



Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 8 Dec 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, 8 Dec 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Fraunces Tavern is a landmark museum and former restaurant in New York City, situated at 54 Pearl St. at the corner of Broad St. The location played a prominent role in history before, during and after the American Revolution, serving as a headquarters for George Washington, a venue for peace negotiations with the British, and housing federal offices in the Early Republic. It is claimed to be Manhattan's oldest surviving building. In 1975 it was the scene of a Puerto Rican retaliation bombing but in 1775 many of the Sons of Liberty could be found there. The Battle for Independence was over after the Battle of Yorktown, in 1781, but it took two years for the Paris Peace Treaty to be settled and signed, then some time for the British to finally leave New York on Nov. 25th. A week later, the tavern hosted an elaborate "turtle feast" dinner on December 4, 1783, in the building's Long Room for Gen. George Washington where he bade farewell to his Officers of the Continental Army by saying "[With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable." It was a farewell filled with tears. Washington died at his home in Mount Vernon on Dec. 14, 1799.

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
 - c. Recognition of "Tex" Hill Composite Sqdn, CAP – Stan Trull
- V. Enhanced ROTC Awards – Jerry Bullock
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
 - b. New member induction – (if available)
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Nov 2016 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
 - i. WH#35 Executive Board meeting – 10 Dec at Bullock's.
 - ii. Veterans Day Parade (11 Nov) and SM CAP Flag Ceremony (15 Nov) – very successful.
 - iii. January is Essay Contest month.
- IX. Special Guest Abraham Clarke, NJ, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- X. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- XI. Recessional
- XII. Adjournment: next meeting is 12 Jan. 2017 at Granzin's.