



Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 12 May 2016

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Thursday, 12 May 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

There were two men that had no military training before the American Revolution first started and built their military careers with George Washington. These two men met Washington when he joined the Continental forces surrounding Boston and they were with General Washington when he made his final speech to his officers in that tavern in New York City. They were not generals when they started but they were commanding generals when the time came and George Washington relied on their farsighted view to keep his army going in the most adverse conditions. Henry Knox was nine years old when his father walked out on the family and he was placed in a bookstore to earn money to feed the family. Nathanael Greene was one of nine children born to a Quaker family in Rhode Island. Nathanael helped run the family foundry. In 1774, he helped organize a militia unit against the Society of Friends preaching. When the hostilities broke out against the British, he was made a Brigadier General in spite of his stiff knee. He was appointed to Washington's staff in Boston. Nicolas Bowes took Henry Knox under his wing and used the library at the bookstore to continue Henry's education. At the age of eighteen, Henry joined a local artillery unit. He was so intrigued that he read everything he could on artillery and projectiles. He developed an expertise engineering emplacements for the big guns. Washington recognized that when he inspected the emplacements around Boston. When they needed cannons, Knox devised a place to drag them through the snow from Ft. Ticonderoga, which won him a commission as a colonel. He became Washington's right-hand artilleryman. Greene was asked to take over the failing quartermaster position in the winter of 77-78. He turned it around and made it work. Later he was asked to command the Southern Campaign, which led to the battle of Yorktown, sealing the war in their favor. This information is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the things that these two men did to support and advise George Washington.

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. Enhanced ROTC cadet of 2016
- VII. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
 - b. New member induction
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Nominations Committee report:
- X. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - i. July 4th Parade
 - ii. Color Guard Uniforms
 - iii. Battle of Medina
- XI. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- XII. Recessional
- XIII. Adjournment: next meeting is 8 Sept. 2016 at Granzin's.