

Captain Barron's Bugle

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

The President's Message

Compatriots,

Having participated in several of the activities of the Captain William Barron Chapter this summer, it struck me as to how fortunate we are to be a member of one of the most active chapters of its size in Texas. If you are not active in one of our program areas please consider volunteering to help with the Color Guard; Flag Retirement Ceremony; school education programs such as poster, oration, or essay; Boy Scout essay, or officer positions. We have a great bunch of patriots who are willing to help you.

Our next Chapter meeting will be Tuesday September 23 at Traditions with dinner at 6:00 PM and business meeting starting at 6:30. This will be the tenth joint meeting of the Captain Barron Chapter SAR and the Piney Woods Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The SRT has arranged for the program this year, "Hannah's Story, a Tale of the Killough Massacre" presented by the author Ann Chandler of Jacksonville, Texas. The Piney Woods Chapter's new president is Sam Hopkins, who is also a member of the Captain Barron Chapter SAR.

At this meeting we will discuss and vote on a change to the raffle raffle and an increase in the dues. Additional information on this issue is presented in this month's "Bugle" (see page 4).

We want to welcome our newest member, Benjamin Early Ewing, who was inducted into the SAR by Mike Everheart and John Merritt on July 30, 2014 (see page 6).

The Captain Barron Chapter wants to thank Logan Herrera, Lindale High School, for his performance in the National Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration contest and for representing our Chapter in the Oration Contest at both the State and National annual meetings. We wish him well as he continues his education. After winning the TXSSAR contest, Mr. Herrera placed in the top bracket at the SAR National Conference, but did not win first place.

Please thank our Color Guard for the outstanding job they are doing in providing area organizations, special events and naturalization ceremonies with the patriotic posting of the Colors in the East Texas area.

Thank you Chapter member Steve Lee, TXSSAR District VI Vice President, who represented us in the SAR South Central District annual meeting (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas) last month in Irving, Texas (see page 5).

Due to the large number of U.S. and Texas flags needing to be retired, Tim West has scheduled a second flag retirement ceremony at Tyler Memorial Cemetery on Texas Highway 64 at 9:00 AM November 8, 2014. We will be holding a flag folding day in the near future. Let Tim know if you will help him in folding over 300 flags.

Since taking office, I have been challenged to expand my knowledge of the SAR and its mission. I especially wanted to share some of our history and mission, as found in the SAR Handbook, with you and our new members, starting with the formation of the SAR. I plan to have more on our mission in the November "Bugle" (see "The Origins of the SAR" on page 3).

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Chapter Meetings

Tuesday at 6:30

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

September 23 Meeting

David McLeod, Vice President

Author Ann Chandler To Speak To Joint Meeting of SAR/SRT

Please make plans to attend the annual joint meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution and The Sons of The Republic of Texas on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Piano Room of Traditions Restaurant, Tyler, Texas. Author Ann Chandler will present a program on the October 1838 Killough Massacre in Cherokee County, Texas.

The Killough Massacre is believed to have been both the largest and last Native American attack on white immigrants in East Texas. The massacre took place on October 5, 1838, near Larissa (north of Jacksonville) in the northwestern part of Cherokee County. There were eighteen victims, who included Isaac Killough, Sr. and his extended family (the families of four sons and two daughters).

Ann Chandler is a retired school teacher and member of the Jacksonville Vanishing Texana Museum Board of Directors. She is an elected member of the Jacksonville City Council, and has served on the Jacksonville ISD Board and the Cherokee Historical Commission Board.



Killough Massacre Monument



Army soldier in Iraq with his tiny 'plot' of grass in front of his tent. It's heartwarming! Here is a soldier in Iraq, stationed in a big sand box. He asked his wife to send him dirt (U.S. soil), fertilizer, and some grass seed so that he can have the sweet aroma, and feel the grass grow beneath his feet. When the men of the squadron have a mission that they are going on, they take turns walking through the grass and the **American soil** ~ to bring them good luck. Of all the things he could have asked his wife to send to him from home.....he asked for American soil.

WOW!

If you notice, he is even cutting the grass with a pair of scissors. Sometimes we are in such a hurry that we don't stop and think about the little things that we take for granted.

Say a little prayer for our soldiers that give and give (and give up) so unselfishly for us.

Sent along by President John Merritt

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The Origins of the SAR

"In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of the patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, California area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain. They desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny—a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.

Out of the Sires grew the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was organized on April 30, 1889 - the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President.

We have used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for over 100 years. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence.

The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state societies to charter chapters within their borders. Federal Legislation that established a federal charter for the National Society SAR."



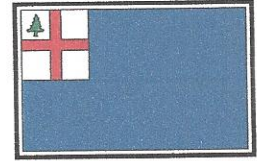
God bless America, God bless the SAR
and God bless us all.

John Merritt, Chapter President

Baron Chapter Historical Flag Collection

Continuing our series...In sequence, as placed into service:

This flag, known as The Bunker Hill Flag, was flown at the Battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775.



Donated by John Cole.



This flag, bearing the motto "An Appeal to Heaven", was established by the Massachusetts General Court as the flag of the state navy on July 26, 1776 and became the ensign flown by cruisers of the American Navy in New England waters commissioned by General Washington, hence the name "Washington's Cruisers".

Donated by Roger Jacobs.

Known as the Bennington flag, this flag was carried at the Battle of Bennington, Vermont on August 16, 1777.



Donated by Leland Carter.



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Rifle Raffle & Funding of Programs

The Captain Barron Board met on August 27, 2014 and one of the agenda items discussed was the rifle raffle, gun shows and how to fund the chapter programs. The Board voted to recommend the following for membership consideration.

Background: For several years one of the major sources of income to support our programs has been the rifle raffle. Mike Everheart has done an outstanding job leading this effort for the last 3 years and is stepping down at the end of the year.

The raffle consists of two sources of income: 1) the selling of tickets to our Captain Barron members and friends, and, 2) the selling of tickets at gun shows.

The primary costs include purchase of rifles, renting tables at the show, gasoline to travel out of town, and printing tickets. The selling of tickets at gun shows is most demanding, requiring a commitment of Saturday and Sunday, sitting all day at gun shows all over East Texas; travel as much as 2 round trips per show, with up to 190 miles per round trip; personal time away from the family and eating a lot of hamburgers and hot dogs. To say the least, it is demanding of time, travel and personal expense and none of our members were willing to make this commitment.

Recommendations:

1. After considering all the issues, the Board decided to end the Chapter's participation in the gun shows at the end of 2014. Our net profit from both the gun shows and member ticket sells for 2014 will be approximately \$2500.
2. For 2015 the Chapter proposes to purchase one rifle and sell tickets to our members and friends. This should give the Chapter a net profit of \$800 to \$1000. The Board will again review the program before making a commitment for 2016. We ask your continued support in this effort by purchasing tickets and selling tickets to your friends.
3. In order to help make up the lost revenue needed to support our programs, the Board purposes to increase the dues by \$10 per person and with 73 members this should bring in approximately \$730. The dues increase will require the approval of the members present at the September 23, 2014 meeting. Please plan to be at the September 23 meeting for this vote.
4. Also, to help fund our projects, the Board is reviewing the requirements to obtain grants and gifts for individual projects

i.e. Eagle Scout Essay Contest. Those persons or companies offering to provide funds for an individual project will be recognized for their support. Assistance from anyone familiar with securing grants and gifts for nonprofits would be appreciated and you can contact any of our Board members to offer your help. As always we appreciate our members input on these ideas. We will need someone to head up the printing and bookkeeping on our limited ticket sale. If you are willing to help, please let one of your officers know of your interest. Thank you.

President John Merritt

.....Another gun raffle season is winding down and June and I want to thank every member of the Capt. William Barron Chapter who has purchased raffle tickets this year. Purchasing gun raffle tickets gives us additional revenue that supports our youth scholarship contests, pays for medals and certificates for our SAR Public Service Awards program. There are members who have not yet purchased tickets mailed to them, and we encourage them to do so. Members can purchase tickets at our September 23rd meeting at Traditions. June and I will bring raffle tickets to the meeting. Again, a great big thanks to those who have already purchased raffle tickets. We will have our raffle ticket drawing at our Tuesday, November 25th Barron Chapter meeting.

June and Mike Everheart

Mrs. Janice Caldwell



Mrs. Janice Caldwell was honored as a Diamond Coach by The National Speech & Debate Association at their Tournament in Overland Park, Kansas, on June 19. The award Mrs. Caldwell received recognizes a career that combines excellence and longevity. The Captain William Barron Chapter has been honored to know Mrs. Caldwell. For many, many years she has coached her students in the art of debate and entered three to five students in the annual Barron SAR Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest, held at our January chapter meeting. More often than not, her students were the only entrants...and often the student who won the Chapter contest, and went on to compete at the State level, also went on to compete at the National level; one of her students won first place at the National competition; others have placed at National. In her honor, we have named the Barron Chapter Oration Contest the Janice Caldwell Oration Contest.

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Color Guard members from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas welcomed NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock to the South Central District meeting in Irving.



Tyler Civil Air Patrol Cadets receiving Certificates of Appreciation for help with Flag Retirement. Tim West, Mike Everheart and John Merritt made presentation at CAP breakfast 9/6/14.



Barron Color Guard at DAR District 6 Workshop at Hollytree Country Club. Pictured left to right: front row: Nancy Murray, TXDAR Vice Chair Membership, District 6; Beverly Wait, Mary Tyler Chapter Regent; Cindy Rucker, TXDAR State Historian; and Anna Marie Lee, Honorary Regent and District 6 Director. Back row: Color Guard members Matthew, Stephen and Britton Lee.



Bill Lyons of UPS receiving Certificate of Appreciation for Barron Chapter printing.



Bill Covington receiving Certificate of Appreciation for presentation of Continental Soldier program at July meeting.



Larry Smith receiving Law Enforcement Award.



Mike Dunavant receiving Lamplighter Award.

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Minutes - July 22, 2014 Captain William Barron Chapter 25 TXSSAR - S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Captain William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. A total of thirty-three persons were present: eighteen members and fifteen guests.

President John Merritt opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Don Majors gave the invocation and pledges to the U.S. flag, Texas flag and S.A.R. were recited. John introduced several guests, prospective members and officers of other heritage groups.

John discussed the importance of the Rifle Raffle to the chapter's finances and Mike Everheart gave a report on the Raffle results so far this year. It was pointed out that the Chapter needs to find someone to replace Mike in 2015 in this important duty.

David McLeod introduced Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith and his wife, and then presented the Sheriff with the S.A.R. Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate. Sheriff Smith then briefly discussed his law enforcement philosophy.

John presented Michael Lee Dunavant of Corsicana with S.A.R.'s Lamplighter Award. John also introduced Bill Lyons, owner of two U.P.S. stores in Tyler, and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping with the printing of our "Bugle" newsletter and the Agenda for our meetings.

David introduced William Covington, who gave a great program about his Revolutionary War rifle and other items that he had brought for display. After the program, David presented Mr. Covington with a Certificate of Appreciation.

There being no other business, Don Majors gave the benediction, the S.A.R. Recessional was recited and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

Sam and Sherry Kidd

President John Merritt sent along a message that he was sure pleased to see a nice article in the Tyler Morning Telegraph featuring Sam and Sherry Kidd on their retirement from the Smith County Historical Society!

On behalf of all the Barron Chapter, we join President Merritt in thanking Sam and Sherry for all their hard work with the Smith County Historical Society and for the many years of service for the Captain William Barron Chapter!

Business had prevented new member **Ben Ewing** from attending a meeting since being accepted four months ago, so initiation was held by President John Merritt, at John's home.



Jessie Louise Elliott of Lindale High School who won the Barron Chapter Oration Contest in January, was judged KETK's Student of the Year and won a \$2,500 scholarship.

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/