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Sons of the American Revolution



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**October**

Next Meeting  
**October 13, 2012**

11:30 a. m.

**Golden Phoenix Chinese Restaurant**  
**1258 N Mechanic Street**  
**El Campo, Texas.**

**October's Speaker**  
**Jack Swanson**  
**"The Vulnerability of Our Society"**

Jack Swanson learned how important it was to continue his education while growing-up working on his farm and ranch in El Campo, Texas. He attended Texas A&M where he received a B. S. degree in Agricultural Science. Later at the University he received his MBA. After graduation Mr. Swanson obtained a job at Modern Farmer's Cooperative in his home town of El Campo, as Assistant Manager, where he learned to operate cotton gins, grain dryers, and manage a diversified business. Afterward while serving as coordinator between the city of El Campo and its citizens as guide for the technological changes that came to the city.

Currently Mr. Swanson is a national board member for Homeland Security and an Adjunct Professor with Texas A&M, having more than 25 years of teaching experience.

He serves as Secretary for his local Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. HE enjoys skiing and backpacking with his wife Becky and working on his family's genealogy and is a member of the Louise United Methodist Church.

**Presidents Corner**

We will be having our October Chapter meeting at the Golden Phoenix Restaurant in El Campo on October 13th. We will be inducting two new members to our Chapter and I hope we have a large group of members to welcome them. They are brothers, Ty and Seth Pustejovsky, from El Campo. Our speaker will be Jack Swanson, a National Board Member of Homeland Security, who will be speaking on "The Vulnerability of our Security".

I am still looking for names of individuals to whom we can award Public Service Awards. If any of you know of any Law Enforcement Officials, Fire Safety Officials or EMS Officials that should be recognized, please let me know their names and phone numbers, and we will make an effort to recognize at least one from each of these disciplines. We need to make these awards before the end of the year.

I hope to see you on October 13th at 11:30 a. m.

*Russell*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Cradle of Texas Chapter #33**  
**September 8, 2012**

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. at River Point Restaurant in Lake Jackson. Frank Seidule and Thomas Mayerle posted the Colors as Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, the Texas pledge and

the SAR pledge. Rev. Stevens gave the invocation.

Our chapter honored George D. Hall, Jr. with a moment of silence in memory of our compatriot who passed away on August 8, 2012.



President Dart introduced State President Bob Clark, District 7 Vice President Larry Casey and welcomed them and George Easterling's guest, Jackie House.

President Dart's reported the following:

- Tom Green was named the Outstanding Color Guardsman in the nation at the annual convention of NSSAR in July. **Congratulations, Tom!**
- Tom Green presented his Flag Program to the students of Louise on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The TXSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) meeting will be in Temple on October 5-7. Reservations need to be made by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Russell has a couple of registration forms available and he asked us to attend.
- We need volunteers to promote patriotism and American history in our schools and home schools by promoting youth contest for SAR Oration Contest and Essay Contest. The oration or essay should be about a) an event or person in the American Revolution and how the event or person relates to present day America or b) the writing of the Constitution. Our chapter will take selected winners of these contests to the state competition where the state winners each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

- Please submit a candidate's name for an EMS, a Fire Safety and a Law Enforcement award to Russell as soon as possible but not later than the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Donald Mudd was in an accident on August 20<sup>th</sup> that sent him to SE Memorial-Herman Hospital until September 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently he is in rehab.
- Donald Bowers, a past winner of the JROTC Metal from Pearland, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved upon the motion of Michael Bailey and second by Thomas Mayerle.

Arthur Evan's Treasurer's report showed an increase of \$69.50 from state dues that brought our balance to \$5,041.91.

New Business:

- State President Bob Clark presented Tillman Daniel his 25 year membership certificate.



- Frank Seidule asked if we want to include our chapter name in addition to Sons Of The American Revolution on the float banners he is investigating. Win Avera moved to include the chapter name and

Michael Bailey seconded the motion which passed.

- Arnold Seidule reminded us that December 2013 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chapter. He recommended we start now to plan a special celebration recognizing our charter members.
- Russell Dart stated that David Temple, State Historian, has requested chapter historical information. Members approved sending our newsletters since they contain any thing historical.
- Bill Sanders asked if our chapter would like to adopt or help with restoring a 100+ year old abandoned cemetery in Louise. No action was taken.

Our speaker, Bob Clark, 98<sup>th</sup> State President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution has been in Texas for six generations and five in Dallas. He graduated from the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University graduate business school and Oklahoma City University Law School. He, his wife Kimberly and daughter Ashley live near downtown Dallas where he practices law. He received his Eagle Scout award 49 years ago and has been a certified genealogist for the last 15 years. His previous positions were Texas Governor and National Attorney General of the Founders and Patriots of America, and Deputy Governor General of the Society of Colonial Wars. Additionally, he is a member of the Society of Cincinnati and the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Bob's SAR credentials include 23 proven ancestors, past president of the Dallas Chapter, state chancellor, staff secretary and holder of the Patriots and Alexander Hamilton medals.

President Clark reviewed his goals for the state's chapters and promoted the TXSSAR April 4-7, 2013 Spring Convention in Dallas.

Bill Sanders made the display below to celebrate *Constitution Week* September 17-23 and in memoriam for those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. **Thanks, Bill!**



The Colors were retired, the SAR closing recited and Rev. Stevens gave the benediction.

President Dart adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Members Present** - Russell Dart, George Easterling, Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Michael Bailey, Frank Seidule, Thomas Mayerle, L.L. Stevens, Tillman Daniel, Mike Rees, Texas State SAR President Bob Clark, District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey, Chuck Bernard and Winston Avera.

**Guests Present** were Judy Bernard, Sue Dart, Jackie House and Connie Avera.

The next meeting will be in El Campo at the Golden Phoenix Chinese Restaurant, 1258 N Mechanic Street, **El Campo**.



September 17, 2012  
Constitution Day  
Bells Across America  
West Columbia, Texas



SAR Member Michael Bailey and Members of the Brazoria Historical Militia



Chapter President Russell Dart assisting Tom Green with a presentation in Louise, Texas in May, 2012.

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