



The Hightower Recorder



History's Notes

Today, we are dealing with a scary pandemic that has the country at an almost stand still. We know so much more than we did two months ago but this virus is still foremost on the minds of the American people. Strange diseases are not uncommon to this continent but the

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#96 It is unbecoming to stoop too much to one's meat. Keep your fingers clean & when foul, wipe them on the corner of your table napkin.

#At play and at fire it is good manners to give place to the last corner, and affect not to speak louder than ordinary.

Poor Richard's Almanac

24. A little house well fill'd, a little field well till'd, and a little wife well will'd, are great riches.

417, Poverty wants some things, luxury many things, avarice all things.

During the Spring!

Our next meeting will not be until Sept due to the distance restricting. If they are relaxed, we will let you know about the parade on the 4th of July. Keep posted as the new management comes on line



same tension reigned when one struck during the American Revolution. The virus variola major, more commonly known as smallpox, reared its ugly head in 1775

during the siege of Boston. The disease was not new to this colony because an outbreak occurred back in 1633. It spread and decimated the local Indian tribes. It was more common back in England thus many of the soldiers coming to suppress the insurrection were immune. It was even thought that they might have used it as a weapon against those rebels, which we know today as biological warfare. Death among soldiers during the Revolution was high, not because of bullets but because of disease. George Washington was very much aware of this disease, as he was infected by it tending his ill brother, Lawrence, while in the West Indies. His means of controlling the disease was isolation. Inoculation, or viriolation, as it was called then, was an experimental approach but Washington was concerned that the enemy would discover what they were doing and attack his weakened army. Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, in Philadelphia, about her concern and desire to inoculate their children. It was easy enough to do and some soldiers were inoculating themselves so Washington had to put out a stop order to keep from weakening his army when they moved to New York in 1776. The disease took its toll on the Northern Army as they attempted to attack Quebec and Montreal. By May 1776 that army had 1/3 of its soldiers sick with smallpox. By the time that Washington wintered at Valley Forge, he came to the conclusion that inoculation was the only way to save his small army. Maintaining secrecy at all costs, Washington sent word to all his commanders to inoculate all the troops. (Con't P2)



Uncle SAR needs you!

We are not letting a little flue slow us down, The President and officers of the 2020/21 staff are inviting you to join them in making this the best year yet! Find a committee and be part of

Calendar of Events!

Even though our doors are closed to protect the members, we are still in business. The staff is working in the background to keep the engine oiled and in tune when we are able to gather again. Here are some things that you can put on your calendar.

July 4th - New Braunfels Parade

July 4th - CG at Dell Diamond

July 30 - Aug 2 - State Meeting

Aug 14 - Battle of Medina

Sept 10 - Chapter Meeting

Sept TBA - JROTC Awards

Oct 8 - Chapter Meeting

History's Notes Con't. - Since Virginia forbade inoculation, he sent a letter to Governor Patrick Henry to cooperate with his order stating that smallpox "is more destructive to an Army in a Natural way, than the Enemy's Sword." It paid off in that fewer than 1 % died from being in

Notice!

Due to the restrictions on meeting of more than ten people during this time of crisis caused by the onset of COVID 19, all events and meetings have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. We have decided NOT to have another meeting until Sept.

Notice!

The State Conference, which was to be held in The Woodlands on 26-29 Mar has been postponed until 30 Jul to 2 Aug. If you cancelled your reservation at the hotel, please wait until the schedule is reposted on the State web site.

What can you do to support your chapter!

There are a number of things that you can do to support your chapter without a lot of effort. The first is to recruit new members. Do you have family, relatives or friends that may be eligible? Have you researched your family line to find a supplement. These are blood line patriots other than your initial Patriot Ancestor. Can you put together a bio of your patriot? It helps the chapter to get their bio on the SAR web site. Are you a vet? We can honor you with a veterans medal. Do you know a vet who is ill. Visit a sick vet and get credit. Attend or officiate at a vets funeral and get credit. See how you can help.

The April Meeting was cancelled with all events



Blair Rudy, Color Guard
Commander 2020/21 and
State CG Commander

Compatriots of the William Hightower
Chapter :

Greetings to you and your families. I trust
you are all surviving the new normal,
yuck. I am writing this on Easter Monday.
As such I hope you have had a
wonderful Easter; I know we have.

Your new Chapter Board of Managers has asked each
Committee Chair to provide a few thoughts for the
newsletter so here goes my two cents

My scientific education and medical laboratory sales career
have sensitized my attention toward those instances when
the natural world/science directly interact with historical
outcomes.

I wanted to share what many of you may know but struck
me as relevant to our new normal. I went looking for the
story and decided instead of rewording the search to just
paste and reference a better writer than I.

As I read the story by Mr. Pomeroy I was struck by the
social distancing reference and what may have been a “big
breath” decision by General Washington to disobey
Congress and inoculate his rank and file. Countless lives
and families were saved, perhaps my own and maybe
yours as well.

HUZZAH ! Blair Rudy



Will Moravits,
Chairman, Youth
Awards Program

Compatriots,

As your Youth Awards Chairman, I am excited to tell you about our program and the new mission for this committee. The Youth Awards Committee has combined all youth contests under one umbrella. This committee will be responsible for recruiting contestants for all of our youth contests, which includes contests for each grade level and the American History Teacher of the Year Award. Currently, I have four compatriots on this committee. I am asking two additional compatriots to serve on the committee.

This past year, we had one participant in our chapter contest for orations and one for essays. Malya Breen, our oration winner, is competing at the State level. Malya is a senior at Steele HS and will be attending the University of the Incarnate Word this fall. For more information, please refer to the mission statement below.

The William Hightower Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will promote Patriotic, Historical, and Educational contests and awards for students and teachers. We will advocate for the participation in our contests for all students at all appropriate grade levels. We will build relationships with Public, Private, and Home Schools and teachers to encourage schools to promote these opportunities as they are intended to honor and preserve the principles and people that founded this great nation.

If interested, please contact me via email at sushathrill2000@yahoo.com or by phone at 210-885-2790.

Compatriots, I have also taken on The Facebook and Web Pages

As we prepare for the next year, I would like to direct your attention to our new and updated website and Facebook page. The website address is www.nbsar.net and includes valuable information about our officers, committees, and activities. There are archives of our past meetings and newsletter, historical articles, and a link to the National Archives Founding Fathers library. You can even read a short biography of our entire chapter's Patriot Ancestors.

Our Facebook page is a great place to keep up with current events and to communicate with our fellow compatriots and local community. There is a link to our Facebook page on the website's homepage, or you can visit the site directly at <https://www.facebook.com/SARNewBraunfels/>. If you do not already have a Facebook page, I encourage you to create one. If you do, please go to the page and 'like' it. Facebook is a great tool that has largely been ignored thus far. I ask you to invite any interested party to like and follow our page. We hope that Facebook will be a big part of our publicity going forward. Thanks, Will



Robert Duckworth,
Chapter Registrar

Registrar Update Concerning Applications:

If you are thinking about a Supplemental Application, or referring someone you know about becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the following important item is necessary under the current Application Preparation Manual (10 Oct, 2018). This First Important Step states all Applications Start by establishing a SAR Online Account at SAR.org.

NOTE: Applications must be printed using the legal size print option on both sides of official, **SAR legal sized watermarked, bond paper**. If a third page is needed, it must also be on SAR legal sized watermarked, bond paper.

As The William Hightower Registrar, I will be happy to assist and guide you through the HOW TO PROPERLY COMPLETE AN APPLICATION. Six Page SAR Check List can be found at the following link. <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SAR-Application-Formatting-Guide.pdf>

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Other William Hightower Officers 2020/21



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Kris Krueger



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Stan Trull



Historian
Stu Hoyt



Chaplain

Your next issue will be under new management. Thank you for your continued support.

President's Comments

Compatriots:

I hope you are coping with our unbelievable living restrictions. We have no alternative but to listen and do what the experts tell us so we can stay well and survive.

Unfortunately, we were not able to have a Chapter meeting in April nor May. As you know, that means that our next meeting, if it is possible, will be in September. We will keep you informed.

Even though we follow the restrictions on holding any meetings, our Officers and Committee Chairs had a video conference arranged by Kris Krueger our Secretary. He was able to get 12 people together at the same time to take part in this meeting. The first in the history of our Chapter. It was more convenient than our more conventional type of meetings. More members were able to attend and did not have to drive long distances and had the convenience of being at their own home. In the past the Executive Committee meetings I attended only had a small attendance in comparison to the 12 we had at this video meeting. We are considering using the video conference calls in the future.

The purpose of this meeting was for our Officers and Committee Chairs to discuss the Chapter's agenda for our next session starting in September. The meeting was very successful.

If you have any activities or events that you would like our Chapter to consider for our next session, please call me at 213-263-9242 or e-mail me at tomandbet@aol.com. We encourage any ideas that you may have to enhance our Chapter's ability to fulfill our obligations to our Patriots.

I am concerned about the possibility of the 4th of July parade in New Braunfels. Who knows? We will keep you updated as soon as we get any information on the parade.

I hope that eventually our restrictions will be lifted and everyone will be able to enjoy their summer. We can just wait and see what happens.

If possible, I hope to see you at the parade and at our meetings when they start.

God bless our Patriots that sacrificed to establish our Great Country.

Tom Jones, President

List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

Clothing

C & D Jarnagin	http://www.jarnaginco.com/
G. Gedney Godwin	http://gggodwin.com/
James Townsend	http://jas-townsend.com/ or www.townsend.us
Smoke & Fire	http://www.smoke-fire.com/Default.htm
Smiling Fox Forge	http://www.smilingfoxforgellc.com/index.asp
American Heritage Clothing	http://www.colonialuniforms.com/
Quartermaster General	http://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/
Village Green Clothier	http://villagegreenclothier.com/welcome.html
Cooperstown Trading Post	http://cooperstowntradingpost.com/
Thread Bare Stitchery	http://threadbarestitchery.com/
Crazy Cow Trading Co.	http://www.crazycrow.com/onlinestore
Avalon Forge	http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html
C&C Sutlery	http://www.ccsutlery.com/store/ccsutlery.html
Mill Creek Mercantile	http://www.millcreek.com/shop/
Colonial Williamsburg	https://www.williamsburgmarketplace.com/

Patterns

Harper House	http://www.longago.com/
J. P. Ryan	http://jpryan.com/
Rocking Horse Farm	http://rockinghorse-farm.com/?mainURL=/store/category/8n20/Colonial.html
Old Time Patterns	http://www.oldtimepatterns.com/PP041.html
Burnley & Trowbridge	http://www.burnleyandtrowbridge.com/index.aspx

Fabric

Carolina Calicoes	http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/
Trim Fabric	http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html
Wm. Booth Draper	http://www.wmboothdraper.com/

Fur Hat

F & T Fur Trading Post	http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62
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Buttons and other things

Roy and Debra Najecki	http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html
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Weapons

Veteran Arms	http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html
Middlesex Village Trading	http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/
Guns and Swords	http://www.gunsandswords.com/
The Possible Shop	http://possibleshop.com/rifle-kit.html
Cash Manufacturing Co.	http://www.tdcmsg.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm

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