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## This Month in the American Revolution

September: The Month for New Beginnings  
by Kris Krueger

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September is a month for new beginnings. Just as it is today, Septembers were no different for our Patriot Ancestors.

The pressure had been building. Parliament, King George, and the 13 Colonies only escalated tensions growing for nearly a decade. On September 5, 1774, 12 of the 13 colonies met at Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia. Georgia did not send delegates, believing a higher sense of loyalism to the Crown outweighed their grievances.



Carpenters Hall, site of the First Continental Congress. Still in use today as rented meeting space.

This First Continental Congress was not the first time the Colonies had come together. In 1765, 9 colonies had come together to respond to the Stamp Act. That effort failed to gain British support.

The First Continental Congress ended in October. The delegates signed the Continental Association, a coordinated boycott of British goods. The boycott was successful in impacting British profits but did not fix the political crisis. The war began 6 months later.

The First Continental Congress was a new beginning. From a history of rivalry with each other, the colonies learned they could work together as they drafted and enforced the Continental Association. This early coordination became the beginning of independence, even without the delegates knowing it.

By September 1781, the Revolutionary War had been raging for more than 6 years. Our war for freedom had grown into a global conflict.

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# Message from Chapter President Tom Jones



First, I hope everyone had a safe summer and did not get the virus.

I am as concerned about our opportunity to go back-to our meeting at Granzins BBQ. The management there has done a great job updating our room and have established a good environment for our meeting. Our decision to hold our meeting there will depend on the virus and the restrictions placed on us. At this time, their only requirement is to wear a mask and keep 6-foot distances. If we are told there is a bigger problem we will return to our Zoom meetings.

As you know by the email I sent to everyone just a few days ago we had a very successful Executive Officer Meeting. As usual, we reviewed our requirements to fulfill our Society's obligations to our patriots and set our goals, schedule and procedures to fulfill them.

Our Committee Chairs do a great job in contacting the various organizations to "open doors" that allow us to bring our programs and presentations into their establishments. We need your help to not only use your contacts to introduce our Committee Chairs to those organizations, but also help present programs and presentations set up by the Committee Chair. Please review the list of programs we are engaged in and select the one that you have a desire to assist. You will find it very self-satisfying.

In addition to our routine Chapter obligations that you are familiar with, we have added two more this fall. The first one is participation in New Braunfels Folk Fest. We will have a pavilion there with several Chapter information items for (1) meeting and introducing our Chapter, (2) displaying colonel items and uniforms and (3) getting the names of visitors that would like us to research their ancestors. The second one is our participation in the New Braunfels Veterans Day Parade. Our Color Guard will lead the parade since our patriots were our first national veterans. Our wagon will also be in the parade.

As you know, we are planning our Chapter Holiday Dinner. We will have more info on that as it is scheduled.

Lastly, we will have several members wearing our new Chapter Shirt with Name Tag. Also, our guests and prospective members will also be given a name tag. I ask you to wear a name tag and introduce yourself to our new members, visitors and guests. If you do not have a name tag but will be at the meeting, let me know and I will prepare you a name tag.

I look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please call me at (813) 368-0342. I will be very happy to talk to you. ☺

Sincerely,

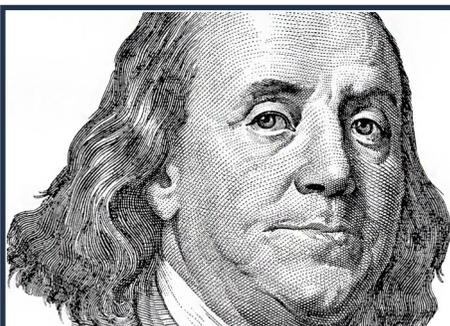
Tom

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Hey Compatriot, Got your shirt yet?

Yes! Great, hope to see you in it at our next meeting!

No? What are you waiting for? Contact Tom today. Shirts get us recognized and support our scholarships!



## The Wisdom of Ben Franklin

Franklin's speech as remembered in Madison's notes of September 17, 1787

Whilst the last members were signing it, Dr. Franklin, looking towards the President's Chair, at the back of which a rising sun happened to be painted, observed to a few members near him, that Painters had found it difficult to distinguish in their art a rising from a setting sun. I have said he, often and often in the course of the Session, and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting: But now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting Sun.



## Chapter Says Goodbye to One of Our Own by Kris Krueger

On July 1, 2021, the William Hightower Chapter had the opportunity to say goodbye to one of our own: Compatriot James Curtis Shaw. James passed away on April 8. His service had been postponed until July 1.

It is not unusual for a family to ask the Chapter to provide an honor guard or other representative at a Compatriot's service. In fact, the Chapter often volunteers to help in any way we can. This time, James's family had asked the Chapter to take a larger role. The Chapter was honored to comply. The William Hightower Chapter organized honors for James for his military service in the United States Navy and his SAR membership. James Shaw was the son of Melba Shaw, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a dear friend to the William Hightower Chapter.

Melba was presented a United States Flag in recognition of James's service. The flag was presented to her by a representative of the United States Navy, Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Quist. We are grateful for the participation of Chief Quist and the Naval Recruiting Station for all their assistance in the service.

The Chapter provided a Color Guard and Honor Guard for the service. The recognition ceremony of James's SAR membership was led by Chapter President Tom Jones, with Chaplain Don Chandler providing prayer. The Chapter provided Melba with James's SAR Member Badge and a Memorial Certificate in remembrance of James.

We hope our participation helped bring peace to a grieving family and recognize all that James brought to this world. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him.

James, Fair winds and following seas... ❄️



Presentations and participants in the funeral service. Pictured from left to right are Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Quist, United States Navy, Color Guard and Honor Guard Commander Blair Rudy, Chapter Secretary and Honor Guard member Kris Krueger, Melba Shaw, James's Mother, Chapter Registrar and Honor Guard member Robert Duckworth, Chapter Chaplain Don Chandler, and Chapter President Tom Jones

## We're Back! Back In the Community with a Big Parade

by Kris Krueger

On Saturday, July 3, after almost 18 months outside the public eye, the William Hightower Chapter was back! Eighteen months of Zoom meetings, phone calls, emails, and mail packages were instantly broken in the most appropriate of events. What a way to come back together as a community. The Chapter was proud to march in the New Braunfels Fourth of July Parade to celebrate our nation's independence and rally on the patriotism that makes this the greatest nation in the world.

This year's parade was also making up for some lost time. Because of COVID-19 cancellations in 2020, this parade also celebrated the 175th anniversary of the founding of New Braunfels. This made for a bit longer parade than in years past, but it was all worth it to see the patriotic crowds cheering for our flag and the patriot ancestors we represent.

This year, the William Hightower Chapter shared the seated trailer with our friends and family from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Republic of Texas. We all worked together to decorate a star-spangled float everyone was proud of.

In the lead position, our Chapter President, Tom Jones, was followed by a Chapter Color Guard and a float that seated members, families, and friends of the William Hightower Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. It was an honor to get back out into the community with a float full of true patriots honoring our nation's 245th year of independence! 🇺🇸



Some of the Compatriots, Family, and Friends of the William Hightower Chapter and the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas participating in the Fourth of July Parade in New Braunfels. Included in the photo is one our oldest Compatriots, WWII-veteran Don Chandler, and one our youngest, Junior Member Kason Krueger.



Members of the Color Guard with Chapter President Tom Jones and one of our Junior Members ready for the parade to get under way!

**New Braunfels Folk Fest**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
by Kris Krueger



The New Braunfels Folk Fest is Saturday, October 9, and Sunday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Folk Fest is a weekend celebration honoring early Texas in living history. Located at New Braunfels Heritage Village, the festival honors the early pioneers that made Texas great. The William Hightower Chapter will be at Folk Fest, returning to the event after several years. We need your help. We are looking for volunteers who can help man our booth.

We plan to have a booth in three sections. One section will talk about the Chapter and the work we do in the community. One section will be a living history display of American Revolution artifacts. And one section will be more interactive. We want to offer kids a chance to take a picture in a Regimental Coat, maybe with a musket, but we will need help to make this part of the booth happen.

We are also looking into offering some other opportunities for youth. We may be able to offer a merit badge class to area Boy Scouts. We are also interested in your ideas.

We need your help to make this work. We are looking for volunteers who can help us interact with the public as they come through our booth. Having Continental uniform or period attire is not required, but is a plus. We will provide information for everything we are displaying and talking about.

Can you give us an hour or two? Maybe on Saturday? Maybe Sunday? Maybe both? Would you like to come out and when you are not helping the Chapter, you could visit the other living history booths? The more Compatriots that come out, the more fun it will be.

Why would the Sons of the American Revolution want to participate in an event focused on early Texas life? First, it is an opportunity to get into the community to promote patriotism and provide American Revolution education. Second, it is an opportunity to share the William Hightower Chapter's programs with the community. Third, we have the chance to show the connections between Texas and the American Revolution. Wait, you didn't know there are connections between Texas and the American Revolution? Well, let's fix that... Check out the story on page 9.

This is going to be a great opportunity for us to meet the community, talk about the work we are doing, and look for new members. The time to promote patriotism and what our Patriot Ancestors did to secure this great nation has never been needed more.

Contact President Tom Jones to let him know you can help! 🇺🇸

England could not put down the “little rebellion,” while many of her enemies had circled, smelling blood in the water.

George Washington smelled blood, too. On September 28, 1781, an allied force of Continentals and French began a siege of British General Cornwallis at Yorktown. Cornwallis had fortified and garrisoned Yorktown to create a safe harbor for the British fleet. By September 5, 1781, the harbor became moot. The French fleet engaged the British at the Battle of the Capes, driving the British back to New York harbor. The French blockaded the lower Chesapeake. Cornwallis became trapped. Relief from New York was delayed, leaving Cornwallis with one remaining outcome: surrender. He did so on October 19.

Yorktown was the beginning of peace. English resolve to fight, much less win, had evaporated since war began in 1775. Yorktown destroyed any last hope for British victory in the colonies, while Patriot, French, Spanish, and Dutch allies were dedicated to the fight and resolved to win.

Yorktown began a new political reality for the British. The British poured resources into the colonies to maintain control, then to win a war. Not only were there no signs of victory after 6 years, but total loss was now a possibility in a war that had expanded globally. Parliament would soon accede and move to end the war, especially since the loss at Yorktown caused a change in power from the Tory party to the Whigs.

With a change in power, the British government became very interested in peace. Negotiations began in Paris in April 1782 between Britain, the United States, France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic. All 5 vied for concessions, especially France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic. They entered the war to gain advantage over the British. Each nation would eventually sign its own treaty with Great Britain.

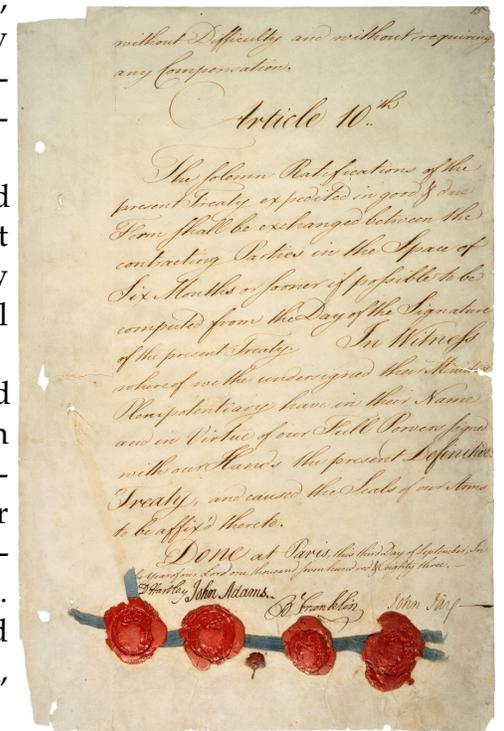
On September 3, 1783, the United States and Great Britain signed the Treaty of Paris. This was a new beginning for the entire world. Great Britain recognized the independence of the United States. The world saw thirteen disparate, mostly agrarian, colonies defeat the most powerful nation on Earth and earn their freedom.

The new beginning was not going so well for the fledgling United States. Once the war was over, the states lost a common foe binding them together. Old politics began to take over. It did not take long for American leaders to realize the Articles of Confederation, the framework for our government since 1777, were not working. We needed a new government, but one that avoided the traps that got us here in the first place. Our leaders, students of the Enlightenment, brought all of their ideas and shared experiences together in 1787 to the Philadelphia Convention, known today as the Constitutional Convention.

The delegates who arrived in Philadelphia in May 1787 created a new blueprint for liberty. The debate carried on for months. On September 17, 1787, the delegates signed a document they could all agree on. It ensured personal freedom balanced to a government controlled through checks and balances. Pending ratification by the states, the United States had begun a new course, changing the rules of its Great Experiment under the Constitution. This new document lit the beacon that still shines today.

The Constitution was a new beginning. History had experimented with many of the Constitution’s ideas. They had just never been organized into a system quite like this before. History provides little doubt that without the Constitution, our little experiment would have been a new beginning with no future.

September is a month of new beginnings. As we come together again after 18 months apart, let us look at this September as an opportunity for our own new beginnings. 🌟



The Treaty of Paris. Amongst the signers are John Adams and Ben Franklin

## Celebrating Constitution Week 2021

by Kris Krueger

On September 17, 1787, the United States began its final revolutionary chapter. Delegates from across the 13 states had been debating since May. They arrived in Philadelphia with only one thought in common: the Articles of Confederation were not working. They had just won a revolutionary war, poured their blood and treasure into independence, sacrificed all their futures in turning away from the most powerful country in the world to go in a new direction. All these were perilously close to being a waste of time.

The convention had been called to resolve issues amongst the states the Articles of Confederation could not. Before long, the effort to fix the Articles transformed into designing a new government. We know that document today as the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution was Benjamin Franklin's "rising sun." The Constitution was submitted to the states for ratification, which was achieved, and the new federal government under the Constitution began March 4, 1789.

A holiday to commemorate the delegates signing the Constitution began in Iowa in 1911. By 1917, the SAR became a driving force to promote Constitution Day nationwide. The SAR formed a committee that included such members as Calvin Coolidge, John Rockefeller, and General John Pershing. The committee found some success and the movement began to grow. By 1952, Congress established September 17 as "Citizenship Day." By 1956, Congress expanded the holiday was expanded to "Constitution Week" spanning from September 17 to September 23 each year.

Constitution Week has become a mostly forgotten holiday across much of the country. In Texas, schools are charged with providing some relevant recognition of Constitution Week each year that is met with varying degrees of success.

The William Hightower Chapter is reaching out to local schools to help with a Constitution Week program (Friday, September 17, to Thursday, September 23). If you are interested in being a part of this special opportunity to visit local classrooms to remind students how important our Constitution is, please reach out to Will Moravits. 📧



*Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States*  
Howard Chandler Christy (1940)

## Recognizing Excellence in Our Schools

by Kris Krueger and Tom Jones

For decades, the William Hightower Chapter has been engaging with local school districts to recognize excellence within our community schools. This year, The William Hightower Chapter began expanding the programs into private schools.

On May 10, 2021, the William Hightower Chapter was honored to participate in the New Braunfels Christian Academy's Senior Recognition Night. Chapter President Tom Jones and Chapter Secretary Kris Krueger presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to two deserving graduating seniors.

Senior Ronald Charles Skelton, III, was a captain on the football team this year. He won 1st place in the Discus Throw at State Championships. He has consistently displayed leadership in his class. After graduation, RC (as he is more popularly known) will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, in the Fall. Gig 'em!

Senior Caroline Young was a head cheerleader this year. She loves the Lord and is devoted to helping others, always with a smile on her face! After graduation, she will attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in the Fall. Go, Islanders!

The William Hightower Chapter salutes these incredible examples of our future. We know you will go far! 🌟



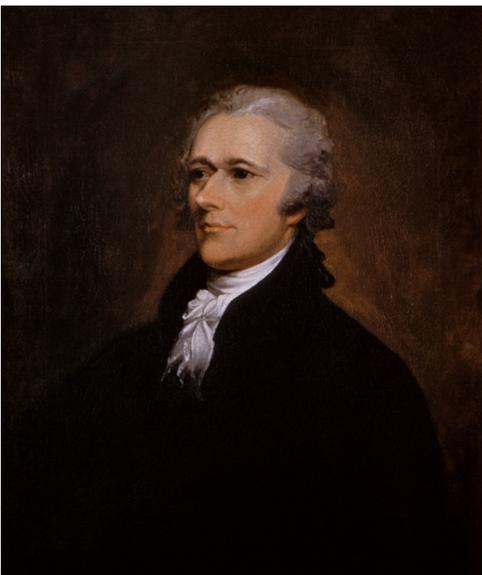
Chapter President Tom Jones and Chapter Secretary Kris Krueger present the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to New Braunfels Christian Academy Senior Ron Skelton, III



### Still Owe Dues for 2021?

Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton wants to make sure you have paid your dues for 2021! It is never too late to get caught back up. Your dues help support our scholarship programs and keep the Chapter running. If you have not paid your dues yet, it's easy to fix! You can pay safely online. Just go to <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm>.

Help us accomplish our patriotic, educational, and historical missions of keeping the ideals of the American Revolution that gave birth to this Great Nation alive!



## Texas in the American Revolution? Well, actually...

by Kris Krueger

Texas was not one of the 13 colonies fighting in the American Revolution, but it did have connections to the war. When Spain allied with the United States in the American Revolution, Texas was part of the Spanish colonies known as New Spain. Later, during Texas own period of colonization, many veterans and Patriots of the American Revolution would find their way here.

We know of 47 documented American Revolution Patriots buried in Texas who had direct participation in the war. A dozen more are believed to be Revolutionary Patriots, with their research ongoing. Two Patriots are buried in the Texas State Cemetery. Some of these Patriots served with the Continental Army, militia units, the French Army, the Spanish Army. We believe one served as the leader of a Native American unit. Some were supporters of the Cause, furnishing supplies and support to the war effort. Many came to Texas and quietly settled their family. Some became involved in the Texas fight for freedom.

Texas was part of Spain during the American Revolution. Spain was our ally during the war, officially declaring war against Great Britain in 1779. The ranching industry was already strong in Texas in 1779. From 10,000 to 15,000 head of Texas beef fed the Spanish Army fighting the British. The cattle trails moved east, bringing with them *rancheros*, *vaqueros* (we know them as cowboys), and *Soldados* (Spanish garrison Soldiers mostly) who moved and protected the herds. Some of the Spanish Soldiers stayed with the Spanish Army to fight in the war.



Spanish Soldiers during the American Revolution



Bernardo de Gálvez

The Commander of Spanish forces was General Bernardo de Gálvez, who was also the Governor of Louisiana at the time. Gálvez created a third front for the British, carrying out campaigns in Florida and throughout the Bahamas. Gálvez helped draft the 1783 Treaty of Paris. His contributions to Patriot victory were well known at the time and recognized by General Washington and Congress.

As the Governor of Louisiana, Gálvez launched an expedition to survey the Gulf Coast. The cartographer named the largest bay in Texas after the Governor, which we still know today as Galveston.

King Carlos III instituted a voluntary tax on August 17, 1780, throughout New Spain of two pesos for each Spaniard and one peso for every other person in New Spain. At the time, two pesos was enough money to buy a cow. The purpose of the tax was to fund the war effort. While the tax was voluntary, it raised millions of pesos across all of New Spain, several thousand pesos coming from Texas.

There is one last connection between the American Revolution and Texas, but it is much more dubious. During the Texas Revolution of 1835-1836, the Mexican Army fighting the Texans was armed with surplus British Brown Bess muskets. While the Mexican Army used a cheaper model, the weapon was the same used against American Patriots more than half a century before.

Of course, many of the Texans that would settle Texas in the 1820s and 1830s were the children and grandchildren of Patriots. They grew up regaled by stories of General Washington, winters at Valley Forge, and battlefield victories (and losses) against the British. These stories would propel them to seek their own freedom from tyranny.

Today, the descendants of those early Texans that marched with Galvez, supplied beef, and paid the voluntary tax are all eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. ⚙️

*Happy Birthday to our Compatriots  
And Remembering our Patriot Ancestors*

**Happy Birthday, Compatriots**

Clyde Parsons, Jr., September 4  
Harold Storer, III, September 5  
Raymond Sanford, September 15  
Edward Blauvelt, September 20  
Jerry Koch, September 26

**Remembering our Patriot Ancestors**

Thomas Boyd, ancestor of Charles Motz,  
09/14/1734  
William Collier, ancestor of Alan Cook,  
09/1735  
Samuel Johnson, ancestor of Richard Johnson,  
09/12/1739  
Stephen Hoyt, ancestor of Stu Hoyt and Ray-  
mond Sanford, 09/23/1746  
Pierre Firmin Breaux, ancestor of Michael, Sr.  
and Michael, Jr. Mark, 09/29/1749  
Fredericus Blauvelt, patriot ancestor of Ed and  
Evan Blauvelt, 09/16/1764

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!  
Compatriot Society Anniversaries  
September**

Clyde Parsons, Jr., 28 years  
Travis Tate, Jr., 12 years  
Michael England, 9 years  
Raymond Sanford, 7 years  
Stan Trull, 6 years  
Kris Krueger, 5 years  
Thomas Richey, Sr., 5 years  
Dana Gunter, 4 years

Thank you for your continued service to our  
Society and your dedication to promoting pat-  
riotism, preserving American history, and  
promoting education to future generations

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**From the Awards Committee...**

The Sons of the American Revolution offers several recognitions you may qualify for. The Chapter is unable to budget for these awards, but they can still be earned by qualifying Compatriots. They include a medal or pin and a certificate. Here is a look at several awards you may qualify for.

1. War Service Medal. Awarded to Compatriots for honorable service with the Armed Forces or an ally against a common enemy in a recognized war or action.
2. Military Service Medal. Awarded to Compatriots for military service that does not qualify for the War Service Medal.
3. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Awarded to Compatriots for noteworthy achievements to their community in at least 4 leadership capacities, or by some outstanding achievement in the community.
4. Service Awards. Lapel pins awarded for years of service to the SAR in 5-year increments, beginning with 5 years. If you have an anniversary in one of these years, you qualify for a service award.

If you are interested, please see Chapter Secretary Kris Krueger who can help you process the award and assist with your recognition at a Chapter meeting. Kris can assist with verifying your qualifications, ordering the awards, and completing the certificates for presentation at a Chapter meeting. The Chapter always looks forward to recognizing our Compatriots for their service.

**Compatriot, You earned it!  
Get Recognized Today!**



## Beginning of Operation Ancestry Search at the Veterans Service Organization in Buda by Stu Hoyt

The Sons of the American Revolution instituted a genealogy program for Veterans in conjunction with Ancestry.com a few years back. The purpose of the program was two-fold. One was to encourage young veterans and those still in the service to search their heritage for links to the American Revolution by allowing a one-year free subscription with Ancestry.Com and to promote the Society's interaction with veterans. Prior to Covid 19, members of the Patrick Henry, Alexander Hamilton Chapters and the Ron Walcik family (SAR and DAR members scheduled 22 sessions at the Warrior Transition Unit at Ft. Hood and 22 sessions at the Domiciliary at Temple VA. Since March 2020 those facilities have been closed to any visitors and the OAS program was put on hold.

The Patrick Henry Chapter in conjunction with the William Hightower Chapter have envisioned an opportunity to open a window and broaden that horizon. The various veteran's organizations in the Kyle-Buda area have joined together in an alliance called the Veterans Service Organization Alliance. It is composed of the VFW, American Legion and the American Veterans Organization. They have contracted with the City of Buda to use the old city police building. In addition to servicing the local veterans with disaster assistance, they provide food and assistance to get veterans back on their feet. Besides recreation and family programs, the VSO has instituted training programs at their facility at 100 Houston Street, in Buda. In addition to arts and crafts and education, they have recently offered a way for veterans to kindle their interest in their heritage with a genealogy program offered by the Sons of the American Revolution. The goal is to make this alliance a lasting relationship.



In the first class, Gary Chapel and Will Cox of the Patrick Henry Chapter team up with Kerman Hammond and Gilbert Arismendez (local veterans) to build a "Family Tree" using Ancestry.com. Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter is coordinating between these two groups and taking the pictures. Since this was the initial and test class, the SAR and the VSO plan to work closely to make this program available to other veterans in the area.

Left to right are Kerman Hammond, Will Cox, Gilbert Arismendez with Gary Chapel standing



Gary Chapel works with Gilbert Arismendez to assemble his first family tree

# September in the William Hightower Chapter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Treaty of Paris	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1st Continental Congress Meets				Chapter Meeting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Constitution Week	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1st Saratoga					Benedict Arnold Flees	
Constitution Week						
26	27	28	29	30		
		Yorktown Begins				

## Happening this Month

September 9: Chapter Meeting, Granzins BBQ, New Braunfels, Social Hour: 5:30 p.m., Business: 6:30 p.m.

September 17-23: Constitution Week, established by law in August 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108 ), recognizing a period to honor the United States Constitution

## Historical Anniversaries

September 3, 1783: Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris between Great Britain and the United States

September 5, 1774: Anniversary of the meeting of the First Continental Congress meets at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, ending on October 26, petition for redress of grievances, organized boycott of British trade

September 17, 1787: Anniversary of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signing the United States Constitution

September 19, 1777: Anniversary of the First Battle of Saratoga, Burgoyne's army is shaken by encounter with Arnold and Morgan's riflemen

September 24, 1780: Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John André to finalize his changing sides and surrender of West Point to the British. André is captured on September 23. Arnold flees on the morning of September 24 to HMS Vulture, ironically having learned of André's capture while waiting to meet Washington for breakfast.

September 28, 1781: Anniversary of the beginning of the Yorktown Siege

# October in the William Hightower Chapter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Boston Occupation	2
3	4	5	6	7 2nd Saratoga Kings Mountain	8	9 Folk Fest
				Fall Board of Managers		
10 Folk Fest Fall BOM	11	12	13 US Navy	14 Chapter Meeting	15	16
17	18	19 Yorktown Ends	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 1st Continental Congress Ends	27	28	29	30
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## Happening this Month

October 7-10: Texas State Society Board of Managers Meeting, Webster

October 9-10: New Braunfels Folk Fest, Heritage Village, New Braunfels, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day

October 14: Chapter Meeting, Granzins BBQ, New Braunfels, Social Hour: 5:30 p.m., Business: 6:30 p.m.

## Historical Anniversaries

October 1, 1768: British soldiers arrive in Boston to enforce compliance with new regulations. The 14th and 29th Regiments, a detachment from the 59th Regiment, and with two pieces of artillery landed on the Long Wharf

October 7, 1777: Second Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights) New York, Arnold defeats British again

October 7, 1780: Intimidating British tactics backfire as swarms of riled frontiersmen annihilate Patrick Ferguson's tory force at the Battle of Kings Mountain, South Carolina

October 13, 1775: Continental Congress authorizes the Continental Navy

October 19, 1781: Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown along with his full contingent of 8,000 troops, marking the beginning of the end for the British

October 26, 1774: End of the First Continental Congress

October 26, 1774: Anniversary of the Minute Men. The Massachusetts Provincial Congress recommends the militia form 1/3 of each town's militia to be available on a moment's notice.



# William Hightower Chapter Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

## Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2021

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. Business: 6:30 p.m.

Granzin Bar-B-Q, New Braunfels

- I. Invocation - Don Chandler
- II. Pledges to the Flags - Tom Jones
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Texas State Pledge
  - c. SAR Pledge
- I. Introduction of Guests - Tom Jones
- II. President's Welcome and Comments - Tom Jones
- III. Recommendation to Not Move Bank Accounts - Tom Jones  
(Requires a Chapter Vote)
- I. Folk Fest, October, New Braunfels - Tom Jones
- II. Announcement of Any Bylaws Amendments - Kris Krueger
- III. How I Used the Patriot Record System to Find a Supplemental Ancestor - Kris Krueger
- IV. Next Meeting - Tom Jones  
October 14, 2021, (Social Hour 5:30 p.m., Business 6:30 p.m.)  
Granzin Bar-B-Q, New Braunfels
- I. Benediction - Don Chandler
- II. SAR Recessional - Tom Jones

PLEASE NOTE: While it is not required, Granzin Bar-B-Q has asked that we wear masks and maintain social distancing as we can.



# William Hightower Chapter Leadership

2021-2022

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## About Us

The William Hightower Chapter is the New Braunfels-based chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. We are a male genealogical society dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to our future generations. Please feel free to join us the 2nd Thursday of each month September through May at Granzin Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and business at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a social hour at 5:30 p.m.!

