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Sons of the American Revolution

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The President's Message

"It is a New Year, What are Your Plans?"

This time of year I always reflect upon the past year and try to make my plans for the upcoming year. First job is to acquire a calendar and put in important annual dates with various colors of ink. (Old fashioned school teacher method and cell phones or tablets come close but really do not work.) Entries are birthdays of important people especially grandchildren with the year of birth to keep track of age. Then SAR meetings dates and other similar activities especially football schedules. There are some dates and days that maybe already printed on the on the calendar like New Year's Day, Valentine, Easter, July 4, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. I feel like we should add some more such as September 11, November 11, and December 7. I have been struck by the little attention that these dates have been given by various news media and organizations on an annual basis especially the longer we live. I really question our society and what it deems as important.

What about the year 1779? On January 17, Captain James Cook made the last notation in the Discovery's ship's log. February 24, George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes (Ind) from British. March 11, US Army Corps of Engineers established for the first time. June 8, Admiral Horatio Nelson and Captain Thomas Hardy on the HMS Foudroyant set sail against Spanish fleet. June 15 General Anthony Wayne captures Stony Point, Bronx. September 27, John Adams negotiates Revolutionary War peace terms with Great Britain. December 23, Benedict Arnold court-martialed for improper conduct. These were a few.

2019 is a new year for us to shape, form, and carve our history. What and how are you going to illustrate your part in the new year? I encourage you to make plans and help our fellow compatriots make the East Texas Chapter #57 one of the leading chapters in our district and the great state of Texas. One method is to Volunteer to speak in a class on a part of history that is dear to your heart. Now is the time for Veterans to share some of your service experiences. Keep our History Alive !

God Bless America! I'll see you at Jason's Deli, February 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Later, Carl

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of December 2018

The East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, held its bimonthly meeting on December 6, 2018, at Jason's Deli Restaurant in Longview, Texas at 7 PM. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, David Conner. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain J.D. Denton. The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the SAR flag were given and guests were introduced. Guests were Mike and Karen Conner, SAR State President, Tom Jackson & SAR Dist. 10 Vice President, William Sekel.

After dinner, the meeting resumed with the consideration of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Both were accepted as presented.

Vice President Conner asked once again for everyone to update their e-mail addresses. As a fund raiser, the hat was passed for excess change from members.

Under new business the death of President Bush #41 was remembered and Wreaths Across America was discussed, and the deaths of two of our Chapter 57 family members, Mack Bond & Liz Hedges.

The speaker for the meeting, Mike Conner, former Postal Inspector and currently part-time F.B.I. was introduced. Mr. Conner's program was centered on the "Forgotten Murder" a true account of Postal Inspector Elbert Perry Lamberth who was killed in the line of duty on August 17, 1917. State President, Tom Jackson, presented a power point program of the recent SAR National Convention in Houston.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on February 7, 2019. The program will be presented by Bob Harness, a sculptor who is currently working on a 9 foot tall statue of Judge Roy Hofheinz.

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by J. D. Denton.

John Bolton, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November/December 2018

Beginning Balance (11/1/2018)		\$1368.51
Deposits: Membership "Pass the Hat" Donations	\$37.81	
Total Deposits:		\$37.81
Checks: Flowers for Meeting Room	\$10.76	
J. Bolton (Newsletter, Stamps, etc)	\$22.50	
Guest speaker meal	\$19.16	
Total Checks:		\$52.42
Ending Balance (12/31/2018)		\$1,353.90

Mickey Cole, Treasurer

Loyalists During the American Revolution

Americans today think of the War for Independence as a revolution, but in important respects it was also a civil war. American Loyalists, or “Tories” as their opponents called them, opposed the Revolution, and many took up arms against the rebels. Estimates of the number of Loyalists range as high as 500,000, or 20% of the white population of the colonies. What motivated the Loyalists? Most educated Americans, whether Loyalist or Revolutionary, accepted John Locke’s theory of natural rights and limited government. Thus, the Loyalists, like the rebels, criticized such British actions as the Stamp Act and the Coercive Acts. Loyalists wanted to pursue peaceful forms of protest because they believed that violence would give rise to mob rule or tyranny. They also believed that independence would mean the loss of economic benefits derived from membership in the British mercantile system.

Prominent Loyalists repeatedly assured the British government that many thousands of them would spring to arms and fight for the Crown. The British government acted in expectation of that, especially in the southern campaigns in 1780-81. In fact, the number of Loyalists in military service was far lower than expected since Britain could not protect them except in areas where they had military control.

The majority of Loyalists were small farmers, artisans and shopkeepers. Not surprisingly, most British officials remained loyal to the Crown. Wealthy merchants tended to remain loyal, as did Anglican ministers, especially in Puritan New England. Loyalists also included some blacks (to whom the British promised freedom), Indians, indentured servants and some German immigrants, who supported the Crown mainly because George III was of German origin.

The number of Loyalists in each colony varied. Recent estimates suggest that half the population of New York was loyalist; it had an aristocratic culture and was occupied throughout the Revolution by the British. In the Carolinas, back-country farmers were Loyalist; whereas the Tidewater planters tended to support the Revolution.

During the Revolution, most Loyalists suffered little from their views. However, a minority, about 19,000 Loyalists, armed and supplied by the British, fought in the conflict.

The Paris Peace Treaty required Congress to restore property confiscated from Loyalists. The heirs of William Penn in Pennsylvania, for example, and those of George Calvert in Maryland received generous settlements. In the Carolinas, where enmity between rebels and Loyalists were especially strong, few of the latter regained their property. In New York and the Carolinas, the confiscations from Loyalists resulted in something of a social revolution as large estates were parceled out to yeoman farmers.

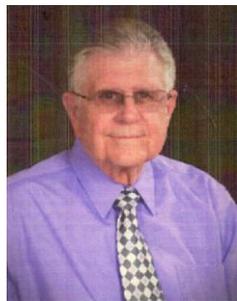
About 100,000 Loyalists left the country, including William Franklin, son of Patriot Benjamin Franklin, and John Singleton Copley, the greatest American painter of the period. Most settled in Canada. Some eventually returned, although several state governments excluded the Loyalists from holding public office. In the decades after the Revolution, Americans preferred to forget about the Loyalists. Apart from Copley, the Loyalists became non-persons in American history.

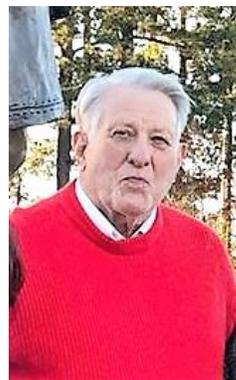
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The hearts of Chapter 57 were saddened at the loss of two of our family members: Mack Bonds, former President of Chapter 57 and Elizabeth (Liz) Hedges, wife of our current President, Carl Hedges. Mack passed away on December 2 and Liz lost her battle on December 3. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.





Bob Harness
February program



Mike & Karen Conner
December program

Left to right: Bill Sekel, Dave Conner, John Bolton, Tom Jackson

Next meeting will be February 7, 2019 at Jason's Deli in Longview. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.