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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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October

Next Meeting

OCTOBER 10

11:30 A. M.

Smithhart's Texas Grill
2440 N Velasco Street
Angleton, TX 77515
Phone :(979) 848-1320

Program

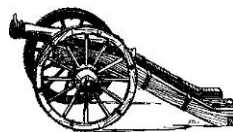
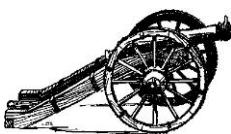
Laurie Kincannon
"Compromise and the
U.S. Constitution"



West Columbia's Mayor Laurie Kincannon's program will be "Compromise and the U.S. Constitution": A narrative of the bundle of compromises that were necessary to create a document that was acceptable to all of the states.



Please, come into Angleton on North 200-B because the Brazoria County Fair Parade will cause traffic to detour around other routes.



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
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September 12, 2015

Vice-President Winston Avera opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at The Fat Grass Restaurant in Bay City. After posting the colors, Ted Bates led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges.

Chaplin George Easterling gave the blessing for our meal.

Winston Avera introduced guest speaker Lora-Marie Bernard, author of *Lower Brazos River Canals*. Ms. Bernard worked with regional museums, libraries, and water authorities in Brazoria, Galveston and Fort Bend counties to compile her book. It illustrates the importance the Brazos River had in building the state. She is a national award winning Texas investigative and public affairs journalist who is earning her masters degree in journalism from Harvard. She has book contracts stretching through 2017.

Ms. Bernard's History Press biography of Brazos River slave smuggler and international forger Monroe Edwards is scheduled for release next year. Earlier this year she was privately commissioned to write

and produce a modern history about the heart of downtown Houston.

Also introduced was Beverly Cline, Asa Underwood DAR Regent who introduced Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Vice Regent; Donna Hawthorn, Registrar; Judy Johnson, Historian; and member Judy Bernard.

The minutes were presented for approval on motion by George Easterling and seconded by Russell Dart. Minutes were approved.

Winston Avera gave Arthur Evans Treasurer's report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

5/1/2015 \$4,558.82

Deposits 0.00

Expenditures

(SAR Banner, Guest meals) 99.18

Ending Balance

5/31/2015 \$4,459.64

McAlexander Fund¹ \$883.00

Total Bank Balance \$5,342.64

Committee Reports:

- Registrar Bill Sanders reported the following:
 - Sanders has ordered sets of two (2) different CDs from NSSAR in Louisville, KY for distribution to local middle, high and private schools. One CD contains American Revolution curriculum and essential historical facts. The other CD contains a one (1)

minute long track for each day of the year for broadcast over the school public address system. Sanders has distributed them to all schools in Wharton County, and is ordering more of the free CSs for Matagorda and Brazoria County.

- Also, a book on the American Flag has been presented to history teachers produced by Joe Dooley from a gift from H. Ross Perot.
- Ray Beall's application has been mailed and 21 applications are in the works.
- Avera reported that Texas SAR President Larry Stevens conducted a workshop (training and communication session) for Districts 7, 8 & 9 officers on Saturday, August 22 in Houston. President Stevens focused on greater communications with compatriots and developing a 5 year plan in order to establish continuity from president to president. NSSAR President General Tom Lawrence stopped in to share his goals which include embracing technology for greater communications (see Bill Mars email on signing up for Fileshare), youth education and recruitment, and committee meetings. Much good information was presented. Michael Bailey, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart and Winston Avera attended. Ted Bates was unable to attend.
- Compatriot and TXSSAR Treasurer Russell Dart reported on awards from the State Convention. One award was for more dollar donations for the Patriot Fund from our Compatriots than in the previous year. The second award was for presenting Flag Certificates

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

during 2015. These awards will be attached to the streamers on our flag staffs. This is the time for students to enter their essays for Knight Essay Contest. The TXSSAR winner receives a \$2,500.00 scholarship. The competition is light, thereby increasing the possibility of winning. Rules for entry are on the TXSSAR website. Compatriot Doc Rice is State Chairman and a judge of the Knight Essays. Second place winner receives a \$500 scholarship. Letters will be sent to JROTC units in Wharton, Brazosport and Pearland chapters for the JROTC Awards Program Contest.

Upcoming Events:

- September 16, 17 & 18 - *Come Hell Or High Water: Susanna At the Alamo* play in Galveston at the Queensbury Theatre. I have flies with more information for those interested.
- September 17th - Constitution Day will be celebrated in West Columbia and Louise with the ringing of the Bells Across America at 2:30 p.m., the time the Constitution was signed.
- September 18th - Texas Navy Day at 6:00 p.m., Surfside Stahlman Park, cater meal \$50, Brad Jones tells about eh La Belle Excavation, entertainment, door prizes, auctions all to benefit Ft. Velasco Restoration Project
- September 19th - 10:00 - 5:00, Jetty Park, Costumed Interpreters, Heritage Groups, Period Artillery, Night Firing Exercise, Vendors & Crafts, Guest Speaker at 4:00
- September 19th - 5:00 p.m. Ft. Velasco DAR will have a Flag

Retirement Ceremony at Jetty Park.
Bring your old flags

- October 9-11th, TXSSAR Fall BOM in Galveston Hilton Island Resort
- Veterans Day - November 11th we will have a float in the Brazoria County Veterans Day Parade in Angleton



Program:

Lora-Marie Bernard gave a slide presentation on her research and book on *Lower Brazos River Canals* and the role the river played in the development of this part of Texas. It is the largest Texas river that flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico. Canal management systems were put into place because of the river's importance to commerce west of New Orleans and the problems with ever-shifting sandbars at its mouth. Shoaling was from flooding and hurricanes along the coast.

Russell Dart noted that our next regularly scheduled meeting date, October 10th, falls on the same weekend as the TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Galveston. A motion was made to move our meeting to the 17th. It was approved. Winston Avera said afterwards that our scheduled speaker

may not be able to meet on the 17th. (Note after conferring with membership and officers the date was moved back to the 10th.)

The meeting was adjourned on motion by George Easterling, second by Russell Dart.

Ted Bates led the SAR recessional and retirement of the colors.

George Easterling gave the benediction.

Members Present - District 7 V.P. Lawrence Casey, Ted Bates, George Easterling, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule, Chuck Bernard, Barton Griffin, and Winston Avera.

Guests Present - Pat Sanders, Connie Avera, Joan Bates, Beverly Cline, Judy Bernard, Margie Griffith, Lora-Marie Bernard, Bobby Gervais, Donna Hawthorn, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Judy Johnson, Ray Beall, and Sue Dart.

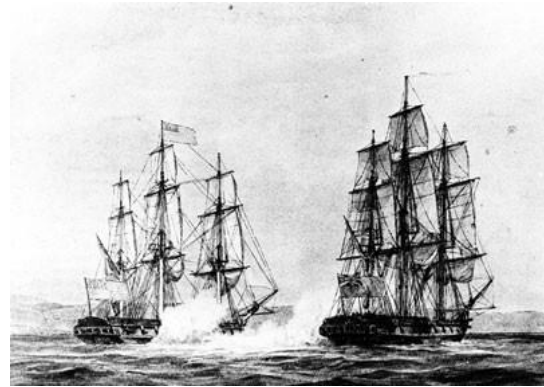
This Month During The American Revolution

2 November, 1777



John Paul Jones
July 6, 1747 - July 18, 1792

On this date the American ship, *USS Ranger*, leaves for France from Portsmouth, New Hampshire under the command of John Paul Jones.



USS Ranger and HMS Drake
Naval History and Heritage Command
<http://www.history.navy.mil>

Constitution Day 2015 West Columbia, Texas *Bells Across America* 17 September, 2015



Members of the
Asa Underwood Chapter of the DAR

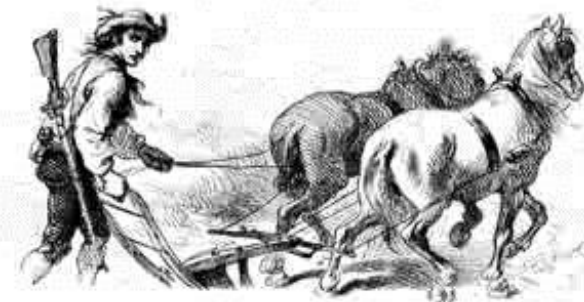


Members of the Brazoria Historical Militia

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Texas Navy Day
 September 19, 2015
 Surfside Village, Texas



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Flag Retirement Ceremony
 Surfside Village, Texas
 September 19, 2015

Ft. Velasco DAR, SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter #
 33, Texas Army, Brazoria Historical Militia,
 Brazos Volunteers.