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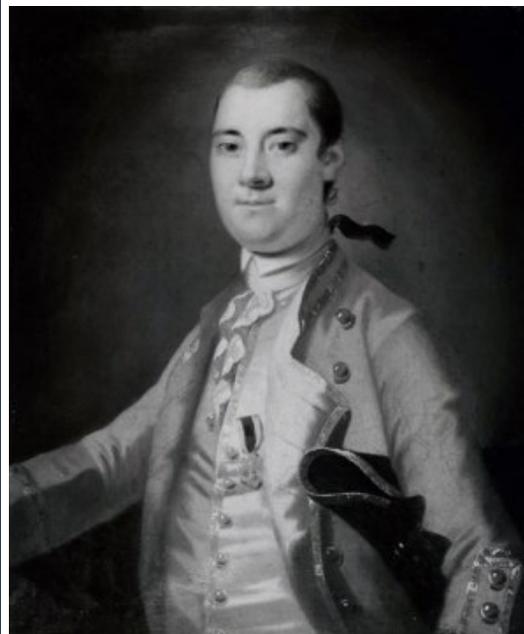
This Month in the American Revolution

Tit for Tat

by Stu Hoyt

For many years in time of battle when one side won and impressive victory the other side planned to retaliate in kind. Such was the case during the American Revolution.

In July 1775, after George Washington was commissioned Commander-in-Chief of the Army, he started his journey to Boston from Philadelphia. When he arrived in New York City, he was met at the dock by the city officials and given a parade through the city. About the same time British Governor of New York, William Tryon, was just arriving from a trip to England. He was asked to delay his docking up to two hours until the city officials finished with George Washington. He was not too happy with that request and looked forward to besting Mr. Washington.



Governor William Tryon

When Washington ousted the British from Boston and moved to New York City, Governor Tryon was exiled to a British ship anchored in the harbor next to a large British warship. He did all his planning with the loyalists from that ship but that is a story for another day. Tryon was aware of the impending British Navy and Army's arrival in the harbor and was planning accordingly.

We know that Washington was pushed out of the city off the island and then out of the state in 1776. Because of Connecticut's proximity to Long Island, it was used as a staging location for raids against Long Island. Governor Tryon heard that Danbury was being used as a storage area for the Continental Army and planned a raid to destroy it. They used whaleboats to cross the sound and were successful in capturing the city. They burned all the supplies and a number of the rebels' homes before returning to their boats. Word spread of their raiding party and Benedict Arnold and several Connecticut militia chased them back to their boats inflicting heavy damage during the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

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Message from Chapter President Tom Jones



I hope everyone is getting their virus vaccination and are able to socialize with their family and friends. It has been a very long time for everyone. Our Chapter was able to function during the past year due to the dedication of our members. Fortunately, we had Compatriots that were able to up-hold our Chapter motto of being Patriotic, Historical and Educational. To all of them I say Thank You for being available during very difficult situations to fulfill our obligations to our Patriots who sacrificed and died to give our country the freedom and prosperity that we all enjoy.

Hopefully, we will be able to have conventional meetings when we come back in September. I ask everyone if you know a place that has a meeting room large enough for our Chapter (about 15-20 attend our meetings) to let me know and we will contact them. My phone number is (210) 263-9241 and my email address is tomandbet@aol.com. If you call and I do not answer, please leave a message.

I encourage everyone to be with us in our Zoom meeting on May 13. In addition to our reports on our Chapter activity during the last month we have two Chapter issues that will be addressed (a proposal to change our Bank and The Parent/Guardian Permission Form concerning children pictures taken by us during presentations). We encourage you to join us. If you need assistance in setting up the Zoom meeting please contact me at the phone number above. Your attendance is important and beneficial to our Chapter.

During the summer our Chapter has two functions that I hope you can attend. On July 1 at 2:00 p.m. we are conducting a SAR Memorial Funeral Service for Compatriot James Shaw in the First United Methodist Church in New Braunfels. Please plan to attend to honor James and offer condolences to his family.

On July 3, it looks feasible that New Braunfels will have its Independence Day parade and we will participate in it. I will keep you informed about the schedule. In addition to the parade, there is a public gathering at New Braunfels's downtown plaza immediately following the parade that I hope you will be able to attend.

I hope you have a good summer and I look forward to seeing you at our two activities and our meetings and activities this fall. Do not forget to sign up for our Holiday Dinner on December 9, place to be determined. We will notify you as soon as we have that information. 🌟

Tom

What Am I Doing This Summer?

by Kris Krueger

As you get ready for the Summer, what will you do during the Chapter's break? There will be the parade in New Braunfels on July 3. We will be helping James Shaw's family say goodbye on July 1. What else are planning to do? I thought about a few ideas. You might just be interested in one or two:

1. July 1 is the memorial service for James. I plan to attend to help the Shaw family remember how James made the world a better place, and to help say goodbye.
2. July 3 is the Independence Day parade in New Braunfels. As of now, it is on. I look forward to being there.
3. National Congress. The SAR's National Congress is in Washington state this year. While it is not something I can do this year, I do plan to make it to a congress.
4. Reading. I am not the voracious reader I once was, but I do still like a little quiet time with something good. It does not have to be history. There are a few good historical fiction novels focused on the American Revolution. I am also fascinated by Ed's book reviews of what George Washington was reading during the war. Usually, I try a little of both.
5. Studying. I am getting more and more interested in being a part of the speakers bank. I have already started studying and researching, but have a long way to go. I am looking forward to some online research and maybe even some trips to the library. I will also look for some documentaries and videos that can help, too.
6. Genealogy. I recently finished up a supplemental application, with Robert Duckworth's help. Rodney Young has been showing us how the PRS can help with genealogy research. I am hoping to take advantage of the connections it can find and put together another supplemental, maybe two.

No matter what you decide to do with your Summer, there is always opportunity to take time to learn a little more about the American Revolution, the people that lived through it, and our own ancestors. What will you do this Summer? 🌟

Proud Papa! by Stu Hoyt

Each year local chapters of the SAR struggle to find contestants for their youth programs. This year, with COVID-19 restrictions, that challenge became even greater. Will Moravits is the Youth Programs Chairman for the William Hightower Chapter. One evening at dinner, he was discussing the issue with his family and they decided to help dad out. His fourteen-year-old son applied for the Sergeant Moses Adams brochure contest and his entry took first place. His wife is a teacher at Voss Farms Elementary School, in New Braunfels, and challenged one of her coworkers to encourage her class to enter the poster contest. They had 15 entries.

Will arranged to have his son's presentation at the 9th Grade Center in New Braunfels. When the Principal, Ms. Littlejohn, saw us arriving in our Continental Uniforms, she called out two of her classes to witness the presentation. James Moravits received the Sergeant Moses Adams First Place Brochure Contest Certificate, and a check for \$100.00. For his work in researching this project James received an Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and Pin.

From Left to right are: Chapter Historian Stu Hoyt, Youth Programs Chairman Will Moravits, first place brochure winner James Moravits, Principal Sandy Littlejohn, and TXSSAR Secretary Jim Clements, a member of the Patrick Henry Chapter. 🌟



Bearers.

The Color Bearers had their hands full with those popping banners but knew that they had chosen the better when they saw the drills that the Musketeers were put through.

They saw a lot of marching, pomp and circumstance, flags up and down, muskets up and loaded, and an occasional cloud of black powder smoke that covered the field. No one seemed to mind that we weren't young men anymore because the adrenaline was rushing. It was over all too fast but not before a musket volley and a charge across the field. Would we do it again? ----- In a heartbeat!

Pictured is the Color Guard lined up for one of our drills. There are too many to name, but who cares. We know that we were part of the "Wimberley Muster." Many thanks to Blair Rudy, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander and his lieutenants, Shiidon Hawley and Bob Kubin for leading us around and to Jim Clements who arranged for the venue and alerted law enforcement of the noise and crowd control. 🌟

On a Hill Far Away! by Stu Hoyt



On a hill far away stood an old group of guys, the remnant of what they once were. They were ready at the command, eager for the call, and excited to be back in the game. The brainstorm of Blair Rudy, the TXSSAR Color Guard Commander mustered members together for the first time in over a year. On that hill in the small town of Wimberley about twenty miles southwest of Austin is Veterans Memorial Park, set above the grounds of the Emily Ann Theater behind the local high school. This was the location of the muster call for the TXSSAR Color Guard at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

There were over thirty-five members who responded to that call, plus wives and children. It was like a picnic. After being shut out for over a year, compatriots were chomping at the bit to dust off the continentals and oil up the muskets. Many drove over 250 miles and when it was over they were glad that they made the effort.

Starting early, the lower parking lot was a bustle. Voices rose as those who had only seen each other virtually were giving fist bumps and a "Huzzah!" The climb to the top was a little steep so a shuttle was made available. The day before, the temperature was steadily climbing into the nineties so there was a concern about wearing those wool coats. But God was good and provided a cool front, which kept it in the low eighties. There was a feisty wind, which made us tighten down on the Tri-corn, or Cocked Hat. After signing the muster roll, we were treated to some homemade cookies and cool water. We were divided into two groups, the Musketeers and the Color

Three Generations Aplenty!

by Kris Krueger

The William Hightower Chapter has been the home to many families. Chapters are literally built on families; our genealogy is what grants us membership. It is not unusual for fathers and sons to both be active in the chapter. Two generations of families sharing their devotion to the sacrifices made by our patriot ancestors to secure freedom and create the greatest nation ever known. Three generations of active membership do not happen very often, until now. The Chapter currently has a grandfather, a father, and a son as active members.



Harold Krueger receiving his membership certificate and other recognitions from son Kris and grandson Kason. All 3 are active Compatriots in the Chapter.

It started when Kris Krueger became a member on September 1, 2016. After a few years of membership, Kris worked with Mike Pryor to complete an application for his son, Kason. Kason's application was completed with Mike, but the process for membership transferred over to Robert Duckworth when he became the Chapter's Registrar. Robert did a great job helping the application navigate the system. Kason became a junior member on April 7, 2020. Shortly after starting Kason's application, Kris began an application for his father, Harold. Robert worked with Kris on the application and Harold was accepted into the SAR on October 16, 2020.

Kris worked with his Mom on Harold's application and acceptance. "The plan was always to surprise my Dad with his membership," said Kris. "I wanted it to be a birthday present and had been working with my Mom so we could present it to him as a surprise present." Then came COVID-19.

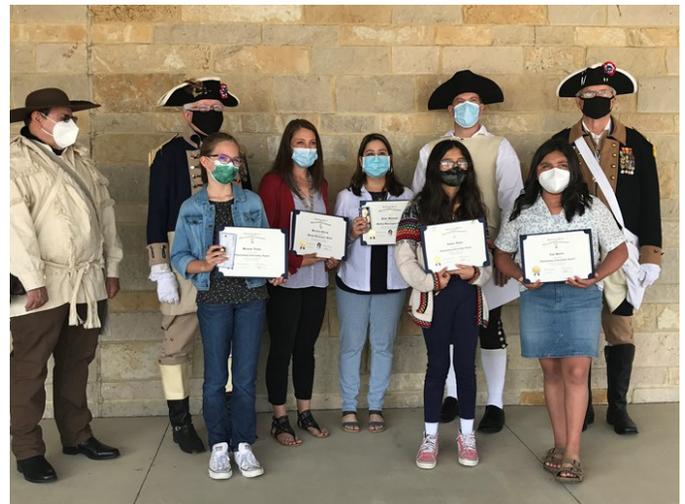
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Poster Boy or Girl in this case!

by Stu Hoyt

When given the challenge to find contestants for the SAR Elementary School Poster Contest, Rosie Moravits came to her husband's rescue. Will Moravits is the Youth Programs Chairman for the William Hightower Chapter and Rosie is a teacher at Voss Farms Elementary School. Rosie recruited one of her coworkers to get 15 students to enter the poster contest. The top three entries came from this group. In addition to a certificate for placement, first place was awarded a check for \$100.00, second place \$50.00, and third place \$25.00. For their outstanding research to support their poster, each received an Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and Pin. Each of the teachers involved received a Martha Washington medal for their enriching support of an SAR Youth Program.

Behind the masks front left to right are Brianne Neuse, 1st place; Andrea Lopez, 2nd place; and Ava Garcia, 3rd place. Behind, Stan Trull, Treasurer; Stu Hoyt, Historian; Cede Shirley and Rosie Moravits, teachers of these students, Will Moravits, Youth Programs Chairman; and Jim Clements, TXSSAR Secretary and Patrick Henry Chapter. 🇺🇸



Tit for Tat

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To get back at Tryon for his raid on Danbury, Connecticut General Samuel Holden Parsons planned a retaliatory raid on Sag Harbor, Long Island, the next month. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs (Yes! That's his first name) was put in charge of the 170-man raiding party. They sailed to Long Island, landed near Southold just after dark and foraged to Little Peconic Bay and over to Sag Harbor. Most of the soldiers were pulled to New York City thus the raiding party was able to overcome the guards and inflict major damage to the fort and the ships in the harbor. They captured 90 Loyalist militiamen and returned with no losses.

This raid, also called Meigs Raid, was a major morale booster at a time when the war was not going well for the American Cause. 🇺🇸

Chapter Recognizes Area Eagle Scout by Kris Krueger

Eagle Scouts are well known for being ahead of their peers in leadership and patriotism. By the time Scouts reach the rank of Eagle, they have already spent years learning skills for life, experiencing the world, and developing into leaders for the future. It is a unique honor that only 4% of Scouts will achieve.

The William Hightower Chapter had the opportunity to recognize an Eagle Scout on April 20. Pierce Heller is an Eagle Scout in Troop 222 from Canyon Lake. He will be graduating from Canyon Lake High School in May. Pierce plans to study Engineering at Texas A&M University, while being a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Aggie Band.

Compatriots Robert Duckworth and Kris Krueger paid a visit to Troop 222's meeting to recognize Pierce for his accomplishments and learn about some of his plans for the future. It was instantly apparent all the Scouts in the Troop look up to Pierce for not only his what he has accomplished as a Scout, but also his ability to pass on what he has learned to the Scouts making their way up the Scouting trail behind him.

Pierce was presented with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition and the Outstanding Citizenship Award. It was a special opportunity for Robert, who is a substitute teacher at Canyon Lake High School. Pierce is one of his students. Robert looked forward to Pierce's surprise as he arrived in his Continental Uniform. The uniform added an extra treat for all the Scouts and their adult leaders, who were interested to hear about the Sons of the American Revolution and what our Chapter offers the Scout units in our area.

In addition to recognizing Eagle Scouts for their accomplishments, the William Hightower Chapter offers the speakers bank as a resource to Scout units. The Chapter also offers merit badge counselors for Scouts working on the Citizenship (all 3), American Heritage, and Genealogy.

The William Hightower Chapter sponsors the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award contest. The Chapter contest winner receives a \$250 scholarship, medal, and entry in the state-level contest. The state-level contest offers a \$2,500 scholarship, trophy, and entry in the national-level contest for the winner. The national winner receives a \$10,000 scholarship. Eagle Scouts complete a 500-word patriotic essay and a 4-generation ancestor chart, in addition to detailing their accomplishments in and out of scouting. 🇺🇸



Eagle Scout Pierce Heller receives the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate and the Outstanding Citizenship Award from Compatriots Robert Duckworth and Kris Krueger during Troop 222's meeting.



Eagle Scout Medal awarded by the Boy Scouts of America to Scouts who earn the Eagle Scout rank



Eagle Scout Contest Medal awarded by the SAR to Eagle Scouts who win the contest at the Chapter level

We're Back! Well, We're Getting There

by Stu Hoyt

The William Hightower Chapter prides itself on its accomplishments on supporting the SAR ROTC in the Youth Programs. Over the years we have extended our coverage to thirteen junior and two senior programs in the surrounding five counties. Everyone looked forward to the April to May timeframe when we dressed up to hand out the medals at each school's ceremony. All this came to a screeching halt in April 2020 when a black cloud known as the COVID-19 Pandemic descended over the world. All life as we knew it shut down. It was such an unknown that no one wanted to take any chances, they all stayed home.

Here it is a year later, eyes are still peeking out from under the covers and life is still far from normal. People don't think twice about wearing a mask in public. Most schools are still restricting activities. It is the exception rather than the norm to have public events. Of the fifteen ROTC programs, at least one has reached out to the SAR to join in an awards ceremony. At 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 2021, the Lehman High School Naval JROTC elected to honor those in their program by inviting outside organizations to assist them in recognizing their cadets.

Attendance was controlled using social distancing and one-way directions, but the event went off without a hitch. It must have been a void for graduating seniors in the program to leave without as much as a good bye. This April, they held their heads high as they were piped across the stage.

Schools are slowly getting back to a normal routine. While no schools allowed us to visit in 2020, a few allowed us to present awards in 2021. Many of the ceremonies looked like the first picture of Cadet Labrecque receiving his award: plenty of social distancing. But, we were able to get a few more traditional photos of our award recipients, too. The Chapter's work with the ROTC programs represents every service's JROTC program and Army and Air Force ROTC at Texas State University. 🇺🇸



Stu Hoyt congratulates Cadet Kael Labrecque on receiving the Bronze ROTC Medal with plenty of social distancing.



Stu Hoyt is able to get a little closer for a hand shake with Cadet Labrecque



Don Chandler and Robert Duckworth present the Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Ethan Williams with Instructor Navy Commander (Ret.) Scott Outlaw

Going Dutch

by Stu Hoyt

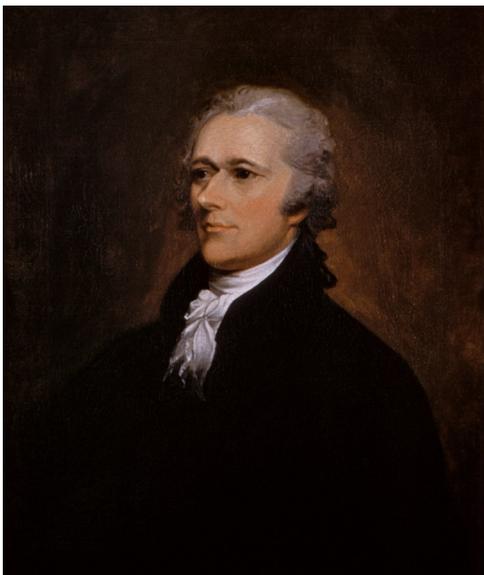
At 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 2021, members of the Texas SAR Color Guard entered the House of God in Georgetown to say farewell to Raymond Edward De Vries. Ray left the campground on April 12 after serving over 85 years of God, Family, and Country.

Ray was born in Chicago in 1936 to Jacob Luz De Vries and Milly Rose Newbury. After High School, Ray joined the Air Force but not before marrying his high school sweetheart, Nancy Katherine Reberg. During his Air Force service, they had two sons: Mark and David. Ray was a 32nd Degree Master Mason and Shriner who dedicated his time to transporting children to the Shriner Hospital.

Hooked on Ancestry, Ray discovered he had lineage to the American Revolution. He was accepted into the Sons of the American Revolution in November 1999. He found his calling in the Color Guard and participated in chapter ceremonies, parades, community events and naturalization ceremonies. He loved sharing his heritage with people. He is a Past President and Registrar of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter in Georgetown, Texas.

Standing with Ray's picture are from left to right: Jim Clements, Steve Hodges, Vern Eubanks, Stu Hoyt, Wayne Courreges, Jim Scott, and Gary Chapel. Ron Walcik, not pictured, who lives in the Killeen area, attended the graveside service.

P.S. I didn't check Ray's heritage to see if he was Dutch, but I am so one of us will be going Dutch. 🇺🇸



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!

William Hightower Chapter Compatriot Receives the Patriot Medal

by Kris Krueger

The Hightower Recorder has previously reported on Compatriot Lou Colantoni's selection to receive the Patriot Medal. The Texas Society notified the Chapter in December of Lou's award. On Saturday, April 17, Lou was recognized during the Texas Society Convention. Our own Stu Hoyt was Lou's presenter. With several stories about the award already published, the Hightower Recorder felt this story should simply report Lou's nomination.

From the Patriot Medal Nomination Form for Lou Colantoni:

Seldom does a Chapter have an opportunity to present such a clear choice for the Patriot Medal. The William Hightower Chapter has such a clear choice in the nomination of Compatriot Louis P. Colantoni. Lou's steadfast dedication to the goals of our Society is demonstrated daily in tireless efforts to promote patriotism, educate our communities and future generations about the American Revolution, and memorialize our Patriot Ancestors.

Lou was admitted into our Society November 1, 2000. Lou served on the Chapter Color Guard almost from his first chapter meeting. He did not just bring the discipline and attention to detail of a retired US Army Sergeant Major, he brought the message of the SAR to Central Texas. He marched in parades, raised the American Flag at schools, and opened countless events with patriotism.

Lou's leadership and devotion to the SAR were quickly recognized by his Compatriots. In addition to other leadership positions, Lou was first elected Chapter President of the William Hightower Chapter in 2003. He would serve three terms, one of only two Compatriots in the history of the William Hightower Chapter to hold such an honor.

Lou continued his dedication to the Society beyond his service as Chapter President. He served as a presenter of the ROTC Bronze Medal and ROTC Silver Medal to cadets for 20 years. He represented the Chapter and Society at city council meetings receiving George Washington Birthday Proclamations. Lou has awarded certificates recognizing the patriotism of community members flying the American Flag. Lou has been a part of the selection committee for the Orations and Essays contests for almost two decades. He has visited community schools, educating children on the American Revolution and the values and sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors.

As a veteran and former police officer himself, Lou has been dedicated to the recognition of their service and how it carries forward the legacy of our Patriot Ancestors. Lou has been tireless as the Chapter Public Service Committee Chairman for six years. He has personally seen to the recognition of peace officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other heroes across Central Texas. The Chapter has been able to award every award for public service under Lou's leadership since 2014. Even in the management challenges of COVID-19, Lou has seen to it that our local heroes are recognized for their service. He has raised funding and dedicated his own treasure to ensure each year's recognitions were carried out. In a year of social distancing and limited group size, Lou has taken the awards to the services, visiting each department across Central Texas.

Lou's dedicated service speaks for itself; yet, it deserves recognition. Lou has been the recipient of numerous Chapter recognitions. Over his 20 years of service to the SAR, Lou has been the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, with an oak leaf cluster, the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, War Service Medal, and other awards.

For his long and distinguished dedication to the William Hightower Chapter, the Texas Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter President Tom Jones is proud to nominate Louis P. Colantoni for the Patriot Medal.

From all your Compatriots at the William Hightower Chapter, Congratulations, Lou, on not just receiving the Patriot Medal, but on your lifelong dedication to making this world a better place for today and all the tomorrows to come. 🌟



Lou performing Honor Guard service for Dick Robinett on March 8, 2021

Welcome to the Patriot Research System (PRS)

by Rodney Young



The PRS was implemented by the Patriot Records Committee in January 2018 with 117,000 record copies available and only 21.6% of those transcribed into the PRS. By 30 April 2021, 390 volunteers from across the nation, we were able to successfully connect 99% of members to their Patriots and had transcribe 74.8% of the now 131,530 applications available to us. The Texas Society has the largest number of applications with 12,162 and 99.2% are linked to their Patriot. The William Hightower Chapter has 199 applications in the PRS with 87.8% of those transcribed to the PRS.

The SAR Patriot Research System (PRS) is a database available for members, future members and public research. SAR members and visitors can log in here: <https://www.sar.org/> and select PRS. Searches are available for:

- Patriots
 - ◇ Search Patriot Name, Patriot Number, Spouse Name, State of Service, Birth/Death Year and/or Burial Cemetery
 - ◇ Patriot Record includes Patriot Details, Grave Details and Biography as well as Members who share the Patriot
- Members
 - ◇ Search the database based on a SAR National Member # or name. This allows for viewing Patriots for whom the member has proven lineage
- Descendants
 - ◇ This search is a work in progress. Not every record has lineage data in this database today, and won't be included in the results
 - ◇ Search the database based on a Descendant name. A descendant is someone who sits between a SAR Member and a Patriot in their lineage
- Biography Search (Patriots)
 - ◇ Search for Patriot records in which Biographies have been submitted.
 - ◇ Search by Patriot Number (P-#), Patriot name, author name and affiliation
- Cemeteries
 - ◇ Search for Cemetery records based on SAR or www.FindaGrave.com Cemetery Number, Cemetery Name and location.
 - ◇ Searches appear to return best results when entering a cemetery number
 - ◇ The primary goal is to be able to identify where Patriots are buried
 - ◇ This functionality is not a replacement for websites like FindaGrave

A key feature of the PRS is that it assembles data from applications dating to 1889 and the founding of the SAR. In that time the application process and required proof of service and lineage has evolved. The current standards of genealogical proof apply to applications since 1985. Our Registrar, Robert Duckworth, can help identify acceptable supporting documents for applications.

Over 2,000 additional pre-1975 applications have been recovered and await entry in the PRS. Remember that the very early applicants were really Sons of the American Revolution Patriot, or perhaps a generation removed.

Imagine a two or three generation application! Applications are now eight, nine, even 10 generations. This makes the PRS an increasingly valuable resource when preparing SAR applications or other family history.

I have more detail on the PRS at the Chapter meeting this month. 🌟

“On My Honor...” William Hightower Chapter Compatriot Receives Robert E. Burt Award

Congratulations to Compatriot Kris Krueger on receiving the 2020 Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. The award is presented by the National Society to Compatriots who are also volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for outstanding dedication and notable service to youth through Scouting. This is the first Robert E. Burt Award to the Texas Society since 2017.

Kris is the Chapter’s Eagle Scout Committee Chairman. He is also the Chapter Secretary, Awards Committee Chairman, and Newsletter Editor. He is also a dedicated Scouter.

Kris has been involved in the BSA for more than 20 years. He began as a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, and a Sea Scout. He earned the Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout as a youth member. He became an adult volunteer in 2009 and has served in several positions. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster, merit badge counselor, and Troop Committee Chair. He also served on a District Committee, chairing the Advancement Committee. He was the Eagle Scout coordinator, where he worked with Boy Scouts on their Eagle Scout projects, Eagle Scout Boards of Review, and the final steps to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

As Kris’s son, Kason, decided to join Scouting, Kris became involved in Cub Scouts. He served as a Den Leader and Cubmaster. He currently serves as a Lone Scout Friend and Mentor.



COVID-19 prevented formal awards ceremonies this year. But a more appropriate presentation could not have happened as Junior Compatriot and Cub Scout Kason presents the Robert E. Burt Award to Kris Krueger.

Kason is now a Cub Scout and a junior member of the SAR. Kris admits one of his proudest moments was when Kason, who had only just started Cub Scouts, announced to everyone he was going to be an Eagle Scout just like his Dad.

“Working with a den of Cub Scouts to learn the Scout Oath and Scout Law reminded me of my own days as a young Scout. The goal of Scouting is to use the Scout Oath and Scout Law to help make decisions. All the fun comes in learning the skills and having the experiences to do that your whole life. I like to remind the kids that I didn’t always use the Oath and Law help me make decisions, but my life has always been much easier when I did” said Kris.

Kris is not sure what is next for him in Scouting but plans to stay involved wherever Scouting takes him. As Kris puts it, “Scouting provides so many opportunities to serve our youth and help grow America’s next generation to be leaders and serve their community, just like the SAR does. How can you not be part of that?”

Kris advances Scouting in the SAR. The Chapter’s Eagle Scout Committee now offers recognition certificates for the highest awards in all BSA youth programs: Arrow of Light for Cub Scouts, Eagle Scout for Scouts BSA, Quartermaster for Sea Scouts, and Summit for Venturing.

He is also a merit badge counselor for the American Heritage, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, and Genealogy merit badges. These merit badges are required for Eagle Scout or provide bonus points for the SAR’s Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Contest. Kris promotes the contest and SAR resources to Scouting units.

“Scouting did so much for me when I was a kid. It showed me a bigger world outside New Braunfels. I learned things I still use today, not just skills but working with people. I am proud of my days in Scouting and the advantages it gave me. Once I was settled down, I knew it was time to pass that advantage on the next generation of Scouts,” said Kris.

Scout Oath

On my honor

I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, morally straight.

The Scout Oath has been taught to Scouts since 1910.

**Book Review: A Military Treatise on the Appointments of the Army,
by Lieutenant Thomas Webb of his Majesty's Forty-Eight Regiment**

Review by Edward Blauvelt, SMSgt, USAF (ret), MMH, MAS, MAM, BAS

"Know thy enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles, you will never be defeated."

-Sun Tzu

Editor's Note: This month we continue our exploration of the books General George Washington relied on to help him build his strategy and design the campaigns that won our independence. Special thanks to our own Vice President Ed Blauvelt for sharing his love of history, education, and military experience in putting together this series.

If an army stands a chance in best intel on the opposing force's, leadership, and best of all, how they tlefield. Among General George tary manuals are several volumes pline, and political endeavors was a British's tactical operations and North America. The booklet, the on the appointments of the army: touched upon before by any author: tions in the army, which will be par war in North-America: together honors, was written by Lieutenant -Eight Regiment in the year 1759. programs, leadership billets, and bat formations for military opera the French and their American Indi before its time as well, as it lays out neers, placement of blacksmiths and drafting of superior qualified enlist use of battlefield intelligence, war training, and the development of terrain.

Thomas Webb was born in ei-England in 1724, and records are young man, he joined the Quarter-In October 1754, he was appointed The 48th Northamptonshire Regiment of Foot was a regiment of the British Army, raised in 1741. The 48th Regiment was originally from the City of Norwich, United Kingdom, a fairly large city in East Anglia. The 48th fought in Austria during the War of Austrian Succession in 1741, and at the 1746 Battle of Falkirk Muir during the Jacobite Rebellion in Scotland, and then to Flanders at the Battle of Lauffeld in 1747. In November 1755, Thomas was commissioned a lieutenant in that Regiment and accompanied it to North America in 1758, where he supported the siege of Louisburg.¹

The 48th embarked for service within North America in January 1755 during the French and Indian War landing in Virginia in February 1755. The unit saw action during the Seven Years' War, better known as the French and Indian War, first at the tragic Battle of the Monongahela or better known as the Battle at Braddock's Field. This battle took place in Jul 1755 near what is now Braddock, Pennsylvania, 10 miles east of Pittsburgh. A British force under General Edward Braddock moved to take Fort Duquesne but was met by French forces commanded by Captain Daniel Liénard de Beaujeu. De Beaijue, with his American Indian allies, was defeated the British and preserved the fort.

The 48th's following action would be the turning point of the French Indian Wars; the Siege of Louisburg in June 1758. The siege was a decisive battle of the Seven Years' War, better known as the French and Indian War, that ended the French era in Canada and finally all of North America.²

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defeating an enemy, they need the units, strengths, unit disposition, plan to fight once they enter the bat-Washington's field library of mili-on the Art of War, military disci-small booklet that held hints to the plans on fielding their units within full title being, A military treatise containing many valuable hints, not and proposing some new regula-ticularly useful in carrying on the with A short treatise on military Thomas Webb of his Majesty's Forty This small book sets out training tactical application of troops, com-tions with North America against an allies. The treaties booklet also plans for the use of combat engi-armorers within combat units, ed men, the education of officers, games, downtime for repairs and weapons to match the battlefield

ther Bath or Salisbury, in the west of unclear of the exact location. As a master Corps of the British Army. quartermaster of the 48th Regiment.

The last battle the 48th took part in within North America was at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, also known as the Battle of Quebec, fought in September 1759. The battle took place on a plateau just outside the walls of Quebec City on land that was originally owned by the farmer Abraham Martin. The battle involved fewer than 10,000 troops in total but proved to be a deciding moment in the conflict between France and Britain, forever ends hopes of New France and creating Canada's nation. Finally, in 1761 the 48th was sent to the West Indies and took part in the invasion of Martinique in January 1762 and the Battle of Havana in March 1762.³

Lieutenant Webb's combat service gave him great insight into the battle operations of the British, French, and American Indians. He hoped that his treatise would provide future commander's a more significant tactical advantage over England's enemy, the French, in any future conflict on the battlefield. His treatise is more of a tactical field guide than any grand strategy that would come later with Clausewitz, but it does have some ideas well ahead of the times. Did British military leaders use his words? Hard to say, but there is some evidence that General Washington may have used several of Webb's suggestions.

In one of Webb's chapters, he articulates the need for Engineers within each combat unit for the express purpose of building fortifications.⁴ Webb states that these Engineers should be taught Mathematics and the Study of Fortification. These Engineers could then execute a plan of action to secure, utilizing any fortification type, British troops from attacking soldiers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers traces its origins to the earliest moments of our existence as a nation. Soon after assuming command of the Continental Army in July 1775, General George Washington acknowledged the critical shortage of officers with technical skills. He made the first of several appeals for more engineers. On 16 June 1775, the Continental Congress organized an army which staff included a chief engineer and two assistants. Colonel Richard Gridley became General George Washington's first chief engineer, and his first task was to build fortifications near Boston at Bunker Hill. The Continental Congress recognized the need for engineers trained in military fortifications and asked the government of King Louis XVI of France for assistance. Washington never obtained a sufficient number of Engineers he needed. However, those he did have, primarily Frenchmen, erected fortifications from Boston to Charleston, mapped terrain for their commanders, laid out encampments and cleared the way for the Army on the march. These Engineers finest hour at the siege of Yorktown in 1781 where overnight they built an entire fortification outer works, command post, cannon emplacements, powder bunkers, and redoubts completing surround General Cornwallis and cutting off his retreat forcing his humiliating surrender.⁵

Through the treatise booklet, Thomas Webb begins to lay a foundation for future troop and unit development. Along with his placement of Combat Engineers within each unit, he also explains the need for armorers (men who can repair weapons), blacksmiths, and artificers (a skilled mechanic or craftsman) to ensure all equipment remains at peak performance within each combat regiment. Webb further explains the need for appropriately trained and focused soldiers. He describes the necessity of officer training and that these trained officers draft the enlisted members. In Webb's time, enlisted members of the Regular Army used recruitment parties, press gangs, and ballots to enlist men.

The motivation for volunteering for military service was not solely patriotic but also commonly economical. Many men who joined as volunteers and served with the Regular Army were unemployed urban dwellers, and income prospects were better than none at all. Many of these men were the dregs of society, contemptible of leadership, and pressed into service needing constant discipline. Webb believed that a well-trained officer should be the one selecting enlisted members for his Regiment to ensure only the best men were drafted.

Additionally, Webb argues the value of battlefield intelligence. Webb strongly believed that due to the terrain of North American, each unit must have Intelligence officer and enlisted members who could reconnoiter the battlefield before any engagement and produce a high-quality map for the commander to position his forces successfully, employ specific artillery pieces (smaller in forested areas, larger for attacks against forts), and have the command of the battle, along with, if needed, avenues of retreat that would not impede the troopers or position them for sneak attacks, a tactic the French and their American Indian allies so commonly employed during the French-Indian War.

Another key point Lt. Webb hints at the use of military games to hone the soldiers' skills, similar to those games of Ancient Roman and Greece and the medieval sport of jousting, Webb argues that during the winter months when the battles were not being conducted, soldiers should repair their equipment and practice their skills to maintain discipline and keep their combat skills peak. Finally, Webb argues that leadership should present medals to the troops for exemplary service. He states the military must develop and deliver these medals as reward officers and enlisted men for their service in order to secure a more professional force; an act General George Washington would copy with the Purple Heart.

Three Generations Aplenty!

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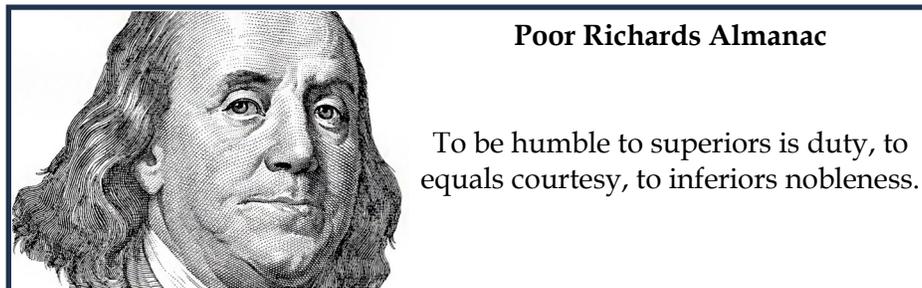
As with most families, the pandemic prevented this family from getting together. A missed birthday was followed by a missed Christmas. Then, Kris's household came down with COVID, which only extended the separation.

Finally, in March 2021, Harold was able to get his rosette and membership certificate. He was also recognized by the SAR for his service in the Army Reserve and National Guard, and his service to the community as a Justice of the Peace, sheriff's deputy, and police officer.



Harold receives his SAR recognitions by social distance, using a box delivered outside while family members look on from a distance.

"To keep it a secret, I had everything coming to my house. I boxed up SAR magazines, Chapter newsletters, and his awards. I put everything in numbered envelopes and boxes, so it all made sense as he opened them. Then, all the envelopes and small boxes were sealed up in one big box. Everything had to be cleaned along the way to prevent the spread of COVID," Kris said of the process. Social distancing and masks are still a requirement to keep the risk down. The big box was delivered to the front door, and Harold opened the box while the family watched from a distance. Once Harold was able to open everything, he decided he had to have a photo with his grandson, and fellow Compatriot. The whole family is excited to have three generations in the SAR. It is a great feeling of legacy to have such a direct and tangible connection to the American Revolution. The next step is more family research and submitting supplementals. 🌟



Book Review

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This book is well worth the read with some excellent insight on British thought for battle field and tactical operations and force development of the middle 1700s. Lieutenant Thomas Webb's treatise is an exceptional tactical book for commanders with some solid advice on soldiering, equipment sourcing and maintenance, formations emplacements within the forests of North America, and troop development. However, Webb's treatise is also well ahead of its time with unit and force composition, intelligence gathering, and continuation training. I cannot argue with any certainty that General Washington followed all of Webb's advice, but undoubtedly, he did employ quite a few of Webb's suggestions. 🌟

End Notes

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

Happy Birthday, Compatriots

John E. Wommack, May 12
Curtis "Stan" Trull, May 14
James Lanning, May 29
Rodney Young, May 31

Robert Duckworth, June 1
Jerry Bullock, June 2
Blair Rudy, June 5
Alan Cook, June 7
Richard Johnson, June 9
Cliff Caskey, June 17
Will Moravits, June 23

Steven Hall, July 14
Stu Hoyt, July 23
Joseph Ramsey, July 27

Robert Howard, August 5
Richard B. Robinett, August 6
Chance Farmer, August 15
Chris Baker, August 27
Don Chandler, August 31

Remembering our Patriot Ancestors

David Allen, ancestor of Louis Colantoni, born 05/27/1763
William Storer, ancestor of Harold Storer, Jr. and Harold Storer, III, born 05/11/1765
Ann Lenoir Westmoreland, ancestor of Mike Pryor, born 06/28/1731
Mary Marshall Tabb, ancestor of John Hall, born 06/12/1737
Daniel Troxell, ancestor of Robert Hall III and Steven Hall, born in June 1753
Michael McGee, ancestor of Clarence Patton, born 06/17/1759
James Richey, ancestor of Thomas Richey, Sr., born 07/25/1724
Solomon Cox, ancestor of Joe, Stuart, and Wendell Cox, born 07/07/1738
John Nicholas Whisenant, ancestor of Harold, Kris, and Kason Krueger, born 07/31/1743
James Ford, ancestor of Jerry Koch, born 08/09/1715
James Small, ancestor of Thomas Browne, born 08/04/1734
John Young, ancestor of Rodney Young, born 08/22/1760

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Compatriot Society Anniversaries
May

Joseph Scott, 31 years
Charles Jones, 25 years
Blair Rudy, 16 years
Russell Hooten, 11 years
Thomas Browne, 4 years

June

Jerry Bullock, 19 years
Rayburn Hickman, 10 years
Ed Blauvelt, 6 years
Evan Blauvelt, 6 years
Jim Clements, 6 years

July

Will Moravits, 4 years
Robert Duckworth, 3 years
Robert Hall, 3 years
Steven Hall, 3 years
Jonah Moon, 3 years
Justin Moon, 3 years
Kade Valdovinos, 3 years

August

John Guenzel, 40 years
Joseph Ramsey, 10 years
James Lanning, 5 years

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