



## Agenda

### William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

### 14 Dec 2017

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 Dec 2017, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Congress is working to revise our tax laws, which has been a government issue even before we became an independent country. When England established colonies in the New World, she chartered those colonies to self-govern. They were to create their own government and laws, then raise their own funds to support that system. It worked well until the French decided to surround those colonies with forts down the Mississippi from Canada to New Orleans. The Colonial Militia was not strong enough to remove the French so Britain sent troops to protect their interests in the Americas. When Parliament realized that this effort created an enormous debt they devised a plan to recuperate their losses via the Stamp Act of Mar 1765. All printing and paper materials were to be taxed. The colonists put their foot down because it was "Taxation without Representation". Britain eventually repealed this tax but tried modified versions of taxation, which resulted in the Tea Act of 1773. Although it was a cheaper tea, it was still an unauthorized tax. Three shiploads of that taxed tea arrived in Boston in December of that year. The towns people refused to allow it to be unloaded. The governor would not allow the ships to leave the harbor with the tea on board so on the evening of 16 Dec 1773 a group of "indigenous folks" dumped the tea in the harbor, thus creating the Boston Tea Party.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM      14 Dec 2017      Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Don Chandler
- III. Pledges to the Flags
  - a. U.S. Flag
  - b. Texas Flag
  - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
  - a. Special Guests: Public Servants and special guest
  - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Public Service Awards – Lou Colantoni
- VI. SAR Military Service Awards
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Nov 2017 minutes.
  - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Dec
  - c. Historian: history update
  - d. Registrar's Report
  - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. President's Comments
    - i. Reminder of Voluntary Youth Protection Training.
    - ii. Hi-lites of the Executive Board Meeting.
    - iii. Jan Essay Contest and Feb George Washington's Birthday
    - iv. Continental Uniform size 42 available.
- IX. We need committee members for the Fall 2018 BOM in NB.
- X. Guest Speaker: Sandy Clauss - December in the Revolution
- XI. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XII. Recessional
- XIII. Adjournment: next meeting is 11 Jan 2018 at Granzin's.