



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



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

November

Next Meeting
November 8, 2012

11:30 a. m.
Scott's BBQ & Catering

Speaker

Chris Elliott, Site Manager
Varner-Hogg Plantation SHS

Mr. Elliott was recently named as the site supervisor at Varner-Hogg State Historic Site in West Columbia, Texas. According to a recent Texas Historical Commission press release dated May 7, 2012... "He (Chris Elliott) holds a doctor of education degree from Argosy University in Sarasota, Fla.; a master's degree in military history from American Military University in West Virginia; and bachelor's degrees in both liberal arts and biology. Elliott served as a B-1 bomber crew chief in the United States Air Force."

Presidents Corner

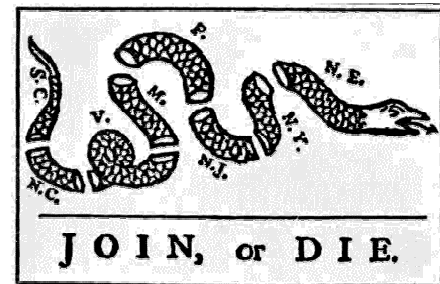
We will be having our November Chapter meeting at Scott's Bar-B-Que Restaurant in West Columbia on November 8th. Our speaker will be Chris Elliot, Site Manager of Varner-Hogg Plantation.

Winston Avera has a nominee for our Law Enforcement Medal which we will be awarding at our December

Meeting. We still need nominees for the Fire Safety Medal and the EMS Medal, so if you know someone who would be a good candidate for these awards please let me know. We need to award these at our December meeting to get credit for 2012.

I hope to see you on November 8th at 11:30 AM.

Russell



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
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October 13, 2012

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. at Golden Phoenix Chinese Restaurant in El Campo. Chris Skinner led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Cole Skinner led the Texas pledge and Bill Sanders led the SAR pledge. Winston Avera gave the invocation.

Bill Sanders introduced our new members and their families, Ty and Seth Pustejovsky, Laura Pustejovsky, Candace English and Hank Polk.

SAR Texas Society District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey inducted Seth and Ty Pustejovsky (left to right - Bill Sanders, Seth Pustejovsky, Ty Pustejovsky, Lawrence Casey, Russell Dart). Bill Sanders pinned the SAR rosettes on the new members.



President Dart reported the following:

- He and Sue Dart and Arnold and Frank Seidule attended the Texas Society SAR Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Temple. Author Retired U.S. Army General Dave Palmer told about his next book on General George Washington that will be available soon. He described the different strategies Washington used for different parts of the war. At the dinner, Jane Clancy Debenport gave a very good talk on the Power of Music in Peace and War.
- At the BOM, Arnold Seidule, Chairman of the Patriot Fund Projects Committee, recommended to the Patriot Fund Trustees that the Youth Contest first place scholarship amounts be raised from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The Trustees accepted the recommendation! Russell asked that we all promote the Youth Contests: Oration, Essay, Eagle Scout Essay, Junior ROTC Essay and the Children of the American Revolution members (CAR) Essay. Russell has contacted all the Junior ROTC units in

our area in order to make them aware of the scholarships. If we know a Junior ROTC member, he asks that we encourage them to ask their commanders about the program.

- Public Service Awards winners need to be acknowledged before the end of the year. Please, turn in your candidates to Russell for EMS and for Fire Safety. Winston Avera is vetting a nomination for the Law Enforcement Award.

Arnold Seidule moved that the previous minutes be approved, Arthur Evans seconded the motion and all approved.

Arthur Evans, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,999.55 in the general fund, \$883 in the McAlexander fund and a total of \$5,832.55.

Bill Sanders reported on his progress to have the Louise Cemetery designated a historical cemetery. Also, he is working on four more new member applications.

Arnold Seidule asked when we need the float banners approved earlier. He reported that Frank Seidule has a 16' trailer for use as a float and that it needs painting. Also, Arnold reminded us of the December 2013 thirty year anniversary of our chapter for which we need to plan.

Bill Sanders introduced our guest speaker, Jack Swanson, a worldwide teacher for Homeland Security and an Adjunct Professor at Texas A & M University and his wife, Becky. A native of El Campo and resident of Louise, Mr. Swanson hold Bachelors and Masters

Degrees from Texas A & M plus Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) licenses in Class A Wastewater and Class A Potable Water. Mr. Swanson spoke on the vulnerability of our security, as it pertains to public drinking water systems. As a result of the sensitivity and on-going security of information regarding these systems, he was unable to share many details.

The SAR closing was recited and Winston Avera gave the benediction.

President Dart adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present - Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel, District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey, Chuck Bernard, Tim Hall, Ty Pustejovsky, Seth Pustejovsky, Chris Skinner, Cole Skinner, Arthur Evans and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Judy Bernard, Sue Dart, Pat Sanders, Laura Pustejovsky. Candace English, Hank Polk, Carlee Skinner, and Jack & Becky Swanson.

The next meeting will be November 10th in West Columbia at Scott's BBQ at 226 E. Brazos.

This Month During The American Revolution

November 25, 1783
Evacuation Day

Evacuation of the City of New York, by British troops. In a letter from George Washington to the leaders of New York City

To the Citizens of New York who have returned from exile:

GETNLEMEN

I thank you sincerely for your affectionate address, and entreat you to be persuaded that nothing could be more agreeable to me than your polite congratulations. Permit me in turn to felicitate you on the happy repossession of your City.

Great as your joy must be on this pleasing occasion, it can scarcely exceed that which I feel at seeing you, Gentlemen, who from the noblest motives have suffered a voluntary exile of many years, return again in peace and triumph, to enjoy the fruits of your virtuous conduct.

The fortitude and perseverance, which you and your suffering brethren have exhibited in the course of the war, have not only endeared you to your countrymen, but will be remembered with admiration and applause to the latest posterity.

May the tranquility of your City be perpetual, may the ruins soon be repaired, commerce nourish, science be fostered, and all the civil and social virtues be cherished in the same illustrious manner which formerly reflected so much credit on the inhabitants of New York. In fine, may every species of felicity attend you, Gentlemen, and your worthy fellow citizens.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

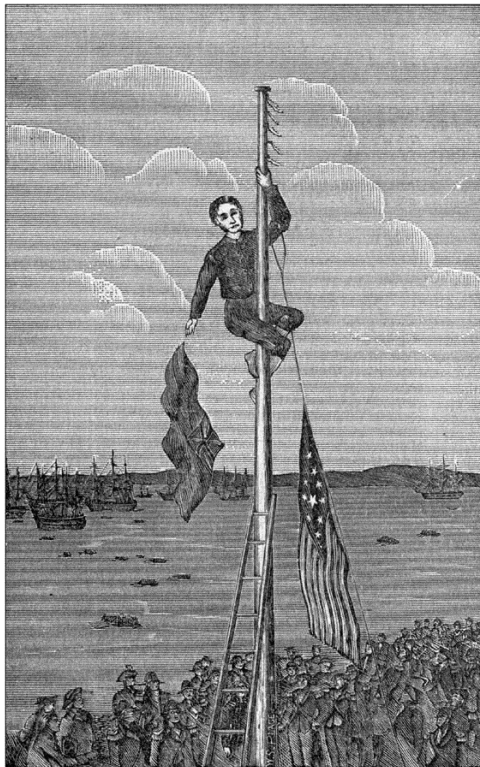
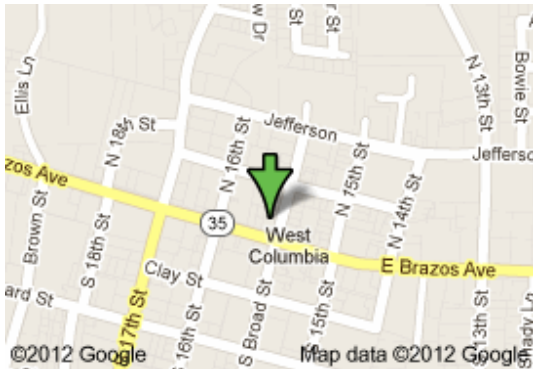
EVACUATION DAY, 1783,...

By James Riker

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