



Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 8 Mar 2018

President: Stuart G. Hoyt

Vice President: Steven R. Polk, LG

Secretary: Ed Blauvelt

Treasurer: Stan Trull

Registrar: Michael Pryor

Chaplain: Jerry M. Bullock

Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Thursday, 8 Mar 2018, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

As we look back on Feb. which honored George Washington's Birthday and forward into March, I'd like to emphasize a few of Washington's little known firsts. Concerned with military intelligence and what the enemy could and should know, Washington established a filter of information to the press. Through his chosen staff, he released good and misleading information to the papers, which he knew the enemy would read. On Mar 11, 1776, he issued a general order to create his own bodyguard or Life Guard unit not to protect his life but to keep him from being kidnapped. It worked both ways. During his tenure as commander-in chief he hatched plans to capture British Generals including Benedict Arnold. They were to be good men, of sobriety, honesty, and good behavior, neat and clean, chosen four from each rifle regiment. They were to be between 5' 8" and 5' 10", later reduced to 5' 9" to 5' 10". They were to be native born and would be decked in blue and buff uniforms with round hats sprouting blue and white feathers and ornamented in bearskin straps. Washington was meticulous about their appearance and behavior. Their mission would be to guard his person, his baggage, and all his military and personal papers. The average size of this unit was 180 men although it swelled to 250 in 1779-80 when they were camped close to the British in Morristown, NJ.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Don Chandler
- III. Pledges to the Flags
 - a. U.S. Flag
 - b. Texas Flag
 - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
 - a. Special Guests: Essay Contest winner, Eagle Scout award winner
 - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Essay Contest - Sean Patrick Feigl- Joe Cox.
- VI. Eagle Scout Award - Frank Suhr, IV. – Dr. Hollis
- VII. Induction of new member – Young
- VIII. SAR Chapter Awards – Pres. Hoyt
- IX. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Feb 2018 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Mar
 - c. Approval of the 2018 Budget
 - d. Historian: history update
 - e. Registrar's Report
 - f. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
 - g. Nominations Committee: election of Officer for 2018/9
- X. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - i. March – planning sessions for hosting Fall BOM.
 - ii. April – TX SAR Conference in Richardson 5-8 Apr.
 - iii. April – Folkfest, and ROTC Awards
 - iv. Mar Scholarship Contest and ROTC Awards
 - v. Continental Uniform size 44 and size 50 available.
- XI. We need committee members for the Fall 2018 BOM in NB.
- XII. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XIII. Recessional
- XIV. Adjournment: next meeting is 12 Apr 2018 at Granzin's.