



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

14 Feb 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, 14 Feb 2019, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Moment in History: George Washington's Birthday is celebrated as a federal holiday on the third Monday in February. It is one of eleven permanent holidays established by Congress. Federal holidays apply only to the federal government and the District of Columbia; Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states and each state decides its own legal holidays. George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved Washington's Birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732. 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. However, in 1968 Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law to "provide uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays." By creating more 3-day weekends, Congress hoped to "bring substantial benefits to both the spiritual and economic life of the Nation." One of the provisions of this act changed the observance of Washington's Birthday from February 22nd to the third Monday in February. Ironically, this guaranteed that the holiday would never be celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than

February 21. Contrary to popular belief, neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to "President's Day."

In 1976 the United States Congress bestowed upon George Washington the title of General of the Armies of the United States. This is the nations highest military honor.

- Social Hour: 6 to 7PM 14 Feb 2019 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. Essay Contest winners - Joe Cox (Dismiss after presentation)
 - VI. Induction of new member - None.
 - VII. SAR Chapter Awards – if available
 - VIII. Broken Arrow Ceremony – Compatriots Stonebreaker and Whitley, Plus Honor Roll.
 - IX. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Jan 2019 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Feb
 - c. Historian: history update
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
 - X. New Business:
 - a. Nomination of Officer for 2019
 - b. President's Comments
 - i. Feb – Essay Contest
 - ii. Feb – George Washington Proclamations.
 - iii. Feb - George Washington Parade in Laredo
 - iv. Mar – 35th Anniversary of Wm. Hightower Chapter
 - v. Continental Uniforms See Stu Hoyt
 - XI. Patriot Review – Lou Colantoni
 - XII. Guest speaker – – None scheduled
 - XIII. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
 - XIV. Recessional
 - XV. Adjournment: next meeting is 14 Mar. 2019 at Granzin's.