

# Captain Barron's Bugle

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



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## **The President's Message**

Compatriots,

Ready or not, 2014 is here! The Captain William Barron Chapter played a very viable role in our community during 2013.

The Color Guard is the most visible part of our chapter and always presents the opportunity to spread our patriotic message. During 2013 the Color Guard posted the colors at 8 different naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse, posted colors at numerous Daughters of the American Revolution functions around East Texas and participated in a number of church and civic gatherings.

We sponsored a very successful flag retirement program and took part in different Veterans programs. Rev. Don Majors and Stephen Lee presented the Patriotic Flag program around East Texas and are already booked during the first several months of the year. Thanks to all who have worked to make our chapter so successful!

We welcome the students who will be participating in the Janice Caldwell finals of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Essay contest. This is always one of my favorite meetings of the entire year. Our chapter has sponsored students that went on to become state and national winners and I am keeping my fingers crossed for another winner from the Captain William Barron Chapter!

A standing ovation is due to Mike Everheart for his outstanding job as chairman of the Rifle Raffle. This year was very successful and proceeds will be used to help fund our youth programs and scholarships. Thanks Mike for a job well done!

It is an honor to serve as your President and I would encourage all members to become active in our chapter as we enter a brand new year. 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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### **2014 Janice Caldwell Finals of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest**

Please join us on Tuesday, January 28, as the Captain William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosts its annual Oration Contest. Five high school students from area high schools will vie for first place and a trip to the state finals in San Antonio during our monthly chapter meeting.



Each student will give an original speech, no shorter than five minutes and no longer than six minutes, on some aspect of the American Revolution. No notes or props may be used during the speech. Judging will be done by SAR members. Over \$500 in scholarships will be awarded.

The Captain William Barron Chapter has a distinguished history of sending excellent speakers from our Chapter to the State Oration Contest and the National Oration Contest. Two national champions, Luis Vasquez (2013, T.K. Gorman H.S.) and Philip Hayes (2009, Lindale H.S.) have come from our chapter. Mr. Vasquez collected over \$6,000 in SAR scholarships last year.

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.

**Captain William Barron Chapter to Honor 2014  
Knight Essay Contest Winner**



Please join us on Tuesday, March 25, as the Captain William Barron Chapter of the SAR honors this year's winner of the Knight Essay Contest.

The Essay Contest, open to high school students, requires the student to write an original essay of no fewer than 800 words and no more than 1,200 words on a topic related to the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, the framing of the United States Constitution, or the Magna Carta.

Our chapter will award a \$300 scholarship to the winner, and forward the winning essay to be entered into the TXSSAR Knight Essay Competition, where another \$3,300 in scholarships will be awarded. The winner of the state competition will be entered into the NSSAR competition, where an additional \$3,500 of scholarships will be awarded.



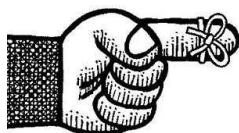
Compatriots Steve Lee (L) and Matthew Lee (R) with Texas State Senator Ted Cruz at the Grass Roots Celebrate Patriotism Event, 12/15/13, Tyler, TX.

## Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

### Chapter Membership Statistics

<u>#</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Members</u>
1	Bernardo De Galvez	Galveston, TX	50
2	Dallas	Dallas, TX	275
4	San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	230
5	Paul Carrington	Houston, TX	199
6	Maj. K.M. Van Zandt	Ft. Worth, TX	112
7	Arlington	Arlington, TX	31
9	Col. Turner Sharp	El Paso, TX	23
10	Panhandle Plains	Amarillo, TX	34
11	Patrick Henry	Austin, TX	166
14	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, TX	20
15	Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	28
16	Big Country	Abilene, TX	15
17	Major White	Baytown, TX	5
18	Permian Basin	Midland, TX	24
19	Paul Revere	Beaumont, TX	31
22	Daniel Wood	San Angelo, TX	8
23	Denton	Denton, TX	23
25	Captain William Barron	Tyler, TX	78
26	Heart of Texas	Salado, TX	125
27	Captain John McAdams	Huntsville, TX	5
28	Lt. Nathan Gann	Lufkin, TX	34
31	Hill Country	Kerrville, TX	134
33	Cradle of Texas	Lake Jackson, TX	62
34	Edmund Terrill	Sherman, TX	36
35	William Hightower	New Braunfels, TX	55
36	North Central Texas	Wichita Falls, TX	6
37	Plano	Plano, TX	115
38	Freedom	Conroe, TX	45
40	Independence	College Station, TX	49
41	Blue Bonnet	Marble Falls, TX	23
42	Liberty	McAllen, TX	24
43	Ambassador Fletcher Warren	Greenville, TX	36
45	Brazos Valley	Granbury, TX	41
47	East Fork Trinity	Rockwall, TX	39
49	Alexander Hodge	Sugarland, TX	63
50	Victoria	Victoria, TX	32
51	Piney Woods	Kingwood, TX	71
54	Athens	Athens, TX	41
55	Live Oak	George West, TX	6
57	East Texas	Longview, TX	36
58	Fredonia	Nacogdoches, TX	30
59	Aaron Burleson	Bastrop, TX	9
61	Laredo	Laredo, TX	15
62	Robert Rankin	Katy, TX	36
63	McKinney	McKinney, TX	40
64	Boerne	Boerne, TX	34
65	Red River Valley	Paris, TX	22
66	Alexander Hamilton	Georgetown, TX	<u>51</u>
	Total		<u>2,667</u>

## Reminder ...



For those of us attending our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, there is a \$5 cover charge at the door. This allows us to pay for the private dining room and waiter service at Traditions Restaurant.

Also, the 2014 dues invoices should have reached you by now. If you have any questions, or didn't get your statement, please call one of your chapter officers or email our TXSSAR Treasurer, John C. Beard, at [treas@txssar.org](mailto:treas@txssar.org).

Thanks!



Compatriots Mike Everheart, Steve Lee, Don Majors, Cliff Johnson, and Matthew Lee at the Holly Lake Veterans Golf Tournament, Big Sandy, TX, 6/4/13

### 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/)

### 2014 Captain William Barron Chapter

#### Next 3 Meeting Dates & Times

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

Tuesday, 3/25/14 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 5/27/14 6:30 p.m.



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**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!



**Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, SAR  
Minutes -- Tuesday, November 26, 2013**

The Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, S.A.R., held its regular bimonthly membership meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. After everyone had dinner, Chapter President Matthew Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 20 members, 2 prospective members and 18 other guests present.

Don Major gave the prayer and John Merritt led everyone in the pledges to the flags and the salute to the S.A.R. Matthew gave an update on Anna Lee's medical condition. He then introduced several dignitaries and officers of other heritage groups.

Mike Everheart and John Merritt offered to answer questions on the proposed changes to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, which had been published in the "Bugle" and on our website. There was no discussion so Tim West made a motion to pass the revisions as written, the motion was seconded by several members and passed without opposition.

Tim West read the list of nominees for Chapter Officers and said we still need someone to be Vice President of Public Relations and Editor of the "Bugle". He called for additional nominations for any of the positions, but there were none, so the slate will be voted on at the January 2014 meeting.

John then presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizen medal and certificate to Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass, who was given a standing ovation and who gave a short acceptance speech.

John then introduced Danny Sessums, PhD, who gave the evening's program, about the history of the Queen's Loyalists Rangers during the Revolutionary War. Afterwards, John presented Danny with a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Book Store.

Concerning the Chapter's fundraising gun raffle, Mike announced we had booths at ten gun shows over the past six months and had made approximately a \$2,800 profit for the Chapter's programs. He then conducted the drawings, the winners of which were Barron member Donald Boyd and nonmember Brian Nilson. Mike will make arrangements to get their guns to them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Sam Kidd**, Secretary