

# Captain Barron's Bugle

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



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## **The President's Message**

Compatriots:

What a busy summer for the Captain William Barron Chapter. Numerous Color Guard activities, naturalization ceremonies, public events and presentations of the historical flag program. Thanks to all who have worked long and hard to continue to make our chapter so successful!

We welcome members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas to our annual joint meeting at 6:00 p.m. September 24<sup>th</sup> at Traditions Restaurant. There are quite a few of us that are fortunate to be members of both groups. We're very proud of chapter member David Hanover who has just completed a very successful term as President General of SRT. David travelled all across Texas during his time in office promoting Texas and the SRT. David, thank you for a job well done!

It is difficult to believe that it has been 12 years since the terrible tragedy of 9-11. The world as we knew it changed forever that day and we are still struggling to recover. I feel that America is at a crossroads. Our countries moral and political value have suffered and I believe that groups, such as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Republic of Texas, must take an active role in spreading our patriotic message.

It is an honor serving as your President!

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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### "The Unwitting Constitutionalist: Daniel Shays"

Please join us on Tuesday, September 24, as Dr. James L. Newsom, Ph. D., Senior Lecturer in Political Science and History at The University of Texas at Tyler, presents "The Unwitting Constitutionalist: Daniel Shays".

Daniel Shays (1747-1825) was an American soldier, revolutionary, and farmer famous for being one of the leaders of Shays Rebellion, a populist uprising against oppressive debt collection and tax policies in Massachusetts in 1786 and 1787.



Dr. Newsom received his B.A., M.A., and M.S. from the University of Texas at Tyler, and his Ph.D. in History from Texas Christian University. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in History at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Our meeting will be at Traditions Restaurant, 6205 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703. Arrive as early as 5:45 if you wish to socialize and/or eat dinner. The formal meeting will begin at 6:30 and end before 8:00.

### **Rifle Raffle Update**



Rifle Raffle sales have been brisk as Compatriot Mike Everheart is busy making the local area gun shows. However, to-date, membership participation has been lagging behind last year's pace. We need your support to continue our programs that help our city and its citizens.

If you are able, please support your chapter by participating in our gun raffle. There are two drawings, so each ticket has two chances of winning.

Please contact Mike Everheart for raffle tickets. His phone number is (903) 877-2691. His address, to send your tickets and a check, is 16986 CR 3215, Winona, TX 75792-5748. Thanks!

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Officer To Receive Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

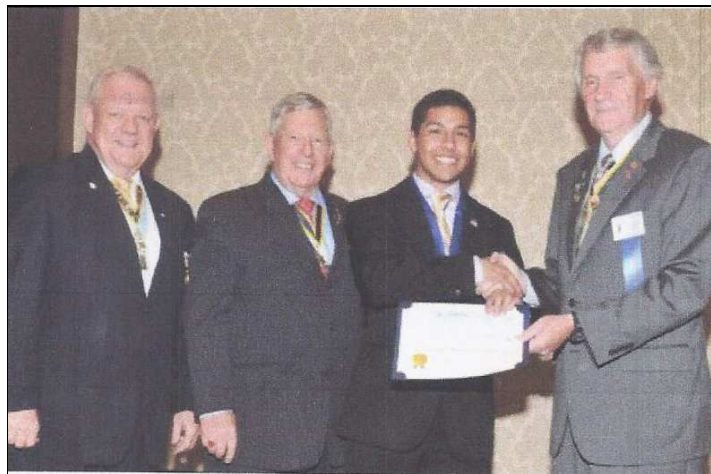


Please join us at Traditions Restaurant on September 24 as the Captain William Barron Chapter presents Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Chris Swift with the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.

**National Society, Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Crowns Captain Barron Chapter Contestant Champion**

The Captain William Barron Chapter is honored that our contestant, Luis Vasquez of T.K. Gorman Regional School, was named the winner of the 2013 Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The Contest, held July 7-10 at the National Congress in Kansas City, was Luis's crowning victory. He had previously won the Captain William Barron Chapter contest in January, and the TXSSAR State Oration Contest held at the State Convention in Dallas in April. Luis was awarded more than \$6,200 in cash scholarships. Congratulations, Luis!



Rumbaugh Oration Contest National Committee Chairman William A. Broadus (VASSAR) presents a check and certificate to Luis Vasquez for his winning oration, "Veracity in Freedom."

**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/)

**2013/14 Captain William Barron Chapter**

Meeting Dates & Times

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

Tuesday, 11/26/13 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/28/14 6:30 p.m.

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**Retired General John Furlow and Compatriot Mike Everheart  
To Serve as Liaisons  
to American Revolutionary Battles**



The Captain William Barron Chapter is pleased to announce that Retired General John Furlow is serving as our Liaison to the Battle of Kettle Creek. The Battle of Kettle Creek (February 14, 1779) was a major encounter in the back country of Georgia during the American Revolutionary War. It was fought in Wilkes County, about eight miles from present-day Washington, Georgia. A militia force of Patriots decisively defeated and scattered a Loyalist militia force that was on its way to British-controlled Augusta, Georgia.

The Captain William Barron Chapter is also pleased to announce that Compatriot Mike Everheart is serving as our Liaison to the Battle of Kings Mountain. The Battle of Kings Mountain was a decisive battle between the Patriot and Loyalist militias in the Southern campaign of the American Revolutionary War. The actual battle took place on October 7, 1780, nine miles south of the present-day town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, where the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalist militia commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson of the 71<sup>st</sup> Foot.

**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 July 23. 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!





**Minutes -- July 23, 2013**  
**Capt. William Barron Chapter 25**  
**TXSSAR -- S.A.R.**

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of the Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Twenty-one members and fifteen guests were present.

After everyone had eaten, Chapter President Matthew Lee called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Chaplin Don Majors gave the invocation and pledges to the flags and the S.A.R. were recited. Matthew introduced several guests and officers of other organizations.

Matthew discussed the recent national S.A.R. convention in Kansas City and announced that the T.K. Gorman High School student we had sponsored in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Luis Vasquez, had won the national contest in Kansas City.

Matthew presented former Barron Chapter President Tom Miller an Outstanding Service Certificate in recognition of his many years of service to our chapter. A similar award went to Mrs. Bobby (Lois) Davidson for her service. John Merritt then presented Tyler Fireman Reese Hunt with a Fire Safety Award.

Mike Everheart announced that we had six new members: John J. Cater III, Joe G. Lessert, Lynn R. Holliman, Brode W. Kjosa, Eric L. Kjosa and Matthew E. Ellis. Three of these were present to be formally inducted into our Chapter and the S.A.R.

John introduced our program presenter, Suzanne Hennon, who gave an interpretation of colonial patriot Abigail Smith Adams discussing the personal side of our early leaders' struggle for independence. Afterwards John presented her a certificate and honorarium.

After Don Majors gave the benediction and the S.A.R. recessional was recited, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Sam Kidd*, Secretary



Compatriot Tim West, Compatriot John Merritt, Chandler Mayor Ann Hall, and Chandler City Administrator Jim Moffet. The City of Chandler was awarded the Captain William Barron Chapter Flag Certificate. The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1897, is presented to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.