



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



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

February

Next Meeting
February 2, 2013
11:30 a. m. at
Los Cucos Mexican Café
Wharton, Texas



February's meeting will be on February 2, 2013; in Wharton, Texas. Starting at 11:30 a.m. at *Los Cucos Mexican Café*. The speaker will be County Judge Dr. Phillip S. Spenrath on "*The History of Wharton County*".

Judge Spenrath is a native Texan from Comfort. He has served as Mayor of El Campo and as Councilman. The Judge earned his Bachelors Degree at UT San Antonio and his Juris Doctorate from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. Dr. Spenrath was elected Wharton County Judge in 2012.

Dr. Spenrath has taught at the Wharton Community College and high school government as well as coached basketball and football. He is also active in his Church, First Baptist Church in El Campo. His wife Chandra serves as the Executive Director for El Campo's City Development Cooperation. They have

five sons; Rhett, Reed, Reagan, Rhenner and Ridge.

February 2, 2013 Event

The Good Citizens Reception is scheduled for Saturday 2:00 p.m. on February 2, at the Wharton County Historical Museum. The event is sponsored by the Comfort Wood Chapter DAR. The Cradle of Texas Chapter has provided Honor Guards for this event for several years and is why this meeting is always early in February. The presentations are held directly after our meeting. It is always a good event and if you can please make it, and if you have a uniform please wear it so we can participate.

Wharton County Historical Museum

3615 N Richmond Rd,
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2600



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YOUR DUES**



MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
January 12, 2013

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at On the River Restaurant in Freeport. Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the invocation.

President Dart reported the following:

- Our Chapter Annual Report for 2012 has been sent into TXSSAR. Bill Sander and Arnold Seidule helped Russell complete it. The report included sixteen (16) categories with points given for each event and medal awarded. Of the sixteen, we received points in nine categories. The items in which we did not participate were Speakers Bureau, Publicity through the broadcast media, Publicity via Multimedia Distribution, granting of scholarships, Veterans Support programs, identifying Revolutionary War Era Graves and SAR Compatriot graves. Russell felt that a Speakers Bureau is possible if some compatriots want to pursue it. And he believes we could and should adopt a Veterans Support Program.
- Our next meeting will be in Wharton on the first Saturday, February 2nd. Our Chapter will provide the Color Guard for the DAR awards ceremony which will follow our meeting.
- Russell thanked everyone for the support and kindness during his term as President. It has been a very high honor.
- The TXSSAR President Elect Stephen Rohrbough will attend our April meeting.

The December 2012 Minutes were approved on a motion by Michael Bailey and a second by George Easterling.

President Dart presented Bill Sanders a Meritorious Service Medal and Bronze Texas Service Medals were given to Michael Bailey Arthur Evans and Winston Avera.

Doc Rice celebrated his 83rd birthday with us. He shared his wife Lynn's new book *Franklin: My Most Famous Friend*.

Lynn, a polio survivor, tells of meeting and performing for Franklin Roosevelt while they were both at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation in Warm Springs, Georgia in 1944. To order the book, contact Doc Rice.

Arthur Evans gave the Treasurer's Report showing General Fund balance of \$4,442.75 as of 12/31/2012. Including the McAlexander Fund of \$833.00 the balance is \$5,325.75.

Bill Sanders reported that Chris Wendell's application was approved 12/21/2012 and he hopes to induct him at the February 2nd meeting in Wharton. We are invited to join the Wharton DAR at 2:00 p.m. at the Wharton Historical Museum for the presentation of their Good Citizenship Awards.

Also, Bill was to meet with the South Texas Electric Cooperative at a public open house meeting on January 14th or 15th to express his concerns about a proposed electrical power line easement that would cross the Louise Old Town Cemetery.

Geralyn Seidule Cornelius made a \$200 donation to the Patriot Fund in honor of her father, Arnold Seidule.

District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey, far right, swore in our 2013 officers.



Michael Bailey - President
 Winston Avera - Secretary
 Arthur Evans - Treasurer
 Bill Sanders - Genealogist
 Frank Seidule - Color Guard
 Tillman Daniel - Executive Committee

Not shown are Vice President Donald Mudd, Chaplin Rev. Stevens and Executive Committee Tim Hall.



Guest speaker, Monica Wright, City of Freeport Museum curator, told of some of Freeport and Velasco's history and of the many artifacts on exhibit in the museum.

The SAR closing was led by President Michael Bailey. George Easterling gave the benediction.

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Members Present - Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel, District 7 Vice President Lawrence Casey, Arthur Evans, Frank Seidule, Thomas Mayerle, Doc Rice, George Easterling and Winston Avera.

Guests Present- Monica Wright, Sue Dart and Connie Avera.

The next meeting will be February 2nd in Wharton at Los Cucos Restaurant, 211 W Elm St., Wharton (979) 531-1961.

This Month During The American Revolution

Letter from General George Washington to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia Citizens, February 18, 1778

Head Quarters, Valley Forge,

February 18, 1778.

Friends Countrymen and Fellow Citizens
After three Campaigns, during which the brave
Subjects of these States have contended, not

unsuccessfully, with one of the most powerful Kingdoms upon Earth, we now find ourselves at least upon a level with our opponents; and there is the best reason to believe, Efforts adequate to the abilities of this country would enable us speedily to conclude the War and to secure the invaluable Blessings of Peace, Liberty and Safety. With this view, it is in Contemplation, at the opening of the next Campaign, to assemble a force sufficient, not barely to cover the Country from a repetition of those depredations which it hath already suffered, but also to operate offensively and strike some decisive Blow.

In the Prosecution of this object, it is to be feared that so large an Army may suffer for the want of Provisions. The Distance between this and the Eastern States, whence considerable Supplies of Flesh have been hitherto drawn, will necessarily render those supplies extremely precarious; And unless the virtuous Yeomanry of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware Maryland and Virginia, will exert themselves to prepare Cattle for the use of the Army during the Months of May, June and July next, great difficulties may arise in the course of the Campaign. It is therefore recommended to the Inhabitants of those States, to put up and feed immediately as many of their Stock Cattle, as they can spare, so as that they may be driven to this Army within that period. A bountiful price will be given and the proprietors may assure themselves, that they will render a most essential service to the illustrious Cause of their Country, and contribute, in a great degree, to shorten this bloody Contest. But should there be any so insensible to the common Interest, as not to exert themselves upon these generous principles; the private interest of those, whose situation makes them liable to become immediate subjects to the Enemy's incursions, should prompt them at least to a measure, which is calculated to save their property from plunder; their families from insult, and their own persons from abuse, hopeless confinement, or perhaps a violent death

The Writings of George Washington... 1745-1799.

John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor

The George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799



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<http://www.loscucos.com>



**CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER #33
 SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 Dec. 31, 2012**

General Fund Balance November 30, 2012	\$ 4,518.79
Deposits	-0-
Donations	-0-
Disbursements	76.04
Guest meals @ Smithhart's Restaurant	76.04
Outstanding Checks	
None	-0-
Balance	
December 31, 2012	4,442.75
Deposit February 1, 2007	
1,000.00	
Disbursements	
SAR Uniform for Russell Dart (25% of cost)	117.00
Balance of McAlexander Fund	883.00
Total Bank Balance	
December 31, 2012	5,325.75

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