



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

8 Feb 2018

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, 8 Feb 2018, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

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 promote the flag by carrying it at different event 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 was published and stuck although there is no other documentation to confirm it.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM 8 Feb 2018

Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Don Chandler
- III. Pledges to the Flags
 - a. U.S. Flag
 - b. Texas Flag
 - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
 - a. Special Guests: Essay Contest winner.
 - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Essay Contest – Joe Cox.
- VI. Induction of new members – Shaw and Hensley
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Jan 2018 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Feb
 - c. Historian: history update
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
 - f. Nominations Committee: election of Officer for 2018/9
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - i. Jan/Feb submission of budget for Mar approval. Officer nomin.
 - ii. Feb George Washington's Birthday (Proclamation and Parade).
 - iii. Mar budget approval and new officer installation.
 - iv. Continental Uniform size 44 and size 50 available.
- IX. We need committee members for the Fall 2018 BOM in NB.
- X. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XI. Recessional
- XII. Adjournment: next meeting is 8 Feb 2018 at Granzin's.