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Sons of the American Revolution



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Mr Milt Wing, Editor

Meeting in Bay City, October 10, 2009

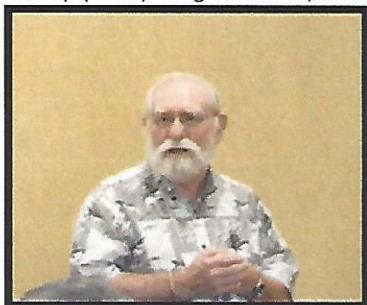
Donna Younger to present Program

Donna Younger from the Matagorda Nature and Birding Center will present the program at the October 10 meeting of the Cradle of Texas Society at the K-2 Steak House in Bay City, Texas. The Steak House is located one block off of the north side of the square.

Milton Silas Wing

Milton Silas Wing (Milt) died on September 23, 2009, at his home in Lake Jackson, Texas. Milton was born in 1933 in New Sharon, Maine, as the youngest of 15 children, but lived in Texas for 72 of his 76 years. He always said he got to Texas as fast as he could.

Milt is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Nita; sons, Phillip (Linda) Wing of Boerne, Texas, and Clifton (Sharon) Wing of Round Rock, Texas; daughter, Ginger (Bill) Schmidt of Jones Creek, Texas; his nephew and family, Dennis (Margaret) Norton of Brazoria; and brothers-in-law, Ronnell and John Berwick of Beaumont. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Christina Wing of Austin, Eric Wing of San Antonio, Naval recruit Amy Wing, USN, and Benjamin Wing of Round Rock.



He was valedictorian of the 1950 South Park High School class in Beaumont, Texas. After graduating from Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, he joined Dow Chemical R&D in Freeport. After a long and productive career earning 17 U.S. patents of process improvements and new inventions, he became technical director for product and process research.

Milt was an active recruiter of talent for Dow Chemical for 20 years, recruiting 145 Lamar chemists and engineers. In 1983, he encouraged Dow employees who were Lamar graduates to form the Brazoria County Big Red Association. This inaugural Lamar University Alumni Club remains strong and vibrant today. In 1984, Milt was named an honorary member of the engineering faculty of Lamar University, and after retiring from Dow in 1985, he joined the chemical engineering faculty. In 2006, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for University Service from his alma mater, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas.

As a 12th generation Wing, Milt was very active in the Wing Family of America Association, serving in various capacities, including president of the Texas Chapter and district representative to the national board.

After finally retiring from teaching and chemical, oil and gas consulting, he enjoyed his times of travel with Mary Nita, golfing and a long-time poker group. He also gave time and support to Brazosport Cares food pantry and the Lake Jackson Historical Museum. Recently, Milt joined the Sons of the American Revolution organization and put the same energy into that new activity that he did with all his endeavors. Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the Lakewood Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jim Martin officiating.

Milt has served the Cradle of Texas Chapter TXSSAR in many capacities and has always been ready to lend a helping hand. His leadership qualities will be missed. Recently, as vice president of the chapter he has been filling in for our president Garvin Germany who is ill. He was the mainstay of the group that led the recent TXSSAR BOM when they met in Lake Jackson in August, 2009. The picture was Milt chairing the opening session of the BOM in Lake Jackson. In addition to serving as Vice President he has been the editor of this Newsletter for more than two years. He was working on this edition at his passing.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brazosport Cares food pantry, 916 N. Gulf Blvd., Freeport, TX 77541-3908; the LJ Historical Museum, 249 Circle

Way, Lake Jackson, TX 77566; Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County, P.O. Box 3615, Lake Jackson 77566; or the charity of your choice.

Edited from the obituary in The Facts

Minutes of September 12, 2009

The Cradle of Texas SAR held its regular meeting at the Wurst Haus, September 12, 2009 with VP Milt Wing presiding in the absence of President Germany. The colors were presented by Mike Rees and Don Pugh gave the invocation. George Easterling led the recitation of the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

Minutes of the May, 2009, meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. An update on President Germany's condition was given. Even though he has received and will continue to receive transfusions, he is receiving chemotherapy with good results.

Bill Sanders presented a U.S. flag to the Louise Middle School. A history of the Star Spangled Banner was presented and a reminder was given of the Constitution Day, September 17, 2009.



Robert McCarty Receiving Pistol

Tom Pruett is being promoted for the citizenship award. A notice was given about the Compatriot being only on line unless a mailed copy was requested. Our speaker, James Glover, failed to show up. A report of the BOM was given and the pistol was presented to winner Robert McCarty. Recognition of his contribution to the Patriots' Fund was given to President Garvin Germany.

The colors were retired, Don Pugh gave the benediction and George Easterling gave the SAR closing. The next meeting, October 10, will be in Bay City at K-2 Steak House and the program will be presented by Donna Younger from the Matagorda Birding & Nature Center.

The following members and guests were present:

George Easterling, Mike Rees, Mike Bailey, Julie Bailey, Bob McCarty, Thomas Mayerle, Mary Nita Wing, Bill Sanders, Pat Sanders, Don Pugh, Clell Sechrest, Mary Sechrest, Milt Wing, W. Barton Griffith, Frank Seidule, Tillman Daniel.

Constitution Week Celebrations

Several members of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, TXSSAR joined with the Ammon Underwood Chapter of the DAR to celebrate "Bells across America" at the First Capitol Replica in West Columbia on September 17, 2009. There was an interesting program given by Mayor Kincannon of the City of West Columbia. There was singing of patriotic songs, and the musket salute by the Brazoria Militia. Members of the Cradle of Texas Chapter included Vice President Milt Wing, Dr. Don Pugh, Chuck Bernard, and Michael Bailey. Bailey was also serving in the Brazoria Militia. This program celebrates the time of the actual signing of the Constitution of the United States in Philadelphia. Bill Sanders participated and was a leader in the program in Louise, Texas.

Saturday, September 19 the area DAR chapters celebrated Constitution Week with a special program and luncheon at Columbia Lakes Conference Center in West Columbia. There was an inspiring speech by Professor Wayne Pryor from Brazosport College. Bill Sanders and Dr. Don Pugh, members of the Cradle of Texas chapter attended with the ladies.



Bill Sanders and Student at Louise Middle School with exhibit

**TXSSAR Board of Managers, Dallas, TX,
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009**

President's Corner

For you that really want to know, my diagnosis is not yet complete and there will be a medical review of my situation next week. The physicians have reported that the leukemia is no longer in my bone marrow and that is good news from here. From this time on we will only pray and work with the doctors.

Garvin Germany

Patriotic Days Reminders

Victory at Yorktown **Oct 19th**

September 28, 1781

On this day in 1781, General George Washington, commanding a force of 17,000 French and Continental troops, begins the siege known as the Battle of Yorktown against British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and a contingent of 9,000 British troops at Yorktown, Virginia, in the most important battle of the Revolutionary War.

Earlier, in a stroke of luck for the Patriots, the French fleet commanded by Francois, Count de Grasse, departed St. Domingue (the then-French colony that is now Haiti) for the Chesapeake Bay, just as Cornwallis chose Yorktown, at the mouth of the Chesapeake, as his base. Washington realized that it was time to act. He ordered Marquis de Lafayette and an American army of 5,000 troops to block Cornwallis' escape from Yorktown by land while the French naval fleet blocked the British escape by sea. By September 28, Washington had completely encircled Cornwallis and Yorktown with the combined forces of Continental and French troops. After three weeks of non-stop bombardment, both day and night, from cannon and artillery, Cornwallis surrendered to Washington in the field at Yorktown on October 17, 1781, effectively ending the War for Independence.

Pleading illness, Cornwallis did not attend the formal surrender ceremony, held on October 19. Instead, his second in command, General Charles O'Hara, carried Cornwallis' sword to the American and French commanders.

Although the war persisted on the high seas and in other theaters, the Patriot victory at Yorktown ended fighting in the American colonies. Peace negotiations

began in 1782, and on September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed, formally recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 23, 2009

General Fund Balance July 31, 2009 \$6077.79
Deposits :

Disbursements:

Balance Sept 23, 2009 \$6,077.79

Barbara McAlexander Fund
Deposit- February 2007 \$1000.00

Disbursement
SARUniformForRussell Dart (25%) \$117.00

Balance McAlexander Fund \$883.00

Total Bank Balance August 25, 2009 \$6,960.79

Note: Historical fund donated \$1,500 to Patriots Fund Expenses
Raffle donated \$2,300 to the Patriots Fund Expenses
The Chapter donated \$500 to the Patriots Fund Expenses.

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