



Cradle of Texas Crier
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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October

Next Meeting

October 8, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Program

Morris Ranch and Carriage

Museum

2110 County Road 117

Wharton TX 77488

Such item to view are the Landau carriage used by **Scarlett O'Hara**, as played by Vivian Leigh, in *Gone With The Wind* as well as many other carriages are on display at the Morris Ranch Carriage House Museum. Also, present is the carriage used by Benito Juarez and referred to "*The Traveling Government of Mexico*".



Please RSVP to Bill Sanders : bps@ykc.com by Wednesday, October 5th so that he can give the caterer a count. The Meal will be \$12.00 cash, no credit cards accepted.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

Minutes by Chaplain Ted Bates

President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on May 10, 2016, at La Casona Restaurant in Columbia Lakes, Texas. Bill Sanders led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges. Chaplain Ted Bates gave the Blessing for our meal.

A moment of silence was given for Compatriot Donald Mudd. He will be missed by all.

President of the Texas Society of Sons the American Revolution. Other guests were welcomed which included Marsha Shaner (DAR), Gene Shaner, Charles Eastland, Joan Bates, Pat Sanders, John Minkert, Carl Wiggins, Judy Bernard, Connie Avera and Rodney Weems.

Judy Bernard delivered Compatriot Chuck Bernard's personal and patriot history:

Patriot Moses Gee was born about 1760 in Dutches County, NY, located in the Hudson Valley. He fought in the New York Line, 5th Regiment, and in 1780, at the age of 20 he was appointed as a corporal. With his wife, Moses moved to Ohio to claim his bounty land warrant. It was there that he died at the age of 81.

One of Moses's son Lucius did not move to Ohio with his parents. Instead, he married a girl from Stuben and they made their way to Colorado. A generation later, Compatriot Chuck's mother was born in La Junta, Colorado.

Chuck's father was born in Kentucky but left in his late teens seeking his fortune out West. He met Chuck's mother in Taos, New Mexico, while she was visiting relatives. They married and had nine children, one girl and eight boys.

During the Depression, Chuck's father became a heavy equipment mechanic and traveled to where ever he could find work. One of the jobs was in Nevada with

the building of the Hoover Dam and another was in Ridgecrest, California where the Naval Ordnance Test Station was being built.

It was during this time that Chuck became interested in military ordnance. He became a mechanical engineer and started his career as a Naval Rocket Designer. He moved through the ranks quickly and was courted by Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Northern California.

After leaving California, he accepted a job with the Naval Weapons Center in Virginia. He headed the guided missiles department and later was the technical director of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Silver Springs, Maryland. That is where he met Judy.

Mr. Bernard's career allowed him to work with NATO, Brussels, Belgium as a science advisor to the US Military Delegation. He and his wife traveled to many countries. He later returned to the United States and worked in the office of the Secretary of Defense in the pentagon. He was the director of Land Warfare under Secretaries of Defense, Rumsfeld, Brown, Weinburger and Carlucci.

During this time he earned his doctorate in public Administration from the University of Southern California, Washington DC, campus.

In 2000, Chuck retired to West Columbia where he and Judy now reside. What an amazing story, thank you Chuck and Judy for your service to our country.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections. Bill Sanders moved to accept them and Ted Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Treasure's report provided by Arthur Evans was approved as submitted.

Note: There were no changes from the last SAR meeting in May, 2016.

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
3/31/2016	\$4,585.29
Deposits:	
(TXSSAR Dues)	\$532.0
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	
4/30/2016	\$5,117.29
McAlexander Fund ¹	\$883.00
Deposits (Michael Bailey Donation)	\$17.00
Ending Balance	
4/30/2016	\$900.00
Total Bank Balance	\$6,017.29

Bill Sanders reported that Carl Wiggins and Rodney Weems SAR applications were in Louisville, Kentucky and being reviewed.

Carl Wiggins gave a brief report on the status of the chapter website. The name of the website will be Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution and the address is <http://www.cradletxsar.org>. The webmaster will be Carl Wiggins. The Host will be Go Daddy for a term of 5 years. At present, the website is about 64% complete.

There was no new business:

A thank you note was read by President Avera from Mason Durham who received the essay Knight Award. Mason is a senior at Columbia-Brazoria ISD.

PROGRAM:

President Avera introduced guest speaker Mike Radcliff, Mike joined SAR in September 1997. He was the past President of the Plano Chapter and served as the Texas State Color Guard Commander and past NSSAR National Color Guard Commander.

He is currently President of the Texas Society of the American Revolution.

He has received several honorable awards including the Patriot Medal, Liberty Medal, the Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals, the NSSAR Gold, Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals, the DAR Excellence in Community Service Award and the Department of Homeland Security for contribution to the U.S. Government Public Service Excellence Award.

President Mike Radcliff presented several point of interests and challenges in his presentation those included but not limited to:

- Every SAR Chapter will be receiving the new state newsletter.
- Keep in touch with all new members and remind them of meetings.
- Continue to recognize our own members.
- Annual dues statements will be moved up to October this year for the first time.
- Encourage members to pay early if possible. A credit card system is being set up to pay dues.
- Encourage members to get their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews involved with Children of the American Revolution.



State Treasurer Russell Dart, Chaplain Ted Bates, President Winston Avera, State President Mike Radcliff, Registrar Bill Sanders.

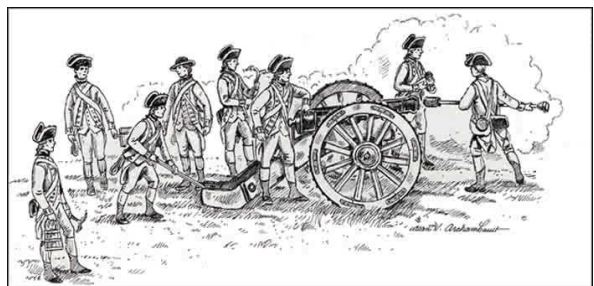
EVENTS:

- All the SAR/DAR members who Celebrated July 4th and the flag retirement ceremony at Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh's Holly Farms thoroughly enjoyed the catered meal, visiting and watching the expressions on the young people's faces as the flags were retired.
- September 24, 2016, Dedication of State Historical Marker for Josiah Hughes Bell, an old 300 Texas colonist and Austin's representative when was he was in Mexico. The dedication will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the old Columbia Cemetery in West Columbia.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bill Sanders and seconded by Ted Bates. Ted Bates gave the benediction and Bill Sanders led the SAR recessional and retirement of colors.

SAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bates, Bill Sanders, Winston Avera, Russell Dart, Mike Radcliff and Chuck Bernard.

GUESTS PRESENT: Marsha Shaner (DAR), Gene Shaner, Charles Eastland, Joan Bates, Pat Sanders, John Minkert, Carl Wiggins, Judy Bernard, Connie Avera and Rodney Weems.



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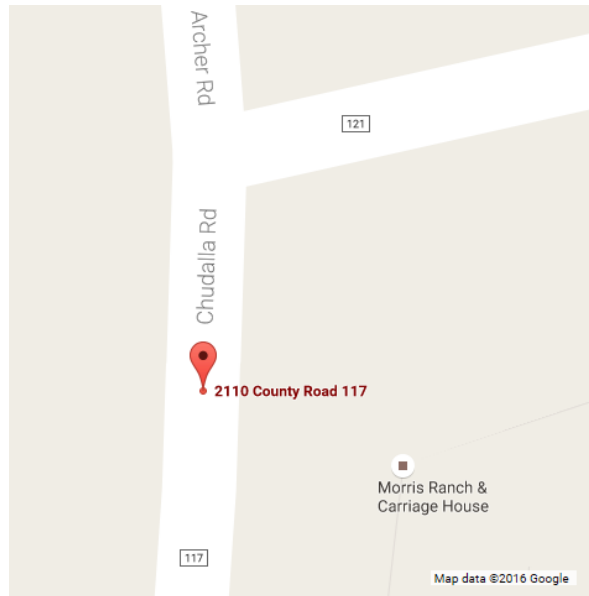
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Bells Across America - West Columbia, Texas



Bells Across America - Louise, Texas

Upcoming Events

All dates are subject to change

Event Name	Date	Location
Texas Navy Days	September 17 , 2016	Stephen F. Austin Statue Hwy 288, Angleton
Constitution Day: Bells Across America	September 17, 2016	Columbia First Capitol Replica, West Columbia United Methodist Church, Louise
Harvest Festival	October 15, 2016	Varner-Hogg Historical Site, West Columbia
An Eerie Evening at Varner Hogg	October 29, 2016	Varner-Hogg Historical Site, West Columbia
Stephen F. Austin Birthday	November 3, 2016	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy 288, Angleton
Veteran's Day Celebrations	November 11, 2016	Damon, Texas: Brazoria Historical Militia
Meet Your Ancestors	November 11, 2016	West Columbia Cemetery, West Columbia
Henry Smith Day	November 14, 2016	Brazoria, Texas in AM
Ghosts Along the Brazos	November 12, 2016	East Columbia, Texas in PM
Candlelight Christmas	December 3, 2016	Varner-Hogg Historical Site, West Columbia
Christmas in Brazoria	December 9, 2016	Brazoria, Texas
Stephen F. Austin Festival	December 10, 2016	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy. 288, Angleton
Stephen F. Austin Funeral Reenactment	January 7, 2017	West Columbia 9:00AM then to Jones Creek 12:00PM
Texas Independence Day	March 2, 2017	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy 288, Angleton
Brazoria Heritage Day	March 4, 2017	Brazoria, Texas
Masonic Oak Picnic	May 21, 2017	Brazoria Masonic Oak Park
San Jacinto Day	April 21, 2017	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy 288, Angleton
Santa Anna Ball	July 15, 2017	Brazoria, Texas