



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



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March

Next Meeting

March 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Smithhart's Texas Grill

2440 North Velasco Street

Angleton, TX 77515

Speaker

Sonya T. Broadway,
Veterans Service Officer

Brazoria County Veterans Services.

The Topic will be about the services that are offered to veterans at the Brazoria County Veterans Services

Sonya Broadway was born in Maryland and raised in Virginia near Washington DC. She attended college in Virginia and decided to enter the Air Force in 1994. In the military, she was with the Security Police. In 1996 while in Saudi, she was injured in a Saudi Truck Bomb. She was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart. After her accident, she joined the Air Force Security forces. She cross-trained as a Military Training Instructor Drill Sergeant at Lackland Air Force Base in 1997. The service temporarily retired her in 1999 and then permanently retired her in 2003. She is the Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart for Brazoria County and the only woman Commander in the Nation. She also devotes her time helping Veterans since taking over as the Veteran Service Officer for Brazoria County in January of 2012.

Presidents Corner

I would like to encourage you to attend the State Convention in San Antonio on March 23-25. Details can be found on the TXSSAR web-site along with the application. The State Convention is where all of the awards for the past year activities are given plus the student scholarship prizes.

I think the deadline is March 12th to register and I hope you will consider it.

Russell



MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
February 11, 2012

President Russell Dart called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. at Los Cucos Restaurant in Wharton. Vice President Michael Bailey led the Chapter in the pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags and the SAR pledge. Compatriot George Easterling gave the invocation.

President Dart reported that compatriot Walker B. Griffith, MD has earned his five-year membership certificate. The SAR State

Convention will be held in San Antonio on March 23rd.

Treasurer Arthur Evans reported a fund balance of \$5,535.95.



Compatriot Bill Sanders introduced our speaker, Merle Hudgins. She told of her many years of experience with the Texas Historical Commission marker program including some of the criteria for markers, the \$100 "reader" fee required with each application and \$1,500 needed for approved markers (this may vary depending on the type of marker). Ms. Hudgins also told us that Wharton will host the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall this July. Having the wall brought to a city requires about \$10,000 for preparation and typically applications must be filed several years in advance. President Dart presented Merle Hudgins with a certificate of appreciation.

President Dart closed the meeting at 1:10 p.m. with George Easterling giving the benediction.

Members Present - Russell Dart, Bill Sanders, George Easterling, Michael Bailey, Tillman Daniel, Arnold Seidule, Frank

Seidule, Donald Mudd, Arthur Evans, Charles Bernard and Winston Avera.

Guests - Pat Sanders, Gloria Jalufka, Hazel Foltyn, Luayne Pierce, Linda Buleele, Pat Blair, Debra Hammon, Julie Bartos, Connie Avera, Janice Seidule, Merle Hudgins, Mary Margaret Sampson, Bud Northington, Julie Bailey, and Kay Mudd

-Addendum to January Minutes

President Dart presented a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Harold Gaul for his work with the Brazoria County Combined Honor Guard in honoring Veterans. President Dart presented Harold Gaul with a Certificate of Appreciation to the Brazoria County Combined Honor Guard for the group's work in paying their final respects to deceased veterans.

President Dart presented Bronze Texas Service Medals and Certificates to the following members for their service for the Chapter in 2011.

*Tim Hall
Michael Bailey
Arthur O. Evans III
Bill Sanders Sr.
Rev. L.L. Stevens
Frank Seidule
Win Avera*

Chapter Provides Honor Guard

After the Regular meeting on February 11, the Chapter provided an Honor Guard for the DAR Comfort Wood Chapter meeting. Held at the Wharton County Historical Museum. President Russell Dart, Frank Seidule and Michael Bailey came in uniform and presented the Colors.

During the meeting the DAR Chapter awarded Bill Sanders, one of two recipients, an Outstanding Volunteer Award.



L to R - Dottie and Allen Collins, William Sanders and wife Pat.

Chapter Members
Travel to Laredo, Texas
For Parade

Michael Bailey and Frank Seidule (seen at the far right) participated in the Laredo's George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade. The event, started in 1898, has continued and grown into the largest celebration of the Nation's first president.



THIS MONTH
IN
AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAR HISTORY

March 23, 1775

Patrick Henry delivers his famous
"Give me liberty or give me death" speech.

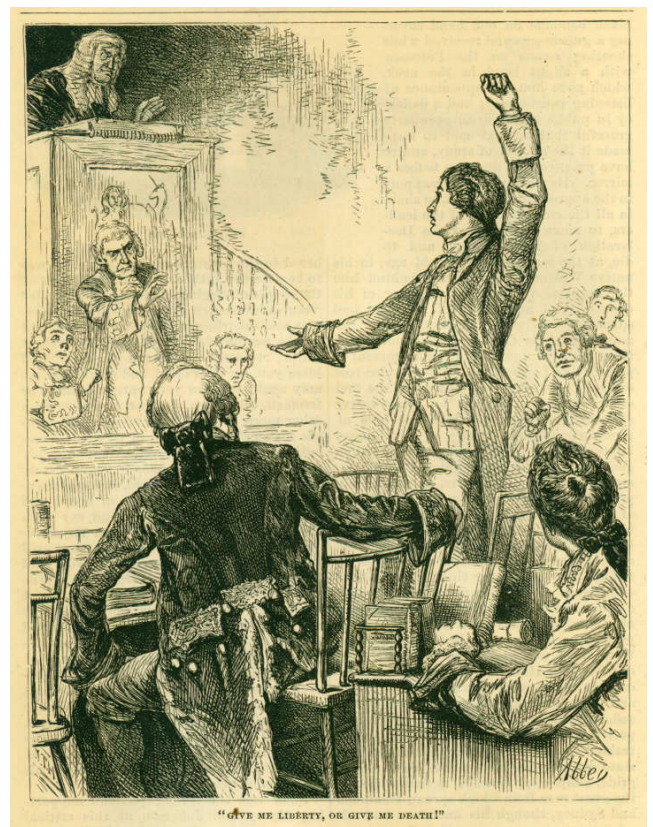


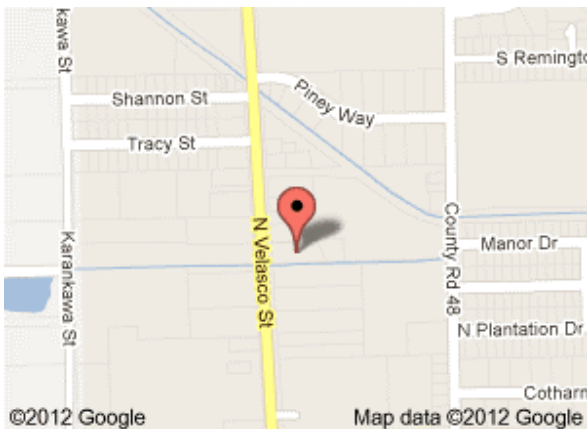
Image from Harper Weekly 1876

"On March 23rd, in Virginia, the largest colony in America, a meeting of the colony's delegates was held in St. John's church in Richmond. Resolutions were presented by Patrick Henry putting the colony of Virginia "into a posture of defense...embodying, arming, and disciplining such a number of men as may be sufficient for that purpose." Before the vote was taken on his resolutions, Henry delivered the speech below, imploring the delegates to vote in favor.

He spoke without any notes in a voice that became louder and louder, climaxing with the now famous ending. Following his speech, the vote was taken in which his resolutions passed by a narrow margin, and thus Virginia joined in the American Revolution."

The History Place.
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