

# 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

I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. I know that I am looking forward to the rest of 2022. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Chapter President for this year. I want to take one more opportunity to express appreciation for all the out-going President Michael Johnson has done for the Chapter, and I might add, what he continues to do.

The talk given at our January meeting by Dr. Jeffrey Owens, head of the History Department at Tyler Junior College, was well-received. We hope to see more of Dr. Owens in the future.

I want to continue to draw on contacts at Tyler Junior College. Our speaker for our March meeting will be Dr. Justin Liles, a Professor of History at the college since 2016. Dr. Liles attended the University of North Texas and received his PhD from the University of South Carolina. His doctoral dissertation was "Thomas Sumter's Law: Slavery in the Southern Backcountry during the American Revolution."

At our recent BOM meeting, we voted to drop the mask requirement for unvaccinated members at our meetings. Attendees should still take normal precautions, as usual, and if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means do so.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Terry Cowan  
President  
Captain William Barron Chapter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/2 Texas Independence Day
- 3/7 Fall of the Alamo 1836
- 3/15 Battle of Guilford Courthouse 1781 – Cornwallis is heading north
- 3/25 Medal of Honor Day
- 3/27 Goliad Massacre 1836
- 3/29 National Vietnam Veterans Day
- /3/29 the siege of Charleston begins 1780
- 4/9 National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day
- 4/19 Lexington and Concord 1775
- 4/19 Siege of Boston 1775
- 4/21 San Jacinto Day

## MARCH MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Traditions. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. If you plan on dining, come early. Our speaker will be Dr. Justin Liles, Professor of History at Tyler Junior College.

Following vote of the Board of Managers (BOM), the mask requirement for unvaccinated attendees has been dropped. This change is also in line with the recent protocol changes by the Centers for Disease Control. Please continue to take normal precautions and if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask do so.

## NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

This month's meeting coincides with National Vietnam Veterans Day. The Chapter has been a partner with the U.S. Defense Department since 2019 in a program to recognize Vietnam Period veterans. To date, we have recognized over 400 Vietnam Veterans with this program. Join the nation, on this day and every day, by thanking and honoring Vietnam Veterans and their families. If you have not been recognized for service during this period and/or would like to be involved in the program, please see Mike Johnson at the meeting.

## CHAPTER'S WEBSITE

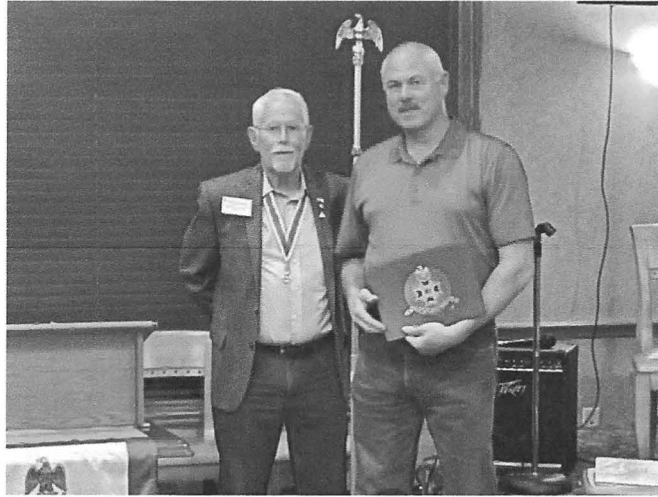
The BOM authorized our webmaster, James Kidd, to design a custom website for the Chapter. He will also set the Chapter up on some social media websites. More information to come. Thanks to James.

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## JANUARY MEETING

In addition to the election of officers, we also inducted Joe Williams as new member. Joe's patriot ancestor was Micah Porter. Micah served as a private at Lexington on April 19, 1775.



(L-R) Past President Mike Johnson with Compatriot Joe Williams

Dr. Jeffrey Owens, head of the History Department at Tyler Junior College was our speaker. He was presented with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a U.S. Flag flown over the nation's capital.

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The Chapter meeting held at Traditions Restaurant was called to order at 6:03 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 November 2021 meeting as published in Captain Barron's Bugle were approved.

Guests SAR Region 10 Vice-President Bill Sekel and Texas SAR Treasurer David Kinsey were recognized.

President Johnson thanked the Chapter for supporting his presidency for the past three years and requested a moment of silence in memory of deceased Chapter compatriots lost during the past year.

Joseph Williams was sworn in and inducted into the SAR Barron Chapter.

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## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES CON'T

President Johnson conducted the elections and inductions with oaths of the 2022 Chapter officers as follows: Terry Cowan as president, Gerry Giles as vice-president, and Tom Russell as treasurer. The position of secretary remains vacant and will be filled by Board of Managers appointment. President Cowan received a chapter-President's neck ribbon and the gavel from past President Johnson and assumed duties as president.

President Cowan thanked past-President Johnson for his accomplishments as president. President Cowan discussed his two objectives as chapter president: (1) focusing Chapter meetings on American history, and (2) expanding recruitment of new SAR members into the chapter.

President Cowan introduced the guest speaker, TJC Department of History Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Owens. Dr. Owens presented a spirited lecture on the American Revolution from a Tory perspective, citing the Newport (Rhode Island) Gazette, a British, loyalist-propaganda newspaper.

President Terry Cowan presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation and American flag to Dr. Owens.

There being no other business, President Cowan asked Allen Brown to lead the SAR Recessional, followed by Vice-President Giles giving the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Allen Brown,  
Acting Chapter Secretary

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Member involvement is critical to the success of the Chapter. For 2022, we need someone to serve as the greeter. This compatriot will welcome attendees at the door and be responsible for the name tags.

We also need someone to take over as editor of the Captains Barron's Bugle. The officers will provide the input and you will only have to put it in this format.

Something everyone can do is recruitment. Try to recruit one new member this year. Talk to your friends, relatives, co-workers, and others. Refer any prospects to Mike Johnson at [srt28@yahoo.com](mailto:srt28@yahoo.com).

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## 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.

The Captain William Barron's Bugle is published for members and friends of the Captain William Barron Chapter 25, SAR. Editorials should not contradict SAR or TXSSAR policies, rules, and regulations (TXSSAR Chapter President's Manual Pg 29).

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You are encouraged to visit both the National and State Websites where you will find many items of interest. The websites are listed above.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Chapter's Scholarship fund.

## THE AMERICAN'S CREED

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*