

# Captain Barron's Bugle

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



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## **The President's Message**

Compatriots,

"Spring has Sprung." I'm sure we all agree that East Texas is one of the most beautiful places in the world during the spring. Thousands of tourists visit to enjoy the Tyler Azalea Trails and marvel at our beautiful azaleas and dogwoods.

We are very pleased that our chapter's oration contest champion, Luis Vasquez of Bishop T.K. Gorman Regional Catholic School, is on his way to the national finals after finishing 1<sup>st</sup> (\$2,000) in the state oration contest at the TXSSAR convention in Dallas. He will travel to the NSSAR Congress in Kansas City, July 7-11, to compete with other oration winners from around the country.

Our chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher in the oration contest, Jessie Elliott of Lindale High School, was, by virtue of a new state rule, also allowed to compete at state. She finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$500) in the state oration contest, just behind Luis. We should feel very proud of these students, and our chapter, for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at state, ahead of competitors from other chapters across the state.

The Color Guard remains very active. We have participated in Naturalization Ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse where Judge Judith Guthrie welcomed new citizens to our country. We've been invited to post the colors at the Memorial Day program, May 27<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m.), at Memorial Park Cemetery on Highway 64 in Tyler.

Please make plans to attend our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Memorial Park on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. We will honorably retire those torn or damaged flags that have flown over this great nation. This is a reverent ceremony as we plan to retire over 200 American flags. If you've never been to a United States Flag Retirement Ceremony, I urge you to attend. The Ceremony will last approximately one hour.

It's an honor to serve as your President and I would encourage all members to become active in our chapter. You will enjoy it. God Bless America, God Bless Texas, and God Bless the Sons of the American Revolution.

Matthew Lee, President  
Capt. William Barron Chapter, NSSAR

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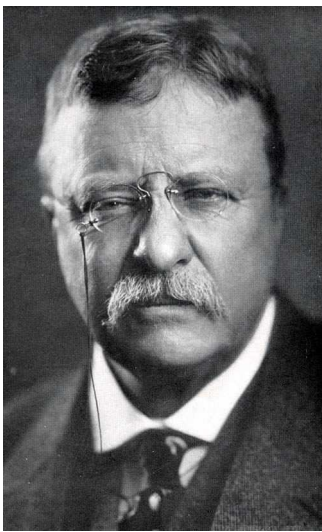
## The Sons of The American Revolution

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.

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### Sons of the American Revolution Notable Members (Past and Present)



President Theodore Roosevelt



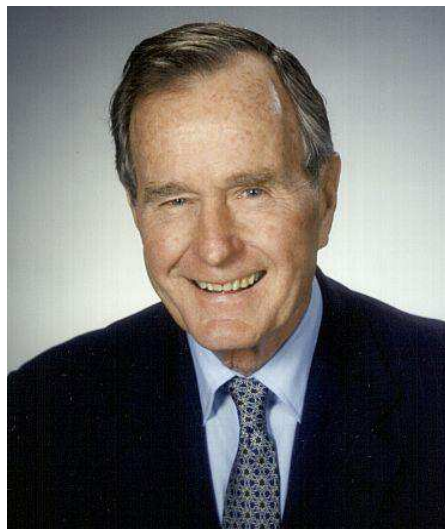
President Franklin D. Roosevelt



General George S. Patton



General Douglas MacArthur



President George H.W. Bush



President Dwight D. Eisenhower



Elijah Clarke (1742-1799)

**Join Us on Tuesday, May 28, for**  
**“The Fighting Clarke’s”**

The Captain William Barron Chapter is pleased to have one of our own Chapter members, Major General John Furlow, present “The Fighting Clarke’s.” This presentation will include a focus on The Battle of Kettle Creek. Time permitting, Major General Furlow will also update us on Veterans Affairs. 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.

**Raffle Drawing to Give Away Free Meal at Traditions Restaurant**

The officers of the Captain William Barron Chapter have unanimously approved a raffle drawing to take place during our meeting on May 28. You must be present to win. Simply sign in when you arrive and you will be eligible to have your Traditions invoice for your meal (plus one guest) paid for by the Chapter. Good luck!





Honorary DAR Regent Anna Lee, DAR Commander-In-Chief Dr. Marion Lane, and Compatriot Stephen Lee.  
In Philadelphia, PA, for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution, Oct. 2012

#### **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](mailto:dynamicdmcleod@aol.com).**

**Thank you!**

#### **United States Flag Retirement Ceremony**

Please join your fellow Chapter members at our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler, Texas. The flags will be retired in accordance with the United States Flag Code. There will be a short program (including a speaker) and then the flags will be retired. Please join us for this memorable event.





Mike & June Everheart, selling Captain William Barron Chapter Raffle Tickets, at the Tyler Gun Show on April 22, 2012.

**SAR Websites:**

National SAR: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

State SAR: [www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org)

Captain Barron Chapter:

[www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/)

**2013 Captain William Barron Chapter**

Meeting Dates & Times

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

Tuesday, 7/23/13 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/24/13 6:30 p.m.

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Did You Know?

Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, to honor those killed in the Civil War. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

## Bob & Lois Davidson Present Poster Contest Awards



Bob & Lois Davidson at the SAR Poster Contest Award Ceremony, March 27, 2013, Grace Elementary School. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders in attendance are (L to R) Kate Nickel, Grace Gordon, Paisley Daugherty (Honorable Mention), Alana Roberts (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Ali Fedell.



Bob & Lois Davidson at the SAR Poster Contest Award Ceremony, March 27, 2013, at Brook Hill School, Bullard, Texas. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in attendance are (L to R) Rachel Berkley (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Daniel Gragg (Honorable Mention)