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Next Meeting

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April 12, 2025

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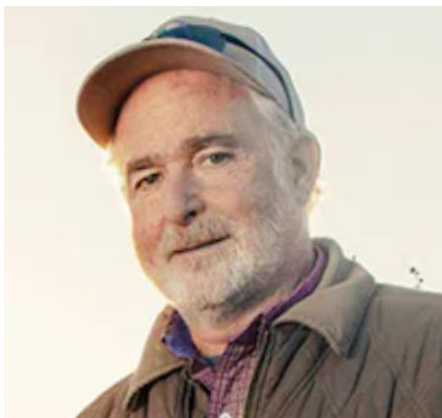
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Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2025 - Swamp Shack - Lake Jackson

1. Call To Order- President David Garza called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

2. Invocation- Chaplain Jim Leach

3. Pledges and Mission Statement- President Garza led pledges to the U.S. flag, the Texas flag and to the SAR flag, then led recital of the SAR Mission Statement.

4. Introduction of Guests- Fifteen members, including four guests, were present. Guests were Carroll Griffiths, David Earnest, program presenter Merle Hudgins and Connie Avera. David, of Angleton, said his father is SAR, his brother is SAR and Registrar Bill Sanders said he will be helping David begin the process of membership.

5. Minutes- With Secretary Chris Barbee absent from the Feb. 8 meeting at Mikeska's BBQ in El Campo, President Garza substituted. On motion by Rodney Weems, second by J.D. Humber, the minutes were approved.

6. Treasurer's Report- With Treasurer Chris Wendel absent from the Feb. 8 meeting, President Garza gave the report as given to him by Wendel. Total available working balance is \$971.50. General Fund of \$1,861.33, minus the JROTC Fund of \$558.33, minus \$331.50 checks outstanding leaves the \$971.50.

7. Program: “Unknown Facts About the American Revolution” by Wharton County’s official historian, Merle Hudgins of Wharton and Hungerford.

Here are a few highlights:

Q. What did Gen. Washington mandate in 1777 to keep his troops healthy?

A. Smallpox inoculations. Smallpox was more deadly than the sword, killing a third of all who got it. Colonists were vaccinated, British were not, helping to even the disparity in number of troops.

Q. How did British draft troops?

A. British prison ships were overcrowded. Men were underfed and received little medical attention. British offered freedom in exchange for changing sides. Only 8% took the offer. More than 11,000 POWs, or unsung heroes, died on those ships.

Q. Did George Washington have a Navy, an essential element to winning the war?

A. No. So, the Continental Congress made a promise to not charge privateers with piracy. if they would only attack British Navy ships bringing supplies and replacement troops. In exchange they could keep anything of value taken off British ships. Win-Win! By War’s end more than eight hundred privateer captains had signed on, capturing and/or destroying more than six hundred British ships.

8. Awards/Recognitions

On behalf of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Rodney Weems presented the Chapter’s youngest member, Everett Humber, with the Bronze Henry Knox Achievement Medal and Certificate for “making sure the flags were put up and taken down at monthly meetings, in addition to his other SAR achievements.” In addition, Chris Barbee presented Everett an autographed set of Mrs. Hudgins’ two set history volume, “War Between the States Changed Texas Forever.”

9. Reports of Officers and Committees Registrar: Bill Sanders expressed his appreciation for Carl Wiggins submitting a story and picture of him to the SAR Magazine about Sanders receiving the DAR Bronze chapter level Hannah White Arnett Medal, one of DAR’s newest recognitions. Sanders said it was the only Texas-related story in the Winter 2024-2025 edition. Sanders also said during the month of April all application fees would be ½ price.

Community Outreach/Education Contests - Rodney Weems

State Convention: March 27-30, 2025, in Richardson. Youth Contest winners will be announced. Everett Humber submitted for the Brochure Contest and Kaylee Ryan Dean for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The Knight Essay has been judged, and Kaylee did not place in a scholarship position. We received a second entry for this contest (Beau Morgan Johnson) which was submitted to the State by another chapter, but she too did not place in a scholarship position. March 22, 2025, 11:30 a.m., Luby’s in Angleton. Mary Ruth Brigance Rhodenbaugh will be recognized with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Mel Oller, president-elect, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution will make the presentation. Mary Ruth will also receive the Yellow Rose of Texas award, approved by Gov. Greg Abbott. Rodney will make this presentation.

10. Old Business - none presented

11. New Business

J.D. Humber submitted his resignation as vice president, effective at the conclusion of this meeting. He said he is not leaving SAR, he just will not be as active, saying he “just doesn’t have the time.” He was thanked for his contributions to the chapter.

12. SAR Recessional - led by President Garza

13. Benediction - Chaplain Jim Leach

14. Adjournment - President Garza

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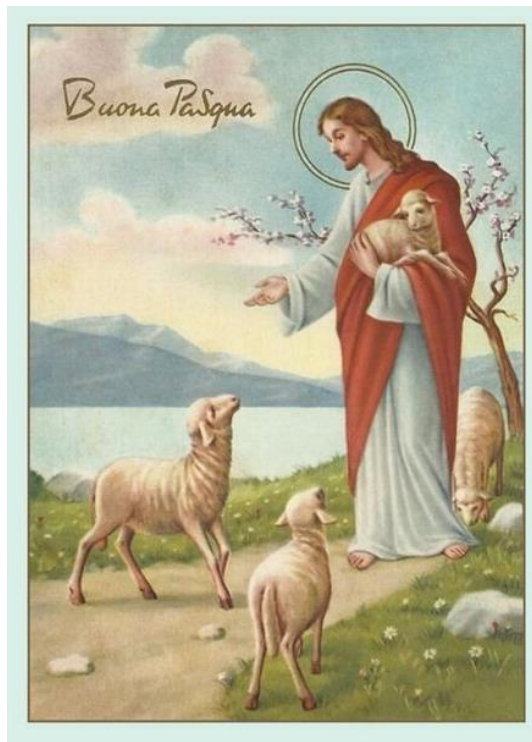
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

Have you remembered to pay yet? It is through your memberships and donations that the SAR can preserve our heritage.

Brazoria County Commissioners' Court proclaimed March 29, 2025, as Vietnam War Veterans Day in Brazoria County. This day is dedicated to the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War. We honor the courage, service, and legacy of those who fought in this pivotal



conflict. Thank you to all of our Vietnam Veterans.



Brazoria County Commissioners' Court proudly proclaimed March as Texas History Month in Brazoria County.



SAR Member Michael Bailey participated in a field trip day at the Stephen F. Austin/Munson Park

