



Captain Barron's Bugle

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

The President's Message

Greetings to all Compatriots,

I am honored and proud to have been chosen by you to be your President for the next two years. I will do everything in my power to be the type of leader that you want and need. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there have been some significant changes going on in my life, however, they should not detract from my ability to be a good leader. Please, if I make a mistake, forgive me, understand, and tell me, and I will make it right.

Now, the possible negatives are out in the open, let's get moving. We have just finished a great year in the Chapter. Our membership is at a record level of over 100, one of Dave McLeod's goals. We have several membership applications in the pipeline, completing requirements locally, and being reviewed at State and National, thanks to the diligent hard work of Shelley Rardin and Mike Johnson.

On April 6-8, I attended part of the Annual State Convention in Richardson, TX, where we learned that Kate McLeod's Americanism Essay was sent to National and placed 1st in the country. We are proud for her and share that pride with her parents, David McLeod, our immediate Past President, and Marcy McLeod.

It was announced that the NSSAR American History Teacher Awards have been enhanced, starting in 2019. If you know of a middle or high

school history teacher, please encourage them to apply and compete for these honors. Requirements can be found at the NSSAR website /Youth Education/History Teacher Award.

The Chapter's Color Guard is scheduled to be a part of the Tyler Memorial Park's Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28 and Holly Lake Ranch's Annual Veterans Golf Tournament on June 5. Please try to attend at least one of these presentations to show support for our Color Guard.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, May 22 at Traditions.

Sincerely,

Sam Fechenbach

President

Capt. William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution

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According to Bylaw No. 28 Official Standard, found in Volume 1 page 38 of the current SAR Handbook, "The official SAR Flag consists of three equal vertical bars of blue, white and buff, the blue to be at the hoist. Upon the center or white bar is the insignia of the Society and the name, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution".

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Chapter Meetings @ 6:30 4th Tuesday

at Traditions Restaurant,
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

May 22

July 24

September 25

November 27

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.

Challenge Coins

If you are interested in buying a TXSSAR Challenge Coin as mentioned in "The Texas Compatriot" newsletter, contact Mike Johnson, Chapter Secretary-Registrar, at 903-805-9908. He will be ordering them for the Chapter members that are interested.

Barron Chapter Meeting

Sam Fechenbach, President

Our program will be very unique for an SAR meeting. Several students from UT Tyler's Innovation Academy are preparing to introduce the Chapter to STEM instruction and learning by PBL. Innovation Academy's curriculum is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Each class's schedule is broken down to "projects". As each group analyzes their project, they develop "know" and "need to know" lists. Then they work to move the "need to know" items to the "know" list. They learn the basic concepts and "book learning" as they progress. The final project may be a video, power point, essay, or any other presentation. UTT's Ingenuity Center has been training school systems across the country how to introduce PBLs into their programs. Come on May 22 and see how this develops for our children.



President Dave McLeod presents Secretary Sam Kidd the Bronze Roger Sherman Award for serving as Capt. Barron Secretary for the last ten years

In Memoriam

It is with much sadness we inform you of the passing in December 2017 of Compatriot Edward Rossier, a member since 2014; and of the passing of Moliere Scarborough in September 2017, a member since 1983. Also sad to report that Nancy Carter passed away on April 18, 2018.

Nancy was the wife of Leland Carter, who was one of the original members of the Capt. William Barron Chapter Color Guard.

New Chapter Members

We welcome **FIFTEEN** new compatriots to the Barron Chapter—admitted to membership as shown.

Harold Blair	3/21/18
Darren Blair	3/21/18
Eric Blair	3/21/18
Allen Brown	4/6/18
Jeffery Marrs	4/17/18
Larry Rickert	4/17/18
Walter Russell	4/17/18
William Swope	4/17/18
Fletcher Walker	3/30/18
Heath Watte	3/21/18
Samuel Watte	3/21/18
Joshua Watte	3/21/18
Nolan Watte	3/21/18
Seth Watte	3/21/18

We also welcome
Charles Calahan 7/3/86
...a member transferring into our Chapter from Pennsylvania.

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President Dave McLeod awards Registrar Mike Johnson the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding contributions to the Capt. William Barron Chapter

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Memorial Day - May 28

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
Indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

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And God Bless our Military
who are protecting our Country
for our Freedom.
Thanks to them, and their
sacrifices,
we can celebrate the 4th of July.

We must never forget
who gets the credit
for the freedoms we have,
of which we should be eternally grateful.

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform;
so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
He'd stand out in any crowd.



I thought how many men like him
had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil;
how many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,
when everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant 'Amen.'
When a flag had draped a coffin
of a brother or a friend.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea.
Of unmarked graves in Arlington,
No, freedom isn't free.

Enjoy Your Freedom and
God Bless Our Troops.

Please stop for a moment
and say a prayer for our
servicemen.

Of all the gifts
you could give a U.S. Soldier,
prayer is the very best one.

Author unknown

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'A veteran is someone who,
at one point in his life,
wrote a blank check made payable to
'The United States of America' for an amount
of ... 'up to and including my life.'

That is Honor, and there are way too many people
in this country who no longer understand it.

Author unknown

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"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead
and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender
mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land
and their loyalty to high ideals."

Sir William Gladstone



Tyler Memorial Cemetery, Tyler, Texas

Unalienable Rights

*Hayley Warner 11th grade, Elkhart High School,
3rd Place – Knight Essay Contest*

An ideal very important to America's founding was that of unalienable rights. This ideal was recorded very early in American history, 1776 to be exact, in the Declaration of Independence (Fraser). The colonists in America grew tired of tolerating the madness that was Britain's treatment of them. Due to this growing inability to anymore put up with their many grievances towards Great Britain and as the list of grievances became longer and longer and more and more of their rights were stolen from them, the talk of, "This shouldn't be happening" turned to, "We are going to stop this from happening". The robbing of inalienable rights undoubtedly led to the American Revolution. This thievery included the Proclamation Line of 1763, the Declaratory Act, and the Intolerable Acts of 1774 (Fraser).

The Proclamation Line of 1763 (Burn) resulted from the French and Indian War (Fraser). The British intended this to be a conciliatory act; however, it didn't settle very well with the colonists. The colonists weren't allowed to settle past the Appalachian Mountains. While this may have served its intended purpose of decreasing conflict with Native Americans, it took away the natural right of one to pursue happiness, wherever that may be. By issuing this proclamation, King George III was attempting to win the favor of the Native Americans who were opposed to him during the French and Indian War, but he was greatly mistaken in his manner of going about this goal because while this goal may have been achieved, it was at the expense of his own people, or so they were labeled. Through the actions taken by King George III, it can be seen that the natural rights of his people were of no great concern to him, which, of course was an issue, and such a persistent issue that it was solved only with blood.

The Declaratory Act ("Declaratory Act") also caused the colonists to become angered with their mother land. This was a response to the Stamp Act, which was repealed. This angered colonists. 2 It stated that Parliament has just as much right to tax in America as it does in Great Britain. This absolutely takes away from the colonists where unalienable rights are concerned. Taxation without representation was an outrage. The colonists' taxes were decided by individuals thousands of miles away. This would be the equivalent of every Texan's rights being decided by a House of Representatives which had representatives from every state except Texas. What concern do they actually have for our rights? Are we of high importance to them? Absolutely not.

For us, that's just a bad dream that will never come true, but for the colonists, this was an everyday reality and an everyday struggle that again, was only solved with blood.

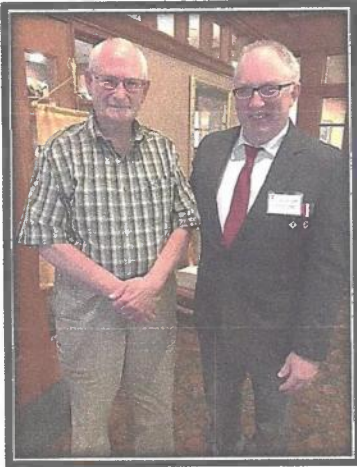
A series of acts that deeply troubled the American colonists was the Intolerable Acts of 1774 (McLaughlin). This consisted of five different acts (Getchell). The first was the Boston Port Act, passed in March of 1774, just after the Boston Tea Party. The king was attempting to make up for the taxes lost when the tea was dumped into the harbor. With this act, the Boston Port was closed, causing great anger in the colonists because they were unable to do simple things like receive hay from Charlestown to feed their horses that were consequently starving. The second of the intolerable acts was the Massachusetts Government Act (Fraser), passed in May of 1774 (Fraser), which put a number of outrageous restrictions on the colonists. There were no longer elected officials allowed in Massachusetts, only officials appointed by the king. Only one town meeting was allowed per year. The constitution of Massachusetts was no longer in effect. The third of the intolerable acts was passed in May as well. This was the Administration Government Act which also pertained to Massachusetts's right to self-govern. This act stated that rebellious colonists who did not abide by the Massachusetts Government Act could be tried for their crimes in England rather than by their peers in the colonies. The fourth of the intolerable acts is a very well-known one: The Quartering Act passed in June of 1774 (McLaughlin). This forced the 3 colonists to house and accommodate British soldiers, whether they consented or not, and refusal to quarter soldiers could result in a trial by a British Judge. The fifth of the intolerable acts was the Quebec Act, passed in June also. The Quebec Act expanded the territory of Quebec and granted religious freedom to the Catholic majority of Quebec. While this act may not sound harmful at first, the colonists saw it as a threat to their liberty. This, like the Proclamation line of 1763, make westward expansion extremely difficult because it gave Canada many land claims (Burn). The intolerable acts stole rights from the American colonists.

All of these actions taken by mostly King George III (Burn) but also Great Britain as a whole took away from the colonists the kind of rights that should never have to even be threatened. These unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are natural rights that God gives to all, not just those of royal standing. These many acts of thievery by the British king and parliament ultimately led to the American Revolution. These colonists could tolerate these actions no longer. They could not and they would not, at least not without a fight.

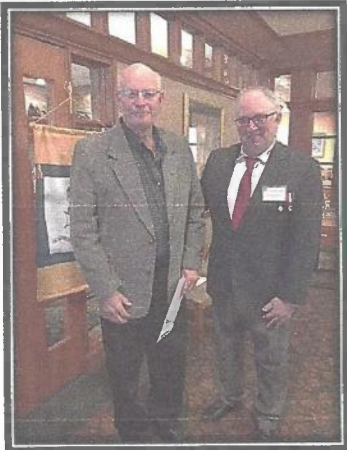
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Initiation of Four Members at March 27, 2018 Meeting



Compatriot Harold Blair and
President Dave McLeod



Compatriot Jerry Boswell and
President Dave McLeod



Compatriot Bob Plunkett and
President Dave McLeod



Compatriot Truman Powell and
President Dave McLeod



Compatriot Matthew Lee, Tyler Fire
Department Fireman Jim Mullicane,
and President Dave McLeod on
award of SAR Fire Safety
Commendation Medal



Canton DAR George Washington Tea
Tim West, DAR Hostess,
Matthew Lee, Britton Lee 3/12/18



President Dave McLeod and Nonnie
Foley, winner of Capt. Barron Chapter
Middle School Brochure Contest



President Dave McLeod and Evan Pan,
from All Saints Episcopal School. Evan
read his essay, "The American Spirit" to
the membership at the 3/27/18 Capt.
Barron Chapter Members Meeting.



Kate McLeod receives her TXSSAR
State Essay Contest Championship
Certificate on 4/7/18 at the TXSSAR
Convention in Richardson, TX.
Pictured with Kate are TXSSAR Youth
Contest Chairman (Acting) Larry D.
Tidwell and Capt. Barron Chapter
President Sam Fechenbach.
Barron Chapter received a
Contest Sponsorship Certificate.

Minutes – March 27, 2018 Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of members of Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler, Texas. Sixteen members and twenty-four guests were present. President Dave McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Marvin Massey gave the invocation, the pledges to the United States and Texas flags were recited and Dave led the salute to the S.A.R. The Minutes of the January 23 membership meeting, as published in the March 2018 "Bugle", were approved as printed. Dave recognized the men and women who were present and either were currently or had in the past been officers of other heritage societies.

Dave gave a brief outline of the history of S.A.R., its purposes and the history of Barron Chapter. Matthew Lee told about some of the Color Guard's recent activities. Matthew also introduced City of Tyler Fireman Jim Mullicane who was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal in honor of his career in that field.

Dave introduced Nonnie Foley, Tyler I.S.D. student at Three Lakes M.S., who created the winning entry in our Chapter's Brochure Contest. She was awarded \$75.00 prize. All Saints Episcopal School student Evan Pan, former contestant in the Barron Oration Contest, read his winning entry in our Essay Contest, "The American Spirit". Both students also received Certificates of Appreciation.

Mike Johnson was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate for his work as Chapter Registrar, recruiting and processing numerous applicants over the past year. Dave also awarded Sam Kidd the Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate for serving as Barron Secretary for the past ten years.

Four new members were individually inducted into S.A.R. and Barron Chapter by President Dave McLeod: Harold Blair, Jerry Boswell, Bob Plunkett and Truman Powell. Dave explained that Mr. Blair's two sons and five first cousins, some of whom live outside Texas, were also joining our chapter under the same Patriot. Each of the four new members took the opportunity to tell a little about their Patriot, thank Mike for his efforts and say how proud they are to be members.

TXSSAR District 10 VP Bill Sekel congratulated the members of Barron on the chapter's growth and inducted the following Officers for their two-year terms: President Sam Fechenbach, Vice President Matthew Lee, Treasurer Marvin Massey and Secretary Mike Johnson. Mike Hurley graciously agreed to postpone his scheduled program due to time restraints.

There being no further business, the S.A.R. Recessional was recited, Marvin Massey offered the benediction and the meeting adjourned about 7:50 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance – May 2018 \$8,652.97

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Barron Membership – 106

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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.

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SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org

State SAR www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter

www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/

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