



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

13 Oct 2016

President: Stuart G. Hoyt

Vice President: Steven R. Polk, LG

Secretary: Ed Blauvelt

Treasurer: Stan Trull

Registrar: Michael Pryor

Chaplain: Jerry M. Bullock

Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Thursday, 13 Oct. 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

The Summer in the South became very interesting in the year 1781. The summer previous, the Hero of Saratoga, Horatio Gates, fell on his sword or almost off his horse, and he raced from the disaster of Camden, SC. A least likely candidate, Nathaniel Green, was sent by George Washington to pick up the pieces. When Sir Henry Clinton left Lord Cornwallis in charge of the Southern Campaign, he took the majority of his force back to New York with him. One item he left in Cornwallis's favor was Banastre Tarleton and his Light Cavalry. When let loose, Tarleton was like mad dog that would not let loose of the scent until he tore his victim apart. To the Partisans, he developed the name "Bloody" Tarleton. General Green was given the responsibility to keep the British at bay. With his limited force, he made the tactical decision to divide his small army and send Daniel Morgan south to harass the British and their ring of forts. Tarleton was given the assignment to find and destroy Morgan's army. As it turned out the gods were in Morgan's favor and Tarleton took a licking at Cow Pen. Now the race was on to rejoin Morgan's army to Gen. Green's before Lord Cornwallis cut him off. Again, favor looked on Morgan as he outmaneuvered Cornwallis to get back to Virginia. From there it was a case of catching the British off guard. It seems that every encounter that Green had with Cornwallis he lost the battle but the engagement was so costly for the British that they eventually gave up the terrain. Cornwallis disobeyed orders and collected all his outlying forces and retreated to Yorktown. Washington received word that the French Fleet had sailed from the West Indies towards the Chesapeake. He rushed his army south to surround Yorktown. Poor communication forced the British Fleet to meet in New York before sailing south. This allowed the French Fleet to block the Bay and prevent the British Navy from entering it to rescue Lord Cornwallis. The rest is history. The date was Oct. 19, 1781.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Jerry Bullock
- III. Pledges to the Flags
 - a. U.S. Flag
 - b. Texas Flag
 - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
 - a. Special Guest – Michael J. Radcliff, President TXSSAR
 - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Enhanced ROTC cadet of 2016
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
 - b. New member induction - Krueger and The Rickey's
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Sept 2016 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Oct
 - c. Historian: history update and newsletter.
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events and Flag.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - i. Fall BOM – Austin – 14-16 Oct.
 - ii. Nov Meeting. 10 Nov. Honor the Public Servants
 - iii. Dec. open
- IX. Guest Speaker Mike Radcliff, President TXSSAR
- X. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- XI. Recessional
- XII. Adjournment: next meeting is 10 Nov. 2016 at Granzin's.