Sons of the American Revolution







Captain Barron's Bugle

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

The President's Message

Compatriots,

I hope you had a pleasant Independence Day holiday.

There are lessons in all experiences, including revolutions and wars. The American Revolution is a treasure trove of wisdom.

The first lesson: Talk out your differences.

It may surprise you that, right up until the American Revolutionary War broke out, most colonists considered the relationship between Britain and her American colonies to be mutually beneficial. In early 1775, Thomas Jefferson, who would later help author the Declaration of Independence, said that he would "rather be in dependence on Great Britain, properly limited, than on any nation on earth, or than on no nation."

In the wake of the Seven Years War with France, Britain racked up enormous debts and looked to the American colonies to help pay for the war. When the colonists bucked at paying the increased taxes, the British Parliament refused to attempt to talk it out. Instead, they passed oppressive measures to force the Colonists to pay. Eventually, this failure at diplomacy and negotiation resulted in shots being fired between British troops and the Colonial Militia at Lexington and Concord.

The second lesson: Realize that failures do not have to be final.

Given General George Washington's ultimate success during the Revolution, it's important to consider that he lost more battles than he won throughout his military career. The Battles of Fort Necessity, Monongahela, Long Island, White Plains, Fort Washington, Brandywine, and Germantown were all battles that Washington either directly led or played an important role in ... and in each of these battles Washington's forces were defeated. Washington's ability to recover from his losses and learn from his strategic mistakes paid huge dividends when he led his forces to victory in the Revolution's most important battles.

The third lesson: Don't be afraid to get creative in your pursuit of success.

After several months of substantial defeats for Washington's army (including the loss of New York City), General Washington needed a miracle. At 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Day, 1776, Washington and 2,400 of his soldiers crossed the half-frozen Delaware River. The next morning, at 8:00 a.m., Washington and his men descended upon the Hessians (German soldiers hired by the British) in Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians were groggy from the prior evening's festivities. One thousand Hessians were captured. This victory boosted the morale of the American forces, led to increased military enrollment, and solidified support for the American causes in the Colonies.

Please join me at our next Capt. Barron Chapter Member's Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler. We've got an outstanding meeting arranged for you. Let's improve our Patriotism together.

Kind Regards,

Dave McLeod

President, Capt. William Barron Chapter

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Chapter Meetings @ 6:30 4th Tuesday (*Except November*)

at Traditions Restaurant, 6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

July 25, 2017 September 26 November 14-2nd 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.

* * * * * The Bugle

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District 10 Vice President

With the untimely passing of Compatriot Steve Lee, Compatriot William Sekel of Athens has been elected as District 10 Vice President to fill the unexpired term.

Barron Chapter Meeting

Britton Lee, Vice President

Our speaker for the July 25th meeting will be Buddy Holland. Buddy's topic will be "Miracles during the Revolution and the forgotten men and women".

Buddy Holland has been the Minister of Recreation/Sports at Green Acres Baptist Church since 1995. He also oversees three different recreation campuses for Green Acres Baptist Church. In addition, Pastor Holland represents Tyler in a city partnership with Oujing, China.

Pastor Holland's hometown is Mobile, Alabama. He holds an under graduate BS from University of Alabama 1976; Graduate MRE (Master of religious education) 1979. He has served churches in Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Buddy Holland is age 62, and has been married to Linda for 41 years, with 3 boys, 2 dogs and 2 grand dogs.

Hobbies are snow skiing, hiking, fishing, shooting, and collecting Native American artifacts.

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!

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal

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Our award recipient will be fire fighter of the year Damon Darty. This award is presented to an individual of any rank below a Chief Officer, excluding Junior Fire Fighters, who best exemplifies the positive characteristics of a member of the fire service and who has a notable record of service and achievements.

Although not an award for heroism, this award is presented to individuals who have given selflessly of themselves in support of the department, the fire service in general, and the community.

SAR Store



Visit the SAR Store for SAR-themed apparel, crafts, and gifts.

Their website is https://store.sar.org/

New Chapter Member

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We welcome a new compatriot to the Barron Chapter – admitted to membership as shown.

Louie Adams-Murchison TX 6/9/2017



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History of Captain William Barron

William Barron, Sr. was born in Waterford County, Ireland circa 1740 and married Prudance Davis there circa 1760. Six years later William, Prudance and several children came to America and settled in Warren County, Georgia.

William Barron, Sr. served as a Captain in the Georgia Army during the American Revolution. In 1781, during the siege of Augusta he was wounded and fell into the hands of the Tories. They lured the Indians to behead him. The Tories then put his head, as a trophy of war, on a pole and placed it in the center of Augusta where it remained for three weeks until the Whigs regained control of the town and took it down.

Descendants of William Barron, Sr. were in Smith County, Texas prior to the War Between the States.

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



241st Anniversary United States of America July 1776–July 2017



Spirit of 1776

Bu Archibald MacNeal Willard

Willard's most famous work is The Spirit of '76

(previously known as Yankee Doodle) which was exhibited and widely seen in 1876 at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The original is displayed in Abbot Hall, Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Several later variations painted by Willard have been exhibited around the country (including in the United States Department of State). Of note, he used his father, Samuel Willard, as the model for the middle character of the painting. Willard developed the painting from a sketch, which included three men dancing and singing. Wikipedia



50th Anniversary Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25 July 1967 – July 2017

History of Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25

Join us at Traditions on July 25 as we celebrate our Chapter 50th Anniversary!

The first regular meeting of the proposed Tyler Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held in the library of the Wilson, Miller, Spivey and Steger law firm, Peoples Bank Building at Tyler, Texas, on Wednesday, July 12, 1967, being convened at 4:30 o'clock There were fourteen charter members and included two of the descendants of William Barron: Eugene Earl Barron and Kenneth Ray Barron. We believe the other twelve charter members were Henri Bentley, Philip Dibert, John Glass, Bill Hughes, John Hughes, Emmett Hunter, Charles McKnight, William Miller, Clarence Howard Pollan, Elmer Reynolds, and Thomas Shelby.

Each member was assessed \$10.00 for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter installation program at the Blackstone Hotel the ensuing Friday evening, July 14, 1967.

Three days after that first meeting the Board of Managers of the Texas State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution granted the application to form a chapter to be located in Tyler and a charter was issued to the Captain William Barron Chapter on July 14, 1967.

The first annual meeting of the Captain William Barron Chapter was held in the library of the Wilson, Miller, Spivey and Steger law firm on Thursday, December 14, 1967. Nine members were present and they elected officers for the year 1968. The chapter was organized with fourteen members, had increased its membership to twenty in 1971, had 74 members in 2007 and currently has 91 members.

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George Washington -The Precedent for The Presidency

Cullen Malone, 9th grade, Home Schooled 2nd Place – Knight Essay Contest

Everyone has heard George Washington referred to as the father of our country. Buy why is he called the father of our country? The image "father" brings to mind is that of a man with strong moral character, a leader, a disciplinarian, a protector and provider. George Washington was all of these things and more for the United States in the early years. The people were in need of a leader such as Mr. Washington and he understood the responsibility that was placed on his shoulders.

Born in colonial America, George Washington was raised with strong morals and values. He was a diligent student. George Washington persevered through a difficult childhood, which prepared him for the challenges he would face later in life. As an adult, he was an accomplished soldier, a resourceful farmer, a scrupulous General and an honest and trustworthy President. American history was molded by the godly actions of George Washington. Truly a great man, George Washington's brave actions as a soldier and selfless servant attitude affirmed he was the perfect choice as the first leader of the United States of George Washington did not seek the office of President, in fact, he did not even hang around for the election. He believed his duty had been fulfilled and returned to his home on the farm where he was notified of the results of the election. America's founding father, George Washington paved the way for the future of our great republic with his humility and belief in service.

The descendent of ministers and military men, George Washington was born February 22, 1732 in Virginia and trained up to be a moral and diligent man. The childhood home of George Washington was on a tobacco farm known as Mount Vernon. They had no indoor closets in his home, and the bathroom was outside in a special building called a privy. His father died unexpectedly when George was just 11 years old. George and his mother then moved away from the majestic Mount Vernon because Lawrence, who was George's older brother, took over the plantation. After the death of his father and move from Mount Vernon, George Washington was educated at home by his mother. At the age of 13 George Washington copied the beneficial rules of civility, likely as a method of education in handwriting and as well as a reminder of morals. As a youth George Washington desired to become a member of the incredibly skilled King's military. He was a loyal citizen even at a young age. He wanted to be a sailor in the Royal Nary but was denied that opportunity by his mother. By the age of 16, he used his father's tools and became a surveyor because he needed to help support his mother. He worked diligently surveying with his brother and proved himself. George Washington was trained from childhood to observe moral virtues and be an honest, hardworking, self-sacrificing and trustworthy man.

George Washington led an exciting, adult life as a hard-working tobacco farmer, prayerful patriot, superior general and

ultimately served as the first President of the United States. An admirable family man, George sincerely loved his mother and brother then later his wife and stepchildren. George Washington's faith in God was very important to him. While in the military, he stood out as a Christian military leader and role model for his troops. The soldiers who were fortunate enough to be under the command of George Washington learned much from watching him. The soldiers were taught discipline and faith. Evidently it was the custom of George Washington to pray in *Fort Necessity*, because he was often observed by his troops reverently kneeling in prayer. Despite obstacles such as the harsh cold winter at Valley Forge, George Washington, sustained by his faith, courageously led his troops into battles and perilous conditions. Victory resulted.



A successful military leader, George Washington was chosen as the first President of United States of America at the age of 57, a perfect choice to be Commander in Chief. After serving eight years as President he retired to Mount Vernon where he died two years later at the age of 67. A devout Christian, George Washington served his country adeptly as an admirable citizen, soldier, general and president.

The election that decided the first president of the United States was notably the only unanimous one in the 240-year history of the United States of America since the signing of the George Washington was Declaration of Independence. humble and did not desire to take on the burden of setting the precedent for this new country. He knew that he would be making choices and decisions that would be copied and mimicked for years to come. He is quoted as having said, "I walk on untrodden ground. There is scarcely any part of my conduct which may not hereafter be drawn into precedent." This quote shows the seriousness which George Washington demonstrated as he prepared to take the office of President of the United States. There were no rules or guidelines for a President. There were no understood requirements or duties to perform as the United States chief officer. There was no frame of reference to guide a new leader. George Washington bravely blazed new trails and courageously paved the way for the future. In The Real George Washington, the authors describe the overwhelming job description that George Washington was to take on: "He was to take the reins of an unorganized military force to fight an undeclared war on behalf of a nation that did not yet exist."

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Induction of Three Members at May 23, 2017 Meeting



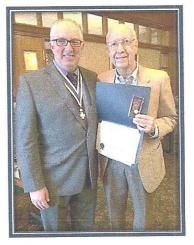
President Dave McLeod, Scott Bowden, Compatriot Dennis Brand



President Dave McLeod and Robby Leach



President Dave McLeod, Travis Johnson, Compatriot Mike Johnson



President Dave McLeod presented Distinguished Service Medal to Compatriot Marvin Massey for his great and loyal work as our Chapter's Treasurer



Compatriot Dennis Brand presented SAR JROTC Award to John Tyler High School C/CPT Pedro Gaona



President Dave McLeod presented Certificate of Appreciation to Chairman Dennis Brand of the SAR JROTC Medal program



Bill Sekel, President of the Athens Chapter, and Dave McLeod, President of the Capt. William Barron Chapter. President Sekel presented "Samuel Nicholas and the Continental Marines" to our membership.



President Dave McLeod presented the "Daughters of Liberty" Medal to Lois Davidson for her outstanding contributions as Editor of The Bugle and to the Capt. Barron Chapter



Naturalization Ceremony - Leta Porter, Britton Lee, Paula Warren, Hon. Nicole Mitchell, Matthew Lee, Susan Newman, Gerry Kuklewicz

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Minutes – May 23, 2017 Captain 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, May 23, 2017 at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Sixteen members and fifteen guests were present. After dinner, President Dave McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chaplin Don Majors gave the invocation, Jim Wimberly led the pledge to the U.S. flag, Mike Everheart led the Texas flag pledge and Dave led the Salute to the S.A.R. The Minutes of the March 28 meeting were approved without change, as printed in the May "Bugle".

Dave recognized all present who are now or have been officers of other heritage or lineage organizations. He also introduced Bill and Donna Sekel from the Athens S.A.R. chapter.

Three new members were welcomed into Barron Chapter by Dave, who told them a little about S.A.R.'s history and the significance of the rosette pin they were given. He also told the audience who the Patriot of each new member was. The new members were Scott Bowden, Travis Johnson and Robby Leach.

Dennis Brand reported that on April 28 he awarded the S.A.R. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Certificate and check for \$100 to John Tyler High School R.O.T.C. Cadet Captain Pedro Gaona at a ceremony at his school. Dennis said he was very favorably impressed with the quality of the school's R.O.T.C. program under retired Army Lt.Col. John McKinney.

Dennis also reported on recent Color Guard activity. They will post colors at Memorial Cemetery on Memorial Day and will be wearing black arm bands for six months in remembrance of June Everheart, Anna Lee and Steve Lee. Dave then presented Dennis with a Certificate of Appreciation for all his recent activities for the Barron chapter.

Dave presented Lois Davidson with the Daughters of Liberty Medal, read the criteria for the medal and told the members how valuable she is in publishing "Bugle" for us bimonthly.

Dave then gave Marvin Massey the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate, in recognition of his valuable work as Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee. This is the highest honor a chapter president can bestow.

Dave introduced Athens Chapter President Bill Sekel, who gave an interesting program about Patriot Samuel Nichols and the Continental Marines. Afterwards, Dave presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

There being no further business, the S.A.R. Recessional was recited, Don Majors gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

Barron Bank Balance - May 2017 \$7,822.24

Barron Membership – 91

Britton Lee

Don Majors

Michael Hurley

John Bolton



Sheriff Larry Smith of Smith County

Cliff Johnson

Dennis Brand

Matthew Lee

Capt. William Barron Color Guard-Memorial Day Ceremony

at Memorial Park Cemetery of Tyler On May 29, 2017