



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

14 Jan 2016

President: Stuart G. Hoyt

Vice President: Steven R. Polk, LG

Secretary: Timothy B. Killam

Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Treasurer: Terry Hardeman

Registrar: Patrick D. Hollis, Dr.

Chaplain: Jerry M. Bullock

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

A number of interesting people were born in the month of January. Many of their lives had a marked signature on the founding of this great nation. Paul Revere was born on Jan 1, 1735. He was a well-known coppersmith in Boston, but gained notoriety when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem, in 1860, titled "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". Anthony Wayne was born on the same day in 1745. He rose to the rank of Brigadier General during the Revolution and received the title of "Mad Anthony" for his fiery personality. Betsy Ross was also born on that date in 1752. She took over her husband's upholstery business after he was killed in a gunpowder explosion serving in the militia. Her grandson William J. Canby, made her famous, at the age of 84, when he wrote a report that she made the first flag of 13 stars. It has never been proven. Her husband's uncle George was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Benedict Arnold was born on Jan 14, 1741. Although he was noted for his bravery in the capture of Montreal, stopping the British Navy's advance on Lake Champlain, and heroism at the Battle Of Saratoga, he is more famous for attempting to sell West Point to the British. Benjamin Franklin was born on Jan 17, 1706. We remember him for his shocking experience of flying a kite in a storm. Dr. Franklin ran interference for the Colonies in England, between 1765 and 1775, before he was asked to leave, then shared his wisdom in the Continental Congress. John Hancock was born on Jan 23, 1737. He was chased out of Concord just before the first shot sounded, served as President of the Continental Congresses and has the honor of being the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. The last to be mentioned is the last to arrive in the colonies. Thomas Paine was born in England on Jan 29, 1737. His claim to fame is attempting to teach the colonists a little "Common Sense", which was published on Jan 10, 1776.

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. Chapter members
- V. Essay Contest Awards recognition.
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Veterans/War awards
 - b. New member induction
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Dec 2015 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Dec
 - c. Historian: history update and newsletter.
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events and Flag.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - b. First qtr. By-Law requirements
 - i. Appoint a Nominations Committee
 - ii. Appoint an Audit Committee
 - iii. Prepare the budget for the 2016/17 session
 - iv. Prepare the goals for the 2016/17 session
- IX. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- X. Recessional
- XI. Adjournment: next meeting is 11 Feb 2016 at Granzin's.