



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



Volume 19, Number 6

September 2016

Michael J. Bailey, Editor

September

Next Meeting

September 10, 2016
La Cosona Restaurant
at
Columbia Lakes Event Center
Columbia Room
188 Freeman Blvd
Columbia Lakes, TX

Program



Mike Radcliff, President

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Mike Radcliff joined SAR in September 1997, is a Past President of the Plano Chapter and served as the Texas State Inland Registrar for 10 years and was the Texas State Color Guard Commander and past NSSAR National Color Guard Commander and currently President of the Texas Society

He has received the Patriot Medal, Liberty Medal and the Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals, and the NSSAR Gold, Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals and was awarded the

DAR Excellence in Community Service Award and was presented an award by the Department of Homeland Security for contribution to the U.S. Government Public Service Excellence Award

As State Color Guard Commander initiated the Texas Galvez Medals and also Co-Sponsored the C.A.R. Matthew Bolton Chapter and sponsoring four new members for the Children of the American Revolution.

He is a member six historical and genealogical societies and sixteen lineage societies Associate Life member of the 1st Calvary Division Association Ham Radio Operator call sign N5WEF He is Master Mason, York and Scottish rite mason as well as a Shriner and belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland and member of the Scottish Rite Double Eagle Pipe Band.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

14 May, 2016

President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on May 13, 2016, at the Red Snapper Restaurant at Surfside, Freeport. Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges. Ted Bates gave the blessing for our meal.

We were saddened to hear that Compatriot Arnold and Janice Seidule's

daughter, and Compatriot Frank Seidule's sister, Theresa, passed away on May 8th, 2016. The service was held at the First Methodist Church in Lake Jackson.

President Avera called for corrections of 2016 Newsletter Minutes which were:

- Jim Gillenwaters instead of Guillen
- Michael Bailey donated \$17.00 rather than \$13.00 to the McAlexander fund.

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



The Cradle of Texas, Chapter #33 recognized Mason Durham of Brazoria for his Knight Essay Competition entry, "A Leap of Faith". Mason is a senior at Columbia-Brazoria ISD who was awarded many academic awards. He participated in several sports and is member of the National Honor Society. In addition, Mason contributed his time and energy to many community charity organizations. President Avera presented Mason with the Knight Essay Certificate and a \$350.00 award. We greatly appreciate Mason's mother, Heidi Durham, for her work to find scholarships, grants and competitions for CBISD students.



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

Total Bank Balance

General Fund

Beginning Balance
3/31/2016 \$4,585.29

Deposits:
(TXSSAR Dues) \$532.00

Expenditures 0.00

Ending Balance

4/30/2016 \$5,117.29

McAlexander Fund

Deposits (Michael Bailey Donation)\$17.00

Ending Balance

4/30/2016 \$900.00

Total Bank Balance \$6,017.29

Compatriot Russell Dart gave an excellent profile of his patriot Ancestor "Levi Dart". Levi was born on July 25, 1764 in Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut. He was the 5th child of Jonathan and Lucy (Whitney) Dart. On August 15, 1781, at the age of 17, he enlisted for a term of seven and one-half months in an artillery company of the Connecticut State Troops. The company was part of a battalion commanded by Colonel William Ledyard.

Levi's company was stationed at Fort Trumbull on the New London side of the Thames River. On September 6, 1781, British ships appeared in the harbor. Captain Shapley was ordered to evacuate Fort Trumbull to repair Fort Griswold. He ordered Corporal Josiah Smith to select seven men to remain behind to spike the guns. Levi was one of the seven selected. The men were captured by the British and were put aboard the British frigate Amphion and taken to New York. Levi was imprisoned in the "old Sugar House" in New York and was exchanged in October 1781 along with Lieutenant Stow and others for British prisoners. In April 1782, he was verbally discharged and returned home. Levi married Elizabeth Utley of Coventry, Connecticut on October 5, 1790. The couple

had four children. He died on May 24, 1842 in Springfield, Massachusetts and was buried in Cherry Lane Cemetery. Elizabeth died May 11, 1852 and was buried next to her husband. Levi Dart's name is among the defenders listed on the monument at Fort Griswold.

Compatriot Russell was born in Canal Point, Palm Beach County, Florida in 1938. He lived in Canal Point until 1947 and their family moved to Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida where he graduated high school.

He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and awarded a degree in accounting from the University of West Florida in Pensacola. His career with the Veterans Administration has allowed him to work in various places such as Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, Indianapolis, and finally Houston. He was the Chief Financial Officer for the last three places that he worked.

He is married to his beautiful wife Sue and has been a part of the Sons of the American Revolution since 2000. Russell has held several offices including president. He is currently very active with the JROTC program. Russell is now the State Treasurer for the TXSSAR. "Congratulations Russell, on a job well done".

Russell Dart gave a report of the 2016 JROTC Awards:

Brady Pewthers - Dawson High School, Pearland, Texas

Marcel Valoir - Alvin High School, Alvin Texas

Matthew Fults - Pearland High School, Pearland, Texas

Michael Mathis - Brazoswood High School, Clute, Texas

Erik Martin - Wharton High School, Wharton, Texas

Bill Sanders gave a report that he is working on 34 SAR applications including Carl Wiggins, and Rodney Weems.

The Facts published the induction of Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Cindy Ericson's program, and the meeting notice for today. Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh expressed her gratitude for the wonderful induction ceremony given to her son. Arthur Evans reported that the *Wharton Journal Spectator* printed a meeting announcement for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Win gave a proposal to develop a website for the Cradle of Texas Chapter 33, TXSSAR. The purpose is to a) attract new members, b) increase students, teachers, scouts, and JROTC cadets participation in SAR competitions, and c) as a Chapter records repository. A motion was made by Ray Beall and seconded by Russell Dart to go forward with the development of a website based on the officer's recommendations and for the chapter to allocate the funds of \$287.00 for a 3 year webhosting contract. The motion passed. Carl Wiggins has volunteered to create the website and be the webmaster. Win expressed his gratitude to Carl for his time, energy and expertise in researching and developing a draft of what the website would be.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Oration Contest has been changed from the spring competition to the fall in an effort to get more participation. Area speech/drama teachers and coaches will need to be notified before the end of the 2015-16 school year so that



students can be prepared to present to the Cradle of Texas, Chapter 33 on September 10, 2016. Regional competition will be on September 30, 2016 and the State competition will be on October 15, 2016.

PROGRAM

Lora Marie Bernard gave a wonderful reading on her newest book "Edwards Point", which is in publication.



The book is about one man's story of Texas Slaving and International forgery.

Edwards Point is the true story of Monroe Edwards and his family. The family funded Stephen F. Austin when he began the Texas immigration movement. They struggled while he won. To recapture their legacy, Monroe exploits the politics, morality and economics of the time to become one of Texas's greatest anti-heroes.

Monroe Edwards is a Brazoria cult figure. He was one of Texas' wealthiest men and a slave owner. He owned the slave plantation Chenango and swindled his partner of his share of profits from a slave run. He was convicted of forgery and fled the state.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 30-Memorial Day
- July 4th-SAR Cradle of Texas and DAR Asa Underwood Chapter joint

festivities at Mary Ruth Rodenbaugh's Holly Farms in Wild Peach

The next SAR meeting will be on September 10, 2016, and TXSSAR President Mike Ratcliff will be attending and providing the program. Time and place will be determined at a later time.

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

SAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Bailey, Ted Bates, Bill Sanders, Ray Beall, Donald Mudd, Charles Bernard, Thomas Mayerle, Arthur Evans, Winston Avera, Russell Dart and Cecil Ferguson

GUESTS PRESENT: Julie Lyn Bailey, Joan Bates, Rodney Weems, Kay Mudd, Carl and Caroline Wiggins, Connie Avera, Mason Durham, Heidi Durham, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Pat Sanders, Judy Bernard, and Sue Dart

July 4th

SAR Cradle of Texas and DAR Asa Underwood Chapter joint festivities at Mary Ruth Rodenbaugh's *Holly Farms* in Wild Peach



Next Meeting

September 10, 2016,
La Cosona Restaurant
at
Columbia Lakes Event Center,
Columbia Room
188 Freeman Blvd, Columbia Lakes, TX



Let Us Remember



2016 Officers of the Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

PRESIDENT- Winston Avera
Ph. (979) 297-8340
E-mail averawc@sbcglobal.net

V.P. Vice-President - Michael Bailey
Ph. 979-848-3705
E-mail michjbailey@gmail.com

SECRETARY - Ray Beall
Ph. (979) 657-2734
E-mail ray_be2003@yahoo.com

TREASURER- Arthur O. Evans III
Ph.979-532-5881
E-mail aevans@hotmail.com

REGISTRAR - Bill Sanders, Sr.
Ph. 979-6482955
E-mail bps@ykc.com

CHAPLAIN - Ted Bates
Ph. (361) 972-5024
E-mail jbates@warpspeed1.net

COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN
Frank Seidule
Ph. 979-297-8849
E-mail seidule3@gmail.com



Constitution Day 2016 September 17 Bells Across America

Celebrations will be happening across the Country. Please, check with your local DAR Chapter for information and participation.

Celebrate and Commemorate
The Signing
of
The United States Constitution
With
Bells Across America
On Constitution Day
September 17, 2016

The ceremony begins at 2:30 p.m., in West Columbia, Texas at the First Capital Building Replica located at 512 East Brazos Street. The celebration will consist of song, prayer, speeches, musket salutes, bell ringing and refreshments.

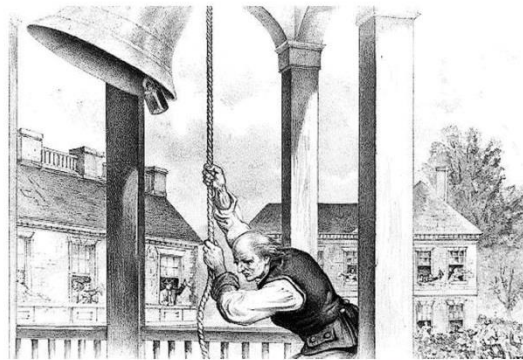
Hosted by

The Asa Underwood Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

City of West Columbia, Texas

Brazoria Historical Militia



For more information please, contact Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, maryruth@maryruth.biz, or call: 979.480.3567.

