

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 and Friends of the Chapter

Our May 28th meeting was another great success. Sheriff Larry Smith was our guest speaker. We inducted three new members and, for the first time, the Chapter awarded the SAR High School Good Citizenship Pin and Certificate to a graduating senior from Whitehouse High School. Attendance has steadily grown since the first of the year. Thank you all for attending and, for those who have missed the recent meetings, we'll look for you at the July 23rd joint SAR-SRT meeting.

The biggest news of the night was the announcement that the Chapter has received a \$2,500 donation from Brookshire Grocery Company to fund our Youth Contests for the next school year. Thank you Brookshire's!

Our Color Guard has been very active and I want to thank them for their service. Since our last meeting, they have participated in a Naturalization Ceremony, the sendoff and arrival of the Brookshire Heroes Flight, and the Tyler Memorial Cemetery Memorial Day celebration. Also, thanks to Larry Auld, Allen Brown, Rob Jones, Dave McLeod, and Region 10 VP Bill Sekel for attending the Heroes Flight ceremony with us. It was a wonderful ceremony. Each veteran was introduced, his service was told, and each was presented with an American Flag that had flown over the U.S. Capital. To see these men, that are now in their 90's, and to imagine them as teenagers, where some of them had fought at such places as Guadalcanal and the Battle of the Bulge

was very inspirational. I encourage you to attend the next Heroes Flight and meet these veterans yourself. Their numbers are shrinking everyday so don't delay. The next flight will probably be in the fall - I'll keep you informed. We will be inducting one of these WWII veterans, Bob Walters, at our July meeting. Be sure and thank him, and all veterans, for his service.

Did you know that the Smith County Historical Society (SCHS) has a You Tube channel? They recently received a grant to digitalize all their recordings and they will soon be available on You Tube. Talk to Compatriot Rob Jones, who is also the President of the SCHS, for more details.

The Bugle received Honorable Mention at the recent TXSSAR State Convention, thanks to the hard work of Lois Davidson. Thank you, Lois!

See everyone at the July 23rd joint SAR-SRT Meeting. Our speaker will be SAR-SRT compatriot John Bolton.

Michael Johnson
President-Registrar
Captain William Barron Chapter SAR

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings @ 6:30

4th Tuesday - at Traditions Restaurant,
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

July 23

September 24

Arrive as early as 5:45 if you wish to socialize
and/or eat dinner. Meeting begins at 6:30; ends before 8:00.

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New Chapter Members

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

Kim Combs 6/11/19
Terry Cowan 6/11/19
Joey Hudson 6/11/19
Tom Ridley 6/11/19
Bob Walters 6/18/19



I was especially proud to sign Bob Walters up on the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. Bob is a member of "the greatest generation." He is a WWII navy veteran and was on the most recent Brookshire Heroes Flight. Bob will be a great addition to our Chapter.

Mike Johnson, Barron Chapter President

Barron Chapter Meeting

Michael Johnson, President-Registrar

The July 23rd meeting is our annual meeting with the Piney Woods Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR. Our speaker will be compatriot John Bolton.

John is a member of the Piney Woods Chapter SRT, the East Texas Chapter TXSSAR, and is a member of the Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR Color Guard. He will discuss two patriots that are recognized by both organizations. His own patriot ancestor, Robert Rankin, and the patriot ancestor of SRT member Mike Cooper, Peter Sides.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



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Brookshire Heroes Flight

Brookshire Grocery Co. escorted 24 veterans, mostly from World War II but also from the Korean War, to Washington, D.C., May 23-25 on its 18th Brookshire's and Super 1 Foods **Heroes Flight**. BGC provides the all-expenses paid trip as a way of honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifices.

In addition to visiting the WWII memorial, the group toured the U.S. Capitol with Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-Texas). Other points of interest included Arlington National Cemetery, the Air and Space Museum and memorials honoring the U.S. Marines, Navy, Air Force, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., and Vietnam and Korean War veterans.

Request From Texas Society Historian

The TXSSAR historian has developed a voluntary two page questionnaire for new and current members. It asks for information such as name, address, contact info, patriot info, things you'd be interested assisting the Chapter with, details on your past or current profession, education, military service, areas of expertise, hobbies, organizations, and a tell us about you section. If you are interested in participating in this questionnaire, email me at srt28@yahoo.com and I will forward the instructions and the questionnaire to your email address. Thanks.

Michael Johnson
President-Registrar



John Glover
11/5/1732 – 1/30/1787

Major General John Glover, by Donald N. Moran
Editor's Note: This article was edited due to space limitations.

Brigadier General John Glover is truly the forgotten hero of the American Revolution. On no less than three occasions, he, and he alone, can be credited with saving the Revolution!

John was born in Salem Village, Massachusetts on November 5th, 1732. Like many who come into life from humble origins, Glover propelled himself into a prominent position in Marblehead, both politically and in the local militia. At age 28, in 1760, he entered the political arena, joining the local "Whig" party. After the 1770 "Boston Massacre", he and other Whigs got control of the town government from the pro-British loyalists. He had joined the Marblehead militia in 1759 and quickly rose through the ranks to become the Marblehead Regiment's Colonel.

Shortly after the engagement at Lexington and Concord, Glover led his Regiment to support the siege of Boston. It is said that he was one of the best uniformed officers in the Army, carried a pair of silver pistols and a Scottish broadsword.

When George Washington arrived in Cambridge, he was impressed by the discipline of the Marbleheaders. Being seafaring men, they were accustomed to absolute obedience to their officers, whereas the average Massachusetts soldier was totally devoid of that concept. Washington retained a company of the Marbleheaders to serve as his headquarters guard.

On August 27th, General Howe launched his attack on Long Island. Washington was forced to retreat to the heavily fortified Brooklyn Heights. Washington realized that being outnumbered six-to-one, by regular troops, he could not hold Brooklyn Heights. He called upon Colonel Glover to organize an evacuation. It was masterfully done. 9,000 American troops, their horses, artillery and supplies were transported across the East River to Manhattan. John Glover saved the American Army from certain annihilation.

John Glover's save number 1!

Colonel John Glover and his Marblehead men, plus three other Massachusetts Regiments, numbering 750 men, had been ordered to Eastchester to protect that part of the coast line. On October 18th, Glover reported seeing "two-hundred sail" laying off shore. He organized his defense by placing each of the Regiments, one behind the other, each behind a wall. He then ordered the men to lay down, and not raise up until the enemy was within range. The Marbleheaders, did so. They stood, fired volley after volley into the devastated front ranks of the British, then retreated. The British saw the Americans retreating and launched a bayonet charge. When they reached the next wall, another Regiment stood and fired. The effect was devastating. The British lost more men at Pell's Point than they did on Long Island! His determined defense slowed the British advance to a crawl. That delay allowed Washington to continue his retreat to the safety of the hills behind White Plains, where he

consolidated his retreating forces and was ready to make a stand. **John Glover's save number 2!**

Washington realized that an invading army cannot conquer a country by marching through it. It had to be occupied. Every city and town had to have a garrison, stationed there in order to maintain control. He devised a plan to re-cross the Delaware River and attack one of the garrison towns with what was left of his army. Intelligence told him that the most vulnerable town would be Trenton. The only problem remaining was would it be possible to cross the Delaware River in the middle of winter? If it could be done at all, the only man capable of pulling it off was John Glover, and his response was typical of him: "not to be troubled about that, as his boys could manage it." At dusk Glover's men started ferrying the army across the ice choked Delaware River in Durham boats. In addition to the danger of the ice flows, at about 11:00 p.m. a snow storm started reducing visibility to near zero. The wet weather would make the soldier's primer powder next to useless, hence the loading of eighteen cannons on the boats would be all the more important. Later he wrote: "... perseverance accomplished what at first seemed impossible". John Glover's Regiment was worth a dozen Regiments that night. Without them there would not have been a victory at Trenton, a turning point of the Revolution. Historian George Trevelyan noted: "***It may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater or more lasting results upon the history of the world.***" The crossing was successfully made, surprise achieved and Trenton fell into our hands along with 918 prisoners, several much needed brass cannons and a great deal of supplies.

John Glover's save Number 3!

George Washington recognized Glover's value and requested that Congress promote him to Brigadier General. Upon learning of the promotion, he wrote to General Washington saying, " ... but when I consider my own inabilities & inexperience, I cannot think myself in any degree capable of doing the duty, necessary to be done by an officer of that rank, these are my only objections, which I hope will have weight, with your Excellency as to excuse one from accepting the Commission..."

General Washington replied:

"Headquarters, Morristown, April 26th, 1777.

Sir: After the conversation I had with you before you left the Army last winter, I was not a little surprised at the contents of yours of the 1st instant. As I had not the least doubt but you would accept of the Commission of Brigadier, if conferred upon you by Congress...Diffidence in an Officer is a good mark, because it will always endeavour to bring himself up to what he conceives to be the full line of his duty; but I think I may tell you without flattery, that I know of no man better qualified than you to conduct a Brigade, you have activity and industry, and as you very well know the duty of a Colonel, you know how to exact that duty from others . . . George Washington"

Glover accepted the promotion and was appointed a Brigade commander. Many leaders of the quest for independence suffered heavily during the Revolutionary War. General Glover was no exception. He lost his first wife of 24 years; his son, Captain John Glover, was captured in 1778 by the British and was lost at sea while being transported to England.

About the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Connecticut • Delaware • Georgia • Maryland Massachusetts • New Hampshire • New Jersey New York • North Carolina • Pennsylvania South Carolina • Rhode Island • Virginia ConstitutionFacts.com

"All of the colonies were represented in Philadelphia to consider the delicate case for independence and to change the course of the war. In all, there were fifty-six representatives from the thirteen colonies. Fourteen represented the New England Colonies, twenty-one represented the Middle Colonies and twenty-one represented the Southern Colonies. The largest number (9) came from Pennsylvania. Most of the signers were American born although eight were foreign born. The ages of the signers ranged from 26 (Edward Rutledge) to 70 (Benjamin Franklin), but the majority of the signers were in their thirties or forties. More than half of the signers were lawyers and the others were planters, merchants and shippers. Together they mutually pledged "to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." They were mostly men of means who had much to lose if the war was lost. None of the signers died at the hands of the British, and one-third served as militia officers during the war. Four of the signers were taken captive during the war and nearly all of them were poorer at the end of the war than at the beginning. No matter what each of these men did after July 1776, the actual signing of the Declaration of Independence which began on August 2 ensured them instant immortality. The following gives a bit of information about each signer AFTER the signing of the Declaration of Independence."

Editor Note: We begin a series of short biographies of each of the Signers...alphabetically by State and by Signer.

Connecticut - Samuel Huntington (1731-1796)

Samuel Huntington was a self-made man who distinguished himself in government on the state and national levels. He was the President of Congress from 1779-1781 and presided over the adoption of the Articles of Confederation in 1781. He returned to Connecticut and was the Chief Justice of the Superior Court in 1784, Lieutenant Governor in 1785 and Governor from 1786-1796.



He was one of the first seven presidential electors from Connecticut.

United States Congress and the Bible

The Year of the Bible

Public Law 97-280—Oct. 4, 1982 96 Stat. 1211 97th Congress

Authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim 1983 as the "Year of the Bible". Oct. 4, 1982 [S.J. Res. 165]

Whereas the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; Whereas deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation;

Whereas Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas many of our great national leaders—among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson—paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests";

Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies; Whereas this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and Whereas that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national "Year of the Bible" in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Approved October 4, 1982.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.

It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams



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Capt. William Barron Meeting May 28, 2019



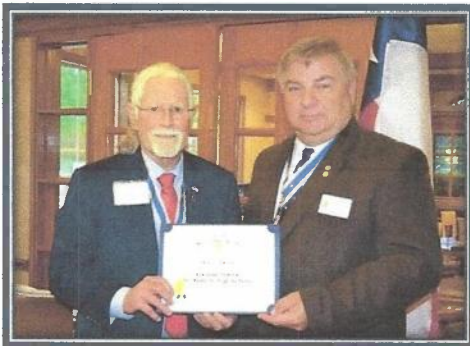
SAR District 10 President Bill Sekel, new members Charles Morton Jr., Terry Lowry, Paul Rider, Capt. Barron Chapter President Mike Johnson



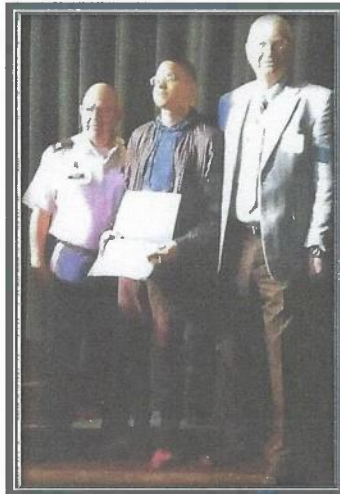
Naturalization Ceremony- John Bolton of Kilgore SAR, Judge Nicole Mitchell, Barron Vice-President Dennis Brand



Barron Chaplain Don Majors and Vice President Dennis Brand at Tyler Memorial Cemetery, Memorial Day



SAR District 10 President Bill Sekel presents Hartsell Stephens Honorable Mention Award for Membership Recruitment to President Mike Johnson



Lt. Col. Ray Canas, Sr. Army Instructor ROTC, C/CPL Terrence Flemings, Vice President Dennis Brand May 20, 2019



Brookshire's Washington, D.C. Vets trip Vice President Dennis Brand, SAR District 10 President Bill Sekel-also a member of Texas State Color Guard, Barron Secretary Allen Brown



Barron President Mike Johnson presents Daniel Cleckler, Whitehouse HS, High School Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate



Vice President Dennis Brand presents guest speaker Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith with a certificate of appreciation and a U.S. Flag flown over the Capitol



President Mike Johnson, Vice President Dennis Brand, Past President Dave McLeod

**Minutes – May 28, 2019
Capt. William Barron Chapter 25
S.A.R.**

The Chapter meeting, held at Traditions Restaurant, was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chapter President Mike Johnson. Assistant Chaplain Sam Hopkins gave the invocation. Vice-President Dennis Brand led the pledges to the flags. Secretary Allen Brown led the Salute to the SAR.

There being no corrections or objections, the Minutes for the March 2019 meeting were approved. President Michael Johnson provided information on former Chapter President Sam Fechenbach, Jose Romero winning the Texas oration contest and participation at the national level in July, and the \$2,500 donation by Brookshire's Grocery Co. to fund SAR Youth Award contests. Vice-President Brand gave the Color Guard report of recent activities.

Vice-President Brand introduced the guest speaker, Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith.

SAR Region 10 Vice-President Bill Sekel was congratulated for the Athens SAR Chapter winning the TXSSAR Americanism Poster Award. VP Sekel then presented an award to the Barron Chapter for submitting a flag certificate in 2018 and the Hartsell Stephens Award, Honorable Mention, to President Johnson for new member recruitment.

Terry Lowry, Charles Morton, and Paul Rider were inducted as new members by Region 10 VP Sekel.

President Johnson presented the High School Outstanding Citizenship Award to Daniel Cleckler of Whitehouse High School and a Flag Certificate to Lois Davidson.

Drawings were held for two digital copies of books by former NSSAR President the Honorable Ed Butler on Bernardo De Galvez. President Johnson announced the joint SAR-SRT meeting on July 23, 2019.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Assistant Chaplain Sam Hopkins giving the benediction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Brown
Chapter Secretary

Barron Bank Balance – June 25, 2019 \$9,054.34

Barron Membership – 114



**The Sons of
The American
Revolution**

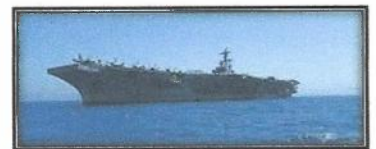
The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence.

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
Barron Chapter
www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/index.htm

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?"



A Boeing engineer stood up
and replied quietly:

"Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?"

You could have heard a pin drop.