

## Captain Barron's Bugle

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

### The President's Message

Compatriots,

I recently watched a documentary about the 1963 Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Many things happened before, during, and after Dallas. Two patriotic acts, however, have caught my attention.

In the hours following the death of her husband, First Lady Jackie Kennedy arrived back to Love Field. On Air Force One, she was surprised to be met by Lyndon B. Johnson, and his wife, Lady Byrd. The Johnsons consoled the First Lady. LBJ then asked the First Lady if she would stand beside him as he took the Oath of the President of The United States. It was important to the incoming President for the world to witness the seamless transfer of power and for Kennedy supporters to accept him as the new President. In shock, and still wearing her blood-stained clothing, Jackie Kennedy agreed to LBJ's request for the good of the United States.

One week after JFK's death, President Johnson established the bi-partisan Warren Commission to investigate JFK's assassination. Acceptance of the Commission's report by the country as apolitical was paramount to the President. One problem: U.S. Senator Richard Russell, Jr. (D-Georgia), a strict segregationist, refused to talk to, or be in the same room as, Chief Justice Warren due to the former's distaste of the latter's judicial rulings. From Warren's side, the feeling was mutual. LBJ insisted that the integrity of the

Commission was at stake without both men. Russell and Warren tamped down their differences to join together, albeit uncomfortably, for the good of the country.

I don't have to tell you that in the United States today, emotions regarding politics and political issues are at a flashpoint. It can be argued, however, that it was worse in November, 1963.

Our nation needs the SAR. We matter because, in our own small way, we move this country forward through our promotion of patriotism. Need a challenge? Look for chances, in your everyday life, to promote the ideals that are the bedrock of our country. Need inspiration? Remember Jackie Kennedy and her grace under duress. Remember the men of the Warren Commission and their ability to put aside differences for the common good.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 28, at Traditions Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. for our General Member's Meeting. Come early to meet, greet, and eat. Let's increase our patriotism through fellowship and education.

As always, thank you for being a member of the Captain William Barron Chapter of the SAR.

Kind regards,

Dave McLeod, President

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



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**Chapter Meetings @ 6:30  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (Except November)  
at Traditions Restaurant,  
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler**

March 28, 2017

May 23, 2017

July 25, 2017

September 26

November 14-2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Arrive as early as 5:45 if you wish to socialize and/or eat dinner. Meeting begins at 6:30 and ends before 8:00.

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### New Chapter Members

We welcome two new compatriots to the Barron Chapter – Robby Leach of Tyler and West Young of Troup.



Both men were both admitted to membership on February 17, 2017, and will be inducted at the March Meeting.

## Barron Chapter Meeting

Britton Lee, Vice President

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The Captain William Barron chapter is proud to announce that our honorable Mayor Martin Heines will be our upcoming speaker for our next William Barron meeting.

Mayor Martin Heines is a Tyler native, a small business owner and property manager/investor. He earned a BBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985 and the MAI Appraisal designation from the Appraisal Institute in 2000. Heines has served two terms as Tyler City Councilman for District 4 before becoming Mayor in 2014.

Mayor Heines has lineage in several organizations and we look forward to hearing him speak to this great chapter!

We will also award officer Chase Williams with our heroism award for his heroic acts.

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### Essayists to Read Their Essays At March 28 Member's Meeting

Kate McLeod, our Chapter's Knight Essay Contest First Place Finisher, will read her essay "The Pen, The Press, and The American Revolution" to our audience during the March 28, 2017, General Membership Meeting.

Cullen Malone, our Chapter's Knight Essay Contest Second Place Finisher, will read his essay "George Washington – The Precedent for the Presidency."

Both students worked hard on these essays. Please join them at our meeting on Tuesday, March 28, to hear these two exemplary students read their essays.

## "The Whites of Their Eyes"

A framed print of the painting "The Whites of Their Eyes" by Artist Ken Riley, has been donated to the Barron Chapter by Mrs. Larry Ashburn.

Image: 8" x 10"

Frame: 13" x 16" – 1-1/4" wide

This print will be auctioned at the March 28 meeting. The original oil painting which portrays the Battle of Bunker Hill, is at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. The image may be seen with a Google search:

*"The Whites of Their Eyes –  
John F. Kennedy Presidential  
Library"*

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March 1, 1781

### Ratification of the Articles of Confederation by all 13 states

The Continental Congress adopted the **Articles of Confederation**, the first constitution of the United States, on November 15, 1777.

However, ratification of the **Articles of Confederation** by all thirteen states did not occur until March 1, 1781.



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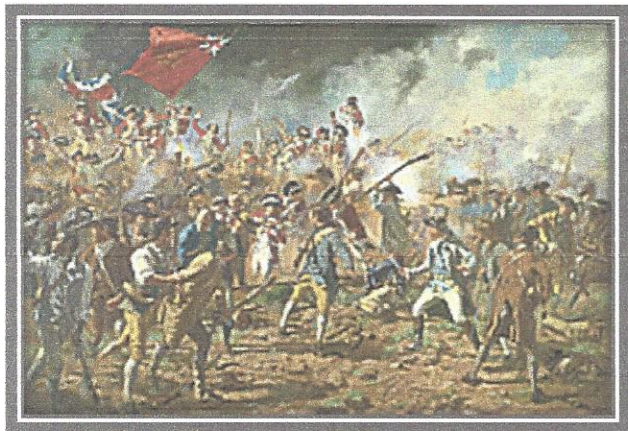
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## From Defeat to Victory

W. Reed Burdette

*"From Defeat To Victory" was the winning entry in our Eagle Scout Essay Contest earlier this year.*

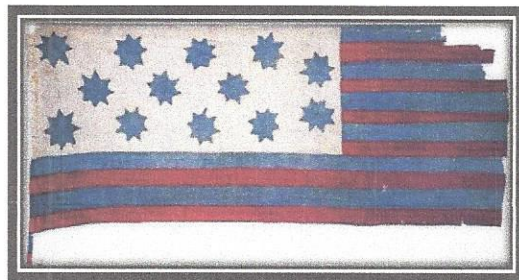
Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord, Trenton—these are some of the most well-known battles of the Revolutionary War. According to [www.revolutionary-war.net](http://www.revolutionary-war.net), over 40 major battles, not to mention the hundreds of other military engagements, occurred from 1775-1783. Many Americans do not know the significance of one lesser known battle that was lost by the patriots but still led to the most important victory in the Revolutionary War. Following the American victory at the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781, American generals Daniel Morgan and Nathanael Greene retreated to Virginia. British general Lord Cornwallis made a desperate attempt to capture the Americans, but Greene and Morgan joined forces and marched diagonally across North Carolina. General Cornwallis followed closely behind the Americans. However, the Americans crossed the Dan River and took a very strong position near Guilford Courthouse. Cornwallis attacked the Americans who defended gallantly before General Greene ordered a retreat.



March 15, 1781  
Battle of Guilford Courthouse  
by Don Troiani

The British won the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, but their loss of lives was so great that another victory of the same kind would have destroyed the British army. The casualties that Cornwallis procured at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse were the final straw in a series of setbacks. Historian Russell Yost states, "Technically a British victory, [Battle of Guilford Courthouse] caused Cornwallis to begin his retreat to Yorktown." ([www.thehistoryjunkie.com](http://www.thehistoryjunkie.com)). Even though the British

won the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, it was still one of the most important battles in the revolution that would lead to the overall victory for the Americans. Cornwallis lost over a third of his forces and he could not afford to lose any more of his troops.



Guilford Courthouse Flag  
Now in collection of North Carolina Museum of History

Cornwallis abandoned the Carolinas and retreated to Virginia, where the Battle of Yorktown would take place. The Americans trapped the British at Yorktown, forcing General Cornwallis to surrender to George Washington. The British surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, ending the American Revolutionary War. The Battle of Guilford Courthouse is also significant to me personally since my ancestor, Nathan Dobbs, fought in this battle. Nathan Dobbs enlisted into the Continental Army in May of 1780 and fought under Colonel William Washington. Genealogy.com took the following information from The Lineage Book, DAR Volume 36: "Nathan Dobbs was at the battle of Camden. He served in the Light Dragoons. . . and was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Yorktown." After further researching my family tree, I discovered that Nathan Dobbs was my maternal great-great-great-great grandfather, and he also served in an entanglement at Rudgeley's Bridge in the Battle of Camden. It is exciting to know that I am a direct descendent of someone who was also at the surrender of Cornwallis in the most important battle of the American Revolutionary War, the Battle of Yorktown. Even though the battle of Guilford Courthouse is not one of the biggest or most well-known battles in the Revolution, the American loss at Guilford Courthouse ended up being a very significant turning point in the war since it led to the surrender of the British and victory for the Americans in their fight for independence. Only a few short weeks after Pearl Harbor, Winston Churchill made this memorable quote: "As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us." Even though this statement was not concerning the Revolution, it very much applies to the American Revolutionary War and the will to win that our patriots embraced.

**The United States**

Davidson, Editor

... Continuing with our series of the preambles for the founding documents of the individual states ...



**Virginia 1776**, A Declaration of Rights, Section XVI - That Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by Reason...and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian Forbearance, Love and Charity towards each other. *The Declaration of Rights is included as Article I of the current constitution.*

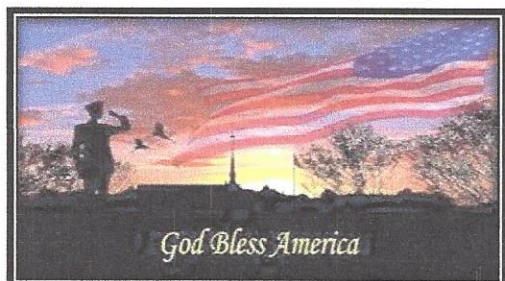
**Washington 1889**, Preamble  
We the People of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution...

**West Virginia 1872**, Preamble  
Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God...

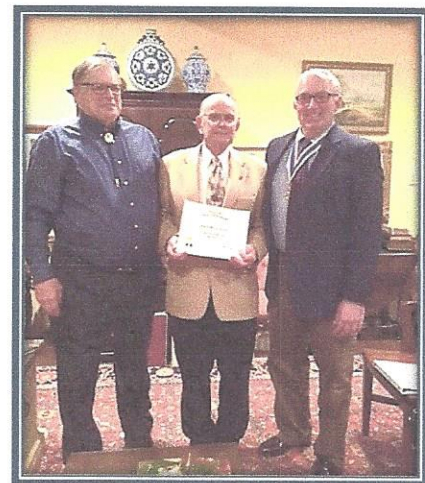
**Wisconsin 1848**, Preamble  
We, the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, domestic tranquility...

**Wyoming 1890**, Preamble  
We, the people of the State of Wyoming, grateful to God for our civil, political, and religious liberties, establish this Constitution...

*After reviewing acknowledgments of God from all 50 state constitutions, one is faced with the prospect that maybe, the ACLU and the out-of-control federal courts are wrong! (Please note that at no time is anyone told that they MUST worship God.)*



Naturalization Ceremony with Federal Magistrate John Love at the Federal Courthouse



Lynn Holliman, Charles Alworth, and President Dave McLeod  
Compatriot Charles Alworth inducted at his home on February 3, 2017



DAR "Good Citizen" Award winners from nine area schools.  
Area winner was a senior from Robert E. Lee.  
SAR State Oration winner, Triston Ferguson, presented his speech.

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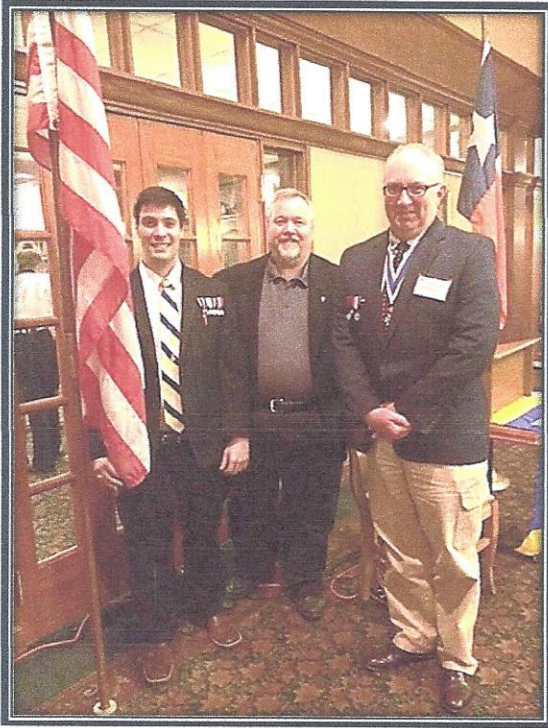
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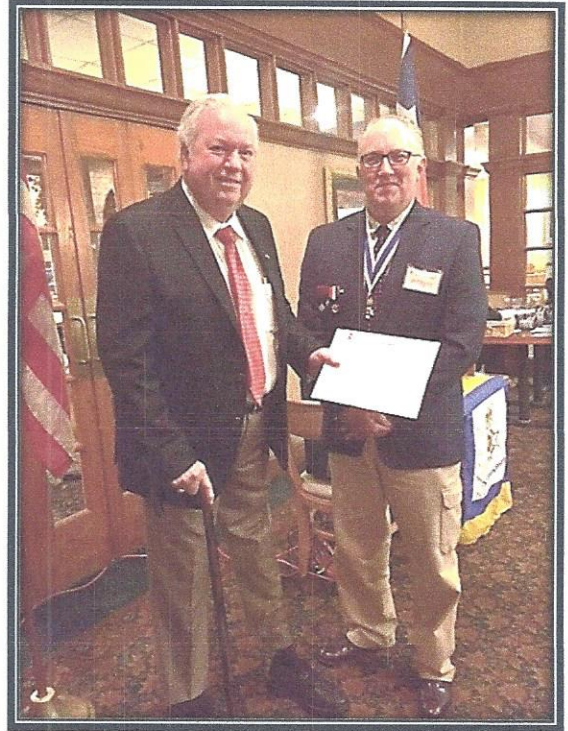
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Vice President Britton Lee, UT Tyler Professor Dr. James Newsom, and President Dave McLeod.



Newly inducted member Rob Jones and President Dave McLeod



President Dave McLeod, Tim West, and Vice-President Britton Lee



President Dave McLeod, Reed Burdette, and Vice-President Britton Lee

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### Minutes – January 24, 2017 Captain William Barron Chapter, S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of the membership of Captain William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Sixteen members and thirty guests were present. After dinner, President Dave McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Matthew Lee gave the invocation, Sam Kidd led the pledge to the American flag, Craig Mattingly led the pledge to the Texas flag and Dave led the S.A.R. Salute. Dave then asked all current and past officers of local chapters of lineage societies to stand and be recognized.

The minutes of the November 15 Barron Chapter meeting, which were published in the "Bugle", were approved without change.

New member Rob Jones was inducted into membership in Captain Barron Chapter and was presented with his certificate and rosette pin by President McLeod. Tim P. West was given the S.A.R. Liberty Award by Britton Lee in recognition of him recruiting ten new members.

The S.A.R. Eagle Scout Essay Award and a \$100 check were given by Britton to Reed Burdette, who then read his essay about the Battle of Guilford Courthouse to the audience.

Jim Wimberly and Dennis Brand displayed the recently completed bronze bust of Bobby Davidson and briefly discussed his legacy. Bobby's widow Lois thanked the Chapter for honoring Bob. She gave a new copy of one of Bob's favorite books, "The American Patriot's Bible" to Jim for his financial support and to Bill Hughes for sculpting the bust.

East Texas Color Guard Commander Matthew Lee told of recent and upcoming Color Guard activities. S.C.V. officer Dennis Brand invited everyone to the Confederate Flag Day celebration at Camp Ford on Saturday, March 4. Johnnie Holley told about "Texas Heroes Act" which is pending legislation that would protect historical monuments and named items.

Britton Lee introduced Dr. James Newsom of U.T. Tyler, who gave a great program about some of the legislative

action, including the "Intolerable Acts" and "Suffolk Resolves", taken by the English Parliament and Colonists that eventually spurred Patrick Henry and the American Colonists to revolt. After his talk, Britton presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Newsom.

There being no further business, Dave led the S.A.R. Recessional, Matthew Lee led everyone in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Sam Kidd*, Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance March 2017 \$7,390.18.

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Barron Membership – 85

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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](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/)

*May God Smile  
On You Today*