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Sons of the American Revolution
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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

January

Next Meeting
13 January, 2018
11:30 am
Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant,
211 West Elm Street
Wharton, TX 77488

Program
Office Installation By
Texas Sons
of the
American Revolution
District 7 Vice-president
Ron Brown

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
December 9, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution met December 9, 2017 at the River Pointe Restaurant, Lake Jackson, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M. Chaplain Michael Bailey gave the invocation and blessing for the meal, and Vice President Ray Beall led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Tom Taroni and other guests were acknowledged and thanked for their participation.

REPORT ON COMPATRIOTS: Compatriot Frank Seidule has been feeling under the

weather, and his father, Compatriot Arnold Seidule recently moved to a townhome.

MINUTES: President Avera called for approval of the November 2017 minutes. Tillman Daniel moved to approve the minutes as presented and Nelson Leopold seconded the motion. Motion approved.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PATRIOT -

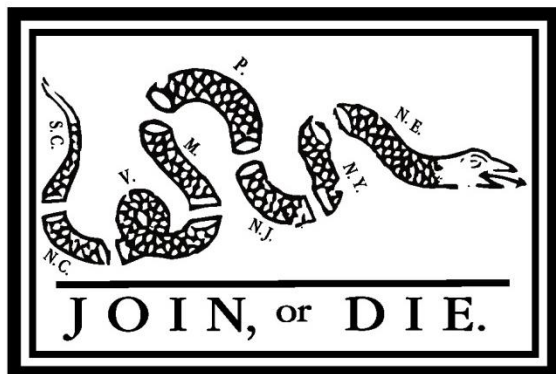


Compatriot Michael Bailey told about his "Patriot Ancestor" Jonathan Pitts. Patriot Pitts was born April 12, 1756 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He entered service as a volunteer October 22, 1779 under the command of Colonel Davidson. He participated in several engagements, with multiple command changes. During one engagement, Rugeley's Mills, about July 15, 1779 he was wounded, but remained with his command. He was discharged October 23, 1780 on command of a Captain Black. Approximately two (2) weeks later (now) General Davidson prevailed upon him to again volunteer. On November 30, 1780 he volunteered for a period of 18 months and became known as one of the "Eighteen Months Men". He actively participated in

the fight at Eutaw Springs, later being discharged around the time of Christmas 1781. In April 1782, he volunteered to help fight against Indians and was captured at

Fort Ashton and was held in captivity at Rintopo about 40 miles from Detroit until he escaped in June 1863. In later life, Patriot Pitts lived in Kentucky from whence Compatriot Bailey hails.

Michael holds a B.A. in Anthropology and a B.A. in History from Indiana State University, a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies from George Washington University, and attended the Preservation Management Institute, Graduate Studies at Rutgers University. He currently serves as Curator for Brazoria County Museum. In addition to his affiliation with SAR, Michael is actively involved in several historical societies. These include the Laffite Society which focuses on brothers Jean and Pierre Laffite and their impact on the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast in the early 1800s. Michael's career includes positions with Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana including the Archaeology Laboratory and the Rare Books and Special Collection at the Cunningham Memorial Library. Also, in Terre Haute he worked with the Eugene V. Debs Museum. While at the City Library of Pembina, North Dakota (2 miles from the Canadian border) he served as mayor of Saint Vincent, Minnesota, where he lived... Currently, he is a member of the Texas Army and Navy and holds the Texas Navy rank of Admiral.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR November, 2017:

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	
10/31/2017	\$3,516.67
Deposits - Interest Earned	0.95
Expenditures	0.00

GENERAL FUND

11/30/2017	\$3,517.62
MCALEXANDER FUND ¹	\$900.00
ENDING BALANCE	
11/30/2017	\$4,417.62

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

- 15-year Membership Certificate - James Seidule (not present to receive).
- 5-year Membership Certificate - Christopher Wendel (not present to receive)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Registrar Bill Sanders - Registrar

- Applications Approved - 1
- Applications waiting National approval - 3
- Applications actively working - 29
- Presented Certificates of Recognition (Dec 6, 2017) for Earning the Genealogy Merit Badge in to:
Blake Beeson Matthew Lewis
Steven Appling

Carl Wiggins - Webmaster

- Carl gave a quick overview of the website and again asked Compatriots to send a short biography to him that includes information on their "Ancestor Patriot".

Education/Community Outreach Chair -- Rodney Weems. Advised on upcoming submission dates for various contests. Additionally, reminded Compatriots that it's

¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guards

time to complete the annual Chapter reports and asked that if they had information pertaining to "SAR" activities this past year to send it to him for inclusion in the reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

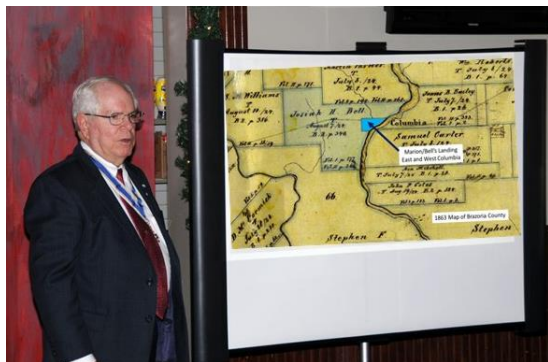
The Officer Nominating Committee provided its slate of recommendation for Officer positions for Calendar Year 2018 as follows:

President - Ray Beall
 Vice President - Rodney Weems
 Secretary - Winston Avera
 Treasurer - Nelson Leopold, III
 Registrar - Bill Sanders
 Chaplain - Michael Bailey

NEW BUSINESS:

Education/Outreach Chairman & Secretary Rodney Weems made a motion to increase the annual Chapter dues by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2019. The approval/disapproval by the membership will be determined by the votes casts by special notification and returned by January 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ray Beall. Motion was approved.

Asa Underwood DAR will be holding its "George Washington Tea" February 11, 2018 at 2:00 P.M., Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Columbia. They have invited our Chapter to provide a Color Guard for Posting of the Colors. Russell Dart and Michael Bailey volunteered for this activity.



PROGRAM: Win Avera - *Stephen F. Austin's Texian Pioneers in Old Columbia Cemetery.*

The cemetery has a long and rich history with many early Texas notables interred. Josiah Hughes Bell's family donated two (2) acres in West Columbia for the cemetery to the Presbyterian Church in 1852. This was part of his land grant from the Mexican Government. The church later donated the property to the Columbia Cemetery Association in 1933. In 2011, the Texas Historical Commission designated it a Texas Historical Cemetery.

Josiah Bell was Stephen Austin's friend and in charge of the colony while Austin was in Mexico. He held several positions in the colony, the most important was granting of land to Austin's Old 300 colonist. In 1936, the Texas Independence Centennial Committee placed 1,100 monuments in recognition of significant locations and people to the founding of Texas. Of these special monuments, three are in the cemetery. One is for Thaddus Constantine Bell, first Anglo male born in Austin's colony; John S.D. Byrom a signer of Texas Declaration of Independence; and Nathaniel C. Hazen who survived the Goliad Massacre and fought at San Jacinto. Other persons with historical markers include Josiah Bell, Samuel Tubbs Angiers, M.D, David McCormick, Byrd Lockhart, Henry Stevenson Brown, Ammon Underwood, and George Rounds. Rounds died without heirs and left his entire estate "For the purpose of educating the poor and orphans of the community". Four other significant Texans interred at Columbia include John Adriance, who as a legislator influenced the founding of Texas A & M, Prairie View University and the University of Texas; Rev Issac Strickland who on direction from the Tennessee Methodist Conference established churches in both Montgomery and Columbia; James (Jimmy) R. Wedell, who learned to fly at age 13,

trained pilots in WWI, and was the first person to fly in excess of 300 MPH; and Technical Sergeant Herman Mehner Paul, Jr., recipient of the "Silver Star" for gallantry in battle in the skies over Tsuiki, Kyushu, Japan, on June 26, 1945.

The presentation can be found at www.cradletxsar.org >About Us >Speakers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winston Avera, Ray Beall, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Carl Wiggins, Jack Newman, Nelson Leopold, Tillman Daniel, M.D., Kenneth Blount, Michael Bailey, Arthur Evans and Chuck Bernard.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Connie Avera, Pat Sanders, Freda Daniel, Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Tom Taroni, and Julie Bailey.

NEXT SAR MEETING:

The next SAR will be on January 13, 2018. Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant, Wharton, TX.

SAR Recessional was led by Ray Beall.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT by Nelson Leopold, second by Ray Beall. Motion approved.

BENEDICTION by Chaplain Michael Bailey.

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2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 12 - 14,
2018 | Texas Reenactors Winter Gathering | Gun Smoke Cowboy Action Shooting Range, Columbus, Texas
Jerry Tubbs 713-973-1136
coloneltubbs@yahoo.com |
| 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 13, 2018 | Installation of 2018 Officers | |
| Jan 13, 2018 | Texas Reenactors Winter Gathering | Gun Smoke Shooting Range just outside of Columbus, Texas. |
| Jan 20, 2018 | Dunes Day | City of Surfside, Texas. Volunteer to help maintain the sand dunes. Bring your old Christmas tree. |
| Jan 26, 2018 | Mirabeau B. Lamar Day Celebration | Historic Morton Cemetery, 900 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas. |
| Feb 10, 2018 | Chapter Meeting 11:30 a. m. | Fat Grass Restaurant
1717 7th St, Bay City, TX |
| Feb 11, 2018 | George Washington Tea, 2:00 p.m. | DAR Asa Underwood Chapter
Presbyterian Church, East Columbia |
| Feb 17, 2018 | George Washington Parade - Watchers | Laredo - Be in your place by 6:30 a.m.
Parade Participants Contact Tom Green for Assembly Location |
| March 2, 2018 | Texas Independence Day | Stephen F. Austin-Munson
Historical County Park |



This Month During the American Revolution
January 3, 1777

During the early morning hours of this day, Washington and his troops attacked the British rear guard at Princeton. Forty patriots and 275 British soldiers were killed during the battle. The Battle of Princeton was vital to boosting Washington's prestige and American morale.

National Parks Service

https://www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1777_main.html



The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777, with Captain William Leslie, by John Trumbull - Yale University Art Gallery.