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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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October

Next Meeting

"In Person"

11:30 AM

October 16, 2021

Best Seafood and Steak House

620 E. Jackson Street

El Campo, TX 77437



Speaker James

Chris Kneupper

Barranco Colorado:

**Mexican Fort on the Lower Lavaca River
(1830-1833)**

Chris Kneupper is a retired chemical engineer who has lived in Brazoria County for over 40 years.

Charter member of the Brazosport Archaeological Society (1980) and long-term member of the Texas Archeological Society

Chris has participated in many excavations in Brazoria County and elsewhere in Texas.

Member of:

- Sons of the Republic of Texas
- Texas Master Naturalist, Cradle of Texas Chapter, Cradle of Texas Conservancy (CTC)
- Served on the board of directors of the CDC for 30 years

The CDC has a long-term goal of financing and managing the building of a replica of the 1832 Mexican Fort Velasco, also known as the "first Fort Velasco". The CTC and an organization that preceded it have held land for this project for over 50 years.

Based on his overlapping interests, Chris has recently done extensive research into the history and archaeology of the several forts placed at the mouth of the Brazos River, in what is today Surfside Beach (formerly old Velasco). He has produced a 131-page report and literature survey emphasizing primary sources.

Chris created a website to make the report and some obscure references available to the public

(<https://velascohistor/archaeology.weebly.com/>). Today's PowerPoint presentation is about Barranco Colorado, a new addition to this rich local history.



Meeting Minutes
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
September 11, 2021

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met September 11, 2021, virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Tim Hall. A remembrance was given by Win Avera of compatriot George Easterling including a bio noting he was a charter member and past president of our chapter. Compatriot Shane Singleton was remembered by President Wiggins recalling his June grave marking ceremony with SAR Texas color guard present.

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

Introduction of Guests: President Wiggins introduced our speaker, James Clements, SAR Patrick Henry Chapter, Past TXSSAR Secretary, whose bio can be found in the newsletter.

Program: Mr. Clements spoke on 'The Life of the Kentucky Frontiersman'. His ancestor, Roger Clements, fought in several Revolutionary War battles in the area, and following the war was granted land along the Kentucky River. Two lesser-known Revolutionary War battles were fought nearby, King's Mountain and Blue Licks. The battle of King's Mountain in October, 1780, in South Carolina, was the largest battle pitting patriots and loyalists with minimal official British involvement. The patriot's 1400 men outnumbered the loyalists who initially avoided battle and retreated to King's Mountain. They failed to set up defenses and

were surprised and overwhelmed. Six hundred sixty-eight loyalists were killed, 163 wounded, and 600 captured. In contrast patriot losses were minimal (29 killed, 58 wounded). Unlike King's Mountain, the Battle of Blue Licks was a patriot defeat. In what is now Kentucky, it was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War, occurring after the surrender of Cornwallis. In July, 1782, British Rangers under Capt. Caldwell and their 1100 Indian allies planned to attack down the Ohio River. This plan was cancelled on rumors that Gen. George Rogers Clark and his army planned to enter the Kentucky area. Many of Caldwell's men left, leaving 50 British and 300 Indians to attack Ruddle's Station which was found to be abandoned; later Bryan's Station where the patriot militia was well prepared. The British lost 5 killed and 2 wounded ending the attack. The patriot militia (182 men under Col. Todd) pursued the British to Blue Licks. Despite warnings from Lt. Col. Daniel Boone, they fell into an ambush, and were defeated with 72 killed, 11 captured. The war had ended, but British, Canadians, and Indian allies continued to fight along the Ohio River. Between 1782 and 1790, as many as 1500 people were killed in the Kentucky area,

Following his military service, Jim's ancestor, Roger Clements, was granted 1000 acres along the Kentucky River where the family settled.

A certificate of appreciation was mailed to Mr. Clements.

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

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
05/01/2021	\$3,489.91
Deposits-Interest	\$ 0.20
Dues	\$195.00
Expenses-Check #1035 contest award	\$100.00
Check #1036-Supplies	\$413.00
Ending Balance	
08/31/2021	\$3,172.11
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
05/01/2021	\$902.03
Deposits-Interest	
08/31/2021	\$0.31
Ending Balance	
08/31/2021	\$902.34
Total Bank Balance	\$4,074.45

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

Applications Approved: 5

Jared Otto, Cameron Otto (Jr. member), W. J. Griffiths IV, Chris Barbee, Richard Wiggins

Applications Awaiting National Approval: 1

Applications Actively Working: 30

Applications Without Activity: 0

Registrar Sanders noted that National SAR turnaround time for regular applications is currently 3 ½ months; 8 months to 1 year for supplementals

Flag Report: Bill Sanders noted 7 flag certificates were presented last month.

Webmaster: Webmaster Wiggins reported progress in updating the website. The speaker's page, member page, and fee pages are current.

Old Business: President Wiggins noted that the upcoming (October) BOM will conflict with our usual chapter meeting date. The October chapter meeting will be on October 16.

New Business: Patriot Day remembrances were shared by a prayer of Bill Sanders and personal recall of the events by President Wiggins.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Russell Dart, Win Avera, Bill Sanders, Bill Greenwood, Tim Hall, Mike Bailey.

Guests Present: Jim Clements.

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SAR Recessional: Led by Rodney Weems

Benediction: Given by Chaplain Tim Hall.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m. on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Russell Dart.



Cradle of Texas #33 wins 2nd place in 2019 Digital Yearbook competition at TX SAR Fall BOM on Saturday, 9 October, 2021. The yearbook was put together by Chapter Member and President Carl Wiggins.

Constitution Day Proclamation

Brazoria County Commissioner's Court presents a Proclamation to the Asa Underwood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR member Shirley Walcik accepts Proclamation. SAR Chapter #33 member, Michael Bailey attends the presentation. See Proclamation as attachment.



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Armistice Day

November 11

Veterans Day



CONSTITUTION DAY

17 September, 2021

2021
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and the
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

16 October 2021	Chapter Meeting	11:30 AM October 16, 2021 Best Seafood and Steak House 620 E. Jackson Street El Campo, TX
11 November 2021	Veterans Day	Parade in Freeport, Texas
25 November 2021	Thanksgiving Day	Family and Friends
11 December 2021	Chapter Meeting	Acceptance/Vote on Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2021
25 December 2021	Christmas	