



The Hightower Recorder



President's Notes

How many young men at the age of 19 would be willing to leave the lap of luxury, a pretty wife and new baby, a threat from his king if he tried to leave the country and buy

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#56 Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

#23 When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased, but = always show pity to the suffering offender.

Poor Richard's Almanac

310 Keep your mouth wet and your feet dry.

107. Declaiming against pride, is not always a sign of humility.

During Summer!

Our next meeting is on 9 May. We are working on the ROTC Awards and in May the scholarship awards. Even though we do not meet again until Sept, we do a lot during the summer. Join us for the 4th in NB and the Battle of Medina, in Aug. Don't forget Jun 14th.



and outfit his own ship just to be part of a rag-tag war in a strange land? Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, was such a young man. He was a very wealthy land owner in Chavaniac in the province of Auvergne in south central

France. He came from a long line of military officers. His father died, in 1759, after being struck by a cannonball in the Battle of Minden against the British. He was commissioned an officer at thirteen. During a military training he heard about the revolution in America and was convinced that he needed to be part of it. When the British got wind that France was negotiating with Silas Deane to send officers to America, they threatened war. The king placed a ban on that plan. In 1777, The Marquis de Lafayette discovered that the Continental Congress could not pay for their passage, so he bought a ship. In spite of the threat, Lafayette and a hand full of officers set sail for America. They were forced to land on a small beach north of Charleston due to the British blockade. By the time they arrived in Philadelphia, Congress had had their fill of inexperienced officer seeking the rank of Major General, who could not speak English. Lafayette learned some English along the way. When Congress said no, he said that he would pay his own way. He was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, endured Valley Forge, went home in 1780 to get financial support for the cause and returned to lead the charge at Yorktown. America loved him and so did the Doughboys years later as they echoed, "Lafayette, Here we come!"



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.

Hello! President Steve Polk

Greetings!

Spring is almost over and May is our last meeting until Sept. We have accomplished a lot but summer is not the time to sit back. Our monthly meeting will be on 9 May. Help us to recognize our Scholarship finalists. On Memorial Day put a flag on a Veteran's Grave. In Jun, recognize someone on Flag Day with a certificate. In July, join us for the NB 4th parade and in Aug meet us at the Battle pf Medina, then we'll see you again in Sept.

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 9th at Granzin's.

Warmest regards,
Steve

The following paragraph is meant for you!

There are a number of things that you can do to support your chapter without a lot of effort. You can do it from wherever you live so distance is not a drawback. 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. Your uncle needs you and you don't even have to be present. Did you call or visit Everett?

Everett Delashmutt, our wisest member, will be 99 in May. He has experienced some health problems and is in an assisted living facility in NB at 2140 Independence Dr. Rm101 or call (830) 312-7501. P.S. He is a Veteran.

What happened at the April Meeting



In April, we inducted two new members into the chapter. From Left to Right are: Mike Pryor, Registrar, Sean Lee Newlin, Steve Polk, President, Daniel Lee Elkins, Stu Hoyt, Historian.

Jack Cowan of the San Antonio Chapter was asked to come and speak on the British Tea Company, which was on the leading edge and losing fact in our war for independence. Pres. Steve Polk thanked him and provided him with a chapter challenge coin.



Tim Killan, former chapter secretary stopped in on his round-the-world schedule to share some of his adventures in the cyber world. Tim was the director of cyber net security at the Seoul Olympics and is heading to Tokyo for the Summer Olympics.

TX SAR Spring Conference in Austin



A State Conference is not something that you want to miss, it is the heartbeat of the state society. Your attendance supports the chapter.

Clockwise: on the left, we start with the raising of the SAR Flag on the hotel standard. The first general session starts with the procession and posting of the colors. Stu Hoyt is captured by Dr Jim Johnson leading the CG Meeting. Pres. Jackson awards the WM Hightower chapter with the Public Safety Award and Stu Hoyt with a Cert. of Appreciation as VPD#3. He received a Silver Service Medal for his work with the state. That evening he was recognized as CG of the Year with a Gold Galvez CG Medal. The CG led the evening procession and posting of the colors. Some thirty plus CG members attended the conf. which ended with the exchange of the command sword to the new commander Ted Wilson.



April Begins the ROTC Awards



April and May are the months that we awards our SAR ROTC Medals to the cadets of the various schools in our five county area. First off in the top left is Kris Krueger presenting to the Cadet a Lockhart HS. Next clockwise, Stu Hoyt presents the ROTC Medal to the AFROTC cadet Dylan Jensen, then Army ROTC cadet Cole Trolinger both of TX State University in San Marcos. Cliff Caskey awards the medal to San Marcos HS Cadet and Don Chandler presents to Smithson Valley. In the bottom right Steve Polk presents to Randolph HS. Continuing around Stu Hoyt present to Faith Relander of Lehman and Quaid Holland of Hays HS,



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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