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Captain Barron's Bugle

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



The President's Message

Compatriots and Friends
of the Capt. William Barron Chapter,

What a great meeting we had in September! Although the attendance didn't match our usual numbers, it was good to see those that attended. Hope to see more of you at this month's meeting.

Our Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR Scholarship was approved by a unanimous vote and will be in place for this school year. You can find the scholarship listing on the East Texas Communities Foundation website under the scholarships link. We will continue our SAR Youth Contests but, as previously mentioned, the participation has fallen off in the past few years.

Bill O'Neal was our guest speaker and, after his presentation, he was presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for all he has done for the State of Texas, his willingness to speak to heritage groups, and his promotion of the objectives of the SAR – patriotism, history, and education.

I wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

Stay safe!

Michael Johnson
President-Registrar
Captain William Barron Chapter

National Wreaths across America Day

Wreaths across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 2,100 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

This year the National Wreaths across America Day ceremony, sponsored by the Roberts Raiders Booster Club, Tyler Squadron Civil Air Patrol, will be held at Tyler Memorial Cemetery on December 19, 2020 at 12 PM. The goal of the Roberts Raiders Booster Club is to place a wreath at every veteran's gravesite. Help them achieve this goal! Each wreath cost \$15. You can lay your wreath or the sponsor will do so. Volunteers are also needed to assist before and during the event. **The deadline for ordering wreaths is November 30th.** For more information contact:

wreathscrossamericat Tyler@gmail.com

Wreaths across America is a sanctioned SAR event and I encourage your support of this worthwhile project honoring our fallen heroes.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

The meeting will be held at Traditions Restaurant. The meeting will start at 5:30 PM and end by 7:00 PM. Come early if you plan to eat. **All Covid protocols will be followed. The seating is 4 to a table and set 6 feet apart. Masks are required once you have finished eating or if you chose not to eat. Hand sanitizer will be available.**

Please protect yourself and your fellow members by complying with the protocols.

The program will be presented by Chapter Secretary Allen Brown. The topic will be Brigadier General Jedediah Huntington.

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Officer Nominations

Chair, Dave McLeod
Robby Leach and Mickey Redwine

The following is the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2021.

President Michael Johnson
Vice President Terry Cowan
Secretary Allen Brown
Treasurer Tom Russell

Election and installation of officers will take place at the January 2021 Chapter Meeting.

Barron Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at Traditions Restaurant at 5:30 on Tuesday, November 17th.

The speaker will be Chapter Secretary Allen Brown. The topic will be Brigadier General Jedediah Huntington.

New Chapter Members

We welcome three new compatriots into the Barron Chapter, admitted to membership as shown.



Joseph Gresham 10/23/2020
Patriot, Thomas Gresham, Pvt
3rd Virginia

Zachary Gresham 10/23/2020
Patriot, Thomas Gresham, Pvt
3rd Virginia

Michael Williams 10/23/2020
Patriot, Richard Bird
Montgomery County
Virginia militia

Welcome to the
Captain William Barron Chapter!

Dues Notice

You should have received your 2021 dues notice. If you have not received it, contact me at

captwilliambarron@yahoo.com

Your dues must be paid by 12/31/2020. Your dues can be paid by mailing the invoice and a check or using the TXXSAR website, TexasSAR.org, to connect to PayPal. I know there's a lot on your December to do list, but *please pay your dues by 12/31/2020.*

Notice to Amend the Chapter Bylaws

Following a vote by the Board of Managers, the November meeting will include a discussion and a vote on amending the Chapter Bylaws based on the actions of the National Society and a suggestion by Texas Society President-Elect, Jim Kuykendall, concerning Chapter operations during a state or national emergency.

Tax Deductible Donations

If you are looking for a tax deduction for 2020, please consider the SAR. The National Society and the Texas Society both have programs listed on their websites. Of course, if you believe that "charity begins at home", I would encourage you to donate to the Chapter's Scholarship fund. A donation of \$17.50 by every member would pay for our annual scholarship. Thank you for your consideration.



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American Revolutionary War Patriots Buried In Texas

Continuing our series - From Texas SAR Website

18. William Eakin was born in 1764 and served with the South Carolina Continental Line. We have his pension application and after he died July 11, 1840 in Shelby County, Texas, he was buried in San Augustine County, Texas. We do not know the location of his grave.

19. Johann Michael Ehler found his way to Texas in a most unusual way. Born of German immigrants, Johann Ehler volunteered for the Pennsylvania state militia in June 1776 at the age of 15. They marched through Pennsylvania to Elizabethtown, NJ where he enlisted as a private in the "regular" army, and then marched to New York with his unit. After marching to Flatbush, his unit engaged in the Battle of Long Island where more than 300 American soldiers died. After the battle, Ehler came down with "camp fever and rheumatism" that laid him up for nearly three months. After the war, Ehler went home to Indiana and acquired nearly 160 acres in Dearborn Co, IN. In 1833 he applied for and was granted a pension (\$40 a year) under the Revolutionary Claim Act of 1832. Five years later Ehler "fell dead on his floor in a minute" apparently from a heart attack, and was buried on the family farm. As this land was being subdivided and sold to create a Cincinnati bedroom community, the graves of Ehler and his wife were almost lost. El Paso Compatriot William A. Luckey, a descendant of Ehler's, retrieved the remains of Ehler and his wife and had them moved to the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss, El Paso. Ehler's documentation for his pension was used to help prove his qualification for burial at Fort Bliss. A memorial service was held on February 22, 2008 with full military honors, a twenty-one gun salute, and the playing of "Taps" to commemorate his service. The grave is not marked with an SAR or other marker because Fort Bliss National Cemetery rules do not allow the placing of grave markers other than

properly procured headstones on graves within the cemetery.

20. William Gates was born in North Carolina in about 1760 and served in the American Revolution, but we do not know where he served. He married Catherine Hardin in about 1781 and the family moved to Kentucky. They later moved to Missouri before moving on to Texas in 1821, where they settled near Washington-on-the-Brazos, where Gates became one of the Old 300 families settled by Stephen F. Austin. He died on August 6, 1828 in San Augustine County while visiting his son, Charles Gates, and was buried in an unmarked grave probably on land owned by his son on Ayish Bayou. Horses were run over his grave to hide its location from the marauding Indians.

21. Henry Bailey Greenwood was born in 1756 in Virginia. He was a Quaker and grew up in Loudon and Bedford counties. In 1779 he married Nancy Jarvis. Although he did not fight because of his religion, he did serve as a juror during the Revolution. Between the end of the Revolution and 1830, Henry lived in Greenbrier Co. VA (by 1796), in Anderson Co. TN (by 1802) where sons Joel and Franklin were born, in Madison Co. IL, in Miller Co. AK Territory (by 1827), in St. Augustine, TX (by 1829) and finally to Grimes Co. TX (by 1830). He settled in "Old High Point", the forerunner of Stoneham, TX. He died in 1835. An SAR marker was placed on Henry Bailey Greenwood's grave by the Piney Woods Chapter in 2005.

22. *Benjamin Hardin (TBD - 1845) - His Revolutionary War service is not known. He died on 25 November, 1845, in Polk Co.

23. *James Wilson Henderson (TBD - ca. 1856) - Revolutionary War service is not known. He died ca. 1856 and is buried in Shilo Cemetery in Cherokee County.

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of the Declaration of Independence**

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

Pennsylvania

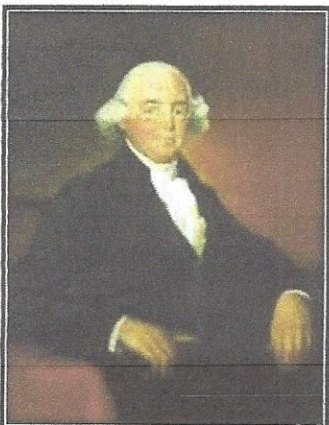
George Taylor (1716-1781)



George Taylor came to the colonies as an indentured servant and eventually was an Ironmaster at the Warwick Furnace and Coventry Forge. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1775-1777. He returned to Pennsylvania and was elected to the new Supreme Executive Assembly, but served for a very short period of time because of illness and financial difficulties. His Durham Furnace manufactured

ammunition for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

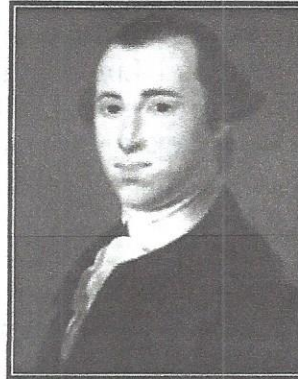
James Wilson (1742-1798)



James Wilson was elected to the Congress from 1775-77 and 1785-87, chosen to be one of the directors of the Bank of North America in 1781, a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and appointed by President George Washington to be an Associate Justice to the US. Supreme Court from 1789-1798. He experienced personal and financial difficulty in his later years and spent time in debtor's prison while serving on the Supreme Court.

South Carolina

Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809)

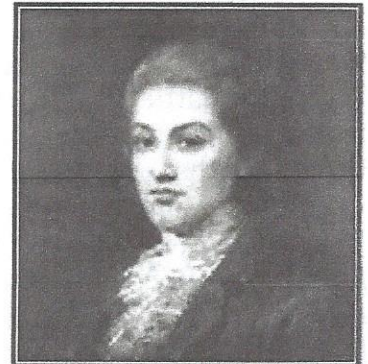


Thomas Heyward was a planter and lawyer and was one of three signers from South Carolina captured and imprisoned by the British. He signed the Articles of Confederation while a member of the Continental Congress. He returned to South Carolina and became a judge and a member of the state legislature. The British destroyed Heyward's home at White Hall during the war and he was held prisoner until 1781. After the war, he served two

terms in the state legislature from 1782-1784. Thomas Heyward became the first President of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina.

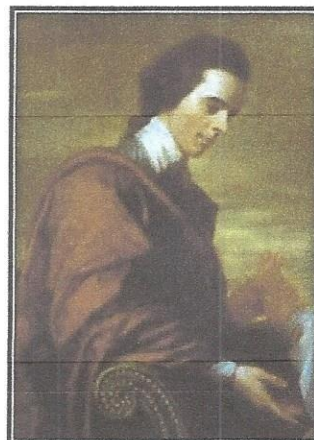
Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779)

Thomas Lynch, Jr. was an aristocratic planter who was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence to die at the age of thirty. He was trained as a lawyer and graduated from Cambridge University in England, and was elected to the Second Continental Congress to carry on the duties of his ill father. Thomas Lynch Sr.

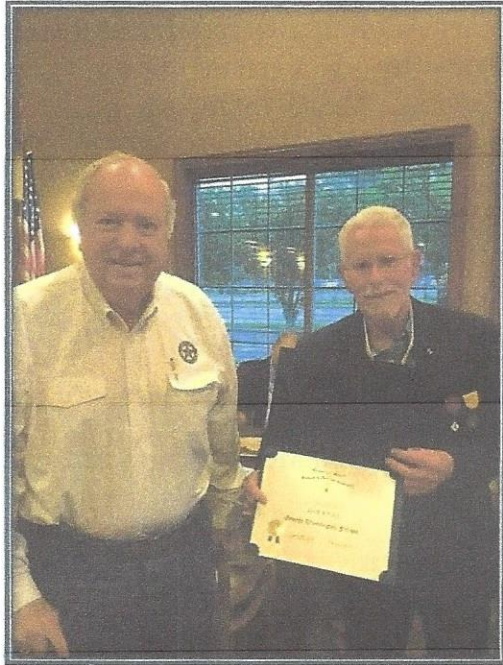


and Thomas Lynch Jr. were the only father and son team to serve concurrently in the Continental Congress. Thomas Lynch, Jr. and his wife were en route to France in 1779 when their ship was lost at sea.

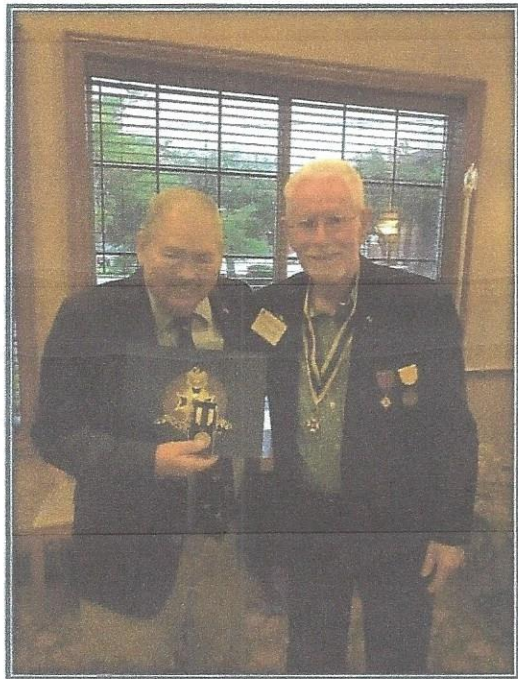
Arthur Middleton (1742-1787)



Arthur Middleton was chosen to replace his more conservative father in the Continental Congress in 1776, but failed to attend most of the sessions. He was captured by the British and was held captive for over a year in St. Augustine, Florida. During the time of his incarceration, the British destroyed most of his property. After his release in 1781, Middleton returned to politics and served in the Virginia state legislature and was a trustee of the College of Charleston.



Compatriot Rob Jones presented with George Washington Fellow Certificate and lapel pin



Historian Bill O'Neal presented with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate

Important Dates

- 11/11/2020 Veteran's Day – check your local media for area and regional events
- 11/17/2020 Chapter Meeting at Traditions
- 12/07/1941 Pearl Harbor Day – the day that will live in infamy. Please remember those lost and wounded on this day as well as our remaining WWII veterans. We have at least two compatriots, Charles Calahan and Bob Walters, who served in WWII. Fly your flag!
- 12/19/2020 National Wreaths across America Day - see the separate notice on Page one
- 12/25/2020 Christmas Day
- 01/01/2021 New Year's Day – best to everyone in 2021, hoping this year will not be as unsettling as 2020

Dates in History

November 16, 1776: The Hessians capture Fort Washington, NY Fought on November 16, 1776 on the island of Manhattan, the Battle of Fort Washington was the final devastating chapter in General Washington's disastrous New York Campaign. After winning a major victory on Long Island in August, British General William Howe began to move against New York City in mid-September.

November 20, 1776: Lord Cornwallis captures Fort Lee from Nathanael Greene. Washington and his top generals, decided to evacuate rather than risk more troops. This withdrawal began the long retreat across New Jersey, ending with Washington and his army clinging to survival on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River as Christmas 1776 approached.

At the same time as Fort Lee was being evacuated, Thomas Paine was writing *The American Crisis*, penning the words, "These are the times that try men's souls."

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Minutes - September 22, 2020 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 S.A.R.

The Chapter meeting, held at Traditions Restaurant, was called to order at 5:38 PM by Chapter President Mike Johnson. Reverend Gerry Giles gave the invocation. Dave McLeod led the pledges to the flags and Salute to the SAR.

There being no corrections or objections, the minutes for the January 2020 meeting as published in Captain Barron's Bugle were approved.

President Michael Johnson discussed creating a \$1,500 annual scholarship for a graduating high school senior, with the scholarship to be administered by the East Texas Communities Foundation. Marvin Massey made a motion to create the scholarship. The motion was seconded by Gerry Giles and passed by a voice vote.

Vice-President Terry Cowan introduced the guest speaker, Bill O'Neal, who spoke on "The American Revolution as a 2-Act Play (2-Act War)." President Johnson presented Mr. O'Neal with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

President Johnson presented The George Washington Fellow Certificate and Lapel Pin to Rob Jones. Compatriot Jones discussed the George Washington Endowment Fund.

President Johnson apologized to the membership for the inclusions of four politically-slanted articles (one of which was a falsehood) in the last issue of Captain Barron's Bugle. He emphasized that such opinion pieces are not allowed in the newsletter of a 501c3 nonprofit.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Reverend Giles giving the benediction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Brown
Chapter Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance-October 31, 2020 \$10,447.49

Barron Membership - 119

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SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org
State SAR www.txssar.org
Barron Chapter
www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcsar/index.htm

Happy Thanksgiving

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Merry Christmas

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.