



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

12 Dec 2019

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, 12 Dec 2019, regular meeting at Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Most every American school child has seen the famous painting of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by German American Artist Emanuel Leutze but have you ever thought of all the things that went wrong to make that one right? After Washington moved from Boston to New York, he suffered one disaster after another. He was pushed out of New York City, off Long Island, and out of New York State. He lost both Forts Washington and Mifflin, which guarded the North River (The Hudson) and then pushed out of New Jersey, into Pennsylvania. The year was drawing to a close, the weather turned very cold and he would lose most of his Army at years end due to enlistments. He had to do something so he planned a year end attack on the German encampments at Trenton, Princeton, and Brunswick. He asked Gen. Charles Lee to bring his small army of 500 to him and asked Gates to send men, also. Gen Lee was dragging his feet and was captured by the British. Gen Sullivan finally brought those forces in about the same time the 800 from Gen. Gates arrived. Deserters revealed to the British that Washington was planning a war council and to be on the alert. The weather turned for the worst. The attack was a three-pronged approach. The two southern prongs could not make it across the river. Washington's group, nine miles north, were delayed until 4 am making the crossing. They had planned to attack at dawn. Just prior to reaching Trenton, as day was breaking they heard shots and came upon some New Jersey militia, planning their own skirmish, not aware of Washington's plan. Thankfully, it did not alert the German garrison in Trenton. Washington's ragtag army managed to surprise all but 500 of the Germans, who escaped because the southern prongs were not there to block the bridge. They managed to capture 1000 Hessians and all their supplies. Because it was so late and the enemy may now be alerted, Washington re-crossed the Delaware to regroup and warm their frozen troops.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM 12 Dec 2019 Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Steve 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 – Scott Woodard
 - b. Public Servants and their guests.
 - c. Potential chapter members
- V. Public Service Awards -Lou Colantoni
- VI. Induction of new member -None
- VII. SAR Chapter Awards – Military Awards to Col. Storer
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Nov 2019 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report –Dec
 - c. Historian: history update
 - d. Registrar’s Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events, Scouting, and Flag.
- IX. New Business:
 - a. President’s Comments:
 - i. Jan – Essay Contest
 - ii. Feb – Oration Contest
 - iii. Mar– New Officer Installation
- X. Patriot Review – Dr. Patrick Hollis
- XI. Guest speaker – Scott Woodard – “Army Medicine in the American Rev.”
- XII. Benediction: Chaplain Don Chandler
- XIII. Recessional
- XIV. Adjournment: next meeting is 9 Jan 2019 at Granzin’s.