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Sons of the American Revolution
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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

November

Next Meeting
11 November, 2017
11:30 am
Fat Grass Restaurant
1717 7th Street
Bay City, Texas.
Speaker: Merle Hudgins



Author Merle R. Hudgins is Wharton County's Historian. Her book *"War Between The States Changed Texas Forever"*, tells this epoch in a style that appeals to all interested in the factual history of Texas and this time period.

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
October 21, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution met October 21, 2017 at On the River Restaurant, 919 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. Chaplain Michael Bailey delivered the invocation and blessing for the meal. Vice President Ray Beall, assisted by grandson Compatriot Caleb Smith

led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and SPECIAL COMMENTS:

SAR President Winston Avera extended a special welcome to the families (Wiggins, Remmers and Tomberlin) of our newest members. Other guests were acknowledged and thanked for their participation.

Win also touched on the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey to our communities and asked that everyone remember to keep affected families in their thoughts and prayers. Compatriot Kenneth Blount's home received about one foot of flood water. Some demolition and repairs are under way. This sentiment was extended to include families affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHOM WE LOST:

- Compatriot Thomas Mayerle is remembered as a quiet man, but as one of his former classmates relayed to President Avera, Thomas was smartest person in their class. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Texas A&M. His knowledge of history, especially American History, was second to none and when he spoke to this subject he spoke with "authority". He loved Shakespeare and participated in many plays at Brazosport College.
- Janice Seidule is remembered as the wife of Compatriot Arnold Seidule and mother of Compatriots Robert, Frank and James Seidule. Janice was a DAR member, teacher and involved in the arts and local theater. Arnold surprised Janice in 2007 with a contribution to Brazosport College

Foundation for the remodeling of the drama theater and renaming it for her.

- Glenda Lopez Beall is remembered as the wife of Compatriot Ray Beall and grandmother to Compatriots Cody Wright and Caleb Smith. Glenda was an educator for more than 30 years, touching the lives of many students, and instilling a zeal for learning. In her honor, Texas Challenge Academy a part of Rice Consolidated. ISD has named their library the “Glenda Lopez Beall Memorial Library”



COMPATRIOTS: Compatriot Bill Sanders shared two items. The first was the receipt of a U.S. Flag and Certificate from his and Pat’s grandson, Lieutenant Commander Terrell Radford. The Certificate certified that the “Flag” had been flown over the skies of Iraq by Lt. Cmdrs. Radford and Travis Rainey, as Mission Flight 46, Detachment Shiek Isa Air Base, Bahrain, on May 26, 2017.



The second being a “pictorial display” of “Constitution Week”, developed by Bill and Pat Sanders, and presented at Louise Middle School by Bill on behalf of Cradle of Texas, SAR, and at Louise High School by Pat Sanders, on behalf of Comfort Wood Chapter, DAR. The display included coverage provided by the “El Campo Leader-News”

MINUTES: Call for corrections – motion for acceptance by Michael Bailey, with second by Ray Beall. Motion approved.

SAR TREASURER’S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND

<i>Beginning Balance</i>	
04/30/2017	\$4,977.63
Deposits Dues	\$9.50
Interest Earned	\$4.99
TOTAL INCOME	\$14.49
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Stamps, Printing Supplies	\$108.64
Medals & Certificates	\$290.00
Guest Meals	\$20.29

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$418.49

GENERAL FUND	
09/30/2017	\$3,673.19
MCALEXANDER FUND¹	\$900.00
ENDING BALANCE	
09/30/2017	\$4,573.19



AWARDS PRESENTATION:

- 30-Year Membership Certificate: Doctor Tillman Daniel
- 15-Year Membership Certificate:

¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

- Darrell Schwebel – not present.
- 5-Year Membership Certificate:
Ty Pustejovsky -- not present.
Seth Pustejovsky – not present

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Registrar Bill Sanders -- Registrar


- Applications approved: six, with scheduled induction for November 11, 2017
- Applications awaiting National approval: four (4)
- Applications actively working: 27

Carl Wiggins – Webmaster

Present Status: Fully functionally. Great job Carl!

Events Page: 2017 – 2018 events added

Gallery Page: The 2017 gallery was updated to include most recent events.

Social Media: Connections to social media forums have  not been added.

Members Private Site: on Home Page – Many Compatriots biographies and those of their Patriots need to be added. Please, complete yours and send to Carl at the email address below.

Review: All members are encouraged to visit the website, review content and wording, and offer comments including suggestions for improvements, deletions, additions and corrections. Send comments to: Carl Wiggins, cmwiggins1@comcast.net or call 281-996-7976.

Rodney Weems – Education/Community Outreach-- with six young compatriots present, took the opportunity to advise on upcoming Education Contests. Encouraged their participation, and referred them to our web site for more information.

Reported on presentation of the “Law Enforcement Medal Certificate” by



Compatriot Ray Beall, during the Matagorda “100 Club” annual awards dinner (August 13, 2017) to 6 Outstanding officers. Detention Officer, Adam Vela Matagorda Deputy, Chris Holiday Bay City P.D. Sgt., Kenneth Monroe Bay City P.D. Officer, Dan Shook Texas DPS Corporal, Marc Kanz Palacios P.D. Officer, Jose Diaz

Fall Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting in Galveston, Russell Dart, representing the Chapter reported that the meeting was well attended with many good seminars. The lunch buffet included the Joseph M. Rumbaugh Historical Oration State Contest, with six entrants. Chase Cartwright won and will represent Texas at the National contest.



In addition to Russell, Rodney Weems and Frank Seidule were also in attendance. As part of the TXSSAR program, two raffles were conducted. Rodney was the lucky winner of an American Revolution Replica Sword which was presented to him by Russell. Rodney in turned gifted the sword to the Chapter, to be displayed at Chapter meetings. The gift was accepted by President Win Avera.

NEW BUSINESS: Avera told the attendees that Registrar Bill Sanders would like to have someone to assist him in qualifying new members as an Assistant Registrar. Carl Wiggins volunteered to fill this new position.

PROGRAM: The small things of WWI, presented by Compatriot Michael Bailey, Curator, Brazoria County Museum, using replica items as part of his presentation. These items on display, were inspected and approved by Compatriot Caleb Smith.

Do you want a do-nut? That was the lead question. But, why the question? The answer leads to an appreciation of the involvement of the Salvation Army, and its female volunteers in WWI. Did you know that 50 ladies of the Salvation Army died while providing do-nuts to the troops in the trenches? I didn't, but I do now. With a pot of boiling grease and some dough, they brought comfort to the troops, and yes, 50 of those brave women gave their lives in support of our troops!



Prior to WWI, our troops did not have protective helmets to protect against bullets and shrapnel. By the end of the war, two different helmets would be adopted for use. Those soldiers (predominantly Anglo-Saxon) fighting alongside the English adopted the English style and those troops (predominantly African American) fighting alongside the French adopted the French helmet.

WWI was a different type of warfare from previous ones and soldiers and commanders made adjustments accordingly.

Rifles were able to fire more rapidly and thus ammo belts were developed to allow soldiers to carry more ammunition.

Trench warfare was still the tactical option, but the newer weapons meant that the soldier had to be more careful so as not to expose himself to deadly fire. They



improvised periscopes and to check for danger before raising their head. A lot of fighting was still hand-to-hand, resulting in the use of old weapons such as clubs which could be as simple as a shovel (issued to each soldier) or a handmade weapon, to redesigned knives/bayonets.

With the introduction of chemical warfare by the enemy, countermeasures were needed so gas masks were introduced. Some of the masks included charcoal as part of the filtration system, and thus the Country became committed to saving peach pits (collection containers at every store in the U.S.) as they were the ideal material for making charcoal. While the mask itself was a countermeasure, it was ineffective if the soldier had a beard, so the necessity of a "clean shaven" soldier became the norm, ultimately becoming the standard for future soldiers.

When the war was won, the soldiers had new ideas on how best to distinguish themselves as combat veterans. Although not immediately approved, their improvised patches and markings were slowly implemented and thus we see affiliations and accomplishments proudly displayed on

today's dedicated warriors and defenders of our freedoms.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winston Avera, Ray Beall, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Russell Dart, Arthur Evans, Carl Wiggins, Kenneth Blount, Caleb Smith, Cody Wright, Nelson Leopold, Chuck Bernard, Tillman Daniel, Brian Wubbena, Jack Newman, Brad Remmers, Jackson Remmers, Carson Remmers, and Ryan Tomberlin.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Connie Avera, Pat Sanders, Julie Bailey, Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Freda Daniel, Janette Blount, Caroline Wiggins, Tom Wiggins, Charlotte and David Stroud, and Heather, James, Caitlin Tomberlin.

NEXT SAR MEETING:

The next meeting will be on November 11, 2017 at Fat Grass Restaurant, 1717 7th Street, Bay City, Texas.

SAR Recessional was led by Ray Beall. Motion for Adjournment made by Ray Beall and seconded by Carl Wiggins. Motion approved. The Benediction was given by Michael Bailey.

Winston Avera, President

Rodney Weems, Secretary
Cradle of Texas, Chapter 33, SAR

Remember Veterans Day



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*"Joe, yestiddy ya saved my life an' I swore I'd pay ya back.
Here's my last pair of dry socks."*

INDUCTION CEREMONY – Bill Sanders, Registrar



Six New Members with Registrar Bill Sanders



Carl Marvin Wiggins III,
Rosette pinned by wife,
Caroline Wiggins



Jack Randolph Newman, Sr.,
Rosette pinned by friend,
Caroline Wiggins



Bradley Aaron Remmers,
Rosette pinned by wife, Sandra
Remmers



Ryan Robert Tomberlin, Rosette
pinned by mother, Heather
Tomberlin



Jackson Alexander Remmers,
Rosette pinned by grandmother,
Charlotte Stroud



Carson Bradley Remmers,
Rosette pinned by grandmother,
Charlotte Stroud

Ray Beall presented a Texas State Society SAR “Challenge Coin” to each new adult member.

2017 – 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 10, 2017	Meet Your Ancestors	5:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M., Old Columbia Cemetery, 16 th and Jackson Street, West Columbia 979-345-6125
Nov 11, 2017	Veterans Day Parade	Brazoria County, City of Danbury, Texas 11:00 A.M. start time.
Jan 6, 2018	Stephen F. Austin Funeral Reenactment	9:00 A.M., First Capitol Republic Replica, 512 E. Brazos Ave, West Columbia. Call James 979-248-5961
Jan 20, 2018	Dunes Day	City of Surfside, Texas. Volunteer to help maintain the sand dunes. Bring your old Christmas tree.
Jan 2018	Mirabeau B. Lamar Day Celebration	Historic Morton Cemetery, 900 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas.

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 11 November, 2017
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<https://www.thefatgrass.com>

