



Captain Barron's Bugle

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

The President's Message

Compatriots, we are honored to have the President of the TXSSAR, Robert Cohen, to address our Chapter meeting on November 25. Please help us have a full house and give the TXSSAR President a big Rose City welcome. The annual rifle raffle winning tickets will be drawn and there will be an auction of eight beautiful SAR Christmas tree ornaments issued by NSSAR from 1996 through 2003. The original cost was \$20 each and they were donated by Compatriot Dave Hanover, thank you Mr. Hanover.

The joint September meeting of the Piney Woods Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Capt. Barron SAR was a great success with the best attendance we have had this year. We are also discussing having two joint meetings in 2015. Thank you Piney Woods SRT for an interesting program on East Texas history. At the August meeting of the Chapter BOM several changes were recommended to the 2015 rifle raffle fund raising program, including an increase in the annual dues to \$67. Members present at the September Chapter meeting voted unanimously to accept these changes. Our fall flag retirement ceremony will be rescheduled due to several conflicts.

Significant dates during this bimonthly letter in the nation's and the SAR's history, include Veterans Day - November 11; founding of the TXSSAR - December 8; and ratification of the Bill of Rights - December 15. Remember to thank a veteran for their service. The Color Guard has represented our Chapter well in 2014, including the Veterans Commission Job Fair at Green Acres Baptist Church this month. The fall TXSSAR BOM was held in Temple November 7-9. Attending the meeting were District Ten VP Steve Lee and Chapter President John Merritt. Compatriots, this is Mike Everheart's last year running the rifle raffle, and a great year it has been. Please give Mike a big Thank You for his many years effort with this program.

Compatriots, if you would like to help in any of the activities of the Capt. Barron Chapter, no job too big or too small, please contact me at 903-312-9143. We can use help in setting up the meeting room, taking pictures, helping with

sign in, etc. You will get to meet some great patriots. Thank you.

Your SAR dues for 2015 are due no later than January 1, 2015. A member will be delinquent (inactivated) after January 1, 2015. If you have not received your dues notice by December 1, 2014, please contact John Merritt (903-312-9143) or Mike Everheart (903-877-2691).

As we offer prayer this Thanksgiving and Christmas let us remember the struggles of our forefathers and our patriots. In spite of hardships they offered thanks to their Creator on that first Thanksgiving in 1635, and General George Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1776-1777 on bended knee in the snow, prayed for God's divine guidance and wisdom in a life and death struggle. Our country is facing difficult times and the Constitution is being challenged from within. We need look no further than the Houston City Council and its attack on religion and free speech. We too must seek wisdom and guidance from our Creator in these troubling times.

In 1831, Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville visited America and from this visit, he wrote in 2 volumes *Democracy in America*. The primary conclusion he came to, which includes a warning, follows: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers - and it was not there...in her fertile fields and boundless forests - and it was not there...in her rich mines and her vast world commerce - and it was not there...in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

God bless America, God bless the SAR, & God bless us all,

John Merritt, Chapter President

Happy
Thanksgiving

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Chapter Meetings

Tuesday at 6:30

November 25

January 26

March 22

May 24

July 26

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.

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A Raffle Drawing to Give Away a 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 November 25 Meeting

David McLeod, Vice President

Please join us on Tuesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Traditions Restaurant, as The Captain William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution welcomes TXSSAR President Dr. Bob Cohen.

Dr. Cohen will be giving us an update on TXSSAR's activities, framed under the theme, "Celebrate The Past, Strengthen The Present, Shape The Future". He will discuss the TXSSAR's goals, programs, issues, and challenges. Dr. Cohen will also field questions about the TXSSAR from our membership.

Dr. Bob Cohen, currently retired, worked almost forty years for the Texas A&M University System, mostly for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. During his employment, he travelled to many parts of Texas, and, although he has resided the most time in the Bryan/College Station area, he did live for six years in Lubbock, serving the Panhandle - South Plains area as a Swine Specialist.

He has served Texas SAR for two years as Co-Chairman of the State Reports Committee, three years as State Secretary and more recently as President Elect and now, President. He enjoys sports, woodworking, and music. He is married to Jane Watkins Cohen, a DAR member, for more than forty-five years. They live in College Station, Texas.

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We are proud to be presenting the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate to Mrs. Leta Porter at this meeting. The Martha Washington Medal was authorized in 1971 and may be given by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to the SAR. The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of

Martha Washington within the inscription "SAR Martha Washington Award".

For the past several years, Mrs. Porter has joined with Captain William Barron Chapter Chaplain Reverend Don Majors as they present patriotic programs to elementary schools in Tyler. Each Christmas and Valentine season she participates in joint SAR/DAR programs at the Watkins-Logan State Veterans Home in Tyler. Mrs. Porter has also supported numerous SAR Flag Retirement Ceremonies.

Mrs. Porter is a member of the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; the Richard Borden Chapter, Colonial Dames 17th Century; and Green Acres Baptist Church.

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We will also be presenting the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate to Mr. Hayes Caldwell. The SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was authorized in 1895 and recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community, or state.

Mr. Caldwell is the Executive Director of the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Caldwell began working for the zoo in 1963, at the age of 14, when he took on a job that paid him about a quarter a day to clean cages, mow grass, and stock the soda machine. The zoo started in the backyard of his uncle, David King Caldwell, with the only animals on hand being ducks, chickens, parrots, monkeys, and an alligator. The zoo now sits on 85 acres and has more than 3,000 animals. The zoo has been accredited since 1985 by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums as one of the country's top facilities of its kind.

Mr. Caldwell graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Park Administration in 1972 and soon took over the architectural plans to expand Caldwell Zoo in 1976.

The Final Inspection

The Soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, Soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the Soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you Soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell.'

'A veteran - whether active duty, retired,
served one hitch, or reserve,

is someone who,
at one point in his life,
wrote a blank check made
payable to

'The Government of
the United States of
America' for an amount
of 'up to and including
my life.'

That is Honor."

Author unknown



Merry Christmas!

Courtesy of Wall Builders

In America, Christmas is a fundamental part
of our national existence.



John Quincy Adams long ago affirmed:

'In the chain of human events,
the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked
with the birthday of the Savior.'



'The Declaration of Independence laid the
cornerstone of human government
upon the first precepts of Christianity.'

'We must continue to hold strongly to those
precepts that came into the world at the birth of
Christ - those precepts that our Founding Fathers
made an integral and indispensable part of
American Government.'



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Barron Chapter Historical Flag Collection

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

This flag, known as The Cowpens flag, or 3rd Maryland flag, flown January 17, 1781, is an early version of the United States flag. Like the Betsy Ross flag, the white stars are arranged in a circle on a blue field; but the circle consists of just 12 stars, with the 13th star in the center.



Donated by Mike Everheart.



The Guilford Courthouse flag is the name given to a North Carolina militia banner which was reported to have flown at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse (March 15, 1781, Greensboro, North Carolina). The flag is recognizable by the reverse colors normally seen on American flags: red and blue stripes in the field with eight-pointed blue stars on an elongated white canton.

Donated by Tom Nolen.

The 15 star - Star-Spangled Banner Flag, or the Great Garrison Flag, was the garrison flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore September 12, 1814. Seeing the flag during the battle inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry", which later became the national anthem of the United States.



Donated by Donald Boyd.



The 2015 annual dues notices have been sent out to all TXSSAR members. Captain Barron members, please renew your membership as soon as you receive your notice. The on line dues payment system has not been updated for 2015. You might check it periodically every couple of days to see if it has been updated. We encourage all our members to renew their membership prior to Dec. 31st, 2015. If you do not receive a dues notice card and cannot log on to the on line payment system, please notify me. I will be glad to assist you.

Mike Everheart

Tyler History...As reported in the Tyler Morning Telegraph

Sent along by Compatriot John Cole

1936: "Downtown business Men were meeting once a week at the Blackstone Hotel as part of the Koffee Klutch Club founded by Henry Bell, Sr., in 1932.

1937: Newspaper headlines March 19, 1937 reported 425 bodies had been taken from the debris of the New London School gas explosion.

1939: 150 families belonged to the Catholic Church in Tyler. Tyler Junior College enrollment was 287.

1940: Smith County population was 60,090. City of Tyler population was 28,279. Assessed property \$21.5 million."

Many things have changed since 1932...



...but the Koffee Klutch still meets once a week - on Wednesday at 8:00 am at Sweet Sue's. All are welcome.

Rifle Raffle

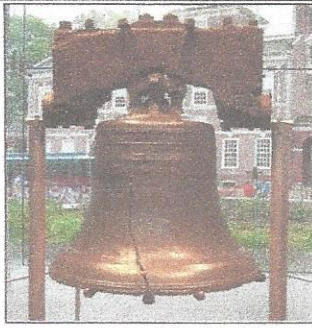
Attention Capt. Barron members. We will have our drawing for the two rifles at the start of our meeting on Thursday, Nov. 25th meeting at Traditions. If you have not purchased tickets as of yet, you might want to mail them off to me with your check a week prior to the meeting. If you wish to purchase additional tickets, let me know and I can meet you in Tyler prior to the meeting. Our membership has supported the chapter once again by purchasing raffle tickets. I certainly appreciate your support once again. God bless our membership and God bless America!!

Mike Everheart
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In Memoriam

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of Compatriot Andy Traylor of Palestine, in January 2014, and Compatriot Eugene Mallory of Mineola, in August 2014.

We regret that we had not learned of their passing until late September.



**The Captain William Barron Chapter (Tyler, Texas)
of the Sons of the American Revolution**

Presents

**An Invitation to Participate In a Patriotic Scholarship Contest
And Earn Thousands of \$\$'s in Scholarships!**

To be held on the evening of **January 27, 2015**, The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is an annual event that brings out the best in our competitors.

Each competitor gives an original oration of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. Notes and props may not be used in the presentation. A complete set of rules (http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest_Rules) governs the competition. A trio of anonymous SAR members will be judging the competition.

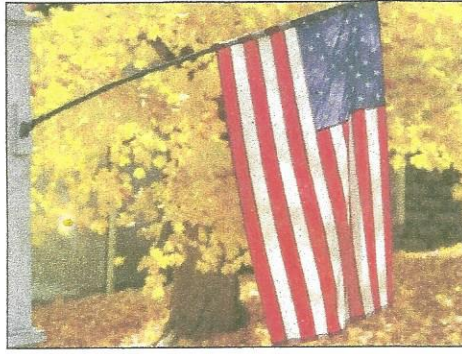
This contest is open to all students of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes (Grades 9-12) in the public, parochial, private and home schools within the jurisdiction of the Captain William Barron Chapter of Tyler, Texas. All of "East Texas" is within our jurisdiction. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2014-2015.

There is ample scholarship money awaiting a superior orator. Our Chapter's contest will award a total of **\$525** in scholarships (1st (\$300), 2nd (\$150), and 3rd (\$75)). (The evening's meal will also be provided to the contestant and one guest.) The 1st place winner of our Chapter's contest will compete at the Texas State SAR competition on 3/28/14 in Houston, TX (Scholarships of **\$3,700** will be awarded). The 1st place winner of the State's contest will compete at the National Society's Oration Contest on 6/27/15 in Louisville, KY (Scholarships of **\$7,500** will be awarded).

Last year, contestants from Lindale H.S., Whitehouse H.S., and John Tyler H.S. all took home cash scholarships. Logan Herrera of Lindale H.S. won the state competition and earned a \$2,500 scholarship!

Entry applications and manuscripts must be received by the Contest Chairman, Britton Lee, by January 13, 2015. Additional information is available at http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest. Please contact Britton at (903) 258-5435 with any questions.

Thank You!



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For Thousands of Dollars in Scholarships!**

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is for an original researched and proven topic written in English.

The topic of the essay shall deal with: an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

The essay must have a minimum of 800 words and a maximum of 1,200 words.

All submissions, and release forms, must be received by the Essay Contest Chairman, Jim Wimberly, by 12/31/14. A complete set of rules (http://www.sar.org/Youth/Knight_Essay_Rules) governs the competition. Completed essays can be mailed to:

Jim Wimberly
633 Westway South
Bullard, TX 75757

This contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 in the public, parochial, private and home schools within the jurisdiction of the Captain William Barron Chapter of Tyler, Texas. This includes all of what is commonly referred to as "East Texas".

The Captain William Barron Chapter will determine the winner of our Chapter's competition. A First Place winner will be named and awarded a **\$300** scholarship. A Second Place winner will be named and awarded a **\$100** scholarship.

Both winner's essay will be entered in the Texas State SAR's Essay Contest in February 2015 Additional Scholarships of **\$3,300** will be awarded.

The 1st place winner of the State's contest will compete in the National Society SAR's Essay Contest in March 2015. Additional Scholarships of **\$3,500** will be awarded. Additional information is available at http://www.sar.org/Youth/Knight_Essay or call Jim Wimberly, at (903) 825-7923.

Thank You!

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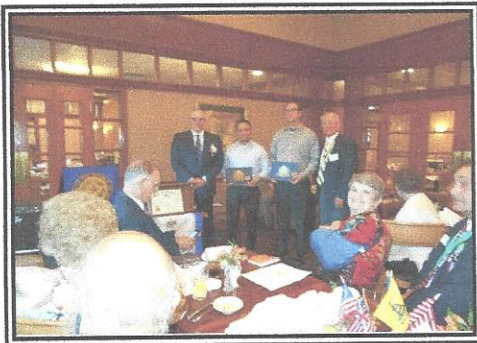
NSSAR Librarian General Bruce Pickette of the Alabama Society attended the recent South Central District meeting in Irving and visited with Anna and Stephen Lee. Bruce is a dual state member of

our very own Captain William Barron Chapter, having joined in memory of his brother. Bruce is doing an excellent job on the national level!

The Patriotic Flag Program was presented to the John Hogg Sr. Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at their Constitution Day ceremonies at Holly Lake. Pictured left to right: Vice



Regent Kathy Dyer, Britton, Anna and Stephen Lee, who presented the program and Chapter Regent Elaine Baxter.



Officer James Lozano and Officer Christopher Bell of Jacksonville TX Police Department presented with SAR Heroism Award by David McLeod and John Merritt.



John Merritt, David McLeod and Sam Hopkins join September program speaker Ann Chandler, Author of "Hanna's Story - Killough Massacre", which took place just south of Tyler, Texas.



The newly created SAR Distinguished Service Award for the men most helpful to the President, were presented by:

President Mathew Lee - Mike Everheart and Steve Lee
 President Tim West - Bob Davidson and David McLeod
 President Steve Lee - Matthew Lee

Left to right: Matthew Lee, Steve Lee, Bob Davidson, David McLeod, Tim West, Mike Everheart



Britton Lee, Matthew Lee, John Bolton, Matt Schaeffer (State Rep), Cliff Johnson, John Merritt, Stephen Lee, Dennis Brand

Dennis Brand, Stephen Lee, John Merritt, Gary Swindle (Police Chief), Cliff Johnson, Tim Johnson (Fire Chief), John Bolton, Matthew Lee, Britton Lee



Color Guard ceremony at Veterans Job Fair at Green Acres Baptist Church November 13, 2014



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Minutes – September 23, 2014 Captain William Barron Chapter 25 TXSSAR - S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Captain William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was held in the Piano Room of the Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. The meeting was jointly-held with the Piney Woods Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT). The meeting was called to order by Sam Hopkins at 6:30 p.m. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Tom McCall led the invocation.

The attendees pledged allegiance to the United States. The attendees pledged allegiance to the State of Texas. The members of the SAR recited the Salute to the SAR.

John Merritt (President, SAR) and Sam Hopkins (President, SRT) each welcomed those in attendance. John recognized a few notable guests who were in attendance, including Bob Davidson, Lois Davidson, Dennis Brand, Reta Brand, and Steve Lee. Sam recognized David Hanover and Buddy Power.

Sam recognized other notable men and women affiliated with the SRT. Sam briefed the audience on an SRT project to replace the historical marker in North Smith County for the Last Camp of the Texas Militia in the Cherokee War of 1839.

David McLeod, Officer James Lozano, and Officer Christopher Bell took the floor. David recounted the events of June 15, 2013, in which Officers Lozano and Bell risked their lives to save the lives of others. For these efforts, Officers Lozano and Bell were awarded the SAR Medal for Heroism. Officers Lozano and Bell spoke briefly and were roundly applauded.

Matthew Lee took the floor and awarded two SAR Distinguished Service Awards, one to Steve Lee and one to Mike Everheart. Tim West took the floor and awarded two SAR Distinguished Service Awards, one to Bob Davidson and one to David McLeod. Steve Lee took the floor and awarded an SAR Distinguished Service Award to Matthew Lee.

Ann Chandler, author of "Hannah's Story", took the floor. She spoke about her historical fiction novel

which follows fictional Hannah through the Killough Massacre, in Cherokee County, Texas, in 1838.

David McLeod (SAR) presented Ms. Chandler with a Certificate of Appreciation and a book on the American Revolution. Sam Hopkins (SRT) presented Ms. Chandler with a Certificate of Appreciation.

John Merritt took the floor and held a vote among SAR members as to a \$10 per year increase in chapter dues. The motion was raised, seconded, and approved with no dissent.

Tim West took the floor and announced that our autumn Flag Retirement Ceremony had been tentatively re-scheduled for Saturday, 11/1/14. A final decision on the date will be made soon.

The SAR members recited the SAR closing and Reverend Don Majors gave the benediction.

David McLeod, 1st Vice President

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Bank Balance at 10/19/14
\$8,091.76.

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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.

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SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org
State SAR www.txssar.org
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www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/