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May

Next Meeting

14 May, 2022

11:30 a.m.

111 Abner Jackson Parkway

Swamp Shack

Lake Jackson, Texas

PROGRAM(s)



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Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution. *President Jim Kuykendall* presents goals and vision for the 2022-23 Sons of the American Revolution.

and

Melvin (Mel) L. Oller



Mel was inducted into the SAR and Freedom Chapter in 2013. He was elected Freedom Chapter Secretary in 2015, served two years, and served as President of the Chapter for three years, from 2017 until 2020. He was a volunteer at the 2018 National SAR Convention in Houston, while participating at his first National Congress.

Mel currently serves as Texas SAR Secretary, and Adjutant for the Texas Color Guard. He previously served one year as District 8 Vice President.

Mel is a Partner in a small Masonry Construction company in Houston, having entered the Masonry Industry as an apprentice Bricklayer in 1975, and is active in local and state Masonry Industry groups, and Employer's Associations. He is also a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Oak Ridge North, and the Safety Committee at Grace Crossing Church. Mel is a Member and Past Master of the Humble Masonic Lodge #979, in Humble Texas, where he grew up.

Texas Society. Mel Oller, Secretary, TXSSAR and Freedom Chapter, Spring, TX, speaks on

Freemasonry and its tie-in with the American Revolution.

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
April 9, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution met April 9, 2022, at 9ers Grill in Bay City, Texas.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

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

Introduction of Guests: Vice President Weems introduced the Johnson family. Austin Johnson introduced his parents and siblings; members and other guests introduced themselves.

Program: President Wiggins introduced the Thompsons, John and Mary, who presented a program on Benjamin Franklin. Their bios can be found in the March newsletter. They have presented this program and others to various Texas elementary schools. Franklin was a polymath with interests in many fields. As an inventor he is credited with the lightning rod, bifocals, and the Franklin stove. As an author/printer he published the Penn. Gazette at age 24, and later, Poor Richard's Almanac (which made him rich). As a scientist, he flew a kite with a key attached in a thunderstorm to demonstrate lightning was static electricity. He coined the term + and - charges and named batteries.

He was the face of America abroad during the Revolutionary War, and one of the most influential Founding Fathers. He signed all four of

the documents of Independence. Following their talk, President Wiggins presented certificates of appreciation to Mr. and Ms. Thompson.

Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Win Avera.

Treasurer's Report:

As submitted below:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

3/1/2022 \$2,627.46

Deposit-interest \$0.04

Expense-check

#1035 Wreaths Across America

Matagorda County \$50.00

Check #1045

Rodney Weems Reimbursement -

Check #1046 \$260.00

Paul Carrington Chapter 2022

Oration donation \$200.00

Ending Balance

3/31/2022 \$2,117.50

McAlexander Fund

Beginning Balance

3/1/2022 \$902.79

Deposit-interest \$0.08

Ending Balance

3/31/2022 \$902.87

Total Bank Balance- \$3,020.37

Awards/Recognitions:

Vice President Weems presented Austin Johnson (Wharton High School) with an outstanding citizenship certificate and lapel pin. Austin gave a short view of his future aspirations and introduced his family. Photos were taken.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

-1 Applications approved (Yates)

-11 Applications awaiting national approval

-23 Applications actively working

-0 Applications without activity
Registrar Sanders also noted:

- The 1950 census has been released.
- Chuck Wagner is the new Coastal Registrar replacing Jack Muggli.
- Birth certificates for SAR membership must be checked "male".
- Fold 3 is available by subscription, containing military records.
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Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

No report.

Community Outreach/Education: Rodney Weems

- If you hear of community members or students that need recognition, report to Rodney.
- ROTC Cadets need recognition. There are 6 schools in our area with programs. "Outstanding Cadet" award is also available.
- Parent's permission is needed to publish student's photos in the newspaper.

Old Business:

President Wiggins summarized aspects of TSSAR annual convention, including new officers. Pertinent to our chapter; Chuck Wagner, the new Coastal Registrar, and Richard Zdunkewicz, the new District 7 VP. Certificates awarded to the chapter:

- Hill Membership award
- Hill Patriot Fund award
- TXSSAR Flag Presentation award

Correspondence: None.

Members present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Cornelius, Bill Griffiths, Jim Leach, Chris Wendel, Win Avera, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, John Thompson.

Guests Present: Carroll Griffiths, Richard Zdunkewicz, Bill Adriance, Caroline Wiggins, Kyle Johnson, Connie Avera, Austin Johnson, Kim Minustik, Sandra Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Mason Johnson, Gabby Johnson, Marshall Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, John Thompson, Mary Thompson.

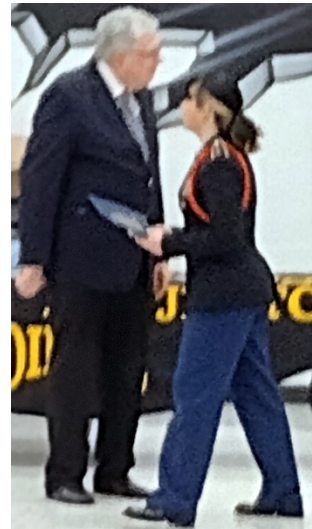
Next Chapter Meeting: May 14, 2022, in Lake Jackson, Texas.

SAR Recessional: Led by Rodney Weems.

Benediction: Given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera.

Chapter Member Russell Dart present the SAR an Award to Pearland JROTC Cadet Alayna Cummings.



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Chapter member Michael Bailey, gave a presentation on Texas Flag History to the Lake Jackson PEO - *Philanthropic and Educational Organization*. The Group supports women in education locally, nationally, and internationally through scholarships, loans, and grants.



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Memorial Day
Monday, May 30, 2022



San Jacinto Re-enactment and Festival- Deer Park, Texas

23 April, 2022

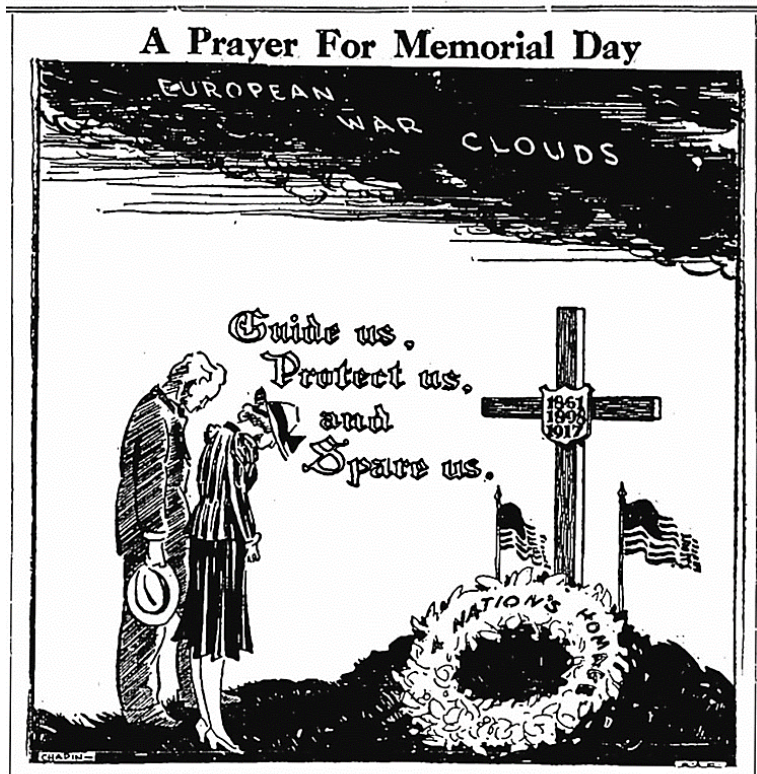
Several Compatriots, from various TxSAR Chapters, participated in this year's San Jacinto Re-enactment and Festival in Deer Park, Texas; at the San Jacinto Monument and Battleground on 23 April, 2022. It had been three years since the last observance. It was also the first time Compatriot Tom Green was in attendance. Please, remember him in your thoughts and prayers as her works to better his health.



Local artist, Michael Jap, shared some of his work done that day, Mexican Artillery.

Michael Bailey at the end of the day.

THE FREEPORT FACTS,
Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas
Thursday, May 25, 1939



2022 Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

May 8	2:00 p.m.	History Talks	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
May 11	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
May 14	TBA	Treaty of Velasco Signing Commemoration	Surfside, Texas	Old Velasco Historical Association and the Old Velasco/ Surfside Historical Committee Dortha Pekar 979-417-3233 dortha@fortvelasco.org
May 19	6:30 p.m.	SRT Stephen F. Austin Chapter #6 Meeting	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Jerry Leist jerry.leist@gmail.com
May 26	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
May 30	2:00 p.m.	BCMA Meeting	TBD	TBD
June 5	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
June 8	5:15 p.m.	Brazoria County Historical Commission (BCHC) Executive Board	TBD	Cynthia Ericson BCHC Chairperson cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com
June 14	TBD	Flag Day - US		
June 12	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