



Captain Barron's Bugle

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Sons of the American Revolution



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TXSSAR President Tom Green To Induct New Officers + Speaks on "Challenges and Opportunities"

March Program

The March 2006 meeting will celebrate the completion of a very successful year by our 2005 officers and will see the installation of the slate of officers who will lead our organization in the coming twenty-four months.

We are especially honored to have Thomas B. Green III, the incoming president of Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution, perform the induction ceremony for our new officers. Compatriot Green lives in Pearland but has ties to early Tyler history. He will talk to us about challenges and opportunities our organization faces in Texas this year.

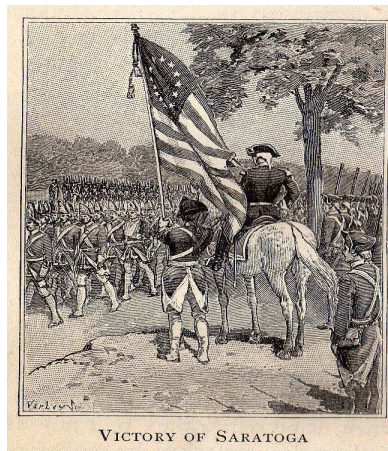
Please join us Tuesday March 28, 6:30 PM at the Woman's Building for this important and interesting program. As usual, the buffet dinner will cost \$15.00 per person.

Revolutionary War Summary

The King of England insisted on taxing the American colonies without their consent. The Americans refused to pay, and took up arms in defense of their rights as loyal English subjects. The King and his party endeavored to put down the rebellion, and on July 4, 1776, the colonists declared themselves independent of Great Britain.

The War for Independence then began. At Saratoga, in 1777, the Americans gained a great victory over the British army lead by General Burgoyne. Burgoyne had fought two battles in the neighborhood of Saratoga, September 19 and October 7, 1777; he had been utterly defeated, and his entire army, numbering about 6000 men, captured. If to this number we add that of the prisoners taken by us before Burgoyne's surrender, and the loss of

the enemy of about 900 at the Battle of Bennington a few weeks earlier, it will give a total of nearly 10,000 or about one third the entire British force then in America.



VICTORY OF SARATOGA

In the wars of over twenty centuries an eminent English writer finds only fifteen battles that have had a lasting influence on the world's history and the American victory at Saratoga, he says,

was one of them.
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Minutes of January 24 Meeting

President Larry Ashburn called the meeting to order, and gave the Invocation. There were 19 members present and 21 guests. Compatriot Tom Miller led the pledges to the U. S. flag, Texas flag and the S. A. R. flag.

President Ashburn introduced guests Al Hagg, his wife Joy Hagg, who is Organizing Secretary for the Texas State Daughters of the American Revolution. They were present as guests of Compatriot Roy Adams. President Ashburn also introduced as guests his son, Doug Ashburn of Lufkin, Stephen Poytner, son of Compatriot Bob Poytner, Janice Caldwell, oration coach from Lindale High School, and oration competitors Nichole Yeakley, Jordan Innerrarity and Carah Coyne. Rachel Snider was present as a guest of one of the competitors.

President Ashburn presented Compatriot Leland Carter with a Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate. He mentioned that the Color Guard has recently participated in 18 community events.

President Ashburn encouraged everyone to attend the State Convention, to be held March 16 – 18 in Sugar Land, Texas.

President Ashburn presided over the election of officers for the 2006-2007 term. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was as follows:

- President – Tom Miller
- First Vice President/Programs – Sam Kidd, Jr.
- Second V. Pres./Awards/Medals – Dennis Melton
- Publicity/Media Relations – Jack Ludwick
- Recruitment Chairman – Mike Everheart
- Registrar – Max Herring
- Treasurer – George Hall
- Assistant Treasurer – Christopher Williamson
- Chaplain – Rev. Don Majors
- Historian – Joe Barron
- Bugle Editor/Publisher – Jack Ludwick
- Color Guard Commander – Larry Ashburn
- Boy Scout Chairman – Steven Lee
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Archie Anderson
- Secretary – Don Boyd

Compatriot Bobby Davidson made a motion that these people be elected by acclamation, and Compatriot Tim West seconded the motion. By a show of hands, these people were elected as our new officers, and will be installed in our regular meeting in March.

Dinner was served.

After dinner, President Ashburn re-called the meeting to order and introduced the contestants in the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration contest: Nicole Yeakley, Jordan Innerrarity, and Carah Coyne. After the competitors had given their orations, the three judges retired to determine the winner. President Ashburn asked each contestant to tell a little about themselves and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation. When the judges returned, they announced that Jordan Innerrarity was the winner.

Janice Caldwell, oration coach/teacher at Lindale High School, told about the nationwide oration competition.

President Ashburn called Bobby Davidson, who gave a report on some things he had observed at a local elementary school. Several of our members had given talks at the school on different historical things, and Compatriot Davidson commented about how uninformed our school children are concerning U. S. history.

Compatriot Tom Miller suggested the Poster Contest for 4th and 5th grade students be brought back.

President Ashburn led us in the S. A. R. Closing and gave the benediction. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for March 28.

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Registrar -- -- Max Herring
Historian -- -- Joe Barron
Sgt. At Arms -- -- Joe Barron
Boy Scout Com. -- -- Jeff Austin III
Bugle Editor -- -- Roger Jacobs
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Valley Forge Donors
(January 2006 to Present)

Battle of Guilford Courthouse Donor	\$10-\$25
Battle of Brandywine Donor	\$26-\$50
Larry Ashburn, Roger Jacobs	
Battle of Kings Mountain Donor	\$51-\$75
Battle of Yorktown Donor	\$76-\$100
General George Washington Donor	Over \$100
Roger Jacobs	



The Captain William Barron Color Guard participated in the Mary Tyler Chapter of the DAR's George Washington Tea. Left-to-right: David White, Tom Miller, Larry Ashburn, Jack Ludwick, Tim West and Leland Carter.



President Larry Ashburn presented Compatriot Leland Carter with a Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate. Leland has participated in many of the Chapter's Color Guard events during the past year. Leland also makes presentations to Public Schools where he talks about early

Texas and American frontier life. Leland adds another dimension to his presentations with his frontier outfit complete with rifle, powder horn, Bowie knife, leather boots and he never fails to impress his audience.



President Larry Ashburn presented Nicole Yeakley (left) and Carah Coyne (right) with Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the Joseph Rumbaugh Contest. They were two of the three contestants.



President Larry Ashburn presented Jordan Innerrarity, the third contestant, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Compatriot Dickie Warren announced that the three judge panel had chosen Jordan Innerrarity as the winner of the Chapter's Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest for 2006. Compatriot Dickie Warren (left) presented Jordan Innerrarity (right) to the audience.



Ms. Janice Caldwell, Oration Coach and Teacher at Lindale High School, told us about the nationwide oration competition.



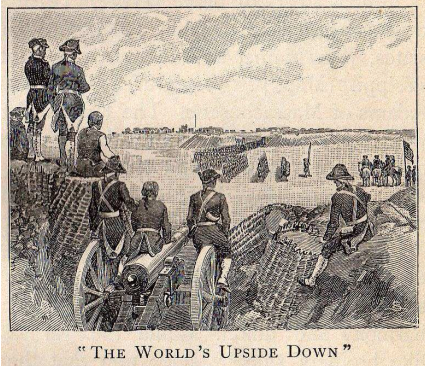
Janice has been selected Teacher of the Year at three of the four high schools where she taught and was selected by the Sons of the American Revolution to receive the Martha Washington Medal of Honor.



Members of The Captain William Barron Chapter's Color Guard made a presentation to the Jones Elementary School 4th and 5th Grade classes.

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In 1781 Washington, with the help of French troops and of French ships of war, trapped Cornwallis at Yorktown. Cornwallis held out for more than a week against solid shot, shell, and red-hot balls. Then, seeing



that it was useless to struggle against fate, he surrendered. His army marched out October 19, 1781, to the tune of "The World's Upside Down." The British world in America was

"upside down," and the fall of Yorktown practically ended the Revolution.

When the news reached London and was announced to Lord North, then the Prime Minister and the King's chief adviser, he threw up his arms as though a cannon ball had struck him, cried out wildly, "It is all over!" and then resigned his office.

At the opening of Parliament (1782), the King, in a voice choked with emotion, announced that he was ready to acknowledge the independence of the United States. He closed his speech by saying that it was his earnest prayer that "religion, language, interest, and affection might prove a bond of permanent union between the two countries."

Our first minister to England was John Adams of Massachusetts. The King said to him: "Sir, I will be very free with you. I was the last to consent to the separation, but the separation having been made . . . I have always said, as I say now, that I would be the first to meet the friendship of the United States as an independent power."

Historic Flag Donors

A note of "Thanks" to our members who have donated flags for our Chapter's Historic Flag Collection.

- Tom Miller – Culpepper Minute Man, US Army 1776
- Larry McClellan – First Navy Jack
- Andy Traylor – French Fleur-De-Lis
- John Cole – Green Mountain Boys, Bunker Hill
- Tom Nolen – Guilford Courthouse
- Sam Hopkins – Spanish Cross
- Don Boyd – Star Spangled Banner
- Leland Carter – Bennington 76
- Larry Ashburn – Betsy Ross
- Mike Everheart – Cowpens
- George Cunningham – 50 Star American
- John Cole – Green Mountain Boys
- Roger Jacobs – Washington's Cruisers
- Sam Kidd – Rhode Island Regiment

President's Message

The Captain William Barron Chapter was chartered in 1967 with fourteen members. Today the chapter has in excess of seventy members. And new applicants are being inducted at most of our meetings. This pattern speaks well of the health of Captain William Barron Chapter since this organization, as with all others, must advance and grow or wither and die. There is no status quo!

Not only has the chapter increased in numbers, it has also become more visible and more active in the community. We are increasingly involved in various community events, always showing the colors and doing our part to promote patriotism and to teach the history and heritage of our great country. Last year alone our members participated in eighteen community events in addition to our regular meetings. The invitations continue.

During the past two years it has been my good fortune to serve you as President of the Chapter. I have been honored to have served with so many dedicated and active members of Captain William Barron Chapter. The accomplishments of the past two years have been the result of the combined efforts of all of you.

The next meeting, March of 2006, marks the beginning of the administration of the new slate of officers you elected in January. A new administration, like new members, brings with it new ideas, new enthusiasm, and new goals for the chapter. These new initiatives offer each of you as members, new opportunities for involvement. I want to encourage each of you to consider how you might contribute to the continued growth of the chapter. I am confident that just as during the past two years we have continued the growth pattern set by previous administrations, the incoming administration will continue making Captain William Barron Chapter ever stronger, larger and more productive in the community through the combined efforts of even more contributing members.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my tenure and to pray that our new officers will enjoy that same support and encouragement. Plan to be present at the March 28 meeting to show your support for your incoming officers and to greet our new state president Tom Green.

Larry Ashburn, President

William Barron Chapter
Schedule 2005-6

Meetings:
 March 28, 2006
 May 23, 2006
 July 25, 2006
 September 26, 2006

Color Guard Calendar:

Financial Report
February 15, 2006

General Fund Balance **\$2688.35**