



January 21, 2023

- **Meeting Agenda**

- Supplies: Attendance Sheet, Pledge Cards, Flags, Lectern, Projector
- Call to Order
- Invocation
 - “Almighty God, we ask your blessing on this chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. As our purpose is to promote sound learning and true patriotism and to further all that is good in our community, so we pray that you will strengthen our hands in all that we undertake, that we may serve our nation to your honor and glory. Amen.”
- American Flag Salute
 - "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
- SAR Pledge
 - “We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

- **Introductions**

- Officer Reports:
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Introduction of New Members & Guests

- **Old Business**

- Youth Protection Training: All Officers
- Wreaths Across America

- **New Business**

- Update on Gary Overby: Wife Passed Away
- Update on Don McCaleb: Recovering from Hip Replacement
- Certificates of Appreciation
 - Melvin Howell
 - Charles Newcomb
 - Randy Haight
- Membership: John Humphrey
- Chapter Service Opportunities
 - Officer Roles
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Registrar, Genealogist, Historian
 - Committee Chairs & Member Sign Ups
 - Flag Display, Flag Award, Program, Youth Awards, Color Guard, Membership, ROTC, Public Service, Ladies Auxiliary
- Proposed Meeting: Service Awards - Friday, April 21st
- Other New Business?

Flag Display Committee

Description: Stores flags at home, sets up flags for meetings, takes down flags after

Chair: _____

Members

Flag Awards Committee

Description: Identifies businesses or residences who proudly display an American Flag

Chair: _____

Members

Youth Awards Committee

Description: Helps with poster and/or brochure contest, oration contest, citizenship

Chair: _____

Members

Color Guard

Description: Represents chapter in uniform at various events and functions

Captain: _____

Members

Membership Committee

Description: Calls members who have not been present, reaches out to new members and potential members

Chair: _____

Members

JROTC & Sea Cadets Committee

Description: Presents awards to nominated students

Chair: Gary Overby

Members

Public Service Awards Committee

Description: Nominates people in public service for various awards

Chair: _____

Members

Program Committee

Description: Helps coordinate speakers and presentations for meetings

Chair: _____

Members

Ladies Auxiliary Committee

Description: Helps coordinate Service Awards Banquet in April

Chair: _____

Members



- **America 250 Minutes: Daily History**

- On this day in history, January 21, 1738, Colonel Ethan Allen is born. Allen became a land owner in the late 1760s in the area known as the New Hampshire Grants, the area of present day Vermont. Before the American Revolution, both Connecticut and New York claimed ownership of the land and granted land rights in the area causing frequent disputes between settlers with competing land claims.
- Eventually, the local settlers formed the Green Mountain Boys, a militia group charged with stopping the actions of any New York officials or settlers in the area, and named Allen the group's commander. New York's Governor William Tryon eventually ordered Allen's arrest and put a price on his head for the Boys' activities.
- When the Revolution began, the Green Mountain Boys immediately planned and captured the British Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Crown Point. Allen led the mission and was celebrated as a hero for the victories. The cannons captured at Ticonderoga were brought by Colonel Henry Knox across the wilderness to assist in breaking the Siege of Boston. On June 22, Allen and his cousin, Seth Warner, appeared before Congress and the Green Mountain Boys were brought into the Continental Army, but Warner was chosen as the leader because Allen's personality and ego had turned many people off.
- Congress invaded Canada that fall and Allen, who was supposed to be out recruiting local citizens for the army, attempted to capture Montreal. His small force was easily defeated and Allen was captured. He spent the next 2 1/2 years as a prisoner of war. He was eventually released in a prisoner exchange in 1778, received by George Washington and given an honorary title in the Army, but was never used in action for the rest of the war.
- When Allen returned to Vermont, he became involved in local politics for the next several years, during which Vermont tried unsuccessfully to become the 14th state. Congress was reluctant because four states laid claim to the land and

Congress couldn't settle their dispute. As a result, certain figures in Vermont, including Allen, began negotiations with the British to come back under British rule. Historians believe these figures needed a government to protect their landholdings and since the US wouldn't receive them, they went to the next best alternative. Vermont was finally accepted as the 14th state in 1791.

- In 1785, Allen published *Reason: the Only Oracle of Man*, a polemic against Christianity. He was a believer in God, but was a deist and did not believe in the authority of the Bible or the divinity of Jesus Christ, earning him the reputation of a scoundrel in the eyes of many. He was only able to sell 200 copies, despite the widespread popularity of his earlier work, *A Narrative of Colonel Ethan Allen's Captivity*, about his time as a prisoner of war.
- Allen passed away on February 12, 1789 after having a stroke. His statue is featured in the US Capitol's Statuary Hall as one of two Vermont leaders chosen by that state to be represented there. Allen's grandson Ethan Allen Hitchcock served as a Union General in the Civil War.

- **DVD Presentation: Men of the Revolution**
- SAR Recessional
 - “Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”
- Benediction
 - “May God bless and keep you. May the Lord grant us nobility of character and compassion for the needy, and bind us in fraternal love until we meet again. Amen.”



Delta Chapter Sign In Sheet - January 21, 2023

SAR Members

Guests

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