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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,

I hope all of you are in good health and had a great and uneventful holiday season. The release of the Covid vaccine gives us all some hope that the pandemic will soon be over but we will still need to be vigilant and stay safe until the vaccine enables us to achieve herd immunity. My crystal ball isn't working so I don't really know what 2021 holds for the Chapter. We will stay active and certainly try to meet when it is appropriate and safe. The State Society is planning on a Spring convention, either live or via Zoom. Read your Barron's Bugle for updates and, as needed, I will contact you via email.

Stay safe!

Michael Johnson  
President-Registrar  
Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR

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### Review of 2020

Now that 2020 is in the rearview mirror and growing smaller and smaller as we move forward, let's review what the Chapter accomplished in 2020. Even with the problems associated with the pandemic, including the cancellation of meetings, the Chapter continued to function. We presented both the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and the SAR EMS Medal. At the Chapter's request, the City Council proclaimed March 29, 2020 as Vietnam War Veterans Day in Tyler. We continued to present the Vietnam War commemoration Pin to Vietnam Period veterans, including those in attendance at the POW-MIA event on the square in September. The Chapter added 15 new members and had three supplementals approved.

This brings our total Chapter membership to 126. One member, James Kidd, submitted twelve supplementals, but they won't be approved until 2021. The Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR Scholarship was created. We participated in the Wreaths over America program. Even though 2020 was not a normal year in any sense of the word, the Chapter continued to meet its goals. Let's make 2021 even better!

I would like to recognize the tenure of some of our members as of 12/31/2020.

### Members Over 20 Years

George Hall, John Gibson, Thomas McCall, Walter Powell, Cadmus Williams, H. Bailey Williams, Kyle Payne, Charles Calahan, Jeff Austin III, Michael Weaver, Max Herring, Jr., Vernon Coe, David Hanover, James Davis, Michael Hurley, Dickie Warren, Ronald Dodson

### Members 10-19 Years

C. Bruce Pickette, Michael Dunavant, Tim West, Don Majors, Stephen Majors, Sam Kidd, Larry Oliver, David White, Matthew Lee, Bobby Poynter, Joe Francis, Joseph Connors, Jr., Rick Featherston, James Kidd, Dave McLeod, John Merritt, Clifford Johnson, Bobby Tillery

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support of the Chapter, the SAR, and the principles we believe in.

### Upcoming Events

**The January meeting has been cancelled.**

**The next tentatively scheduled meeting will be March 23, 2021**



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### Spirit of 1776

Archibald MacNeal Willard

## Barron Chapter Meeting

At the recommendation of TXSSAR President Drake Peddie that we hold no live meetings, and the worsening of the pandemic, **we will not hold a meeting in January.** Since we will be unable to meet and no one expressed an interest in running for office, Section 5 of Article III of the by-laws, as approved at the November 17, 2020 meeting, will be implemented. Your current officers will continue to serve in their current offices in 2021.

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### In Memorium

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of Compatriot Hoyt Berryman on September 22, 2020.

Compatriot Berryman was admitted to membership on 9/18/2002.

## New Chapter Members

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



Tom Keith	12/02/2020
patriot, John Fain	
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Peter Smith	12/02/2020
patriot, Jeremiah Walton	
Robert Ethan Meacham	11/20/2020
patriot, Joseph Meacham	
Robert H Meacham	11/20/2020
patriot, Joseph Meacham	
Austin Wilson	10/09/2020
patriot, Joseph Adair, Sr.	Active-Duty Military
Blake Wilson	10/09/2020
patriot, Joseph Adair, Sr.	
Christopher Wilson	10/09/2020
patriot, Joseph Adair, Sr.	Active-Duty Military
Jeffrey Wilson	10/09/2020
patriot, Joseph Adair, Sr.	

Welcome to the  
Captain William Barron Chapter!

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America's first attempt at a national governing document was in 1777 with the Articles of Confederation.



## Wanted



The Captain William Barron Chapter wants you to be our Webmaster. Our new website is supported by the Texas Society SAR and is no longer associated with rootsweb.

To visit our website, visit:

<https://www.txssar.org/CWilliamBarron/>

The Texas Society will provide you with assistance as needed. Since the website is up and running, you will primarily be responsible for updating information. If you are interested, please contact me at [captwmbarron@yahoo.com](mailto:captwmbarron@yahoo.com).

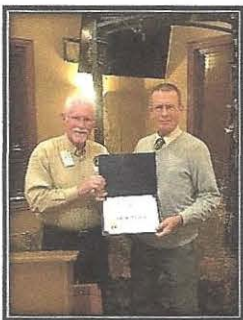
This would be a great way to contribute to the Chapter. Thanks.

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## Upcoming Dates

- 1/03/1777 Battle of Princeton
- 1/15/1776 Thomas Paine publishes *Common Sense*
- 1/17/1781 Daniel Morgan wins the Battle of Cowpens
- 1/20/2021 Inauguration Day
- 2/16/2021 Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras

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Chapter Secretary Allen Brown receiving his SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on Brigadier General Jedediah Huntington at the November meeting. He also received a U.S. Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on Texas Independence Day 2019. The flag was presented at the December BOM meeting.

Photo courtesy of Dave McLeod

## John Hanson, President of Congress

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The Articles of Confederation, the predecessor to the Constitution, called for a president - albeit one with greatly diminished powers. John Hanson became the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled, under the Articles of Confederation, from November 1781 until November 1782. He was able to remove all foreign troops from American lands, as well as their flags. He also introduced the Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. He led the flight to guarantee the statehood of the Western Territories beyond the Appalachian Mountains that had been controlled by some of the original thirteen colonies. Presidents under the Articles of Confederation served only one year. Hanson played an important role in the development of United States Constitutional History, one often not stated, but true nonetheless. Often, Hanson is regarded as the "forgotten first President". In Seymour Weyss Smith's biography of him, **John Hanson, Our First President**, he says that the American Revolution had two primary leaders: George Washington in the military sphere, and John Hanson in politics. Although one position was ceremonial, and the other was more official, there are statues of both men in the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. Hanson died on November 15, 1783 at the age of 62.

*"Thus was ended the career of one of America's greatest statesmen. While hitherto practically unknown to our people, and this is true as to nearly all the generations that have lived since his day, his great handiwork, the nation which he helped to establish, remains as a fitting tribute to his memory. It is doubtful if there has ever lived on this side of the Atlantic, a nobler character or shrewder statesman. One would search in vain to find a more powerful personage, or a more aggressive leader, in the annals of American history, and it is extremely doubtful if there has ever lived in an age since the advent of civilization, a man with a keener grasp of, or a deeper insight into, such democratic ideals as are essential to the promotion of personal liberty and the extension of human happiness. ... He was firm in his opinion that the people of America were capable of ruling themselves without the aid of a king."*

Jacob A. Nelson, "John Hanson and the Inseparable Union", published in 1939



## **American Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Texas**

*Continuing our series - From Texas SAR Website*

**24. \*Theophilus Hickman** (1753 - ca. 1848) - Volunteer Edgecombe Co., North Carolina Militia. He died ca. 1848 Jasper Co. (Pension rejected because service less than 6 Months.)

**25.\*Moses Hill** (TBD - ca.1845) - Revolutionary War service from Massachusetts. He died ca. 1845 reportedly in Sabine Co.

**26. Alexander Hodge** is called the Hero of Two Republics since he served under the Swamp Fox, General Francis Marion in the American Revolution and when he was 76 years old, he participated in the struggle for Texas' Independence. Alexander Hodge was born in 1760 in Pennsylvania, but the family moved to Edgefield, South Carolina, and at age 18 he served in the American Revolution. After the Revolution he moved to Arkansas where he met Stephen F. Austin, and decided to go to Texas to obtain land. In 1825 he moved his family to Texas settling in what is now Fort Bend County. The 76-year old Patriot led and assisted the women and children in the "Run-away Scrape" in 1836 after the fall of the Alamo. Alexander Hodge died August 17, 1836 and was buried in the family plantation cemetery called Hodge's Bend Cemetery located northwest of Sugarland, Texas in Fort Bend County. There is a Texas Historical Marker, a Citizen of the Republic of Texas plaque, an Austin's Old 300 marker, and an SAR lugged marker on his headstone in Hodge's Bend Cemetery. There is also a DAR marker in Sam Houston Park in downtown Houston, and a Texas Historical Marker on U.S. Highway 90 near Dayton, Texas. Is this information up to date?

**27. Thomas Blair Hogg** was born April 16, 1768 on the Enoree River in the Newberry District of South Carolina. In 1790 he married Martha Chandler and the family moved to Georgia, where he lived when he fought in the War of 1812. He served in the Georgia Legislature before moving to Alabama in 1819, where he also served in their Legislature, before moving to Choctaw County, Mississippi where he was again elected to that

state's Legislature. In 1849 at the age of 81 he moved to Texas where he died at the age of 81 and is buried next to his wife in the Hogg Cemetery east of Rusk, Texas in Cherokee County. These are the grandparents of the first native-born Texan to be elected Governor of the state, but there are no markers on his grave, according to Clovis. An SAR marker was placed on Thomas Blair Hogg's grave by the Capt. William Barron and Athens Chapters on 11 September, 2004.

**28. Thomas C. Holmes** was born in Wayne County, North Carolina in 1759 and married Elizabeth Jourdon in 1794. He served as an express rider for Capt. Benjamin Harrison's 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Regiment, under General Francis Marion, The Swamp Fox, and carried a message from General Marion to General George Washington. He applied for his pension in 1854 while living in Newton County, Texas where he had been living since 1835, and he died there in 1861. There is a brass US Government marker on his grave, but no SAR or DAR marker. Due to the fact that the actual grave site is inaccessible without serious off-road capability, a memorial marker was erected by the DAR and SAR in the Holmes family section of the Trout Creek Cemetery in Trout, TX.

**29. \*Micijah Hughes** (1768 - 1857) - Possible service in Revolutionary War not known. He died ca. 1857 and is buried in Skinner Cemetery, Lone Star, Morris Co.

**30. Zachariah Landrum** was born in 1766 in South Carolina and grew up to be a tall stocky man and was the third generation in his family to fight in the American Revolution. He received 150 acres of land in Georgia for his war service, and married Letitia Tine in about 1795. On January 20, 1830 the family arrived by wagon train at the Old Stone Fort in Nacogdoches, Texas. On July 19, 1833 Zachariah Landrum died and was buried in a small plot on a hilltop and his family made an above ground crypt, four feet tall, over his grave. The location of his grave is about two miles south of Old Montgomery and one mile west of Texas Highway 149 in the Springer Cemetery in Montgomery County, Texas. There are both DAR and SAR markers on his grave.



**About the Signers  
of the Declaration of Independence**

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

**South Carolina** *(continued)*

**Edward Rutledge (1749-1800)**

Edward Rutledge was elected to the Continental Congress from 1774-76 and 1779, a captain in the Charleston Battalion of Artillery from 1776-1779, a state legislator from 1782-1798, College of Electors in the presidential elections of 1788, 1792, 1796 and elected Governor for South Carolina in 1798. He was the youngest of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. During the Revolutionary War, Rutledge was a military captain involved in the campaigns at Port Royal Island and Charleston, South Carolina. He was captured by the British in 1780 and held as a prisoner until 1781. From 1782-1798 Rutledge was a member of the state legislature and was elected Governor in 1798.



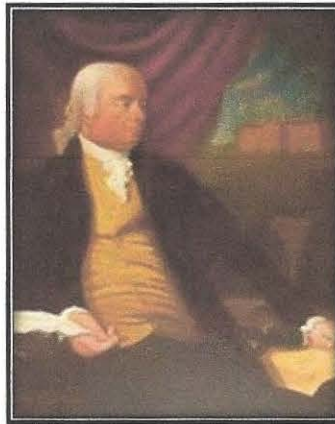
**Rhode Island**

**William Ellery (1727-1820)**



William Ellery served with distinction in the Congress of the Confederation until 1786 when he accepted the post of Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office of Rhode Island. He served in that position until 1790 when he was appointed Customs Collector in Newport. Although the British destroyed his home during the American Revolution, Ellery was later able to rebuild his fortune.

**Stephen Hopkins (1707-1785)**



Stephen Hopkins was the second oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence (next to Benjamin Franklin). He served on the committee that was responsible for the creation of the Articles of Confederation. He was forced to resign from the Congress in 1776 because of health problems, but was elected to the state legislature of Rhode Island upon his return.

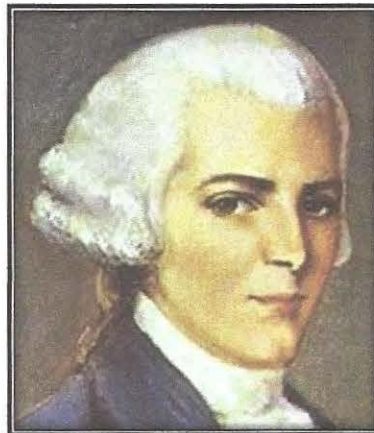
**Virginia**

**Carter Braxton (1736-1797)**

Carter Braxton was elected to the Virginia state legislature after the signing of the Declaration of Independence and also served on the Governor's Executive Council. The American Revolutionary War caused him great hardship and he died in financial ruin in Richmond, Virginia.



**Benjamin Harrison (1726-1791)**



Benjamin Harrison was nicknamed the "Falstaff of Congress" and was the father of President William Henry Harrison and great-grandfather of President Benjamin Harrison. He was the Speaker of the Lower House of the Virginia state legislature from 1777-1781 and served three terms as Governor of Virginia from 1781-1783. He was originally in opposition of the new Federal Constitution, but later favored it when it was decided to add a bill of rights.



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### Minutes – November 17, 2020 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 S.A.R.

The Chapter meeting, held at Traditions Restaurant, was called to order at 5:36 PM by Chapter President Michael Johnson. Reverend Gerry Giles 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 September 2020 meeting minutes, as published in The Bugle, were approved.

President Johnson reminded the membership that SAR dues should be paid prior to 2021. An invitation was made for tax-deductible donations to the Scholarship Fund. President Johnson called for volunteers to take part in the Wreaths Across America Day on December 19 by volunteering to place wreaths on graves as well as provide financial assistance with purchasing \$15 wreaths. President Johnson began Chapter support with his \$75 donation to purchase 5 wreaths and \$25 towards the Scholarship Fund.

Discussion on a proposed amendment to Article III of Chapter Bylaws was followed by Terry Cowan's motion to accept the amendment, seconded by Sam Kidd. A motion by Gerry Giles followed for a vote by acclamation, seconded by Greg Blankennagel. The vote by acclamation passed and the amended Bylaws will be filed in the Chapter records.

It was announced that Zoom meetings in lieu of meeting in person will be discussed at the December 2020 Board of Managers meeting.

There being no other business, Allen Brown gave a biographical speech on Revolutionary War patriot Brigadier General Jedediah Huntington. President Johnson presented Allen Brown with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Reverend Giles giving the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Brown  
Chapter Secretary

Barron Bank Balance - 12/31/2020 \$10,179.25

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Barron Membership – 119

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### SAR Websites

National SAR                      www.sar.org  
State SAR                         www.txssar.org

Barron Chapter

<https://www.txssar.org/CWilliamBarron/>

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### Texas SAR Website

The History Committee (John Anderson) and Notable Texan Committee (John Greer) have added a lot to our Texas Public Website - txssar.org.

Following are History Menu items with 2020 revisions:

Texas SAR Presidents, Presidents Generals from Texas, Texas SAR Archives at UNT, Prominent Texas SAR members, Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas, Texas SAR History Book Order Form, Compatriot Questionnaire, Texas SAR Award Winners, Minuteman Medal Recipients, Patriot Medal Recipients.

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### 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.