

## Captain Barron's Bugle

Newsletter of Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25, Tyler, Texas  
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### The President's Message

Compatriots,

May, 2017 is National Military Appreciation Month. A large part of the membership of our Captain Barron Chapter is made up of Veterans. On behalf of our chapter, "Thank You" for your service. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

In our chapter, I like to say that we have three goals:

- 1) To enhance and promote patriotism and the love of history within our chapter through education and brotherhood (meetings);
- 2) To enhance and promote patriotism and the love of history within our local community; and
- 3) To honor our local heroes.

I have been asked twice in the last couple of weeks this question: "How exactly can we promote patriotism and the love of history within our local community?" The SAR has done a great job of listing the core ways that a chapter, through its members, can promote patriotism and the love of history within their local community.

They are:

- Elementary School Poster Contest
- Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Essay Contest
- Eagle Scout Contest
- High School Essay Contest
- ROTC/JROTC Programs
- High School Oration Contest
- Visiting Veterans in local VA Hospitals
- Honoring Exemplary High School Students
- United States Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop

- Provide framed facsimiles of The Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence for public buildings, bus stations, schools, libraries, police stations, and fire stations.
- Dedicate SAR bronze grave markers for Compatriots and/or Revolutionary Veterans
- Furnish speakers to other lineage organizations, schools, assisted living homes, youth groups, etc.
- Participate in new citizen swearing-in ceremonies
- Presenting SAR War Service Medals to fellow Compatriots
- Attending the funerals of Veterans and Active Duty Soldiers in our area

Our chapter is very active with many of these outreach activities ... and then others we don't do at all. Most of these activities take very little time and no money.

If, in your heart, you've always wanted to speak on one of your favorite American Revolutionary topics, then, by all means, please come forward. If teaching young children about our American History through a poster contest speaks to you, then please come forward. If seeking out the graves of Revolutionary Veterans here in East Texas to be honored is your cup-of-tea, then please come forward.

If you would like to become more involved, then I would like to help you. Those of us who are involved meet for lunch every even-numbered month on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Please join us. It is richly rewarding and a great way to get to know your fellow members on a personal level. If you are so inclined, email me for details.

Thank you for being a member of the Captain William Barron Chapter of the SAR. We appreciate you.

Kind Regards,

Dave McLeod, President

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

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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#### Chapter Name Badges

Name Badges for members and their spouses are at the table as you come through the door into the meeting room. If there is not a name badge for you or for your spouse, please give the information to Jim Wimberly at the table, and badges will be ready at the next meeting.

### Barron Chapter Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, as Compatriot Bill Sekel, President of the Athens Chapter TXSSAR, presents "Samuel Nicholas and the Continental Marines."

Samuel Nicholas was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1744. He was the first officer commissioned in the United States Continental Marines (predecessor to the United States Marine Corps) and by tradition is considered to be the first Commandant of the Marine Corps.

We look forward to this presentation. Please arrive early to Traditions Restaurant (Tyler, TX) to eat, meet, and greet. Our meeting will formally begin at 6:30 p.m. Thank you!

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#### New Chapter Members

We welcome five new compatriots to the Barron Chapter – admitted to membership as shown.

Michael Johnson-Tyler TX	3/10/2017
Travis Johnson-Ingleside TX	3/10/2017
Daniel Calderone-Hutto TX	3/31/2017
Zachary Bass-Tyler TX	4/21/17
William Elmer-Tyler TX	4/21/17

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#### *In Memoriam*

With much sadness we inform you of the passing of June Everheart, wife of Compatriot Mike Everheart, Past President of Captain William Barron Chapter.

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#### *In Memoriam*

With much sadness we inform you of the passing of Steve and Anna Lee. Steve Lee was a Past President of Captain William Barron Chapter.

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### The Bugle

If you are not currently receiving The Bugle by email and would prefer to receive it by email, rather than by US mail, please notify the Editor at graycirce@gmail.com

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#### Ladies Auxiliary – LATXSSAR

Membership in LATXSSAR is open to those ladies who are legally related to a Sons of the American Revolution member in good standing; that is, wives, mothers, grandmothers, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces, aunts, granddaughters, etc. The dues are only \$5.00 a year.

The main work of this group is done at the state level. However, if the ladies of the Barron Chapter would like to become a group, please contact Lois Davidson at graycirce@gmail.com

The Newsletter web address is:  
file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/NewsletterSpring2017.pdf

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## Significance of the Culper Spy Ring

Saaleha Mohiuddin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Elkhart High School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Knight Essay Contest

In 1775, during the Second Continental Congress, George Washington was appointed as Commander-in-Chief and Major General of the Continental Army (The Revolutionary War, n.d.). This was after the Battle of Lexington and Concord during the American Revolution at a time when the dispute between the North American colonies and the British had heightened to armed conflict. It is said that Washington was the best possible choice as general for several reasons. For one, he did not face any serious competition for the position, but he also had plenty of military experience and because of his charisma and prestige he was the perfect man for the job. On the other hand, George Washington was not necessarily qualified or trained in how to fight a war in the open-field style of battle against Great Britain, the world's most powerful nation at the time; however, he was determined and smart enough to keep one step ahead of the enemy (George Washington, n.d.). The result was a secret intelligence network called the Culper Spy Ring. By gathering information, creating codes and methods to hide messages and letters, and getting the information to Washington so that he could create better war plans, the Culper Spy Ring is one of the most influential innovations leading up to the defeat of Britain.

In 1778, a cavalry officer named Benjamin Tallmadge created a small group of trustworthy people to track every movement that the British troops made. Tallmadge was to take any necessary precautions to make sure that the Ring remained secret; in fact, Washington did not even know who was part of the ring. The Culper Gang consisted of Robert Townsend, Abraham Woodhull, Austin Roe, Anna Strong, and Caleb Brewster; the code name for the gang was Samuel Culper (The Culper Gang, n.d.). There were many ways that the Culper Ring gathered information. Robert Townsend was a reporter for an American newspaper and the owner of a small dry goods store. As a reporter, Townsend was able to easily talk to British soldiers at various society gatherings. He became the ring's primary source in New York after Woodhull, who lived in constant anxiety of being discovered, recruited him (The Culper Spy Ring, 2010). Townsend's sister, Sally, also helped gather intelligence by flirting with British soldiers (Sally Townsend, 2016). Anna Strong used her laundry to aid the spy ring. She would hang up a black petticoat on her clothesline to tell the other members of the ring that Caleb Brewster had arrived in town, and the number of white handkerchiefs that were hanging on the line indicated in which of the six coves Brewster was hiding in (Allen, T.B. and Harness, C., 2004). Brewster's job was to get the messages back and forth between Townsend and Tallmadge, and then Tallmadge would get the letters to Washington. Last but not least, Austin Roe was a tavern keeper and he acted as a courier for the Culper Ring by traveling to Townsend's store to give him a message from Tallmadge under the cover of buying supplies for his tavern.



Each member of the gang had a code name that they went by. For example, Robert Townsend went by the name Culper Junior, Abraham Woodhull was called Culper Senior, and Tallmadge's code name was John Bolton. Additionally, after an incident where Tallmadge was raided, and his secret papers and a letter from Washington were stolen, Tallmadge started using invisible ink and codes (The Culper Gang, n.d.). He invented a numerical code system to identify important places and people. For example, the number seven hundred and eleven indicated George Washington; in all, seven hundred and sixty-three numbers were used. Tallmadge made four copies of his code, and gave one each to Woodhull, Townsend, and Washington. As for the invisible ink, George Washington got help from Sir James Jay, a British doctor. Jay's invisible ink was made of two chemicals, neither of which would reappear when heated like lemon juice does. Jay would use one chemical to write a letter, and then brush the second chemical across the paper to make the message visible (Allen, T.B. and Harness, C., 2004).

The Culper gang created an elaborate plan on how they would get the information to Washington. Austin Roe would ride from Setauket, Long Island first and stop by Townsend's store to buy food, and put in a request in writing from a John Bolton (code name for Tallmadge). After Roe would leave with his requested goods, Townsend would run out back to a little room near his store and read Tallmadge's letter and write his answer (Williams, V., n.d.). Roe then would show up later at Townsend's room and hide the letter in his packages to take it back. On his way back to Setauket, Roe would hide the letter on Abraham Woodhull's field where Woodhull would retrieve it and notify Anna Strong. Strong's job was to know if Caleb Brewster had arrived in town and to hang up her black petticoats and handkerchiefs to indicate where Brewster was hiding. When night fell, Woodhull would sneak to the coves and give Brewster the message. Brewster would then row back across Long Island Sound to Connecticut where Tallmadge would be waiting for the letters; the letters then were passed along by a series of riders until they reached Washington (The Culper Gang, n.d.). This plan worked well most of the time, but its complexity sometimes caused problems, like when Tallmadge got raided on the way to his drop-off point.

Without the Culper spy ring, it is highly unlikely that the Continental Army would have won the Revolutionary War. By the end of 1776, the war was not going well for Washington, especially after Nathan Hale, a famous patriot and spy, got captured and hung by the enemy. The Culper's changed the tide around for the Americans by spying on the British troops and helping Washington to create better war plans. By making complicated codes and elaborate schemes, they were able to get information around in secrecy and had many achievements. They managed to save the Franco-American alliance by warning Washington of Great Britain's plans to ambush the French who had arrived in Rhode Island (The Culper Spy Ring, 2010). The Culper ring was also credited with exposing Benedict Arnold, an early American hero who later became one of the most infamous traitors in United States history after he switched sides and started fighting for the British. Additionally, they uncovered a British plot to produce counterfeit American currency to cause financial turmoil (McConnell, R, 2014). In the end, George Washington could not have won the war for America's independence without the Culper spy ring, and that makes them one of the most significant group of people in American history.

### Memorial Day May 29, 2017

#### Dear Ancestor

Your tombstone stands among the rest,  
neglected and alone.  
The name and date are chiseled out  
On polished marble stone.  
It reaches out to all who care  
It is too late to mourn.



You did not know that I exist.  
You died and I was born.  
Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh and blood and bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse,  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left,  
Who would have loved you so.  
I wonder how you lived and loved.  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot  
And come to visit you.

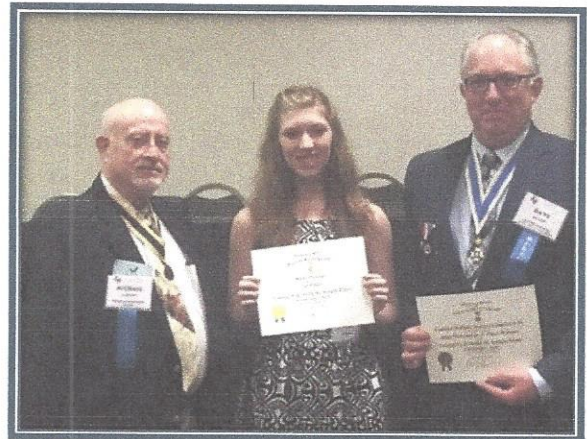
*By Walter Butler Palmer  
1868-1932*

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### National Military Appreciation Month



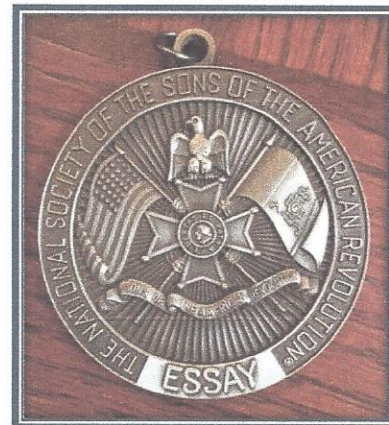
National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom.



Mike Radcliff, Kate McLeod, and David McLeod at 122nd Annual TXSSAR Convention in San Antonio



Kate McLeod, recipient of TXSSAR Knight Essay State Champion Certificate and \$2,500 College voucher



TXSSAR State championship medal received by Kate McLeod

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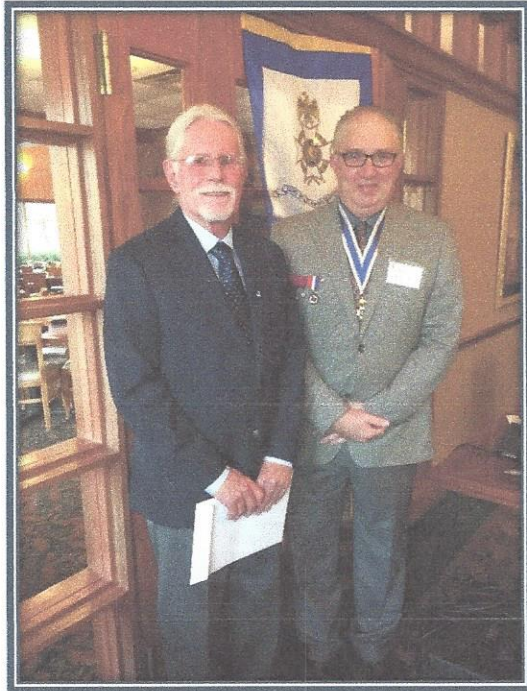
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Compatriot Mike Johnson and President Dave McLeod at Mike Johnson's new member induction ceremony on March 28, 2017.



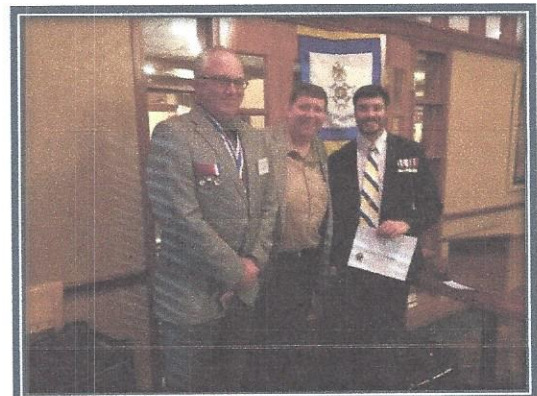
President Dave McLeod, Arp High School Senior Jacob Birdsong, and Compatriot Sam Fechenbach. Jacob Birdsong was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for High School Students.



President Dave McLeod, Whitehouse High School Junior Kate McLeod, Compatriot Jim Wimberly, and Compatriot Marvin Massey on 3/28/17. Kate won the Capt. Barron Chapter Essay Contest, and then went on to win the TXSSAR State Essay Contest.



Susan Newman, Leta Porter, Paula Warren, Britton Lee, Matthew Lee, Judge Nicole Mitchell, Anna Lee, Steve Lee, Mary Tyler Chapter, DAR, and The Captain William Barron Color Guard, SAR, welcomed new citizens during Naturalization Ceremonies at the Tyler Federal Courthouse.



President Dave McLeod, Compatriot Michael Hurley, and Vice-President Britton Lee on 3/28/17. Michael was our Chapter's Featured Speaker and spoke on "Leadership Lessons from George Washington".

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### Minutes – March 28, 2017 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 S.A.R. TXSSAR

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Captain William Barron Chapter S.A.R. was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Approximately eighteen members and twenty-eight guests were present. After dinner, President Dave McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chapter Chaplin Don Majors gave the invocation, Sam Hopkins led the pledge to the U.S. flag, Dennis Brand led the pledge to the Texas flag and Dave led the S.A.R. Salute. The present and past officers of other lineage organizations were recognized and several guests were also recognized. Minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved as printed.

A new member, Michael Johnson, was inducted into Barron Chapter, after which Michael told a little about his patriot ancestor, who fought at King's Mountain.

Dave announced that Kate McLeod, a junior at Whitehouse High School, had won the Barron and TXSSAR Essay Contests and that her essay has been forwarded for entry in the national contest. Kate then read her patriotic essay, "The Pen, the Press and the American Revolution", which discussed the role of independently printed fliers in keeping the colonies informed about the fight for freedom.

Sam Fechenbach introduced Jacob Birdsong, a senior at Arp High School, and presented him with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. Sam listed numerous awards and accomplishments Jacob has achieved. He plans to pursue a medical degree and was recently offered a scholarship to Baylor.

A well-known Revolutionary War print, "The Whites of Their Eyes", was recently donated to Barron Chapter by the widow of Larry Ashburn, a past chapter president. An auction was held and Mike Everheart purchased the print for \$65, proceeds going to the chapter.

Matthew Lee gave an update of recent and planned Color Guard activity and invited other members to join.

Britton Lee introduced compatriot Michael Hurley, who presented the evening's program, an inspirational

discussion of George Washington and leadership lessons that he has taught us. After the program, Britton presented Michael with a Certificate of Appreciation.

There being no other business, the S.A.R. Recessional was recited and Don Majors said the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

*Sam Kidd*, Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance - May 2017 \$8,178.02

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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/~txwbcars/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcars/)

*May God Smile  
On You Today*