

The Hightower Recorder

President's Notes

One of the important functions of the Sons of the American Revolution is to teach and commend those who display the proper etiquette for our National Flag. Many chapters

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#105 Be not angry at the table whatever happens, and if you have reason to be so, show it not; put on a cheerful countenance especially if there be strangers, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

#109 let your recreation be manful not sinful.

Poor Richard's Almanac

136 Every man has assurance to boast of his honesty, few of their understanding.

159 Give me yesterday's bread, this day's flesh, and last year's cider.

In Feb.

In Feb, we encourage proclamations for Washington's Birthday and elect new officers for this year. Don't miss out on the excitement.



promote the flag by carrying it at different events in a group called a Color Guard, dressed in Continental Uniforms. All military units carry their banner or colors. Those colors are displayed in an appropriate local, wherever that unit is. It was no different when colonies formed an army under George Washington except that there was not a specific banner representing the thirteen colonies. Because of that, we have many flag today that were used by the units that fought the British. One of the more famous ones was one attributed to Betsy Ross, a seamstress from Philadelphia. Betsy was born in Jan 1752 and took over her husband's business after he died. The story goes that one day, she was visited by three gentlemen from the Continental Congress; George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, her husband's uncle. Washington gave her a sketch of the flag they wanted her to sew. She recommended a five point as opposed to a six-point star on the diagram. The story came to life 34 years after her death as told by her grandson William Canby to the Philadelphia Historical Society, in 1870. The story



We Need You!

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

- Our Newsletter Editor
- The Essay Chairman
- The Publicity Chairman

The Chapter President and others are covering these positions temporarily in addition to their other responsibilities. In short, we need you to come along side and take up the slack. Stand proud that you stepped up to serve your chapter in a time of need. Tom Jones stepped forward to fill the ROTC slot and Kris Krueger the Boy Scout position. Thank you!

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

In order for a team to function, as such, each member must be part of the motion.

was published and stuck although there is no other documentation to confirm it.

TX SAR Fall BOM 2018 - New Braunfels

It should be no surprise to anyone when I say that a Chapter runs on money. It is true that it is directed by its members but without money it



does not exist. A group of men can meet at a local coffee house and spend time telling war stories but unless they have a purpose, they are nothing more than a social gathering. The SAR is a Patriotic, Historical, and Educational organization. To promote those activities, we interact with the public sponsoring numerous youth and community related programs to enhance the principles established by our forefathers. In addition, we recognize and honor our members for their efforts, not only within, but outside our chapter. All the awards, medals, certificates and scholarships we present cost money whether at the chapter, state or national level. Our income can only stretch so far, thus we must find ways to raise the needed funds to make the chapter function. Hosting a state function is one way to acquire those much needed funds without straining our limited income. This October, the William Hightower chapter will host the TX SAR Fall Board of Managers meeting at the Courtyard Marriott, in New Braunfels. We have contracted with the hotel to provide rooms and meals for the attending members. We will get a percentage cut above the hotel costs on some items. The key to making money at one of these events is to make it attractive enough to entice members to come and bring their wives. That's where your help is needed. We will need teams to go

into the community to collect items for give aways and auctions. We will need to work with our local area attractions such as, Gruene, the Outlet Mall and our restaurants and local culture to determine the key values to promote attendance. Then we will need to man a registration booth to greet, register, hand out welcome packets and answer questions they may have about our community. We will keep you posted on the specifics as we go along. We could make a thousand or more on this event.

Feb. Meeting Induction, Awards, and Presentation



In the February meeting we were honored to induct two new members, relatives of a DAR associate, Melba Shaw. Top left Pres. Hoyt presents a members certificate to James Shaw, while Dr. Patrick Hollis presents one to Melba Shaw standing in for her grandson Westley Hensley. Top right Pres. Hoyt presents Dana Gunter with the Military Service Medal. Bottom left Pres. Hoyt presents a check to Peter Ackers (CAR) Pres. Leah Salazar. Bottom right Dr. Hollis shares some thoughts on early Revolution Era flags.



G. Washington Parade in Laredo



Each February, the SAR gathers in Laredo for the nations largest George Washington Parade. The festivities start the evening before with a dinner and pageant. A group of us join at about 6 AM to get through the tight police security to attend the breakfast at the historic La Pasada Hotel adjacent to the International Bridge. Top left is a reflection of the crowd partaking of the meal. The TX SAR table is in the corner. Tom Jones, in the white wig is in the center of our group. The parade starts forming outside the hotel about 7:30 and marches to the center of the bridge. there is an equal group on the Mexico site mimicking the production. Top left is a shot of the young George and Martha, who will walk to the center of the bridge to meet their counterparts to exchange flags and embraces. The adult George can be seen facing the camera on the left. Below some of the TX SAR Color Guard line up for the start of the parade. Stu Hoyt is on the left, Blair Rudy, third left, Tom Green, fifth right and Tom Jones is third from right, all WH#35 CG. This parade drew a crowd of over ten thousand viewers.





Last July a group led by the TX SAR Society President John Beard met in the TX Senate Chamber in Austin to accept a proclamation for George Washington’s Birthday 2018. Pres. Hoyt presented an article to the TX Compatriot Magazine challenging all TX SAR Chapters to get as many proclamations throughout the state as possible. The William Hightower Chapter was challenges with about fifteen. Here are some. Top left clockwise: Schertz Mayor (Tom Jones), Wimberley Mayor (Stu Hoyt), Blanco Co. Judge (Blair Rudy), Hays Co. (Cliff Caskey, Joe Cox), San Marcos Mayor (Cliff Caskey, Stu Hoyt, Stan Trull), Drippings Springs City Council (Stu Hoyt), and New Braunfels Mayor (Patrick Hollis).



President George Washington Day Feb. 22, Commissioners Court proclaims

The Hays County Commissioners Court has proclaimed Feb. 22, the actual date of President George Washington's birthday, as President George Washington Day for the County of the William Hightower Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Hays County. The proclamation was signed during February, the SAR organization's national month, and the signing of the Revolutionary War and the founding of the United States.

According to the proclamation, Washington, who lived from 1732 to 1799, established the Continental Army and led the American colonists against the most powerful country in the world, finally defeating the British at the famous battle of Yorktown, Virginia. He was elected as the first president of the United States, serving two terms of office from 1789 to 1797, and through his decisions, wisdom and vision, became the exemplar of distinguished leadership for all future presidents. His great leadership of our nation earned the efforts of many citizens to make him a day in honor, to support the creation and adoption of the Celebration of the United States: The Sons of the American Revolution Hightower Chapter is based in New Braunfels and serves several counties in Central Texas, including Hays. The formal proclamation is made up of members who are descendants of the patriots who served during the Revolutionary War and who are helped available from County Sons of the American Revolution.

The SAR was joined by the Captains Thomas Moore and the Captains of the American Revolution in recognizing the recognition of President George Washington Day.

Submitted by Hays County

Texas State prof named NEA Creative Writing Fellow

Duke Flavin and honored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) as a Creative Writing Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in 2018. Flavin, a professor of English at Texas State University, was named a Creative Writing Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in 2018. Flavin, among other honors, Flavin is also the recipient of a Writing Fellow Award, a \$25,000 prize. Flavin is currently pursuing his M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Texas at Austin and is currently pursuing his M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Texas at Austin.

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 & Trowbridge	http://www.burnleyandtrowbridge.com/index.aspx

Fabric

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

Fur Hat

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

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

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

George Washington's Birthday Proclamations

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