

# Sons of the American Revolution



## Captain Barron's Bugle

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

### Thanksgiving During Revolutionary War

A most marvelous source for a menu representative of the Thanksgiving meals served in a wealthy household during the heart of the Revolution can be found in a letter from one Juliana Smith to her cousin Betsey ... of a 1779 Thanksgiving which is deeply evocative of the hustle and bustle of the celebration, as familiar to modern cooks as it was to our forefathers.

"This year it was Uncle Simeon's turn to have the dinner at his house, but of course we all helped them as they help us when it is our turn, and there is always enough for us all to do. All the baking of pies & cakes was done at our house & we had the big oven heated & filled twice each day for three days before it was all done."

"The ongoing war imposed its minor hardships — raisins were unavailable for "Love or Money," and beef had been completely absent from their tables since the beginning of the war, "as it all must go to the Army & too little they get, poor fellows."

The tables were heavily laden, despite these challenges. Venison, pork roasts, turkey, goose and pigeon pasties were accompanied by great amounts of vegetables, including a novelty for our letter-writer, celery. In addition, Smith detailed the desserts in a passage that is, again, completely familiar to modern Thanksgiving diners:

### A PROCLAMATION For a Public THANKSGIVING.

ALTHOUGH in Consequence of the unnatural, cruel and barbarous Measures, adopted and pursued by the British Administration, great and distressing Calamities are brought upon our oppressed Country, and on this Colony in particular; we feel the dreadful Effects of Civil War, by which America is stained with the Blood of her valiant Sons, who have bravely fallen in the laudable Defence of our Rights and Privileges;—Our Capital, once the Seat of Justice, Opulence and Virtue, is unjustly wrested from its proper Owners, who are obliged to flee from the Iron Hand of Tyranny or are held in the unrelenting Arms of Oppression ---Our Seaports greatly distressed, and Towns burnt by the Foes, who have acted the Part of barbarous Incendiaries.---And although the wise and holy Governor of the World, has, in his righteous Providence, sent Droughts into this Colony, and wasting Sickness into many of our Towns; yet we have the greatest Reason to adore and praise the Supreme Disposer of Events, who deals infinitely better with us than we deserve; and amidst all his Judgments hath remembered Mercy, by causing the Voice of Health again to be heard amongst us ---Instead of Famine, affording to an ungrateful People a Competency of the Necessaries and Comforts of Life; in remarkably preserving and protecting our Troops, when in apparent Danger, while our Enemies, with all their boasted Skill and Strength, have met with Loss, Disappointment, and Defeat; ---and in the Course of his good Providence, the Foes of Mercies hath bestowed upon us, many other Favours, which call for our grateful Acknowledgments.

Therefore, We have thought fit, with the Advice of the Council and House of Representatives, to appoint THURSDAY the twenty-third Day of November Instant, to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING, throughout this Colony; hereby calling upon Ministers and People, to meet for religious Worship on said Day, and devoutly to offer up their unfeigned Praises to Almighty GOD, the Source and benevolent Bestower of all Good, for his affording the necessary Means of Subsistence, though our Commerce has been prevented, and the Supplies from the Fishery denied us.---That such a Measure of Health is enjoyed among us; that the Lives of our Officers and Soldiers have been so remarkably preserved, while our Enemies have fell before them.---That the vigorous Efforts which have been used to excite the Savage Vengeance of the Wilderness, and rouse the Indians to Arms, that an unavoidable Destruction might come upon our Frontiers, have been almost miraculously defeated.---That our unnatural Enemies, instead of Ravaging the Country with uncontrolled Sway, are confined within such narrow Limits, to their own Mortification and Distress, as prisoners by an American Army, brave and determined.---That such a Band of Union, founded upon the best Principles, unites the American Colonies.---That our Rights and Privileges, both Civil and Religious, are so far preserved to us, notwithstanding all the Attempts of our barbarous Enemies to deprive us of them.---

And to offer up humble and fervent Prayers to Almighty GOD,

for the whole British Empire; especially for the UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES:---That he would bless our Civil Rulers, and lead them into wise and prudent Measures in this dark, and difficult Day:---That he would endow our General Court with all that Wisdom which is profitable to direct:---That he would graciously smile upon our Endeavours to restore Peace, preserve our Rights and privileges, and hand them down to Posterity:---That he would give Wisdom to the American Congress, equal to their important Station:---That he would direct the Generals, and the American Armies wherever employed, and give them Success and Victory:---That he would preserve and strengthen the Harmony of the UNITED COLONIES:---That he would pour out his Spirit upon all Orders of Men, through the Land, bring us to a hearty Repentance and Reformation; purify and sanctify all his Churches:---That he would make Our's Emmanuel's Land:---That he would spread the Knowledge of the Redeemer through the whole Earth, and fill the World with his Glory. And all fervile Labour in forbidden on said Day.  
GIVEN under our Hands at the Council-Chamber, in Watertown, the Fourth Day of November, in the Year of our L O R D, One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy five.  
By their Honors' Commands,  
PEREZ MORTON, Dep'y Sec'y.  
JAMES OTIS, WALTER SPOONER,  
CALEB CUSHING, JOSEPH GERRISH,  
JOHN WRETCOMB, JEDEDIAH FOSTER,  
JAMES PRESCOTT, ELDAH TAYLOR,  
BENJA. LINCOLN, MICHAEL FARLEY,  
JOSEPH PALMER, SAMUEL HOLTEN,  
JABEZ FISHER, MOSES GILL,  
BENJA. WHITE.  
G O D Save the P E O P L E.

This proclamation was published  
11/16/1775, New-England Chronicle

"The Pumpkin Pies, Apple Tarts & big Indian Puddings lacked for nothing save Appetite by the time we had got around to them. There was no wine available to serve with dinner—it needed to be reserved for medicinal purposes—but "good Cider is a sufficient Substitute."

Perhaps a more accurate account of a Revolutionary War - era Thanksgiving for Continental soldiers is what Pvt. Joseph Plumb Martin later wrote of the 1777 holiday:

"But we must now have what Congress said - a sumptuous thanksgiving to close the year of high living we had now nearly seen brought to a close. Well—to add something extraordinary to our present stock of provisions—our country, ever mindful of its suffering army, opened her sympathizing heart so wide, upon this occasion, as to give us something to make the world stare... A half a gill of rice, and a table spoon full of vinegar!!"

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### Upcoming Events Chapter Meetings @ 6:30

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
at Traditions Restaurant,  
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler  
**November 27,**  
January 22, March 26  
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.

Happy Thanksgiving

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### Rifle Raffle Drawing

Compatriots, the drawing for the new rifle will be held at our November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. For those of you who purchased tickets, thank you. Your participation in this fundraiser allows our chapter to accomplish our educational and outreach missions. This Rifle Raffle is the only source of income for the Chapter, over a percentage of the annual dues. It is our only fundraiser all year. It's not too late to purchase tickets for yourselves, or to sell to outsiders. Please contact Mike Everheart - via telephone (903)877-2691 or michaeleverheart59@gmail.com

Tickets will be sold prior to the drawing at our November 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting.

### Barron Chapter Meeting

Dave McLeod, Past President

### Texas SAR President Jackson to be November Meeting's Featured Speaker

The Capt. William Barron Chapter is pleased to welcome Texas SAR President Thomas I. Jackson as our special guest and featured speaker for our November 2018 General Members Meeting.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in the private "Piano Room" at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler for our final General Members Meeting of the year. The meeting formally starts at 6:30 p.m. and will adjourn by 8:00 p.m. Please arrive early to eat, meet, and greet.

Thomas Jackson was elected as Texas SAR President at the 123rd Texas SAR Convention in Richardson, Texas in April, 2018. President Jackson is a member of the Robert Rankin Chapter #62 (Katy, TX).

President Jackson will spend a few minutes briefing our members on three Texas SAR topics:

- 1) President Initiatives,
- 2) Prominent Elected Texas Officials
- 3) Quick Congress Overview

After the Texas SAR briefing, President Jackson will present a Power Point presentation of "Founders Our Children Study in High School".

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks!

### Capt. Barron Chapter to Honor Retiring Tyler Police Officer

Please join us on Tuesday, November, 27, 2018, as the Capt. William Barron Chapter awards Officer David O. Swain the SAR's Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

After serving the citizens of Tyler, TX for 43 years, Officer Swain announced his retirement from the Tyler Police Department effective September 30, 2018.

Officer Swain was hired by the Tyler Police Department on April 16, 1975 and, upon his retirement, held the most seniority as a patrol officer. During his 43-year career, Officer Swain served under the direction of six Police Chiefs.

The Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.

The Capt. William Barron Chapter looks forward to honoring Officer David O. Swain with its Law Enforcement Commendation Medal on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

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### New Chapter Members

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

Richard Blackennagel	10/12/18
Spencer Fechenbach	10/12/18
Jerry W. Gibson, Jr.	10/12/18



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### *In Memoriam*

It is with much sadness we inform you of the passing on September 9, 2018 of Compatriot Lt. Col. Warren B. "Bill" Eaton, who became a member of SAR on February 24, 1948, seventy (70) years ago. Col. Eaton joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a B-29 pilot in World War II, an Intelligence Officer and Military Advisor to a Korean Fighter Wing, and major war planner in the Pacific Command and 7th Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Bronze Star.

We also have been informed of the passing on August 17, 2018 of former member Archie Anderson. Archie served in the United States Army and the Army National Guard.



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### **Well Wishes**

The Capt. William Barron Chapter extends heartfelt well-wishes to President Sam, Joyce, and Spencer Fechenbach.

President Fechenbach has been hospitalized at ETMC since early October. In his absence, the Board of Managers of the Capt. Barron Chapter have been "filling in" to ensure that the Chapter continues to operate smoothly. We look forward to publishing a "President's Message" in the next edition of "The Bugle", and we look forward to the safe and healthy return of President Fechenbach.

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### **Joint SAR/SRT Dedication**

On November 24, 2018 at 2:00 PM there will be a joint SAR/SRT grave marker dedication for Benjamin W. Anderson. It will be at the Glenfawn Cemetery in Rusk County.

Location: From Mt Enterprise take SH 84 west to CR 2753, turn right to Glenfawn Community.

We are attempting to get DAR/DRT to participate but will move forward without them if necessary. Family will be on hand. Please get the word out to your chapter members. Wearing of period clothing or uniforms is highly encouraged. Benjamin Anderson can claim something few can, he was involved in two revolutions!

Best regards,  
Bill Sekel, VP District 10, TXSSAR

### **Chapter Officer Nominations for 2019**

As per the Constitution & Bylaws of the Capt. William Barron Chapter, a Nominating Committee was formed to nominate candidates for the chapter's officer positions for 2019.

The Nominating Committee consists of these Chapter members:

- 1) Dave McLeod  
(Immediate Past President)
- 2) Rick Featherston
- 3) Jim Wimberly

The Nominating Committee met during October, 2018.

The Nominating Committee is honored to nominate these four candidates for officer positions for 2019:

President: Mike Johnson  
Vice-President: Dennis Brand  
Secretary: Allen Brown  
Treasurer: Marvin Massey

The elections will be held during our General Members Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Other nominations may be raised from the floor during that meeting. A vote will be conducted in accordance with our Chapter's Constitution & Bylaws. The elected officers will be sworn in during that meeting. The term of office will be from January 22, 2019 – to - January 28, 2019.

The Nominating Committee is grateful to all of our members who expressed an interest in serving our chapter. Thank you!

## **The Bill of Rights**

*Concluding our Series...*

**Note:** The following text is a transcription of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in their original form. These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights".

### **Amendment I**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

### **Amendment II**

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

### **Amendment III**

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

### **Amendment IV**

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

### **Amendment V**

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of

War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

### **Amendment VI**

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

### **Amendment VII**

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

### **Amendment VIII**

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

### **Amendment IX**

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

### **Amendment X**

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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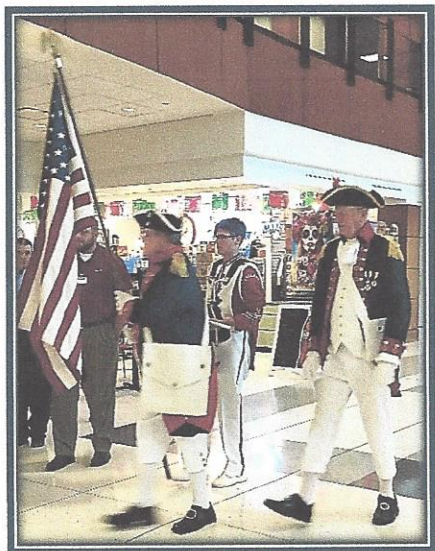
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### Initiation of New Member at September 25, 2018 Meeting



Capt. Barron Chapter Secretary and Registrar Mike Johnson, New Compatriot Larry Auld, Capt. Barron Chapter President Sam Fechenbach, and SAR District 10 Vice-President Bill Sekel at the 9/25/18 General Members Meeting

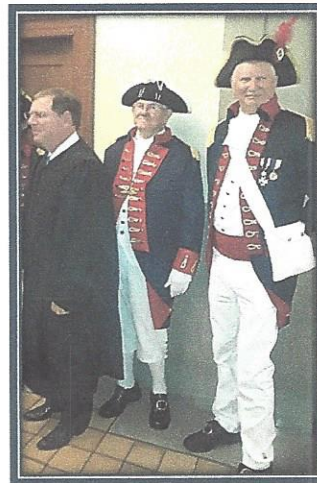
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Compatriot John Bolton, Longview, Bullard High School drummer, Compatriot Dennis Brand Welcome Veterans Home 11/8/18



Barron President Sam Fechenbach, Program Speaker Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal, Immediate Past President Dave McLeod



Judge, Compatriots John Bolton and Dennis Brand, Naturalization Ceremony August 2018



DAR Mary Tyler Chapter Constitution Day 9/15/18. Tami Hurley, Mary Tyler Vice Regent, Joanna Reagan, Mary Tyler Regent, Mike Johnson, Barron Secretary. Mike Hurley

### Dues Notice

The 2019 Dues notices have been mailed. TXSSAR Secretary Drake Peddie sent out an email on 10.23.18 explaining the three methods of payment available to members, including online payment using PayPal. If you did not receive your notice or if you have any questions, contact Chapter Secretary-Registrar Mike Johnson 903.805.9908. The deadline is December 31, 2018. Please pay them early due to the increased mail activity during the holidays. Thanks.

Mike Johnson, Secretary & Registrar

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### The War to End All Wars

In 1918, at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, fighting between the Allied Forces and Germany stopped, putting an end to the bloodshed of World War I, per the terms of an armistice agreement signed in France that same day.

November 11<sup>th</sup> was recognized as Armistice Day until 1954, when the name was changed to Veterans Day.

As he issued the Proclamation, President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote:

“On that day, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

**Minutes – September 25, 2018  
Capt. William Barron Chapter #25,  
S.A.R.**

The Chapter met at Traditions Restaurant on South Broadway in Tyler. Chapter President Sam Fechenbach, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 18 members and 13 guests present. TXSSAR District 10 VP Bill Sekel was in attendance. Mike Hurley gave the invocation. Eagle Scout Spencer Fechenbach led the pledge to the United States flag. President Fechenbach led the pledge to the Texas flag. He then led the Salute to the SAR.

Members that are officers of the Chapter and other heritage organizations identified themselves and their positions in the various groups.

New member, Larry Auld and his wife Janene, were introduced to the Chapter. Spencer Fechenbach, son of Chapter President Sam Fechenbach, was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Mike Everheart gave an update on the rifle raffle. Bill O’Neal, the Texas State Historian, was the guest speaker. His topic was “The Missing Element of our Founding Documents.” Bill was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Fechenbach.

A motion was made and seconded that the updates to the Chapter By-Laws and Constitution be accepted as written. President Fechenbach asked for any objections. There being none, he declared the updates accepted. There being no other business, President Fechenbach led the group in the SAR Recessional and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Johnson, Chapter Secretary

Barron Bank Balance – October 2018 \$9,493.85

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Barron Membership – 113

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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

(Temporarily not in service)

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**SAR National Congress – 2019**

The registration for 2019 SAR Congress is now open. Congress first events are EXCOM on Friday, 5 July; Tours begin Saturday 6 July. Congress sessions begin Monday 8 July; last day of Congress is Wednesday, 10 July.

There are a limited number of rooms for the early dates of 3, 4 and 5 July. The hotel is the Hilton Costa Mesa.

<http://group.hilton.com/nssar2019>

Group Name: NSSAR 2019

Arrival Date: 03-Jul-2019 Departure Date: 12-Jul-2019

Or call Matthew Fisher 714-513-3448.

Room rates \$169 per night with taxes.

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*The  
Reason  
for  
the  
Season*



*Merry Christmas*