

# 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,

The September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was the inaugural of the Chapter's first presentation of the Vietnam Commemoration Pin. After being made aware of the program by TXSSAR Compatriots John Greer and Bill Hurst, the Board of Managers voted in July to participate in this very worthwhile project. The Board felt that participating in this project enables the Chapter to meet the objectives of the SAR - patriotic, historical, and educational. We have partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense to recognize and honor veterans who served in the active duty military in the time period from November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of duty station. No matter where these men and women were stationed, they supported the war effort and deserve this long-overdue thanks and recognition. At our September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting we recognized ten of our members who qualified and were present at the meeting. Any member who was not present or is unable to attend future meetings, please contact me and I will forward the pin and presentation packet to you. I will bring pins and presentation packets to future meetings to ensure that all our qualified members are recognized. Any member who would like to participate in this project should contact me. No public ceremony is required. John and Bill told me that whenever they leave the house, they take several pins with them and approach probable veterans and present the pins and the thanks of the United States and the SAR. If you know of anyone, male or female, who served during that time period contact me and I will provide you with the materials needed to make a presentation. Not only does this program give the Captain William Barron Chapter an opportunity to recognize these veterans but there is no expense to the Chapter. All materials are provided free of charge by the Department of Defense and we are not limited on the materials we request. To date, the Chapter has presented 50 pins to deserving veterans.

Thanks to our guest speaker, Ms. Savannah Solis, for her inspirational discussion of her efforts to recognize law enforcement officers all across the United States. She has visited 20 plus states and plans to visit police departments in all 50 states. We presented her with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on San Jacinto Day 2019.

In September 2018, the Mary Tyler DAR Chapter presented the Chapter with a DVD entitled "George Washington and the Making of the Constitution." The Chapter received the DVD at the September 24, 2019 meeting and plans on showing it at a future meeting. Thank you to the Mary Tyler Chapter DAR and Regent Joanna Reagan for this DVD.

The SAR Youth and American History Teacher Contests are well underway and we should be getting some entries by the end of November. A lot of effort was made to get the word out to as many schools in the area as possible and we are hoping for a great turnout.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter's Color Guard members John Bolton and Larry Auld, myself, and three other members attended the departure of the Brookshire's Heroes Flight.

Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to avoid any conflicts with Thanksgiving week. Please plan on attending. A reminder that November 10<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of the United States Marine Corp and November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Our treasurer, Marvin Massey, and one of our newest members, Reverend Gerry Giles, will be sponsoring a veteran's day event at Marvin Methodist and plan to distribute the Vietnam Commemoration Pins.

Michael Johnson  
President-Registrar  
Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR

### Upcoming Events

**Chapter Meetings @ 6:30**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - at Traditions Restaurant,  
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

**NOTE: Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

January 28      March 24      May 26

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.



Michael Crookshanks 11/1/19  
Patriot – John Crookshanks  
Rev. Gerry Giles 10/8/19  
Patriot – Joshua Fowler  
Paul Hable 10/8/19  
Patriot – Bailey Anderson  
Alton Moore 10/8/19  
Patriot – William Wasson  
Tate Sweeney 10/8/19  
Patriot - Bailey Anderson

## Barron Chapter Meeting

Michael Johnson, President-Registrar

Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> to avoid any conflicts with Thanksgiving week.

The speaker will be TXSSAR State Historian, John Anderson, whose topic will be "Importance of Capturing Chapter Data".

We will also induct new members. This year we have added 19 new members to our roster. We had three reinstatements and one transfer membership. In addition, members submitted six supplemental applications and one memorial application.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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## Capt. Barron Chapter Nominating Committee Nominations for Officer Candidates

Dave McLeod, Chairman

As per the Capt. William Barron Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, a nominating committee was established in September 2019. The Nominating Committee is to consist of three members: a) the Past President of the Chapter, and b) two at-large members. Due to health reasons, Past President Sam Fechenbach's role in this committee was assumed by Past President Dave McLeod. The two at-large members on the committee are Robby Leach and Mickey Redwine.

The following members are nominated by the Nominating Committee for the following offices for the 2020 year:

President: Mike Johnson  
Vice-President: Dennis Brand  
Secretary: Allen Brown  
Treasurer: Tom Russell

The Committee, on behalf of the chapter, thanks Marvin Massey for his years of service to the chapter as Treasurer. The elections will be held during our January 28, 2020 Member's Meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

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## In Memorium

*It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of Sam Fechenbach, on September 10, 2019. Sam was the Capt. Barron Chapter President for 2018 and was instrumental in our efforts to craft a new Constitution and Bylaws. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and son, Spencer.*

## Richard Henry Lee

1/20/1732 - 6/19/1794

American History  
Excerpts



Richard Henry Lee had the advantage in life of living during one of the most crucial times in American History, allowing him to take part in one of the greatest events the world has witnessed: the pregnancy, birth, and childhood of the United States of America. Striving against the British Crown with such men as Patrick Henry, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin, his influence has a lasting effect on the outcome of American History.

Richard's career began by his birth into the famed, old family of Virginia, the Lee family. Richard was born on the 20th of January 1732, at his family's plantation, near Stratford, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was the oldest of four boys, Francis Lightfoot Lee, William Lee, and Arthur Lee. He was educated early on in life by private tutoring at his family home in Virginia. Having reached the latter years of his education, his family sent him off to England to complete his studies. Finally on completing his education he returned home from England, in 1752.

The Lees' of Virginia had a fine tradition of public service. Richard, in 1758, following in the footsteps of his family, entered the Virginia House of Burgesses at the age of twenty-five, thus, he began seventeen years of continuous services for his colony. His staunch opposition of British measures, such as the Stamp Act and Townshend Acts, centered him in the forefront of defenders of colonial rights. Openly calling the Townshend Acts, *"arbitrary, unjust, and destructive of that mutual beneficial connection which every good subject would wish to see preserved"*.

Richard's openly advocating independence from the British Crown in the spring of 1776, led to his being chosen to move the issue of independence in congress. Finally, on June 7, 1776 he stood up in congress and uttered a resolution that would forever change the course of American History.

*Resolved: that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be totally dissolved.*

This resolution set a chain of events into action that would lead to the writing of the Declaration of Independence and finally to the adoption of it, and American Independence on July 4, 1776.

Richard retired from congress in 1779 due to ill health and returned home to Virginia. On his return he was elected to the Virginia Legislature, remaining there until he was once again sent to congress in 1784. This time he served his first year as that bodies' president. Remaining two more years in congress, he played an important role in the passage of the Northwest Ordinance. When the Constitutional Convention was held in 1787 to form a centralized government, Richard outright refused to attend, even going as far as to lead in Virginia's opposition to the new constitution. Richard's opposition to the constitution was based on the fact that it called for a strong central government, one thing he did not ever intend to have again. Also the fact that the constitution itself lacked a bill of rights gave him reason for concern. He felt the combination of these factors, giving a strong central government the power to do what it likes against individuals, without any form of guaranteed rights to its citizens, would eventually put them back in the hands of a tyrant.

Having lost his battle over the new constitution, he accepted appointment in 1789 as one of the first senators from Virginia. As a senator he immediately proposed a number of new resolutions to correct the oversights in the constitution. Several of his proposals were adopted and many were used in the Bill of Rights. He had now become one of the strongest advocates of the Bill of Rights. It was a strong part of the new government that he felt they could not afford to leave out. Richard continued in the senate until ill health finally, for the last time, forced his resignation in 1792. Retiring to his Virginia estate Chantilly, near Stratford, in Westmoreland county Virginia he died on June 19, 1794 at the age of sixty-two.

Richard Henry Lee aided in lighting the torch of American Freedom and kept it burning for his nation. From a farmer, to a politician, to congressman, to a statesman, to a patriot, to a senator, Richard Henry Lee performed a very important role in American history.

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

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."

Delaware



Caesar Rodney (1728- 1784)

Caesar Rodney took a strong stand in favor of independence and because of that, was not reelected to Congress because of the conservatives in the state of Delaware. They also blocked his election to the state legislature and his appointment to the state's constitutional convention. He was interested in military affairs and was involved in action in Delaware and New Jersey during the Revolutionary War. He was reelected to Congress in 1777 and was nominated as state president from 1778-1781. He died in 1784 while serving as Speaker of the Upper House of the Delaware Assembly.

Georgia



Button Gwinnett (1735-1777)

After the Governor died in 1777, Button Gwinnett served as the Acting Governor of Georgia for two months, but did not achieve reelection. His life was one of economic and political disappointment. Button Gwinnett was the second signer of the Declaration to die as the result of a duel outside Savannah, Georgia.

Lyman Hall (1724-1790)

Lyman Hall was one of four signers trained as a minister and was a graduate of Princeton College. During his life he also served as a doctor, governor and planter. During the Revolutionary War, his property was destroyed and he was accused of treason. He left Georgia and spent time in South



Carolina and Connecticut to escape prosecution. When the war was over, he went back to Georgia and began to practice medicine. He served as Governor of Georgia from 1783-1784.

George Walton (1741-1804)

George Walton was elected to the Continental Congress in 1776, 1777, 1780 and 1781, Colonel of the First Georgia Militia in 1778, Governor of Georgia from 1779-1780, Chief Justice of the State Superior Court of Georgia from 1783-89, a presidential elector in 1789, Governor of Georgia from 1789-1790 and a United States Senator from 1795-1796. During the Revolutionary War, Walton was captured by the British in 1778 during the attack on Savannah and released within the year. He was the founder of the Richmond Academy and Franklin College which later became the University of Georgia.



Maryland

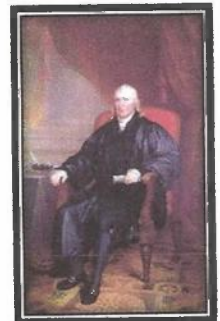


Charles Carroll (1737-1832)

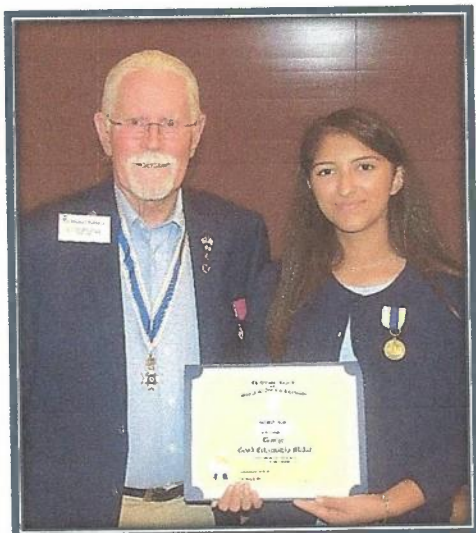
Charles Carroll was one of the wealthiest men in America and was the oldest and longest surviving signer of the Declaration. From 1789-1792 he served as one of Maryland's two United States Senators. He retired from politics in 1804 and spent the rest of his life managing his 80,000 acres of land in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.

Samuel Chase (1741-1811)

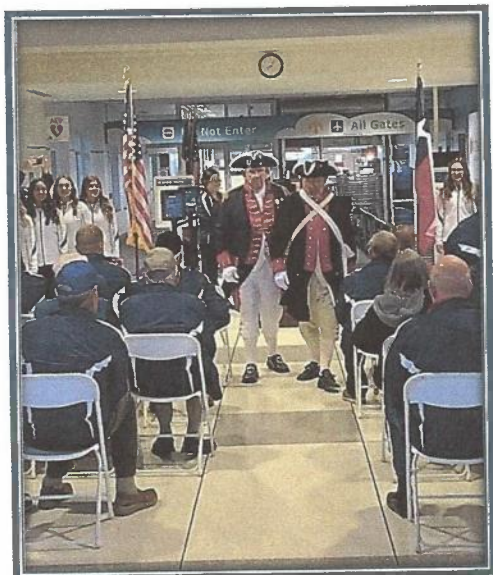
Samuel Chase was called the "Demosthenes of Maryland" for his oratorical skills. In 1785 he represented Maryland at the Mt. Vernon conference to settle a dispute between Maryland and Virginia concerning navigation rights on the Potomac River. He served as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1796-1811. He was the only Supreme Court justice to be impeached, in 1805. He was charged with discriminating against supporters of Thomas Jefferson, and he was found to be not guilty.



**Capt. William Barron Meeting  
September 24, 2019**



President Mike Johnson presenting Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Savannah Solis

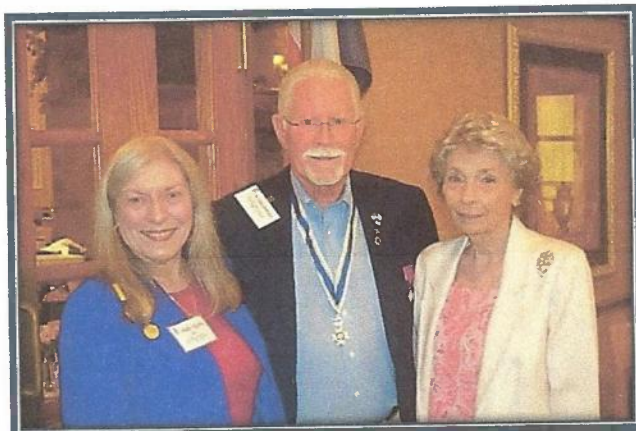


Compatriots John Bolton and Larry Auld at Brookshire's Heroes Flight to Washington DC

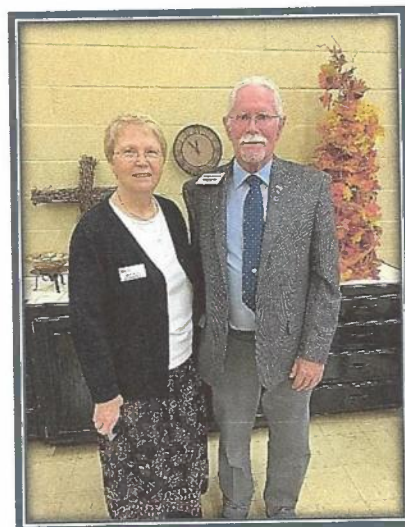
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**Thanksgiving Day**

George Washington issued a proclamation on October 3, 1789, designating Thursday, November 26 as a national day of thanks. In his proclamation, Washington declared that the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to them in achieving independence, and help in establishing the constitutional government.



Chapter Genealogist Shelley Rardin, President Mike Johnson, Chapter Editor Lois Davidson  
Presentation of second award - Daughters of Liberty Medals



Regent Mavis Brush – DAR Martha Laird, Mt. Pleasant and Chapter President Mike Johnson 11/8/19



Compatriots receiving Vietnam Commemoration Pins

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### Minutes – September 24, 2019 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 S.A.R.

The Chapter meeting, held at Traditions Restaurant, was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chapter President Michael Johnson. Reverend Don Majors 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 July 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

President Johnson provided updates on the medical conditions of members and family members and the death of past Chapter President Sam Fechenbach on September 10, 2019.

After the SRT induction ceremony of David Chapman, three men were inducted into the SAR: Joseph Francis, Ronald Keith Parris, and Thomas Ridley.

Pastor Don Majors introduced the guest speaker, his granddaughter, Savannah Solis, who gave an inspirational speech on the importance of and devotion to duty of police officers. President Johnson presented Miss Solis with the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and a US flag flown over the US Capital on San Jacinto Day.

President Johnson recognized the service to our SAR Chapter by Lois Davidson and Shelley Rardin, presenting to each a bronze leaf for their Daughters of Liberty Medals. Eagle Scout pins were presented to Rob Jones, John Merritt, and Gary Root, followed by the presentation of Vietnam War Veteran pins to ten Chapter members.

President Johnson announced that September 29<sup>th</sup> is Gold Star Mothers' Day, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 184<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gonzales (the "Lexington of Texas"), October 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween, and November 10<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. The November meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving week.

President Johnson reminded those present of the submission dates for the student contests.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Pastor Majors giving the benediction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Allen Brown  
Chapter Secretary

Barron Bank Balance – November 9, 2019 \$10,488.31

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Barron Membership – 117

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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](http://www.sar.org)

State SAR [www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org)

Barron Chapter

[www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/index.htm)

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### Annual Dues

In the very near future, you will receive your invoice for the 2020 dues which are due by December 31, 2019. They can be paid now online, or when you receive your invoice. If you are a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas or the Military Order of the Stars and Bars dig deep – those dues will also need to be paid by December 31, 2019.

### 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.

### American Revolutionary War Patriots

#### Buried In Texas

*From Texas SAR Website*

**2. James Adams** was born about 1754 in Albemarle County, Virginia and served three years in the Virginia Continental Line. Capt. James Adams married Mary Irvine March 4, 1776 and the couple moved to Kentucky after the war before moving to Texas in the early 1800's. He is reported buried in Orange County, Texas but his grave has not been located.