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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

May 2026

Next Meeting

11:30 a.m.

09 May, 2026,

9er's Grill

112 W Boling Highway,

Wharton, TX 77488

Phone: (979) 532-2025

Wharton, TX

PROGRAM

Sandy Weems

Patriot Nathaniel Powell

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris Wendel
 (See January agenda for more details)
 General Fund (Free Checking)
 Activity

Beginning Account Balance

12/01/2025 \$1,414.72

Interest Income Deposit: \$0.02

Total Expenses: \$66.70

Ending Account Balance

11/31/2025 \$1,348.04

Total Combined Bank Balance:

\$2,154.32

Total Available Working Balance:

\$1,248.04

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Jan. 10, 2026

The Bluewater Drift, Surfside

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call To Order**

President David Garza called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

2. **Invocation:** Chaplain Jim Leach

3. **Pledges:** Secretary Chris Barbee

4. **Mission Statement:** President Garza

5. **Introduction of Guests:** President Garza introduced prospective SAR member Mark Matthias of Surfside, who arranged for The Bluewater Drift, and Connie Avera.

6. **Previous Minutes:** On motion by Rodney Weems, second by Chris Barbee, the Dec. 2025 minutes passed unanimously.

8. **Awards:** President Garza

No recipients present for anniversary certificates

9. **Induction of 2026 Chapter Officers -** Sworn in by Past President Winston Avera: President, David Garza; Vice President, vacant; Treasurer, Chris Wendel; Secretary, Chris Barbee; Registrar (for 6 months), Bill Sanders; Chaplain, Jim Leach; Historian, Michael Bailey (absent).

10. **Reports of Officers & Committees:**

Registrar: Compatriot Bill Sanders - 2 members from Bay City pending. Bill said its taking 4-5 months for approval. He reported the historical marker had been receive for the Louise cemetery and that a flagpole had been donated.

Webmaster: Compatriot Carl Weems reported he is keeping the website up-to-date.

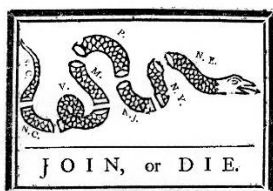
Community Outreach/Education:

Compatriot Rodney Weems said no contest applications had been submitted to date.

11. **Program:** Compatriot Winston Avera gave a program on the Battle of Musgrove Mill, an improbable victory by a Patriot Militia Aug. 18 or 19, 1780. It occurred near a ford of the Enoree River in South Carolina. 200 Patriot militiamen defeated a combined force of approximately 300 Loyalist militiamen and 200 provincial regulars. American casualties were estimated to be 4 killed and 8 wounded. British casualties were estimated to be 63 killed, 90 wounded and 70 captured.
12. **New Business:** Members present agreed to start meeting quarterly, with next meeting in May.
13. **Old Business:** President Garza - discussed ideas for programs. Information on our Patriots was a suggestion.
14. **Next Meeting:** May 9, 2026 at 9ers Restaurant in Wharton at 11:30 a.m.
15. **SAR Recessional:** President Garza
16. **Benediction:** Chaplain Jim Leach
17. **Adjournment:** President Garza at 1:16 p.m.

Attendance:

Members: Chris Barbee, Jim Leach, Carl Wiggins, David Garza, Chris Wendel, Rodney Weems, Sandy Weems, Winston Avera, Bill Sanders, William Griffiths

**2026**

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Officers

President - David Garza
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Vice President - Vacant

Secretary - Chris Barbee
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Treasurer- Chris Wendel
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Chaplain- Jim Leach
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Historian- Michael J. Bailey
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Memorial Day
Monday
May 25, 2026





THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Experience

Saturday, May 30th 2026

12-4pm

Free & Open to the Public

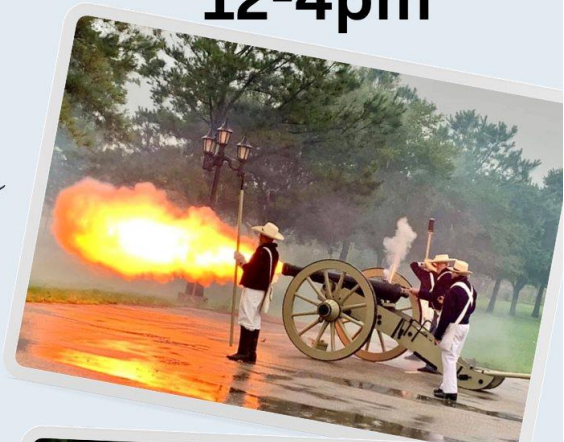
All ages welcome, experience hands on activities and demonstrations

STEP BACK IN TIME AND EXPERIENCE LIFE IN AUSTIN'S COLONY



Cannon & Musket Demonstrations

Feel the thunder as our living historians demonstrate how folks living in Austin's colony would have defended themselves as well as put food on the table.



Writing with quill & Ink

You're not just writing, you are etching your thoughts deep into history. The ink soaking deep into the fiber of the hand pressed paper. What will you write?



Textiles: From Field to Fabric

Each fiber carries with it the story of survival, warmth, safety, and protection. Partake in the process that helped shape our great State.



Leisure Activities

The Texas frontier was harsh and unforgiving at times, so leisure time was something both earned and cherished. These activities could be as simple as storytelling, music, or card playing.



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Historical Association



SUMMER INTERNSHIP

"My project strengthened my investigative research skills, prepared me for public speaking, and most importantly, gave me an opportunity to connect with my community!"

-Drew Denton, 2025 Summer Research Intern

BENEFITS

- ✓ Hands-On Experience
- ✓ Ongoing Feedback and Support
- ✓ \$500 Stipend

Application Window

MARCH 1 – MAY 15

More information and Application:

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Memorial Day Resolve ————— by A. B. Chapin

