



The Hightower Recorder



President's Notes

In the summer issue of the Hightower Recorder, we covered the story of two unlikely generals, one of which carried out an amazing feat for the Continental Army facing the British Army and Navy in Boston. He was not

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#54 Play not the peacock, looking everywhere about you, to see if you be well decked, if your shoes fit well, if your stockings sit neatly, and clothes handsomely.

#20 The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon.

Poor Richard's Almanac

495. The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart.

136. Every man has assurance enough to boast of his honesty, few of their understanding.

During the Winter.

Our next meeting is on 10 Jan and our main event will be the oration contest. Feb will be the Geo. Washington Proclamations and Parade in Laredo. Mar. is our 35th anniversary.



even in the military ranks but had an insatiable thirst for weaponry. All his knowledge came from books that he sold in his little bookshop in Boston. His father abandoned the family, which forced Henry Knox, the oldest child, to

leave school at 12 and work in a bookstore to support the family. He continued to teach himself French, Math, and Philosophy yet took up with street gangs in Boston. He also joined an artillery company called "The Train". He was an eyewitness to the Boston Massacre in March of 1770. He became a strong supporter of the cause yet married the daughter of a loyalist whose father was Secretary to the Massachusetts Colony and brother, a soldier in the British Army. He became an artillery fortification advisor to the militia surrounding Boston in the siege of 1775 and a friend of George Washington who was impressed by his work. He convinced Washington that he could bring cannons captured at Fort Ticonderoga 300 miles through the snow to support the siege. Washington gave him the money to finance this mission. Knox arrived at the fort on 5 Dec. 1775 to begin his task. We know the success on that mission as the British evacuated the harbor on 17 Mar. 1776. He later developed arsenals and armories throughout the colonies to support the Continental Army. Commissioned a Col. after that first mission, he rose to the rank of Gen. He was Secretary of War under Washington and was known as the Father of Amer. Artillery.



We Need You!

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 Uncle SAR needs you! It's time to step forward. In the last few months we still need:

- The Orations Chairman
- The Essay Chairman
- The Publicity Chairman

Others are covering these positions temporarily in addition to their other responsibilities. In short, we need you to come along side and take up the slack. Stand proud that you stepped up to serve your chapter in a time of need. Some have, what about you. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

We also need your help to enhance this newsletter. If you have an article or an item of interest to the chapter, send it to the chapter president or the newsletter editor. We are attempting to redesign our newsletter. Our goal is to make it interesting and keep you informed.

In order for a team to function, as such, each member must be part of the motion.

SAR Chapter Scouting Program needs you!

We have monies to support our scouting program. Even if you weren't a scout in your youth, you can understand the importance of this program. Join in and assist Kris Krueger build our Scout Merit Badge and Eagle Scout scholarship program.

Hello! President Steve Polk

Greetings!

I certainly hope that each of you experienced the joy of Christmas and a Happy New Year. We enter 2019 with some great goals for the chapter and hope that you will wish to be a part of them. We received an outstanding gift for our Scouting Program and would like your support in the Merit Badge phase. We would like your city council to support our George Washington Proclamation Program.

January will feature our Oration Competition, February our essay winner and George Washington Birthday Proclamations, March our new officer induction, and April our ROTC awards. Each meeting will include a speaker so bring your bride and enjoy a night out.

Finally, let us make this New Year a special one for the chapter as we celebrate our 35th year in operation. You are patriots all.

Warmest regards,
 Steve

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 supplemental. 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.

What happened at the December Meeting



The Dec meeting was refined to two items as the two remaining Public Service awards were delayed to the Jan. meeting. Since Westley Hensley's induct was sub'd by Melba Shaw, we felt it important to have a small ceremony to pin on his Rosette. Stu Hoyt did the honors. At right Pres. Polk presented our guest speaker, Peggy Jared, with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Early December Events



Earlier in December, on the 10th, a group from the TX ASR Color Guard, lead by President Tom Jackson meet on the floor of the House Chamber at the State Capitol to participate in the annual Wreathes Across America Ceremony. The ceremony honored four Veterans including George H. W. Bush. Top left, left to right standing: Jim Clements, Wayne Courreges, and Bob Jordan of the Patrick Henry Chapter, Tx SAR Pres. Tom Jackson, and Blair Rudy. Seated are Ken Tooke, Patrick Henry and Stu Hoyt. Center: Blair Rudy and Stu Hoyt pose by the huge Christmas Tree. On the right: Jim Clements, Stu Hoyt and Tom Jackson pose with the family of Pet. Richard A. Overton, oldest living WWII Veteran in TX at 102. He passed away by years end. The picture was taken outside where the Wreath Across America was laid at the Veterans Memorial.

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.tdcmfg.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm

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