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Newsletter of Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25, Tyler, Texas

Bob G. Davidson, Editor

The President's Message

Compatriots,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years. It is an honor to serve this outstanding patriotic and energetic organization. I welcome your suggestions and help, as we work together to make this Chapter one of the finest in Texas. If you have not attended our meetings in several months, you have missed some great programs, including the winner of the TXSSAR Oration Contest. I encourage you to become more involved with our Chapter by letting me, or one of our officers, know of your interest. We have a great bunch of Officers and members who are dedicated to the Chapter's "Objects" as stated in our Constitution:

"The objects of this society are declared to be patriotic and educational and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots."

Our Officers have done an outstanding job of providing Color Guard support for various public ceremonies, obtaining interesting and educational programs, recognizing our public servants, and conducting competitions for our school children in writing essays, conducting oration contests and making posters, all with a theme of the American Revolution period. I encourage you to attend our May 27 meeting at Traditions Restaurant at 6:30 PM. You are important to the success of our Chapter. Please help by attending our meetings.

On behalf of both myself and the Captain Barron Chapter, I would like to thank Matthew Lee for the great job he has

done as our President and Color Guard Commander over the last two years. We are very fortunate to have men of Matthew's character and willingness to dedicate the time and effort to make this a great Chapter. The good news is that Matthew has agreed to continue in his role of Color Guard Commander.

The Annual Meeting of the TXSSAR was held in San Antonio in March with the Captain William Barron Chapter represented by Steve and Anna Lee and John and Barbara Merritt. The winner of the TXSSAR Oration Contest for the second year in a row, and third time over all, was won by the Captain William Barron entry. This year Logan Herrera from the Lindale High School won the TXSSAR Oration contest and now proceeds to the National SAR contest in Greenville, South Carolina in July. The Captain William Barron Chapter was recognized for a number of achievements over the last year. Our own Steve Lee was reelected to serve as the State District 10 Vice President which includes our Chapter, along with four other Chapters in East Texas. Awards and recognition of our Chapter, in addition to the Oration winner, included: Second place winner in the TXSSAR Essay Contest by entrant Katherine Joseph of T.K. Gorman Catholic Regional School; Chapter members Michael Lee Dunavant, Moliere Scarborough, Jr., and David Newton White, Sr. were recognized with the "Lampighter Award" for their contribution to the National SAR; the "Outstanding Public Service Award" as the result of four public service awards made by the Chapter in 2013; and a White Star for our flag banner for award of the Flag Certificate to the City of Chandler. The new TXSSAR President is Robert Cohen, who we are attempting to have speak at one of our Chapter meetings.

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Chapter Meetings

Tuesday at 6:30

May 27 July 22

September 23 November 25

at Traditions Restaurant,
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

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.

A Raffle Drawing to Give Away Free Meal at Traditions Restaurant will take place during our meeting. You must be present to win. 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. Limited to one win per member per year. Good luck!

Judge Erin Ford to Speak to Captain William Barron Chapter on May 27

David McLeod, Vice President

Please join us on Tuesday, May 27, at 6:30 PM, for our chapter meeting. Our featured speaker will be Houston County Judge Erin Ford. Judge Ford will be speaking on "Interesting Aspects of the U.S. Constitution". Judge Erin Ford took office as Houston County Judge on November 30, 2012, and finished the term of previous Houston County Judge Lonnie Hunt, who had resigned to take a position with the Texas Association of Counties in Austin. Judge Ford is running for re-election to the Houston County Court. He won the March Republican Primary and will run unopposed in the November 4 general election.

On March 26, 2014, Governor Rick Perry appointed Judge Ford to the Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board for a term to expire February 1, 2015.

Judge Ford is a native East Texan and, before being elected Judge, spent thirty years working domestically and internationally for major oil companies.

Please join us on May 27 to enjoy Judge Ford's presentation.

**"Those who hammer their guns
into plows will plow
for those who do not.."**

Thomas Jefferson

Captain William Barron Chapter to Honor Antonio Henderson

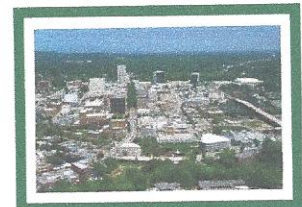
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Please join us on Tuesday, May 27, as the Captain William Barron Chapter honors Mr. Antonio Henderson with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

On February 16, 2014, at approximately 6:00 AM, Aamiyah Taylor, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. Henderson's next-door-neighbor, Jasmine Taylor, began having seizures and then stopped breathing. After calling 911, Ms. Taylor ran next door, having seen Mr. Henderson's "Heart-To-Heart Hospice" vehicle, and asked for his help. Mr. Henderson performed CPR on Aamiyah and soon her breathing resumed. When EMS help arrived, Aamiyah had a pulse. Aamiyah spent nine days in ICU in a Dallas hospital. She has been diagnosed with an auto-immune disorder, which is now under treatment.

Please join us as we welcome Antonio, Jasmine, and Aamiyah to our Captain William Barron Chapter meeting on May 27.

July 18-23 - 124th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution



in Greenville, South Carolina

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(President's Message - continued from page 1) Our Color Guard will be very busy in May and June with presentations on May 13 in Corsicana; May 26 at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony; June 3 at Holly Tree; June 14 at Tyler Memorial Park for the retirement ceremony of over 400 Flags; and June 21 at an 1812 grave marker dedication ceremony south of Longview, near Kilgore. Thank you Color Guard.

On this Memorial Day let us not forget our service men and women who gave so much for our country. Please consider attending the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26 at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery off of State Highway 64 west. It is very impressive.

God bless America and God bless the Sons of the American Revolution. See you at the next meeting May 27, 6:30 PM, Traditions Restaurant.

John Merritt, President
Captain William Barron Chapter 25, TXSSAR



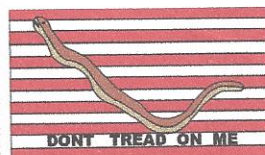
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Barron Chapter Historical Flag Collection

Continuing our series... Known as the "Don't Tread on Me" flag, this is the First United States Naval Jack, adopted in 1775 by the Colonial Navy. In historical perspective, this is perhaps the most significant flag in our collection...

"Since September 11, 2002, (exactly one year after the Twin Towers attack) the U.S. Navy has flown the First Naval Jack,



a flag bearing 13 red and white stripes, a rattlesnake and the motto 'DONT TREAD ON ME' coming from the first jacks supposedly used by the U.S. Navy

during the Revolutionary War. It is flown from the jack staff from 08:00 AM to sunset while U.S. Navy ships are moored or at anchor. It is also flown from the yardarm during a general court-martial or court of inquiry. During times when the ensign is at half mast, the jack is also at half mast. The jack is hoisted smartly and lowered ceremoniously in the same manner as the ensign, however the jack is not dipped when the ensign is dipped."

Donated by Tom Miller

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War of 1812 Grave Marker Dedication



Please join us - and the Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard - on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00 AM for the Dedication of the Grave Marker for Private Lemuel Allen Adams of Captain John Trimble's Company of Mounted Gunmen of the Tennessee Militia-War of 1812. This unit served in the Pensacola/Mobile region. Approximately 500 men served in this battalion, one of whom was David Crockett. The dedication will take place at Peatown Cemetery and Church. =Please bring lawn chairs =

To access internet maps input "Peatown Cemetery Road, Longview, Texas". GPS - Latitude: 32.38775; Longitude: 94.75451 From IH-20 take Exit 591 (FM-2011/FM-2087). Stay straight approximately 4.3 mi. Then turn slight right onto Peatown Church Rd. 0.2 mi. (portions unpaved).

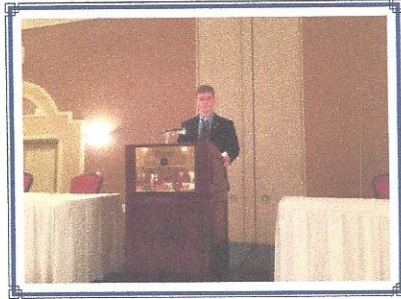
For additional information, or if you have an ancestor who fought in the War of 1812, please contact Bob G. Davidson, President, Ensign James Luna Chapter, Society of War of 1812, 903-581-7891 graycirce@gmail.com

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Senior Logan Herrera stands at the podium at the Omni Hotel-SAR-San Antonio, to give his speech at the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration State Competition.

(Courtesy: Rosemary Herrera)



Lindale High School Senior Logan Herrera won the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration State Contest Saturday, March 29. The competition is hosted by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Herrera competed against public, private, and home schooled students. Competitors prepare a five to six minute speech on an event, personality, or document related to the Revolutionary War, while presenting a relationship to present-day America. Students submit their manuscript and deliver their oratory at the contest, without notes or props. Judges select winners based on composition, delivery, significance, and history. "Lindale has been blessed to send several students to the national level in the Sons of the American Revolution Oratory Contest and have had several place at the national level," said Lindale High School Speech and Debate Coach Janice Caldwell. Lindale student Philip Hayes won the national competition in 2009. Now, Herrera will be competing in the summer of 2014 in Greenville, South Carolina for thousands in scholarship dollars and a chance to bring the national title back to Lindale.



John Merritt, Chapter Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Winner Logan Herrera and Stephen Lee at the TXSSAR Convention in San Antonio.

John Merritt and Matthew Lee present a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. John Hopkins who presented a program, "A Study of Religion and the Coming of the American Revolution".



Matthew was also presented the Texas Service Award from State President Stephen Rohrbough and Award of Excellence from District X.

Newly elected President John Merritt presents the Past President medal to Matthew Lee while Matthew presents the President ribbon and medal to John.



Traditions Manager Gerald Cole is presented Certificate of Appreciation for providing excellent food, service and a wonderful meeting place for our chapter meetings.



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The SAR Texas Color Guard presented the colors at Opening Night Ceremonies, as well as several other meetings, for the 118th Annual Daughters of the American Revolution state convention in Dallas. The Color Guard is pictured with National DAR President General Lynn Forney Young, Texas SAR President Stephen Rohrbough, Texas DAR Regent Pamela Wright, and Texas DAR Vice Regent Mildred Johannesburg.



Matthew Lee and Dave McLeod present the SAR Flag Certificate to Andy Bergfeld, who also accepted the award for Tim and Garnett Brookshire, for displaying of the

American and Texas Flags atop the Peoples Petroleum Building in downtown Tyler.



New Chapter officers for the 2014-2016 term are installed.

Sgt. at Arms, Britton Lee explains the significance of "The Betsy Ross" during our March meeting.



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Minutes - March 25, 2014 Captain William Barron Chapter 25 TXSSAR ~ S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the membership of Captain William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. After dinner, the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Matthew Lee at 6:30 PM. Don Majors gave the invocation; the pledges to the U.S., Texas and S.A.R. flags were recited.

There were twenty-one members and 23 guests present. Matt introduced several honored guests. Britton Lee displayed and talked briefly about the Betsy Ross flag.

Andy Bergfeld, a partner-owner with Tim and Garnett Brookshire of People's Petroleum Building in downtown Tyler, was recognized for their efforts in flying a large United States and Texas flag atop the 17-story building. They were each awarded a Flag Commendation Certificate.

David McLeod discussed the oration contest results at the state level. He also announced the results of our chapter's essay contest and read the first paragraph of each essay. Katherine Joseph took first place (and second place at state) and Sharon Kariampuzha was second. The young ladies were present and were recognized, along with their principal at T.K. Gorman High School, Jim Franz, who was thanked for his support of our essay contest.

David introduced the program: Dr. Jerry Hopkins, who discussed religious influences in pre-Revolution America. After the talk and questions, Dr. Hopkins was given a certificate of appreciation and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Book Store.

Jerry Pole of Traditions Restaurant was given a Certificate of Appreciation for his and his staff's hospitality during our meetings.

Matthew Lee thanked everyone who had helped him during his two years as chapter president. Steve Lee then gave Matt three awards for his outstanding service. Steve assembled and swore in all the new chapter officers, then gave incoming president John Merritt his presidential ribbon. John then presented Matt his past president's ribbon.

John thanked Lois and Bobby Davidson for their work on the "Bugle" and also for creating a set of name tags for all Chapter members, which will be available at future meetings. Don Majors recited the benediction and the members repeated the S.A.R. recessional. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

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 an 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.

SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org

State SAR www.txssar.org

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www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/