

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,

Hope everyone enjoyed the July SRT-SAR meeting. Compatriot John Bolton gave an interesting presentation on his patriot ancestor Robert Rankin. Robert is recognized by both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Republic of Texas as a patriot. He is buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. There is even a Texas SAR Chapter named for him.

It's the first of the school year. While the fall is often seen as the start of football and dove season, it is also the start of our Chapter's Youth and American History Teacher Contests. Thanks to donations from the Brookshire Grocery Company and Austin Bank, the Chapter will continue to fund these contests. Last year, the Chapter's oration contestant, Jose Romero, won the State contest and went on to compete at the National Congress. We hope to have another State winner or winners this year. Encourage your children and grandchildren to enter the contest appropriate to their grade level.

Our speaker for the September meeting will be Savannah Solis. Savannah is the granddaughter of Chapter Chaplain Don Majors. For the past few years, she has visited police departments across the country thanking their officers for their service. What makes this so impressive is that she is only a high school freshman. She will discuss her travels and experiences over the past years. Be sure and attend. Also, I will announce a new Chapter project that cost the

Chapter nothing to participate in and meets the objectives of the SAR – patriotic, historical, and educational.

Even though November is several months away, I want to share some information from the Texas Society Color Guard with you so you can make plans now to attend. Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th. The Dallas Veteran's Day Parade will be on November 11th and this year's theme is "Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day." The Texas State Color Guard will be participating and they are asking all compatriots and their families to attend. Everyone will march as one group and there will be a trailer for those that need to ride along. It is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM at Reunion Arena. An exact muster time has not been announced but once it is, I will send out an "all" email with the details. A map of the parade route and staging area can be found at Dallas Tx Veterans Day Parade. If you are unable to attend, look for a Veteran's Day event in our area. Fly your flag!

See everyone on September 24th.

Michael Johnson
President-Registrar
Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings @ 6:30

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

September 24, 2019

November 19, 2019

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 three new compatriots to the Barron Chapter—admitted to membership as shown.

Jared Chenevey 8/30/19

Dan Horton 8/23/19

Keith Parris 8/30/19

.....and we welcome back

Joe Francis 12/28/07



Also, two supplemental ancestor certificates have been approved for Compatriot Matthew Ellis, and one supplemental ancestor certificate has been approved for Compatriot Greg Blankennagel.

Barron Chapter Meeting

Michael Johnson, President-Registrar

The September 24th Chapter meeting will include new member inductions, member recognition for service in several areas, and the presentation of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to our speaker, Savannah Solis (see page 1).

Also, I'd like to remind everyone that September 11th is Patriot's Day. On the 18th anniversary of the tragic events of that day, please keep the victims, survivors, the first responders, and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Fly your flag.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



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Capt. Barron Chapter Nominating Committee Accepting Nominations for Officer Candidates

Dave McLeod, Chairman

Per Article V of the Capt. Barron Chapter Bylaws, the 3-Member Nominating Committee will be meeting during September and October to nominate our chapter's officers for 2020.

If you would like to be considered for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please email Dave McLeod, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at ...

dynamidmcleod@gmail.com

The Nominating Committee's nominations will be published in the November 2019 edition of The Bugle.

Elections will be held during our January 2020 meeting. Nominations for each Officer position will also be taken from the floor during the January 2020 meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Barron Chapter Sponsors

Capt. William Barron Chapter is grateful to Brookshire Grocery Co. and Austin Bank for their donations to fund our Youth and American History Teacher Award Contests.

May the sun always shine
on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend
always be near you;
**May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.**



by John Singleton Copley

Joseph Warren
6/11/1741 – 7/17/1775
by Janelle Pavao

Joseph Warren is forever stamped in our minds as the hero who lost his life on Bunker Hill, at the early age of 34. However, there was much more to the young physician's life than his ill-timed death.

Joseph Warren was born on June 11, 1741 in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was educated at Harvard University, and went on to briefly teach at the Latin School in Massachusetts, before he decided to finish his schooling and become a physician. Dr. Joseph Warren married Elizabeth Hooten on September 6, 1764. As her dowry, she brought a large fortune she'd inherited.

When the Townshend Acts* were passed in 1767, he started writing a series of articles under the name "A True Patriot." This was his first involvement in the Revolution. The papers made the Royal Governor so angry that he tried to charge both the publishers and Joseph with slander against the state, but the grand jury refused to pin them with any charges.

Joseph Warren had close connections with Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, James Otis, and several other extreme patriots in the Sons of Liberty, which put him in the thick of the patriot movement. After the Boston Massacre in 1770, Joseph became the chairman of the Committee of Safety, and he delivered two of the famous orientations on the event committee's anniversary.

During 1774, Warren spent the majority of the year in Philadelphia with the Continental Congress (although he was not on the Congress). While there he became involved with the militia, and was put in charge of a small group procuring gunpowder and ammunition. On April 18, 1775, Joseph Warren and Paul Revere learned that King George III had put a price on the heads of John Hancock and John Adams, and there was a group of soldiers waiting to arrest them at their safe house in

Lexington. Revere was sent out to warn them, and saved them from the arrest.

When Joseph heard about the battles of Lexington and Concord, he decided to leave his patients with his assistant and ride out that direction to help out. He spent the following six weeks helping prepare the soldiers for battle. Because of all he did, he was promoted to second general in command of the Massachusetts forces on June 14, 1775.



The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill
June 17, 1775 *by John Trumbull*

On June 17, 1775, Warren met with the committee of safety and found out that British forces were landing at Charleston. Warren then rode to the American fort at Breed's Hill. He was offered command over a group of militia, but refused it because he wanted to go in as a regular volunteer. During the third attack from the British, Dr. Joseph Warren was shot in the head and died instantly.

Joseph Warren will always be remembered for his bravery and sacrifice to his country.

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* The Townshend Acts (or the Townshend Act) refers to a set of taxes passed by Parliament in 1767 after the Stamp Act caused rebellion and riots on both sides of the Atlantic. The colonists especially were infuriated and boycotted British goods.

The ring leaders of the boycott were Samuel Adams and John Dickinson. Their actions forced King George to repeal the Stamp Act. Directly afterwards, in Parliament, a man named Charles Townshend, suggested what is now known as the Townshend Acts, taxing the colonies for tea, glass, lead, paints, and paper.

About the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Connecticut • Delaware • Georgia • Maryland
Massachusetts • New Hampshire • New Jersey
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South Carolina • Rhode Island • Virginia
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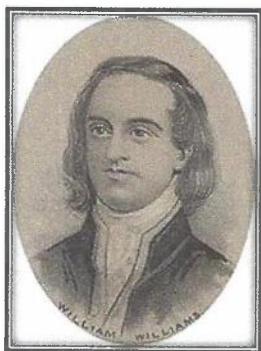
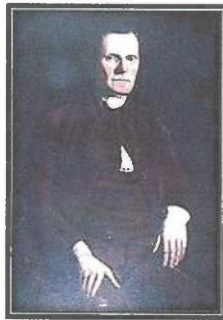
We continue the series of short biographies of each of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence...alphabetically by State and by Signer.

Together, they mutually pledged **"to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."**

Connecticut

Roger Sherman (1723-1793)

Roger Sherman was a member of the Committee of Five that was chosen to write the Declaration of Independence. He and Robert Morris were the only individuals to sign the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. He was the Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut from 1766-1789, a member of the Continental Congress from 1774-81; 1783-84 and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Sherman proposed the famed "Connecticut Compromise" at the convention and represented Connecticut in the United States Senate from 1791-93.



William Williams (1731-1811)

William Williams was a graduate of Harvard, studied theology with his father and eventually became a successful merchant. He fought in the French-Indian War and returned to Lebanon, Connecticut where he served for forty-four years as the town clerk. He was elected to the Continental Congress from 1776-1777, and after signing the Declaration of Independence, Williams was a member of the committee that was instrumental in framing the Articles of Confederation. He was a delegate to vote on the ratification of the Federal Constitution and also served as a Judge of the Windham County Courthouse.



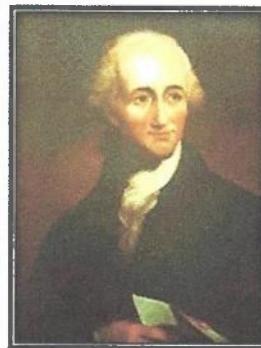
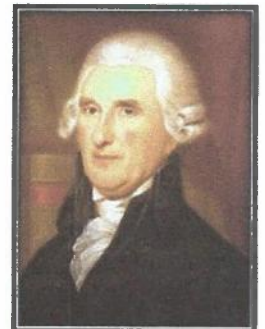
Oliver Wolcott (1726-1797)

Oliver Wolcott was as much a soldier as he was a politician and served as a brigadier general in the New York campaigns from 1776-1777. As a major general, he was involved in defending the Connecticut coast from attacks by the Royal Governor of New York. He was Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1775 and from 1784-89, a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1775-76 and 1778-84, Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut from 1786-96 and Governor from 1796-97.

Delaware

Thomas McKean (1734-1817)

Thomas McKean was the last member of the Second Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1774-81 and served as a delegate to the Congress of the Confederation from 1781-1783. After 1783, McKean became involved in the politics of Pennsylvania becoming Chief Justice of Pennsylvania and the Governor of Pennsylvania from 1799-1812. He retired from politics in 1812 and died at the age of 83 in 1817.



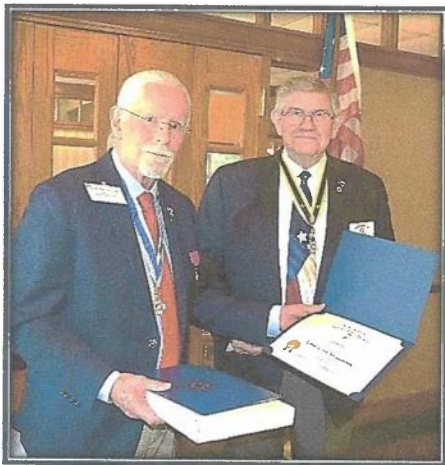
George Read (1733-1798)

George Read was the only signer of the Declaration of Independence who voted against the proposal for independence introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. He was elected to the Continental Congress from 1774-1776, was a member of the Delaware Constitutional Convention in 1776, acting Governor of Delaware in 1777, a Judge on the Court of Appeals in 1780, State Senator from 1791-92, a United States Senator from 1789-1793 and Chief Justice of the State of Delaware from 1793-98.

**Capt. William Barron Meeting
July 23, 2019**



Capt. Barron Chapter President Mike Johnson, inducting new members L/R Kim Combs, Terry Cowan, Bob Walters, Joey Hudson



President Mike Johnson and Speaker John Bolton



Great attendance at July Meeting

Winston Churchill on Islam in 1899

The following is an excerpt of Winston Churchill's critique of Islam, which was written in 1899, when he was 25.



"How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy.

"The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live.

"A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity. The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men.

"Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it.

"No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome."

— Sir Winston Churchill, *The River War*, first edition, Vol. II, pages 248-50 (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1899).

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In 1946, Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri was the location for Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to deliver his famous Iron Curtain speech. Also on this campus are The National Churchill Museum and the reconstructed Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury, which serves as the College's chapel. **Breakthrough** is a sculpture in connection with eight sections of the Berlin Wall, which commemorates the collapse of the Iron Curtain and the end of the Cold War. The sculpture is the work of artist Edwina Sandys, granddaughter of Winston Churchill. It was dedicated to Westminster College in 1990 by former President Ronald Reagan. It is the longest contiguous section of the Berlin Wall in North America.

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Minutes – July 23, 2019 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 S.A.R.

The Chapter meeting, held at Traditions Restaurant, was called to order at 6:28 PM by Chapter President Michael Johnson. SRT compatriot Dr. James Newsom gave the invocation. Dave McLeod 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 May 2019 meeting were approved. This meeting was a joint meeting with the Piney Woods Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and President Johnson recognized the SRT officers and the guests present.

After the SRT induction ceremony of David Chapman, four men were inducted into the SAR: Weldon Combs Jr., Terry Cowan, Joseph Hudson, and Bob Walters. New member, Terry Ridley, will be inducted at our September meeting. Bob Walters was introduced to the membership as a member of "the greatest generation", having served in WWII.

President Johnson introduced the guest speaker, SAR/SRT compatriot John S. Bolton who provided a colorful history of his Revolutionary War and Republic of Texas ancestor, Robert Rankin. At the conclusion of his presentation, SAR President Johnson and SRT President Rob Jones presented the SRT Summerfield winning Texas history book, a SAR Certificate of Appreciation, and a U.S. Flag flown over the nation's capital on San Jacinto Day to compatriot Bolton.

President Johnson reported that a 2nd Flag Presentation Certificate has been presented to Mary Perkins and 4 additional certificates will be presented in the coming week, for a total of 7 this year.

President Johnson announced that Austin Bank has made a \$200 donation to our SAR chapter's Youth and American History Teacher Contests in addition to Austin Bank's 27 annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Dr. Newsom giving the benediction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Allen Brown
Chapter Secretary

Barron Bank Balance – August 26, 2019 \$11,297.24

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Barron Membership – 118

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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

Barron Chapter

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

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American Revolutionary War Patriots Buried In Texas

From Texas SAR Website

"Most of the following information is from the book with the above title by Clovis H. Brakebill. Changes have been made where additional or changed information has been found since the printing of the book. Some of the names need additional research for proof prior to being officially marked, and these are denoted with an asterisk (*). To submit new/corrected information about Texas SAR Patriot Graves, please use Texas SAR Website **Patriot Grave Updater**."

*Editor's note: Currently there are 59 listings...
we will publish as space permits.*

1. **John Abston** was born January 2, 1761 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and was only 18 years old when he fought in the Battle of King's Mountain. In 1789 he married Frances Thurman in Virginia before the couple moved to Kentucky and later to Missouri in the 1830's. In the early 1850's John Abston converted his bank notes to gold bars and hid them in a small trunk as he prepared to migrate to Texas. The family settled near the community of Lavon in Collin County, Texas, where he died February 4, 1857. John Abston is buried in the Abston Family Cemetery located adjacent to Lake Lavon, and his grave is one of only two Patriot graves in Texas that is marked by the DAR, SAR and State of Texas. His grave marker was rededicated on 14 April, 2007.