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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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December

Next Meeting

10:30 a.m.

December 14, 2024

Swamp Shack

111 Abner Jackson Parkway

Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Speaker

GERRY GRIFFIN

Former Director of the NASA

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

Houston, Texas



THE FUTURE OF NASA



Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

CHAPTER MINUTES

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Location: Fat Grass Restaurant, Bay City Texas

Call to Order: President Bill Griffiths called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

Invocation: by Chaplain Jim Leach.

Pledges: Secretary J.D. Humber, II led the chapter in the pledges to the US flag,

Texas flag, and Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Compatriots & Guests
Minutes: Former Month's meeting minutes were read and approved by motion from Compatriot Rodney Weems and second by Compatriot Winston Avera.

Treasurer's Report: by Treasurer Chris Wendel

General Fund (Free checking - working account)

Beginning Statement Balance 10/01/2024 \$2511.49

Income: Deposits

Interest 10/31/2024 \$0.04

Total Income: \$0.04

Expense:

Ck. #1094 Mikeska's - 3 guests \$39.60

Ck. #1095 Angleton Cemetery Assoc. - WAA \$51.00

Total Expenses: \$90.60

Ending Free Checking Account Statement Balance: 10/31/24 \$2420.93

McAlexander Fund (Main Share) (Restricted for purchase of Color Guard Uniforms)

Beginning Balance 10/01/24 \$905.14

Income: Deposits

Interest 10/31/24 \$0.08

Total Income: \$0.08

Expense: .00

Ending Main Share Account Statement Balance: 10/31/2024 \$905.22

Total Combined balance (Free checking +Main Share) \$3326.15

JROTC (Restricted use account - not used in working balance)

Beginning Statement Balance 10/01/2024 \$558.33

Income: Deposits .00

Expense: .00

Ending JROTC Account Statement Balance
10/31/24 \$558.33

Beginning Working Account Balance -
10/01/24 \$1953.16.

Outstanding Checks:

Ck. 1096 - Wreaths Across America
(Wharton Co.) \$51.00

Ck. 1097 - Wreaths Across America
(Matagorda Co.) \$51.00

Total available working balance - 10/31/24
\$1760.60

{Combined bank balance minus (JROTC +
McAlexander funds - outstanding checks)}

Program: Compatriot William E. "Bill"
Sekel, Jr. of the SAR Athens Chapter spoke
on the foundation and formation of the
United States Marines. Compatriot Sekel
served in the US.

Marines for 25 years. He is also the current
Texas SAR Vice President for Region 10. He
also serves as the Commander of the Texas
SAR Color Guard.

Compatriot Sekel shared many different facts
and stories about the Marines history
including:

- Fashion trends & customs - Samuel
Nickels (1st Marine Officer to lead the
Continental Marines)

- Tavern Recruiting tactics of the early
officers. - George Washington's use of the
Continual Marines

Awards/Recognitions:

Membership Awards: 15 Years - Winston
Avera / 5 Years - George Northington

Fire Safety Commendation Medal: Neal Bess
for 50 years of service to the Village.

of Jones Creek Fire Department.

Officer & Committee Reports:

Registrar - Bill Sanders

- Applications Appr 4; Supplemental 2

Webmaster - Carl Wiggins

Community Outreach/Education - Rodney
Weems

Old Business: Wreaths Across America

New Business: Nominating committee for
2025 officers

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 14, 2024
- Swamp Shack - Lake Jackson, TX

SAR Recessional: Led by President Griffiths.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by
motion from Compatriot Chris Wendel
and second by Compatriot Rodney Weems.

Benediction: Prayer by Chaplain Jim Leach.

Members Present:

Winston Avera / Chris Barbee / David Garza
/ Bill Griffiths / J.D. Humber, II / Everett
Humber / Jim Leach / Bill Sanders / Rodney
Weems / Chris Wendel / Carl Wiggins

Guests Present:

Nea; Bess, Jr / Audrey Bess / Connie Avera /
Carroll Griffiths



VETERANS DAY PARADE

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO THE
PARADE IN PEARLAND, TEXAS. NOTHING
BETTER THAN SHOWING OUR LOVE AND
SUPPORT FOR UNITES STATES VETERANS.**



PLEASE, REMEMBER OUR RECENTLY PASSED COMPATRIOTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR THOUGHTS.

Pearl Harbor Day
December 7
Remember



Patsy Ruy Sanders

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/patsy-sanders-obituary?pid=56949229>

AND

Dr. Tillman M. Daniel

More information to follow.



2024
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*Washington and Lafayette at
Valley Forge: Winter 1777-78*
Painting by John Dunsmore: circa 1907
Library of Congress



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