

Get to Know Your Compatriots



President Avera presented John Liles the **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** for his career in law enforcement

Compatriot John "Cotton" E. Liles presented his Patriot Ancestor Major John Liles, grandson of Ephriam Liles who arrived in the Colonies in the early 1600s.

Major John was John's 5th great grandfather. He was born in Ninety-Six District in 1755 in South Carolina (Ninety-Six District is a former judicial district in the U.S. state of South Carolina. It existed as a district from 29 July 1769 to 31 December 1799). Major John's grandfather was Ephriam Liles

who settled in Virginia in 1606. At the age of eighteen John belonged to a company of horse soldiers engaged in operating against the Cherokee Indians. When the Revolutionary War broke out he was still living in Ninety-Six District in South Carolina and was among the refugees, as they were called, having been drafted into the Militia before the British got possession of any part of South Carolina. He was then stationed at Augusta, Georgia under General Williamson. His eldest brother James Liles was the Colonel of the Regiment. John Liles served 3 months in this corps until the Battle of Stono Ferry under General Lincoln. He was soon after appointed a Captain of Horse and served as such for two and a half years. He was then promoted to the rank of Major of the infantry when General Sumpter took the field against the British. While a major in the infantry and until the end of the war, records reveal he was in the battle of Hanging Rock under General Sumter, in the battle of Cowpens under General Morgan, in the battle of Eutaw Springs under General Green along with the previously mentioned Battle of Stono Ferry under General Lincoln. On September 4, 1838, Major John Liles applied for and received a pension while living in Escambia County, Florida for his service in the Revolutionary War under number 5.47930 which this act was passed by Congress on June 7, 1832. He soon after moved to Covington County, Alabama where his name is engraved on the Court House wall as being a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He is buried in Covington County, Alabama.

Compatriot John was born in

Marlin, Texas on March 19, 1939. His father T.L Liles went to work for Dow Chemical during WWII in 1941 after moving to Brazoria, Texas, where he was raised and attended Brazoria Elementary. He later graduated from West Columbia H.S. in 1957. After graduating from H.S., John went to work for Mrs. Bairds Baking Co. in Houston delivering bread to stores. He later transferred to Bay City, Texas to work on a bread route. On December 1962, while living in Bay City, he was accepted into the Houston Police Department Academy as a police cadet. Mr. Liles graduated from the academy in March, 1963. In March of 1966, he was transferred to the narcotics division. He remained with this division, working organized crime until 1978 at which time was reassigned to the Criminal Intelligence Division specializing in organized crime. In 1981, John was assigned to Dignitary Protection, assigned to Vice-President George Bush when President Reagan became President. This was necessary because Mr. Bush kept his residence in Houston. He coordinated with the United States Secret Service on all of the President's movements when he would return to Houston. When Vice-President Bush was not in Houston, John was instrumental in coordinating all visiting dignitaries who came into Houston with the Secret Service. These included heads of State, Presidents of other countries, Prime Ministers, Kings, Queens and etc.

Compatriot John Liles retired from the Houston Police Dept. in 1984, as Lieutenant of Personnel. In 1988 he moved back to Brazoria County and

went to work for the Brazoria County Sheriff's dept. retiring from there in 2004. His hobbies include singing in a barbershop quartet, growing roses and watching birds.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Dr. Tillman M. Daniel to accept the minutes of November 2016. The motion was seconded by Bill Sanders. Motion approved.



Michael Bailey introduced the guest speaker, past TXSSAR President Tom Green. Tom opened his remarks with the need by all SAR members to encourage the recruitment of new members. He then went into his presentation of George Washington. Highlights included:

- Washington was sent by Virginia Lt. Governor Robert Dinwiddie in 1753 to the French Fort LeBoeuf, near what is now Pittsburg, to demand the French leave the area claimed by the British. Washington wrote and published a report of his 1753 exploits which led to his name first gaining prominence.
- His subsequent 1754 posting to the same area led to his attacking the French and may have been responsible for the French/Indian War.
- His acceptance of Commander-in-Chief probably shaped his view about a standing Army versus a militia.

- His was dissatisfied with the Articles of Confederation because they failed to require the colonies to provide the Army with men, money and supplies. These issues shaped his input on the Constitution and advocacy for a strong Federal Government.
- His leadership helped turn the Nation from a concept of a monarchy to one which allowed the citizens to choose their leader.

Reports:

Registrar Bill Sanders reported that the inductees for the January 14th meeting will be:

Brian Eastland Charles Eastland
Sidney Eastland Rodney Weems

Applications awaiting approvals in Louisville, Kentucky are:

Nelson Leopold III Kenneth Paul Blount
Carl Wiggins needs one more document for his application.

Four new membership applicants include:

David Mowery Daniel Mowery
Jack Newman Donnie Congen

A total of 26 active membership applications are being researched and there are an additional four that have not turned in any documents.

Bill reported that the turn-around time for approval from the local chapter to the state to national headquarters and back to the local chapter is approximately three (3) months.

Bill noted that several inquiries have come in from the new website. He thanked Carl Wiggins for his hard work.

Rodney Weems gave an update on SAR Youth Contests and his efforts to disseminate the contests information to public, home and private schools, Boy Scouts, and JROTC Commanders.

Vice President and Nominating Committee Chairman Michael Bailey presented the Nominating Committee's proposed Officers for the year 2017. They include:

- President: Winston Avera
- Vice President: Raymond Beall
- Secretary: Rodney Weems
- Treasurer: Arthur Evans
- Registrar: William "Bill" Sanders
- Chaplain: Michael Bailey
- Color Guard: Frank Seidule

Awards:



Compatriot Charles Bernard was presented his **Certificate of Membership, 5-year** by President Avera.

A **Certificate of Commendation** was awarded to Carl M. Wiggins for his hard work and dedication in developing the Chapter's website.



TXSSAR Treasurer presented Chuck & Judy Bernard with **Certificate of Appreciation** for their contribution to the Center for Advancement of American Heritage.



Compatriot Mike Bailey made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Compatriot Rodney Weems.

Michael Bailey led the Recessional

Attendees:

Members Present - Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Rodney Weems, Tillman Daniel, Kirk Daniel, Bill Greenwood, Charles Eastland, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Arthur Evans, Mike Bailey, John Liles, Chuck Bernard, Tom Green and Winston Avera

Guests Present - Carl & Caroline Wiggins, Freda Daniel, Kenneth Blount, Nelson Leopold, Julie Bailey, Kathleen Liles, Judy Bernard, Max & Alice Royalty and Connie Avera



Next Meeting
ON THE RIVER RESTAURANT
919 W 2nd Street
Freeport, TX 77541
979) 233-1352

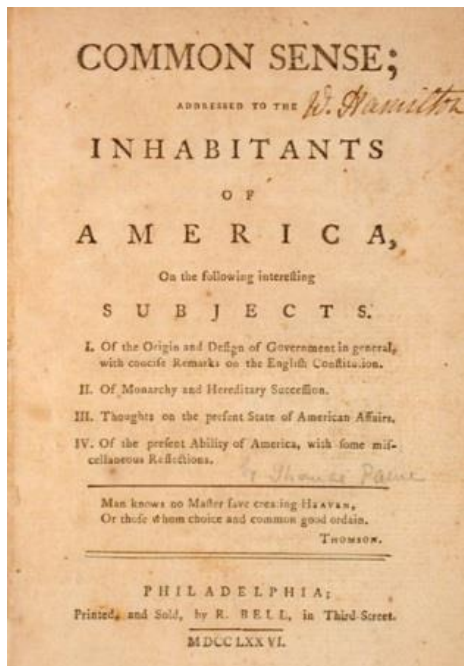
<http://ontheriverrestaurant.com>



This Month Durring the American Revolution

January 9, 1776

The pamphlet *COMMON SENSE*, by Thomas Paine, appeared for the first time at that day's session of the Continental Congress.



From a scan of an item at Indiana University, Bloomington Indiana.

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Up Coming Events:



January 7 th 9:00 a.m.	Stephen F. Austin Funeral Reenactment First Capitol Replica, 512 E. Brazos Avenue, West Columbia For information, call James at 979-248-5961
January 20 th -22 nd	Texas Reenactors Winter Gathering (Formally known as Pilgrims' Camp) Pre-1840 Texas @ Gun Smoke Shooting Range just outside of Columbus. Contact Jerry Tubbs, coloneltubbs@yahoo.com
January 21 st	Dunes Day – Volunteers are asked to join Park staff to put to good use your old, discarded Christmas trees for the Dunes Day program. For more information, contact the Brazoria County Parks Dept. at (979) 864-1541
January 23 rd 10:00 a.m.	South East Texas Museum Association (SETMA) – 3523 Independence Pkwy, La Porte, Battleship Texas
January 26 th	Mirabeau B. Lamar Day Celebration – Morton Cemetery- 900 Morton St, Richmond
February 4 th	4 th Annual Texas History Symposium – Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Columbia; Sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter # 705
March 20 th	Texas Independence Day Celebration – Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 SH 288 Angleton, TX 77515. For information, contact James at jamesg@brazoria-county.com
March 4 th	Heritage Day – Brazoria Heritage Foundation at 202 West Smith Street, Brazoria
March 25 th -26 th	Goliad Massacre – at Presidio La Bahia in Goliad
April 1 st	Wine and Cheese Tasting –Columbia Historical Museum 247 E Brazos Ave, West Columbia

CEREMONY TO HONOR
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PRESIDENT
Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar



August 16, 1798 - December 19, 1859
Soldier, Poet, Diplomat, Leader
10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 26, 2017
At the Grave of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar
Morton Cemetery
900 Morton Street
Richmond, Texas 77469
Reception to Follow

For more information contact Tom Green at 713-340-1965 or email TBCGreen3@gmail.com

1ST ANNUAL TEXAS REENACTORS WINTER GATHERING



Formally known as:

PILGRIM S' CAMP
AND
SWAP MEET



JANUARY 20-22, 2017

The folks at the Gun Smoke Cowboy Action Shooting Range outside of Columbus have once again graciously volunteered their facility to provide a friendly, safe, informative and fun place for “civilians” and “old hands” to explore their interest in living history. The range is located just Northwest of Columbus, Texas off of US Hwy 71. See the map below. Plenty of camping space is available.

Saturday morning and afternoon there will be talks on various Texas History subjects.

There will also be a limited amount of range time for those wishing to shoot. Tony Emmitte will be in charge of the range and will have rules and procedures for the firing. Be sure to check in with him before using the range.

The event is open to living historians, reënactors, interested individuals and groups. In conjunction with the event, all of the “old hands” are encouraged to bring their surplus gear, equipment, clothes and accouterments for an old fashioned trading session and swap meet.

There is a \$10 registration fee for campers and a \$5 fee for “day trippers” to help defray expenses and period dress is not required, but it is encouraged. Wood will be provided and if you'd like to help out, bring a chainsaw for a wood cutting party on Friday. For additional information contact Jerry Tubbs at his email coloneltubbs@yahoo.com (telephone 713-973-1136).

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JOIN
THE
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