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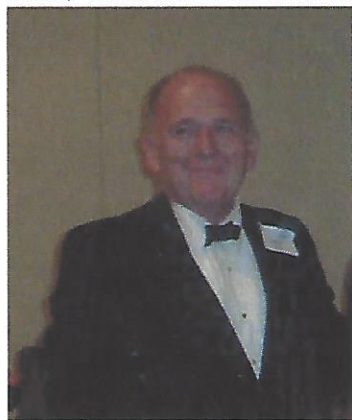
Dr. Don Pugh, Editor

## April Meeting at Surfside

### Michael Rees, JD, Ph.D. Will be Speaker

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Red Snapper Inn at Surfside on Saturday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will be our own Chapter Vice-President, Dr. Mike Rees,

Mike Rees attended Georgetown (A.B.), Yale, Harvard and Tulane (J.D., Ph.D). He lived with the Maya people of the Lacandon Jungle, Chiapas Mexico and the Peten, Guatemala from 1973-75 as an NIMH and Shell International fellow.



Mike has taught at the University of Houston at Clear Lake since 1976, and Brazosport College since 2000. He practiced law in Louisiana (1968-71) and Texas (since 1984). He was President of the Brazoria County Bar Association and the Angleton Rotary Club. He went to Argentina

in 1996 as leader of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange. Mike works for Lone Star Legal Aid in Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton counties.

Mike married Betty Sue Markham from the Matador Ranch, Texas. Betty Sue also has a degree in Anthropology from UHCL. They have three children: Ian (Ph.D. program in biophysics, Baylor Medical School), Austin (Brazosport College) and Mary Helen (Angleton High School).

The subject of Mike's presentation will be the relationship of three 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century conflicts that are normally considered separately: The Seven-Year's War,

(which we call the "French and Indian War"); the Revolutionary War; and the War of 1812 (seen as part of the Napoleonic Wars). With a broad scope, Mike can not touch not on specific dates and battles but will consider how the European combatants (England, France, Spain, their colonies, Russia, Germany, Austria, Poland) played their parts in three acts in a new world theater of a conflict that was centuries old.

Of course, prospective members, guests and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Note: Please be advised that the Red Snapper Inn does not accept Credit Cards.

### Directions to the Red Snapper Inn

The Red Snapper Inn is on the Blue Water Highway just north of the intersection with Highway 332 in Surfside. From Highway 288 come into Lake Jackson (when you cross the overpass over FM 2204 at the Brazosport Mall, Highway 288 becomes 332). Follow 332 and follow the road to Surfside. Continue on 332 through the signal light at Oyster Creek and when you cross the high bridge over the Intercoastal canal you will see a signal light just past the foot of the bridge. That is the intersection with the Blue Water Highway. Turn left at the signal light and go up about 1/3 of a mile and you will see the Red Snapper Inn on your right.

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held at 11:30 a.m. in Danbury at Phillip's Café on Saturday, March 11, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Tillman M. Daniel. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Roger L. Byler. Vice-President Dr. Michael Rees led the group in the pledge to the United States Flag. Compatriot Don

Pugh led the pledge to the Texas flag, and Compatriot Russell Dart led the pledge to the SAR. Twenty five members and guests were present at the meeting, including five DAR members. Those members in attendance were Dr. Tillman Daniel, W. A. Bryant, Arnold Seidule, Garvin Germany, Milt Wing, John Beard, Dr. Mike Rees, George Easterling, Russell Dart, Dr. Don Pugh, Frank Seidule, Roger Byler, and Clell Sechrest. Spouses and guests included Freda L. Daniel, Coryne Choate, Earlene Pugh, Lee Slonek, Janice Seidule, Donald R. Mudd, Alton G. Rogers, Ladene Rogers, Mary Nita Wing, and Wand Duke Easterling.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The featured speaker for the meeting was Frank McCullough, Ph.D. who offered a program on "Benjamin Franklin: Scientific Entrepreneur (1706-1790)". Dr. McCullough listed the many accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin in sciences, technology and government service during his lifetime. He was sometimes known as the father of electricity as a result of his experiments with kites and keys in electrical storms. His accomplishments were the result of hard work and resulted in his inventions of the Franklin stove and the lightning rod. Franklin also participated in the affairs of government and signed the Treaty of Paris, the Declaration of Independence at the age of 70, and helped draft the final version of the U. S. Constitution at the age of 81.

Compatriot Don Pugh provided information of the forthcoming state meeting in Sugar Land on March 17-19, 2006 and encouraged members to send reservations in immediately. He also suggested that anyone interested in attending the Board of Managers meeting to be held in Lake Jackson on August 4-6, 2006 should fill out enrollment forms now for the meeting in order to provide funds for the chapter to use in preparation for the meeting.

After a motion for adjournment, President Daniel led the chapter in the SAR closing, and Chaplain Byler gave the benediction and chapter meeting was closed in good order. Our next meeting will be held on April 8, 2006.

## President's Corner

For those of you who were unable to attend the state meeting in Sugar Land, you missed a great opportunity to see your organization in action. The Alexander Hodge Chapter did a fine job in hosting a memorable event. Now we have a goal and a standard to surpass in hosting the BOM meeting in August.

The National SAR Congress is just around the corner in Dallas. The dates are July 6-8. The Texas State Society is planning a great celebration in hosting with approximately 125 color guard members from Texas alone. We are fortunate this year to have the state and national conventions in such close proximity. Start making

The National Society of the SAR has initiated a new history education website, The Real Story fo the American Revolution, [www.rsar.org](http://www.rsar.org). This is a public resource for discovering, acquiring, and maintaining liberty. There are 3 positive themes, 1) what liberty means and how the concept developed, 2) how liberty was won and how some who won it, later lost it, 3) how to keep the flame burning with a united dedication to liberty. Check this website out, well worth your time.

Tillman Daniel M.D.  
President Cradle of Texas Chapter

## Report from the State Conference

The Cradle of Texas Chapter was well represented at the State Conference in Sugar Land that was held in the Town Center Marriott March 17-19, 2006. Those attending from our chapter included Dr. Tillman and Freda Daniel, Russell and Sue Dart, Dr. Don and Earlene Pugh, Clell Sechrest, Judge Garvin Germany, Dr. Mike Rees, Donald Mudd, and Tom and Margot Green.

Officers who were elected or appointed were : Tom Green was elected as President, Dr. Don Pugh as District Representative for District VII, Arnold Seidule, Chairman of the Patriot Fund committee, and Dr. Don Pugh, Knight Essay Chairman. Russell Dart served as the tally clerk for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest and Pugh served as a judge.



The Chapter accumulated several awards including the Texas Flag Program streamer, The Patriot Fund Award for exceeding our contributions the preceding year, The E. A. Limmer award for having the highest percentage of approved supplemental applications for Group 2 (40-99 members), The Ross Shipman Electronic Newsletter Award, and honorable mention for the Galveston Award.

Dr. Don Pugh was the second person in our chapter this year to be awarded the Patriot Medal, the highest honor that can be awarded by the State Society. Our chapter has only had three such awards over it's almost