



## General Philemon Thomas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

### *Red Stick Patriot*

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*2014-2015 Louisiana State Officers, Sons of the American Revolution, elected and installed at the Annual Convention in West Monroe – left to right: State President, Bob Hess; State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Fr. Ken Domingue; Asst State Secretary, Bo Vets; Director, John Francois; State Secretary, Jerry Haynes; **State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, John McKay; State Registrar, Cliff Normand; State Surgeon, Dr. David Marais; State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sandy McNeely; State Treasurer, Ted Grant; State Chaplain, John Johnson.***

#### **RESERVATION NUMBER**

The next regular meeting of the GPT SAR Chapter will be at 12:00 noon, JUNE 5, 2014 at the Baton Rouge Country Club.

Call 225-292-5549 between 8:00 a.m. Friday and 10:00 p.m. Monday the weekend before the meeting to make your reservation.

Please give your name and the names of your guests.

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## UPCOMING GPT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

June 5 – Chapter Meeting, Noon, Baton Rouge Country Club

***Luncheon cost \$23 per person*** (Ms. Yvonne Lewis Day, Speaker)

June 19 – Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Drusilla Seafood Restaurant

July – NO CHAPTER MEETING IN JULY

July 17 – Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Drusilla Seafood Restaurant

August 7 – Chapter Meeting, Noon, Baton Rouge Country Club

August 21 – Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Drusilla Seafood Restaurant

September 4 – Chapter Meeting, Noon, Baton Rouge Country Club

September 13 – LA SAR Chapter Meeting – Lake Charles

September 18 – Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Drusilla Seafood Restaurant

September 19 – Constitution Week Banquet, Baton Rouge Country Club



Compatriot Greg Lindsly receives his Supplemental Ancestor Certificate recognizing Patriot Josiah Gayle, Sr., of South Carolina – pictured with Greg is wife Gayle and President Cliff Normand



May Meeting Speaker -  
Mr Matthew Reonas who spoke on the Civil War Battles in Baton Rouge in 1862

## COMPATRIOTS' JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Josh F McKay – June 6

W J Brignac – June 14

Arthur Lamm – June 18

Cliff Normand – June 23

Scott Broderick – June 24

Charles Coates – June 26

Darrell McClung – June 29

Louis Doherty – June 30

Joseph Noble – June 30



*IN MEMORY*

**ORY PORET**



Awards Chairman Darrell McClung presented the SAR JROTC Medal to NJROTC Cadet Derek Heath at West Feliciana High School awards ceremony.

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STATE SAR CONVENTION DELEGATES AND DAR MEMBERS GATHER ON THE BANKS OF BAYOU DESIARD  
IN MONROE AT THE GRAVE OF PATRIOT BENJAMIN TENILLE, MONROE CHAPTER'S NAMESAKE



## BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

On June 16, 1775, having learned that the British were planning to send troops from Boston to occupy the hills surrounding the city, some 1,000 colonial militiamen under Colonel William Prescott (1726-95) built earthen fortifications on top of Breed's Hill, overlooking Boston and located on the Charlestown Peninsula. (The men originally had been ordered to construct their fortifications atop Bunker Hill but instead chose the smaller Breed's Hill, closer to Boston.)

**Battle of Bunker Hill:** On June 17, some 2,200 British forces under the command of Major General William Howe (1729-1814) and Brigadier General Robert Pigot (1720-96) landed on the Charlestown Peninsula then marched to Breed's Hill. As the British advanced in columns against the Americans, Prescott, in an effort to conserve the Americans' limited supply of ammunition, reportedly told his men, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" When the Redcoats were within several dozen yards, the Americans let loose with a lethal barrage of musket fire, throwing the British into retreat.

After re-forming their lines, the British attacked again, with much the same result. Prescott's men were now low on ammunition, though, and when the Redcoats went up the hill for a third time, they reached the redoubts and engaged the Americans in hand-to-hand combat. The outnumbered Americans were forced to retreat. However, by the end of the engagement, the Patriots' gunfire had cut down some 1,000 enemy troops, with more than 200 killed and more than 800 wounded. More than 100 Americans perished, while more than 300 others were wounded.

In 1843, a 221-foot-tall granite obelisk was erected as a monument to the Battle of Bunker Hill. The monument is located on Breed's Hill, where most of the fighting took place – the true beginning of the American Revolution.



President Cliff Normand hosted Past SAR State President Bill Allerton at GPT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Proposed for Provisional Membership –  
Former Governor Edwin Washington Edwards

**EFFECTIVE JUNE MEETING**  
Luncheon cost - \$23 per person  
at the Baton Rouge Country Club

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