

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



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**September**

Next Meeting  
**September 8, 2012**  
11:30 a. m.

**River Point Restaurant**  
111 Abner Jackson Parkway  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566



**Presidents Corner**

I hope all of you have had a great summer and are now ready to get into the swing of the fall season. We will have our September Chapter meeting in Lake Jackson on the 8th at the River Point Restaurant and I hope you can join us. One of the areas that we need to work on for the rest of this year is Public Service Awards. If any of you know of any Law Enforcement Officials, Fire Safety Officials or EMS Officials that should be recognized, please let me know their names and phone numbers, and we will make an effort to recognize at least one from each of these disciplines

This is also the time of the year when we should be contacting schools concerning our contests for high school students and/or home schooled students. We have essay and oration contests and the entry requirements are posted on the TXSSAR web-site. If you have a high school near you, I hope you will

look up the information on these contests and make the school aware of them. We also have JROTC contests and I will be contacting all of the schools that have JROTC units with information about those contests.

I hope to see you on September 8th at 11:30a.m.

*Russell*



**MEETING MINUTES**

Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
May 12, 2012

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at Wurst Haus Deli & Restaurant in Lake Jackson. Vice-President Michael Bailey led the Chapter in the pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags and the SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the invocation.

President Dart introduced guests Coleman Pollack and Alisha Trevino, Mrs. Susan Pollack and Nathan Dowlan; all are from Sweeny. Coleman and Alisha were each presented a **Hero Medal** and **Hero Certificate**

for rescuing an 11year old girl from the surf at Matagorda Beach on March 17, 2012.



Treasurer Arthur Evans reported a bank balance of \$5,945.44 made up of \$5,062.44 in the general fund and \$883.00 in the McAlexander Fund.

President Dart reported the following:

- JROTC awards for outstanding cadets were or will be presented as follows:
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> to La'varine Hayes of Brazoswood High School by Frank Seidule
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> to Forest Golden of Dawson High School by Russell Dart
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> to Eric Vasquez of Pearland High School by Russell Dart
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> to Cody Henry of Alvin High School by Russell Dart
  - May 24<sup>th</sup> to Victoria Heffner of Wharton High School by Bill Sanders
- Russell Dart will attend the Galveston Memorial Day Celebration on May 28<sup>th</sup>

- Tom Green will be at the Louise Junior High on May 30<sup>th</sup> to give his flag program. Bill Sanders and Russell Dart will assist Tom.

Judy Bernard, Chair of The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas District 5 invited us to the rededication ceremony of the Civil War Sailors Memorial in front of the Galveston County Court House. It will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



Bill Sanders reported that he is working on eleven new member applications. **Wow, Bill!**

Arnold Seidule explained the ribbons and stars that the State Society presents to chapters which award Flag Certificates during the year. Arnold brought some of the ribbons and stars for us to see.

Frank Seidule noted that for next year's Veteran's Day parade he is interested in entering a float for SAR with banners on the side. He will get the price of the banners and report to the chapter at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at the River Point Restaurant located at 111 Abner Jackson Parkway in Lake Jackson. See map below. State President Bob Clark will be attending.

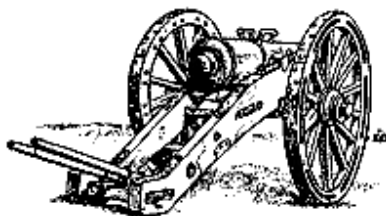
Michael Bailey led the SAR closing and George Easterling gave the benediction.

Members Present – Russell Dart, George Easterling, Arnold Seidule, Michael Bailey, Frank Seidule, Arthur Evans and Winston Avera.

Guest present were Janice Seidule, Sue Dart, Julie Bailey and Connie Avera.

### Battle of Medina

Tom Green and Michael Bailey participated at the 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Medina on August 18. The Battle which occurred south of San Antonio was the bloodiest battle ever to take place on Texas soil. American participated and died during the Battle to include American Revolution soldiers.



### IN MEMORIUM

George Dewey Hall, Jr., a member of our chapter, passed away on August 5 in Bay City, Texas. Please keep his family, especially his son Tim a very active member of our chapter, in your thoughts and prayers. Memorial donations may be made to the Bay City Public Library in his memory.

### THIS MONTH DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Great Fire of New York

September 21, 1776

During the revolutionary war, in the summer of 1776, the city experienced another major fire. George Washington and other officers in the Revolutionary army had decided that the city would be difficult to defend against the overwhelming British force. Some of Washington's advisors suggested burning New York City so that the British would gain little from its capture. This idea was abandoned and Washington withdrew his forces from the city on September 12, 1776. Three days later the British occupied the city and on September 21st, a fire broke out in the Fighting Cocks Tavern. Without the city's firemen present and on duty, the fire quickly spread. A third of the city burnt and 493 houses destroyed. Trinity Church was destroyed in minutes. With the fire department in disarray and largely missing, the British soldiers attempted to extinguish the flames. Unable to quell the fire because of sabotaged equipment, the fire raged on from day into night.

Washington mused that some honest patriot might have helped them out by setting the fire. The British were also convinced that the fire had been deliberately set. They arrested 200 suspected sympathizers and

hung the self-described American spy, Nathan Hale. Those citizens displaced by the fire set up canvas tents around the destroyed areas in lower Manhattan. The British made little attempt to rebuild the city but did create their own fire department, realizing that fire was as much their enemy as the colonial rebels were.

<http://www.virtualny.cuny.edu/FIRE/greatfire1776.html>

New Media Lab at the Graduate Center, City University of New York

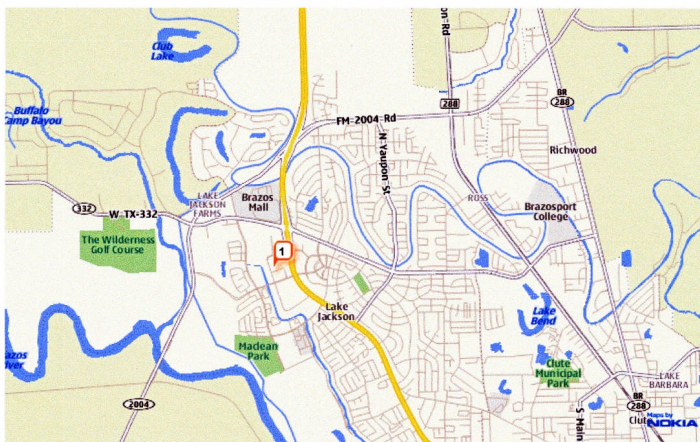


## NEXT MEETING

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