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Sons of the American Revolution



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Dr. Don Pugh, Editor

Archeology on Tap next Meeting

Craig Hlavinka to Speak

The Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will have their regular meeting at the Windswept Restaurant in Oyster Creek on Saturday, November 13, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Craig Hlavinka, Harbor Master at Matagorda, Texas. Craig is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches and is also a member of the Southwest Underwater Archeological Society. This society is a group of voluntary underwater divers that assists the Texas Historical Commission in their quests. Craig is the project coordinator for the exploration of the steamboat sinking site in Caney Creek during the Civil War near Sargent, Texas.

As always visitors and prospective members are always welcome at the meetings of the chapter.

Minutes October 9 Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution met at "On the River" Restaurant in Freeport, Texas on Saturday, October 9, 2004, at 11:30 A.M. Present were Tillman Daniel; C. R. Faulkner; Freda Daniel; Frances Faulkner; Dorothy Salisbury; Jim Salisbury; Justin Senkyrik; Arthur and Mary Evans, Charles Wagner, Margaret Wagner; Marvin Setzer; L. L. Stevens; Rogert Byler; Elizabeth Melton; Clell Sechrest; Don Pugh; Earlene Pugh; Janise Seidule; Arnold Seidule; Caryne Choate; Lee Slonek; Garvin Germany; Arthur O. Evans III, and Mike Rees..

President Bob Faulkner called the meeting to order. Chaplain Roger Byler gave the Invocation. Tillman Daniel led pledges to the Flags and SAR. The members of the SAR, DAR, guests and prospective members were introduced, each giving the name of their revolutionary

ancestor(s). The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The meeting recessed for lunch.

After eating, the following announcements were made: the Private Zachariah Landrum Grave Marking to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2004, the State Board of Managers meeting in Galveston on November 5th through the 7th, and the Sons of the Republic of Texas' Stephen F. Austin oak tree planting ceremony to be held at the Texas State Cemetery on October 30, 2004.

A call went out for volunteers to approach area schools for possible flag presentations by Tom Green

President Faulkner noted that the dues notices would go into the mail on October 12, 2004. We were asked to pray promptly and to consider giving an additional amount to the corpus of the Patriot Fund.

The Ladies' Auxiliary handed out membership application forms.

It was noted that George Easterling is almost out of supplies to give to Veterans at nursing homes. .

Officers Reports and Comments:

Don Pugh brought our attention to the Kroger share card check for \$108.12. He suggested that members consider using their Kroger cards as an alternative to raising dues.

President Faulkner brought attention to the October 19, 1781, surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. This is our SAR Day of Remembrance for October.

Arnold Seidule discussed a brief meeting he had with the new ownership of the Brazos Mall to place an S.A.R. exhibit there.

Clell Sechrest publicized the Patriot Fund. He noted that the corpus is not touched but the income is used for scholarships, oration and essay contests. Arnold Sechrest said that it was our responsibility to see the Patriot Fund grow. Arnold Seidule noted that there have only been \$6,000 contribution from 2,600 members. Arnold also told the group that the Center for American Heritage (formerly the Library fund) has only received \$1,000 this year from Texas through the State Treasurer. This fund is used to provide information to the schools and

to the public information about the importance of our heritage.

Tillman Daniel introduced the speaker, Texas State Representative Dennis Bonnen, who spoke on the benefits of public service..

President Faulkner presented the Heroism Medal to Scout Justin Senkyrik. He then presented Former Chief Deputy now Sheriff-Elect Charles Wagner with the Law Enforcement Medal. He presented the Fire Safety Medal to Fire Chief Marvin Setzer. Finally the Good Citizenship Medal was presented to State Representative Dennis Bonnen.

President Faulkner congratulated the recipients of the awards and called for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded.

The membership was led in a Benediction by Chaplain Roger Byler.

President's Corner

One of the most important patriotic holidays in the United States will be observed this month. To initiate this event George Easterling, Arnold Seidule, Frances and I visited the Cypress Woods Care Center in Angleton and presented all the veterans in the center with a US Flag and various toiletries. All of the Veterans seemed to appreciate our visit. I would now like to present a history of Excerpts from **All About American Holidays** by Mayme R. Krythe.

Veterans' Day (formerly Armistice Day)

November 11, is the anniversary of the Armistice which was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I, after four years of conflict. At 5 A.M. on Monday, November 11, 1918 the Germans signed the Armistice, an order was issued for all firing to cease; so the hostilities of the First World War ended.

This day began with the laying down of arms, blowing of whistles, impromptu parades, closing of places of business. All over the globe there were many demonstrations of relief and patriotism; no doubt the world has never before witnessed such rejoicing.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.

In 1927 Congress issued a resolution requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue a proclamation calling

upon officials to display the Flag of the United States on all government buildings on November 11, and inviting the people to observe the day in schools and churches...But it was not until 1938 that Congress passed a bill that each November 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day."

That same year President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill making the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia. For sixteen years the United States formally observed Armistice Day, with impressive ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the Chief Executive or his representative placed a wreath. In many other communities, the American Legion was in charge of the observance, which included parades and religious services. At 11 A.M. all traffic stopped, in tribute to the dead, then volleys were fired and taps sounded.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I. The word, "armistice," means simply a truce; therefore as years passed, the significance of the name of this holiday changed. Leaders of Veterans' groups decided to try to correct this and make November 11 the time to honor all who had fought in various American wars, not just in World War I. In Emporia, Kansas, on November 11, 1953, instead of an Armistice Day program, there was a Veterans' Day observance. Ed Rees, of Emporia, was so impressed that he introduced a bill into the House to change the name to Veterans' Day. After this passed, Mr. Rees wrote to all state governors and asked for their approval and cooperation in observing the changed holiday. The name was changed to Veterans' Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. In October of that year, President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting an enduring peace. The President referred to the change of name to Veterans' Day in honor of the servicemen of all America's wars.

Patriot Grave Marking

The grave marking for Revolutionary Patriot Zachariah Landrum was held at the site of his grave in Montgomery, Texas on Saturday, October 23, 2004. Several members and wives of members of our chapter were in attendance: Russell and Sue Dart, Don and Earlene Pugh, and Tom Green. Tom Green served as commander of the Honor Guard. The marking was arranged by the Piney Woods Chapter with the assistance of the Conroe Chapter. There were about 50 persons in attendance including members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Board of Managers Meet

November 5 – 7 Galveston, Texas

Since the Board of Managers meeting in November is so close to all of us, the officers of the chapter are strongly encouraging all of our members that can, attend some or all of the meeting in Galveston. To attend one of our TXSSAR meeting will provide each of our members with a better understanding of how the Society works. Also the camaraderie of our fellow compatriots is very refreshing. See you there.

Dues Notices

Everyone by now should have received their dues notice in the mail. If you have not, please notify President Bob Faulkner immediately. We hope that you will promptly send in your dues. Our chapter exists almost exclusively on the \$9.50 which is the chapter portion of the dues that you pay. The State organization receives \$12.50 of your dues and the National Organization receives the remainder, \$25.00. If you are prompt to send your check immediately it saves the postage required to follow up on those that do not take care of this obligation promptly, and in addition puts extra pressure on your local officers to follow up on all those that are not current with their dues. Please take care of this immediately.

FINANCIAL REPORT September 30, 2004

General Fund Balance August 31, 2004 \$1233.67

Income:

Membership Dues	\$28.50
Reimbursement for Newsletter	\$ 6.00
Kroger Share Card	\$108.12
Reimbursement for meals	\$ 15.00
Reimbursement for meals	\$26.00
Reimbursement for medals	\$149.12

Total \$332.74

Disbursements:

Heroism Medal	\$25.00
Guests Lunches	\$30.00
Medal Engraving	\$12.99
Guest Lunches	\$66.50
Purchase of Medals	\$118.20

Total Disbursements: \$262.69

General Fund Balance October 31, 2004 \$1164.60

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