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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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Next Meeting

10:30 a.m.

09 January, 2021

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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For Details.

No Speaker:

Officer Instillation

President's Corner

According to the SAR mission statement: the objectives of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

Chapter member goals for the coming year:

- Increase Attendance. To achieve this, we need your feedback. As of now meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month, except for the months of June, July and August, and start at 10:30 A.M., via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic. Are there any suggestions for different dates and times?

- Increase student/youth participation in scholarship opportunities. Please see our web site for information on the student contests. Recognize students who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, present certificates to these students and to those who actively participate in the posting of the "Colors" at their school campus.

- One way to do this would be for members to adopt a school. We need volunteers to establish school contacts to promote awareness and encouragement.

- Recognize individuals throughout our communities who go above the call of service. There are several Public Service Awards which we as a chapter should strive to present: Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, The Fire Safety Medal, The Heroism Award, and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. If you have a worthy individual in your community, let us know.

- 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 include the name of the zone. Please email your service information to Veterans Committee Chairman, Sands S. "Sandy" Weems, III, sweems@quiktx.com

Members should strive to support the goals above. Help us complete the SAR mission through your involvement within your community.

Your officers stand ready to meet the needs of membership and the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution, so members, please provide your own ideas and recommendations.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution Cradle of Texas Chapter 33 December 12, 2020

The Sons of the American Revolution met December 12, 2020, virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 10:33 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: President Weems acknowledged today's speaker, Dr. Gregg Dimmick, a retired pediatrician and amateur archeologist, as well as Drake Peddie, Texas Society SAR President.

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

Program: The speaker, Dr. Gregg Dimmick, was introduced by Vice President Wiggins. His talk relates to events following the Mexican defeat at San Jacinto.

In April, 1836, following the defeat of General Santa Anna at San Jacinto, there were still 1300 troops under General Filisola near Richmond and 1200 troops under General Urrea near Brazoria. Attached were 1500 camp followers, 120 wagons, 8 artillery pieces, and 8 to 1500 mules. Having been informed of Santa Anna's defeat, but lacking orders from him or the

Mexican government, Filisola and Urrea met near Kendleton on April 20. They decided to withdraw to Goliad or Victoria and join with troops from San Antonio. This would make 4000 troops ready to continue the fight. Filisola's and Urrea's army, moving south, crossed the San Bernard River, but because of heavy rain and flooding couldn't cross the West Bernard. Attempting to backtrack to Atascosito Crossing, 8 miles south of Columbus, they ran into a morass, a "sea of mud". It took 2 weeks for the army to get through this area. Even the mules had to be carried through. Thus, a "sea of mud" became a major impediment to the Mexican army's attempts to regroup and continue the war. Dr. Dimmick then showed multiple artifacts recovered from the "sea of mud" including artillery shells, musket balls, buttons, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
11/1/2020	\$2,924.66

Deposits	\$25.00
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Ending Balance	
11/30/2020	\$2,899.71

McAlexander Fund

Beginning Balance	
11/1/2020	\$ 901.58

Deposits-Interest	\$ 0.08
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Ending Balance	
11/30/2020	\$ 901.65

Total Bank Balance	
11/30/2020	\$3,801.24

Awards/Recognition:

: A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to Dr. Gregg Dimmick by President Weems.

: 10-Year Anniversary certificates to Michael Van Gorp and Matthew Van Gorp.

: Past President Certificate and 5-year Anniversary certificate to Ray Beall

Reports of Officers and Committees:**Registrar: Bill Sanders**

Applications Approved: 3

Applications Awaiting National Approval: 5

Applications Actively Working: 30

Supplemental Applications

Pending: 1

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

In the last six weeks, upgrades to the website have increased speed and efficiency. The website was moved to a new server to decrease cost, without decreasing security. The site was renewed for five years, paid via Chapter donation, by VP Wiggins. Some page updates are still needed.

Community Outreach/Education:**Rodney Weems**

Several contests are up in December. So far, no contacts. Senior ROTC units were contacted without response. It was noted that wreaths across America ceremonies are planned for next Saturday. A \$50 donation was suggested, and perhaps an invitation to a future SAR meeting for their folks.

New Business: The report of the nominating committee of Chapter officers for Calendar Year 2021, was accepted on a motion by Bill Griffiths,

seconded by Win Avera. Officers for CY 2021 are as follows: President - Carl Wiggins; Vice President - Rodney Weems; Secretary - William (Bill) Griffiths; Treasurer - Nelson Leopold; Registrar - William (Bill) Sanders, Sr.; Historian - Michael Bailey; and Chaplain - Tim Hall. A few comments concerning the recent chapter survey were made by Secretary Griffiths.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Bill Griffiths, Bill Sanders, John Wiggins, Russell Dart, Bill Greenwood, Nelson Leopold, Chris Wendel, Winston Avera.

Guests Present: Dr. Gregg Dimmick, Drake Peddie

Next Chapter Meeting: January 9, 2021, via Zoom. Installation of officers.

SAR Recessional: Led by Carl Wiggins.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Russell Dart, seconded by Griffiths.



Compatriot John N. McCain

15 Feb 1918 - 20 Dec 2020

See Attachment or go to:

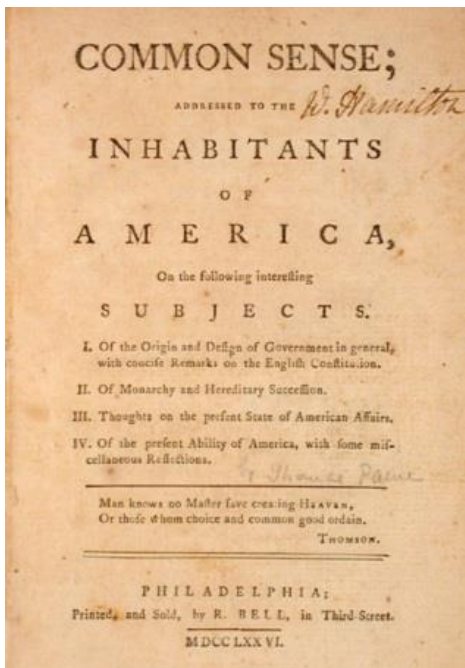
<https://www.whartonfuneralhome.com/obituary/john-mccain>





January 9, 1776

The pamphlet *COMMON SENSE*, by Thomas Paine, appeared for the first time at that day's session of the Continental Congress.



From a scan of an item at Indiana University, Bloomington Indiana.

**2021
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