



The Cradle of Texas Crier

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Sons of the American Revolution



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Mr Milt Wing, Editor

September Meeting in Lake Jackson

James Glover to be Guest Speaker

James Glover will be our guest speaker for the upcoming meeting of The Cradle of Texas SAR on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 11:30 am.

The meeting will be held at the Wurst Haus Restaurant in Lake Jackson. It is on This Way in downtown Lake Jackson, 3 blocks off Highway 332. Exit at the BBVA Compass Bank

James Glover is the Program Coordinator for Brazoria County Parks Department. James was born in New Velasco, just two months after Hurricane Carla came ashore in 1961. He has been a resident of Brazoria County all his life, with the exception of a couple of brief excursions for college and for work. Graduating from Sweeny High School, he attended Brazosport College and what is now known as "Texas State University" at San Marcos.

Local history has been an all-absorbing interest for much of his adult life. Having spent a lot of time reading and researching into local events-particularly of the colonial and republican eras of Texas, he says he had yet to exhaust the material or cease to make new discoveries and connections. His own history is entwined with that of Brazoria County. His father grew up in Freeport and worked for the Missouri Pacific during the war. He says "if I have to say which war, then I'm talking to the wrong crowd". Later he went into house painting. His great grandfather was a farmer and carpenter who eventually wound up working at Freeport Sulphur Co. His mother grew up in Velasco. His dad later owned Dag's Bar and Grill across from the Lake Theater in Lake Jackson and is listed as one of the founding residents of that city.

He proudly traces his lineage back to Elijah B. Thomas of the Mustang Community, who rode under the command of Col. Terry in Co. B, 8th Texas Calvary, and to

James Newton Glover who served as a volunteer of the Georgia Militia during the War of 1812.

His current occupation is with the Brazoria County Parks Department, where he is "supervisor of special events/community outreach". What that means is still being defined, according to Jim. The actual job includes everything from organizing and running departmental events to writing press releases, fielding questions about our parks, updating our website content, keeping the minutes of the Parks Commission, and pretty much anything else that is needed.

Jim also notes his past occupations include newspaper editor, writer, lumber salesman, pipefitter, carpenter, and proudly adds "a first class ditch digger" to his credentials.

Jim lives in Angleton with his two sons, age 11 and 12 and a wonderful wife who works as a nurse and puts up with him in her time-off. Let's give a hearty welcome to James Glover from the SAR.

May Meeting Minutes

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution met at the Red Snapper Restaurant at Surfside on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. The SAR members in attendance were Garvin Germany, Michael Rees, George Easterling, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule, Clell Sechrest, Don Pugh, Tillman Daniel, Donald Mudd, Jim Salisbury, Rev. Lawrence Stevens, Bill Greenwood, John Beard, Luther Singletary, Bill Sanders, Tom Green, Thomas Mayerle, Mark Peebler, Tom Lawrence and Milt Wing.

Guests present were Earlene Pugh, Kay Mudd, Janice Seidule, Mrs. John Beard, Coryne Choate, Mary Nita Wing, Dorothy Salisbury, Kay Mudd, Betty Rees, Pat Sanders, Anna Peebler, Geraldine Singletary, Pat Singletary, Maria Singletary, Polly Singletary Schueneman, and Cheryl Singletary Kiepe.

President Germany convened the meeting. The Color Guard, Russell Dart and Mike Rees, presented the colors. Garvin Germany led the Pledges to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag and to the SAR. Rev. Stevens gave the Invocation. It is to be noted that Rev. Lawrence Stevens was appointed as our Chaplain to replace our departed Rev. Roger Byler.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as they appeared in the April newsletter.

Lunch was served.

Garvin, our president then asked Don Pugh to introduce our Speaker, Tom Lawrence, the newly elected President of the TXSSAR. Tom gave a very interesting talk and shared with us some of his goals as president. His main thrust will be to re-invigorate the activities that increase the public awareness of the SAR in their local regions. The emphasis will be on giving recognition to those who serve the community such as fire, safety, emergency teams and individuals who display the flag prominently to others who are good citizens by exemplary standards. Youth programs also are to be emphasized.

Tom also gave us an update on what is going on at the National Level and shared with us the items that the TEXAS group will have to grapple with in the upcoming year. One of those is the publication of the Compatriot as we move toward emailing rather than publishing a hard copy. (There is a reminder accompanying this newsletter that informs each member of their obligation to notify TXSSAR if you still want a hard copy. Otherwise it will be available only on the Website.)

Tom recognized the members of our Chapter that are active at the State level. These include, Don Pugh, Staff Secretary, Tom Green, former State President and SAR flag committee chairman., Arnold Seidule, Patriots Fund member, and Russell Dart, Youth and Public Safety Awards Chairman.

Tom then presented the Texas Silver Service Medal to Russell Dart as the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

Service Awards were presented to those members in attendance who had earned them. They were: John Beard, Clell Sechrest and Luther Singletary. Other certificates were to be mailed to those not in attendance.

There was no old business to discuss.

Under New Business- Don Pugh reminded everyone of the upcoming Board of Managers Meeting to be held in Lake Jackson, July 31- August 2, 2009 at the Cherotel Hotel. He also reminded folks that Garvin Germany has donated both a black powder rifle and pistol to be awarded to the winning tickets at the BOM. Either would be a real prize to obtain, so get your tickets now. Don is sending a special mailer to each member concerning this meeting along with some extra raffle tickets either to be sold or

bought. He looks forward to seeing many of our members there.

President Garvin thanked everyone for the fine turnout and noted that our next luncheon meeting was set for September 12, 2009 after summer break.

The colors were retired by the color guard. Chaplain Larry Stevens then gave the Benediction. President Garvin Germany declared the meeting adjourned.

Report of Lake Jackson BOM

By: Don Pugh

Well, the Board of Managers meeting has come and gone and we won! We had a 75% full bus on the historical tour and lots of help by outsiders who gave us their time and talents. We had excellent support of some of our members and especially the ladies.

The historical tour seemed to be a success, at least by the participants, and we earned about \$1500 for the Patriot Expenses Fund. Besides the gift of people's time, the Brazosport Convention and Visitors Bureau paid for our bus and Scott Leopold furnished a great barbecue lunch for a substantial discount. Don Pugh had considerable assistance from Tom Green, Dr. Gregg Dimmick and Bob Schwebel.

Due to the generous donation by President Germany our raffle for the guns that he donated brought in \$2300 for donation to the Patriot Fund Expenses Fund. In addition our chapter donated an additional \$500 to the Fund, all of this for a total of \$4300; this is almost 1/3 of the amount that the TXSSAR will need to run their contests for this year. Congratulations to one and all. The winner of the rifle was a member of the Granbury Chapter and he was overjoyed. The winner of the pistol was a member of our own chapter, Robert McCarty.

Our Friday night dinner was a great success. I am still hearing from attendees about the meal and the fellowship. "On the River" really did an outstanding job in taking the orders and getting them out in record time, and as well, the food was excellent. On Thursday evening the group that came in early for the Historical Tour went to the Red Snapper for the evening meal and this was without any warning to the restaurant. The Red Snapper came through marvelously.

Our ladies did an outstanding job with the hospitality room. Many of our lady guests attend every State meeting of the SAR and are free with their compliments. Many say this is the most outstanding and hospitable group that they frequent. Mary Nita thanks our members for all the help they contributed to make it such a success. The ladies met at the Clute Library for their meeting and then journeyed to Café Anice where they were well treated.

The hotel provided excellent accommodations for us and our meetings and did an admirable job. There were a few small glitches at the banquet, but all in all it was excellent. The Yellow Rose ensemble did an excellent job with the entertainment and Professor Wayne Pryor from Brazosport College “knocked the ball out of the park” with his excellent address. A special thanks goes to Milt Wing who filled in so marvelously for President Garvin Germany who ill.

Of course, the meeting is all about the business of the TXSSAR. Each of the committees met and some pithy problems that the TXSSAR has been dealing with for several years were resolved at the meeting. The next Board of Managers Meeting will be in Richardson and sponsored by the Dallas Chapter. They are telling us that we set a very high standard. Our Treasurer, Russell Dart, will give us a financial report at our next meeting when all the bills are paid and everything is totaled up.

Congratulations to one and all and thanks!!!

President’s Corner by Garvin Germany

I am doing fine under the circumstances. The last few weeks have been difficult in finding out what is causing my anemia. But, we finally got it diagnosed as acute myeloid leukemia and I am undergoing treatments on and off at MD Anderson. I spend about ½ the time at home and the other ½ at MDA. I will get back to the business of the SAR as soon as I get to feeling better, in the meantime, “hold the heading and keep pressing forward”. Thank you all for your concerns. Garvin.



Historical Tour BOM Meeting, Lake Jackson, Texas



September 13 is the Birth of our National Anthem, proudly salute the flag.



Bob Schwebel as William Barret Travis on Historical Tour Bus.

Flag Certificate Presented:

William Sanders presented a Flag Certificate to the Louise Middle School in Louise, Texas on June 2, 2009 on behalf of the Cradle of Texas Chapter. He also sent this information to the El Campo newspaper.

This is an example of how we can increase public awareness in our programs as suggested by President Lawrence at our meeting in May.

Be on the lookout for opportunities to recognize our citizenry for the good deeds and services they perform. Bring it to the attention of one of the officers. By being diligent we can really increase our exposure in the communities which we represent.

Important Dates

Chapter Meetings, September 12 2009
 DAR Constitution Day Luncheon, Sept 19, 2009,
 Columbia Lakes. Contact Earlene Chapman 979-964-3744
 TXSSAR Board of Managers, Dallas, TX, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009

Patriotic Days Reminders

These are some special days to fly your flag.

Birth of National Anthem	Sept. 13th
Constitution Day	Sept. 17th
Victory at Yorktown	Oct 19th

FINANCIAL REPORT August 25, 2009

General Fund Balance July 31, 2009	\$8,015.56
Deposits :	
Historical Tour	\$187.73
Board of Managers	\$1450.00
Gun Raffle	\$764.00
Total	\$10,418.29
Disbursments: BOM Ladies Hosp.	\$40.50
Donation(from Raffle, Tour and Chapter)	\$4,300
Balance August 25, 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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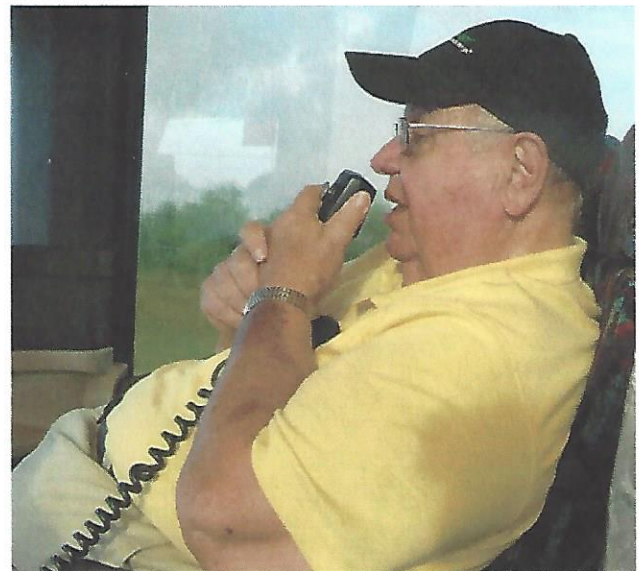
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Now hear this from our Tour Leader and GM of the BOM Thanks Don. From the members.