



## Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 12 Jan 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, 12 Jan 2017, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

**Thomas Paine**, journalist and inventor was born in Thetford, in Norfolk, England on Jan. 29, 1737, the son of a Quaker. Short on education, he floundered through many jobs and was in and out of debtor's prison. He met Benjamin Franklin in 1774, in London. Franklin encouraged him to migrate to America providing him with letters of recommendation. He landed in Philadelphia in Nov. 1774. He used those letters to gain a position as co-editor of the Pennsylvania Magazine. It didn't take long to acquire the spirit of rebellion that was mounting in the colonies. Using his negative experience with the British government and the positive experience of the cause for freedom, he published a pamphlet and titled it "Common Sense" on Jan. 10, 1776. It became an instant hit and sparked fervor for the cause. It sold over half a million copies. He was on a roll and went on to write a number of articles titled The American Crisis. The first one was published on Dec 23, 1776 and commenced with the statement, "These are the times that try men's souls". Washington was so impressed that he had it read to his men at Valley Forge. He served for a short time in the Continental Army but couldn't keep a secret. He designed a bridge but could get no backers. He almost lost his head in France and came back to die in N.Y City in 1809.

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 Guests
  - b. Potential chapter members
  - c. Recognition of "Tex" Hill Composite Sqdn, CAP – Stan Trull
- V. Knight Essay Contest winner – Joe Cox
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
  - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
  - b. New member induction – Tom and Tim Jones
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Dec 2016 minutes.
  - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Jan
  - c. Historian: history update and newsletter.
  - d. Registrar's Report
  - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events and Flag.
- VIII. Selection Committee – status report – Joe Cox
- IX. New Business:
  - a. President's Comments
    - i. Election of officer for 2017 and grooming new members
    - ii. Feb is G. Washington parade and Proclamations, plus Orations.
    - iii. March will introduce the Officers of 2017 and approve the budget. Plus the Annual Conference in San Antonio.
- X. The quarterly Executive Board meeting TBA late Mar. or early Apr.
- XI. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- XII. Recessional
- XIII. Adjournment: next meeting is 9 Feb. 2017 at Granzin's.