



Captain Barron's Bugle

Newsletter of Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25, Tyler, Texas
Bob G. Davidson, Editor

The President's Message

Compatriots:

By the time you receive this July issue of the "Bugle", the Fourth of July will have come and gone. I hope all of you took time to reflect on the significance of this holiday, the sacrifices made by so many patriots and ancestors to give us this free country and to keep it free, including our unique form of government, the Declaration of Independence (*see page three*), the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the three branches of government with their checks and balances. I am ever mindful of the quote from Benjamin Franklin when asked by a lady during the Constitutional Convention of 1787, "well Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy? A republic, if you can keep it".

As we are now in the busy days of summer with family, job and personal obligations, let us not forget our July 22 Captain Barron Chapter meeting. We have a lot of Compatriots working to provide us with great programs, recognize our public servants, induct new members and promote our fund raising Rifle Raffle. For those of you who have not attended a meeting in several months, your fellow Compatriots would enjoy the pleasure of your company and the opportunity to visit with you. Attendance has been around 30 to 35 members when we should have more than 60. Mark your calendar for July 22 and we look forward to seeing you.

The Captain Barron Chapter has been busy the last three months. Our Color Guard members continue to honorably represent our Chapter in Tyler and East Texas. A thank you goes to Matthew Lee, Color Guard

Commander, and to those Compatriots serving in this organization. You are a most visible form of who the SAR is in the community. Among the Color Guard events was the annual Memorial Day program at the Tyler Memorial Cemetery where more than 200 observed the Color Guard retire the Colors. Thank you Tim West, organizer of an outstanding June Flag Retirement Ceremony of 300 plus flags. This ceremony was impressive and included our Color Guard, speeches, solo singer and bagpipe. Compatriots, I encourage you to attend these events. We are in the planning stages for another Flag Retirement ceremony this fall. Thank you Compatriot Dave Hanover for your donation of eight SAR Christmas ornaments to our Chapter to be auctioned off at our November meeting. Funds raised in this auction will go to support our Chapter's programs.

Our July 22 Program will be Bill Covington of Dallas, who will discuss the "Analysis of the Continental Soldier". This will be a return trip for Mr. Covington who is a school teacher in DeSoto and scholar on the Revolutionary War period. We plan to award the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith. A thank you to our Registrar/Genealogist, Mike Everheart, who has spent many hours researching and helping prospective members become members. Plans call for two new members being sworn in at the July meeting. We will also recognize one of our Compatriots with the Distinguished Service Medal. This Medal and Certificate created in 2013 recognizes the service a member provided the chapter president.

God bless America, God bless the SAR and God bless you,
John Merritt, Chapter President

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Chapter Meetings

Tuesday at 6:30

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!

Barron Chapter July 22 Meeting

David McLeod, Vice President

Please join us at Traditions Restaurant as Bill Covington presents "The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution"

Uniformed as a Continental Soldier of the late war period of the American Revolution, Bill will display, explain and demonstrate the clothing, arms and accoutrements with which the common soldier of the Congressional cause fought against the troops of the British Empire.



Through his presentations, Bill hopes to bring honor to the memories of the men and women who lived, fought and suffered through the dark days that preceded the birth of our great nation.

Bill Covington is a teacher by profession, having spent 14 years in the Dallas Independent School District as an instructor of both Social Studies and English as a Second Language (ESL), primarily at the middle school level. Subsequently, Bill was an adjunct instructor for several of the local community colleges. Currently, he is an instructor of Social Studies at the Waxahachie Global High School where he also teaches World Geography and World History. In addition, he is also an adjunct instructor of U.S., European and Texas History at Navarro College.

A native of Fort Worth, TX, he resides in Cedar Hill, TX, with his wife and three children.

Also at the July 22 meeting, Smith County Sheriff, Larry Smith, will be honored with the

"Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate".

Sheriff Larry Smith has enjoyed a 34-year law enforcement career with the Gregg County Sheriff's Department; United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and the Smith County, Texas Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Smith was elected to be Smith County's Sheriff in 2012.

Larry Smith was born in Big Sandy, Texas in 1956. He graduated from New Diana High School, where he lettered in four sports. Larry has been married for 26 years to the former Leslie Leigh Tillery, and they have two children.



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IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

"The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes

necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of



Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ~That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ~That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness...

"...We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the

rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political

connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things

which Independent States may of right do.

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."



John Quincy Adams, on the Sixty-First Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1837...

"Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the corner stone of

human government upon the first precepts of Christianity, and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies, announced directly from Heaven at the birth of the Savior and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets six hundred years before?"

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Sons of the American Revolution Military Medals

The Military Service Medal may be presented by a chapter to SAR members (or purchased by SAR members) who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Coast Guard, or a country that was an ally of the United States, or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force, who otherwise do not qualify for the SAR War Service Medal.



The War Service Medal was authorized for those who have served in the armed forces of the United States (or a country that was an ally of the United States or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force) and fought against a common enemy of the United States in a war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized. The medal is bronze and may be presented by a chapter to SAR members (or purchased by SAR members).



SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org

State SAR www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter
www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/

AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH

May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;



May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you;

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

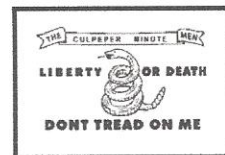
Barron Chapter Historical Flag Collection

Continuing our series...in sequence as placed into service:

Known as the Rhode Island flag, this Flag was carried by the 2nd Rhode Island Hope Regiment. They were at Yorktown and remained active until the end of the Revolution. The anchor symbol and motto had been used as a government symbol since 1647 and is carried in the current state flag.



Donated by Sam Kidd.



Known as the Culpeper Flag, this flag was carried by the Minutemen of Culpeper County, Virginia as early as 1775...carries a rattlesnake and the motto "The Culpeper Minute Men - Liberty or Death - Don't Tread On Me".

Donated by Tom Miller.

Known as the flag of the Green Mountain Boys, it began May 10, 1775 as a regimental flag used by the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont. Today the flag is used as the regimental flag of the Vermont National Guard unit.



Donated by John Cole.

John Bolton and Bob Davidson present a Certificate of Appreciation to descendant of War of 1812 veteran Private Lemuel Allen Adams at dedication of 1812 grave marker.



The Barron Chapter Color Guard presented colors - Matthew Lee, Don Majors, Cliff Johnson and Dennis Brand.

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Mike Dunavant, Cliff Johnson and Stephen Lee posted the colors during Officer Installation ceremonies for the James Blair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,

in Corsicana. An honorarium was made to the TXSSAR Color Guard.

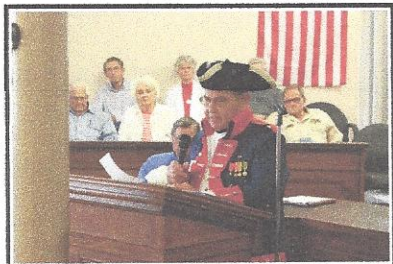
Civil Air Cadets at SAR Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day at Tyler Memorial Cemetery. SAR Color Guard posted colors.



Britton Lee and Stephen Lee present the Patriotic Flag Program to the Lindale Rotary Club during their May meeting.



Britton Lee, Mike Everheart, Don Majors, Fred Preston, Bob Davidson, Dennis Brand at Tyler Memorial Cemetery for Memorial Day ceremony.



Color Guard Member Mike Dunavant was the guest speaker at Memorial Day Ceremonies in Corsicana.



The Barron Chapter Color Guard presented the colors at the Holly Lake Veterans Golf tournament.

Members of the SCV Color Guard fired muskets to open the tournament.



Cliff Johnson, Stephen Lee, John Merritt, Mike Everheart, Matthew Lee - The Color Guard - presented the colors on July 4th at an Independence Day Ceremony on the downtown plaza in Tyler. A group of attorneys read the Declaration of Independence to the crowd.

The Document That Changed the World



Comes to the Houston Museum of Natural Science

by David N. White

Where did the Founding Fathers of the Liberties we enjoy today, draw their inspirations? The answer was revealed on February 14, when the exhibit "MAGNA CARTA" and the Foundations of Freedom, opened its doors to the public. Through August 14, visitors will be able to get a close up view of the amazing document of 1215 that changed the course of human rights thereafter. The Magna Carta is considered among Great Britain's most valuable national treasures. Written in 1215, the letter issued by King John granted civil liberties to certain subjects, setting precedence upon which other countries build policies, including our own Constitution's Bill of Rights.

When the exhibit is over in Houston, it will be returned to England for a celebration to mark its 800th anniversary. This event occurred in a meadow, 15 miles west of London, at a place called Runnymede. The Barons had revolted as a result of the treatment which the King did to a family named de Braose. In 1203, Prince Arthur, who was a nephew of King John, was killed by King John or by his order. Prince Arthur, at the time of his death, was incarcerated at Roeyn and William de Braose was named his "goaler". During the next 5 years many favors were heaped on the de Braose family. In 1208-09, John demanded two sons of William and Maud de Braose as hostages, a common procedure in that day. Maud refused to surrender her sons, stating publicly that she "would not trust a man who killed his nephew". John never forgave them and pursued them, and punished those who gave them help. The family scattered and fled. Their land and other property had been confiscated by the King. Maud and the eldest son, William III, were caught and starved to death in dungeons in Windsor Castle. Sir William de Braose fled to France and died in 1211. The treatment of the de Braose frightened many of the nobles and is given as one of the reasons for baronial opposition which resulted

in the Magna Carta in 1215. The Barons had produced a document called "The Charter of Liberty" and later referred to in Latin as "Magna Carta". It stated that "No freeman shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled—nor will we proceed with force against him—except by the lawful judgment of his equals or by the law of the land." For the first time in English history a monarch was relinquishing some of his heretofore-absolute powers and granting rights to those he ruled. After John's death in 1216, William Marshall was designated Regent of the infant king Henry III. He also arranged for the re-issuance of the Magna Carta with a few wise modifications. The de Braose lands were restored to de Braose heir, Reginald, who was a younger son of William and Maud. Saire de Quincy Earl of Winchester, helped write the "Magna Carta" and signed as a suretie. Henry de Bohun Earl of Hereford and Earl of Essex also signed as a suretie. Information compiled from a manuscript "History of the Bone Family of Europe" Volume 1 1000 to 1699 Compiled and copyrighted by Robert Gehlmann Bone, 1972. April 10, 1972 Mr. Bone applied for and was accepted into "The Somerset Chapter of the Magna Carta"

SAR member David N. White, author of this article,
is a direct descendant of the same Lineage.

For the Minutes of the May 27, 2014
Captain William Barron Chapter 25 Meeting
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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 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.