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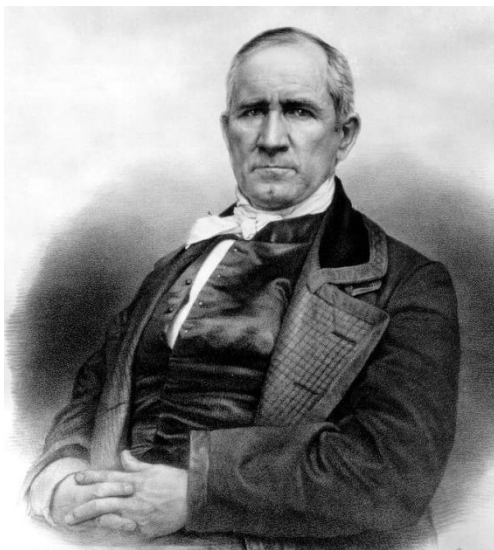
February

Next Meeting
11 February, 2017
11:30 am

Los Cocos Restaurant
211 East Elm Street
Wharton, Texas

Speaker
Richard T. Hudgins.

Topic:
Moses and Sam Houston, the
Northingtons, and the beginnings of the
Houston Rodeo & Livestock Show



Mr. Hudgins is a member of the
Sons of the American Revolution,
Alexander Hodge Chapter in
Rosenberg/Sugarland, TX.

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American
Revolution

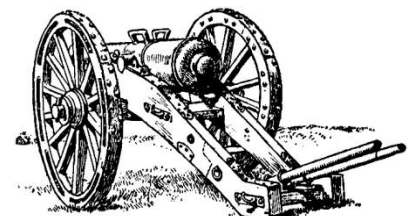
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
January 14, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution met on January 14, 2017 at the On the River Restaurant in Freeport, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m., Mike Bailey led the opening pledges and Arthur Evans gave the invocation and blessing for the meal.

Introduction of Guests: SAR President Win Avera introduced TXSSAR District 7 Vice President Ron Brown; Charles, Brian, Sidney Eastland; and Rodney Weems and his family.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting with a correction showing The Treasurer's Report which was not captured in the Newsletter. Mike Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented and Arthur Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Evans' reports for November and December were as follows:



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2016:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR General Fund

Beginning Balance

10/31/2016 \$4,428.67

Deposits 0.00

Expenditures

SAR supplies \$323.75

Guest meals \$26.95

Ending Balance

11/30/2016 \$4,077.97

McAlexander Fund

Ending Balance

11/30/2016 \$900.00

Total Bank Balance \$4,977.97

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

12/31/2016 \$4,077.97

Deposits \$0.00

Expenditures

SAR supplies \$117.00

Guest Meals \$13.55

Ending Balance

12/31/2016 \$3,947.42

McAlexander Fund¹

Ending Balance \$900.00

12/31/2016

Total Bank Balance

\$4,848.42

Mike Bailey moved to accept them and Ray Beall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Induction Ceremony of New Members by Registrar Bill Sanders:

Charles Sidney Eastland

Charles Michael Eastland

Brian Lewis Eastland

Rodney Weems

Chase Eastland pinned "Rosettes" for her grandfather, father and uncle, and Billie Weems pinned Rodney's rosette. Frank Seidule, Color Guard Captain, presented each new member with a SAR "Challenge Coin."



District 7, Vice President, Ron Brown inducted the following Officers for 2017 SAR year.

Winston Avera President

Ray Beall Vice President

Rodney Weems Secretary

Bill Sanders Registrar

Mike Bailey Chaplain

Arthur Evans Treasurer

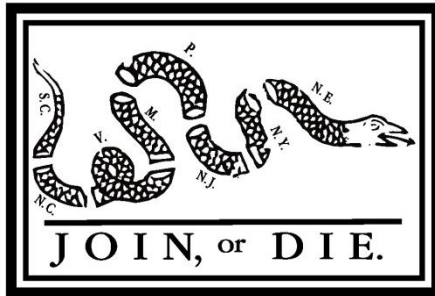
Frank Seidule

Color Guard Captain



President Avera presented Meritorious Service Award medals and certificates to the 2016 Officers to recognize their outstanding service to the Chapter.

Mike Bailey	Ray Beall
Bill Sanders	Arthur Evans
Ted Bates	Frank Seidule



Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar Bill Sanders reported that Carl Wiggin's and Max Royalty SAR applications are still being researched before sending to the State Registrar. Dr. William Griffiths, M.D, PhD, presented application for dual membership in Texas and Ohio to Registrar Bill Sanders, plus the \$22.00 check and a "Record Copy" of his application. This was sent to Drake Peddie, TXSSAR, and State Secretary. Dr. Griffiths is retired and lives in El Campo, Wharton County, Texas. Kenneth Paul Blount and Nelson Eldridge Leopold are in Louisville, KY, National Headquarters awaiting approval. The Registrar is working on 28 applications.

Webmaster Carl Wiggins gave a brief report on the status of the chapter website <http://www.cradletxsar.org>. He requested that members visit the website, review content and wording and offer comments including

suggestions for improvement, deletions, additions and corrections. Avera noted the outstanding structure ("bones") of the website and that content continues to be added. Education Committee Chair Rodney Weems gave an update on SAR Youth Contests. Mike Bailey made a motion to award \$100.00 for winning entries, seconded by Ray Beall.

New Business:

Our chapter needs 2-3 more Color Guards. The McAlexander Fund is used to assist compatriots with the cost of uniforms. If interested contact Frank Seidule 979-297-8849 or email seidule3@gmail.com,

Program:

Bryan Frazier, Brazoria County Parks Director gave an excellent and interesting presentation on Brazoria County Parks, statistics on the **non**-threat of wildlife, and showed pictures of the extinct and threatened wildlife of our area. He can be reached at 979-864-1541 ext. 1 or at bryanf@brazoria-county.com for information.

Brazoria County, "Where Texas Began", has something for everyone. Not only is it a coastal county with 23 miles of sandy beaches, but it is full of Texas history. Brazoria County was the first capital of the Republic of Texas, which proves the county's roots run rich with Texas history.

Brazoria County has plenty of agriculture, from rice farming to cattle production, and one of the largest county fairs in the state of Texas.



Economic growth is abundant in Brazoria County. Billions of dollars are being poured into industry growth in the area. Port of Freeport is expanding its boundaries to accommodate importing and exporting growth. The City of Pearland continues to grow providing local amenities that once were only had by traveling to surrounding areas. Brazoria County is one of the fastest growing areas in the region and is being recognized as a great place to work, raise a family and retire.

Local festivals are easy to find in Brazoria County. They include the Mosquito festival in Clute, Alvin's



Hometown Festival, Pearland Wine & Food Festival, and No Name Festival in Brazoria, just to name a few. For those who enjoy the outdoors, you will find

flowing coastal plains to lush green forests, inshore and offshore fishing, bird watching, shelling and wildlife preserves.

Brazoria County also offers the best county parks in the state of Texas. Some of the county parks offer cabin rentals and RV parks right on the beach. Rent a cabin or bring your RV, rest and relax while you bird watch and enjoy a beautiful sunrise over the Gulf of

Members Present: TXSSAR District Vice President Ron Brown, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Rodney Weems, Charles Eastland, Brian Eastland, Mike Eastland, Ted Bates, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Arthur Evans, Mike Bailey, Chuck Bernard, Ray Beall, Dr. William Griffith and Win Avera

Guests Present: Carl Wiggins, Glenda Beall, Joan Bates, Judy Bernard, Max & Alice Royalty, Bryan, Dara, & Callan Frazier, Courtney Weems Lorkowsky, Billie Weems, Kimmie Weems, Angela Weems, Bryce Reber, Brian & Candace Wubbena, Chase Eastland, Paula Cerda, and Tom Taroni.

Next SAR Meeting:

The next SAR will be on February 11, 2017. The location, yet to be determined, will be in Matagorda or Wharton County.



**This Month Durring the
American Revolution
Siege of Fort Vincennes
23-25 February 1779**

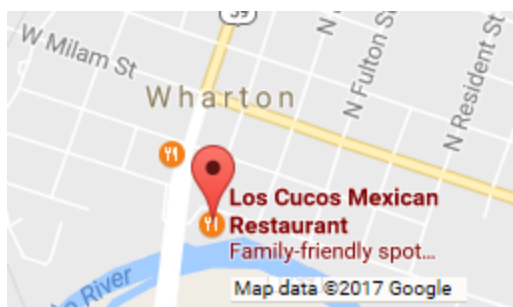


United States Commemorative Postage Stamp, commemorating the Battle of Vincennes: issued in 1929. The Stamp was designed by F.C. Yohn

The Battle of Vincennes took place in western Indiana along the Wabash River at the current city of Vincennes. Led by George Rogers Clark, American forces defeated a larger British Force. The Battle is also known as Siege of Fort Vincennes or the Siege of Fort Sackville.

**Next Meeting
Los Cocos Restaurant
Wharton, Texas
211 East Elm Street
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<http://www.loscucos.com/wharton.html>



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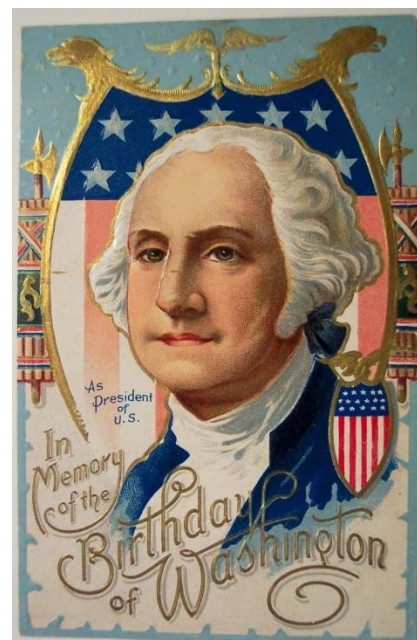
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2017 UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 18	George Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX. Contact Tom Green for details tbgreen3@gmail.com
March 2	Texas Independence Day Celebration	Stephen F Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 S Hwy. 288, Angleton, TX 77515
March 4	Brazoria Heritage Day	10 AM Brazoria Heritage Foundation, 202 West Smith St., Brazoria, TX 77422.
March 25-26	Goliad Massacre Reenactment	Presidio La Bahia, Goliad, TX . See below for more.

