

# The Hightower Recorder

## President's Notes

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

### G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#23 When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased, but always show pity to the suffering offender

#103 In company of your betters, be not longer in eating than they are; lay not your arms but only your hand upon the table.

### Poor Richard's Almanac

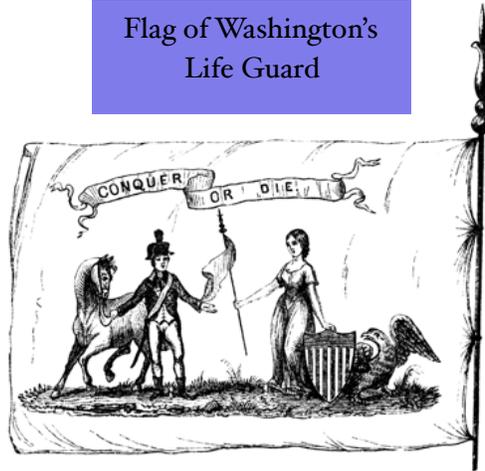
24. Little house well fill'd, a little field well till'd, and a little wife well will'd, are great riches.

52. A pair of good ears will drain dry an hundred tongues.

### In Apr.

In Apr, we will induct the new members, attend the State SAR Spring Conf. in Richardson, and begin the awarding of the ROTC Medals. Show your support for the Fall BOM we will host.

Flag of Washington's Life Guard



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" and native born, their uniforms were to be blue and buff with round hats sprouting blue and white feathers, ornamented in bearskin straps. Washington was meticulous about their appearance and behavior. Their mission would be to guard his person, baggage, and all his military



## We Need You!

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

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

Others are covering these positions temporarily in addition to their other responsibilities. 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.

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, New Jersey.

## *Welcome!- President Steve Polk*

As our April meeting nears and the new slate of officers step forward, I would like to thank Stu Hoyt for the **great** job he has done for our chapter and for Texas SAR. His efforts have continued to make our chapter better and more involved. Also, I would like to thank all of our officers for stepping forward and giving of their time and resources and for all of the past presidents who have worked so hard for the chapter and for the mission of SAR. At this time in our country's history, our promotion of the constitution and our founders' intentions have never been more important.

Personally, I would like to get each of you involved and to learn more about your heritage. Joe Cox has agreed to kick this off at our next meeting and will talk about his career and his family, specifically about his SAR ancestor and the family's moves that ended up in Texas. Also, Stu will report to us on the Texas State SAR meeting he attended April 4-8, 2018. Look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## *Fall BOM 2018 New Braunfels is Host!*



Generally, it takes money to make money, but in this case we just need your time and effort to make a little money. We need raffle items for both the silent and raffle ticket items. Ed Blauvelt is donating an Indian tomahawk with beaded pouch. Revolution related are best. All items help. Know a vendor? Ask for a donation.

# What Happened in the March Meeting!



Youth Awards: Essay winner: It took from Jan to March to corral our essay winner but Sean Patrick Feigl, a Freshman from San Marcos Baptist Academy came with his parents to accept his check and be awarded an Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate. Scouting Award: Patrick Hollis recognized his grandson, Frank Suhr, IV with Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition and Medal. Pres. Hoyt also awarded him with the Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate.



On Left, Rodney Young was inducted into the chapter by Pres. Hoyt, Registrar, Mike Pryor and Patrick Hollis acting as Historian.

On Right: Everett Delashmutt is awarded a Vietnam Era Certificate and pin.



Just a filler from Feb. and the Laredo parade. The day started with a breakfast at the historic La Pasada Hotel next to the International Bridge Ceremony. One of the guests, Major General David McMinn of the TX Nat'l Guard stopped to have a picture with Roy Leonard of San Antonio and Stu Hoyt. This picture was posted in the TX National Guard Association Magazine recently.

## March is Medal Time!



Pres. Hoyt recognizes a few who have done outstanding work during his last year of service. On the left, he awarded Lou Colantoni with the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Chairman of the Public Service Committee. Center, he awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Mike Pryor for his outstanding work as Registrar and Webmaster. Right, he presents the Martha Washington Medal to his wife, Gwen, for her diligence in enduring all his time serving as the William Hightower Chapter President these last three years.



On the left, Press Hoyt awards the 25 Years Service Pin to Joe Cox (center) and a 10 Years Service Pin to Dr. Patrick Hollis (right). On the right, he awarded Certificates of Appreciation to all that supported his term. Left to right are: Ed Blauvelt, Pres. Hoyt, Lou Colantoni, Mike Pryor, Don Chandler, John Booth, Tom Jones, Joe Cox, Patrick Hollis, Kris Krueger, and Stan Trull.

## On The Road!



Another busy month. On Mar 11 the TX SAR Color Guard was invited to post the colors at the DAR State Convention Sunday Luncheon. Top left is Ron Walcik (Waco), Stu Hoyt, Tom Green (WH), Frank Rohrbough and Larry Loop (San Antonio). The DAR Posted a Thank You on the screen during the recessional. (Below) On Mar 17, Stu Hoyt was invited to talk to the monthly meeting of the Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin. It was St. Patrick's Day, there was a good crowd, some in green, to hear his talk on Evacuation Day (of Boston) 17 Mar 1776. (The site very near his boyhood home.)



## Essay Contest Culminates in an Assembly Award!



Fall BOM 2018 in New Braunfels at the Courtyard Marriott 5-7 Oct.

Although the Essay contest was held in January and the winner was finalized, it took until March to complete the award ceremony. The winner had conflicts with Soccer play-offs but we were able to have him come and read his essay on the Second Amendment to the Constitution at our March meeting. We presented him with a check for \$100.00 at that time but held the official giving of his medal and certificate until we could present it at a school assembly. That presentation was performed before the entire school assembly at 8AM on 19 Mar. Stu Hoyt accompanied Joe Cox for that presentation. The assembly opened by honoring those whose birthday's fell in March. Stu Hoyt was given an opportunity to say a few words and after sharing who we are, talked about a birthday that has fallen aside, especially in the State of Texas. Remember George Washington who sacrificed all to establish this country. Remember Feb 22, 1732.

If you ever thought about wanting to give something to the William Hightower Chapter, now is the time. This chapter runs on the money you provide. Our goal is to support our youth programs and those that give of their time to make them work. In interfacing with school age children, I am surprise at how little they know about the history of our country. Our Founding Fathers gave their all for the freedoms that we enjoy to. It is a shame to see that it is reaping little with our youth today. Our Heritage Programs are so important in keeping that candle of freedom and hope lit for future generations. Our chapter will host the Fall Board of Managers Meeting at the Courtyard Marriott just east of the interstate on the river. It is a beautiful setting for a productive enterprise. We can make money on this event but we need to entice members from around the state to come and bring their wives. what can you do? First talk up the town. Speak to vendors that will provide enticing silent auction items. Ed Blauvelt will donate an Indian tomahawk with beaded case. We also need something like a Bowie knife or Period Musket to raffle off. All raffle proceeds go to the chapter. The silent auction items go towards the State Youth Funds. We will also receive a percentage of the proceeds from the meals at the banquets. We will need folks to man the welcome table and register the attendees. We need bags of goodies and brochures to tell them of all that New Braunfels has to offer. If you've never attended a State conference, now is the time, without the travel and hotel expense. It's a great time to meet some great people and to help the chapter meet it's goals. We will attempt to schedule a meeting of the planning committee each month up to the event. Please try to attend or provide your input or expertise. This is a great chapter. Help us to be a great host and give the SAR members around the state a memorable experience with a little German cuisine.

## List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

### Clothing

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

### Patterns

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

### Fabric

Carolina Calicoes	<a href="http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/">http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/</a>
Trim Fabric	<a href="http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html">http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html</a>
Wm. Booth Draper	<a href="http://www.wmboothdraper.com/">http://www.wmboothdraper.com/</a>

### Fur Hat

F & T Fur Trading Post	<a href="http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62">http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62</a>
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### Buttons and other things

<b>Roy and Debra Najecki</b>	<a href="http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html">http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html</a>
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### Weapons

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

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