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Mr. Milt Wing, Editor

April Meeting in Bay City

April 11, 2009 11:30 AM

Brazoria County Aviation Director to be Speaker

The April meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolutionary will be held in Bay City, Texas at the K-2 Steak House. The restaurant is located on the corner of Highway 60 [Ave. F] and 6th street. Highway 35[7th St.] intersects Highway 60.

The speaker for the meeting will be the Brazoria County Aviation Director, Mr. Jeff Bilyeu. Jeff is the past President of the South Central Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. He now sits on their national board of directors.

Jeff started his aviation career in airports in 1991 working for Phillips Petroleum Co. at the municipal airport in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Concurrently, he attended Oklahoma State University and enrolled in the flight training program while pursuing a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Aviation. He graduated in 1992 with double majors in Aviation and Business Administration. While continuing advanced flight training, he enrolled in graduate school and was introduced to aviation management by the Airport Manager in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He and other students chartered a student chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives and ultimately changed his career focus to airport management.

Mr. Bilyeu was hired in 1993 as an administrative assistant intern for the maintenance department of the Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, Okla. Following three months of projects and experience he was hired to a full time position with the Operations Division as an Airport Operations Officer. He spent 6 years in Oklahoma City serving in day to day management role of the airfields with tasks related to safety, security, and construction of both airside and landside areas. He completed his Master's Degree in Aviation in 1994.

Following his position in Oklahoma, Mr. Bilyeu was hired as Airport Director in Gainsville, Texas, where he

remained until 2002 overseeing the operation of a small 1300 acre general aviation airport. Next he moved to Montgomery county and oversaw the Lone Star Executive Airport as its Executive Director. In 2007 Jeff became the Aviation Director here in Brazoria County.

Jeff and his wife reside in Pearland and have 3 children.

March Meeting Minutes

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution met for their regular meeting at the Baytown Seafood Restaurant in West Columbia, Texas, Saturday, March 14, 2009 with President Garvin Germany presiding.

The colors were presented by Mike Rees and Russell Dart. Tim Hall gave the Invocation and the US, Texas and SAR pledges were led by Don Pugh.

The following members and guests were present: Barton & Margie Griffith, Russell & Sue Dart, Garvin & Joyce Germany, Tim Hall, George Hall, Jr., Harry & Cherrie House, Anna Peoble, Don & Earlene Pugh, George Easterling, Machael Bailey, Donald & Kay Mudd, Winston & Connie Avera, Arnold & Janice Seidule, Lee Slonek, Coryne Choate, Julian Taylor III, Mike Rees, and Mel Perl.

The minutes of the February 2009 Meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Announcements by Don Pugh regarding the BOM raffle-the proceeds to benefit the Patriot's fund. Mike Bailey announced a display at the Brazoria County Museum, March 26 on how the Confederacy defended itself and on April 17 a presentation at the opening of a County Park. It was announced that Rev. Roger Byerly was in a Nursing Home in Angleton.

After lunch, the program was presented by Arnold Seidule, Mike Rees and Harry House. They each gave a

brief outline of their Patriot in the American Revolution. Each was given a certificate of Appreciation by Russell Dart. Garvin Germany and Tim Hall also spoke about their Patriot.

There were no committee reports.

New business: A motion was made, seconded and amended to donate \$500 to the TXSSAR fund for 2009 should they ask for contributions. Motion as amended was passed.

There being no further business, the colors were retired, SAR closing led by Garvin Germany and Tim Hall gave the Benediction. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Barton Griffith, Secretary.

President's Corner.

By Garvin
Germany



President Garvin Germany.

As your President I here accept the privilege of occupying your time and thought for a few moments as I look back over our mission as SAR and our upcoming events.

Often in analyzing the actions of mankind in his travail through politics and of war, we often fail to realize that a win or a loss may be a definite gain or loss, as if it is to coming to a corner in the occurrence of events. At the same time there is maybe the coming to that same point and without realizing the fact, that this may be only a pivot point, which may allow events and thoughts to slide or shift to any of the 360 degrees of the compass instead of merely bringing a change of direction to the right or left. Thus a win may not be a win, but only a shifting point of strength. Are we strong enough to hold fast when the fluid of philosophy sometimes seem pointless.

As I review our trip to the State SAR meet in Nacogdoches it has been interesting to meet our State leaders, other than those of our own chapter, for we have several in the forefront of the State SAR movement. Our State leaders will be corresponding with us in the coming months. In fact, our State President will be our speaker in May, where you will be able to gauge him for yourself.

As a County Judge, on hearing that our new President was a Justice of the Peace, I immediately had a vision of one of us old timers, retired and just holding on to a bit of fun in the waning years. Boy was I surprised when I met Tom Lawrence. He is a very vital gentleman who towers over the shorties like your President. He has a commanding voice and manner that makes you sit up and look up. He is in fact a practicing attorney. But, when you meet his wife and family you realize that they "ain't just

anybody's Justice of the Peace". She is a very attractive blond with two beautiful blond daughters. When she is introduced as an active Corporate Attorney, she is obviously a strength and force of her own. I am impressed that together, they will be an outstanding team.

On the National SAR stage we have the soon newly elected President General, the honorable Ed Butler, Sr., being one of our own in the Texas SAR. He is a man of much administrative experience, as well as having served as a Federal Judge and as a State Judge. His close cropped beard gives him the appearance of sagacity which one expects from a Judge. I am sure that he will hear from you readily as he did me when we briefly talked. He will honor Texas by his origins and by the service he will give to the National SAR.

Nacogdoches is a lovely town, not just historic, but also proud of its history that is displayed openly where ever in the town you may travel. It is old in the sense of years. The town square has two active archaeological digs going that date back to the date of the Spanish, and then there is also included some French history as a part of their bragging rights. They even brag of one two story building that has three wells in the basement, dug during the time of the Spanish occupation, but as yet not explored.

Lots of tourist type interest was evident, but on returning to Brazoria County, courtesy of Michael Bailey of the Brazoria County Historical Museum, there were found events not mentioned in Nacogdoches folders. There were at least two other revolutionary actions in the attempt to settle the Mexico-Texas revolution. One concerns a group of dissidents, including Mexicans loyal to Mexico, Cherokee Indians, Newly arrived Americans all led by a wealthy Nacogdoches citizen named Vincente Cordova. His troops were camping out on the river and when found, caused Sam Houston to order there be no assemblies in the area and further ordered that there could be no carrying of Arms!! Really is this in Texas? Cordova finally escaped to Mexico but complained that his "rights" were being violated.

Another revolution originating in the area was a group of four hundred Cherokee Indians who were found moving to attack a village, when found. Thomas Rusk, one of our State heroes, with 150 men, attacked and stopped them near Sanguine. This group was led by Julian Pedro Miracle, who was found dead on the bank of the river on August 20th 1838.

Remember the recitation of all these alleged Sub Revolutions in Texas has not been researched and the accuracy is therefore unknown. If you want the details call Michael, he is an authority. I apologize for a hasty recitation.

Thus we see that the Texas Revolution did not come to an abrupt Corner, remarkable and precise with the surrender of Santa Ana at San Jacinto. There was an unwinding of the emotions and conflicts that hinged around an unsure pivot point, It to a while to wind down.

Likewise our National Revolution to the Americans against the British did not come to a precise point and stop with precision at a corner but wallowed around in the

confusion of time after the major battles were ended. There were Indian problems, problems with persons who had a Tory penchant, and the breaking of ties with co-operating parties, those with foreign intervention, not to mention the friction between groups of States and individual States which claimed personal privilege for their own State's rights. Also were the varied problems in America as European nations strove to conquer each other in their acquisition of new territory in the America.

Thus in studying the detail of your forbearers' lives you should be constantly aware of the variations that occurred in the winding path to the end of the "final" independence. Think on it, for that was way our rich philosophical heritage was developed.

Have you the stamina that is needed to scan carefully the varying hues of thought from the many ideas that assail each of you daily to preserve this development. This is the message that SAR must keep in mind and try to maintain, that is, to keep the central themes developed, which together, when bundled, make America strong today. Is it as strong today as the freshly bundled philosophies were at the beginning of the nineteenth century. You are a Compatriot. Lean into the wind as it blows against us and push back with the truth AND understanding. – Garvin.

Notice-A reminder, again.

Please be on the lookout for recognition awards for citizens for outstanding performance in displaying the FLAG, LAW enforcement, FIRE duty and EMS duty and other meritorious service to the community. Please bring your nomination to the attention of any of the officers for consideration.

Color Guard

We could still have more participation in the Color Guard. If interested, see Frank Seidule, the newly appointed Color Guard Commander.

Important Dates

SAR Chapter Meeting April 11, 2009
BOM Lake Jackson July 31- Aug. 2, 2009

Patriotic Days Reminders

These are some special days to fly your flag.
Easter Sunday April 12, 2009
Battle of Lexington April 19, 2009
Flag Day, June 14, 2009

Announcement- The TXSSAR will begin on-line publication of the Texas Compatriot Newsletter soon. Be sure Don Pugh has your proper e-mail address, so you can be notified of special events and items that the State may want to report to its members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Balance Feb. . 28, 2009	\$4,197.86
Deposits	\$295.00
Historical Tour	\$180.00
Board of Managers	\$115,00
Disbursements	\$510.80
BOM Supplies	\$10.80
Donation Patriots Fund	\$500.00
Balance General Fund March 31, 2009	\$3,982.06
Balance McAlexander Fund	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance March 31, 2009	\$4,865.06

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Important State Meetings Coming Up Be sure to attend, you will enjoy!!!!

As you know we are hosting the Summer Board of Managers Meeting here in Lake Jackson at the Cherotel Hotel. Dates are July 31, Aug. 1 2, 2009. Don will be holding a planning meeting at after our regular monthly meeting. Please plan to attend so you will know what is going to be going on. We really need a good turn out of the local members to make this meeting a success.



Don and Earlene
Report of Texas SAR State Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter had a good representation at the State Meeting in Nacogdoches last month.

Members and guests attending were: Don and Earlene Pugh, Garvin and Joyce Germany, Arnold and Janice Seidule, Russell and Sue Dart, Milt and Mary Nita Wing and Frank Seidule.

Russell played an important role in the many Awards ceremonies conducted throughout the meeting. Don as State Secretary was prominent in that role. Garvin attended the Chapter President Committee meetings as well as many others. Arnold as a member of the Patriots Fund committee presented the Chapters Donation when he made his report. Milt attended the general sessions. Frank and Russell were active members of the Color Guard Activities. A table was set up to draw attention to the BOM to be held in Lake Jackson and raffle tickets were sold throughout the meeting.



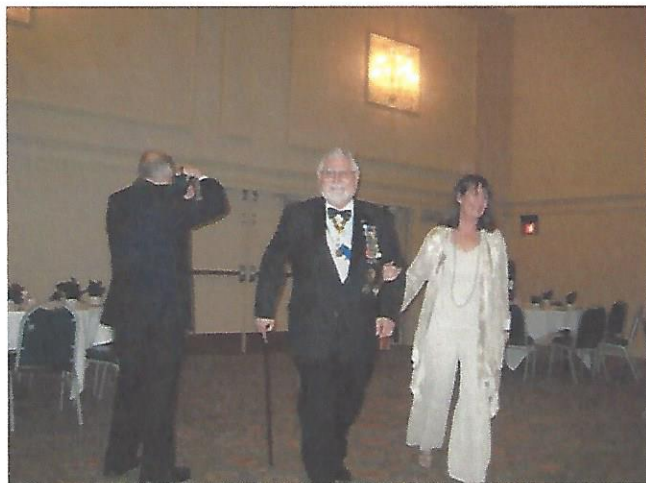
Frank and Russell



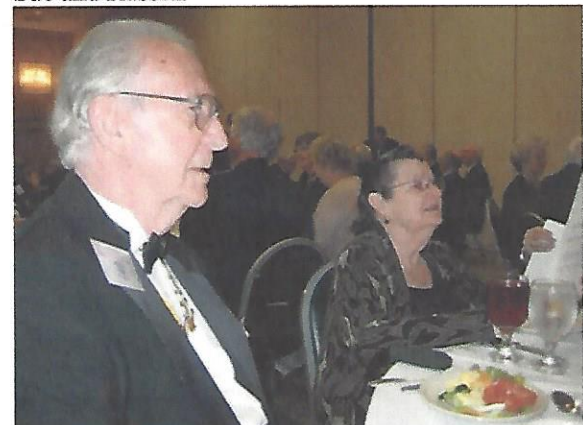
Garvin and Joyce



Sue and Russell



President General Elect, Hon. Ed Butler and Wife



Arnold and Janice