



Cradle of Texas Crier
 Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
 Sons of the American Revolution
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February

Next Meeting
 10 February, 2018
 11:30 am

Fat Grass Grill and Restaurant
 1717 7th Street
 Bay City, TX 77414

Cynthia Jordy will speak on her great, great... uncle, *Hezekiah Wyman*, known in Revolutionary War History as “*Death on a Pale Horse.*”



MEETING MINUTES
 Sons of the American Revolution
 Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
 January 13, 2018

The Sons of the American Revolution met January 13, 2018 at the Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant, Wharton, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:42 A.M. Chaplain Michael Bailey gave the invocation and blessing for the

meal, and Vice President Ray Beall led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

TXSSAR District 7, Vice President Ron Brown and Judge John Damon were recognized.

REPORT ON COMPATRIOTS:

Several members and spouses have been under the weather with the flu, but are now on the mend.

MINUTES:

President Avera called for approval of the December 2017 minutes. Michael Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented and Russell Dart seconded the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Funds	
Beginning Balance	
11/30/2017	\$3,517.62
Deposits -	
Interest Earned	
General FUNDS	
12/31/2017	\$3,511.65
McAlexander Fund ¹	\$900.00
Ending Balance	
12/31/2017	\$4,411.65



¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guards

AWARDS PRESENTATION:



Bill Sanders - NSSAR LIBERTY MEDAL AWARD for sponsoring more than 30 individuals for SAR membership



Michael Bailey - BRONZE ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL for promoting SAR in the community, resources for programs, publishing the newsletter, Color Guard



Carl Wiggins - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL for contribution of his time, talents and treasure



Ray Beall - MERITORIOUS MEDAL - OAK LEAF CLUSTER for his service as Vice President



Russell Dart - BRONZE ROGER SHERMAN AWARD for support of Cradle of Texas with his knowledge, mentoring and Color Guard.



Rodney Weems - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT for his service as Secretary



Arthur Evans - MERITORIOUS MEDAL - OAK LEAF CLUSTER for his service as Treasurer for seven (7) years

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Registrar - Bill Sanders

- Applications approved - 1 (Dan Bernard)
- Applications waiting NSSAR approval - 2 (Tom Taroni, Sandy Weems)
- Applications waiting TXSSAR approval - 1 (Tom Wiggins)
- Applications actively working - 34

WEBMASTER - Carl Wiggins

This month's effort focused mainly on the **Members Only** section, primarily the Uniforms page. Additions and/or correction were also made to the **Bios** page. Regular monthly updates were made to the **Home, Speaker, Gallery** and **Newsletter** pages.

Education/Community Outreach Chair - Rodney Weems

- Submitted Ryan Tomberlin's entry for the Eagle Scout Award to the State Society
- Received one entry for the Enhanced JROTC contest. Entry filing to the Chapter is January 15, 2018, so we have an additional 2 days for other possible entrants.

Secretary-- Rodney Weems

- National and State Annual Reports have been filed. Of note:
 - Average number of members attending meetings - 19%
 - Citizenship Certificates (8)
 - Eagle Scout Certificates (8)
 - Flag Certificates (8)
 - Law Enforcement Certificates (6)
 - Law Enforcement Medal - West Columbia Police Chief Paul Odin

- All awards contributed to a strong showing in points accumulated on the State Report

New Business:

- President Avera reported on votes by members to increase monthly dues - 16 total responses with 15 voting to increase dues.
- Rodney Weems made motion to increase the Chapter dues by \$5.00 per year effective January 1, 2019. Nelson Leopold seconded. Motion passed.
- Rodney Weems made a motion to award \$100.00 to chapter contestants submitted for TXSSAR competition. The motion was seconded by Michael Bailey and passed.
- Election of New Officers - TXSSAR District 7 Vice President Ron Brown installed the new officers.
 - President - Ray Beall
 - Vice President - Rodney Weems
 - Secretary - Winston Avera
 - Treasurer - Nelson Leopold, III
 - Registrar - Bill Sanders
 - Assistant Registrar - Carl Wiggins
 - Chaplain - Michael Bailey/ Historian



New Chapter Officers- District 7 Vice-President Ron Brown; third from right.

- Newly installed President Beall made a few comments emphasizing "Communication" as a major part of what his goals for 2018 will be. Also, he announced he will have a

meeting of the "Executive Committee" later this month.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Brown, Winston Avera, Ray Beall, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Carl Wiggins, Jack Newman, Nelson Leopold, Kenneth Blount, Ted Bates, Arthur Evans, and Michael Bailey

GUESTS PRESENT:

Connie Avera, Pat Sanders and John Damon SAR Recessional were led by Rodney Weems. A motion for adjournment was made by Winston Avera and seconded by Nelson Leopold. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Michael Bailey. Motion approved.

NEXT SAR MEETING:

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1717 7th Street
Bay City, TX 77414
(979) 244-7277
<https://www.thefatgrass.com>



Dr. Charles (Chuck) Willard Bernard

Compatriot Bernard died on January 18, 2018 at West Columbia, TX. He was born on May 17, 1931 in Wink, TX. Please, keep his wife Judy and their families in your prayers.

**2018
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Cradle of Texas Chapter #33**

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2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb 10, 2018 | Chapter Meeting 11:30 a. m. | Fat Grass Restaurant
1717 7th St, Bay City, TX |
| Feb 11, 2018 | George Washington Tea, 2:00 p.m. | DAR Asa Underwood Chapter
Presbyterian Church, East Columbia |
| Feb 17, 2018 | George Washington Parade -
Watchers | Laredo - Be in your place by 6:30 a.m.
Parade Participants Contact Tom Green
for Assembly Location |
| Feb 19, 2017 | Memorial for ROT
President Anson Jones | 10:30 a.m. at Glenwood Cemetery at 2525
Washington Avenue in Houston. |
| March 2, 2018 | Texas Independence Day | Stephen F. Austin-Munson
Historical County Park |
| March 2, 2018 | Texas Independence Day | 10:30 a.m. under the huge statue of Sam
Houston in Hermann Park, Houston,
Texas. |



This Month Durring the American Revolution

February 14, 1779
Battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia

A local militia force led by Colonel Andrew Pickens defeats a larger force of Loyalists commanded by Colonel Boyd. The Loyalists lose 70 killed and another 75 wounded or captured, compared to 9 killed and 23 wounded for the patriots. Boyd, who is wounded during the engagement, dies shortly afterward. This victory provides a significant boost for patriot morale and prevents the southern Loyalists from rallying.

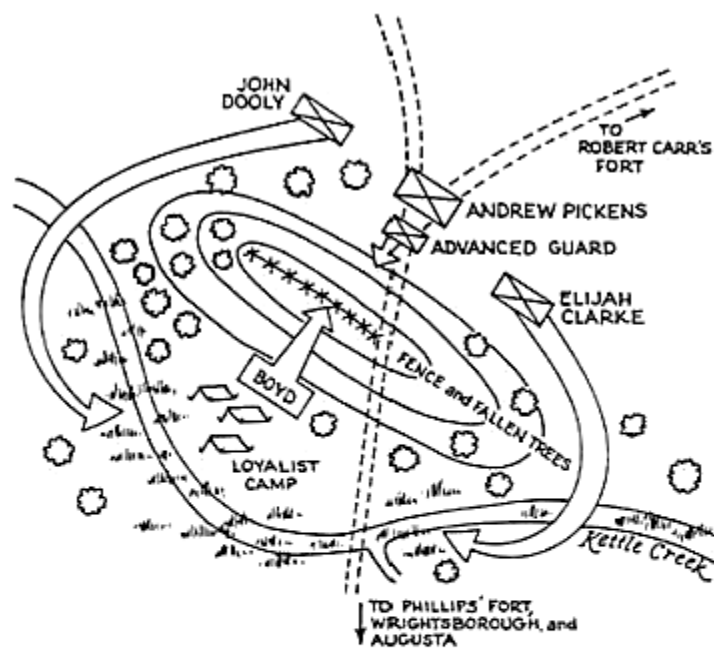
National Parks Service

AMERICAN REVOLUTION: DAY BY DAY






https://www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1779_main.html

1926 Map by

Otis Ashmore and Charles Olmstead- "The Battles of Kettle Creek and Brier Creek" Georgia Historical Quarterly.



The BATTLE of KETTLE CREEK 14 February, 1779

	REBEL FORCES
340 Total	ANDREW PICKENS - 200 MEN JOHN DOOLY and ELIJAH CLARKE - 140 MEN
	LOYALIST FORCES
600 Total	COLONEL BOYD
	TRAIL
	SWAMP and CANE BRAKE
	WOODS