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Next Meeting

10:30 a.m.

December 12, 2020

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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For Details.

Speaker

Gregg Dimmick



Topic

SEA OF MUD

Gregg Dimmick M D is a retired pediatrician who previously worked at South Texas Medical Clinics in Wharton Texas, for thirty-seven years. He is a 1974 graduate of Texas A&M University and a 1977 Graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical School.

Dr. Dimmick is an avocational archaeologist and has coauthored two archaeological reports on excavations of the retreating Mexican army of 1836. He has

participated in archaeological digs at the Fannin Battle Site as well as the San Jacinto Battlefield.

Dimmick has written: *“Sea of Mud, The Retreat of the Mexican Army After San Jacinto, An Archaeological Investigation.”* His book was published in 2004 by the Texas State Historical Association. The second edition was released in paperback in 2006.

He has also edited a book that was written by Mexican General Vicente Filisola in 1838. The book has been translated into English by John Wheat and is entitled *General Vicente Filisola’s Analysis of José Urrea’s Military Diary: A forgotten 1838 Publication by an Eyewitness to the Texas Revolution.*

In January of 2011 Dimmick was honored to have been inducted as a national honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

In Feb. of 2020 Dimmick was honored with the Daughters of the American Revolution award for history preservation.

Dr. Dimmick has appeared on the History Channel and the Discovery Channel in relation to his work on the archaeology of the Mexican army. He has spoken at various conferences on Texas History including the San Jacinto Conference, the DRT’s conference at the Alamo, the Alamo Society, and the Texas Philosophical Society.

Dimmick has served for several years on the board of directors and as chairman of the archeology committee for the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy.

After retirement Dimmick has volunteered in archeological digs at Roman

sites in Germany, York England, and the Vindolanda Fort in England.



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
November 7, 2020

The sons of the American Revolution met November 7, 2020, virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

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

Introduction of Guests: Vice President Wiggins introduced his wife Caroline. Two other guests were introduced, Tom Jackson, today's speaker, a national SAR Trustee and Past President Texas SAR, and Ron Brown, District 7 Vice President, Texas SAR.

Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Carl Wiggins.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
10/1/2020	\$2,837.11
Deposits-Interest	\$.05
Dues	\$87.50
Ending Balance	\$2,924.66

McAlexander Fund

Beginning Balance	
10/1/2020	\$ 901.50
Deposits-Interest	\$0 .08
Ending Balance	\$ 901.58
Total Bank Balance	\$3,826.24

Awards/Recognition:

- A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to Tom Jackson by President Weems.
- A Flag Certificate was presented to Jerry and Delta Phillips for display of the American Flag.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

Applications Approved: 0
Applications Awaiting National Approval: 4, (2 soon to be sent)
Applications Actively Working: 30
Supplemental Applications Pending: 1.

Bill Sanders reviewed the strict requirements for the use of DAR record copies when proving lineages.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins is working on updates to the website.

Program: The speaker, Tom Jackson, was introduced by President Rodney Weems. His talk, *'Remember the Ladies'*, detailed the contributions of women to the American Revolution. Three broad areas included the Philosophy of Revolution, the Descendants of the Revolution (DAR), and ladies more directly involved in the Revolution. The latter was his focus today. For a link to the program see Carl Wiggins' email. Several

categories of women were involved in the American Revolution, including camp followers, sewers (of flags), writers, and fundraisers. Mr. Jackson detailed short bios of several ladies in these groups. Those most directly involved included messengers, many of whom were in their teens. A lady, Sarah Hartwell, rode at the same time as Paul Revere. Several women also functioned as spies for the Americans. A few women actually disguised themselves as men and fought directly in the war. Deborah Sampson was perhaps the best known. Disguised as a man, she enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts regiment in 1782. She fought in several battles, was wounded, and treated herself to avoid discovery. During an epidemic, she became ill, was admitted to hospital in a coma, and discovered to be a woman. She was honorably discharged in 1783, and received a full pension.

New Business: A nominating committee has been appointed by President Weems to prepare a slate of officers for the upcoming year. This will include Rodney Weems, Win Avera, and Russell Dart.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Bill Griffiths, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule.

Guests Present: Tom Jackson, Ron Brown

Next Chapter Meeting: 10:30 A.M., December 12, 2020, via Zoom. The speaker will be Dr. Gregg Dimmick. Topic: 'The Sea of Mud.'

SAR Recessional: Led by Carl Wiggins.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Carl Wiggins, seconded by Bill Griffiths.



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It is with great sadness that the Chapter has learned of the unexpected passing of Sue Eubanks Maxwell Dart, wife of Compatriot Russell Dart. She passed on November 14, 2020. Per her wishes her celebration of life was kept to a small gathering. Please remember her, and the Family in your thoughts and prayers. Her obituary may be viewed at: <https://www.scottfuneralhome.net/obituary/sue-dart>



**Pearl Harbor Day
December 7
Remember**



**Washington and Lafayette at
Valley Forge**
Painting by John Dunsmore: circa 1907
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