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# January 2013

## JANUARY MEETING

January 19, 2013 11:00 A.M.

Texas Land & Cattle Co.

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Austin, TX 78723

512-451-6555

Guest Speaker: Marvin Morgan, current  
Patrick Henry Chapter President-Elect

Topic: Uniforms and Equipment of the  
Continental Soldiers



David Allan Smith  
Chapter Historian

## December Meeting

### SPEAKER

“A lively comely young nymph . . . dressed in man’s apparel has been discovered.”

With that intriguing quotation from a story in the January 10, 1784 edition of the *New York Gazette*, our December speaker began his presentation entitled “Women Soldiers in the American Revolution.” The speaker was me, and what follows is a brief, and hopefully unbiased glimpse at that talk.

Appearing not long after the signing of the peace treaty with Britain, and only a few weeks after the Continental Army had been disbanded at West Point, the quoted story concerned one particular “woman soldier,” Deborah Sampson, the centerpiece of the presentation. Sampson had disguised herself as a man, enlisted in the Continental Army, and served with distinction for almost a year and a half. On July 3, 1782 she was wounded in battle, shot twice by musket balls in her leg, and receiving a sword gash to her head. Sampson was certainly not the only woman to bear arms or enlist in disguise in the Revolution, but she was the best documented. After the War she became one of the first female public lecturers. She would begin her lecture dressed as a woman, changing later into her uniform and performing the manual of arms with expert precision.



*New member Gary E. Wood being sworn in by Henry Shoenfelt, immediate past president*

## NEW MEMBERS

Only one new member was inducted at the December meeting, Mr. Gary E. Wood of Lakeway. After Henry Shoenfelt administered the oath, Mr. Wood shared what information he said he had about his patriot ancestor, Bernard Franklin, namely, that Franklin had provided supplies for the revolutionary cause in North Carolina.

Further research reveals that Bernard Franklin was born in 1731 in Virginia, and moved to North Carolina around 1778, settling in a valley near the head waters of Mitchell’s River, in Surry County. One published history says that this homestead of the family “became well known as a center of patriotism and honor, culture and refinement.”

Bernard’s son Jesse served first as a lieutenant in Washington’s army, and then later achieved the rank of Major. During Jesse’s service he was captured by Tories, but escaped, and fought at the battles of King’s Mountain and Guilford Courthouse. He later became a U. S. Senator from, and then governor of, North Carolina.

## BUSINESS

The main item of business at the December meeting was the election and swearing-in of our Chapter officers. We were honored by the presence of Ron Walcik, TSSAR District 4 Vice President (our District), who conducted the induction.

Our officers for this year are: President, Jim Nelson; President-Elect, Marvin Morgan; Secretary, Dan Remick; Treasurer, Tom Ridpath; Registrar/Genealogist, Dan Stauffer; Historian, David Allan Smith; Sergeants-at-Arms (co-officers), Christian Nelson and Jeff Wise; and Chaplain, Jim Horton. You can find their contact information on the newsletter masthead.

Two of last year’s officers “stepped down,” at least for now: Henry Shoenfelt, our immediate past president, and Wayne Courreges, who served as Chaplain. Many thanks to you both for your service, and enjoy the well-earned time off.

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If anyone has knowledge of where the Chapter podium, magnetic signs and Plaque with past President's names, are, please let us know.

**CHAPTER MEETINGS:**  
Third Saturday Monthly  
11:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M.  
Texas Land & Cattle Co.  
6007 N. IH 35 at Hwy. 290 E

**SPOUSES, FAMILY, GUESTS,  
VISITORS WELCOME**



## Color Guard Corner

### *Color Guard News*

**We are looking for new members for the Color Guard. It's a great way to show your patriotism and promote the Chapter and Society, and it's a lot of fun.**



**Jim Collins, Harlan Green, Marvin Morgan**

**If you're interested in participating in the Color Guard, or if you just want to learn more about the whole thing, contact Jim Nelson, Chapter President, or Marvin Morgan President-Elect and current Color Guard Commander.**

### *Genealogist News*

**Registrar/Genealogist Dan Stauffer has been busy at work, with approval of new applications, new member inductions, and approval of supplemental applications. Watch for next month's newsletter for updates.**