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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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**February 2025**

Next Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Feb. 8, 2025

at

Mikeska's Bar-B-Q

22730 U.S. Highway 59,

El Campo, Texas

**Speaker**

**Dr. Paul Spellman**



Dr. Spellman teaches U.S. History 1301 and 1302 as well as Texas History and has been a member of the WCJC history faculty since 1998. He received his B.A. from Southwestern University, his M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and his Ph.D. from the University of Houston. Dr. Spellman is the author of four books on Texas History, a member of the Texas State Historical Association, and was inducted into the Western Writers of America in 2009

**Education:**

BA, American Letters, Southwestern University, Georgetown

MA, American History, University of Texas at Austin

MEd, School Administration, Texas A & M - Corpus Christi

PhD, Texas History, University of Houston

**Texas History Books:**

Race to Velasco (1995)

Forgotten Texas Leader: Hugh McLeod and the Texan Santa Fe Expedition (1999)

Spindletop Boom Days (2001)

Captain John H. Rogers, Texas Ranger (2003)

News in 2007 - Captain J. A. Brooks, Texas Ranger (UNT Press)

Dr. Spellman was inducted into the Western Writers of America in 2009, and two new books are being published in 2010: Wharton, Texas (Arcadia Press), and The Lost Treasure of Buffalo Gap (State House Press).

IMAGE AND TEXT FROM THE WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE WEBPAGE:

[HTTPS://FACULTYWEB.WCJC.EDU/USERS/PAULS/INDEX.ASPX](https://facultyweb.wcjc.edu/users/pauls/index.aspx)



**TEXAS SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION  
CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER # 33  
JAN. 11, 2025  
FAT GRASS RESTAURANT  
BAY CITY, TEXAS**

Meeting Minutes

1.Call To Order

President David Garza called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

2.Invocation

With Chaplain Jim Leach absent, Secretary J.D. Humber said the invitation.

3.Pledges and Mission Statement

Secretary Humber 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

President Garza asked each member and guest to introduce themselves. He then introduced Special Guests Tracy Pounders, TXSAR President; Art Byram, TXSAR District 17 Vice President.

Kaylee Dean, Chapter 33's winner of the essay contest, was not able to attend. She will be invited to a future meeting.

5.Minutes of December 14, 2024, meeting at the Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson were not available.

6.Program: \*Induction of 2025 Officers

President - David Garza

Vice President - J.D. Humber

Secretary - Chris Barbee

Registrar - Bill Sanders

\*Chris Wendel, treasurer; Jim Leach, chaplain; and Mike Bailey, historian, were absent and will be installed at a future meeting.

TXSAR District 7 Vice President Art Byram of the Freedom Chapter presented David Garza with the President's Gavel.

TXSAR President Tracy Pounders performed the induction ceremony.

7.Awards/Recognition

Induction: None

- Membership/Service Awards: Chapter Service Medal (Oak Leaf Clusters) - J.D. Humber. Jim Leach, being absent, will receive his at a future meeting.

Bronze Sherman Medal - David Garza and Rodney Weems

Anniversary Certificates -

35 years, Dr. Bryon Novosad

25 years, Robert A. Seidule

8.Treasurer's Report -

See Jan. 11, 2025, agenda.

9.Reports of Officers and Committees

- Registrar - Bill Sanders reported he is "working on some."

- Webmaster - Carl Wiggins reported he had updated three webpages: HOME and LEADERS pages now show CY2025 chapter officer information; the DUES and FEES page on the MEMBERS ONLY side of the website was completely updated to show all the current dues and fees by category.

- Community Outreach/Education - Rodney Weems gave a report, but it is lost somewhere on the new recorder.

- As requested earlier by Past President Griffiths, Carl Wiggins prepared and distributed the following information to new chapter officers:

Leading the Cradle of Texas Chapter: Some Things to Know and Do - 7 pages that includes log-in information for chapter, state and national SAR public and private websites, and 19 specific items with active hyperlinks on important things officers need to do to provide effective chapter leadership at the chapter, state and national levels. Carl also had his laptop running on secure Wi-Fi at the meeting

and offered to demonstrate the website logins and the hyperlinks to “Some Things to Know and Do”.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Cradle of Texas Chapter Secretary - 5 pages with nine sections that detail why, how, when and to whom to record and distribute the nine monthly meeting minutes during the year.

A separate deep-dive document that compares what we expect our Cradle of Texas Chapter secretary to do with respect to what the chapter secretary's duties are as described in the TXSSAR Chapter President's Manual. The comparison shows that, while the two secretary descriptions differ considerably, the way we have traditionally delegated duties and responsibilities across different offices within our chapter does indeed satisfy all the secretary requirements suggested in the Chapter President's Manual.

10. SAR Recessional was led by President Garza, who adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Feb. 8, 2025, at Mikeska's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 22730 U.S. Highway 59, El Campo. The guest speaker will be WCJC Professor Dr. Paul Spellman.



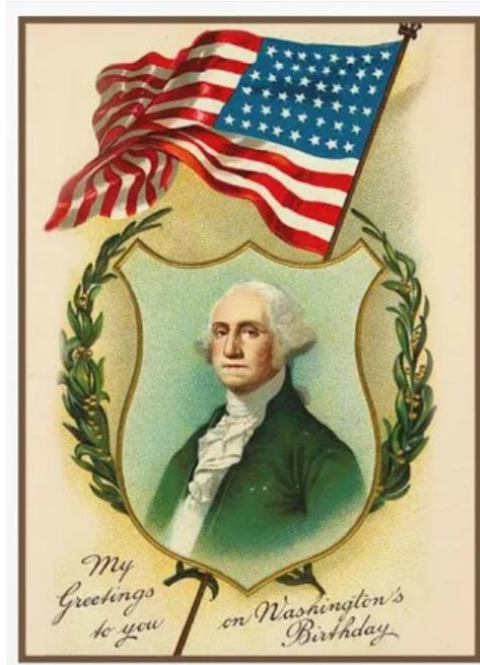
## REMEMBER

George Washington's Birthday

Born February 11, 1731

Died-December- 14, 1799

Observed -February 17, 2025



Happy Valentines Day

February 14



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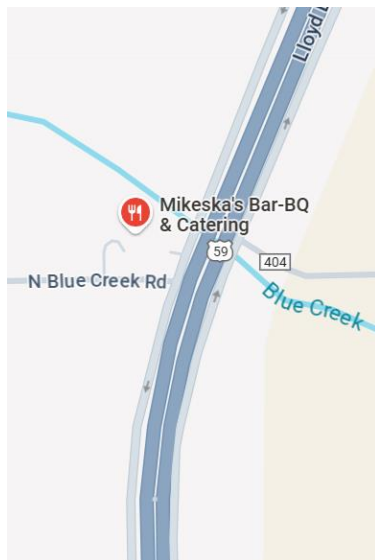
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February  
The  
American Revolution  
Battle of Moores Creek Bridge  
British Loyalists Were Defeated by  
Militia led by Richard Caswell  
February 27, 1776



Art by Bill Ballard



**2025**

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