



The Hightower Recorder



President's Notes

Most every American school child has seen the famous painting of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by German American Artist Emanuel Leutze but have you ever thought of all the

things that went wrong to make that one right?

After Washington moved from Boston to New York, he suffered one disaster after another. He was



pushed out of New York City, off Long Island, and out of New York State. He lost both Forts Washington and Mifflin, which guarded the North River (The Hudson) and then pushed out of New Jersey, into Pennsylvania. The year was drawing to a close, the weather turned very cold and he would lose most of his Army at year's end due to enlistments. He had to do something so he planned a year-end attack on the German encampments at Trenton, Princeton, and Brunswick. He asked Gen. Charles Lee to bring his small army of 500 to him and asked Gen. Lee to send men also. Gen. Lee was dragging his feet and was captured by the British. Gen. Sullivan finally brought those forces in about the same time the 800 from Gen. Gates arrived. Deserters revealed to the British that Washington was planning a war council and to be on the alert. The weather turned for the worst. The attack was a three-pronged approach. The two southern prongs could not make it across the river. Washington's group, nine miles north, were delayed until 4 am making the crossing. They had planned to attack at dawn. Just prior to reaching Trenton, as day was breaking, they heard shots and came upon some New Jersey militia planning their own skirmish, not aware of Washington's plan. Thankfully, it did not alert the German garrison in Trenton. Washington's ragtag army managed to surprise all but 500 of the Germans, who escaped because the southern prongs were not there to block the bridge. They managed to capture 1000 Hessians and all their supplies. Because it was so late and the enemy may now be alerted, Washington re-crossed the Delaware to regroup and warm their frozen troops.

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#106 Set not yourself at the upper end of the table; but if it be your due or that the master of the house would have it so, contend not, least you should trouble the company.

#101 Rinse not your mouth in the presence of others.

Poor Richard's Almanac

21. A lie stands on one leg, truth on two.

24. A little house well fill'd, a little field well till'd, and a little wife well will'd, are great riches.

The New Year!

Our next meeting is 12 Dec at Granzin's. Try the Army medicine of our Patriots. On 9 Jan. we will host the Essay Awards. In Feb, it's Oration time. In Mar. we install the new Officers. Invite someone new. Set the 2nd Thurs. aside for SAR.



We Need You!

Uncle SAR needs you! It's time to step forward. In the last few months, we still need:

- Membership
- Commitment
- Your time
- How are you doing on these?

For the William Hightower Chapter, the month of Dec is set aside to complete all open items for the annual report and that includes our First Responders. We are the only state chapter to be recognized for presenting all five awards since the fifth one, the Life Saving award, was issued. Did you find and mark a veterans grave with a flag? Veterans Day is our target day. Veterans are becoming a scarce commodity as fewer and fewer young are qualified for, let alone consider, military service. Did you visit a sick veteran or partake in ones funeral? We need to know. End the year by attending our Dec. meeting and honor our First Responders.

See You at Granzin's!

Hello! President Steve Polk

Greetings!

I can't believe that Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is just around the corner. Henrietta and I hope that you all had a fulfilling and safe Turkey Day and left enough room for our social before the chapter meeting on the 12th of December. We will complete our honoring of the First Responders and our guest speaker will be Scott Woodard who will share some thoughts on "Army Medicine in the Revolutionary War". Also, Patrick Hollis will talk to us about his Patriots. will see you at Granzin's for what should be an interesting meeting.

Godspeed and Warmest regards,
Steve

Compatriots Supporting Compatriots!

Part of our chapter responsibilities is to support and uplift the other compatriots in the chapter. As a society of busy people, it is not always possible to keep track of each other, especially those members who join and remain inactive. The only time that we know something is different is when they come up on our late dues list, then it may be too late. If you live too far or have a schedule which does not allow you to attend our meetings, we hope that this newsletter will help you keep in touch. Many of us are not spring chickens any more and time and health are not on our side. If you or a family member are challenged with a health issue please let us know so that we can extend a hand. We are not asking you to broadcast your health, just let us know if we can be of assistance. John Phelan is a 93 year old AF veteran of WWII and Korea living in Assisted Living at Rio Terra on Common St. in NB. Don Chandler, our Chapter Chaplin, would love to talk and pray for you. Two currently with health challenges are Don Chandler (830-907-2202) and John Booth (830-620-6404). Give them a call. They'd love to hear from you.

What happened in November!



Our November meeting started out with the recognition of two of our First Responders from the San Marcos Police Department. Top left: Officer Edward Bradshaw was awarded our Law Enforcement Medal and Top Right: Officer Jacinto Melendrez was presented our Life Saving Medal for saving the life of a fellow officer. In the center gathering for a group picture are left to right: Pres. Polk, Dr. Patrick Hollis, Wayne Courreges, Officer Bradshaw, Officer Melendrez, Commander Christopher Tureaud (their Supervisor), Lou Colantoni (Public Service Comm. Chairman), John Knox, and Jim Clements. Below left Robert Scott Howard was inducted in with President Polk, Registrar Mike Pryor, and Historian Stu Hoyt, officiating. Lower right: Stan Trull shared his Patriot Ancestor. Center added for space: Tom Jones and Robert Duckworth made a flag presentation to the Lockhart H.S. JROTC Color Guard at a School Board meeting on 18 Nov.





Our speaker for the night was John Knox of the Patrick Henry Chapter. He brought Wayne Courreges along to assist with the flags. In the top right photo, John was asking the audience how many knew the answer to his flag question. He went on to explain that the thirteen colonies derived their flag from the British Union Jack which was the culmination of three prior flags of the British and Scottish kings as reflected in the center picture. We used the color red, white, and blue with thirteen alternating stars and stripes and a blue field in the upper left corner with thirteen five point stars. It received its name "Old Glory" from a flag flown by sea Capt. William Driver and hidden in his home after Nashville was taken over by the Confederate Army. It was hauled out and flown when the Union took Nashville.

In November, Outside the Chapter Meeting



On the 9th of Nov, Members of the Wm. Hightower and Patrick Henry Chapters joined together to march in the San Marcos Veterans Day Parade. We had four souls to hit the pavement and the remainder rode on the float, which Cliff Caskey pulled with his truck. Posing in the centerfold are left to right: Cliff Caskey, Jim Clements, Stu Hoyt, Joe Cox, Sheriff Gary Culter, Bob Jordan, Jim Horton, and Stan Trull. Missing this photo was Robert Hites, Jr. He can be seen on the left of the right photo of the tired old men catching a ride back to the starting point. It was our first march in this San Marcos Parade yet we had a good response but hope to see more in the future. The DAR was invited but possibly could not find us before the parade started.



The next day, 10 Nov, a group of us traveled to Georgetown in Jim Clements fancy Mercedes RV to participate in their Field of Honor. The field of the park is covered with over 1600 flags for veterans fallen. There were a number of organizations representing veterans. We participated with a tent and a display of period memorabilia which drew much interest. In the top left and left to right are: Ken Tooke (Patrick Henry President), Stu Hoyt, Tom Jones (Wm. Hightower VP), Mike Greco (Bluebonnet President), Ron Moulton, (PH Drummer), Ron Walcik (Heart of TX and Dist. VP), Wayne Courreges (PH), Robert Duckworth (WH), and Jim Clements (PH and State Sec.). About 2pm, we all gathered for a pass in review. Ron Moulton (our drummer) was asked to come up front and set the cadence for all groups. The Field of Flags can be seen in the top right photo.

On 14 Nov, Jim Clements, Wayne Courreges and Stu Hoyt joined the DAR to honor fallen 112 yr. old WWII Vet, Richard Overton, at the Texas State Cemetery, in Austin. The event was sponsored by Austin Colony DAR.



DAR Ceremony in lower left. Ghosts of the past walking to the grave site (LR) and center (L to R) Jim Clements, Gaylon Hecher (DAR), Volma and Adrienne Overton (cousins), Stu Hoyt and Wayne Courreges.



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://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/
Reproduction Muzzleloaders and Flintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC	http://www.reproductionmuzzleloadersandflintlocks.com/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.tdcmf.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm

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