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Next Meeting
10 March, 2018
River Point Restaurant
111 Abner Jackson Parkway
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Program:



Robby Roden will present:
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BATTLES
DURING THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Robby Roden is a recent retiree from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company located in Old Ocean, Texas; where he was a NGL Process Operator. He is a native of Brazoria County whose family has lived in the area since before the establishment of the Republic of Texas. Him and his wonderful wife, Toni, has raised their children in the West Columbia area and continue to be involved with them and their grandchildren, instilling in them their love of history. Mr. Roden has been a

longtime volunteer at Varner-Hogg State Historical Site and a member of the Brazoria Historical Militia. He is currently president of the local Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, a member of the Local Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a member of AF & AM Saint Johns Lodge # 6 in West Columbia, Texas.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
February 10, 2018

The Sons of the American Revolution met February 10, 2018 at Fat Grass Restaurant in Bay City, Texas. SAR President Ray Beall called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. Chaplain Michael Bailey gave the invocation and blessing for the meal, and Vice President Rodney Weems led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

President Beall guests Cindy Jordy, Richard & Brenda Hanson and Compatriots' wives.

MOMENT OF SILENCE in Remembrance of Compatriot Dr. Chuck Bernard

MINUTES:

President Beall called for approval of the January minutes. Secretary Winston Avera noted that the details for deposits and

expenses of the Treasures' Report not shown. He reported the amounts. Carl Wiggins moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Rodney Weems seconded the motion. Motion approved.

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMPATRIOTS:

Vice President Rodney Weems was born in 1945 in West Columbia, Texas to parents James D. and Ruby Creel Weems. He married Billie Ellen Dorsett in 1965. Rodney and Billie are the proud parents of Joseph, Gary and Michael and grandparents to six granddaughters and two grandsons.

Rodney graduated Sweeny High School in 1963, earned his Bachelor of Science, Business Administration from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 1972 and his Master of Arts, Institute for Personal and Career Development, Regional Center, Honolulu Hawaii, Central Michigan University in 1982.

In September 1966 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, made Staff Sergeant in December 1970 and received his 2nd Lt Commission in August 1972. Rodney retired a Lieutenant Colonel in 1995. Afterwards, he owned and operated Weems Insurance Agency from 1998-2010.

Colonel Weems has been active in his home town of Sweeny as a Councilman (2006-2008), Mayor (2008-2009 & 2013-2015) and active in Brazoria County's "Ring of Honor" development and as a committee member.

Rodney is a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution, by birthright of his "Patriot" Ancestor, Willis McDonald.

Willis McDonald was born January 10, 1760 near present day North Carolina, and died March 7, 1840 Jefferson County, Mississippi. His death resulted from injuries received when his horse was startled, and he was thrown off.

Three of Willis' 2nd great granddaughters obtained DAR membership in 1895. His uncle, Lieutenant Colonel Archibald McDonald also served with the 1st South Carolina and was executor for the estates of both his brothers. Willis is shown on South Carolina Roster with service during the fall of Charleston and served under Captains Robert Carithers, John Chestnut, and Major Postel. After his death in 1840, the following obituary appeared in a Jefferson County, Mississippi newspaper: "Willis McDonald entered the service of his native state, South Carolina, at the age of sixteen. He served under General Moultrie at the siege of Charleston; was taken prisoner by the British; released on parole and, after two years exchanged. He afterwards served under General Marion until the close of the war. He was present at the Battles of Eutaw Springs and Bacon's Bridge, and a variety of other engagements with the British, Indians and Tories." Some family lore, as published in "History and Customs of the McDonald Family", 1972 by Willie McDonald Arneson includes: "Willis was present when Marion served the dish of potatoes to the British and was with "Scotch" McDonald when certain British officers were surprised, and several were killed who had gone into the country to enjoy the scenery with some pretty Tory girls." After the war, Willis married Theodortia Owen, and initially settled in the Cheraw District. Through a Post-Revolutionary Grant, he purchased 400 acres of land on the North side of Synches Creek in South Carolina on January 13, 1786. It was here that Thomas Owen McDonald, my second great grandfather was born. In late 1790, Willis decided to move to Georgia where he and Dortia continued to thrive and were active members of the McBean Baptist Church, Burke County until 1799 when again they decided to relocate. This was the last of the moves for Willis as they settled in Jefferson

County, Mississippi on land that became known as "China Grove Plantation" for the plentiful trees that grew in the area. Here Willis was laid to rest in 1840.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	
<u>12/31/2017</u>	\$3,511.65
Income	
Interest Earned	0.97
Donations	10.00
Expenditures	
Supplies	-301.00
GENERAL FUND	
<u>01/31/2018</u>	\$3,221.62
McAlexander Fund ¹	\$900.00
Ending Balance	
<u>01/31/2018</u>	\$4,121.62

AWARDS PRESENTATION:



Compatriot Ryan Tomberlin was recognized for entry in the SAR Eagle Scout Essay Scholarship

contest. Ryan submitted his a) ancestral chart, b application), and c) essay. His work was selected to represent the Cradle of Texas in the TXSSAR competition. President Beall awarded Ryan his Certificate. His medal and \$100.00 award will follow.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

REGISTRAR – Bill Sanders reported that the issues with Sandy Weems’ and Tom Taroni’s applications by NSSAR have been resolved and awaiting final approval.

Applications approved – 0
 Applications waiting NSSAR approval – 2 (Tom Taroni, Sandy Weems)
 Applications actively working – 9
 Applications waiting further applicant input – 30

Sandy Weems praised Bill Sanders for his hard work.

WEBMASTER – Carl Wiggins reported that the updates for changes in the officers for this year required significant time. The *Events* page was updated as well as the *Gallery*. Additional Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge information was added to Bill Sanders’ genealogy course for Scouts.

The chapter roster was brought up to date and Carl continues to work on the *Uniforms* page in the private site.

Program:

Cindy Wyman Jordy, Phillips 66 Old Ocean Environmental Manager gave a thoroughly interesting and informative talk about her 8 times great uncle Hezekiah Wyman, born in April 1720 in Woburn, Massachusetts.



She began by quoting a passage from the Bible, Revelation 6:8 King James Version – “And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.”

¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guards

Hezekiah Wyman lost friends and family in the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. That day, at the age of 55, he took his rifle (one of only a few in that day), powder, ball and his white horse and pursued the British from Concord all the way back to Charleston. At a distance of over 100 yards, well out of musket range, Wyman dismounted, placed his rifle on the horse's saddle, and shot British soldiers before remounting and continuing his pursuit and carnage. So devastating was Wyman's fire that some of the British soldiers' later reports and letters called him "DEATH" or "DEATH on a pale horse".

Many Wymans have contributed to America's and Massachusetts' history and are represented by family who still live in the Woburn area. Several historical markers are dedicated to Hezekiah and Wymans.

NEXT SAR MEETING:

March 10, 2018, River Point Restaurant, 111 Abner Jackson Parkway, Lake Jackson.

SAR Recessional was led by Rodney Weems.

A motion for adjournment by Rodney Weems and second by Carl Wiggins. Motion approved.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Michael Bailey.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Beall, Rodney Weems, Michael Bailey, Bill Sanders, Tillman Daniels, Kirk Daniels, Carl Wiggins, Kenneth Blount, Ryan Tomberlin and Winston Avera

GUESTS PRESENT:

Julie Bailey, Pat Sanders, Richard & Brenda Hanson and Connie Avera

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Next Meeting

Mar 10, 2018 - 11:30 a. m.

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Lake Jackson, TX 77566

979-299-7444

http://ontheriverrestaurant.com/riverpoint_home

Events Since Last Meeting George Washington Parade - Laredo, Texas



Lamar Day



George Washington Tea With The Asa Underwood Chapter DAR



Brazoria Heritage Day



Mike Bailey in WW1 Uniform Presenting a Program



Chapter Induction of Dan Bernard



Compatriot Dan Bernard flanked By wife Teresa and step-mother Judy Bernard with Bill Sanders.

Chapter President Ray Beall welcomes Dan Bernard into the Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Goliad Massacre Reenactment	24-25 Mar 2018	Presidio La Bahia, Goliad, TX.
Texas SAR Annual Conference	5-8 Apr 2018	Hyatt Regency Nrth Dallas, 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 972-619-1234.
San Jacinto Day Reenactment	21 Apr 2018	San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, 3523 Independence Pkwy, LaPorte, TX.
Memorial Day	28 May 2018	Various local events (See Event Flyers in Sidebar).
128th Annual SAR Congress	13-18 Jul 2018	Westin Houstin Memorial City Hotel, Houston, TX.

