

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WILLIAM HIGHTOWER Chapter #35



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The Road to Guilford Courthouse, 18 Mar. 1781, was a long and arduous one filled with surprises and disappointments. The war in the thirteen colonies moved from the north to the south in late 1779. Charleston was under siege in Mar. of 1780. The British sent a young cavalry officer named Banastre Tarleton, to cut off the flow of reinforcements at Monck's Corner. He caught the rebels at night. It was a bloody massacre. He pursued them to Lenud's Ferry and caught them by surprise, again. Shortly after, Ft. Moultrie fell and then the city. Tarleton doggedly pursued Col. Buford's Virginians and surprised them in the backcountry. It was another slaughter. Gen. Horatio Gates, Hero of Saratoga, took command of the south and lost his fame at the Battle of Camden. He was replaced by Gen. Nathaniel Greene, who split his forces. He sent Col. Morgan out to harass the British. In the meantime, Major Patrick Ferguson led southern loyalists on their own harassment program. They pushed the rebel Mountain Men too far and met their demise at King's Mountain. Tarleton cornered Morgan at The Cowpens and was defeated. Cornwallis chased Morgan almost to Virginia where Greene confronted him at Guilford Courthouse. Although Cornwallis won the ground, he had to retreat to Yorktown, his demise.

We are off and running for a new year and I need your help more than ever to make everything that we have planned to make this chapter stand out and be recognized. We won a number of awards at this last state convention but the competition is stiff. We need you to represent the chapter at every possible event in our area. The goal is name recognition and that is only enhanced by physical presence. The next major events are the Junior ROTC awards. We have eleven high schools and 2 college groups to cover. Our ROTC Chairman recently lost his battle with life and I need someone to step up and fill that empty slot. We are covered for now but now is the best time to step forward.

We desire to train up new members to take on the challenge of carrying this chapter forward as an example to the rest of the state. Now is the time to choose a committee and become acquainted with the process. You do not have to strive to become Chapter President, but that would be nice. Stand up and be recognized and we will honor you for that service.

The newsletter now has a name thanks to Jerry Bullock. April and May are busy months for the chapter and this next chapter meeting will be chocked full of events so come and honor the new members, those that receive awards, and honor Lou Segaloff with a special

broken arrow ceremony. Come take a visual tour of our State Veteran's Cemeteries with the aid of Cliff Caskey.

In the month of May, we will honor our scholarship winner. Even though it will be our last meeting until September, we still have a goal for ten members to honor ten Vet's each by placing a flag on their graves. Start now to locate your Vet's graves. Don't leave it up to someone else because that is what everyone did last year.

Stu Hoyt, Pres. WH#35, TXSSAR, NBSAR.net

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Heavy downpours threatened to negatively affect the March meeting. Thankfully the weather was not stormy so there was a good attendance after all. The scheduled induction had to be postponed as the three members of the Nelson family were unable to travel from Seguin. Military awards also had to be postponed.

President Hoyt informed the Chapter about the passing of Compatriot Louis Segaloff in the early morning of March 7th while in the hospital. Compatriot Segaloff had requested no obituary or funeral. The Chapter will honor his memory in the April meeting with a special "Broken Arrow" ceremony. He was ninety years old.

President Hoyt explained the absence of Chaplain Jerry Bullock. He had taken a bad fall several days ago and was not able to travel.

It was announced by Lt. Gen. Polk that the Audit Committee had found the Operating Account and Scholarship Account to be in order and recommended approval. It was passed unanimously. In November, Compatriot William Tart passed away. In his memory his daughter, Linda Hook, presented a check to the Treasurer for the Scholarship Fund. Also, printouts of the annual budget were passed out and after discussion the budget passed unanimously.

The winning title for the Chapter Newsletter was submitted by Compatriot Jerry Bullock who consequently won \$25. The new title will be "The Hightower Recorder" and will be used beginning with the April 2017 Newsletter. Milynn Tate is in her 7th year of compiling the Newsletter and is ending her tenure with this March Newsletter. It is not yet known who will be her successor.

The Chapter was pleased to honor Compatriot Don Chandler with the Bronze Good Citizenship Award. He is one of the most active members and also one of the most "senior" members at the age of 92.5 years of age. Because of his exemplary career we are presenting his biography here in full:

The President of the William Hightower Chapter #35, TXSSAR is authorized and honored to present the GCM to Allen Donald Chandler, Jr., for his distinguished service to the community and country from June 1941 to 9 Mar 2017. During this period, Donald graduated from high school in Galveston, TX, where he was Class President for



his Junior and Senior years. He attended TCU, then the University of TX, where he graduated with a BA and MA. He was ROTC Corp Commander and a Distinguished Military Graduate. He joined the 43rd Division in 1943 and served in New Guinea in the Pacific Theater until mustered out in Jan 1946. Donald served four year with AT&T and 3 years as a VP in an Austin Drug chain. From there, he started his own company in San Antonio where he was the CEO of six offices and 150 employees. He sold the business and retired in 1982. He has participated in Senior Olympics between 1991 and 1998 where he won medals in discus, shot put, javelin, sprint and long jump. He is the former State President of TX Association of

Polygraph Examiners and President of the Security Association. He has been a deacon in his church for the last 35 years. Donald has dedicated himself to his community. His unselfish devotion to achieving his goals while giving back to his country and community warrants recognition by this award.



Certificates of Appreciation were awarded by President Hoyt for outstanding service to the Chapter from 1 April 2016 to 9 March 2017 to the following Officers and Committee Chairs: Stan Trull, Mike Pryor, Steve Polk, John Booth, Cliff Caskey, Lou Colantoni, Joe Cox, Don Chandler, and Ed Blauvelt. Also receiving this honor, in absentia, were Jerry Bullock, Patrick Hollis, and Louis Segaloff.

It's time to prepare for the JROTC Awards. This committee had been chaired by Compatriot Lou Segaloff who did an outstanding job. We have 11 high schools and 2 colleges who participate and anyone who can attend these presentations should do so.

Several members committed to various schools during the meeting and more were needed. Contact President Hoyt if you wish to participate.



The new officers for 2017-18 are Ed Blauvelt, Secretary; Mike Pryor, Registrar (& Web Master); John Booth, Sgt. at Arms; Don Chandler, Back-up Sgt. at Arms; Stan Trull, Treasurer; Jerry Bullock (not pictured), Chaplain (Don Chandler, Back-up); Steve Polk, Vice-President; Stu Hoyt,

President.

Two outstanding events took place this month, the George Washington Parade and the George Washington Proclamations.



For the GW Parade, President Hoyt was accompanied by Compatriot Tom Jones. Compatriot Jones was so impressed with the event that he addressed the Chapter in detail about the experience and how inspiring it was. As you can see in the bottom picture, he was dressed in a Quaker costume as his 5th great grandfather, William Powell, and carried one of the flags alongside the Color Guard. He thanked President Hoyt for the opportunity.



The George Washington Proclamation ceremonies were a great success. Several members participated and the Chapter received nine proclamations in addition to one issued by Texas Governor, Greg Abbott.

The Spring TXSSAR State Convention will be held in San Antonio this year, from March 29th through April 1st. This year it will feature a parade of all former state presidents of whom our Dick Robinett is one. It is hoped he is up to the venture and a volunteer is needed to drive both he and Joanne.



The Hays County Republican Party Lincoln/Reagan Annual Dinner was held on March 4th at the San Marcos Convention Center/Embassy Suites. It was a sold out event, 550 people. The Patrick Henry and William Hightower Color Guard posted the Colors.



At right: Stu Hoyt (WH), Bob Jordan (PH), Jeff Wise (PH), Jim Clements (PH), Kenny Tooke (PH), John Booth (WH), Don Chandler (WH), and Stan Trull (WH).

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Dinesh D'Souza. From left to right- Stan Trull, John Booth, Stu Hoyt, Ken Tooke, Don Chandler, Mrs & Mr. Dinesh D'Souza, Jeff Wise, Jim Clements (Patrick Henry Chapter President), and Bob Jordan.





On March 25th, the Patrick Henry Chapter along with the Alexander Hamilton Chapter and the William Hightower Chapter Color Guard members joined together to present the Colors for the opening on the Texas Mayflower Society meeting. Left: Gary Chaple, Wayne Courreges, Ray DeVries, Robert Hites, James Scott, Bill Marrs, James Clements, Stu Hoyt.

Upcoming events:

- March 29-April 1 - Spring TXSSAR Convention, San Antonio
- April 8-9 - WH#35 chapter will do the Folkfest in NB on Sat and Sun. Patrick Hollis will do Sat and Pres. Hoyt will do Sun. All are encouraged to attend
- April 8th - The northern region of TXSSAR CG will march in the Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville
- April 8th - The Southern Group will do the colors at a DAR Grave Marking in Liberty Hill

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, at Granzin's Bar-B-Q Restaurant, supper at 6 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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