

# The Hightower Recorder

## President's Notes

Pulling the plug on the Hudson. Timing is everything when it comes to making critical decisions. Washington had just lost

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

#40 Strive not with your superiors in argument, but always submit your judgement to others with modesty.

#51 Wear not your clothes foul, ripped, or dusty, but see that they be brushed once every day, at least, and take heed that you approach not to any uncleanness.

### Poor Richard's Almanac

196 He is not well bred, that cannot bear ill-breeding in others.

501 The king's cheese is half wasted in pairings, but no matter, 'tis made of the people's milk.

### In Nov.

In Oct. we hosted the Dist. 3 Vice President, Frank Rohrbough, who spoke on the Spies of the Revolution and took our Orator winner to the Fall BOM.



the Battle of White Plains and moved his army north. His Army controlled the mouth of the Hudson at Fort Washington in New York, and Fort Lee across the river in New Jersey. As he moved his army into New Jersey, on 8 Nov 1776, Washington gave a discretionary order to Gen. Nathaniel Greene to abandon Ft. Washington. Col. Robert Magaw, the fort commander, thought he could hold it. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the British surrounded the fort and called for its surrender. From across the river, at Ft Lee, Washington and Greene observed the battle commence. By the time the decision was made to order the fort abandoned, the British had taken control. The British moved north, crossed the river and south towards Fort Lee. When Gen. Greene discovered their presence early the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>, they had to abandon their breakfast, cannons, and anything else that they could not carry, dashing southwest into New Jersey. Washington's military posture was defensive. When he determined that neither he nor his position were strong enough to defend against the British, it was time to move on. In this case, the decision was too little, too late.



## 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.

## *SAR needs a few Good Donors. There is still time.*

Uncle SAR, alias "Big Tex" does not have bottomless pockets but he does have endless desires to promote the history of our great nation through our youth programs. What we can do is directly related to that which we have. Many of our youth contests offer monetary

1. Center for Advancing America's Heritage, CAAH (NSSAR Library Louisville)
2. NSSAR Projects: BSA, Library, Committee Donations, etc.
3. George Washington Fellow Contributions (NSSAR Louisville)
4. College scholarship and or teacher grant awarded.
5. William Hightower Chapter supported Youth Programs.

rewards, some in the form of cash and some in the form of scholarships. All offer the winners medals, pins and certificates but to make it work, we need the monetary support to make it happen. There are many programs at the chapter, state, and national level which could use your support. From now to Dec 31 is a good time to consider what you can give. Our web site has a Pay Pal option to make it easy to give at the local level. Whether you give at the chapter, state or national level, the chapter will get credit for each donation when we know what you give and report it in the annual report, which is filed at the end of the year. To date, we have had a few generous donors but we could do so much more if we had the resources. Pray about it. Take the time and share your giving.

# Public Service Awards Month



Public Servants L to R: David Schroeder (Law), Sam Ramirez (Life Saving) (NBPD). Pres. Hoyt, David Richards (EMS), Tallen Swanzy (Fire) (Canyon Lake FD) and Lou Colantoni PS Chairman.  
Below Top Left: Tallen Swanzy receives the Fireman of the year award.  
Bottom Left: Detective David Schroeder receives The Law Enforcement Award. Top Right: David Richards receives EMS of the Year and Bottom Right: Sam Ramirez receives the Life Saving Award.



## We Are Growing!



Dana Gunter, younger brother of Compatriot Ed Gunter was inducted into the William Hightower Chapter, TX SAR in the November meeting. From Left to right are President Stu Hoyt, Dana Gunter, Mike Pryor, Registrar and Patrick Hollis acting as Historian.



## A Season to be Thankful!

We should be thankful for each day in this great country but we are especially thankful at this time of year for those who dedicated their lives to establish this new land. Because they did, it encouraged our ancestor to open the door to the freedoms that we enjoy today. We should be proud of our heritage and history as it was purchased at a great cost. Let us never forget the principles on which this land, we call home, was founded.

# Veterans Day at the Capitol



A combined group of Austin area SAR, DAR, and CAR Chapters pose on the Congress Avenue Bridge before the start of the parade.

Lining up for the parade, CAR members carry the SAR banner.



SAR, DAR, and CAR heading off down Congress Ave. towards the Capitol.

## Honoring the Fallen at the Tomb at the Capitol

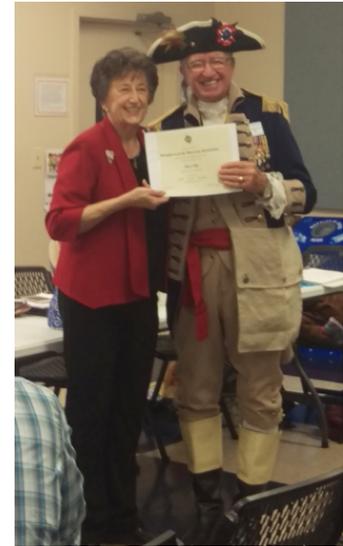


Pres. Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter and Pres. Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter present the SAR wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Capitol. The Tomb is erected and taken down each year by the American Legion Post 76 of Austin. SAR gives the final salute to the Fallen.



After the ceremony at the Capitol, Jim Clements and Stu Hoyt went over to the American Legion Bldg. on Lake Austin Blvd. to await Gov Gregg Abbott and Sen. Donna Campbell, who came to speak to the veterans and announce his candidacy for Governor.

## Capt. James Jack Chapter Honors Vietnam Veterans



On 13 November, President Hoyt and a number of members of our chapter were invited to attend the November meeting of the Captain James Jack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in New Braunfels to help them celebrate Veterans Day. Susan Shirley-Menzel, Chairman of the Veterans Committee and Ginger Kohutek of the Chairman of the Commemorative Events Committee prepared and presented certificates to those of us who served in Vietnam. Ginger Kohutek presented the certificates to Tom Browne in the left photo, John Booth in the center photo with Susan Shirley-Menzel looking on, and Stu Hoyt in the right photo.

## What's Ahead!

Although we look forward to honoring our Public Servants and Veterans in November, we must continue to look forward. December celebrates the Christmas Season and although we were not successful in establishing a combined event with the DAR and CAR, we can look forward to next December. In Jan, in addition to the Essay Contest, we start the nominations process for new officers, the financial review, and the 2018 budget. In Feb, we have our celebration of George Washington's Birthday with proclamations and a parade in Laredo. March completes the year.

## List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

### Clothing

C & D Jarnagin	<a href="http://www.jarnaginco.com/">http://www.jarnaginco.com/</a>
G. Gedney Godwin	<a href="http://gggodwin.com/">http://gggodwin.com/</a>
James Townsend	<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>
Smiling Fox Forge	<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>
Avalon Forge	<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>
J. P. Ryan	<a href="http://jpryan.com/">http://jpryan.com/</a>
Rocking Horse Farm	<a href="http://rockinghorse-farm.com/?mainURL=/store/category/8n20/Colonial.html">http://rockinghorse-farm.com/?mainURL=/store/category/8n20/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

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

Veteran Arms	<a href="http://www.veteranarms.com/">http://www.veteranarms.com/</a>
Reproduction Muzzleloaders and Flintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC	<a href="http://www.veteran-arms-llc.com/">http://www.veteran-arms-llc.com/</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.tdcmsg.com/about.php">http://www.tdcmsg.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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