

The Hightower Recorder

President's Notes

The month of April was a decisive month in the annals of the history of the American Revolution. The weather was improving enough to

SAR Vet Medals

Col Ed Gunter, USAF (Ret) received the SAR Military Service Certificate and the War Service Certificate for his service in the US Air Force and his combat tour in Vietnam.

Busy Bees

We assume that you are busy, as most of us are, but it is the busy bee who accomplishes the task. It will take a few hours each month around the time that your program is targeted to be presented. That totals about one quarter a year. The amount of time will make a difference between an outstanding chapter and one that also ran.

In May

In the month of May, we will honor our scholarship winner. Even though it will be our last meeting until Sept, we still have a goal to honor ten Vet's each, by placing a flag on their graves. Have you found your ten Vet's graves, yet? Don't forget to get your flags from us.



start the campaign season. Although many engagements were initiated in the spring, some of the more decisive battles were won late in the fall, and at Trenton and Princeton, in the dead of winter. The loss at Yorktown sealed the fate of the British role in the thirteen colonies. The British people had had their fill of this war and were interested in its coming to a speedy conclusion. The negotiators in Paris had other plans. They were dragging out the process to maximize their position in obtaining all the advantages that this treaty would allow. The British Forces were still in New York City and had forts along the Ohio River. In the end, they acknowledged the United States as a separate nation but gave in to nothing else. They finally evacuated in November of 1783. Although this war was called a revolution because the colonies were declaring their independence from the mother country, it was a civil war between colonists in many places.



We Need You!

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

- Our Newsletter Editor
- Our ROTC Chairman
- The Essay Chairman
- The Publicity Chairman
- The Boy Scout Chairman

The Chapter President is covering these positions temporarily in addition to his responsibility as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. In short, we need you to come along side and take up the slack. Stand proud that you stepped up to serve your chapter in a time of need.

We, also, need your help to enhance this newsletter. If you have an article or an item of interest to the chapter, send it to the chapter president or the newsletter editor, when we have one. We are attempting to redesign our newsletter. Our goal is to make it interesting and keep you informed.

(At right) Col. Ed Gunter receives the Military and War Service Certificates for his service.



The Loyalists were engaging those rebelling neighbors to insure their allegiance with the crown. There was distrust and pure hatred built up. When the British lost, these Tories or Loyalists were outcasts. A large group of 7000 of them sailed out of NYC on 26 Apr. 1783.



Presentation of Vietnam Era Certificates and Lapel Pins

The 50th Commemorative Commission designated Lapel Pins to be awards to those who served in the United States Military during the period 1955 to 1975. Col. Ed Gunter, USAF (Ret) made the presentation. From left to right, Col. Ed Gunter (Presenter), awardees are Clyde "Tom" Parsons (Army), Travis Tate (AF), Col. Tom Jones (Army), Lou Colantoni (Army), Col. Jerry Bullock (AF), and Melba Shaw for James Curtis Shaw (Navy) plus Stu Hoyt (AF), Chapter President. Let us know if missed you and you'd like one.



Chapter Awards in the April meeting



In the awards presented above Mike Pryor (left) received the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding work as Chapter Registrar and Web Master. Dr. Patrick Hollis (center) received the Roger Sherman Award for creating and coordinating the SAR Historical articles posted in the Sunday edition of the Herald-Zeitung of New Braunfels. In addition, Dr. Patrick Hollis and Col. Jerry Bullock received Certificates of Appreciation for the outstanding support of the chapter in the year 2016.

Chapter Induction Ceremony



The Chapter Induction Ceremony was conducted for the Nelsons with Stu Hoyt, President, Mike Pryor, Registrar, and Joe Cox, acting as Historian. From left to right are Mike Pryor (Registrar), Aaron Morgan Nelson, Cory Brandon Nelson, and Jason Morgan Nelson, Stu Hoyt (President), and Joe Cox, (Acting Historian). The Nelson Patriot ancestor is Thomas Nelson of Rutherford County, North Carolina, who fought with the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina. He was drafted four times. He started out as a private then worked his way through Sergeant to Lieutenant. He lived to be 100 years, 4 months and 2 days.

Chapter Broken Arrow Ceremony



The Chapter Broken Arrow Ceremony was conducted for Lou Segaloff by Stu Hoyt, President, assisted by Dr. Patrick Hollis, and Ed Blauvelt, reading the eulogy. From left to right are Ed Blauvelt, Dr Patrick Hollis, and Stu Hoyt (President). Lou passed away on 8 Mar 2017 after struggling with a heart condition.

TX Veterans Cemeteries

by Cliff Caskey

Cliff Caskey, the former Hays County Agriculture Extension Agent was asked by the TX Land Commissioner to manage the Texas Veterans Cemetery, of which there are now four in the state. They are located in Killeen, Corpus Christi, Abilene and Mission. These are open to any veteran and their families. A normal plot has two positions stacked for husband and wife. Cliff stated that in one family, both husband and wife were in the service, so they each had a separate plot. If you are interested in one of these locations for your final resting place speak with Cliff or the Tx Land Board.

Dates to Remember !

The first date to mark on your calendar is **Memorial Day - 29 May**. On that day we will honor "The Fallen". Our Color Guard will join the Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton chapters to honor the fallen at the State Cemetery in Austin. You can help by finding ten fallen Veterans at your local cemetery and place a flag at their grave. The second date is **the 4th of July**. Each year, our chapter joins hands with our local DAR and CAR chapters to march in the parade. If you don't have a Continental Uniform or period clothing, come in military uniform or come in **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE**, but come!

In The End - Remember to set your calendars for our next meeting which will be at Granzin's BBQ at 660 W. San Antonio Rd. in New Braunfels. The Social/Dinner hour is from 6 to 7P and the meeting starts sharply at 7P. We will be honoring our Dick and Joanne Robinett Scholarship winner. Come and honor the winner. Bring someone who is interested in becoming a member. If we are not growing, we are going the other way. Our Ancestors stood on Principle. We must walk in their footsteps.



List of Vendors for Uniforms and Equipment

Clothing

C & D Jarnagin	http://www.jarnaginco.com/
G. Gedney Godwin	http://gggodwin.com/
James Townsend	http://jas-townsend.com/ or www.townsend.us
Smoke & Fire	http://www.smoke-fire.com/Default.htm
Smiling Fox Forge	http://www.smilingfoxforgellc.com/index.asp
American Heritage Clothing	http://www.colonialuniforms.com/
Quartermaster General	http://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/
Village Green Clothier	http://villagegreenclothier.com/welcome.html
Cooperstown Trading Post	http://cooperstowntradingpost.com/
Thread Bare Stitchery	http://threadbarestitchery.com/
Crazy Cow Trading Co.	http://www.crazycrow.com/onlinestore
Avalon Forge	http://home.comcast.net/~avalonforge/index.html
C&C Sutlery	http://www.ccsutlery.com/store/ccsutlery.html
Mill Creek Mercantile	http://www.milkcreek.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 & Trobridge	http://www.burnleyandtrobridge.com/index.aspx

Fabric

Carolina Calicoes	http://www.carolinacalicoes.com/
Trim Fabric	http://www.trimfabric.com/index.html
Wm. Booth Draper	http://www.wmboothdraper.com/

Fur Hat

F & T Fur Trading Post	http://www.fntpost.com/index.php?page=62
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Buttons and other things

Roy and Debra Najecki	http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html
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Weapons

Veteran Arms	http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html
Middlesex Village Trading	http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/
Guns and Swords	http://www.gunsandswords.com/
The Possible Shop	http://possibleshop.com/rifle-kit.html
Cash Manufacturing Co.	http://www.tdcmfg.com/about.php
Cherry's	http://www.cherrys.com/ped_prep.htm
Dixie Gun Works	http://dixiegunworks.com/

