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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

December

Next Meeting
December 8th
11:30 AM at Smithhart's Grill

Speaker
Jan Edwards, Writer
Image Magazine

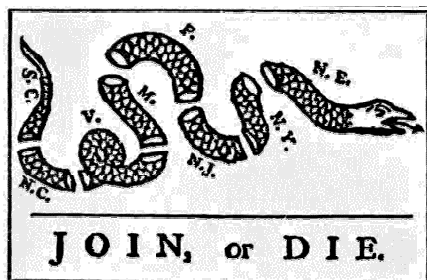
Ms. Edwards will share her recent research on Stephen F. Austin.

Presidents Corner

I hope you will join us for our meeting on December 8th at Smithhart's Restaurant in Angleton. We will be awarding the Law Enforcement Medal to Lt. Sherman Hall of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office. We will also be electing Chapter Officers for next year. The Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers for 2013 with an opportunity for members to nominate from the floor.

Sue and I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Russell



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
November 10, 2012

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. at Scott's BBQ in West Columbia. Winston Avera led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the invocation.

Each member introduced themselves and told who their SAR ancestor(s) was.

President Dart reported the following:

- Appointed Tillman Daniel, George Easterling and Arnold Seidule to serve on the nominating committee for 2013 Officers. Tillman agreed to serve as Chair.

Nominations are as follows:

President Michael Bailey

Vice President Donald Mudd

Secretary Winston Avera

Treasurer Arthur Evans

Genealogist Bill Sanders

Chaplin Rev. Stevens

Color Guard Frank Seidule

Executive Committee Tim Hall

Executive Committee awaiting concurrence

- Requested nominations for EMS and Fire Safety awards. These awards and Win Avera's Law Enforcement Medal nominee need to be given at the December 8th meeting in order for our chapter to receive credit in 2012.

- Reminded that Veterans' Day is November 11th.

Guest speaker, Chris Elliott, Site Manager for Varner-Hogg Plantation, received word during lunch of a family medical emergency and had to leave before giving the program.

Arthur Evans, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,979.04 in the general fund, \$883 in the McAlexander fund for a total of \$5,862.04.

George Easterling reported that earlier in the morning he had put out 671 flags on veterans' graves.

Bill Sanders reported that the Wharton DAR has again invited our chapter to join them on February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Wharton Historical Museum for the presentation of their Good Citizenship Awards. Our meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at Los Cucos Restaurant where Bill expects to induct Christopher Wendell into SAR.

Also, Bill Sanders updated us on his progress in seeking a state historical cemetery designation for the Louise cemetery. He has found the 1897 deed for the "Louise Graveyard Association".

Doc Rice, Texas Chairman of the TXSSAR Knight Essay Contest and professor of English and Technical writing at UH, told about the guide he developed to help Texas students write winning NSSAR Knight Essays. He handed out his excellent guide for sponsors and students. Essays must be turned in to the chapter by December 31st.

Arnold Seidule reported that the two banners, size 3'x14', for the planned parade float will cost \$200 each plus tax. Some additional covering for the trailer will be necessary in order to dress it up. Russell Dart will ask Tom Green for pictures (to use as examples) of other SAR floats.

Russell Dart said that the naming of a committee for planning the December 2013 thirty year anniversary celebration should be done by the new president after the first of the year.

The SAR closing was led by Winston Avera. George Easterling gave the benediction.

President Dart adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present - Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel, District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey, Arthur Evans, Frank Seidule, Donald Mudd, Doc Rice, George Easterling and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Pat Sanders, Kay Mudd, Chris Elliott and Connie Avera.

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Law Enforcement Award 2012 SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

Sherman Hall, Jail Lieutenant for Brazoria County Sherriff Charles Wagner, began his service to the citizens of Brazoria County 28 years ago.

Lt. Hall was born and raised in Angleton where he excelled academically and in sports. He earned a football and track scholarship to Rice University where he graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sports Management. After graduation, Sherman returned home to Angleton to begin his career, marry his sweetheart, Karen and begin their family. They have two daughters, Chassie and Cayden, and enjoy their two year old granddaughter, Zoe.

Sherman began his career with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff (retired) and County Judge Joe King

as a Deputy Jailer. Sherman continued his education in jail operations and administration in addition to multiple peace officer certifications. He now holds certifications for Master Jailer and Advanced Peace Officer.

Early in his career with the Sheriff's Department, Sherman's strengths began to show and to serve him well: a man of his word, dedication to his job, never showing favoritism, and completing any task given to him without complaining. Plus, he has a gift for knowing how to deal with all of the prisoners on an individual basis, regardless of their background, values or maturity.

Today, as Jail Lieutenant, Sherman supervises 30 Jail Deputies and 10 support staff to insure the safety of employees and inmates as well as smooth Detention Center operations.

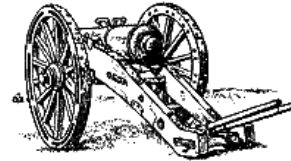
In addition to Sherman's duties to protect and serve Brazoria County citizens as Jail Lieutenant and a peace officer, he actively pursues opportunities to contribute to his community. He coaches Circle "A" Youth Football (five years) and serves as a director for Youth Football Athletics (three years). He actively participates in the Angleton Youth Basketball Association and South Texas Youth Football Association. Sherman stays involvement with Rice University as a member of the "R" Association supporting its missions to support intercollegiate athletics at Rice, to honor individual members who have brought honor and distinction to the University and Athletic Program, and to provide information and benefits to all active members to increase awareness and encourage support of current athletes.

Lt. Hall serves his Community of Love United Methodist Church on the Board of Trustees and the Usher Board. And, he has been a local Red Cross chapter trustee.

In 2005, Sherman was honored by the Angleton Wildcats for his high school

achievements in football and track by inducting him into the Angleton Wildcats Sports Hall of Fame.

Lt. Sherman Hall has gained the respect and admiration of his superiors, those he supervises, the community he serves and the Sons of the American Revolution.



This Month During The American Revolution

December 16 1773
The Boston Tea Party

I dressed myself in the costume of an Indian, equipped with a small hatchet, which I and my associates denominated the tomahawk, with which, and a club, after having painted my face and hands with coal dust in the shop of a blacksmith, I repaired to Griffin's wharf, where the ships lay that contained the tea. When I first appeared in the street, after being thus disguised, I fell in with many who were dressed, equipped and painted as I was, and who fell in with me, and marched in order to the place of our destination. When we arrived at the wharf, there were three of our number who assumed an authority to direct our operations, to which we readily submitted. ...

We then were ordered by our commander to open the hatches and take out all the chests of tea and throw them overboard, and we immediately proceeded to execute his orders, first cutting and splitting the chests with our tomahawks, so as thoroughly to expose them to the effects

of the water. In about three hours from the time we went on board, we had thus broken and thrown overboard every tea chest to be found in the ship, while those in the other ships were disposing of the tea in the same way, at the same time. We were surrounded by British armed ships, but no attempt was made to resist us.

A RETROSPECT OF THE BOSTON TEA-PARTY: WITH A MEMOIR OF GEORGE R. T. HEWES...

By James Hawkes

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