



Captain Barron's Bugle

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Randy Gilbert To Speak On Camp Ford At July 25th Meeting

Prominent local historian, Randy Gilbert, will be Captain William Barron's speaker for our July 25th meeting.

Randy, a Tyler attorney, has worn many hats since graduating from the University of Texas Law School in 1975. In addition to his law practice he has served in the Texas Legislature, as an Assistant District Attorney, and President of the Smith County Historical Society. He has also authored seven published historical articles.

Randy garnered several local and state awards for his work researching, preserving, and restoring Smith County's 1881 jail, which today houses his law offices. He is also active in Civil War reenacting with the James P. Douglas Texas Battery.

The subject of Randy's talk on the 25th will be Camp Ford, which initially was a Confederate training facility but was pressed into service as a prisoner of war camp and eventually housed several thousand Union prisoners.

Please join us on Tuesday, July 25th to learn the important role Tyler played in America's most tragic war. The meeting will be at the Woman's Building, 911 S. Broadway, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The buffet dinner will be \$15 per person.

Captain William Barron Color Guard at Memorial Day Program



As part of the City of Tyler Memorial Day program, the Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard honored our fallen service men by posting the flags. Attending were Larry Ashburn, Tim West, Mike Everheart, Tom Miller, Leland Carter, Jack Ludwick, Bobby Davidson, and Roger Jacobs.

Texas State Representative and veteran Leo Berman was the featured speaker and introduced American Veterans beginning with World War Two, Korea, Vietnam and continuing to the present war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Minutes of May 23 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Miller, and the Invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Don Majors. There were 23 chapter members present and 23 guests. Second V. President Dennis Melton led the pledge to the U.S. flag, the Texas flag, and the S.A.R. flag.

President Miller introduced guests: Mr. Gene Walker, President of Longview Chapter; Mr. Britten Lee, President of the local chapter, Children of the American Revolution; and Bob Brown and wife Orinda. Bob's paperwork is now at National. Also Mr. Gus Sandstrom of the Athens Chapter and Tommy Copeland and his wife, Bernadine. President Miller introduced his wife, Brinda, as the new President of our Women's Auxiliary.

President Miller inducted Stephen Poynter as a new member into S.A.R. and our Chapter.

President Miller awarded Comp. Larry Ashburn a gavel and stand with special inscription honoring his service as Past President.

President Miller made the following announcements:

1. Memorial Day Tyler will be held June 29th at 11:00 at Memorial Cemetery. Our Color Guard will be participating.
2. On July 2, all Chapter members are invited to attend the First Assembly of God Church in Hawkins, which is the church of our Chaplain, Rev. Don Majors. Color Guard members are asked to wear uniforms.
3. On July 4th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a parade in Big Sandy. Our Color Guard will participate.
4. On July 7-12, the National Conference will be held in Dallas.
5. Those who have not received the S.A.R. National Directory should contact National Headquarters.

After dinner, the meeting was re-called to order by President Miller. He announced a basket will be auctioned at the National Conference to benefit a children's program. He also announced that the new Ladies' Auxiliary National Pins are now available for \$10. President Miller also urged all members to attend the Board of Managers meeting August 406 in Lake Jackson.

President Miller announced that there will be a Genealogical Conference the day before the National Conference starts in Dallas.

First V. President Sam Kidd spoke about the upcoming program for our July Meeting. He then introduced the program for the evening, which was the program our Compatriots put on for local schools. Larry Ashburn, Jack Ludwick, Rev. Don Majors, Bob Davidson, and Leland Carter participated in the presentation. All did a great job, with a very entertaining program.

President Miller reminded us that we need to give more support to our Poster Contest in the schools.

Comp. Ashburn displayed the drum he made and donated to our Chapter. President Miller asked for a volunteer to play the drum in future programs. He also

reminded us that on May 29th there will be a Memorial Day program at the Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. and that participants in the program should be there by 10:00.

The S.A.R. closing and benediction were led by Rev. Don Majors. Our next regular meeting will be July 25th at the Woman's Building.

CORRECTION-ADDITION TO MINUTES OF March 28, 2006: (Item 6) The State award that Mike Everheart received was the Hartsell O. Stephens Award.

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<u>Valley Forge Donors</u> (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	

May Meeting Photographs



Wm. Barron New Member Bob Brown



Jimmy and Thalia Dawn Jones.



President Miller presenting membership pin & Certificate to Stephen Poynter.



Michael Rowan



Wm. Barron member, Bobby Poynter, father of Stephen (above).



NSSAR Trustee and former TXSSAR President Roy Adams.

President's Message

Tom Miler

The Captain William Barron Chapter has been busy in 2006. In May our chapter started the SAR Poster Contest Program in the Hawkins Schools and also held a program with the Hawkins Cub Scouts. Also in May, our Color Guard participated in the Memorial Day Services that is held annually at the Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery. On July 2nd, our Color Guard was invited to attend and participate in the Hawkins Assembly of God July 4th church services. Our chapter chaplain, and pastor of the Assembly of God church, the Revered Don Majors, preached a very fine sermon on patriotism. On July 4th, our Color Guard participated in Big Sandy's annual 4th of July parade. At the 116th SAR National Convention held in Dallas, two of our Color Guard members participated in two Color Guard events.

Let me take a moment to convey the immense pride I have in working with each of you. We, as a group, are working hard to make the Captain William Barron Chapter the best it can be and to spread patriotism throughout the community and region. It was an honor to be included in the Memorial Day Service at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery along with so many veterans who fought for their country in the different wars. We were so well

received that we have been invited back next year. The response from the school program has been overwhelming and the Cub Scout program is one of our first opportunities to impact young lives. For our Color Guard to be invited to participate in a church service should remind us all of how our nation was founded, why it was founded, and through God's grace, has continued for over two hundred years. The 116th National Congress of the SAR in Dallas gave some of us an opportunity to visit with fellow compatriots from all over the country and to share experiences and discuss common goals.

Fellow compatriots, we need more members to support our chapter activities in the community. Remember, our mission is to spread patriotism. Perhaps John Adams letter to his wife after the Declaration of Independence was declared said it best. It reads as follows: "I am apt to believe that this day will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn act of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

William Barron Chapter **Meeting Schedule for 2006**

Meetings:

July 25, 2006

September 26, 2006

November 28, 2006