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March

Next Meeting
Mar 9, 2019
11:30AM
On The River Restaurant
919 W. 2nd. St.
Freeport, TX 77541

Program
Battle of New Orleans
and Jean Lafitte



BOBBY GERVAIS

Bobby Gervais was born in Thibodaux, Louisiana. He is a direct descendant of a French plantation-owning family in St. Domingue (now Haiti), who had to flee to Louisiana due to a slave revolt on the island.

At age six his father took a job in Scotland and he lived there until

returning to the USA at age 13. While growing up in Scotland, Bobby fostered a tremendous love of history, with his childhood being filled with constant visits to castles, battlefields, parliaments and museums.

In returning to the America, he studied at Trinity University in San Antonio on a National Merit Scholarship, majoring in History, Business and German. After that, he studied law at Baylor University School of Law. During his undergraduate studies and law school, he studied abroad in Germany. He spent a summer in Berlin right after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Bobby currently practices law in Manvel, where he serves as the city attorney for the City of Manvel.

For decades Bobby Gervais has been a history buff. Several years ago he became an avid student of the Battle of New Orleans, after discovering that his ancestor who fled from Haiti fought in the Battle alongside Andrew Jackson. His ancestor fought with the French chasseurs under Major Plauche'. He is an active participant in the annual History of the Battle of New Orleans Symposium held every year in Chalmette, Louisiana.

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

February 9, 2019, The Sons of the American Revolution met February 9, 2019 at the Fat Grass Restaurant, Bay City Texas.

Call to Order - Chapter President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m., Vice-President Carl Wiggins led the opening pledges.

Invocation - Chaplain Michael Bailey

Introduction of Guests: President Rodney Weems introduced our guests:

Program: Paul N. Spellman, PhD - Professor of History at Wharton County Junio College, Richmond Campus.

Dr. Spellman spoke about his research on one of his relatives, Zadock Woods who came to Texas in 1823 as one of the



“Stephen F. Austin’s Old 300.” Dr. Spellman described his travels from Vermont to Missouri and finally the Alamo in search of documents verifying the history of his ancestor, Zadock

Woods’ and documenting Zadock’s father as a Patriot of the American Revolution. Dr. Spellman described how he found records of Wood’s in a small church in Vermont. He described Woods move to the Missouri territory establishing an inn and tavern where a then Lieutenant Zachary Taylor (later to become President of the United States) garrisoned his troops on one of their stops to what ultimately became known as the “Battle of New Orleans”. In appreciation to the Woods’ family, Taylor had his troops construct a “Spinning Wheel” for Mrs. Woods. This wheel now resides in the Burnet Historical County Museum, Burnet, Texas. Zadock Woods served in several battles during the Texas Revolution, his last serving as a volunteer with Texas forces against Mexican general Adrián Woll at Salado Creek. On September 18, 1842, Woods was killed in the Dawson Massacre. He was buried in a mass grave near Salado Creek on the east side of San Antonio. Dr. Spellman was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter President, Rodney Weems.

Approval OF Minutes: - Additions or corrections to the Minutes as disseminated by email Feb 5, 2019.

Motion for Acceptance: Bill Sanders
 Second: Tillman Daniel



Awards Presentations:

By President Rodney Weems

- 35-Year Membership - Albert (Abby) Elton Herreth - Recognition of 35 years of Membership as well as being one of the Charter/Founding members of the Cradle of Texas, Chapter 33, Sons of the American Revolution.



- Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Awarded to Agatha A. Sanchez.



Agatha is "That" person who knows what needs to done, and then works to make it happen. Founder and lead worker, Agatha has gained the support of 31 churches, student volunteers, community leaders and everyday individuals to celebrate community, not one but 8 years in a row, with the annual "Community Feast" on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. While anyone within the Sweeny ISD is invited, many guests from far and wide attend. Annual attendance has exceeded 1000 servings in each of its years of

service. She is now working with the Columbia-Brazoria ISD community to share her ideas to assist them in developing a similar event. This year working with other officers of the Brazosport Student Construction Association (Agatha serves as President) the "Coat of Many Colors" drive was launched. The intent was to help school children throughout the Brazosport area to keep warm this winter, and this initiative was highly successful.

- SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter Meritorious Service Metal to Winston C. Avera, Jr. Avera was



cited for his many contributions over the past several years to include his most recent service as Chapter Secretary (1 year) and Chapter President (2 years).



Treasurer's Report:

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance

1/01/2019 \$2700.44

Deposits -

Interest Earned \$1.06

Expenditures

Meals \$0.00

Supplies \$0.00

Awards \$0.00

GENERAL FUND

1/31/2019 \$2701.50

McAlexander Fund¹ \$900.00

ENDING BALANCE

1/31/2019 \$3601.50

Motion to Approve: Bill Sanders

Second: "Doc" Tillman Daniel

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

- Registrar - Bill Sanders
 - Applications Approved - none
 - Applications waiting National approval - none
 - Applications actively working - about 35
- Webmaster - Carl Wiggins -
- Chairman of Education/Community Outreach - Rodney Weems - Nothing to report
- January Officers' Meeting report by President Rodney Weems
 - Four Goals were set
 - Increase member attendance
 - Promote Youth Contests
 - Encourage members to adopt a school
 - Document the Military

¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guards

Service of each Chapter Member, and submit to the National Society a request for National Medal Certificate for each member.

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Mark Hansen, Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Abby Herreth, Win Avera, Tillman Daniel, and **Gene Shaner** (Bernado de Galvez Chapter, SAR).

Guests Present: Paul Spellman, Agatha Sanchez, Caroline Wiggins, Martha Shaner, Connie Avera, and Pat Sanders.

Next Chapter Meeting: March 9, 2019, On the River Restaurant, 919 W. 2nd St, Freeport, Texas.

SAR Recessional was led by Carl Wiggins.

Motion for Adjournment: By Russell Dart Second by: Carl Wiggins

Benediction: Chaplain Michael Bailey

Rodney Weems, President
Mark Hansen, Secretary

**Anson Jones Commemoration
February 19, 2019
Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, TX**



**SAR AND SRT Members Commemorate
American and Texas History at
President Anson Jones Gravesite**

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NSDAR Asa Underwood Chapter
George Washington Tea
February 10, 2019
East Columbia, Texas



Chapter Color Guard Michael Bailey
and Russel Dart with
DAR Chapter Regent, Laura Otto.



**2019
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Brazoria Heritage Day

March 2, 2019

Brazoria, Texas



Chapter Booth with
Ft. Velasco Chapter NSDAR

**122nd Washington's Birthday Celebration
February 23, 2019
Laredo, Texas**



Texas SAR Members Prepare for Parade



Parade Goers



Color Guard Preparing for Morning
International Bridge Ceremony



American Youth Representatives
International Bridge Ceremony

**2019 Rodeo Uncorked! Champion Wine Auction
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: February 24, 2019
TXSAR Color Guard**

