

September Meeting

Celebration of our Constitution

September 11, 2019



Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Willow Fork Country Club September Highlights

- ❖ Stacy Williams, Houston Bar Association, is our speaker on "Constitutional Law."
- ❖ Texas SAR President (2018-2019) Tom Jackson and Chairman of the Public Service/Flag Sub-Committee Chris Courter present chapter business regarding flag presentations, public service, JROTC and the brochure contest.
- ❖ talks about September 11, 2011, Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Independence.
- ❖ Compatriot Tom Jackson presents This Day in History on The Continental Congress meets for the first time and the American loses at the Battle of Brandywine
- ❖ Chapter President Bruce McMordie provides a 9/11 remembrance

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September 11, Wednesday at Willow Fork country club in Katy, Texas. The Robert Rankin Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution monthly chapter meeting. September is always the month where we honor our constitution because it was signed on September 17th, 232 years ago. Attorney Stacy Williams from Reed Smith, and on behalf of the Houston Bar Association, joined us as our guest speaker, giving a presentation on Constitutional Law. Stacy, pictured below speaking, is an energy lawyer with extensive litigation and executive in-house counsel experience.



His presentation took an interesting spin when he challenged the chapter with some Constitutional trivia. See if you know the answers to these handful of questions:

1. Did John Adams or Thomas Jefferson sign the Constitution?
2. Who kept a journal during the convention, which was not published until after his death?
3. Does the Constitution guarantee a Republican form of government?
4. Is the word "democracy" in the Constitution?

Answers are below

1. No
2. Madison
3. Yes
4. No

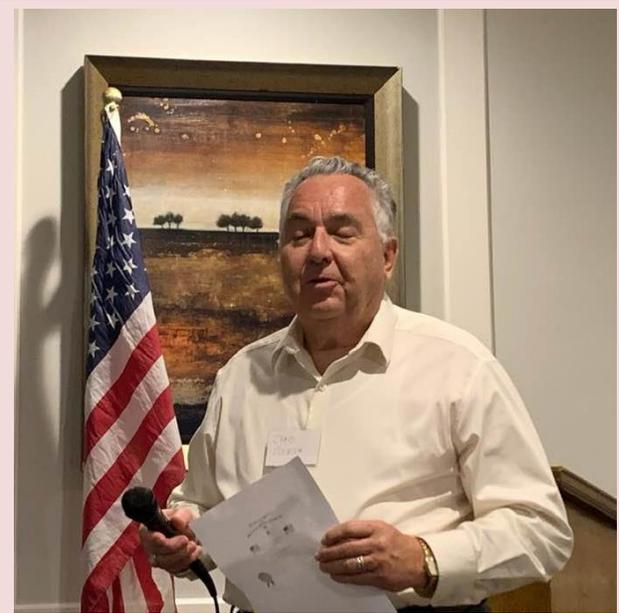


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On September 11, 1777, the American loss at the Battle of Brandywine opened the door for the British to take Philadelphia, the American capital. President General William Howe, with 17,000 troops, opposed Washington and his 23,000 troops. Washington defended Chadd's Ford and other crossings within a few miles up and down the stream. Howe split his forces in half, with one half to oppose Washington to oppose Washington at Chadd's Ford and the other half to travel 19 miles to an undefended crossing to circle back and hit Washington's exposed right flank. The strategy worked and the Americans fought a retreating action. Had the redcoats been more aggressive, they could have destroyed the entire army and reduced the revolution to a rebellion.



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On September 5, 1774, the Continental Congress meets for the first time. The First Continental Congress met in response to Parliament's Coercive Acts. The delegates were stymied between a faction who advocated rebellion and those who sought reconciliation. The logjam was broken with the arrival of the Suffolk Resolves. The Resolves laid out a game plan to include an active boycott of Britain and the gathering of military munitions and supplies. The Congress agreed to meet next in May of 1775, and did so just as news of the battles of Lexington and Concord reached them.



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Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Constitution Day Celebration



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The meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (2), Educational (1), and Patriotic (0). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 18 were present including 12 Compatriots and 6 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, and Bobby Smith.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Compatriot Tom Jackson spoke about The Continental Congress meets for the first time.

Educational Presentation: Stacy Williams, Houston Bar Association member, gave an educational talk about the U. S. Constitution.

Patriotic Presentation: None.

Historical Presentation: Bruce McMordie gave presentation on the remembrance of 9/11.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *September 18, 2019*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



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In Attendance

Compatriots present (10):

Michael Bierman
Jerry Clanton
Chris Courter
Jim Hoffman
Tom Jackson
Mark Landt
Bruce McMordie
Bobby Smith
Bill Sorrells
Alex Thorne

Compatriots with spouses present (4):

Allen Greene
David & Judy Zachmeyer

Guests (4):

Patrick Kerr
Mark Russell
Phil Whitley
Stacy Williams

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Appreciation Award: Stacy Williams