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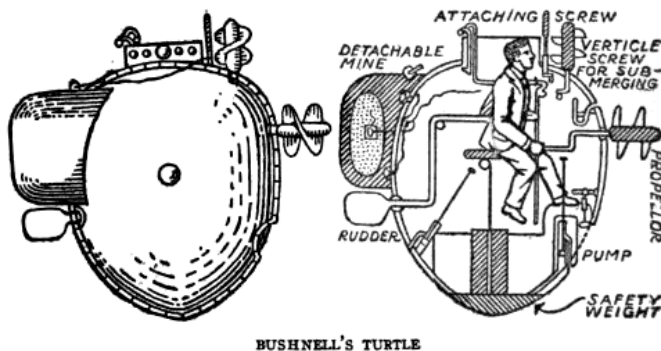
Michael J. Bailey, Editor

October

Next Meeting
October 5, 2013
11:30 a. m. at
Baytown Seafood
816 S 17th Street
West Columbia, TX 77486

Program
Past TXSSAR President
Thomas Green

THE AMERICAN TURTLE



A HISTORY OF SEA POWER
By William Oliver Stevens
Published by G. H. Doran Company, 1920, pg. 294

When Compatriot Green speaks on the American Turtle, he makes the point that this was first submarine every used for military attacks in world history. Young David Bushnell conceived of the idea as a college student while at Yale College. Several of his ideas were far ahead of the science of the day. His idea of using water as ballast was unique and is still in use on modern day submarines. His idea of using a propeller in the shape of a screw was

unique and also in common use today. His use of a barometer to determine depth was most unique, and one of his biggest problems was something that would give light underwater in the dark so that the operator could determine his depth and course direction. This problem, plus a force pump that would force water out of the turtle were his two biggest problems to solve. In the long run the biggest problem turned out to be to find a small, powerful man who could operate all the devices Bushnell designed into the turtle, and could also keep his emotions under control in the small, dark, wet environment of the turtle. David Bushnell was a sickly young man, who trained his brother to operate the turtle, but due to his unexpected sickness, and an emergency replacement had to be used to operate the turtle the first time it was used to attach a British ship

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
September 14, 2013

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Louise. Bill Sanders led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the invocation.

Bill Sanders introduced several guests from the Louise area who came to hear our speaker, John Roades.

The May 2013 Minutes were approved on a motion by George Easterling and Russell Dart's second.

Treasurer Arthur Evans report showed the following:

General Fund	\$4,249.44
+ TXSAR dues rebate	9.50
<u>McAlexander Fund</u> ¹	<u>\$833.00</u>
Total	\$5,141.94

The report was approved on George Easterling's motion and Tillman Daniel's second.

John H. Roades, accompanied by his wife Bonnie, shared many interesting details about the founders of Louise, its early economy and the building of the early railroad from Rosenberg to Victoria. Several new towns begun along the railroad were named for the financiers and their family members: Telfener, Hungerford, Inez, Edna and Louise (MacKay). Louise MacKay was the grandmother of Irving Berlin's wife.

For the Chapter's 30th Anniversary Celebration, Winston Avera reported that Dr. Kent McGaughy of the History Department at Houston Community College will be our speaker and Kathy Hathway will entertain us with beautiful, inspiring song. A caterer for the plated meal will be finalized shortly.

President Bailey reported on the many upcoming events.

- Constitution Day, September 17th will be celebrated across America with the ringing of bells. Bill Sanders will ring the bell in Louise; Michael plans on

attending the luncheon at Columbia Lakes and the ceremony at the Replica of the First Capitol of Texas.

- The TXSSAR BOM will be October 11th, 12th & 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14919 Northwest Freeway in Houston. Since this date conflicts with our usual second Saturday meeting date, our next meeting will be held a week earlier on October 5th.
- Texas Navy Day at Surfside on September 21st
- November 11th Veterans Day parade in Lake Jackson. Arnold Seidule reported that the deadline for entering a parade float is November 1st. He has located a pickup to pull a trailer, but we still need a trailer that will be presentable. The banners we authorized him to buy have not been purchased because a trailer needs to be found first.

President Bailey presented a 5 Year Membership Award to Bill Sanders. Arnold Seidule presented Michael Bailey with his 5 Year Membership Award. Other 5 Year Membership Awards for compatriots who were not able to attend included William C. Sanders, Jr., William T. Sanders, Arthur O. Evans III and Lance B. Evans. Charter member Harry M. Sechrest's 30 Year Membership Award will be sent to him. All Chapter members are looking forward to having Compatriot Sechrest help us celebrate the chapter's 30th anniversary.

President Bailey expressed our appreciation for District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey joining us in Louise.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. after the benediction by George Easterling. Members went to the old Louise Post Office to view Speaker John Roades' personal museum of historic Louise.

Members Present –Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Chuck Bernard, Russell

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms

Dart, Tillman Daniel, Kirk Daniel, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Thomas Mayerle, Johnny Gresham, George Easterling, Lawrence Casey and Winston Avera.

Guests present were John and Bonnie Roades, Shawn Allen, Ted Bates, Raymond Poncik, Bruce, Tamara and Pamela Turner, Carole Peyton Dincans, Karen Thomas, Eula Mae Crowell, Pat Sanders, Judy Bernard, Sue Dart and Connie Avera.



30th Anniversary Celebration

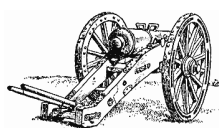
November 9, 2013, Noon

Lake Jackson Civic Center

Details are well developed for a festive event to honor our Charter Members and our Past Presidents. We will have entertainment and a very good speaker, plus a catered lunch. Be sure to mark your calendars for this date and make plans to join the celebration.

This festive event will be held at 12 Noon on November 9, 2013 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.

Tickets for the celebration are \$30.00 each, choice of entrée and payment at the time of reservation. The cut-off for reservations is October 31st.



This Month During The American Revolution October 22, 1777 Battle of Red Bank

On October 22, 1777, Fort Mercer, an earthen fort erected to guard the river approach to Philadelphia, was successfully defended by Americans in the Battle of the Red Bank. Their victory delayed the opening of the Delaware River as a route of supply for General Howe's army, which had occupied Philadelphia on September 26th.

National Parks Service

<http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/detail.cfm?ResourceId=1238&ResourceType=Site>



MONUMENT AT RED BANK.

In commemoration of the battle at Red Bank and the valor of Colonel Greene, a monument of blue veined marble, about fifteen feet high, was erected in 1829, just within the northern line of the outworks of Fort Mercer, and within a few feet of the margin of the Delaware. This tribute to the memory of valor and patriotism was made by some New Jersey and Pennsylvania volunteers. While it is a testimony of one of the most noble traits in human character, it bears an exhibition of the existence of another of the most detestable. In the

inscription were the words NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA, in a single prominent line. Some Jersey scoundrel almost obliterated the word PENNSYLVANIA; and afterward some Pennsylvania Vandal, in the fierceness of his retaliatory zeal for the credit of his state, disgraced it, so far as insignificance could do it, by obliterating the words NEW JERSEY. The whole line is destroyed; and that marble shaft perpetuates a remembrance of unknown barbarians as well as of honored patriots.

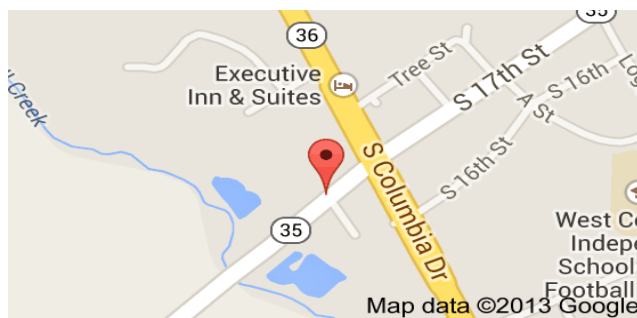
PICTORIAL FIELD BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION. VOLUME II.

BY Benson J. Lossing

Published by Harpers and Brothers, New York 1850; Page 51



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