



# Texas Sons of the American Revolution

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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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### December

Next Meeting

***“In Person”***

11:30 AM

Next Chapter Meeting:

December 11, 2021

***9ers Grill***

1916 Avenue F

Bay City, Texas

**Speaker**

**Cynthia D. “Cindi” Ericson**



**The Jordan Plantation**

Cynthia D. “Cindi” Ericson completed her thesis in 2019 as part of a M.A. in Anthropology at the University of Houston while working full time as an attorney. This thesis examined the interpretation of the archaeology at the former Levi Jordan Plantation in Brazoria County in the context of data found in various archives.

Ericson is a graduate of Columbia High School who was selected as the Brazoria County Fair Queen more than a few years

prior to the turn of the current century. At Texas A&M, she was member of the Aggie Corps of Cadets, and she commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserve where she served as a PATRIOT Missile Air Defense Artillery Officer. After leaving active duty, Ericson graduated from the Tulane University School of Law. At Tulane, she was a member of the Moot Court and the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic. She was the Senior Managing Editor for the Tulane Journal of International & Comparative Law—her student case note continues to be cited by other scholars. After Tulane, Ericson clerked with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Ericson is licensed to practice law in Texas and Louisiana. She is an assistant criminal district attorney in Brazoria County, Texas, where she is the prosecutor for the Brazoria County Drug Court, a specialty court program which focuses offenders on improving themselves and benefitting the world around them. She is a member of the Brazoria County Historical Commission.

### Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

November 13, 2021

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter #33, met November 13, 2021, at The Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson, TX.

**Call to Order:** President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

**Pledges:** Vice President Rodney Weems led the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Introduction to Guests:** President Wiggins introduced our guests: Connie Avera, Diana Johnson, Judy Johnson, Laura Otto, Jessica Otto, Kinsley Otto, Sonja Palmer, and Ron Brown.

**Veteran's Day Tribute:** A Veteran's Day tribute by President Wiggins honored veterans, particularly our chapter veterans.

**Inductions:** The inductions of new member Todd Otto and new junior member Cameron Otto was done by Bill Sanders. Video recordings of recent Zoom inductions of William John Griffiths, IV, and Richard Gerard Wiggins were viewed.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** by Nelson Leopold.

**General Fund**

Beginning Balance	
10/1/2021	\$2,722.15
Deposits-Interest	\$0.05
Deposits-Dues	\$30.50
Ending Balance	
10/31/2021	\$2,752.70

**McAlexander Fund**

Beginning Balance	
10/1/2021	\$902.41
Deposits-Interest	\$0.08
Ending Balance	
0/31/2021	\$902.49
Total Bank Balance	\$3,655.19

**Awards/Recognitions:**

-A 20-year certificate was presented to Thomas Palmer.

-A 20-year certificate will be mailed to Dr. Michael J. Rees.

-10-year certificates will be mailed to Cole H. Skinner and Christopher Skinner.

-A 5-year certificate will be mailed to Charles S. Eastland.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

**Registrar: Bill Sanders**

Applications Approved: 1, Harvey Ringo  
 Applications Awaiting National Approval: 0  
 Applications Actively Working: 30  
 Applications Without Activity: 0

Bill Sanders noted that DAR records 1985 (#688705) and above are admissible to SAR for proof, but birth, death, and marriage certificates are required for generations 1 and 2.

**Webmaster: Carl Wiggins**

Webmaster Wiggins noted that there are 3 SAR websites: local, state, and national, with both public and private (members only) sections. Our chapter website has 33 pages hosted currently by GoDaddy, soon to switch to Texas State Blue Host server, which will be a cost savings. Multiple pages have been updated, including Home, Roster, and Member's subpages. The updated Fees and Dues page reflects recently increased costs. Webmaster Wiggins has requested volunteers to help with website maintenance.

**Community Outreach and Education: Rodney Weems**

Vice President Weems noted the additional donation of \$200 by President Wiggins for challenge coins to be presented to new members. He also mentioned the Liberty Award (ten new members recruited) for which Bill Sanders has been honored. The SAR website has information on various scholarships and contests available to students annually.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

A nominating committee for 2022 officers has been proposed consisting of Michael Bailey, Rodney Weems, Win Avera and Russell Dart. The committee's list will be presented at the December meeting and nominations from the floor will be entertained. It was noted that any member is eligible to apply for any position. A motion to proceed was made by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera, and approved.

The "Wreaths Across America" program was discussed. It is supported by National SAR. In the past the chapter has allocated \$50 to each of our three counties, Wharton, Matagorda, and Brazoria. A motion to continue this year with similar amounts was made by Avera, seconded by Griffiths, and passed. Bill Sanders will handle Wharton County, Vice President Weems the other two.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Members Present:**

Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Nelson Leopold, Bill Griffiths, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Win Avera, Chris Wendel, Jared Otto, Cameron Otto and Tommy Palmer.

**Guests Present:**

Connie Avera, Sonja Palmer, Ron Brown, Diana Johnson, Judy Johnson, Laura Otto, Jessica Otto, and Kinsley Otto.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** December 11, 2021, at 9ers Grill in Bay City, TX.

**SAR Recessional:** Led by Rodney Weems.

**Benediction:** Given by Bill Sanders.

**Motion for Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera.

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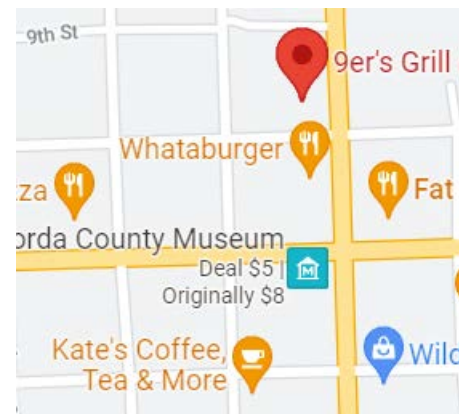
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**The Semiquincentennial**

**Yes, it is a word.**

Semiquincentennial means 250. 2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Now is the time to start planning. In 2016 H.R. 4875 created the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act. To learn more and to be part of the event here are a few links:

<https://america250.org>

<https://inht.org/semiquincentennial>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/semiquincentennial.htm>



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