



The Hightower Recorder



President's Notes

The man known as the "Father of his country" was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia on February 11, 1731. That was not a typo. England was under the Julian calendar at the time of George Washington's birth. It was not until England changed to the Gregorian

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#48 Wherein you reprove another be unblameable yourself, for example is more prevalent than precepts.

#105 Be not angry at table whatever happens, and if you have reason to be so, show it not; put on a cheerful countenance especially if there be strangers, for good humour one dish of meat a feast.

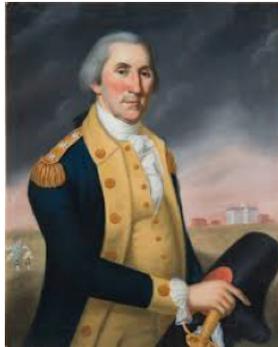
Poor Richard's Almanac

6. A false friend and a shadow attend only while the sun shines.

396. Observe all men; thyself most.

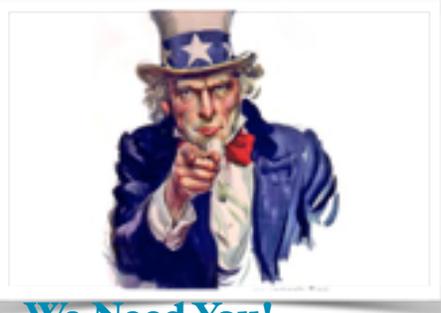
During the Winter.

Our next meeting is on 14 Feb and our main event will be the essay/oration contestants. Feb will be the Geo. Washington Proclamations.. Mar. is our Change of Command.



calendar, in 1752, making his birthday February 22, 1732 as Commander in Chief of the Army, his birthday was regularly celebrated. There was one time in Feb. of 1776 when he was so concerned with seizing Boston from the hands of the British Army that he spent the entire day at his headquarters in Cambridge. As President his birthday was a festive

occasion. He looked forward to dancing with the ladies and they with him. When he retired at Mount Vernon, the tradition of his birthday celebration continued and so did the dancing. Americans celebrated Washington's Birthday long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. The centennial of his birth prompted festivities nationally and Congress established a Joint Committee to arrange for the occasion. At the recommendation of the Committee, chaired by Henry Clay of the Senate and Philemon Thomas of the House, Congress adjourned on February 22, 1832 out of respect for Washington's memory and in commemoration of his birth. Prompted by a memorial from the mayor and other citizens of Philadelphia, the House and Senate commemorated the 130th Anniversary of Washington's birth by reading aloud his Farewell Address. Washington's Birthday, however, did not become a legal holiday until January 31, 1879 when Congress added February 22nd to the list of holidays to be observed by federal employees in the District of Columbia. Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22nd until well into the 20th Century. Recognizing the birthday of the "Father of Our Country" all came to an end on 1 Jan 1971 when his birthday was absorbed by the "Monday Holiday Law" creating long week ends. Today most cannot tell you what is the date of George Washington's Birthday. A tragic way to treat a national hero.



We Need You!

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.

WH#35 Chapter Officers - Have you ever thought of being part of the team? We have room for you and your innovative ideas. The only way for the chapter to grow in to incorporate new blood and ideas. In Feb. we will elect new officers. Throw your hat in the ring and make a difference.

Hello! President Steve Polk

Greetings!

Happy new year to all and thanks to Tom Jones for covering for me at the January meeting. Tom will be covering for me again in February as we honor our oration and essay winners. Many thanks to Joe Cox who does such a good job coordinating the competitions each year. We would like to have a volunteer to be Joe's understudy, so anyone interested please let us know. We will also vote on our 2020-2021 officers at our meeting on February 13th. Look forward to seeing you and your brides on Thursday the 13th at Granzin's. Stay warm.

Godspeed,
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 January Meeting



In the January meeting we inducted Norman Delane Sanders Jr. into the chapter. Top left L to R are: Stu Hoyt, Historian, Robert Duckworth, Registrar, Norman Sanders, and VP Tom Jones. Top Middle, Compatriot Sanders shares something about his Patriot, George Fluker, who fought at the Battle of Briar Creek. Top Right: Donaly Brice former archives at the TX State Library share about Explorer, Soldier and Trail Driver John Jacob Myers. Lower left: Mr Brice is awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a chapter challenge coin. In the bottom right photo, Robert Duckworth shares about his Patriot Ancestor, Rev. Francis Cummins of the North Carolina Militia.



A Little Education Outside the Chapter



On 31 Jan 2020, our Historian, Stu Hoyt travelled to Round rock to the Meridian Charter School to speak to six 5th grade classes about the American Revolution. This is his 5th year doing this. Top left he has the students full attention. In the Top Middle photo he dressed the students, as models, for his period costumes. In the next five photos are five of the six fifth grade classes which are: Ms Turner's, Ms Work's, Ms.Trusler's, Ms. Gutierrez's and Ms. Doersam's. In the last photo Compatriot Hoyt awards the teachers with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Chapter Pen, and a DVD of the period of the Articles of Confederation. The teachers are from left to right: Leila Works, Leigh Trusler, Jenny Turner, Stu Hoyt, Kelli Doersam, and Ashley Gutierrez. Ms Leslie Robledo was not able to attend due to illness.



List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

Clothing

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| 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.milkcreek.com/shop/ |
| Colonial Williamsburg | https://www.williamsburgmarketplace.com/ |

Patterns

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| 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

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

Fur Hat

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

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

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| 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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