



# The Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33  
Sons of the American Revolution



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Milt Wing, Editor

## December Meeting to be in Angleton

### President's Corner

#### Compatriots:

We are entering the Holiday Season! Truthfully, I feel that I am getting a jump start this year out of necessity. Freda and I have been busy getting Thanksgiving behind us and as much accomplished in preparing for Christmas as we can since we are leaving on the 26<sup>th</sup> to go to Alabama to be with our daughter and her family as she is having surgery and will need help during her recuperation. I will be back for our next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Remember that will be the time for election of officers for the next year. Our new slate of officers as proposed by the nominating committee will be as follows: Mike Rees-President, Garvin Germany-Vice-President, Milt Wing-Secretary, Russel Dart-Treasurer, Tim Hall-Cenealogist, Roger Byler-Chaplain, and Executive Committeemen, Don Mudd and Arnold Seidule.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you it has been an honor to have served in the offices of genealogist, vice-president, and president over the last several years. Believe me, I have learned a lot and am still learning. A special thanks to all those who have helped. We have a great organization and lots of good companions who are ready, willing and able to serve.

This is the time of year to be generous with helping others. George Easterling and Tim Hall are looking for contributions to our Veteran. Can you help? Clell Sechrest is looking for book donations particularly for children. Please also remember our Patriots Fund as well.

I am sure you have by now received your letter asking you to send in your dues which are due now. Please be prompt and don't make someone to have to call you as a reminder.

We are looking forward to a visit from our State President, George West and his wife, Wanda in January at a special night meeting at the Bay City Country Club. The date is January 12, 2008. Please mark this date on your calendar to begin the new year.

Arnold and Janice Seidule will be hosting a Christmas Open House after our meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. All Compatriots and their wives are invited. This will be at

### Location of Meeting

The meeting will be held at Smithhart Texas Grill on Business Highway 288 on the northside of Angleton.

### The Speaker will be Walter (Pete) Denby

The speaker for the regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter on Saturday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. will be Pete Denby. Walter grew up in London during the depression and World War II. His father was a London Metropolitan Policeman. He was killed by a bomb during an air raid when the "Blitz" was being waged by Germany upon England. The year was 1940, before the U. S. entered the war. Pete was part of the home guard, and then he enlisted to serve both in North Africa and the Middle East. Pete came to the United States after the war to settle in Texas. He is former Vice President of Collins Instruments in Angleton, Texas. He is also a past president of the Angleton Rotary Club with which he is still an active member. He also is Carrillon Keeper at the First Methodist Church in Angleton. Pete will talk about his experiences during World War II in England and the Middle East. We look forward to his presentation.

**Color Guard Candidates:** We are still looking for members who are willing to serve as Color Guards in Uniform at various functions. Contact Arnold Seidule.

2 p.m. in the afternoon at their home at 410 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson.

**Tillman Daniel, M. D.**

## Minutes of the November Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution met at Phillip's Restuarant in Danbury on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. The DAR Members and wives of members and other guests present were: Freda Daniel, Lee Slonek, Coryne Choate, Janice Seidule, Mary Nita Wing, Kay Mudd, Harry M. House, Cherre W. House, Mary Sechrest, Anna Peebler, Earlene Pugh and of course our speaker Stan Murray. Members present were: Mike Rees, Garvin Germany, Roger Byler, Clell Sechrest, Donald Mudd, Thomas Mudd, Frank Seidule, Arnold Seidule, Russell Dart, Tim Hall, George Hall, Milt Wing, Mark Peebler, Tillman Daniel, and Don Pugh,

President Daniel convened the meeting. Rev. Roger Byler gave the invocation. Judge Germany lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag, the Texas flag and the SAR Pledge. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read in the newsletter.

President Daniel welcomed the members of the SAR, DAR and guests. He especially welcomed SAR candidate Harry and Cherre H0use (DAR), who will bring four grandsons into the organization. He asked for old business, new business then suggested the chapter recess for lunch.

After lunch President Daniel remembered the men and women who gave parts and all of their lives to our Country. He traced the origins of Veterans Day in Armistice Day initiated by President Wilson and gave thanks to all who served their country.

As required by the Charter and bylaws each November, the Nominating Committee announced the candidates for chapter offices as follows: President-Mike Rees, Vice-President-Judge Garvin Germany, Secretary-Milt Wing, Treasurer-Russell Dart, Genealogist-Tim Hall, Executive Committeemen- Don Mudd and Arnold Seidule.

Judge Germany first reminded members and guests of the Veteran's Day parade to be held in Danbury this year. He then introduced Stephan F. Austin as realized by Stan Murray of the Austintown Historical Re-enactment sponsored by the Brazoria County Historical Museum. Austin brought the group up to date on what was happening in Austintown in the year 1832. Father Muldoon impersonated by Mike Rees made a surprise appearance.

Stan was a 1965 graduate of Abilene Christian College. In 1971 he married Jamie Gieseke whom he met at the University of Colorado. He was a employee of U. S. contractors for 32 years. He has devoted his retirement to

public service and as community educator about Texas Revolutionary History. He worked with the late Dr. "Mac" MacAlexander, one of the founders of our Chapter and the Brazoria County Historical Museum. He has been featured as Stephen F. Austin many times at the Alamo and in many television documentaries such as Ron Stone's. Jamie ,his wife , works as head researcher at the Brazoria County Historical Museum. The talk was well received by the audience.

Reverend Byler led the group in benediction. The membership then recited the SAR closing led by Don Mudd. The members adjourned until December 8, 2007, when they will meet at Smithhart's Texas Grille in Angleton.

## A reminder of a special meeting in January '08

Just so you won't forget ; The Bay City Country Club will be the site of a special night meeting to be held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> when we receive a visit from our State President, George West and his wife. This will be a special celebration which will feature the induction of our new officers and some special awards to some of our members. More information will be announced in subsequent editions of the newsletter, but we urge our members and interested persons to circle this date on your calendar and keep it open.

Don't forget this request, please. One of the requests by State President West is that each member prepare a one-page biography of his principal ancestor to be included in a book that President will present to the archives at the end of his term.

## Minutemen ?????

**The Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775 with the battles fought at Lexington and Concord, Ma.**

We all know some history about these two battles but let me recount the events briefly for the record. The British Army Regulars with about 700 men were ordered to move on Concord to capture and destroy military supplies which reportedly were stored there by the Massachusetts Militia. However the Colonists had been warned in the weeks prior to the event that this may happen so they moved the supplies to safety. They also had received details about the British plans on the night before the battle and information was rapidly passed to the Militia.

The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising at Lexington. The militia were outnumbered and fell back. Hours later the battle resumed at the North Bridge at Concord where other Colonists, fought and defeated three companies of the King's

troops. The outnumbered soldiers of the British Army fell back from the Minutemen after a pitched battle in open territory.

More Minutemen arrived soon thereafter and inflicted heavy damage on the British regulars as they marched back toward Boston. The expedition was rescued by reinforcements at Lexington and the combined force retreated to Boston under heavy fire.

From this account one will note that militia men were involved at Lexington and Minutemen were involved at Concord. However there are two statues . Which one do you see as a Minuteman? Both seem that they fit our understanding of events. However, the Statue at Concord shows a farmer with a plow beside him. The Statue at Lexington is one of a militiaman and portrays Troop Commander John Parker who later testified that no Minutemen were involved in the conflict at Lexington. When I took the picture at Lexington, I thought he was The Minuteman. Sure looks like one, right? the editor



## COMMUNICATIONS

We received a letter and Christmas card and greetings last week from our former member, Larry Kiggans and his wife, Gloria. The old times will remember that he served the chapter last as Treasure and moved to Wisconsin so he could enjoy the cold weather and be near his kids. Larr is the only paid subscriber to the newsletter, sending us a donation to defray the cost of printing and mailing (he also does not have an e-mail address).

He reports that the Wisconsin SAR is raising funds to place markers on all 29 Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Wisconsin and they are substantially through with the project. He also sent news of a recent trip to Alaska where he ALMOST saw a lot of wildlife, It is always good to hear from our former compatriots and we wish them well.

## Important Dates

Seidule's Open House Dec. 8, 2007: 2-5 PM

President's Dinner, Jan. 12, 2008

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meet, Feb 21-23, 2008

TXSSAR State Conference, Arlington Mar 27-30, 2008

NSSAR Convention, Sacramento CA Jul 5-9, 2008

TXSSAR Board of Managers, Tyler, Aug 1-3, 2008



**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
October 31, 2007

General Fund Balance 31Oct. 2007	\$3,427.92
Income	0
Disbursements	
JROTC Meals	\$22.50
Guest Lunch	\$ 7.27
Total Disbursements	\$29.77
Balance November 26, 2007	\$3,398.15
Barbara McAlexander Fund	
Deposit February 1, 2007	\$1,000.00
Total Bank Balance October 31, 2007	\$4,398.15

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