



Captain Barron's Bugle

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

The President's Message

Compatriots,

On February 27, 1968, the world of television journalism changed forever.

Walter Cronkite, anchor of the CBS Evening News, hosted a CBS News Special Report regarding the Vietnam War. During his three-minute closing, he did what neither he, nor any other national television journalist, had ever done before: he gave his own opinion about the war.

"We've been too often disappointed by the optimism of the American leaders, both in Vietnam and Washington, to have faith any longer in the silver linings they find in the darkest clouds. For it seems now more certain than ever that the bloody experience of Vietnam will end in a stalemate ..."

"But it is increasingly clear to this reporter that the only rational way out then will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an honorable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy, and did the best they could."

President Lyndon Johnson, watching live in The White House, reportedly then turned to aides and said, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America."

Cronkite's comments, and their impact on American views about the Vietnam War, would rattle the Journalism industry.

Thereafter, the line between hard-fact, down-the-middle journalistic reporting and "viewpoint" news has become more blurred.

Networks, newspapers, and websites are no longer mostly known by their journalistic integrity, but by their bias. Tell me who you're getting your news from ... and I can pin down your political views. We all can.

"Viewpoint" news has been with us since the American Revolution. Pamphlets that supported the Revolution included Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" and John Adams's "Thoughts on Government." Pamphlets against the Revolution included Thomas Chandler's "A Friendly Address To All Reasonable Americans" and Charles Inglis's "The Deceiver Unmasked".

You may recall that George Washington, during his second term, was bedeviled by constant negative press. Although he denied it publicly at the time, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson was a key figure behind the scenes in establishing the opposition presses. Even then, journalists were being influenced by politics.

Who should we believe today? Your guess is as good as mine. But perhaps we should take comfort in William Shakespeare's line from 1596's "The Merchant of Venice": "The Truth Will Out."

I look forward to seeing you at our 1/23/18 General Membership Meeting. Thank you for being a member of the Capt. Barron Chapter.

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**

January 23
March 27
May 22
July 24
September 25

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.

New Chapter Member



We welcome a new compatriot to the Barron Chapter –

Harold L. Collier
admitted to membership
on 12/1/2017

Barron Chapter Meeting

Britton Lee, Vice President

This meeting, we will be having The Majors entertain and perform for us with their various patriotic songs and historical background. The historical information regarding the song or the time period is my favorite part. I have been lucky enough to witness The Majors in action a few times and we are sure in for a treat!

Our award this meeting will go to none other than our very own Sherriff Larry Smith. Sherriff Smith will be receiving the law enforcement commendation medal for his outstanding service.

Texas SAR Annual Conference

5 April 2018 - 8 April 2018
Hyatt Regency North Dallas
701 East Campbell Road
Richardson, Texas 75081
Tel: (972) 619-1234
<http://northdallas.hyatt.com>

128th National SAR Congress

July 12 through 18, 2018
Thursday through Wednesday
at The Westin Houston,
Memorial City, Hotel
<http://www.sarcongress2018.org/>
Several tours are planned.

Rifle Raffle Drawing

Compatriots, the drawing for the new rifle was held at our November 14th meeting. The winner of the rifle was Compatriot David White of the Capt. William Barron Chapter. For those of you who purchased tickets, thank you. Your participation in this fund-raiser allows our chapter to accomplish our educational and outreach missions.

In Memoriam

It is with much sadness we inform you of the passing of Colonel John Cole on November 9, 2017

Nominating Committee Report

January 4, 2018

David McLeod
Chapter President
Captain William Barron Chapter SAR

In October 2017, you appointed Matthew Lee, Sam Kidd, and myself to the 2018 Officers Nominating Committee. After much discussion and deliberation, we nominate the following members as Officers of the Captain William Barron Chapter SAR for 2018:

Chapter President	Britton Lee
1 st Vice President	Sam Fechenbach
Treasurer:	Marvin Massey
Secretary:	Mike Johnson

All of these gentlemen have been contacted and all have agreed to serve in those offices.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Johnson
2018 Nominating Committee

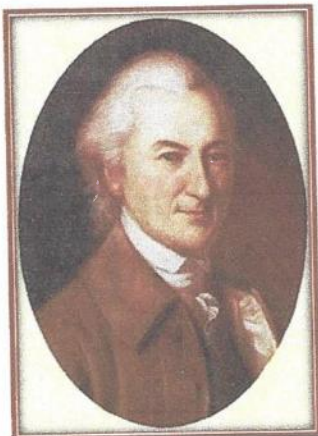
By rule, other nominations for each office will be accepted from the floor at the 1/23/18 meeting. Each officer position is for a two-year term.

Chapter Officers will be elected at the 1/23/18 chapter meeting. The new Chapter Officers will be formally installed at the 3/27/18 chapter meeting.



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John Dickinson

11/8/1732 – 2/14/1808)

One of Founding Fathers
Of the United States,
was a solicitor and politician
from
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
and Wilmington, Delaware

Dickinson was known as the “Penman of the Revolution” for his twelve *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania*, published individually in 1767 and 1768. As a member of the First Continental Congress, where he was a signee to the Continental Association, Dickinson drafted most of the 1774 Petition to the King, and then as a member of the Second Continental Congress wrote the 1775 Olive Branch Petition, two attempts to negotiate with King George III of Great Britain. When these failed, he reworked Thomas Jefferson’s language and wrote the final draft of the 1775 “Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms”. When Congress then decided to seek independence, Dickinson served on the committee that wrote the Model Treaty, and then wrote the first draft of the 1776–1777 Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union.

Dickinson later served as President of the 1786 Annapolis Convention, which called for the Constitutional Convention of 1787, which Dickinson then attended as a delegate from Delaware.

He also wrote “The Liberty Song” in 1768, was a militia officer during the American Revolution, President of Delaware, President of Pennsylvania, and was among the wealthiest men in the British American colonies.

When the Continental Congress began the debate on the Declaration of Independence on July 1, 1776, Dickinson reiterated his opposition to declaring independence at that time. Dickinson believed that Congress should complete the Articles of Confederation and secure a foreign alliance before issuing a declaration. Dickinson also objected to violence as a means for resolving the dispute. He abstained or absented himself from the votes on July 2 that declared independence and absented himself again from voting on the wording of the formal Declaration on July 4. Dickinson understood the implications of his refusal to vote stating, “My conduct this day, I expect will give the finishing blow to my once too great and, my integrity considered, now too diminished popularity.” Dickinson refused to sign

the Declaration and since a proposal had been brought forth and carried that stated, “for our mutual security and protection,” no man could remain in Congress without signing, Dickinson voluntarily left and joined the Pennsylvania militia.

Following the Declaration of Independence, Dickinson was given the rank of brigadier general in the Pennsylvania militia, known as the Associators. He led 10,000 soldiers to Elizabeth, New Jersey, to protect that area against British attack from Staten Island. But because of his unpopular opinion on independence, two junior officers were promoted above him.

Dickinson prepared the first draft of the Articles of Confederation in 1776, after others had ratified the Declaration of Independence over his objection that it would lead to violence, and to follow through on his view that the colonies would need a governing document to survive war against them.

On January 18, 1779, Dickinson, as President of Delaware, was appointed to be a delegate for Delaware to the Continental Congress. During this term he signed the Articles of Confederation, having in 1776 authored their first draft while serving in the Continental Congress as a delegate from Pennsylvania.

In 1784, Dickinson and Mary Norris Dickinson bequeathed much of their combined library to John and Mary’s College, named in their honor by its founder Benjamin Rush, and later renamed Dickinson College. The Dickinsons also donated 500 acres in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, land originally inherited and managed by Mary Norris, to the new college. Together with his wife, Mary Norris Dickinson, John Dickinson is also the namesake of the Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University and the University of Delaware’s Dickinson Complex. John Dickinson High School was opened/dedicated in 1959 as part of the public schools in northern Delaware.

John Dickinson died at Wilmington, Delaware and was buried in the Friends Burial Ground. In an original copy of a letter discovered November 2009 from Thomas Jefferson to Joseph Bringham, caretaker of Dickinson in his later years, Jefferson responded to news of Dickinson’s death: “A more estimable man, or truer patriot, could not have left us. Among the first of the advocates for the rights of his country when assailed by Great Britain, he continued to the last the orthodox advocate of the true principles of our new government and his name will be consecrated in history as one of the great worthies of the revolution.”

Excerpts from Wikipedia

...concluding our publication of:

Treaty of Paris



Done at Paris, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

The Definitive Treaty of Peace 1783

...concluding our publication of:

Treaty of Paris

Done at Paris, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Article 6:

That there shall be no future confiscations made nor any prosecutions commenced against any person or persons for, or by reason of, the part which he or they may have taken in the present war, and that no person shall on that account suffer any future loss or damage, either in his person, liberty, or property; and that those who may be in confinement on such charges at the time of the ratification of the treaty in America shall be immediately set at liberty, and the prosecutions so commenced be discontinued.

Article 7:

There shall be a firm and perpetual peace between his Brittanic Majesty and **the said states**, and between the subjects of the one and the citizens of the other, wherefore all hostilities both by sea and land shall from henceforth cease. All prisoners on both sides shall be set at liberty, and his Brittanic Majesty shall with all convenient speed, and without causing any destruction, or carrying away any Negroes or other property of the American inhabitants, withdraw all his armies, garrisons, and fleets from the said United States, and from every post, place, and harbor within the same; leaving in all fortifications, the American artilery that may be therein; and shall also order and cause all archives, records, deeds, and papers belonging to any of the said states, or their citizens, which in the course of the war may have fallen into the hands of his officers, to be forthwith restored and delivered to the proper states and persons to whom they belong.

Article 8:

The navigation of the river Mississippi, from its source to the ocean, shall forever remain free and open to the subjects of Great Britain and the citizens of the United States.

Article 9:

In case it should so happen that any place or territory belonging to Great Britain or to the United States should have been

conquered by the arms of either from the other before the arrival of the said Provisional Articles in America, it is agreed that the same shall be restored without difficulty and without requiring any compensation.

Article 10:

The solemn ratifications of the present treaty expedited in good and due form shall be exchanged between the contracting parties in the space of six months or sooner, if possible, to be computed from the day of the signatures of the present treaty. In witness whereof we the undersigned, their ministers plenipotentiary, have in their name and in virtue of our full powers, signed with our hands the present definitive treaty and caused the seals of our arms to be affixed thereto.

Done at Paris, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

D. Hartley (Seal) John Adams (Seal)
B. Franklin (Seal) John Jay (Seal)

Source:

Treaties and Other International Acts of the United States of America.

Edited by Hunter Miller

Volume 2

Documents 1-40 : 1776-1818

Washington : Government Printing Office, 1931.

Editorial Comment:

Following is Article 1 – **repeated** – which reveals that the Treaty was between His Brittanic Majesty and **TWELVE states...Delaware was not included in the Treaty.**

Article 1: His Brittanic Majesty acknowledges the said United States, viz., New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, **to be free sovereign and independent states**, that he treats with them as such, and for himself, his heirs, and successors, relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety, and territorial rights of the same and every part thereof.

Article 1 and Article 7 demonstrate that the **Treaty was between his Brittanic Majesty and “the said states”** – **“free sovereign and independent states”** rather than between his Brittanic Majesty the United States.

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Initiation of Three Members at November 14, 2017 Meeting



New Member Carl Davis and
President Dave McLeod



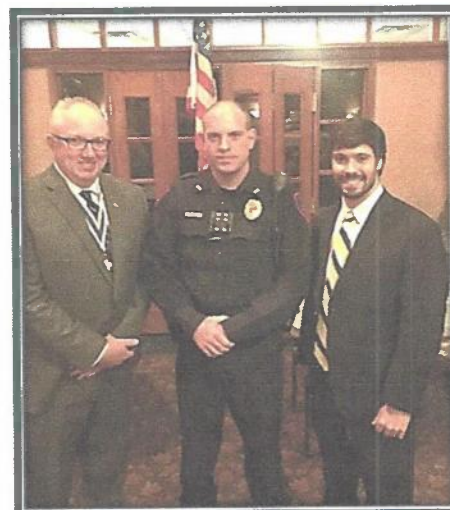
New Member Judge Dan Leedy and
President Dave McLeod



President Dave McLeod and
New Member Jade Redwine



Vice President Britton Lee,
Guest Speaker Ed Case,
and President Dave McLeod



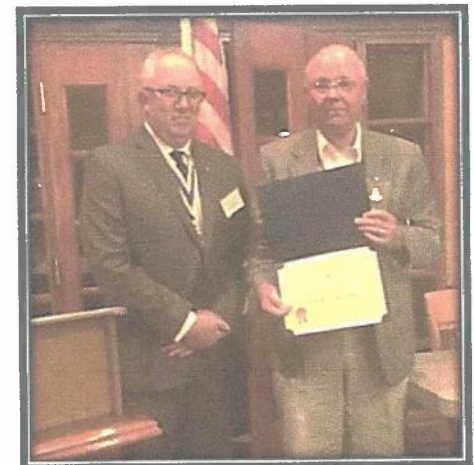
President Dave McLeod, Officer
Christopher McBryar, Vice President
Britton Lee. Officer McBryar received
the Medal of Heroism



November 11 - Veterans Day
at Watkins-Logan Veterans Home



Paula Warren read two proclamations
concerning November being National
American Indian Heritage Month



President Dave McLeod presented
Certificate of Appreciation to
Compatriot Mike Everheart
for his fund raising efforts



President Dave McLeod, Compatriot
Michael Hurley, and Color Guard
Commander Matthew Lee
Compatriot Hurley was honored with
the Bronze Color Guard Medal

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Minutes – November 14, 2017 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R. was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Twenty-five members and thirty guests were present. After dinner, President Dave McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mike Hurley gave the invocation, Jim Wimberly led the pledge to the U.S. flag, David Hanover led the Texas pledge and Dave led the Salute to the S.A.R. Dave asked if there were any changes to the Sept. 26 Minutes, as printed in the November "Bugle", and hearing none, those Minutes were approved.

Current and past officers of various heritage organizations were recognized, as well as two guests. Paula Warren read two proclamations concerning November being National American Indian Heritage Month. Britton Lee introduced Tyler Police Officer Christopher McBryar, who was presented the S.A.R. Heroism Medal and Certificate.

President McLeod inducted three new S.A.R. and Barron Chapter members: Carl Davis, Dan Leedy and Jade Redwine. Each one was singularly sworn in, presented with their official lapel rosette and membership certificate and given the opportunity to address the membership and tell a little about their Patriot. Dan Leedy's son Austin Leedy also has qualified for membership but is currently on active military duty.

Matthew Lee, Commander of the East Texas Color Guard, discussed their recent activity and invited more members to join the Color Guard. He then presented Mike Hurley with the S.A.R. Bronze Color Guard medal and certificate for his faithful support of that group.

Mike Everheart discussed the results of the Barron Chapter's Rifle Raffle, which raised about \$2,000.00 net for our youth programs. He then had Paula Warren draw the winning ticket. Barron member David White of LaGrange won the rifle. Mike was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his tireless efforts attending gun shows and raising funds.

V.P. Britton Lee introduced Ed Case, who gave a detailed presentation about George Washington's military career, beginning in the 1750's. He made the point that it often seemed Divine Intervention was protecting and guiding Washington as he led the colonies to independence during that time. After the program, Britton presented Mr. Case with a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the book "1776".

Dave asked for a moment of silence to honor our late member Colonel John Cole and his life of service to America. Dave

will send out an email inviting members to attend the Executive Committee meetings if they wish to learn more about Chapter management. Also, the Nominating Committee will be developing our slate of Officers for the next two years and anyone with interest in this matter should contact Matthew Lee, Sam Kidd or Mike Johnson.

There being no further business, Dave led the S.A.R. Recessional, Mike Hurley gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance - December 2017 \$8,786.56

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Barron Membership – 95

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

