



## Agenda William Hightower #35 TXSSAR 10 Nov 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, 10 Nov. 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

All the eyes of the world were on George Washington, who had just defeated the greatest army and naval forces in the then known world. The forces of Great Britain had stood down and evacuated New York, their last holdings of the original American Colonies. He had power at his grasp and the world was waiting for his next move. That move shocked them just as the "First Shot Heard Round the World" back in 1775. Converse to what they expected, he stepped down and this is, basically, what he had to say to his troops near Princeton, NJ, on 2 Nov 1783. He opened by summing up the prior eight years. It was a miracle that so many from diverse backgrounds, with differing opinions of the conditions which spawned the outcry for our cause of liberty could unite together as a disciplined army and instantly became but one patriotic Band of Brothers. He went on to say that these United States would be ever indebted to them for their sacrifice, which they long endured. He reminded them of their abilities and resourcefulness and encouraged them to transition those skills to harness the opportunities that lay ahead both at home and the movement west. He encouraged them not to dwell on the hardships and the dark hours that they experienced on the field but to build on the glorious victory, much like those of his fellow citizens towards effecting these great and valuable purposes on which our very existence as a nation so materially depend. He closed with a statement to all those who followed his lead from the general to the private. "May ample justice be done them here, and may the choicest of heaven's favors, both here and hereafter, attend those who, under the divine auspices, have secured innumerable blessings for others; with these wishes, and the benediction, the Commander in Chief is about to retire from service. The curtain of separating will soon be draw, and the military scene to him will be closed forever".

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
- V. Public Service Awards – Lou Colantoni
- VI. SAR Awards Presentation:
  - a. Awards, Military Service or Chapter
  - b. New member induction - Krueger
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Oct 2016 minutes.
  - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Nov
  - 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. WH#35 Executive Board meeting – TBA (poss. 1 Sat in Dec)
    - ii. Veterans Day Parade (11 Nov) and SM CAP Flag Ceremony (15 Nov)
    - iii. Dec. Special Guest Abraham Clarke, NJ, Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- IX. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- X. Recessional
- XI. Adjournment: next meeting is 8 Dec. 2016 at Granzin's.