

Texas Sons of the American Revolution Cradle of Texas Crier

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January

Next Meeting
14 January, 2023
Dido's Restaurant
2922 County Rd 519
Brazoria, Texas

Installation of 2023
Chapter Officers:
Installation Ceremony
TXSSAR District 7 Vice President
Richard Zdunkewicz

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
December 10, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution met December 10, 2022, at Mikeska's Restaurant in El Campo, TX.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

Pledges: Vice President Weems led the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Inductions:

-Planned inductions of John and William Yates was postponed due to their absence.

-Compatriot Griffiths was presented with certificates for nine

supplemental patriots by Registrar Garza.

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved on a motion by Avera, second by Griffiths.

Treasurer's Report: As submitted by Chris Wendel below:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
11/1/2022	\$2,828.13
Income: Deposits	
R. Weems WW Medal	\$10.00
Interest	
11/30/2022	\$0.05
Expense:	
Check #1052	
(Wreaths AA, Palacios)	\$50.00
Check #1053	
(Wreaths, AA, Sweeny)	\$50.00
Ending Balance	
11/30/2022	\$2,738.18
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
11/1/2022	\$903.40
Income: Deposits	
Interest 11/30/2022	\$ 0 .07
Expense:	None
Ending Balance	
11/30/2022	\$903.47
Total Bank Balance	
11/30/2022	\$3,641.05

Additional Notes:

-Rhea Singh Check #1043 - \$100, paid back into account on motion by Wiggins, second by Wendel

-Fat Grass Check #1049 - \$44.06, outstanding

--Wreaths Across America - Wharton County Check #1051 - \$50, outstanding

-\$50 Wiggins contribution

-\$975 JROTC check deposited

Program: President Wiggins introduced the speaker, Joe Holley, a journalist from the Houston Chronicle with a short bio (See the November 'Crier'). Mr. Holley spoke on a couple of Texans, John C. Hill and William 'Bigfoot' Wallace. Hill was born in Fayette County near LaGrange. Six years after San Jacinto, the Mexican army was still in Texas harassing Texans. There was no standing Texas army, so Sam Houston decided to raise a militia. Texans were urged to bring arms and assemble in San Antonio. On September 11, 1842, 1500 Mexicans attacked San Antonio, took prisoners, and set off toward the border. The militia, including 13-year-old John Hill and 19-year-old William Wallace, set off after them. They were ill prepared, poorly led, and short on provisions. When they reached Laredo, their number had dropped to 700. They met the Mexican army near the border, and a lengthy battle ensued. 500 Mexicans were killed vs. 16 Texans. Hill, on a rooftop as a sharpshooter, killed multiple Mexicans. Although the Texans were winning, they were tired, hungry, and short of ammunition. They voted to surrender. For his bravery, Hill was called before the Mexican general, who offered to adopt him (he had previously lost a son). Hill refused, so the general offered to send him to school in Mexico under his protection. Wallace and the other prisoners were chained and marched to

Mexico. At Salido, Mexico, the order came from Mexico City to execute the prisoners. European governments complained, so every other Texan was executed instead. Wallace survived, and was taken to Mexico City. Hill also reached Mexico City, but in a carriage. Then he met Santa Ana, who also offered to adopt him. Hill again refused, so he was sent to a foster family, then to school at the College of Mines, eventually becoming a noted civil engineer in Mexico. He made frequent visits back to Fayette County, but continued to reside in Mexico. He died in 1900. Wallace was eventually released after two years in prison, and returned to Texas. He became a noted Indian fighter and Texas Ranger. During the Civil War, he served in the Confederate Army. After the war he was a postman, carrying the mail between San Antonio and El Paso. He died in 1899.

Following his talk, President Wiggins presented Mr. Holley with a certificate of appreciation.

Awards/Recognitions:

-Bronze Good Citizenship medal and certificate awarded to Dr. Greg Dimmick by President Wiggins.

-10-year SAR membership certificate awarded to Compatriot Wendel by President Wiggins.

-20-year SAR membership certificate mailed to Compatriot Seidule.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: David Garza:

-Awaiting National approval

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-An audit is needed to determine which applications received from Sanders are active.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins: No report.

Community Outreach/Education:

Rodney Weems:

-No changes in contest deadlines.
-Compatriot Humber encouraged those present to participate.

Old Business:

-President Wiggins reminded that SAR dues are due by 12/31/2022.

-Discussion closed on possible grave marker for Texas Ranger Elmore due to no family contact.

-In honor of Veteran's Day, President Wiggins asked the veterans in the room to identify themselves and their unit.

New Business:

-The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers for 2023:

President: Griffiths
Vice President: Wiggins
Secretary: Humber
Treasurer: Wendel
Historian: Bailey
Registrar: Garza
Chaplain: Leach

-There were no nominations from the floor.

-The Nominating Committee's submissions were accepted on a motion by Avera, second by Dart, and the nominations closed.

-The slate of officers was passed on a voice vote.

-Two JROTC checks were deposited totaling \$975. Vice President Weems outlined the criteria for JROTC awards (early April).

-Applicants must have a 2-year Bronze JROTC medal (3 awarded in our area).

-Must be in top 5% of class.
-College acceptance.

Correspondence: None

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Chris Wendel, David Garza, Chris Barbee, Win Avera, J. D. Humber, Russell Dart, Jim Leach.

Guests Present: Carroll Griffiths, Caroline Wiggins, Tracy Gupton, Peggy Gupton, Connie Avera, Joe Holley.

Next Chapter Meeting: January 14, 2023, at Dido's Restaurant in Brazoria, Texas.

SAR Recessional: Led by Vice President Weems.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on a motion by Avera, second by Wendel.

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<https://www.didosseafood.com>


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THIS MONTH DURING
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BATTLE OF COWPENS
17 JANUARY, 1781



William Washington at Battle of Cowpens
by S. H. Gimber



Cowpens Battleground
(Jan. 17, 1781)

O, sacred spot of Cherokee,
Where heroes bled and died!
O, cradle of true Liberty,
Your glory is our pride!

Here freely ran the warm, red blood
Of strong, young Spartan men,
While battling in cold, winter mud,
As British ranks grew thin.

From Carolina's rugged hills,
And faithful Georgia's plains,
Virginia's far-off winding rills,
Men came through drenching rains.

Then from historic Delaware,
And ardent Maryland;
It seemed they came from everywhere,
This patriotic band!

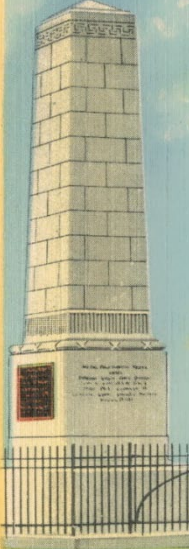
With Blue Ridge mountains standing
guard,
And Thicketty near by,
Those lean Americans fought hard,
That Right should never die!

By that old Mills' Gap wagon trail,
Brave Morgan charged his men:
"We must not fail; we cannot fail!
Today we die, or win!"

On your immortal hills and dales,
Redcoats breathed dying breath,
In cattle-pens of ancient rails—
And Tyranny met death!

We honor patriot sires today,
Applauding their renown!
And thank Jehovah we can pray
Without consent of Crown!

—Harry Russell Wilkins.



**BATTLEGROUND
MONUMENT**

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