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November

Next Meeting
November 9, 2019
11:30AM
Fat Grass Restaurant and Bar
1717 7th Street
Bay City, TX 77414

Programs: Speakers:



Wade Dillon

Born to creative parents Allen and Carol in Northeast Florida in 1988, Wade was immediately wrapped up in their world of love for art, film, and history. Their passions became his own and shaped the person that Wade is today; a lover of Texas history, devoted Batman geek, horror fan, and cheeseburger connoisseur.

In 2010, Wade left Florida to pursue his dream of working at the Alamo, the Shrine of Texas Liberty, in San Antonio, Texas. For eight years, Wade served as a tour guide and Visitor Services Supervisor. During that time,

Wade illustrated three books for Pelican Publishing Company: The Alamo from A to Z (2011), Davy Crockett from A to Z (2013), and The Texas Nutcracker (2018). Not only did Wade follow his dreams, he also married the love of his life, Lindsey, in 2014.

Inspired by comic book and historical artists, Wade enjoys exploring and pushing his self-taught style; creating vivid and dynamic illustrations that pop-off the page.

When he is away from his studio, Wade enjoys having adventures with his lovely wife, Lindsey, eating cheeseburgers with his chubby puppy Harper, participating in living history reenactments with his father Allen, and attending comic book conventions.



Barbara Smith

Short Biographical sketch provided by the Speaker Barbara Smith:

"I started at the Matagorda Co. Museum on Aug. 30, 1998 as Children's Museum Coordinator. About 7 years later I became Assistant Director, and in January 2009 I became the Director. At the time I started working at the

Museum, I had no museum experience, which is not uncommon with museums of our size, but have attended many Texas Association of Museums conventions and various workshops around the state.

I have been married to my husband, Bobby for 46 years and have 2 children-- a daughter, Moira and a son, Morgan. I have 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter."

President's Corner Nov 2019 Newsletter

In the February 2019 Newsletter goals for the coming year were posted.

Goals for the coming year:

- Increase Attendance.
- Increase student/youth
- Participation in scholarship opportunities.
- Recognize Individuals throughout our communities who go above the call of service.
- Recognize chapter members who have served in the military and received an "Honorable Discharge". If that service was in a combat zone, then the award can be further upgraded. If you have served, please email Sands S. "Sandy" Weems, III, (sweems@quiktx.com), so he will have your name. Also, if you served in a combat zone, please include the name of the zone.

In two of the areas those goals are being met, and we hope to start meeting the remaining two - those being to increase attendance and to recognize our military veterans.

Attendance is a personal commitment, but one that can be achieved. Our Patriot Ancestors made their commitment, and we have a Republic which allows us the many

Freedoms of democracy. That is a legacy we pledged to preserve as part of our membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. It is a privilege, so let's all do what we can to honor Patriot's commitment to our founding principles.

As a chapter we have recognized members and citizens alike over the past several months, and we have submitted articles to local newspapers asking their support to publish the stories of accomplishment within our coverage area. If you have seen an article with coverage about our community outreach, please send it to me (Rodney Weems, 504 E. 4th St, Sweeny, Texas 77480) as it is time (January 2020) to update the State and National Societies of our accomplishments over the past months.

At our next meeting, we will appoint a nominating committee to submit a slate of nominees for our Officers for Calendar 2020. All positions will be open. If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please advise me at: mailing address above, rodneyweems@yahoo.com, 979-548-8833 (H) or 281-507-3849 ©.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund

Beginning Balance	
10/01/2019	\$2,551.39
Deposits - Interest	.04
Ending Balance:	
10/31/2019	\$2,551.42
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
10/01/2019	\$900.59
Deposits - Interest	.07
Ending Balance: --	
10/31/2019	\$900.66
Total Bank Balance	
10/31/2019	\$3,452.08

**Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
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MEETING MINUTES**

October 12, 2019

The Sons of the American Revolution met October 12, 2019 at The Dragonfly, 125 S Fulton Street, **Wharton, Texas**, Texas.

Call to Order -President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 11:37 A.M.

Invocation - Registrar Bill Sanders gave the invocation.

Pledges - Vice President Carl Wiggins led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: President Weems introduced fellow compatriot Tom Green and Dennis & Carol Korenek.

Awards:

Compatriot Green presented a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster on behalf of the National SAR Society to Registrar Bill Sanders as his second National Liberty Medal which recognizes a compatriot who has signed the membership application of ten or more new members in a year as the sponsor.



On behalf of Texas SAR President Thomas Jackson, Weems presented (Green assisting) the Silver Distinguished Medal to Russell Dart in recognition of his conspicuous service to the State Society



during President Jackson's administration.

Also, the Texas Society honored Compatriot Dart with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Treasurer for Texas Society of SAR and a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



Also, Weems presented Winston Avera a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service as Chapter President.



Registrar Sanders nominated Dennis Korenek for a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his outstanding service to the Louise & El Campo communities as a DPS Trooper, fireman,

Boy Scout Leader, Justice of the Peace, and usher for St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo.

Approval of Minutes: - The Minutes as published in the *Cradle of Texas Crier* were approved a motion by Nelson Leopold and a second by Russell Dart.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nelson Leopold gave the following report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

09/01/2019 \$2,551.35

Deposits - Interest \$0.04

Ending Balance:

9/30/2019 \$2,551.39

McAlexander Fund¹

Beginning Balance

09/01/2019 \$900.52

Deposits - Interest \$0.07

Ending Balance:

9/30/2019 \$900.59

Total Bank Balance:

09/30/2019 \$3,451.98

Reports of Officers and Committees:

- Registrar - Bill Sanders
 - Applications Completed - 0
 - Applications in waiting NSSAR approval - 1 (Bud Northington)
 - Applications actively working - 26
- Webmaster - Carl Wiggins updated the following on www.cradletxsar.org:
 - Pictures from September meeting added to Gallery

- Upcoming Events widget on right sidebar
- Right sidebar widget to Rick Atkinson's new Revolutionary War Trilogy
- New members added to Members subpage
- New members Patriots added to Patriots subpage
- New Law Enforcement Awards added to Community subpage
- September Cradle of Texas Crier added to Newsletters
- Roster continues to be updated as new information becomes available

- Community Outreach/Education - Rodney Weems reported the following that most contests entries will be due by the end of December. Sweeny is expected to have one (1) entry in the poster contest.

Program: For many years, Compatriot Tom Green, has organized a day of remembrance near the site of the Battle of Medina, the bloodiest war in Texas, to honor the 1,300 men killed in the battle. He covered many of the battles that led up to the Battle of Median.



The following excerpt from the "Handbook of Texas Online" summarizes Compatriot Green's

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guard Members

presentation of the events that took place 11 years before Stephen F. Austin came to Texas.

“The battle of Medina was fought on August 18, 1813, between the republican forces of the Gutiérrez-Magee expedition under Gen. José Álvarez de Toledo y Dubois and a Spanish royalist army under Gen. Joaquín de Arredondo. This battle took place twenty miles south of San Antonio in a sandy oak forest region. José Bernardo Gutiérrez de Lara and Augustus William Magee, abetted by the United States, organized an expedition to wrest Texas from Spain. Adopting a "Green Flag" for a banner, their Republican Army of the North crossed from the Neutral Ground in Louisiana into Texas on August 7, 1812, and soon captured Nacogdoches, Trinidad de Salcedo, La Bahía, where Magee died, and San Antonio, where a declaration of independence for the State of Texas under the Republic of Mexico was proclaimed. This, however, was short-lived, for Joaquín de Arredondo, commandant-general of the Provincias Internas, organized an army of 1,830 men and marched them early in August from Laredo toward San Antonio to quell the rebellion. In the meantime, Toledo deposed Gutiérrez and became the new commander of the republicans on August 4.

With a force of about 1,400 men composed of Anglos, Tejanos, Indians, and former royalists, Toledo, urged by Tejanos who wanted to spare San Antonio from the ravages of battle, chose to meet the enemy south of the city. The night of August 17 he encamped his forces about six miles from Arredondo's camp between the Atascosa and Medina rivers and planned to ambush the royalists as they traveled through a defile along the Laredo road. The next morning, however, royalist scouts flushed the republicans and lured them into an ambush in a dense oak forest. Acting against Toledo's

orders, the republicans, led by Miguel Menchaca, trudged through deep sand for several hours in pursuit of a cavalry unit, which they mistook for an army. In the meantime, Arredondo prepared breastworks on favorable ground and ordered his men not to fire on the rebels until they were within forty paces. By the time the republicans came within range, they were very hot, thirsty, and tired. After a furious four-hour battle involving infantry, cavalry, and artillery, the republicans broke ranks and ran. Most of those not killed on the battlefield were caught and executed during the retreat. The republicans were decimated. Less than 100 were able to escape alive. Of these, no more than twenty have thus far been identified. Arredondo lost only fifty-five men, who were given honorable burial the next day on the way to San Antonio, where he established martial law and severely punished the rebels and their families.

The bodies of the republican warriors lost in battle were left to lie nine years on the battlefield until 1822 when José Félix Trespalacios, the first governor of the state of Texas under the newly established Republic of Mexico, ordered a detachment of soldiers to gather their bones and bury them honorably under an oak tree that grew on the battlefield. A Texas counterpart to the Mexican War of Independence, the Gutiérrez-Magee expedition of 1812-13 came literally to a dead end at the battle of Medina. So disastrous was *la batalla del encinal de Medina* that its battlefield has become lost, its "Green Flag" has remained largely unrecognized, and its participants have been generally unknown, un-honored, and unsung. ”

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Bill Sanders, Win Avera, Nelson Leopold, Tom Green, Timothy Hall, and Russell Dart

Guests Present: Connie Avera, Caroline Wiggins, Pat Sanders, Dennis and Carol Korenek

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SAR Recessional: Carl Wiggins

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nelson Leopold at 1:32 p.m. and seconded by Timothy Hall and approved by all.

BENEDICTION: Bill Sanders

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City of Brazoria is hosting the 2019 21st Annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 11th starting at 11:00 a.m.

