



Captain Barron's Bugle

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Sons of the American Revolution



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David McLeod, Editor

President's Message

2011 was a good year for the Captain William Barron Chapter, and I want to thank each of you.

What have we accomplished this past year? Many great things. To wit, we have honored public servants, contacted youth to participate in our youth programs, conducted flag programs, conducted school programs, and presented flag certificates. Tom Copeland and the color guard have performed at many functions. Patriot graves have been marked and others rededicated. Flags have been retired properly. These accomplishments, and many more during 2011, have helped us to fulfill the historical, patriotic, and educational goals of the SAR in general, and our chapter in particular. For that, we should be proud.

Many thanks to all who have helped. Your efforts, your time, and your support continue to make a positive impact on our community. That is why we are here.

Under Tom Copeland's leadership, I know that 2012 will be a great year for our chapter. Tom will be supported by a team of experienced and energetic officers.

Our annual Oration Contest will be our program for this month. We will have eight contestants from four schools (Brownsboro, John Tyler, Lindale, and Whitehouse) vying for first place and a chance to compete at the state competition. Delivering their five-minute speeches from memory, and graded on presentation and content, makes this a must-see competition. Tom has done a great job in adding new schools to our competition.

I look forward to seeing each of you on January 24. God bless America and God bless the Sons of the American Revolution.

Tim West, President

Get to know ... Bob Davidson



Bob was born in Argyle, Texas. He joined the Coast Guard at age 14; the Air Force at 17; and the Marines at 18. He attended North Texas University, and was engaged in construction and architecture in Dallas, Idaho and Hawaii. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Tyler in 1998.

Bob is very active in the Heritage community. He is Past Secretary, Past Vice-President and Past President of the Captain William Barron Chapter of TXSSAR (SC and VA ancestors).

As a member of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, Bob was Founding Commander of the Tyler Chapter; was awarded Distinguished Commander Status; made an Honorary Commander General; and is currently Texas Society Chief of Staff and Newsletter Editor/Publisher. (MO & VA ancestors)

Bob is Past Commander and Past Editor/Publisher of the award winning newsletter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp in Tyler, and Past East Texas Brigade Commander. He originated the annual Tyler Camp Ford Living History & Encampment in 2005, and was coordinator for the first 3 years. He was a charter member of the Tyler Chapter of the Order of Confederate Rose. (MO & TN ancestors)

Bob has served on the Boards of Directors of the Smith County Historical Society, Camp Ford Historical Assoc., Oakwood Cemetery Committee, and Descendants of Confederate Veterans (MO, VA & TN ancestors); and is a member of The Sons of the Revolution (VA ancestors), a Charter member of the Tyler Chapter of the Society of the War of 1812 (TN ancestors); and member of the American Legion.

Minutes - November 22, 2011 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 TXSSAR - S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. There were thirty-four members and guests present. President Tim West called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Tom McCall gave the invocation, Matthew Lee led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, and Tim led the members in the Salute to the S.A.R.

Tim introduced and welcomed the guests: TXSSAR President Bill Marrs and his wife Silvia, Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle, Police Officer Luis Aparicio and his wife Jennifer, and Dennis Brand and his wife.

Mike Everheart gave a brief report of the recent B.O.M. meeting in Galveston that he attended. Sylvia Marrs then offered raffle tickets for a king size patriotic quilt that will be sold by S.A.R. auxiliary members to support the Patriot Fund.

Tom Copeland discussed the background of Tyler Police Officer Luis Aparicio and awarded him the S.A.R. Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for a buffet dinner.

After dinner Tim introduced TXSSAR President William Marr, who discussed how he became a S.A.R. member, some of his ancestors and the various offices he has held. After his talk and answering questions, Tim gave him a copy of the book "1776".

Tim then led the members in the S.A.R. Closing and Tom McCall gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

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Eight Contestants Vie For Barron Chapter Oration Contest Title

Students from Brownsboro, John Tyler, Lindale, and Whitehouse will compete on January 24, 2012, in the *William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Janice Caldwell Historical Oration Contest*.

The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 in all public, parochial, private and home schools within the jurisdiction of the Captain William Barron Chapter. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-2012.

The oration must be original of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. The oration must be essentially the same as the submitted manuscript. Notes and props (including military uniforms) may not be used in the presentation. During the presentation of orations, no applause is permitted until all orators have finished speaking. All judges must be members of the SAR.

The following places will be named and awarded: First (\$300), Second (\$100), Third (\$75), and Fourth (\$75). The first place winner will have the opportunity to compete in subsequent regional competitions and, if successful, compete in the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Oration Contest. State champions will have the opportunity to compete in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, in which the first place national scholarship award is \$3,000.

Our chapter's oration contest is named after Janice Caldwell, a longtime supporter, promoter, and champion of the SAR's historical oration contests.

This is always a spirited and inspiring competition. Please make plans to attend!

2012 Captains William Barron Chapter of the SAR Meeting Dates & Times

Tuesday, 1/24/12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 3/27/12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5/22/12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7/24/12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/25/12 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 11/27/12 6:30 p.m.



Compatriot Tom Copeland presents Aaron M. Smith of the Tyler Fire Department the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Medal and Certificate.
Tyler, TX 12/29/11



Bob Davidson presented colors at an Emerald Bay function honoring veterans.
Bullard, TX. 11/11/11

PROPOSED SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR THE 2012-2014 TERM

Listed below is the proposed slate of officers for the 2012-2014 term. The chapter members will vote on this slate of officers at the January 24, 2012 meeting with other nominations being accepted from the floor. If you are interested in serving please contact a member of the nominating committee - Mike Everheart, Dave McLeod or Stephen Lee.

- President.....Tom Copeland
- 1st Vice President.....Matthew Lee
- 2nd Vice President.....John Merritt
- Secretary.....Sam Kidd
- Treasurer.....Dave McLeod
- Chaplain.....Rev. Don Majors
- Registrar.....Mike Everheart
- Bugle Editor.....Dave McLeod
- Recruiting.....Mike Everheart
- Webmaster.....Larry Oliver

Membership Dues

All members of the William Barron Chapter of the SAR should have received their dues notice by now. If you haven't, please contact Mike Everheart by email at Mike@EverheartFamily.com or by phone at (903) 877-2691.

Help Wanted...

Our chapter needs your participation. However, if your time is short, you can still help. Your tax-deductible contributions are vital to our success. The SAR is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. What you give goes into our East Texas community through our SAR scholarships, programs, and benevolence.
Thank You!

SAR Websites

- National SAR: www.sar.org
- State SAR: www.txssar.org
- Captain Barron Chapter:
www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/



Lois Davidson presented colors at an Emerald Bay function honoring veterans. Bullard, TX. 11/11/11



Bob Davidson at the Marine Corps Ball with Lt. Col. Matt Leigeber, who was the 2006 recipient of the SAR Heroism Award. Ornelas Center Tyler, TX 11/12/11



Tyler Police Officer Luis Aparicio receiving the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate from SAR 1st V.P. Tom Copeland. Next to Mr. Aparicio is his wife, Jennifer. The Woman's Building, Tyler, TX., 11/22/11.



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