Sons of the American Revolution





Captain Barron's Bugle

Newsletter of the Captain William Barron Chapter #25 Tyler, Texas

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots and Friends of the Chapter:

Happy New Year to everyone! My time as Chapter President is at an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the Chapter as your President the past three years. My goal was always to further the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution by enhancing and promoting history, education, and patriotism. Looking back, I take great satisfaction in our Chapter's growth, the Vietnam Veteran Recognition Project, and the creation of the Captain William Barron Scholarship. During my tenure, thirty-seven new members were added, close to 440 Vietnam Pins were distributed to Vietnam period veterans, and our scholarship provided much needed financial assistance to a worthy area graduating senior.

I look forward to 2022 and supporting our new slate of officers. They will need your support as well. Come to meetings, volunteer your time and expertise when called upon, distribute the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Project packets, find a way to further the goals of the SAR in your own way, and try to recruit one new member.

Thank all of you for your support of the Chapter and stay safe!

Michael Johnson

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President

Captain William Barron Chapter TXSSAR

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The election will be held at the January 25, 2022 meeting. Induction of officers will follow the election. To run for office and/or to vote, you must be paid up with your 2022 dues. The candidates presented by the Nominating Committee are:

President Vice-President Treasurer current Vice-President Terry Cowan current Chaplain, Rev. Gerry Giles current Treasurer, Tom Russell

Secretary

open

Nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor as well. Self-nominations are acceptable, so step up and serve.

A COMPATRIOT'S PATRIOT

Compatriot Fletcher Walker joined the Chapter in March 2019. His patriot was Jeremiah Walker.

Jeremiah Walker was one of the most popular and eloquent of the 18th century Baptist preachers in Virginia, and was credited with the organization of 30 or more churches south of the James River. Born in June, 1746, in a portion of Prince William which became Fauquier County, he was active in drafting and defending petitions for religious liberty which were presented to the Virginia General Assembly. He preached to troops in the Revolutionary War, and was persecuted and imprisoned in Chesterfield for preaching.

Walker moved to Georgia in 1783, where he died in September 1792. His son was president of the first Alabama constitutional convention and Alabama's first senator in the American Congress. His grandson became the Confederate Secretary of War. The first historian of Virginia Baptist, Robert B. Semple, described Walker as "affectionate, melodious of voice, impressive and winning in his manner, close and conclusive in his reasoning, and a man of simplicity." www.muddycreekbaptist.org/history

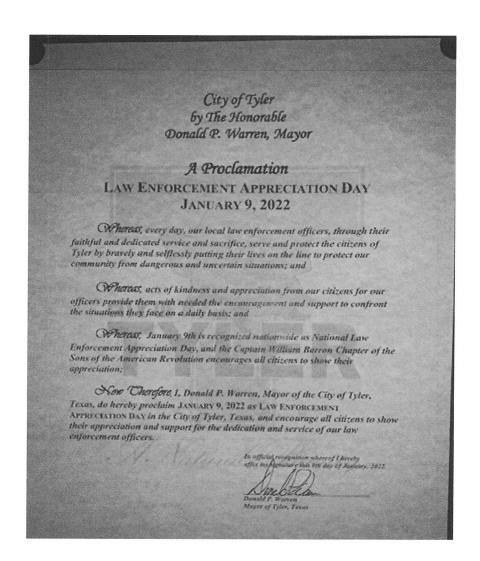
Jeremiah is recognized by the DAR and the SAR for furnishing supplies during the Revolution

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/3 Battle of Princeton 1777
- 1/9 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- 1/15 Thomas Paine published Common Sense 1775
- 1/17 Battle of Cowpens 1781
- 1/25 Chapter Meeting
- 2/21 3rd Monday Presidents Day
- 2/22 George Washington's Birthday

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, January 9th, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The Chapter asked Tyler Mayor Donald Warren to proclaim the day as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Tyler to recognize the service and sacrifice of our local law enforcement agencies. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Tyler Police Department and the Smith County Sheriff's Department. You can personally recognize this day by placing a blue bulb in your porch light, tying a blue ribbon on your radio antennae, placing a strip of blue tape on your vehicle's back window, or by simply thanking an officer.



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NOVEMBER MEETING

Our first Holiday Season meeting was a success. We generally meet the week before Thanksgiving to avoid any holiday conflicts. This year it was decided to meet the week after Thanksgiving to celebrate the holiday season. We had hoped to meet later in December but by the time the decision was made Traditions was booked well into December. Thanks to those who answered the request for canned food donations. The donations were delivered to a local food bank. We had a drawing for door prizes. The winners were:

Sam Hopkins – a Traditions' gift card
Bruce Wilson – two tickets to the Air Museum at Tyler Pounds
Gerry Giles – two tickets to the American Freedom Museum at Brook Hill School
Sherry Kidd – the SAR Challenge Coin

Our Vice-President Terry Cowan spoke on the Treaty of Alliance with France.

The feedback I received on the meeting change and the food donations was positive and hopefully this will become a Chapter tradition.

SAR YOUTH CONTESTS

This year we had one entry in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The poster was entitled *The Noble Train of Henry Knox*. It depicted Knox's journey with the cannons seized at the Fort Ticonderoga to Dorchester Heights, overlooking Boston.

We also had one entry for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest entitled *The Forgotten Patriots*. The essay focused on the contributions of African-Americans, both slave and free, in the Revolution.

Both are winners of the Chapter contests and their entries will be forwarded to the State Contests to be held in March at the Texas Society's annual convention.

JANUARY 2022 MEETING

The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00 pm. Come early if you plan on dining. We will hold our annual elections with induction of officers to follow the election. Our speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Owens, currently the History/Geography Department Chair at Tyler Junior College.

COVID cases are surging. Once again, to ensure a safe meeting as possible for everyone, non-vaccinated attendees need to mask up when in the meeting room. Due to the increasing number of cases, vaccinated attendees may also choose to mask up. Thank you for your cooperation.

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 30, 2021 MEETING

The Chapter meeting held at Traditions Restaurant was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chapter President Mike Johnson. Reverend Gerry Giles gave the invocation. Vice-President Terry Cowan led the pledges to the flags, and SAR Secretary Allen Brown led the Salute to the SAR.

The minutes of the September 2021 meeting as published in Captain Barron's Bugle were approved.

President Johnson thanked those present for adhering to the mask protocol and explained the purpose of moving the November chapter meeting to from the regularly scheduled 4th Tuesday to the 5th Tuesday.

The SAR War Veterans Corps Medal with Vietnam Service Bar and a Certificate of Patriotism was presented to Allen Brown and Sam Hopkins by President Johnson. The SAR Military Veterans Corps Medal and Certificate of Patriotism was presented to Carl Davis. A Certificate of Appreciation for processing the applications for these medals will soon be presented to King Cole along with his SAR War Veterans Corps Medal with Vietnam Service Bar and Certificate of Patriotism.

Door prizes consisting of an SAR challenge coin, a gift certificate to Traditions, a gift certificate to the American Freedom Museum, and a gift certificate for two to the Aviation Museum were distributed.

President Johnson discussed the SAR grave-marker ceremony protocol requiring six persons. The Board of Managers decided to present 3" SAR grave markers to families of the four members who died during 2021. This presentation will continue as needed into the future.

Vice President Terry Cowan delivered an enlightening lecture on how the 1778 Treaty of Alliance with France was a pivotal event of the American Revolution. President Johnson presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation and American flag to Compatriot Cowan.

President Johnson announced that Chapter officer elections will be conducted at the January 2022 Chapter meeting and that annual dues must be paid NLT December 31st. A Pearl Harbor remembrance event will take place at the Aviation Museum in Tyler on December 7, 2021.

Secretary Allen Brown led the SAR Recessional followed by Reverend Jerry Giles giving the benediction. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Allen Brown Chapter Secretary

GENERAL INFORMATION

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-partisan, 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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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

William Tyler Page, 1917, accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918

Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter and the SAR

God Bless America