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Next Meeting

12 Feb 2022

11:30 a.m.

111 Abner Jackson Parkway

Swamp Shack

Lake Jackson, Texas

Speaker



EPPHILIA PRINCESS KENNEDY

Human Rights Consultant

*Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette
Consultant*

Reuters Metadata Digital Journalist

I am a Turkish American. I was born in a little historic city known as Süveydiye.

The city lies near the site of the ancient Seleucia Pieria, founded in 300 BC by Seleucus Nicator, a general of Alexander the Great. Suveydiye is a town and district in Hatay Province of southern Turkey, at the mouth of the Asi River on

the Mediterranean coast, near Turkey's border with Syria, 25 km (16 mi) from the city of Antakya.

I came to United States in early 90's.

While growing up, I knew myself to be a compassionate person, but didn't know there was another dimension to that. As a child born in Turkey, I had to relocate with my parents to United States of America as a result of financial crisis in my country. As a young child, I witnessed many unjustified actions by our Turkish government. Their involvement in many wars effected many Turkish citizens and led the migration to take place to other countries.

Mainstream media, and alternative media was full images of men, women, and mostly children dying because of government's need of power. Killing the innocents were called fighting for FREEDOM. The word "Freedom" was being used ingeniously towards public to persuade them into believing they were fighting for freedom and the killings of innocent children were just a Collateral Damage.

And that's where everything had begun for me.

I started to search more into what was happening and there was no turning back after that.

I was impacted deeply with what I saw, and with what I learnt that, I vowed, I was going to at least try to awaken the society to the ugly truth of war.

I decided to make a change.
I wanted to make a change.
I wanted my voice to be heard.
But how was I going to do that?
A pin dropped.
Mainstream media was the answer.

But unfortunately, as I tried to get the attention of the mainstream media, they were just "not" interested and brushed me off. Why wouldn't they want to hear about our country's issues? Or show us what is really happening in the other side of the world? It wasn't what I have expected. Something didn't seem right. Therefore, I wanted to understand their reasoning as to why?

I went in to an adventure of digging for the truth. I fell right into a Rabbit hole.

It didn't take much time to learn the ugly truth. Unfortunately, the truth was 'Political gains and Political Sponsorships'.

One day I was reading a biography of John F. Kennedy and I came across the quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Right after reading that sentence, I knew my humanitarian missions to areas of conflict around the world and the inner-city communities in United States must start.

I had to find a solution to inform the general public.

Best option was to use alternative social news media outlets

People should know what really happens in war.

If those innocents can't have a voice, than I shall be one for them.

During war, involuntary detainments of the innocent people, raping of children, organ harvesting, human trafficking, child sex trafficking, and hunger games becomes a playground to war criminals - and mainstream media wasn't portraying any of it. In order to take actions, the general public have to be informed correctly. Informing the general public is crucial. Betterment of society comes from knowledge. If knowledge is missing than information becomes misinformation.

Human rights embody the core values. Among them, there is the decency of all people. Equality of fundamental value and the need to live in this society, with respect and empathy for other. The core of my mission is to remind people of their human rights. As a Turkish American today, I monitor, report on, and attempt to redress violations of the civil, social, cultural, and political rights basic to humankind, as initially defined by the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the general public. My job can involve gathering information on human rights violations, visiting victims, interacting with government leaders, and if needed, attending trials in different countries.

**Meeting Minutes
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
January 8, 2022**

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met January 8, 2022, via zoom.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

Pledges: Win Avera led the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: Drake Peddie, Texas SAR President, was introduced by President Wiggins.

Compatriot Memorials: President Wiggins noted the obituaries of John Beard, a chapter member for 29+ years, as well as Dr. Michel Rees, a 20-year chapter member.

Installation of Officers: Installation of 2022 Cradle of Texas officers was done by Drake Peddie, TXSSAR President. President, Carl Wiggins; Vice President, Rodney Weems; Secretary, Bill Griffiths; Treasurer, Chris Wendel; Registrar, Bill Sanders; and Historian, Michael Bailey.

After returning the ceremonial gavel to President Wiggins, Mr. Peddie had the following comments:

-The Covid year resulted in multiple zoom chapter meetings across the state with a few live meetings.

-The State SAR website has been updated with current information

-Chapter training pages

-Q and A pages

-State committees have been streamlined with some discontinued, some merged, and a few new ones have been established.

-The nominating committee will be virtual to allow wider participation.

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Russell Dart.



Treasurer's Report:

Discussed by President Wiggins.

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
12/01/2021	\$2,702.75
Deposit-Interest	\$.05
Ending Balance	
12/31/2021	\$2,702.80
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
12/01/2021	\$ 902.56
Deposit-Interest	\$.08
Ending Balance	
12/31/2021	\$ 902.64
Total Bank Balance	\$3,605.44

(See corrections in the Feb agenda)

Awards/Recognitions:

-Medal of Distinguished Service, SAR's highest medal for conspicuous service, to William Sanders, will be mailed or presented at a later meeting.

-Meritorious Service Medal to Rodney Weems will be mailed or presented later.

-Texas Society Service Medals to Bill Griffiths, Nelson Leopold and Michael Bailey.

-Certificate of Appreciation to Chaplain Tim Hall.

Get to Know Your Compatriot: David Garza. President Wiggins noted that Mr. Garza recently transferred with several family members from the Galvez chapter. Mr. Garza, a San Antonio native, noted his ancestry through an Andrews, Chase, and Libby lines to his SAR ancestor, Harvey Libby, from Maine. Mr. Garza joined the U.S. Navy out of high school and, following boot camp and submarine school, served four tours on a guided missile sub. He later became a DOD contractor, later Civil Service DOD, primarily involving nautical sonar systems. Along the way, he earned a BS and MA in American History. He retired from the DOD in 2012 and spent several years teaching before fully retiring.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

- 18 applications actively working.
- 7 new chapter members joined last year.
- 2-3 potential new members based on service providing cattle shipped from Texas to Washington's army. These have already been approved by DAR.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

- Still a need for a volunteer to help with the website.

Community Outreach/Education:

Rodney Weems

-Several potential nominees for the good citizenship award have been suggested.

Old Business:

Wreaths Across America. It was noted that \$50 was voted to each of our three counties. Michael Bailey reported on wreaths placed at Angleton cemetery, Bill Sanders on wreaths placed at Memorial Cemetery in El Campo. Problems were noted with some wreath's freshness.

Chapter financial audit status report. Still pending and deferred to next meeting.

New Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Bill Griffiths, Bill Sanders, Win Avera, Chris Wendel, Mike Bailey, David Garza, Chris Barbee, Russell Dart.

Next Chapter Meeting: February 12, Zoom vs. in-person.

SAR Recessional: Led by Win Avera.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: Russell Dart moved, second by Bill Sanders. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**Lamar Day
January 26, 2022
Morton Cemetery
Richmond, Texas**



Asa Underwood Chapter DAR George Washington Tea Brazoria County High School Good Citizens Awards and Scholarship Recipient

Cradle of Texas #33 TxSAR
Color Guard
Bethel Presbyterian Church
East Columbia, Texas
06 February, 2022



**2022
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2022 Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

Date	Time	Event	Place	Organization/Contact
February 9	5:15 p.m.	Brazoria County Historical Commission (BCHC) Executive Board	TBD	Cynthia Ericson BCHC Chairperson cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com
February 12	11:30 a.m.	Monthly Meeting	TBA	SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter 33 https://cradletxsar.org
February 13	2:00 p.m.	History Talks TBA	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	James Glover jamesg@brazoria-county.com Brigid Burke BrigidB@brazoria-county.com
February 19	1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	George Washington Tea	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Ft. Velasco Chapter DAR Susan Chappell ft.velascodar@yahoo.com
February 19	TBD	Texas Statehood Day	TBD	TBD
February 24	5:00 p.m.	SFA 500	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Sarah Lamb lamb.sarah1936@gmail.com
March 1- March 31	Each Saturday	Black History Month March 5, 12, 19, 26	Brazoria Heritage	Bernice Smith, Chair Person (979) 824-0455

	of March		Foundation 202 W Smith Street Brazoria, Texas 77422	https://brazoriahf.org/new
March 1- March 31		Texas History Month	TBD	TBD
March 2- Actual Day March 4- Celebrated	All Day	Texas Independence Day	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	James Glover jamesg@brazoria-county.com Brigid Burke BrigidB@brazoria-county.com
March 5-6	All Day	18 th Annual Brazoria Heritage Day Celebration and Gun Show "Shake Rattle & Roll" Group Performance in p.m.	Brazoria Heritage Foundation 202 W Smith Street Brazoria, Texas 77422	Bob Schwebel rlsdvm@quikheal.com (979) 824-0455 https://brazoriahf.org/new
March 6	2:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Brazoria Historical Militia Ronald McCulley mcculley42@gmail.com
March 6		Alamo Heroes Day		
March 9	2:00 p.m.	Brazoria County Historical Commission (BCHC)	Brazoria County Courthouse in the courtroom of County Court at Law No. 1 (second floor on the 1939 courthouse side).	Cynthia Ericson BCHC Chairperson cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com
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