



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

9 May 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, 9 May 2019, regular meeting at Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

How many have heard of the Battles of Grape, Noodles, and Hog Islands? Well, maybe they were more like a skirmish than a battle but the British took a licking like they did a few weeks earlier on a venture to Concord and back. The little peninsula of Boston held to Roxbury and the remainder of the Massachusetts Colony by a small neck, that shrunk when the tide rose, was surrounded by the Continental militia. General Gage had no intelligence of the American strength and was not willing to detail another excursion into rebel territory. There were a few islands in the harbor that were only inhabited by animals because they were marshes that would be cut off by the rising tide. Left alone, these cattle and sheep populated these grassy atolls. Nutrition was becoming scarce in Boston so Gen Gage, on May 21, sent four sloops with a subaltern and thirty men to procure some of the hay and cattle. General Thomas of the militia sent some of his men to oppose them. After a harmless exchange, the British were driven off with only 8 of the 80 toms of hay. The rest, the Americans burned. Then they beat the British to Hog and Noodles Islands. They waded through the narrow channel and managed to drive off most of the horses, cattle, and sheep before British Admiral Samuel Graves realized the few stores that he had stashed there were in danger. He sent the schooner Diana, with forty marines, to protect his property. What they could not remove from the islands, the Americans destroyed. Adverse winds blew the Diana aground. The Americans waded out and stripped her then burned her to the water line. The British came away from these encounters empty handed.

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 – Scholarship Finalists
 - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Dick and Joanne Robinett Scholarship and Delashmutt Awards – Stu Hoyt
- VI. Induction of new member - None
- VII. SAR Chapter Awards – Military Awards to Col. Storer
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Apr 2019 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report – May
 - c. Historian: history update
 - d. Registrar’s Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
- IX. New Business:
 - a. President’s Comments
 - i. May - ROTC Awards
 - ii. May Scholarships
 - iii. May 6, Scout Awards at SM Baptist Academy
 - iv. Memorial Day – May 27 – TX State Cemetery Austin
 - v. Continental Uniforms – See Stu Hoyt.
- X. Patriot Review – TBD
- XI. Guest speaker – Viki Hicks – So Great a Heritage: Letters Home from WWII
- XII. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XIII. Recessional
- XIV. Adjournment: next meeting is 12 Sep 2019 at Granzin’s.