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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Clarence V. Burns



Greetings Compatriots!

In the Month of May The Sons of the American Revolution presents Medals and Certificates to deserving recipients. The month of May includes Public Service Recognition Week, Police Week, EMS Week, and International Firefighters Day.

Chapter #69 of The Sons of the American Revolution honors individuals with recognition for the following:

Heroism Medal for outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.

Life Saving Medal for having acted to save a human life.

Law Enforcement Medal for serving with distinction and devotion to the field of Law Enforcement.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of Fire Safety and Service.

I am happy and proud to announce the current recipients as chosen by Chapter #69 of The Texas Sons of the American Revolution.

Heroism Medal and Certificate

Bill Gunn

Ronda Craft

Life Saving Medal and Certificate

Jason Blackwood

Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate
Eric White

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate
Randy Jones

It is such an honor to recognize individuals who respond to incidents in such an exemplary way.

Clarence V. Burns

President

Ark-La-Tex Chapter #69

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Howard, Jimmy Hilton

Patriot: Isham Berry

Howard, Cody Lynn

Patriot: Isham Berry



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post 258
308 North Louise Street
Atlanta, Texas 7555

133rd Sons of the American Revolution Congress

July 13th – July 20th, 2023
9700 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819

2023 Fall Leadership Training

September 21 – 23, 2023
The Brown Hotel
335 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky, 40202



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Apr 17 Danny Warren Addington
Jun 15 Rodney Glen Love
Jun 19 Larry Joe Reynolds
May 24 Jill Howard
Jun 01 Laura Beckham
Jun 20 Vivian Burns
Jun 22 Jean Maxie
Jun 23 Billie Love
Apr 15 Pat & Sue Tomberlain
May 21 Danny & Carolyn Addington

SAR Anniversary

April 7, 2020 Duran Cleo Duncan
May 15, 2008 Charles Edmond Pruitt II
May 13, 2022 Barrett Beckham Thomas
May 13, 2022 Mack Everett Thomas
May 13, 2022 Shawn Louis Tully
May 27, 2022 Brandon Alec Epps
May 27, 2022 Larry Joe Reynolds
May 27, 2022 Robert Eugene Woodroof
June 4, 2021 Clarence Varnell Burns



BATTLES FOUGHT APR - JUN

Apr–Aug, 1782 Battle of the Black River
Apr 6, 1776 Battle of Block Island
Apr 8, 1782 Battle of Delaware Bay
Apr 9–12, 1782 Battle of the Saintes
Apr 12, 1782 Battle of Providien
Apr 13, 1777 Battle of Bound Brook

Apr 14, 1780 Battle of Monck's Corner
 Apr 14–18, 1783 Recapture of the Bahamas
 Apr 15, 1781 Battle of Porto Praya
 Apr 15–23, 1781 Siege of Fort Watson
 Apr 17, 1780 Second Battle of Martinique
 Apr 19, 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord
 Apr 19, 1775 – Mar 17, 1776..... Siege of Boston
 Apr 19, 1782 Battle of the Mona Passage
 Apr 20, 1775 Gunpowder Incident*
 Apr 20–21, 1782 Action of 20–21 April 1782
 Apr 23, 1775 New York Armory Raid*
 Apr 24, 1778 North Channel Naval Duel
 Apr 25, 1781 Battle of Blandford
 Apr 25, 1781 Battle of Hobkirk's Hill
 Apr 27, 1777 Battle of Ridgefield
 Apr 29, 1781 Battle of Fort Royal
 May 1, 1778 Battle of Crooked Billet
 May 1, 1781 Action of 1 May 1781
 May 6, 1780 Battle of Lenud's Ferry
 May 6, 1782 Capture of the Bahamas
 May 8–12, 1781 Battle of Fort Motte
 May 10, 1775 Capture of Fort Ticonderoga
 May 10–24, 1779 Chesapeake raid
 May 14, 1781 Battle of Pine's Bridge
 May 17, 1777 Battle of Thomas Creek
 May 1779 Battle of Chillicothe
 May 18–27, 1776 Battle of The Cedars
 May 20, 1778 Battle of Barren Hill
 May 22-Jun 18, 1781 Siege of Ninety-Six
 May 22-Jun 6, 1781 Siege of Augusta
 May 24, 1777 Meigs Raid
 May 24-Jun 2, 1781 Invasion of Tobago
 May 25, 1780 Battle of St. Louis
 May 25–30, 1778 Mount Hope Bay raids
 May 25-Aug 4, 1780 Bird's invasion of Kentucky
 May 25-Jun 12, 1782 Crawford expedition
 May 27–28, 1775 Battle of Chelsea Creek
 May 28–29, 1782 Naval battle off Halifax
 May 29, 1780 Battle of Waxhaws
 May 30, 1778 Battle of Cobleskill
 May 30, 1781 Action of 30 May 1781
 Jun 7, 1780 Battle of Connecticut Farms
 Jun 8, 1776 Battle of Trois-Rivières
 Jun 10–12, 1780 . Battle of Mobley's Meeting House
 Jun 11–12, 1775 Battle of Machias
 Jun 16–18, 1779 Capture of Saint Vincent
 Jun 17, 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill
 Jun 20, 1779 Battle of Stono Ferry
 Jun 20, 1780 Battle of Ramsour's Mill
 Jun 23, 1780 Battle of Springfield

Jun 24, 1779 – Feb 7, 1783 . Great Siege of Gibraltar
 Jun 26, 1777 Battle of Short Hills
 Jun 26, 1781 Battle of Spencer's Ordinary
 Jun 28, 1776 Battle of Sullivan's Island
 Jun 28, 1778 Battle of Monmouth
 Jun 29, 1776 Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet
 Jun 30, 1778 Battle of Alligator Bridge
 Jun 30, 1782 Raid on Chester

1780 South Carolina

By May 1st Charleston had been under siege for over two weeks. The hopes for salvation rested on Patriot units outside the city opening one of the land routes. On May 6th a company of Virginia Dragoons crossed the Santee River at Lenud's Ferry. After taking some British prisoners they were about to return across the Ferry when Tarleton's legion intercepted them. 41 Patriots were killed or wounded to Tarleton's two.



Charleston surrendered six days later, on May 12, 1780. The British captured in excess of 3,000 Patriots while loosing 250 killed and wounded. As word of the defeat spread, American units at Camden and Ninety-Six surrendered without a fight. Soon there was only one organized Patriot unit within the colony, the 3rd Virginia, commanded by Col. Abraham Buford.

On May 29th British Colonel Banastre Tarleton catches up with the 3rd Virginia at the Waxhaws. As his cavalry charge breaks the Continental line, Tarelton's horse is killed and he is pinned under it. Thus when a flag of surrender is raised his men don't recognize it and continue the killing. This brings about the term "Tarleton's Quarter," which in the eyes of the Patriots is no quarter at all. The

Continental losses were 113 killed and 203 captured, the great majority of these prisoners being wounded. British losses total 19 men and 31 horses killed or wounded. Though a military defeat, the Waxhaws becomes a propaganda victory for the Continentals as they exploit the “massacre” that ensued.



THE AMERICAN CREED

I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED;
A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC;
A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN NATIONS;
A PERFECT NATION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE;
ESTABLISHED UPON THOSE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND HUMANITY;
FOR WHICH AMERICAN PATRIOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES.
I, THEREFORE, BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY TO LOVE IT;
TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION;
TO OBEY ITS LAWS;
TO RESPECT ITS FLAG;
AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.



OUR AMERICAN PATRIOTS



Hans Heinrich (John Henry) Felder

5th Great Grandfather of Compatriot Joe Reynolds

(Continued from last Newsletter)

However, the fickle nature of the war in South Carolina took an even further swing. Sumter's command moved from the town of Orangeburg with view of laying siege to the British post at Fort Granby (present day Columbia). However, Henry Lee's Continentals had moved to the area while most of

Sumter's men were besieging Orangeburg and on May 15th forced the surrender of the post, much to Sumter's chagrin. Nevertheless, Orangeburg would once again fall back into British hands after the evacuation of Ninety-Six and Camden when Lord Rawdon's forces moved into the area. Sometime between the capture of Orangeburg by Sumter and the end of the war, Henry Felder's final battle with the hated Loyalists would come to fruition.

Around the close of the war, Henry Felder received word from his old comrade Samuel Rowe that the Loyalists were going to make another house call on his residence. Felder barricaded himself, his sons, and an overseer named Fry in his home to fend off the Tories. In the character of war common to the South Carolina countryside, the Loyalists made their expected arrival and tried to overwhelm Felder and his small garrison. With his wife and servants loading their weapons as they fired, Felder's posse beat back the attack of the King's men. The Loyalists finally had enough and slipped away from Felder's home after taking as many as 20 men killed (if one believes the story, however unbelievable). Whether this was an actual retreat or simply a ploy to draw Felder out of the house is unknown. However, Felder sent his sons via a back path to ambush the retreating Loyalists.

The Tories however turned back before reaching the ambush and resumed their attack on Felder's house. Realizing there is more than one way to skin a cat, the Loyalists fired a load of hay under Felder's shed. The shed's proximity near the house soon caused the expected conflagration and Felder's house went up in flames. The ploy was obvious. Fire the house, draw the defenders out, and put them to the sword. Escaping from the flames, the Swiss threw on his wife's clothes to escape the Loyalist trap. As Felder attempted to scale the yard fence, he was cut down by the Tory bullets. His boots had given him away. Felder's Swiss perseverance however would not fail him even close to death. Felder denied his bitter enemies the pleasure of capturing his dead

body and managed to make his way a few hundred yards before his wounds got the better of him. One of his nearby servants, chopping wood, came to his assistance and he was carried to a safe place. However, the Loyalist bullets had served their purpose. A few days after the skirmish, Felder died of his wounds.



Felder's last fight is relayed to posterity by his surviving family members and the slave who came to his assistance after wounding. The killing of twenty Loyalists of course comes via these stories and the account of the skirmish comes from the surviving members there. The overall truth of the story is unknown. Even the time of death of Felder has been a source of some disagreement although some put the death in 1780. This would seem to conflict with the account of Felder's aiding in the capture of Orangeburg (Orangeburg was captured in May of 81). One probable theory holds that the Felder who helped Sumter in his capture of Orangeburg was actually Felder's son Henry Felder. This would make Hans Henry Felder's reported death in 1780 entirely possible. Few distinctions could have been made in most surviving information that show clearly just which "Captain Henry Felder" was involved in the capture of Orangeburg. After all Felder's son, Henry, followed his father's footsteps and commanded the company after his death. Of course, this would necessarily mean that Hans Henry Felder did not take part in the capture of Orangeburg, however his company (commanded by his son Henry Felder) did. Of course, there is also the possibility

that the 1780 death date of Felder is mistaken. Only painstaking research and maybe some information stored away in a dusty library somewhere can tell for certain. These questions if nothing else, help to keep Felder's many descendants guessing as to his life. However, one could note with certainty that Captain Hans Henry Felder can be remembered as one of Orangeburg District's most dedicated Whigs in the American Revolution.

Sources: The History of Orangeburg County: Alexander Salley.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another of Henry Felder's Great Grandsons, Clarence Felder, Wrote, Directed and Stared in a movie about Henry, All for Liberty. This movie has been made into a DVD that you can purchase many places, however you can also watch the complete movie for free on YouTube by clicking: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNo1PgCIKsY&list=RDCMUCZEQZQ8HhFbyFjXUT46XH8g&start_radio=1&t=429s



LAST CHAPTER MEETING

September 13, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present

Clarence Burns
Joe Reynolds
Rodney G. Love
Danny Addington
Dennis M. Beckham
Bill Sekel
Shawn Tully
Thomas R. "Butch" Owens
Richard Blackwood
Larry P. Chandler
Cody Howard
Jim Howard

Visitors Present

Wendy Addington
Carolyn Addington
Wendell Edward Van Hook

Call to Order: President Clarence Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He stated that a quorum was present.

Invocation by: Chaplain Shawn Tully gave the invocation.

Pledges to the flags: The United States of America, State of Texas and SAR Pledge led by: President Clarence Burns

Reading of minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to all members. They were approved by acclamation.

Reading of the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Danny Addington presented the treasurer's report stating as of March 14, 2023 ending balance of \$1013.34. Remaining coins 69 with a profit of \$296.00. It was approved by acclamation.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Dennis Beckham presented the Registrar's report. John Burns was added as a supplemental for Clarence Burns. The report was approved as corrected by acclamation.

New member sworn in: Registrar Dennis Beckham swore in Cody Lynn Howard and Jimmy Hilton Howard as new members.

New officer sworn in: Chancellor Bill Sekel swore in Shawn Tully as Chaplain

Program: President Clarence Burns introduced the guest speaker Joe Reynolds who was to present "The Battles of the Saratoga" Due to technical difficulties the program could not be presented and was postponed.

Unfinished business:

Medals for EMT, Policeman, and Fireman

The following names were presented: Randy Jones-Volunteer fireman from Hughes Springs who was in firehouse when it collapsed on him due to tornado. When he got out he administered 1st aid, cut trees, helped others get to safety.

Eric White- Cass County Deputy who walked mile through down trees in dark after tornado to trailer

house to give assistance to family north of Queen City.

Britt Gunn- EMT who went into burning house to rescue person in Jefferson area.

Rhonda Craft- EMT who went into burning house to rescue person in Jefferson area.

Jason Blackwood- Policeman who gave CPR to gentleman until EMTs arrived.

A motion was made by Bill Sekel and seconded by Shawn Tully that the chapter present 5 medals (1 Fireman, 1 Policeman, 1 Life-saving, and 2 Heroism). The motion carried.

Joe Reynolds stated he would order the medals. It was mentioned that possibly a picture of one of these might be sent to TXSAR Newsletter.

Certificates for Veterans would be presented before November. A list of names and branch of service should be sent to Bill Sekel. When certificate is presented a picture should be taken of Veteran receiving certificate. A picture might be sent to National SAR magazine and might get in the TX section.

Vice President Joe Reynolds stated that he would be attending the National SAR Congress in Orlando, FL. He has a resort available that several could stay in at no cost.

Elections will be in December with swearing in in January. It was noted that the President would receive a Past President medal.

Chancellor Bill Sekel stated that we need assistants for each office. This would allow some knowledge of office in the case of officer absent from meeting or vacancy in office before elections.

President of DAR Carolyn Addington stated that Trammel Trace would be involved with Wreaths Across America at the Old Liberty Cemetery. She asked if we might want to help.

It was also mentioned that we would have joint flag retirement again this year.

Wendell Edward Van Hook mentioned that American Legion 58 & 25 of Texarkana received old computers from Farmers Bank. The hard drives are removed by the bank. These might be available if someone needed one.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

The next meeting will be June 13.

Closing Admonition: President Clarence Burns led members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

Adjournment: President Clarence Burns entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Richard Blackwood and seconded by Joe Reynolds. The motion carried.

Benediction by: Chaplain Shawn Tully

Minutes submitted for approval by Secretary Rodney G. Love

Compatriots Cody and Jimmy Howard are sworn in by Dennis Beckham



OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Andrew Adams

January 7, 1736 – November 26, 1797

Andrew Adams was an American Founding Father, lawyer, jurist, and political leader in Connecticut during the nation's Revolutionary Era. As a delegate from Connecticut to the Second Continental Congress, he signed the Articles of Confederation in 1778. Following the war, he returned to his law practice, and in 1793, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Early life

Adams was born in Stratford, Connecticut, the son of Samuel (1703–1788) and Mary Fairchild (1698–1803) Adams. His father practiced law in Stratford and was a judge of Fairfield County. Adams attended Yale and graduated in 1760 before reading law with his father. He first practiced in Stamford. In 1772, he was named the king's attorney for Litchfield County. He moved to Litchfield in 1774 and made his home there for the rest of his life. He received the degree of LL.D. from Yale in 1796.

Adams was a Freemason. He was a member of St. Paul's Lodge No 11 in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Political career

With the coming of the American Revolution, Adams was a member of Connecticut's Committee of Safety. He served in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1776 until 1781 and was its speaker in 1779 and 1780. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a colonel in the Connecticut militia. He was appointed to the Second Continental Congress in 1778, when he signed the Articles of Confederation.



Chaplain Shawn Tully is sworn in by Bill Sekel



Adams was a leading player in both state and national politics. Governor of Connecticut Johnathan Trumbull wrote to congressmen Roger Sherman, Titus Hosmer and Adams on military movements in what is now known as the states of New England. Adams and Hosmer answered the governor's message, stating they would take the opportunity to write to Major Bigelow and keep an eye on the situation through organizing a Board of Treasury, but little progress had been made. After leaving the Continental Congress in 1778, a year later Adams had been named a member of the Connecticut executive council by Trumbull. Adams was also granted a seat as a judge that same year, and he was granted the position of chief justice in 1793, which was the position he kept till his death. Adams is buried in the west cemetery located in Litchfield.



MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE
Gainesville, Texas

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution made a great appearance in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas on April 22, 2023. Our own Bill Sekel marched in the Parade.





SERVICE AWARDS

Law Enforcement Medal



Chapter President Clarence V. Burns presents Officer Eric White of the Cass County Sheriff's Department with the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.

Fire Safety Commendation Award



Chapter President Clarence V. Burns presents Fireman Randy Jones with the Hughes Springs Volunteer Fire Department the Fire Safety Commendation Award



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