

The Hightower Recorder

President's Notes

Each month in our historical highlight, we seem to look at a person or event in the Revolutionary Army. This month, we will spotlight a bright star of the Continental Navy.

G. Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior

#79 Put not another bit into your mouth till the former be swallowed. Let not your morsels be too big.

#8 At play and at fire it is good manners to give place to the last comer, and affect not to speak louder than ordinary.

Poor Richard's Almanac

312. Kings have long arms, but misfortune longer; let none think themselves out of reach.

1. A child thinks that 20 shillings and 20 years can scarce ever be spent.

In May.

In May, we will induct the new members, honor the scholarship finalists, finish awards to ROTC units and have our last meeting until Sept. Show your support for the Fall BOM we will host.



Commodore John Barry was born in Ireland on 25 Mar 1745 and quickly migrated to a seafaring life. Developing a dislike for the British, he ventured to Philadelphia in 1766 and quickly rose to his first command of the schooner *Barbadeos*. Upon return from one of his sea cruises, Barry learned that the Revolution had started. He received a commission as a Captain, on 14 Mar 1776, and placed in command of the *Lexington*. On 7 Apr 1776, while cruising off the Capes of Virginia, he spotted and engaged the HMS *Edward*, a tender for the British man-of-war HMS *Liverpool*. After a one and a half hour fierce battle, they won over the *Edward* and took her back to Philadelphia. He continued to command the *Lexington* until 18 Oct 1776 capturing several privately armed vessels. He fought and was wounded in a naval battle off Newfoundland in May 1781. The USS *Alliance* was caught between HMS *Atalanta* and *Trepassy*. He managed to capture both ships after a four-hour battle. He fought the final naval battle of the



We Need You!

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

- The Orations Chairman
- The Essay Chairman
- The Publicity Chairman

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.

Revolution off Cape Canaveral on 10 Mar 1783. Barry was made Commodore (#1) by Pres. Washington on 4 Jun 1794. He not only has the first naval commission but the first flag commission.

Welcome! President Steve Polk

Greetings! Our next meeting is this Thursday, the 10th, at Granzin's - hope you can all make it. We will honor our scholarship winner, will have a great report from Tom Jones on the ROTC awards and the flag certificates awarded, and will solicit your support of grave marking on Memorial Day, the New Braunfels parade on July 4th, and the committees you are assigned to. This will be our last meeting before the summer recess, so will welcome any input you have for the year ahead. Best wishes and safe travels, Steve

Results of a years hard work!

The Spring Conference is the culmination of the

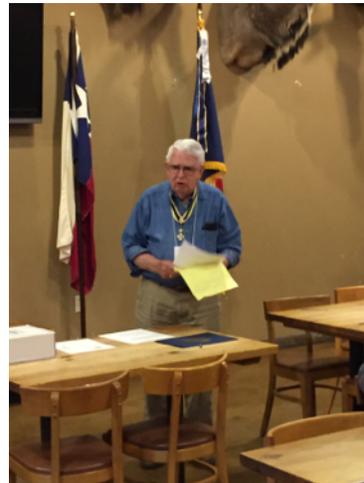


previous year's efforts by the Chapter. Some chapter give it their all and some don't even attend. The mission of the SAR is to promote youth activities through history and education most of which takes money to support the many awards that are available. Unlike those that choose not to participate, the William Hightower Chapter did shine at the awards presentations over the two day affair taking home six chapter and seven personal awards. Thank you for your support in making that happen and if you didn't, maybe you can make a difference in 2018.

Off to a Great Start in the April Meeting!



We started the meeting where we left off in March because incoming president Steve Polk had planned a trip to Israel with his church. Stu Hoyt presented Steve with the Roger Sherman Medal and a certificate of Appreciation for his work as Vice-President. He then swore in the new President and presented him with the Jerry Bullock President's Gavel. His first act as the new chapter president was to induct a new compatriot into the chapter, Eric Sorenson. He then shared his goals for this next year with the members in attendance and turned the podium over to Joe Cox, who shared the story of some of his Patriot Ancestors. If you would be willing to tell your patriot's story, please contact President Polk.



WH#35 Honored at the Spring Conference in Richardson



The conference opened in Richardson with the raising of the SAR Flag at the Hilton Hotel by the state Color Guard (upper left). At the State Color Guard meeting, Stu Hoyt was awarded his Silver Galvez Color Guard medal, and the Bronze and Silver SAR Color Guard Medals. At the first session of the general meeting, he was awarded the State Meritorious Service medal for his work in promoting the chapter (upper center). President John Beard presented the William Hightower with six awards for their activities in 2017. We received the Americanism Award for our youth activities, the White Flag Streamer star for our flag certificate presentations, the Blue Flag streamer star for our donations to support youth activities, the Ross Shipman Honorable Mention award for our Chapter Newsletter, third place for our Yearbook submission, and the only chapter to receive the Outstanding Public Service award for presenting all five Public Service Awards (upper right). (In the grouping of five on the next page) TX SAR CG at the banquet on Saturday evening at the Richardson Conference. Standing Left to right back row are: Robert Kittrell (Dallas Chapter), unknown, unknown, Alan Greene, Dave Davidson (Van Zandt Chapter, Ft. Worth), Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrill Chapter), Larry Melton (Plano Chapter), Gerry Gieger (Van Zandt Chapter, Ft. Worth), Montie Monzingo (East Fork Trinity Chapter, Garland), and T. L. Holden (Edmund Terrill Chapter). Kneeling in front (L to R) Stu Hoyt (William Hightower Chapter, New Braunfels), Tom Whitelock (Dallas Chapter), Blair Rudy (Hill Country Chapter), and Bill Watts (Dallas Chapter) (Left upper). Stu Hoyt is awarded a belated Alexander Hamilton Medal by David Temple, former State Registrar and the 2019 State President, for his participation in the 2016 Perpetual Fund (lower left). At the Saturday evening banquet, Stu Hoyt was awarded the prestigious Patriot's Medal for his work in promoting the TX SAR. Stu Hoyt collects a high five from the gauntlet of previous Patriot Medal winners (center). He is with other 2017 winners, Jim Barkley and Wayne Coureges being given the official handshake of welcome by the Club of former Patriot Medal winners (upper right). Incoming State Color Commander, Stu Hoyt accepted the sword from out-going Commander Bill Watts while the North Commander Ted Wilson (left), and the South Commander, Blair Rudy (right), look on (lower right).

More of the State Conference in Richardson.



Remember, even though we do not meet for the summer, we still have activities. Come and support Memorial Day at the Texas State Cemetery. Join us for the 4th of July Parade in New Braunfels, and join us in Houston July 12 to 19 as the TX SAR hosts the 2018 National Congress.

HELP! If you ever thought about wanting to give something to the William Hightower Chapter, now is the time. This chapter runs on the money you provide. Our goal is to support our youth programs and those that give of their time to make them work. In interfacing with school age children, I am surprised at how little they know about the history of our country. Our Founding Fathers gave their all for the freedoms that we enjoy. It is a shame to see that it is reaping little with our youth today. Our Heritage Programs are so important in keeping that candle of freedom and hope lit for future generations. Our chapter will host the Fall Board of Managers Meeting at the Courtyard Marriott just east of the interstate on the river. It is a beautiful setting for a productive enterprise. We can make money on this event but we need to entice members from around the state to come and bring their wives. What can you do? First, talk up the town. Speak to vendors that will provide enticing silent auction items. Ed Blauvelt will donate an Indian tomahawk with beaded case. We also need something like a Bowie knife or Period Musket to raffle off. All raffle proceeds go to the chapter. The silent auction items go towards the State Youth Funds. We will also receive a percentage of the proceeds from the meals at the banquets. We will need folks to man the welcome table and register the attendees. We need bags of goodies and brochures to tell them of all that New Braunfels has to offer. If you've never attended a State conference, now is the time, without the travel and hotel expense. It's a great time to meet some great people and to help the chapter meet it's goals. We will attempt to schedule a meeting of the planning committee each month up to the event. Please try to attend or provide your input or expertise. This is a great chapter. Help us to be a great host and give the SAR members around the state a memorable experience with a little German cuisine. Mark the date; 10-12 Oct but help NOW!

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.crazycow.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.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/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

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