

Captain Barron's Bugle

**Captain William Barron Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**



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David McLeod, Editor

The President's Message

Compatriots,

One of the most important presidential elections in modern history is just a few weeks away. Our nation's founding fathers labored to create a nation of free men, each endowed with certain unalienable rights. Our patriot ancestors paid the price to buy the freedoms and liberties that all of us enjoy today. Honor them by exercising your right to vote. The SAR endorses no political philosophy, but does celebrate our political freedoms. Please, take part in our election process. The future of our country will be shaped by our decisions. I encourage all of you to vote and take advantage of this privilege!

Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17th in recognition of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America. The observance is held on the day that the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. Stephen and Anna Marie Lee represented the Captain William Barron Chapter and the Texas Society by traveling to Philadelphia to take part in ceremonies celebrating the 225th signing of the Constitution. SAR Color Guard members from across the nation, along with their ladies, dressed in colonial attire, participated in the Grand March past Independence Hall and attended the commemorative ceremony held at Constitution Center. The Lee's also visited Valley Forge and participated in a wreath laying ceremony honoring their ancestors who served under General Washington from 1777 through 1778. Both Steve and Anna Marie are members of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

Our annual joint meeting with the Piney Woods Chapter, Sons of the Republic of Texas, is on **September 25, 2012**. Our own David Hanover is President General of SRT. We look forward to welcoming many SRT members to the meeting as we continue to celebrate the Constitution. Hooray for Texas!

Our Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard has been very active. We presented the colors at the naturalization ceremonies held at the Tyler Federal Court Building and also at other events in the community. Reverend Don Majors, Stephen Lee and Britton Lee have presented the "Patriotic Flag Program" to several Rotary groups, at Constitution Week ceremonies at UT-Tyler, and to various heritage organizations. The Color Guard is the most visible portion of our chapter. Please join us!

The comments about our new dining arrangements at Traditions Restaurant have been highly favorable. Because of the restaurant's 8:00 p.m. closing time, the officers voted to have members **arrive at Traditions at 6:00 p.m.** to eat and visit and then to **start the meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m.** We look forward to welcoming you at Traditions!

It is an honor for me to serve this wonderful Chapter and Society! God Bless America, God Bless Texas, and God Bless the Sons of the American Revolution!

Matthew Lee, President
Capt. William Barron Chapter, NSSAR

The Sons of The American Revolution

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence.

As a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*e pluribus unum*" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

The Captain William Barron Chapter Roster

Archie G. Anderson, Lindale TX	Stephen W. Majors, Tyler TX
Mitchell S. Ashburn, Dallas TX	Eugene Mallory, Mineola TX
Jeff Austin III, Jacksonville TX	Billy D. Mayo, Van TX
John W Barnes, Edgewood TX	Dr Thomas S McCall, Bullard TX
Hoyt N. Berryman Jr., Tyler TX	James D. McLeod Jr, Tyler TX
Dennis D Brand, Whitehouse TX	Billy F McRae, Tyler TX
Donald G. Carroll, Mesquite TX	Laurence H Melton Jr., Frankston TX
John C. Cole, Flint TX	John T. Merritt Jr, Tyler TX
Tommy G. Copeland, Tyler TX	Thomas L. Miller Jr., Tyler TX
George J. Cunningham, Tyler TX	William M Newton, Bullard TX
Bobby G. Davidson, Tyler TX	Lawrence E. Oliver, Tyler TX
James L. Davis, Palestine TX	Kyle D. Payne, Tyler TX
Ronald F. Dodson, Tyler TX	Herman L. Peace Sr., Hawkins TX
Warren B. Eaton, Lindale TX	James D Perryman, Heartland TX
Bobby J. Everheart, Keller TX	Van R. Perryman, Heartland TX
Michael J. Everheart, Winona TX	Walter C. Powell, Dallas TX
Solon R. Featherston III, Tyler TX	Bobby C. Poynter, Edgewood TX
MGen John T Furlow, Whitehouse TX	Stephen C. Poynter, Edgewood TX
David D. Gawedzinski, Duncanville TX	Ronny L Roberts, Tyler TX
John P. Gawedzinski, Duncanville TX	Justin M. Rowan, Tyler TX
John D. Glass, Tyler TX	Moliere Scarborough Jr., Tyler TX
George T. Hall, Tyler TX	Stanley G. Stokes, Big Sandy TX
Walter D. Hanover, Tyler TX	Stephen A. Stokes, Big Sandy TX
Galen M. Hays, Tyler TX	Bobby R Tillery, Tyler TX
Maxwell Herring Jr., Tyler TX	Marshall A. Traylor, Palestine TX
Samuel W. Hopkins Jr., Jacksonville TX	Dickie W. Warren, Tyler TX
William M. Hughes, Tyler TX	Michael G. Weaver, Tyler TX
Ian G. Hyde, Tyler TX	Tim P. West, Ben Wheeler TX
Clifford W. Johnson, Hideaway TX	David Newton White Sr., La Grange TX
Edwin C. Kennedy, Tyler TX	Douglas Leon White, Victoria TX
James B. Kidd, Tyler TX	Cadmus E. Williams, Palestine TX
Sam C. Kidd, Whitehouse TX	H. Bailey Williams, Bozeman MT
Britton W Lee, Tyler TX	Garret L Williamson, Winona TX
Matthew S. Lee, Tyler TX	Michael C. Williamson, Tyler TX
Stephen W. Lee, Tyler TX	Samuel A Williamson, Tyler TX
Roger P. Maddox, Tyler TX	James K Wimberly, Bullard TX
Marvin D. Majors, Hawkins TX	

Please report errors or omissions to the editor. (Source: TXSSAR Website)

Get to know your fellow compatriots by attending our next meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 6:30. If you plan to eat and/or visit, please arrive at 6:00.

Traditions Restaurant is located at 6205 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703. Their phone number is (903) 534-1111.



Captain Barron Chapter 1st VP John Merritt, Tyler Fire Chief Tim Johnson, Captain Barron Chapter President Matthew Lee, and Tyler Firefighter Jeff Hudgins, who was presented with the SAR Fire Safety Certificate and Medal.

**July 24, 2012
Tyler, TX**

Email Addresses Needed

Many of our members are now receiving their Captain Barron's Bugle newsletter via email instead of U.S. mail. It's convenient for our members, and saves the chapter money that can be used to further our charitable causes. We estimate that we can save up to \$600 per year in printing, envelopes, and postage.

If you'd like to be a part of our email newsletter distribution list, please send an email to dynamicdmcleod@aol.com.

Thank you!

Gun Raffle Update

Thank you to our Compatriots who have bought tickets to our annual Gun Raffle. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, we urge you to do so. If you didn't receive any tickets, please let us know. The money we raise is poured right back into our community. Your donation is tax-deductible.

If you'd like extra tickets to sell to friends or family, please contact Mike Everheart at Mike@Everheartfamily.com.

Each ticket has two chances of winning. The first drawing will be for a black powder, 50 caliber, firing long rifle (revolutionary war facsimile). The second drawing will be for a black powder, 50 caliber, firing pistol (revolutionary war facsimile).

If you'd like to donate some of your time selling tickets in one of the upcoming gun shows at which we'll have a booth, please contact Mike Everheart at Mike@EverheartFamily.com.

The drawings will be held during our November 27 chapter meeting.

Thank You!

SAR Websites:

National SAR: www.sar.org

State SAR: www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter:

www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/

2012 Captain William Barron Chapter

Meeting Dates & Times

Tuesday, 9/25/12 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/27/12 6:30 p.m.

Minutes – July 24, 2012

Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, TXSSAR – S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the membership of the Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Seventeen members and twenty guests were present. After everyone had eaten, President Matthew Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tom McCall said the invocation and the pledges to the flags and the S.A.R. were recited.

Matthew noted that we were observing Barron Chapter's 45th anniversary and introduced Bill Hughes, one of our charter members. Matthew said the recent flag retirement was very successful with over 150 flags properly destroyed. He gave certificates of appreciation for help with the program to Bob Davidson, Anna Lee, Steve Lee, Britton Lee, Tim West, Mike Everheart, and John Merritt.

Steve Lee reported on his recent attendance at S.A.R.'s annual conference in Phoenix and said S.A.R. membership is now at a record high. Steve also discussed the history of two of the flags on display, Bunker Hill and Betsy Ross. Mike Everheart discussed the status of our Rifle Raffle and introduced prospective member Redge Conner. Mike also introduced Jim Wimberly, whose application for membership has just been approved at National.

John Merritt introduced Tyler Fire Captain Jeff Hudgens, listed his qualifications and duties and presented him with the S.A.R. Fire Safety Commendation medal and certificate. John then introduced and told the qualifications of our speaker, Tyler Fire Chief Tim Johnson. Chief Johnson discussed the operations of the Fire Department and how it is continually striving to upgrade the vital service they provide to Tyler's citizens. After his interesting talk, John presented Chief Johnson with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift card at Barnes & Noble.

Tom McCall gave the benediction, the members recited the S.A.R. closing, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

“Stephen F. Austin – Father of Texas”

To Be Presented at September 25th Chapter Meeting



The Captain William Barron Chapter welcomes Tom Gann as its featured speaker on Tuesday, September 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Tom will be presenting “Stephen F. Austin – Father of Texas.”

Tom Gann, of Lufkin, is president of Gann Medford Real Estate Inc., a full service brokerage firm in Lufkin. In addition, he is president of Tom Gann & Associates, Inc. a residential and commercial construction company.

He is a past director of the East Texas Mortgage Finance Corporation and past Board member of the Angelina and Neches River Authority. A former chair of the Real Estate Center Advisory Committee at Texas A&M University, Tom previously served as a member of the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and received both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Business Administration from Baylor University.

Tom is an SAR Life Member, SRT Life Member, and a member of Stephen F. Austin’s “Old Three Hundred”.

Please join us on Tuesday night as we welcome Tom Gann.



The Captain Barron Chapter meeting on July 24, 2012 was considered the 45th anniversary of the original chartering of our chapter. The Captain William Barron Chapter of the SAR was chartered on July 12, 1967. Bill Hughes, a Charter Member, is pictured here with his fellow members, middle, back row.