

The Hightower Recorder

President's Notes

Congress is working to revise our tax laws, which has been a government issue even before we became an independent country. When England established colonies in the

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#56 Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

#63 A man ought not to value himself of his achievements or rare qualities of wit, much less of his riches, virtue or kindness.

Poor Richard's Almanac

22 A lie stands on one leg, the truth on two.

53 A plowman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees.

In Dec.

In Dec. we hosted Carl "Sandy" Clauss, who spoke about December in the Revolution and finished the year by honoring our Public Service Hero with an award.



New World, she charted those colonies to self-govern. They were to create their own government and laws, then raise their own funds to support that system. It worked well until the French decided to surround those colonies with forts down the Mississippi from Canada to New Orleans. The Colonial Militia was not strong enough to remove the French so Britain sent troops to protect their interests in the Americas. When Parliament realized that this effort created an enormous debt they devised a plan to recuperate their losses via the Stamp Act of Mar 1765. All printing and paper materials were to be taxed. The colonists put their foot down because it was "Taxation without Representation". Britain eventually repealed this tax but tried modified versions of taxation, which resulted in the Tea Act of 1773. Although it was a cheaper tea, it was still an unauthorized tax. Three shiploads of that taxed tea arrived in Boston in December of that year. The towns people refused to allow it to be unloaded. The governor would not allow the ships to leave the harbor with the tea on



We Need You!

Uncle SAR needs you! It's time to step forward. In the last few months we have lost:

- Our Newsletter Editor
- The Essay Chairman
- The Publicity Chairman

The Chapter President is covering these positions temporarily in addition to his responsibility as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. In short, we need you to come along side and take up the slack. Stand proud that you stepped up to serve your chapter in a time of need. Tom Jones stepped forward to fill the ROTC slot and Kris Krueger the Boy Scout position. Thank you!

We also need your help to enhance this newsletter. If you have an article or an item of interest to the chapter, send it to the chapter president or the newsletter editor, when we have one. We are attempting to redesign our newsletter. Our goal is to make it interesting and keep you informed.

In order for a team to function, as such, each member must be part of the motion.

board so on the evening of 16 Dec 1773 a group of “indigenous folks” dumped the tea in the harbor, thus creating the Boston Tea Party.

Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the Wreaths Across America Organization's www.wreathscrossamerica.org



mission to *Remember, Honor and Teach* is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. The William Hightower Chapter, TX SAR, and the Tex Hill Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in San Marcos in coordination with Jude Prather, Veterans Services Officer of the Hays County Veterans Service Office present a wreath at the Hays County Veterans Memorial on Hopkins St. in San Marcos to support and commemorate that event. In Addition, The William Hightower Chapter in conjunction with the Peter Ackers chapter of the CAR join together with other local organizations to place wreaths on Veterans graves at the Comal County Cemetery. This year the Comal Cemetery wreath laying event was moved up two hours which conflicts with our San Marcos event.

Dickens on the Strand

Each year on the first weekend in December, the Galveston Historical Foundation stages a Victorian festival bringing a Victorian London tradition to the Gulf Coast Town. Generally it's the parade participants that are dressed up but, in this event, most of the spectators are also because after the last parade unit passes, the people gather in the streets for a party. The Bernado de Galvez Chapter sponsors a unit each year and invite SAR color guard members from all over the state to participate. This year, Stu Hoyt and Tom Jones joined Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry chapter for the event. We arrived early and were invited to partake of the chapter's luncheon and officer installation ceremony. It was a long but enjoyable day.



A coral group formed up behind us were in Victorian period costume. SAR Color Guard from left to right (top right) are: Stu Hoyt, South Region Color Guard Commander (William Hightower Chapter), Tom Jackson, TX Pres. Elect, Gene Shaner, Larry Tidwell, and Sam Massey, Jr (all of the Bernado de Galvez Chapter), Jim Clements (Patrick Henry Chapter), John Loper (Bernado de Galvez) and Tom Jones (William Hightower Chapter), the ladies in the carriage are Catherine Massey and Sue Lenes and the driver. The event was "Dickens on the Strand", in Galveston, 2 Dec 2017. The Bernado De Galvez Chapter sponsored the event and hired the carriages to transport the ladies. Since there were two Carriages the Color Guard moved to the second carriage for another picture before the parade started. Barely seen in the carriage are Donna Rosenberg and Bill Whatley of the Bernado de Galvez Chapter.



Flag Presentation at the Smithson Valley Navy JROTC



Tom Jones took over the ROTC Program and finished the year by honoring the Smithson Valley Navy JROTC Ranger Battalion, crowned the Best in the Nation, with a Flag Certificate on 12 Dec 2017. Left to right: Mike Pryor, Cadet LT Seth Davidson, Cadet LCDR Alyssa Thomas, Cadet CDR Logan Marraro, Rear Admiral Upper Half (Ret) Robert Weidman, Tom Jones, Don Chndler, Cadet Master Chief Petty Officer Lynnea Seiler and Cadet Lieutenant Lachlan Shipp.

Wreaths Across America



Photos left to right are: San Marcos Civil Air Patrol Cadet Col. Jackson Baker, son of chapter member Chris Baker and Mike Pryor present a wreath at the Hays County Veterans Memorial, in San Marcos, in support of Wreaths Across America on 16 Dec 2017. Center: The Hays County Veterans Memorial on Hopkins St in San Marcos with the wreath for Wreaths Across America. Right: Mike Pryor and Cadet Col Baker salute the Fallen Veterans of Hays County listed on the plaque behind them. The goal is to present the wreath and read aloud the names of the Fallen Veterans list.

Presentations at the December Chapter Meeting



We finished off the year with some awards for veterans. In the top left photo member Tom Browne is awarded the War Service Medal and Certificate with Vietnam Bar and the Military Service Medal. In the top right photo: Tom Browne and speaker Sandy Clauss are awarded the Vietnam Era Pin and Certificate of Appreciation for their service during that conflict. Lower Left, Sandy Clauss is awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his service as a former History teacher and a Historian who gives talks to groups around the country on the Founding Fathers. On that evening, he enlightened the members present with a talk on a typical December during the American Revolution.



Public Service Heroism Award

Each year, in cooperation with our local Public Service organizations, the William Hightower Chapter has awarded the four Public Service awards for Outstanding Fireman, Outstanding Law Enforcement, Outstanding EMT, and Heroism (an award for an heroic act in the line of duty). Each year, the National Committee has attempted to separate the term Heroism from a Life Saving act. A life saving act could be one of performing a technical procedure which did not place the life of the responder in danger. Heroism would include endangering the life of the responder to save the victim. So in 2017, the National SAR Committee for Public Service Awards added a separate Life Saving Medal and Certificate to be awarded for saving a life in a non-threatening situation. Our Chapter had the honor of awarding that first Life Saving Medal in our November meeting, along with the Fire, Law Enforcement and EMT awards.

At the TX Society Spring Conference, each year, the state awards a streamer for the first time and white stars for follow-on awards to each chapter that present all four Public Service awards the previous year. These awards are issued by the National Society. Thanks to the unselfish efforts of our Public Service Committee Chairman, Lou Colantoni, we have been able to award the four Public Service Medals ever since I have been a member of this chapter. He has been diligent in keeping in contact with the heads of each of public service department in the five counties that we service.

This year, Lou could not obtain a recipient for the Heroism Award by the time of our Nov meeting. I sent a message to the State and National Committee Chairman asking for a ruling on whether the streamer/star was valid for four or five awards, since this was the first year of the new Life Saving award. The National Chairman stated that it was not considered but would be reviewed. In the meantime, I asked Lou to keep searching. In Dec. we awarded James Jenkins of the Comal County Sheriff's Office the Heroism Award for a courageous act in the line of duty. Below Pres. Hoyt presents the Heroism Award and Certificate to Deputy James Jenkins. Lou Colantoni read the citation.



List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

Clothing

C & D Jarnagin	http://www.jarnaginfo.com/
G. Gedney Godwin	http://gggodwin.com/
James Townsend	http://jas-townsend.com/ or www.townsend.us
Smoke & Fire	http://www.smoke-fire.com/Default.htm
Smiling Fox Forge	http://www.smilingfoxforge.com/index.asp
American Heritage Clothing	http://www.colonialuniforms.com/
Quartermaster General	http://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/
Village Green Clothier	http://villagegreenclothier.com/welcome.html
Cooperstown Trading Post	http://cooperstowntradingpost.com/
Thread Bare Stitchery	http://threadbarestitchery.com/
Crazy Cow Trading Co.	http://www.crazycrow.com/onlinestore
Avalon Forge	http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html
C&C Sutlery	http://www.ccsutlery.com/store/ccsutlery.html
Mill Creek Mercantile	http://www.milkcreek.com/shop/
Colonial Williamsburg	https://www.williamsburgmarketplace.com/

Patterns

Harper House	http://www.longago.com/
J. P. Ryan	http://jpryan.com/
Rocking Horse Farm	http://rockinghorse-farm.com/?mainURL=/store/category/&n20/Colonial.html
Old Time Patterns	http://www.oldtimepatterns.com/PP041.html
Burnley & Trowbridge	http://www.burnleyandtrowbridge.com/index.aspx

Fabric

Carolina Calicoes	http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/
Trim Fabric	http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html
Wm. Booth Draper	http://www.wmboothdraper.com/

Fur Hat

F & T Fur Trading Post	http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62
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Buttons and other things

Roy and Debra Najecki	http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html
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Weapons

Veteran Arms	http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html
Middlesex Village Trading	http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/
Guns and Swords	http://www.gunsandswords.com/
The Possible Shop	http://possibleshop.com/rifle-kit.html
Cash Manufacturing Co.	http://www.tdemfg.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm

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