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Next Meeting

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution
October 12, 2024
Mikeska's BBQ Highway 59
El Campo, Texas

- State certified alligator processing facility
- Alligator mounting
- Processed alligator meat sales

Program



"THE ALLIGATOR BUSINESS"

Larry Janik

of

Janik Alligators

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- Nuisance Control
- Egg Collection and Incubation
- Seasonal Harvesting
- Wholesale Alligator Buyer
- Retail sales of alligator products such as wallets, belts, etc....
- Guided hunting opportunities

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
September 14, 2024

The Sons of the American Revolution met September 14, 2024, at Swamp Shack Restaurant in Lake Jackson, Texas. Chapter President Dr. William Griffiths called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. Chaplain Jim Leach delivered the invocation and blessing for the meal. Vice President David Garza led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas, and SAR pledges.

Introduction of Guests:

Special guests were the recipient of the SAR Life Saving Award Laura Zamora, daughter Landry, husband Daniel, and mother Lori Kraemer. TXSSAR District 7 Vice President Art Byram and Susan Byram came from The Woodlands. Our speaker, Lora-Marie Bernard, and Bobby Gervais were welcomed back.

Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion by VP David Garza and a second by Chaplin Jim Lynch.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chris Wendel reviewed the chapter finances as follows:

August 31, 2024 -	
General Fund	\$2,010.68
JROTC Awards Fund	\$558.33
McAlexander Fund for uniforms	\$905.07

Awards: Ms. Laura Zamora, attentive to her surroundings, noticed something odd in the slough behind the office when she arrived at work the morning of Tuesday, July 15, 2024. She investigated further and found an elderly woman who had been missing since late in the afternoon of Monday, July 14th. She was sitting in water up to her chest. Many family members, police, and community members had been searching for the woman to no avail. Ms. Zamora's actions saved a life that day. Compatriot Winston Avera, filling in for Compatriot Rodney Weems, was honored to present Ms. Zamora with the SAR Live Saving Medal and Certificate in recognition of her diligent actions.

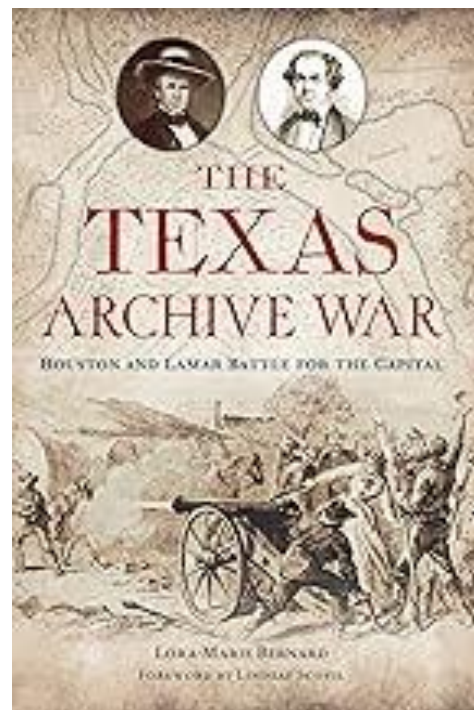


Program: Author Lora-Marie Bernard delivered an energetic presentation on her book, *The Texas Archive War*. The book delves into the efforts of Texas Presidents Sam Houston, the first and third president, and Mirabeau B. Lamar, the second president, to secure the Republic's Archives, which played a crucial role in determining the location of the state's capital. These archives contained documents related to land grants, colonization, government laws and early Texas history.

Sam Houston advocated for keeping the Texas capital in Houston, while Lamar pushed for Waterloo (now Austin). The archives included the Texas Declaration of Independence that traveled from

Washington-on-the-Brazos to various locations as the provisional government leaders fled the advancing Mexican Army, [then to Columbia, the First Capitol where the first permanent government was elected and installed, laws were enacted, and administrative departments were created], then to Houston when the capital moved there. The Archives eventually amounted to 11 trunks of documents taken to Austin.

Sam Houston's life was marked by adventure, resilience, and ruggedness. [He had lived among Native American tribes during his youth, gaining firsthand knowledge of their cultures and ways of life.] He believed in peaceful coexistence with Native Americans. His experiences taught him that understanding, and cooperation were essential for Texas to thrive. Houston envisioned Texas as part of the United States. He saw statehood as a path to stability, economic growth, and security.



Mirabeau Lamar's vision on the other hand, dreamed of Texas as an independent nation. He believed in Texas standing alone, with its own identity and destiny. Unfortunately,

Lamar's vision also included the removal of Native American tribes from Texas. He advocated for their complete elimination, which led to conflicts and displacement.



President Griffith presents Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Bernard

Registrar Bill Sanders reported that three supplemental applications are in Louisville, KY awaiting approval, and an additional three applications are in progress.

Webmaster Carl Wiggins described his plans for moving the Cradle of Texas website onto the TXSSAR platform from GoDaddy.

Upcoming Events: Compatriots were reminded the Constitution Day is September 17th and events are scheduled in Louise and West Columbia.

Carl Wiggins passed out a flyer for Texian Navy Day Honor Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. this coming Saturday the 21st at the Matagorda Harbor Pavilion, 189 CR 213, Matagorda, TX.

Other Business:

- VP David Garza reported there is little active on the Cradle of Texas Facebook page.
- District 7 VP Art Byram of the Freedom Chapter reported that in his experience the biggest impact on recognition for SAR is Color Guard participation in community events. He strongly recommended active Color Guard participation. As District 7 VP he offered his

assistance to the Cradle of Texas Chapter in any way he can.



- Treasurer Chris Wendel reminded compatriots that we have previously donated to Wreaths Across America. He moved that we contribute \$53.00 to each of the three counties for their programs. David Garza seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SAR Recessional: VP David Garza

ADJOURNMENT: Winston Avera moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. It was seconded by Carl Wiggins and passed.

Benediction: Jim Leach

Attendance:

Members present were William Griffiths, David Garza, Bill Sanders, Carl Wiggins, Jim Leach, Russell Dart, Art Byram, Chris Wendel, Chris Barbee, Winston Avera.

Guests were Carroll Griffiths, Connie Avera, Susan Byram, Lora-Marie Bernard, Bobby Gervais, Laura Zamora, Daniel Zamora, Landry Zamora, Lori Kraemer.



Next Meeting
October 12, 2023
11:30 a. m.
Mikeska's BBQ and Bakery
22730 US Hwy 59
(Blue Creek Road)
El Campo, Texas
1 (800) 388-2552

<https://www.mikeskabbq.com>



THIS MONTH DURING
THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
British Surrender at Yorktown
October 19, 1781



2024
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SAR Member Michael Receives Proclamation for Constitution Day from Brazoria County Commissioners' Court.



SAR Member Michael Bailey passes out copies of the Constitution to Students at UP School in West Columbia, Texas; on Constitution Day.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 17, 2024 marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord recognition to this document and its anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, this Constitution Day will be celebrated by Asa Underwood Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as all members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and all those who wish to attend and participate in Bells Across America; and


WHEREAS, we ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the writers of the Constitution had in 1787 by protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this declaration of our liberties, and freedoms.

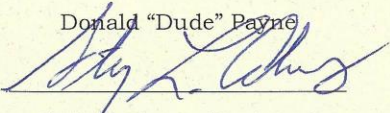
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County does hereby proclaim the September 17, 2024 as

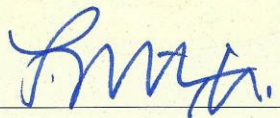
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAS CONSTITUTION DAY

as we celebrate the signing, which has granted our nation, through the greatest declaration ever written, abundant freedoms and liberties for all.

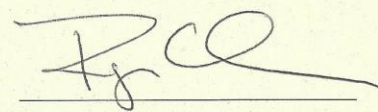
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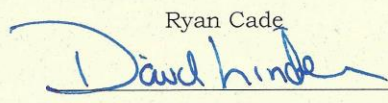

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Commissioner, Precinct 4
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October is Texas Archaeology Month
The Columbia Historical Museum Presents

CHEROKEE HERITAGE

PRESENTED BY
LARRY PEARL



Saturday, October 12, 2024

2:00 p.m.

247 E. Brazos Avenue
West Columbia, Texas 77486

The event is free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact: Michael J. Bailey, Curator, (979) 345-6125 or
e-mail ColumbiaCurator@gmail.com



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October is Texas Archaeology Month

The Columbia Historical Museum Presents

BARRANCO COLORADO

PRESENTED BY
CHRIS KNEUPPER



Saturday, October 19, 2024

2:00 p.m.

247 E. Brazos Ave.

West Columbia, Texas 77486

The event is free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served.

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