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**April**

**Next Meeting**

**09 April 2022**

**11:30 a.m.**

**9ers Grill**

**1916 Avenue F.**

**Bay City, TX 77414**

**Speaker**

John and Mary Thompson  
 as

Benjamin and Debra Franklin



John Kenton Thompson  
 & Mary Elizabeth (White)

**Personal Details**

John Kenton Thompson is the son of  
 Forrest Arnold Thompson Sr. and  
 Virginia Lee Womeldorf originally

Pharr / McAllen, Texas, later of Corpus  
 Christi, Texas. FA Thompson Sr.  
 (Registered Professional CPA, District  
 Superintendent with the

Boy Scouts of America and a  
 Kiwanian of the Year) was a USAF flight  
 instructor, Harlingen/Mission (Moore  
 Field) TX in P-40, P-39, plus P-63 Bell  
 Kingcobra aircraft and later T-28 and T-  
 33 aircraft during the Korean conflict.

Mary Elizabeth (White) Thompson,  
 the wife of John Kenton Thompson, is  
 the daughter of Marion Allen White,  
 originally of Huntsville TX and Mary  
 Alice Louise McGaha of Mansfield, TX  
 and later Corpus Christi, Texas. Marion  
 Allen White, US Marine, was one of the  
 first US Marines to advance on Mount  
 Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima,  
 and he was chosen as one of three US  
 Marines aboard the USS Missouri to  
 provide security for the delegation at  
 the Japanese surrender.

**Family Background:** John and  
 Mary's children are Mrs. Brian J  
 Eschbach (Kathleen Ann Thompson) of  
 Scottsdale, Arizona & Mr. John Allen  
 (BJ) Thompson with Roxanne  
 Thompson of Tomball, Texas. Their  
 Eschbach grandchildren are Julia Tirion,  
 Nathaniel Keenan, Mary Alice, Reilly  
 Kenton, and Sebastian Carl Eschbach.  
 (See, Songs Kate Sang).

Mentoring Parents in Plano, TX to 3  
 young adults including David (now

with his own family in Navasota TX), Lucy, and Beverly of Dallas TX from 1980 to 1985; who are all now happily married and have wonderful families of their own.

Foster Parents in the Harris County, Texas system from 2006 to 2010 for 3 children (including two young men now completing service in the US Army) named Zachary and Benjamin, and their sister Cassandra (Cassie) who is now in college. This period also included service and guidance to their mother, Holly, as she completed her education. Holly is now happily married and lives with Cassie in Arkansas.

JKT Family of: American Patriot's John DeJarnette, NC, and Hezekiah Brown, Virginia; Captain John DeJarnette with Patriot Frances Marion; Hezekiah Brown, Private in the Virginia line, 1778; and Capt. John O Reilly, Ambassador to US from Republic of Texas. Descendant of Abraham Thompson, aide-de-camp during 1811, Battle of Tippecanoe; and of John O Bracken, Houston, TX, the boy courier under General Duncan McArthur during the Battle of Elliott Mills, War of 1812. Family established in Texas, 1839, per Texas Ranger John Watkins Bracken, Frontier Battalion B. JKT is GGGrandson of Benjamin Ward Thompson, First State Judge of Illinois and of Ben C Jones of Austin Texas, principal with Ben C Jones & Company, printer of Texas State Congressional Record, 1892 - 1910. Ben C Jones & Company is now merged as part of Moody Press.

Met Family of: Dr. John Allen White of Huntsville, TX, and of Dr. John Traylor of Huntsville, TX, who were physicians

of President Sam Houston. Mary is a descendant of American Patriot's William Pruitt Sr. Washington County, NC who also served in Capt. Griffith Company during the Battle of New Orleans in 1812. Mary's Grandfather was US Navy's James Allen White of Huntsville TX who served on the Battleship Texas during WWI, and Mary's Great-Uncle was Robert Dee Tims II, a member of the US Army's Tank Corp during D-Day in the Normandy landing.

Military Attach: Since unable to pass the Flight III physical for US Air Force Academy, John Kenton Thompson volunteered as an E-3 Radio technician and later Tornado observer, service in Navy Marine Corp SL during the development of the Cimarron Dual Doppler radar in Norman and Oklahoma City area, 1972-1975. Amateur Radio, A1 & A3 mod: WB5IVY. He served under US Navy Commander Gary England, nationally known later as the US Weatherman in Oklahoma City.

JKT Interests Profile:

Major General of the TXSSAR Color Guard and 2nd VP of the Freedom Chapter, The Woodlands.

Patriot Medal & Alexander Hamilton Medal TXSSAR, 2012-2017.

Texas Society, San Jacinto Chapter; Sons of Republic of Texas, 2010-2013 through John O Bracken family.

TXSSAR Texas Society, ROTC Chair, 2010-2020; and Patriot Graves Committee, 2017-2020.

Chaplaincy trained for L.V. Hightower Prison Ministry, Dayton,

Texas; 2009-2017 w/ Northside Christian Church.

President, Freedom Chapter; SAR of Conroe/The Woodlands.2008-09 & Kiwanis Service Club, The Woodlands, Texas.

Class Instructor in Gas Processing, North Harris College, Houston; 1996 / 2010.

Business Profile -January 2017 to present, John Kenton Thompson is the Principal, Thompson BlueBird Investments LLC for certain capital assets, and he was earlier President of J. Kenton Thompson & Associates, Engineering Consultants of The Woodlands, TX. From March 2013 to January 2014, he was the Vice President of Engineering/Product Development for KW

International - Houston. 2006-February 2013, he was the Vice President of Engineering and Member Owner in Zephyr Gas Services in Houston, Texas, acquired in 2011 by Regency Gas Services-Dallas. John Kenton Thompson is recognized as the Inventor with others of Patent US 2010/0251897A1, Modular Amine Plant.

1999 - 2006, John Kenton Thompson was a Director Processing & Treating with the Hanover Compressor Company in Houston, TX and Products Manager in the Turnkey & Treating Division, HT2 Products Group. 1992-1999, he was employed by Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. in The Woodlands, TX as its Manager, Joint Venture Plants and Pipelines after Oryx acquisition.

1972-1992, John Kenton Thompson served with Sun Oil Company / Oryx

Energy Company in various roles including Chief Division Engineer, District Gas Engineer, and Joint Venture Asset Manager in Natural Gas Processing division.

Prepared engineering design on pumping unit, S.W. Wakita Unit; 1996 shown in movie, "Twister". He participated in the development team of the Ajax 660 Compressor, San Isidro, TX, 1986; he was the Project Engineer for 1st cryogenic turbo plant, Goldsby, OK and Ortloff turboexpander plant, Laverne, OK; patent design confirmation of the first, Ortloff internal reflux demethanizer (cryogenic) process.

Skills Base - Background. John Kenton Thompson is a Registered Professional Engineer - State of Texas graduate of the Texas A&M University - Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I) in Kingsville, TX with degree in Natural Gas Engineering, 1972.

Mary Elizabeth (White) Thompson is retired from the Aldine Independent School District after 20 years of teaching service and is also a graduate of the Texas A&M University - Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I) in Kingsville with a degree in Secondary Education, 1971.

Associations. John Kenton Thompson was on the Advisory Board, Houston Gas Processors Assoc., 2007 - 2012 and listed in Who's Who in America and Southwest US. He currently is Chairman of ROTC and Patriot Graves Committee of Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. In 2017, he was honored to travel to Rome, Italy as security assist with the youth choirs to the St Bernard of Clairvaux Roman Catholic Church, and these choirs included his and

Mary's older grandchildren, Julia Tirion and Nathaniel, as they sang at the Vatican and St. Peters' Basicilla.

John Kenton Thompson is currently serving as the Texas State President of the General Society of 1812 and is a member of the Engineering Council, Texas A&M - Kingsville, TX, 2011-2020.

Mary Elizabeth Thompson serves in the Thyme to Bake and the Meal Train at Northside Christian Church and at the St. Vincent DePaul Society through the St Simon & Jude Church of The Woodlands. She is presently the DAR Parliamentarian for Heritage Trails Chapter of The Woodlands and Liaison to the men's General Society of 1812 for the Wyoming State Society, United States Daughters of 1812.



## Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33  
March 12, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met March 12, 2022, at Los Coucos in Wharton, Texas

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.  
Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

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

**Introduction of Guests:** Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Chapter Officer Installation:** Compatriot Jim Leach was approved as Chaplain and installed by Region 7 Vice President Ron Brown.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Nelson Leopold.

**Treasurer's Report:** As submitted below:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
2/1/2022	\$2,652.25
Deposit-interest	\$ 0.04
Expense-check	
#1041 Guest Meals	\$25.43
Ending Balance	
2/28/2022	\$2,627.46
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
2/1/2022	\$ 902.72
Deposit-interest	\$ 0.07
Ending Balance	
2/28/2022	\$ 902.79
Total Bank Balance	\$3,520.35

**Awards/Recognition:** Presented by President Wiggins and Vice President Weems.

-5-year award to Nelson Leopold.

-2020 Texas Chapter service medal to Vice President Rodney Weems.

-Bronze good citizenship medal to Bill Griffiths for medical volunteer work.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

**Registrar:** Bill Sanders



- 0 Applications approved
- 8 Applications awaiting national approval (6 supplementals, 2 regular)
- 24 Applications actively working
- 2 Applications without activity

Registrar Sanders thanked David Garza for his help with the Yates application (and others). He noted March 24 for the next Zoom meeting for registrars with National genealogist Fish. He mentioned current three month regular application approval time (much longer for supplementals).

**Webmaster:** Carl Wiggins

Webmaster Wiggins needs help with website maintenance. Those with expertise in this area should contact him.

#### **Community Outreach/Education:**

Rodney Weems

- Brochure contest - chapter sponsored 3 Belair Middle School students with \$100 as first prize.
- Oration contest - See Old Business below.

**Color Guard:** Michael Bailey

-Chapter participated in the DAR's George Washington Tea in West Columbia, Texas and Brazoria Heritage Day.

-The Color Guard is in need of additional members. If interested call Michael Bailey.

-Information on obtaining colonial and revolutionary period uniforms was discussed. Those interested should contact compatriot Bailey. Also noted was that the McAlexander Fund (see

Treasurer's Report) can help defray costs.

-Please send your old SAR magazines to Michael Bailey so they can be distributed to potential new SAR members.

#### **Old Business:**

-2021 oration contest check was reissued to Rhea Singh.

-The issue of oration contest cash awards was revisited. After discussion, a motion was approved for \$200 cash this year to Region 6 to support candidates for the oration award. This issue can be revisited yearly.

#### **New Business:**

-Two TSSAR District 7 Vice President Candidates, Richard Zdunkewicz (Paul Carrington Chapter) and Ron Brown, incumbent (Alexander Hodge Chapter), gave short presentations with bios and future SAR comments. Questions were asked concerning SAR stance on the 1619 Project as well as the lengthy wait for application approvals.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Members Present:** Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Bill Griffiths, Win Avera, Russell Dart, David Garza, Chris Barbee, Nelson Leopold, Mike Bailey, Jim Leach.

Guests Present: Ron Brown, Richard Zdunkewicz, Connie Avera, Carroll Griffiths.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** April 9, 2022, Bay City, Texas, location TBD.

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



**Benediction:** Given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

**Motion for Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm on a motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Win Avera.

**Next Meeting**

**09 April 2022**

**11:30 a.m.**

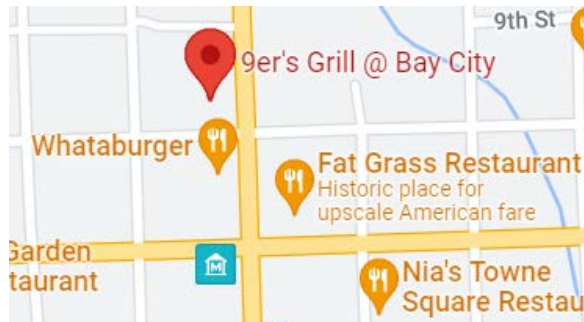
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## 2022 Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

Date	Time	Event	Place	Organization/Contact
April 10	2:00 p.m.	History Talks	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	James Glover <a href="mailto:jamesg@brazoria-county.com">jamesg@brazoria-county.com</a> Brigid Burke <a href="mailto:BrigidB@brazoria-county.com">BrigidB@brazoria-county.com</a>
April 13	5:15 p.m.	Brazoria County Historical Commission (BCHC) Executive Board	TBD	Cynthia Ericson BCHC Chairperson <a href="mailto:cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com">cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com</a>
April 21	TBA	San Jacinto Day	TBA	Statewide Events
April 28	5:00 p.m.	SFA 500	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Sarah Lamb <a href="mailto:lamb.sarah1936@gmail.com">lamb.sarah1936@gmail.com</a>
April 30	TBA	San Jac Anahuac Battle	Anahuac, Texas	Joe Acosta <a href="mailto:sonofepona@gmail.com">sonofepona@gmail.com</a>
May 1	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 <a href="mailto:mcculley42@gmail.com">mcculley42@gmail.com</a>
May 14	11:30 a.m.	Monthly Meeting	TBA	SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter 33 <a href="https://cradletxsar.org">https://cradletxsar.org</a>
May 8	2:00 p.m.	History Talks TBA	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	James Glover <a href="mailto:jamesg@brazoria-county.com">jamesg@brazoria-county.com</a> Brigid Burke <a href="mailto:BrigidB@brazoria-county.com">BrigidB@brazoria-county.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com">cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com</a>
May 14	TBA	Treaty of Velasco Signing Commemoration		Old Velasco Historical Association and the Old Velasco/ Surfside Historical

				Committee Dortha Pekar 979-417-3233 <a href="mailto:dortha@fortvelasco.org">dortha@fortvelasco.org</a>
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 <a href="mailto:jerry.leist@gmail.com">jerry.leist@gmail.com</a>
May 26	5:00 p.m.	SFA 500	Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515	Sarah Lamb <a href="mailto:lamb.sarah1936@gmail.com">lamb.sarah1936@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:mcculley42@gmail.com">mcculley42@gmail.com</a>