



## National Society Descendants of American Farmers

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**John Beard**  
**Councilor National**

**Personal:** My interest in family history started years ago under the tutelage of my father who had a Masters in Louisiana History. The desire to have a factual family history that I can pass along to my children and grandchildren has kept me going in researching our family, it's amazing what you can learn today with the resources that are available.

I spent most of my career in the practice of Internal Auditing. I have been the Chief Financial Officer and Board member of a publicly traded oil field services firm. The last fifteen years I spent setting up or re-directing Internal Audit departments for private equity portfolio companies.

**Memberships:** · Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (1974) · Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (1992) · Institute of Internal Auditors Awards and Certifications · Past President of the Houston Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (1984) · Chairman of the Regional Conference Sub-Committee IIA · Licensed Private Investigator - Texas · Center for Internal Auditing at Louisiana State University o Board member since 1984 o Center named a scholarship after me, CIA Professionalism award

**Education:** Year 1972 Institution – Louisiana State University Baton Rouge Degree – BS Accounting

**Biography:** A proven senior executive, Mr. Beard has over 40 years of experience working for international companies in diverse industries, such as Nabors Industries, Ltd., Pride International, Inc. Enron, Deloitte & Touche, and Western Atlas. He is well known for his vision and leadership in global operations, finance, and business development. Mr. Beard is skilled in startups, mergers, acquisitions, and turnaround management. Mr. Beard started the Internal Audit function for Nabors Industries, Ltd., a large international drilling contractor, Frontier Drilling (now part of Noble Drilling) Geokinetics Inc. (geophysical company) and Valerus (Axip) (a compression/production equipment manufacturer, seller and servicer). As Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dailey International, Inc., Mr. Beard led the organization through a successful reorganization and negotiated a \$200 million sale of the company to Weatherford International on highly favorable terms for shareholders and bondholders. Previously, while working with Deloitte & Touche, he played a key role in expanding the enterprise risk services practice of this Big 4 Consulting Firm by building the client base and recruiting top talent to the organization. Mr. Beard has a demonstrated track record of creating performance driven cultures and improving the bottom line through motivational leadership, organizational development, growth strategies, and operational streamlining.

**Interests /Hobbies/Memberships/Positions/Awards:**

Genealogy Research and Lineage Societies National Society Descendants of American Farmers National Society Sons of the American Revolution General Society of the War of 1812 Military Order of the Stars and Bars Sons of Confederate Veterans Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution President 2017-2018 Piney Woods Chapter Texas SAR past President, Treasurer, and Secretary Chairman of the Internal Audit Committee NSSAR Golf and Cooking.