



# Texas Sons of the American Revolution

## Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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**February**

### Next Meeting

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33  
Sons of the American Revolution  
February 10, 2024  
Mikeska's BBQ Highway 59  
El Campo, Texas

### Program "Texas Rice"



**Corrie Bowen**, Wharton County  
AgriLife Extension Agriculture  
and Natural Resources Agent

From the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
Service webpage...

"Bowen has served as the Agriculture  
and Natural Resources Agent in  
Wharton County since 2012. Throughout  
his eighteen year career he has  
demonstrated outstanding leadership in

the areas of beef cattle, row crops, rice,  
wheat, animal issues, emergency  
management, and new landowner  
education.

He received AgriLife's Superior Service  
Award in 2012 and the Vice Chancellor's  
Award in Excellence in 2013. Bowen  
received his bachelor's degree from  
Tarleton State University and his  
master's degree from Texas Tech  
University."

**Call the Meeting to Order 11:34 a. m.**

**Invocation** - Chaplain Jim Leach

**Pledges:** Secretary JD Humber

*Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United  
States:* I pledge allegiance to the flag of  
the United States of America and to the  
Republic for which it stands, one nation  
under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
justice for all.

*Pledge to the Texas State Flag:* Honor the  
Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee,  
Texas, one State under God, one and  
indivisible.

*Pledge to the SAR Flag:* We descendants  
of the heroes of the American Revolution  
who, by their sacrifices, established the  
United States of America, reaffirm our  
faith in the principles of liberty and our

Constitutional Republic, and solemnly  
pledge ourselves to defend them against  
every foe.

**Introduction of Guests:**

**Minutes** – Additions or corrections to the November, 2023 Minutes as published in the December 2023 Newsletter.

Motion for Acceptance: By: Chris Wendel  
Second: Rodney Weems

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Wendel

General Fund (Free checking)

Beginning Statement Balance

12/01/2023 \$3350.75

Income: Deposits:

Interest 12/31/2023 \$0.07

Total Income: \$0.07

Expense:

Ck.#1074 Fat Grass -

1 guest \$18.77

Total Expenses: \$18.77

Ending Account Statement Balance:

12/31/2023 \$3332.05

JROTC (restricted use account)

Beginning Statement Balance

12/01/2023 \$900.00

Income: Deposits

Expense: \$0 .00

Ending Account Statement Balance:

12/31/2023 \$900.00

Mc Alexander Fund (Main Share) <sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance

12/01/2023 \$904.38

Income: Deposits:

Interest 12/31/2023 \$0.08

Total Income: \$0.08

Expense: \$0.00

Ending Account Statement Balance:

12/31/2023 \$904.46

Total Combined Statement Balance :

12/31/2023 \$5136.51

Total Combined Bank Balance:

(register balance) \$5136.51

**Program: Induction of 2024 Officers**

(TXSSAR President, Sam Massey):

P: W. Griffiths; VP: D. Garza; S: JD Humber; T: Chris Wendel; R: W. Sanders; H: M. Bailey; C: J. Leach

<sup>1</sup> Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guard Member

**Awards/Recognitions:** Massey/Griffiths

Silver Good Citizen Award-Sands Weems (Massey)

Roger Sherman Award-Chris Wendel, Michael Bailey (OLC), Carl Wiggins (OLC)

Chapter Service Medal-David Garza, Jim Leach, J.D. Humber

40 Year Membership Anniversary Certificate-Albert Herreth

**Reports of Officers Committees:**

Registrar – David Garza: Applications Appr 1; Awaiting Appr 2; Active\_\_; Inactive\_\_

Webmaster – Carl Wiggins

Community Outreach/Education – Rodney Weems

Color Guard – Michael Bailey

**Old Business:**

Chapter Facebook Page

Chapter voted to take the \$700 Veterans Donation and divide it between three Veteran programs (Tunnels 2 Towers, Wounded Warriors, and Disabled American Veterans.)

**Motion for Acceptance:** By: Chris Barbee  
Second: Carl Wiggins

**New Business:**

TXSAR President, Sam Massey gave an update on the State SAR Organization. He also displayed a commemorative rifle celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence.

District 7 Representative, Richard L. Zdunkewicz gave retirement remarks. He also presented the Chapter with a

\$1250 check for Jr ROTC; ROTC scholarships.

**Correspondence:** None

**Upcoming Events:**

19 Feb Presidents Day

11-14 Apr Annual TX SAR Conference  
Doubletree by Hilton San Antonio  
Airport

**Next Meeting:** February 10, 2024,  
Mikeska's BBQ highway 59, El Campo.  
Program: Corrie Bowen,  
"Texas Rice"

**SAR Recessional:** Until we meet again,  
let us remember our obligations to our  
forefathers, who gave  
us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an  
independent Supreme Court, and a  
Nation of Free Men.

**Motion for Adjournment By:** Chris  
Wendel Second: J.D. Humber, II

**Benediction:** Chaplain Jim Leach

Next Meeting

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13 May, 2023

11:30 a. m.

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**The Freeport Facts**

February 20, 1931.



*His Policies Are Still Sound--*

*By Albert T. Reid*

