

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,

I have heard many wonderful comments about our Janice Caldwell Finals of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oratorical Contest! Students from Lindale High School, Brownsboro High School and Bishop T.K. Gorman in Tyler presented some amazing historical speeches during our January meeting. Luis Vasquez of T.K. Gorman placed first and will represent our chapter at the TXSSAR State Convention on April 6th in Dallas.

With a new addition to the state rules, Jessie Elliott of Lindale, who placed second, will also be traveling to state. It would be wonderful if several Captain William Barron Chapter members could travel to Dallas on Saturday to show their support for these two wonderful students. Thanks to Dave McLeod who worked for months to bring about such a successful oratorical contest. Let's hope for a state winner!

I invite any member to join our Color Guard. The Color Guard has been very active in February and March. We posted the colors at two Naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse, as well as posting the colors at George Washington Tea ceremonies at three different Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters including the Mary Tyler Chapter, Neches River Chapter and the Sarah Maples Chapter.

Don Majors and Steve Lee have been busy presenting programs to the United Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames 17th Century, Green Acres Baptist Church and will present the Historical Flag Program at our March meeting. The Color Guard is the most visible part of our chapter and provides us the opportunity to tell others about our wonderful chapter and our society. Come join us!

It is an honor to serve as your President and I would encourage all members to become active in our chapter. It's a great way to become friends with like-minded Americans. God Bless America, God Bless Texas and God Bless the Sons of the American Revolution!

Matthew Lee, President
Capt. William Barron Chapter, NSSAR

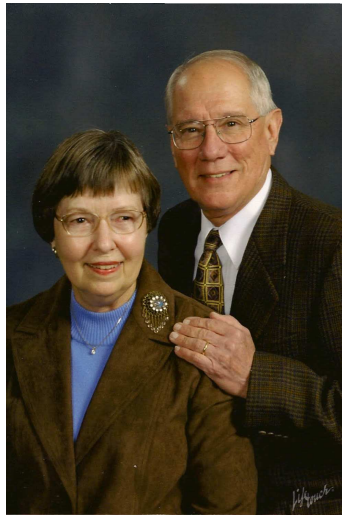
The Sons of The American Revolution

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.

Knowing Your Fellow Members ... 1st VP of the Captain Barron Chapter of the SAR

John Merritt



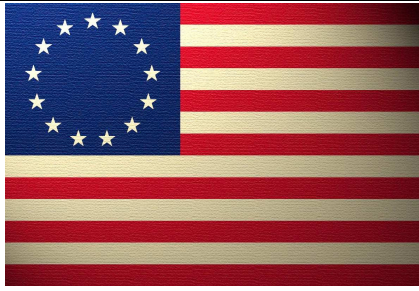
John T. Merritt, Jr.
& Barbara Merritt

John was born and grew up in the West Texas town of Colorado City. John and Barbara, who holds a Med Tech degree from the University of Alabama- Birmingham, met and married while in Alabama. They have two married sons, Mark and Matthew, and three grandchildren. John and Barbara retired and moved to Tyler in 2004 and are members of Marvin United Methodist Church.

He joined the SAR in 2009. John is Chairman of Grounds and Maintenance of Williamsburg Village HOA, a Mason, a team leader of Marvin Menders and board member of the East Texas Genealogy Society. Hobbies include travel, bridge, hunting, fishing, woodworking and grandkids.

He is an Eagle Boy Scout; graduate of Texas Tech University with a BS in Civil Engineering; served in the US Army Material Command; a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas; and member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. John is a past Boy Scoutmaster and past member of the Edison Electric Institute Prime Movers, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, American Gas Association; and Southern Gas Association.

Professional career assignments included engineer with Ebasco Services, Inc., project manager with Fluor Power, and retired officer of TXU responsible for the design, construction and startup of gas/oil fired units, coal fired units, nuclear units; gas combustion turbine generators; gas pipeline operations and construction; and natural gas underground storage facilities in Wyoming, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Australia.



AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



Join Us on Tuesday, March 26, for
"A Patriotic Program on the Collection of Historical Flags"

The Captain William Barron Chapter is pleased to have Steve Lee, Anna Lee, Britton Lee, and Don Majors present "A Patriotic Program on the Collection of Historical Flags." Our meeting will be held at Traditions Restaurant, 6205 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703. Dinner and fellowship begin at approximately 6:00 ... the meeting will begin at 6:30 and end at approximately 8:00. Please join us ... get to know your fellow compatriots ... and enjoy a great program.



Color Guard Members Matthew Lee, Britton Lee, Tim West, Steve Lee, and Bob Davidson presented the colors at the Neches River Chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution's George Washington Tea. Shown with the Color Guard is Texas State Representative Dan Flynn.

Canton, TX
February, 2013

Email Addresses Needed

About half 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!



Color Guard members Steve Lee, Matthew Lee, and Britton Lee, with Judge Judith Guthrie, at Naturalization Ceremonies at the William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

January 2013
Tyler, TX.

SAR Websites:

National SAR: www.sar.org

State SAR: www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter:

www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/

2013 Captain William Barron Chapter

Meeting Dates & Times

Tuesday, 3/26/13 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/28/13 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7/30/13 6:30 p.m.

Five New SAR Members To Be
Sworn In During March 26 Meeting



The Captain William Barron Chapter of the SAR welcomes the following new members, all of whom will be sworn in during the March meeting:

Marvin S. Massey, Jr.

Riley R. Connor

Reginald R. Connor, Jr.

Sean R. Connor

Craig R. Connor



Michael Olsen (Lindale H.S.), Caleb Cade (Brownsboro H.S.), Jessie Elliott (Lindale H.S.) and Luis Vasquez (T.K. Gorman H.S.) participated in this year's Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. Luis Vasquez (1st Place) and Jessie Elliott (2nd Place) will represent the Captain William Barron Chapter at the TXSSAR State Convention on April 6th in Dallas, TX.



Brayden Bulman of Cain Elementary in Whitehouse, winner of the DAR Smith County 5th grade Essay Contest, is congratulated by Color Guard Members Steve Lee, Britton Lee, and Matthew Lee.

February 2013

Whitehouse, TX



Color Guard Members Tim West, Bob Davidson, Cliff Johnson, Britton Lee, and Matthew Lee at the "Watchmen On The Wall" seminar at Green Acres Baptist Church

Tyler, TX

August, 2012

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