

Captain William Barron Chapter Sons of the American Revolution





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David McLeod, Editor

The President's Message

Compatriots:

Ready or not, the holiday season is once again upon us. I always try to take this time to reflect on what the year has brought.

Over this year, we've witnessed our share of problems with our country. However, even with all of our shortcomings, where else is there a better country to live? I, along with millions of other Americans, am praying that we can get America back on track.

This time of year I reflect on how many things I have to be thankful for: my family, my home, my friends and the wonderful compatriots that I have come to know in the Captain William Barron Chapter. What a wonderful opportunity we have to serve our community and spread our patriotic message.

I am also so thankful for the founding fathers: men with a vision, who were not afraid to put their lives and property on the line. The founders risked literally everything to bring this great country into existence. Please remember them in your prayers and give thanks for their great vision.

Our Color Guard remains very active and we would like to invite everyone interested to join us. We presented the colors at Constitution Day ceremonies with the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution when U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert was guest speaker.

Don and Steve continue to present the Patriotic Flag and Song program to DAR Chapters, schools and churches and we presented the colors at a special Veterans Day event at Harvey Convention Center.

It is an honor serving as your President and I really appreciate all the cooperation you have given.

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 Queens Rangers"

Please join us on Tuesday, November 26, as Mr. Danny Sessums presents the history of "The Queens Rangers."

When the American War of Independence broke out in 1775, about fifty Loyalist regiments were raised, including The Queens Rangers. The unit was named in honor of Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George the Third. It first assembled on Staten Island in August, 1776, and grew to 937 officers and men.



Mr. Danny Sessums , from Brownsboro, is active in the Smith County Historical Society.

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.

<u>Rifle Raffle Update</u>



Rifle Raffle sales have been brisk as Compatriot Mike Everheart is busy making the local area gun shows. We need your support to continue our programs that help our city and its citizens. Our drawing will be at our November 26th meeting.

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!

Mayor Barbara Bass To Receive Bronze Good Citizenship Award at November 26 Meeting



Please join us at Traditions Restaurant on November 26 as the Captain William Barron Chapter presents Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass with the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

The medal is intended to recognize persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community, or state.



Compatriot Mike Everheart welcomes our newest members (left-to-right):

Jim Cater, Joe Lessert, and Lynn Holliman.

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President Matthew Lee and Vice-President John Merritt present Dr. James L. Newsom, Ph.D., with a Certificate of Appreciation for his well-received presentation.

SAR Websites:

National SAR: www.sar.org

State SAR: www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter:

www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/

2013/14 Captain William Barron Chapter

<u>Meeting Dates & Times</u> Tuesday, 11/26/13 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 1/28/14 6:30 p.m Tuesday 3/25/14 6:30 p.m.

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June Everheart Receives A Certificate For Distinguished Service and The Martha Washington Medal



Captain William Barron Chapter President Matthew Lee and June Everheart., September 24, 2013.

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 membership meetings. 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 -- Sept. 24, 2013 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, September 24, 2013, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, TX. About 24 members were present, plus about 30 guests. The meeting was held jointly with the Piney Woods Chapter of Sons of Republic of Texas and their guests. After everyone had eaten, President Matthew Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Don Majors said the invocation, and the pledges to the flags and SAR were recited.

Matthew recognized numerous current and past officers of various heritage societies. Tom McCall gave a brief discussion of the history of and requirements of S.R.T., as well as recognizing their members who were present. Britton Lee then gave a brief talk about the Guilford Courthouse flag, and Sam Hopkins did the same for three of Texas' historic flags.

Matthew presented David McLeod a medal and certificate for distinguished service to the chapter. June Everheart was also honored with the same awards, plus the Martha Washington medal. John Merritt introduced three guests and presented Game Warden Chris Swift with a medal and certificate for his work in the Texas Fish & Game Agency.

John introduced Dr. James L. Newsome, U.T. Tyler history professor, who gave an educational and impassioned discussion of patriot Daniel Shays and how he indirectly influenced American's development. After his talk, Dr. Newsome was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Barnes & Noble gift card.

A drawing was held for a member to have his meal reimbursed, won by Sam Kidd. Sam Hopkins said the benediction, the SAR Recessional was spoken and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

<u>The Captain William Barron Chapter</u> <u>Makes Changes To Its Constitution and Bylaws</u>

The officers of the Captain William Barron Chapter will be mailing to you (either via email or U.S. Mail), a copy of our proposed new Constitution And Bylaws. The Constitution is 1-page long and the Bylaws are 4-pages long. Proposed changes have been made to each document. At our November 26th meeting, our membership will vote on the adoption of these changes. Thank you!