



Minutes of the Meeting  
13 Oct 2016  
William Hightower Sons of the American Revolution

President Stuart Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the guests that we had for the evening.

**Invocation** was provided by Chaplain Jerry Bullock.

Pledges to the U. S., Texas, and SAR flags were given.

**Program:** Induction of the Thomas Richey, Thomas Richey Jr (by proxy) and Don Richey and comments from the Texas State SAR President, Michael Radcliff.

President Hoyt regaled the Chapter members with the history of Mary Ludwig Hays, better known as Molly Pitcher and her deeds at the Battle of Monmouth on June 1778.

New applicants Aaron Nelson, and his sons Cory Nelson, and Michael Nelson were introduced by Aaron's brother Jason, who is a Waco chapter member.

New Associate member Dan Williams was introduced. President Hoyt extended special greetings to Mr. Michael Radcliff Texas State SAR President.

**Old Business:** The Minutes for the May 2016 meeting were approved by acclamation. May meeting minutes were accepted.

The ROTC Enhanced Cadet winner could not attend the meeting due to conflicting schedules.

No Treasure report due to the change of Treasures is not yet complete and outgoing Treasurer, Terry Hardeman could not attend the entire meeting.

**New Business:**

**Presentation:** New member inductions. Thomas Richey, Thomas Richey Jr (Thomas Jr's mother Theresa stood in by proxy for his induction) and Don Richey. The Richey's ancestor was James Richey who served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment. Pres. Hoyt, Dr. Hollis, and Mr. Bullock inducted the new members.

Pres. Hoyt covered the Fall Business Operations Meeting (BOM) scheduled for 14 Oct in Austin. Pres. Hoyt stated that if a member had a uniform and could attend, please do so.

Pres. Hoyt asked members to submit their DD Forms 214 to the Chapter Secretary (Ed Blauvelt) so their military and combat service medals can be ordered and awarded.

Pres. Hoyt mentioned the "Stark Report" and that members should log time spent with or in-service to a veteran. Give names to the Secretary so they can be entered on the Stark Report.

As a reminder, Pres. Hoyt covered his goals for the 2016/2017 calendar to include the goal of placing 200 flags either Memorial or Veterans Day at local cemeteries/graves. Reporting of member's support of a veteran or veterans events. Reporting the support of the flag event by a chapter member. Pres Hoyt reminded chapter members need to volunteer for a chapter committees or members will be assigned. Pres. Hoyt pointed out the Newsletter and the new member booklet on the Chapter website at [www.NBSAR.net](http://www.NBSAR.net). Pres. Hoyt concluded by informing the membership that in Nov. the William Hightower Chapter will be honoring our First Responders

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Michael Radcliff, the Texas State SAR President entertained the members with a brief history of how the poem, "The Star Spangled Banner" can to be through the exploits of Dr. William Beane, Colonel Joe Skinner, General George Amistad, and Francis Scott Key.

Mr. Radcliff proceed to over his state goals as TSSAR President which included, a mentorship program in every chapter. Newsletters for every members, earlier annual dues notification.

Pres. Hoyt reminded the membership of the upcoming George Washington Birthday celebration in Laredo, TX.

Pres. Hoyt closed with announcement that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence will would be our guest in December.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for the evening of 10 Nov 2016 at the same venue.

**Benediction** was given by Chaplain Jerry Bullock

**Recessional** was led by President Stuart Hoyt

**Adjournment** was at 8:03 PM

**Members Present**, 17, 4 in uniform

**Associate Members Present**, 4

**Spouses Present**, 6

**Guests Present**, 4

**Total Attendance**, 31