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## November

Next Meeting

"In Person "

11:30 AM

Next Chapter Meeting:

November 13

Swamp Shack

111 Abner Jackson Parkway

Lake Jackson, Texas

## Induction of New Members and Chapter Awards

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Cradle of Texas Chapter 33**  
**October 16, 2021**

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met October 16, 2021, at Best Seafood in El Campo.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:45 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 and Texas. Bill Sanders led the pledge to the flag of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Introduction of Guests:** President Wiggins introduced our speaker, Chris Kneupper. Other guests, Connie Avera, Carroll Griffiths,

Hazel Foltyn, Patty Jansen, Carolyn Gibson, Karon Barbee, and Carol Barbee were also introduced.

**Induction:** The induction of new member, Chris Barbee, was done by Bill Sanders.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera.

### Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:

Beginning Balance	
9/01/2021	\$3,172.11
Deposits-Interest	\$0.04
Expenses	(2) \$450.00
Ending Balance	
9/30/2021	\$2,722.15
McAlexander Fund:	
Beginning Balance	
9/1/2021	\$ 902.34
Deposits-Interest	
9/30/2021	\$0.31
Ending Balance	\$ 902.34
Total Bank Balance	\$3,624.56

### Awards/Recognitions:

-*Anniversary Milestones* - 5-year award for Jr. Member William Glaze to be presented by Bill

Sanders.

-*Yearbook Award* 2nd place in Digital Edition.

### Program:

Our speaker Chris Kneupper, was introduced by President Wiggins. His bio can

be found in the September newsletter. He spoke on Barranco Colorado (B. Colorado), a Mexican fort built on the Lower LaVaca River circa 1830-1834. His general research has focused on forts at the mouth of the Brazos River and communications with forts east of the Brazos. The existence of a B. Colorado fort was noted in Mexican military dispatches and letters in the Bexar Archives located at the University of Texas. They are composed of 100+ documents relating to the Lower LaVaca River area. This area was first surveyed (1783-86) by Joseph de Evia at the request of Gov. Galvez. In 1828 General Teran led a boundary expedition ostensibly to investigate the TX/LA area. His real mission was to evaluate the number of Americans in Texas (LOTS!). These findings resulted in the Mexican Law of 1830 forbidding further American immigration to Texas, and establishing a series of military forts to enforce the law and collect customs duties. Six forts were ultimately constructed: Tenotitian, Barraco Colorado, Anahuac, Velasco, Teran, and Lipantitian along various rivers. Reference to these forts can be found in various writings ranging from 1848 to 1939.

Primary documentation related to B. Colorado is located in military dispatches and letters in the Bexar Archives at the University of Texas. B. Colorado's founding is noted in dispatches and letters from Teran to other forts and to S.F. Austin. Other messages are from Teran to B. Colorado commander Chovell on various subjects.

The structure and layout of B. Colorado are unknown, but probably similar to Fort Anahuac (established the same year), square with corner bastions initially wood, later brick. An ad in the Texas Gazette July 22, 1830 sought laborers to help build B.

Colorado. The first troops arrived July, 1830, and in January, 1831, 24 soldiers and 34 convicts were at B. Colorado. The fort was abandoned in 1834 following the Anahuac Rebellion and the start of the Mexican Civil War. The exact location of the fort remains unknown, but is probably on a bluff overlooking a bend in the LaVaca River near a clay bed where a brick factory was established (Texas Arch. Site 41JK29). Further pursuance of the location of the B. Colorado is uncertain, since the area is privately owned.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Kneupper by President Wiggins.

#### **Reports of Officers and Committees:**

**Registrar:** Bill Sanders

Applications Approved: 0

Applications Awaiting National Approval: 7

Applications Actively Working: 33

Applications Without Activity: 0

Registrar Sanders noted that 3-4 actively working applications have problems. He also mentioned the new fees: \$200 for new applications and \$138 for supplementals, and the current waiting times: 8-9 weeks for new, 1 - 1 ½ years for supplementals due to a lack of genealogists at NSSAR.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Education and Outreach:** Vice President Rodney Weems noted that the chapter website has a link to the Education Section that details the contests and awards available. He reported the addition of Angleton High School to the Junior ROTC program.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** President Wiggins noted that dues notices will be mailed out shortly. He welcomed David Garzas transfer to chapter.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Members Present:** Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Win Avera, Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, David Garza, our new transfer, Chris Wendel, Chris Barbee, Jim Leach.

**Guests Present:** Connie Avera, Carroll Griffiths, Chris Kneupper Hazel Foltyn, Carolyn Gibson, Patty Jensen, Karon Barbee, Carol Barbee

Next Chapter Meeting: November 13 at the Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson.

SAR Recessional: Led by Rodney Weems.

**Benediction:** Given by Bill Sanders.

**Armistice Day  
November 11  
Veterans Day**



**Motion for Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on a motion by Win Avera, seconded by Bill Griffiths.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

11 November 2021	Veterans Day	Parade in Freeport, Texas
11 December 2021	Chapter Meeting	Acceptance/Vote on Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2021
18 December 2021	Wreaths Across America	
25 December 2021	Christmas	



**Joyce Ann Proske Welch Germany**, wife of our former compatriot Garven Germany passed away on October 31, 2021. Please, keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Her obituary can be found at:

<https://palmsfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/4774020/Welch-Germany-Joyce/index.php>