



Texas Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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April

Next Meeting

08 April, 2023

Swamp Shack

111 Abner Jackson Parkway
Lake Jackson, Texas

PROGRAM

David Ramirez from The Sons of Confederate Veterans will speak on "The Civil War in Texas".

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
March 11, 2023

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023.

Location: Fat Grass Restaurant - Bay City, Texas

Call to Order: President Bill Griffiths called the meeting to order at 11:42am.

Invocation: Chaplain Jim Leach.

Pledges: Vice President Carl Wiggins led the chapter in the pledges to the US flag, Texas flag, and Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: February meeting minutes were read and approved by motion from Compatriot Michael Bailey and second by Compatriot Winston Avera.

Treasurer's Report: by Chris Wendel

Treasurer's Report

General Fund (Classic checking)

Beginning Balance
2/01/2023 \$3581.59

Income: Deposits:

Interest
2/28/2023 \$0.06

JROTC Scholarship Fund
\$700.00

Total Income: \$700.06

Expense:

Ck. #1057 guest meal \$9.28
Ck. #1058 GS donation \$100.00
Total Expenses: \$109.28

Ending Account Balance:
2/28/2023 \$4172.37

[Fat Grass Ck. #1049
(11/12/2022) - \$44.06 outstanding)
Mc Alexander Fund (Main Share] (1)

Beginning Balance
2/01/2023 \$903.63

Income: Deposits:

Interest
2/28/2023 \$0.07

Expense: None.

Ending Account Balance:
2/28/2023 \$903.70

Total Bank Balance
2/28/2023 \$5076.07



Program:

Abigail and Everett Humber presented their brochure and poster contest entries. Each student described their process of research, artistic design, and what they learned in the duration of each project. Abigail's brochure was over the Bill of Rights. She informed the chapter that she chose that document because it was the one, she knew the most about. She also shared her appreciation for the freedoms that the Bill of Rights clearly communicates. Everett spoke about his poster design, themed after the Revolutionary War Hero, PAUL REVERE. Everett, dressed as Mr. Revere, shared several facts about the late night rider, with the Cradle of Texas chapter. After the presentations, each child was awarded a certificate and prize by Compatriot Rodney Weems.

Awards/Recognitions:

5-yr. Membership Anniversary
Certificates:

- Sands S. Weems
- Thomas M. Wiggins

SAR Challenge Coin:

- Russell Dart

Bronze Oak Leaf:

- Michael Bailey

Certificate of Appreciation:

- Jim Leach

Officer & Committee Reports:

Registrar: (David Garza) None

Historian: (Michael Bailey)

Compatriot Bailey gave a Color Guard report.

Old Business:

Pay your 2023 SAR dues to TXSSAR. Need help, ask Carl.

Discussion about Revolutionary Graves in our Region:

- Benjamin Wightman (B: 1744 CT; D: 1830 in Matagorda Cemetery);

- William Smeathers (B: 1759 VA; D: 1837 somewhere near East Columbia, TX).

Updates from David Garza: William Smeathers/Smithers /Smothers is not a

Revolutionary War Vet; but he is a War of 1812 Vet.

New Business:

Discussion about Who plans to attend the TXSAR Annual Convention in the Woodlands.

-Compatriot JD Humber volunteered to help judge a competition at the convention.

Plan for joint SAR Cradle of Texas/DAR Comfort Wood Chapter meeting in 2024.

Discussion to consider placing a SAR plaque at the Brazoria Veterans Memorial.

- Tabled until next meeting. Made by Compatriot Bailey / Seconded by Compatriot Weems.

Motion to purchase New Pocket Constitutions: Made by Compatriot Avera / Seconded by Compatriot Weems.

Correspondence:

None

Upcoming Events:

30 Mar - 3 Apr 2023 128th TXSSAR Annual Convention Marriott City Place, 1200 Lake Plaza, Spring, Tx 281-350-4000

8 April 2023 APRIL Chapter Meeting
Swamp Shack - Lake Jackson, TX

13 - 20 July 2023 SAR National Congress Rozen Plaza, Orlando, Florida

SAR Recessional: Led by President Griffiths.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm by motion from Compatriot Avera and second by Compatriot Weems.

Members Present:

Jim Leach / Carl Wiggins / Bill Griffiths / J.D. Humber / Rodney Weems / Winston Avera / Russell Dart / Michael Bailey

Guests Present:

Caroline Wiggins / Carroll Griffiths Allison Humber / Abigail Humber / Everett Humber / Connie Avera

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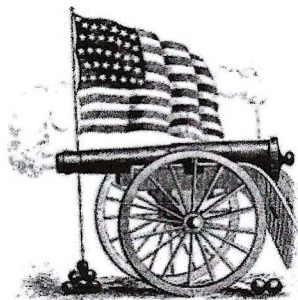
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News from the 2023 Texas SAR Annual Convention affecting our chapter:

The Cradle of Texas chapter, members and member families received various awards:



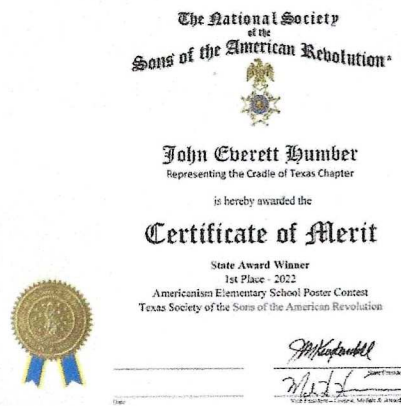
Chapter received TX SAR Flag Presentation Award



Carl Wiggins received Silver Service Medal for Yearbook Chairman service



Abigail Humber wins 1st place in the Texas state brochure contest. Now on to National!



Everett Humber wins 1st place in the Texas state Poster contest. Now on to National!



Flanked across the entire room by his peers, Rodney Weems receives the Patriot Medal at the 2023 Texas SAR Annual Convention in Spring, TX.

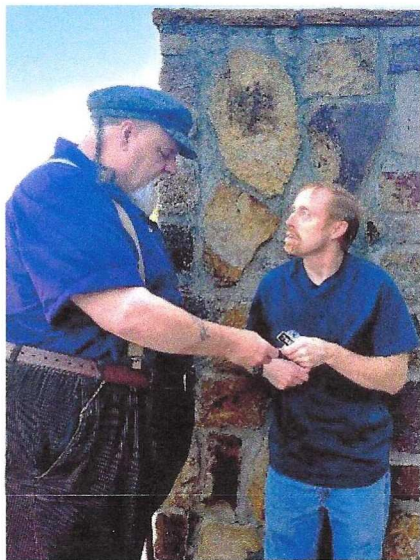


Rodney Weems accepting the Patriot Medal at the 2023 Texas SAR Annual Convention in Spring, TX. Flanked by 2023 TX SAR President Sam Massey (top), L-R (bottom): 2019 President Tom Jackson; National SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette; Rodney; 2022 TX SAR President Jim Kuykendall; and National Vice PG Charles McLemore.



Rodney, with his Patriot Medal (in blue box), and wife, Billie Weems

Other recent chapter activities:



Zac Stebbins receives SAR Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin from Chapter member and Chapter Historian Michael Bailey