

Sons of the American Revolution



Captain Barron's Bugle

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Compatriots of the Captain William Barron Chapter:

Greetings to each of you!

At our January 2023 meeting electing and swearing in of new officers, I was forced to excuse myself in the middle of the meeting to address a family emergency. It's never a good thing when a loved one's vehicle dies in the middle of Broadway at rush hour. With the help of officers from the Tyler Police Department and a tow truck, my wife Laura and I survived the crisis.

But due to those circumstances, I have yet to formally accept my role as your new president of the chapter. At our next gathering, Vice President Allen Brown will open the meeting and take the lead in swearing me into my new position. I ask you to bear with us as we complete the formalities of our transition in leadership this year.

I also want to extend my appreciation to outgoing President Terry Cowan for a great job leading our organization this past year.

For those of you who don't know me all that well, I was formally accepted into SAR in October of 2019. Since then, I have served as our Chapter's Chaplain, Name Tag chair and most recently Vice President this past year. I am also a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas Piney Woods Chapter in which I also serve as president. I am an ordained elder with the Global Methodist Church and I serve Marvin Methodist Church on a part-time basis.

In looking ahead for this coming year, we will be amending our bylaws to reduce the number of meetings from six to four as was approved at our last meeting. Your board of directors will continue to direct its focus to looking for the best speakers possible yet not be as concerned about filling up all the meeting spots during the upcoming year.

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Many of us were disheartened by the loss of our meeting location at Traditions this past year, but I am looking forward to our next meeting site at Spring Creek BBQ on South Broadway in front of Lowe's. The management team has been very welcoming, and I encourage you to enjoy a great meal there prior to our meeting's start time.

I look forward to a great year as we seek to carry out our mission to preserve our American heritage through our patriotic, historical and educational purposes.

Blessings,
Gerry Giles

April 25, 2023 MEETING

The next meeting will be at Spring Creek BBQ starting at 6:00 PM. Come early, go through the serving line, and visit with your compatriots.

Judy Taylor will speak at our April 25th meeting on the culinary side of Benjamin Franklin, including his food preferences and his culinary preparation techniques.

Mrs. Taylor is a native Texan and a classically trained French chef by avocation. She is a former DAR Registrar, Chapter Regent, and Arizona State Chair of Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogists. She studied nursing, is an award-winning quilter, and is also the Arizona 2021 Volunteer Genealogist of the Year. She is currently a National DAR Vice Chair of Volunteer Genealogists for the South Central Division, and the Texas State Chair for Specialty Research.

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January 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The chapter meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Spring Creek Barbeque by President Terry Cowan. The invocation was led by Sam Hopkins. President Cowan then led in the Pledges to the Flags and the Salute to the SAR.

The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting as published in the *Captain William Barron's Bugle* were approved as published.

Treasurer Tom Russell gave the Treasurer's Report.

President Cowan noted the recent passing of Rob Jones. He also awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Keith Parris and Bob Plunkett.

President Cowan inducted new members Connie Vaughan and Earl Robert Wait.

The proposed amendment to the bylaws as published in the Bugle was approved unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment to allow a meeting any day of the last week of the designated month.

Nominations were made and seconded for the following officers:

Treasurer: Earl Robert Wait

Secretary: Terry Cowan

Vice-President: Allen Brown

President: Rev. Gerry Giles

All were elected unanimously. Past President Mike Johnson inducted the new officers. (Note: Rev. Gerry Giles had to leave for a family emergency, so will be inducted at the next meeting.)

After a brief discussion of other business, Sam Hopkins gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Terry Cowan, Secretary

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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.

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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.

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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, equity, 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