



Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 14 April 2016

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, 14 Apr. 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Born to a Huguenot immigrant and metal smith on Jan. 1, 1735, in Boston, he had a simple education and apprenticed in his father's business. He served in the French and Indian War for a short period in 1756. He married Sarah Orne and joined his father in the business of molding metals. By 1770, he was using his skills to engrave copper for printing political cartoons. His most famous work was called "Bloody Massacre on Kings Street". He became noted for his work in pewter and silver. He was brought into the circle of Samuel Adams and John Hancock and was credited as the organizer of the "Boston Tea Party". He became a rider for the Committee of Correspondence in Boston. He delivered messages to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He was part of the "First Shot Heard Around the World". He was involved in saving the munitions at Ft. Wm. & Mary from the British. He took an active part in the Battle of Bunker Hill. He became commander of the Garrison at Ft. Castle William from 1776-1779. He was commander of the artillery during the Penobscot Bay, Maine, expedition, which failed and he was tried for cowardice and insubordination, Court Martialed and acquitted, he left the military in some dispute. He had learned how to make gunpowder early in the war, so he started his own mill in Canton, MA. He learned to cast bronze cannons and even printed the first Continental Paper Currency. He designed and made the first Seal of the State of Massachusetts, which is still used today. In addition to cannons, he cast many bells, which are still in use today. He built the first copper factory in the United States. None of this made him as famous as a poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1860, which he titled "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". He was so proud of his roll, he wore Revolutionary garb until his death in 1818 at the age of 83.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Jerry Bullock
- III. Pledges to the Flags
 - a. U.S. Flag
 - b. Texas Flag
 - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
 - a. Special Guests
 - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Scholarship Awards Recognition
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
 - b. New member induction
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Mar 2016 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Apr
 - c. Historian: history update and newsletter.
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events and Flag.
- VIII. Nominations Committee report:
- IX. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - b. First qtr. By-Law requirements
 - i. Audit Committee Results and Approval
 - ii. Recognition of the Officers for 2016/17.
 - iii. Recognition of prior achievements by Awards
 - iv. President's Notes
- X. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- XI. Recessional
- XII. Adjournment: next meeting is 12 May 2016 at Granzin's.