



## Agenda

### William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

### 10 May 2018

President: Steve Polk, LG  
Vice President: Tom Jones  
Secretary: Ed Blauvelt  
Treasurer: Stan Trull

Registrar: Michael Pryor  
Chaplain: Don Chandler  
Historian: Stu Hoyt  
Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Thursday, 10 May 2018, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

During May some men became heroes and other scourge of their profession. Some men were inspired by dedication to the cause and others by self-motivation. One of these men was Benedict Arnold. Born in Norwalk, Connecticut in 1741, and after a modest education, became an apprentice in an apothecary. By 1757, with a fancy for the military, he joined the militia and fought in the French and Indian War in upstate New York. With his father's dead, in 1761, he was back in the apothecary trade and learned how drugs affected the body. He later partnered with a man in the shipping business and made his money in the privateering trade. When war erupted with the British, he found himself back in the militia as a Captain heading for Boston. After heroic deeds at Ft. Ticonderoga, Quebec, Lake Champlain and Saratoga, he determined that his heroic went unrewarded. He had been wounded in the same leg at Quebec and Saratoga and may have controlled the pain with drugs knowledge from his former profession. Washington gave him command over Philadelphia and he asked for command of West Point, to recover. The tide had turned and he looking to get recognition from another quarter. Who knew what spurred his decision to sell out at West Point but self-aggrandizement was most likely a reason. He was the antithesis of George Washington in his dedication to his country and the cause.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM      10 May 2018      Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Polk
- 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, Scholarship finalists
  - b. Potential chapter members
- V. Induction of new member – John Hall
- VI. SAR Chapter Awards – if available
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Apr 2018 minutes.
  - b. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report – May
  - c. Historian: history update
  - d. Registrar’s Report
  - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. President’s Comments
    - i. May – planning sessions for hosting Fall BOM.
    - ii. May – ROTC Awards
    - iii. May last meeting until Sept.
    - iv. Jul – parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> and National Congress in Houston
    - v. Continental Uniform size 44 and size 50 available.
- IX. We need committee members for the Fall 2018 BOM in NB.
- X. Meet the Member - Open
- XI. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XII. Recessional
- XIII. Adjournment: next meeting is 13 Sept. 2018 at Granzin’s.