



## Agenda

### William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

### 11 Apr 2019

President: Steve Polk, LG  
Vice President: Tom Jones  
Secretary: Ed Blauvelt  
Treasurer: Stan Trull

Registrar: Michael Pryor  
Chaplain: Don Chandler  
Historian: Stu Hoyt  
Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Thursday, 11 Apr 2019, regular meeting at Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

How many young men at the age of 19 would be willing to leave the lap of luxury, a pretty wife and new baby, a threat from his king if he tried to leave the country and buy and outfit his own ship just to be part of a rag-tag war in a strange land? Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, was such a young man. He was a very wealthy land owner in Chavaniac in the province of Auvergne in south central France. He came from a long line of military officers. His father died, in 1759, after being struck by a cannonball in the Battle of Minden against the British. He was commissioned an officer at thirteen. During a military training he heard about the revolution in America and was convinced that he needed to be part of it. When the British got wind that France was negotiating with Silas Deane to send officers to America, they threatened war. The king placed a ban on that plan. In 1777, The Marquis de Lafayette discovered that the Continental Congress could not pay for their passage, so he bought a ship. In spite of the threat, Lafayette and a hand full of officers set sail for America. They were forced to land on a small beach north of Charleston due to the British blockade. By the time they arrived in Philadelphia, Congress had had their fill of inexperienced officer seeking the rank of Major General, who could not speak English. Lafayette learned some English along the way. When Congress said no, he said that he would pay his own way. He was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, endured Valley Forge, went home in 1780 to get financial support for the cause and returned to lead the charge at Yorktown. America loved him and so did the Doughboys years later as they echoed, "Lafayette, Here we come!"

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Polk
- 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
  - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Induction of new member - Elkins and Newlin
- VI. SAR Chapter Awards – None
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Feb and Mar 2019 minutes.
  - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Apr
  - c. Historian: history update
  - d. Registrar's Report
  - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. Audit Report for 2018
  - b. Budget approval for 2019
  - c. President's Comments
    - i. Apr 5-7 TX SAR Spring Conference – Results.
    - ii. Apr May - ROTC Awards
    - iii. May Scholarships
    - iv. Continental Uniforms – See Stu Hoyt.
- IX. Patriot Review – TBD
- X. Guest speaker – Jack Cowan – The British East India Company
- XI. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XII. Recessional
- XIII. Adjournment: next meeting is 9 May 2019 at Granzin's.