



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



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

**March**

**Next Meeting**

March 9, 2013

**11:30 a. m. at**

***Scott's BBQ***

226 E Brazos Avenue.

West Columbia, Texas

Major General John H. Bailey, II

of

The Bailey Military Institute

Houston, TX



Major General John H. Bailey, II will be discussing the Bailey Military Institute.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Los Cucos Restaurant in Wharton. Bill Sanders led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. Arnold Seidule gave the invocation.

The January 2013 Minutes were approved on a motion by Arthur Evans and a second by Tillman Daniel.

Arthur Evans gave the Treasurer's Report showing General Fund balance of \$4,380.56 as of 1/31/2013. Including the

McAlexander Fund of \$833.00 the balance is \$5,263.56.

Bill Sanders introduced guest Chris & Mary Jane Wendel, Tracy Braden, Jack and Becky Swanson and our guest speaker Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath.

President Bailey reported the following:

- Brazoria County's Veterans Ring of Honor will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the court house
- Laredo's Washington's Birthday Celebration will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Frank Seidule plans to accompany Tom Green to the parade.
- The Brazoria Heritage Society will hold its annual Texas Independence Day celebration on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Brazoria. Arnold Seidule and Russell Dart volunteered to work the SAR booth.
- The TXSSAR Spring Convention will be in Dallas at the Wyndam hotel on April 4-7. Historical items are needed for the silent auction. Donald Mudd moved that we donate a \$50 gift card for the auction. Tillman Daniel seconded the motion and it carried.
- Lawrence Casey requests our support to continue as TXSSAR Vice President of District 7.



Arnold Seidule led the induction ceremony of Chris Wendel into The Sons of The American Revolution, Cradle of Texas Chapter #33.

Bill Sanders reported that he will present four Eagle Scout Awards in March. Also, Bill said that an attorney has volunteered his services on behalf of the Louise Old Town Cemetery and that five trustee candidates have been selected.

President Bailey announced the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee members are Russell (Chair) & Sue Dart, Arnold Seidule, George Easterling, Winston & Connie Avera.

County Judge Spenrath, who also teaches history at Wharton College, gave us a short Texas history lesson on the seven different Constitutions of Texas. The first was the Coahuila y Tejas Constitution, Republic of Texas Constitution, Constitution of 1845 after joining the United States, Confederate Constitution, the reconstruction Constitution of 1866 following the end of the Civil War, the 1869 Constitution and today's Constitution of 1875. Our unwieldy, voluminous Constitution today has distrust of government as its foundation.

The SAR recessional was led by Arnold Seidule

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. and encouraged members to attend the DAR Good Citizenship Awards where our Color Guard Members will present the Colors.

Members Present – Chris Wendel, Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel, Arthur Evans, Frank Seidule, Mike Rees, Michael Bailey, Tim Hall, Donald Mudd, Thomas Mayerle, Doc Rice and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Pat Sanders, Kay Mudd, Freda Daniel, Connie Avera, Tracy

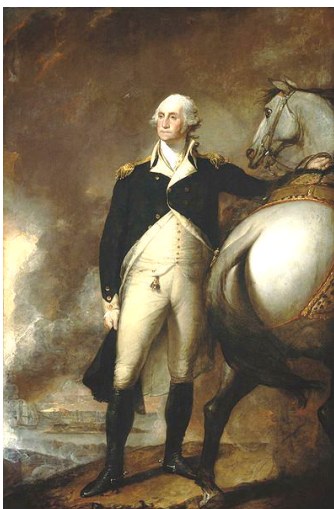
Braden, Mary Jane Wendel, Judge Spenrath, Jack & Becky Swanson and Wharton County Comfort Wood DAR Chapter members Gloria Jalufka, Linda Bubela, Deena Ponak, Sarah Swenson, Hazel Foltyn, Debra Hamman, and Carol Slaughter.



The next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> in West Columbia at Scott's BBQ, 226 E Brazos Avenue. Our speaker will be Major General John H. Bailey II of The Bailey Military Institute in Houston.

### **This Month During The American Revolution**

#### **March 4, 1776 Washington Captures Dorchester Heights**



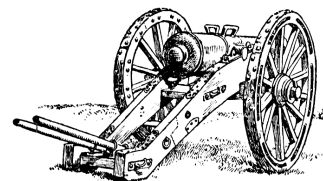
**Portrait of George Washington at Dorchester Heights.**  
Gilbert Stuart (1755–1828)  
1806

Driving the British from Boston had required months of grueling work on the part of colonists in New York and Massachusetts Bay. In November of 1775, Washington had dispatched Bostonian Henry Knox to retrieve badly needed cannon from Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Teamsters with eighty yoke of oxen made the three hundred mile journey, bringing 59 cannon for the colonial army then encircling Boston. Once they neared the city, the rebels faced a new challenge. How would they roll the guns into place without tipping their hand to the British? On the night of March 4, 1776, colonial militia and local volunteers stealthily fortified the summit of Dorchester Heights.

Wrapping their wagon wheels with straw to deaden the sound, they moved the cannon from Roxbury and entrenched them on these hills south of Boston. British General Howe planned an attack, but a violent storm prevented his soldiers from landing. Within a few days, Howe, his troops, and a thousand colonial loyalists set sail for Nova Scotia, abandoning the city to Washington's forces and its jubilant citizens. The army improved the fortifications and again stationed troops on Dorchester Heights during the War of 1812. After 1814, however, the twin hills declined in military importance.

**NPS Dorchester Heights**

<http://www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/dohe.htm>

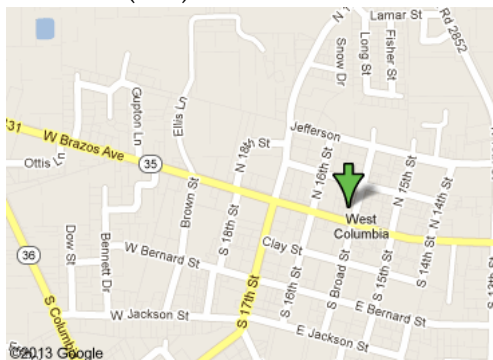


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 SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
 FINANCIAL REPORT  
 Jan. 31, 2013



General Fund Balance	
December 31, 2012	\$ 4,442.75
Deposits	-0-
Donations	-0-
Disbursements	\$ 62.19
<b>Guest Meals</b>	
On The River Restaurant	\$ 21.82
Michael Bailey stamps/supplies	\$ 40.37
<b>Outstanding Checks</b>	
None	-0-
Balance	
January 31, 2013	\$4,380.56
<b>Deposit</b>	
February 1, 2007	\$1,000.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	
SAR Uniform for Russell Dart (25% of cost)	\$117.00
Balance of McAlexander Fund	
	\$883.00
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>	
January 31, 2013	\$5,263.56

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