



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

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

The following are excerpts from great speeches given in the month of Nov. The first is from George Washington's Farewell Order to the Troop at Rock Hill, near Trenton, NJ, Nov 2, 1783. "It is not the meaning nor within the compass of this address to detail the hardships peculiarly incident to our service, or to describe the distresses, which in several instances have resulted from the extremes of hunger and nakedness, combined with the rigours of an inclement season; nor is it necessary to dwell on the dark side of our past affairs. ... For who has before seen a disciplined Army form'd at once from such raw materials? Who, that was not a witness, could imagine that the most violent local prejudices would cease so soon, and that Men who came from the different parts of the Continent, strongly disposed, by the habits of education, to despise and quarrel with each other, would instantly become but one patriotic band of Brothers, ..." And Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Nov 19, 1863, "But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work, which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Let us never forget those who service(d) to make this country great.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Steve 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 – John Knox and Wayne Courreges, Patrick Henry Chapter – Austin
 - b. Public Servants and their guests.
 - c. Potential chapter members
- V. Public Service Awards -Lou Colantoni
- VI. Induction of new member -None
- VII. SAR Chapter Awards – Military Awards to Col. Storer
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Oct 2019 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report –Nov
 - 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. Dec - Joint Christmas Party – Delayed to 2020
 - ii. Dec – Executive Committee meeting
 - iii. Jan – Essay Contest
 - iv. Feb – Oration Contest
 - v. Mar– TBA
- X. Patriot Review – Dr. Patrick Hollis
- XI. Guest speaker – John Knox – “The Making of the American Flag”
- XII. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XIII. Recessional
- XIV. Adjournment: next meeting is 12 Dec 2019 at Granzin’s.