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THE 2008 JOSEPH RUMBAUGH ORATION COMPETITION TO HIGHLIGHT JANUARY MEETING

One of the most rewarding events our chapter holds annually is the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration contest. The fine Lindale High School Speech and Debate Department headed by former National Teacher of the Year, Janice Caldwell, has provided us with excellent oration candidates over the years. The contest is open to all students of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes in the public, parochial, private, and home schools within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring chapter's district. The Captain William Barron Chapter 2007 contestant, Anthony Bernardelli, placed first at the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution state meeting in March, 2007, and then went on to compete at the national level in June, 2007, and won second place out of sixteen contestants at the National Joseph Rumbaugh competition. Anthony received a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the state competition and \$2,000 for placing second at National.

We are excited about the competition once again and encourage our members to attend the January meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Woman's Building. Come hear these outstanding orators present from memory, a five to six minute oration on a subject that deals with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and how that subject shows a relationship to America today.

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Compatriots, if you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so now. If you did not receive a dues notice in the mail, please notify Chapter President Bob Davidson or one of the other chapter officers. Non payment of dues after December 31st. will result in being dropped from the membership rolls of the state society. Our members are important and we appreciate you and need your continued support.
Mike Everheart

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President's Message

I was watching the News, and the weather reporter came on and said it's snowing in New York, or Denver, or somewhere. When the power goes out, they make it sound like a crisis. I am sure there are serious problems when that happens, but most of us have warm clothes and shelter to be in, or shelters to go to. Can't help thinking about the winters spent by the Revolutionary soldiers at Valley Forge, and Trenton, and all the other winters - with little food, shelter, or warm clothing - and sometimes even boiling their shoes to extract nourishment from the leather (when they had shoes to boil). People don't realize what sacrifices have been made for them. It's too bad patriotism is not always taught in the schools. The price paid for our Liberty was staggering.

At a Patriotic Program presented recently, we enjoyed the company of two or three other couples at dinner. One of the women commented that she did not recognize the uniforms of our Chapter Color Guard. She was a woman who looked to be in her sixties, and was well spoken, well dressed, and very pleasant. We told her it was the uniform of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. She thought about that a minute, and then said she was from Alabama, and that they were all Confederates. We were a bit surprised, but commented that it was a different war, that it was the Revolutionary War. That obviously did not convey any information to her, as she made no response.

We are now over 230 years from the fight for our freedom, and the memory of the price grows ever dimmer. We have a major challenge as we work to create patriotism in the hearts of our fellow citizens.

Larry Ashburn, Don Majors and Leland Carter, and more recently, Tom Copeland also, have made many program presentations at schools and churches. They do a great job. Lois and I have done programs at a nursing home and a Kiwanis meeting. In both cases, we were received with mild interest, and thanked afterwards with genuine enthusiasm. There are many kinds of programs, or talks, which could be presented to various groups. As Sam Kidd, our program chairman, would tell you, there is always a need to bring interesting programs to meetings.

If you would consider being available to present a program when

a request is received, please let me know. Our primary focus is on the schools, but it is worth the effort to speak at every available platform. As we prepare to elect new leadership for the country, it is especially important to reach as many people as possible with the message that ***Freedom isn't free.***

The Chapter owes our secretary, Don Boyd, its gratitude for his diligence in performing his duties. He is meticulous in recording the minutes; the annual report has been completed and will be submitted in timely fashion. Don, you have my personal thanks for all your efforts.

Joe E. Glover of Tyler was the winner of the drawing for the Black Powder Rifle held at the November meeting. He had purchased the winning ticket at Lock N Load on the Loop and was very proud when I presented him with his new rifle.

SAR Immediate Past President General Nathan White, and his lovely wife, Wanda, gave us a most interesting overview of the year they spent traveling for the SAR. It was very fortunate that the new book "1776" was published just in time for us to present them with a copy. Please stop in to a book store and take a look at this book. Inserted within the pages are envelopes enclosing reproductions of letters, documents, etc. It is a magnificent tribute to the history of the Revolutionary War.

We look forward to the Rumbaugh Oration Contest at the January meeting. See you there.

Happy New Year,

Bob G. Davidson, President

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**Join us at the Woman's Building
on January 22nd!**



State and National Events Coming Up
TXSSAR State Convention, Arlington, Texas
March 27-30, 2008
NSSAR 118th National Congress, Sacramento, CA.
July 5-9, 2008
TXSSAR Board of Managers, Tyler August 1-3, 2008

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November Meeting Photographs



Archie Anderson & Chris Williamson



Past NSSAR President Nathan White presenting Tom Copeland with the War Service Medal and Certificate.



Dene & Tom Copeland with Sherry & Sam Kidd.



Mike Everheart inducting new members Galen Hayes & Pat Fancher.



Tyler Fireman Brent Hail and wife, Dana, displaying Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate presented to Brent by Wm. Barron Chapter.



Tim & Carolyn West



New Wm. Barron member Galen Hayes with wife, Pam Wilding.



Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Poynter

Photographs Flag Retirement



The Lee family: Justin, Britton, Christy, & Anna.



Matthew Lee, Mike Everheart, Britton Lee, & Don Majors.



Speakers Lt. Justin Lee & Congressman Louie Gohmert with Stephen Lee, Anna Lee & Paula Warren.



Civil Air Patrol Cadets: (not in order) Isaac Cedric, John Shanahan, Ethan Koen, & Caleb Winn.



Civil Air Patrol Commander, Lou Thomas and Cadets: (not in order) Isaac Cedric, John Shanahan, Ethan Koen, & Caleb Winn.



President Bobby Davidson, Col. John Cole, Congressman Louie Gohmert, Paula Warren & Anna Lee.



Capt. Wm. Barron Color Guard.



Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Tyler Firemen Jeff Barnett.

Photographs Veterans Day



Veterans attending Veterans Day service at Hawkins Assembly of God Church, included George Cunningham, Herman Peace, Mike Everheart, & Tom Copeland.



Tom Copeland, Leland Carter, & Don Majors at Veterans Day Program at Hawkins.



Rev. Don Majors, George Cunningham, Mike Everheart, Tom Copeland, & Leland Carter.



Capt. Wm. Barron Chaplain, Rev. Don Majors (above) and Color Guard Member Leland Carter (below) participating in Patriotic Service at Hawkins Assembly of God Church.



Colonial Heritage Month

In November Tyler Mayor, Joey Seeber, signed a Colonial Heritage Month proclamation, and Capt. Wm. Barron VP Stephen Lee and members of the Mary Tyler Chapter DAR and Colonial Dames XVII Century Chapter, Anna Lee, Billye Nolan, and Paula Warren, dressed in Colonial attire and presented programs to hundreds of Tyler ISD elementary school children. The program was entitled, "If You Lived in Colonial Times." Artifacts and antiques were used as props with other visual aids. During the month of November the program was presented at nine Tyler elementary schools, the Tyler Public Library, and Barnes and Noble explaining what it was like to live in the colonies from the years 1630 to 1700 and then bringing it up to the American Revolution. The group appeared on several television newscasts, the Tyler Morning News, and TISD website.



Stephen Lee, Billye Nolan, Anna Lee, & Paula Warren.

PROPOSED SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR THE 2008-2010 ADMINISTRATION

Listed below is the proposed slate of officers for the 2008-2010 term. The chapter members will vote on the slate of officers at the annual meeting on January 22nd, 2008. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

- PresidentStephen Lee
- 1st Vice President.....Tim West
- 2nd Vice President Tom Copeland
- Secretary.....Donald Boyd
- Treasurer.....George Hall

Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2007

- President-----Bobby Davidson
- 1st Vice President/Programs-----Sam Kidd
- 2nd Vice President-----Stephen Lee
- Publicity/Media-----Mike Everheart
- Chaplain-----Rev. Don Majors
- Secretary-----Donald Boyd
- Treasurer-----George Hall
- Asst. Treasurer-----Christopher Williamson
- Registrar-----Larry Ashburn
- Historian-----Open
- Sgt. At Arms-----Open
- Eagle Scout Chairman-----Stephen Lee
- Bugle Editor/Publisher-----Mike Everheart
- School Program Coordinator----Tom Copeland

The Captain William Barron Chapter, No. 25
Minutes from the meeting of:
November 27, 2007

1. President Bobby Davidson called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Comp. Steve Lee. Col. John Cole led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U. S. and Texas flags, and the S. A. R. pledge. There were 32 members present and 6 guests.

2. Pres. Davidson introduced our guests: S. A. R. Immediate Past President General Nathan White and his wife, Wanda; Brent Hail and wife, Dana; prospective member Justin Lee and wife, Christy. Also, we had Galen Hays and wife Pam, and Patrick Fancher, both new members who will be installed tonight.

3. Two new members were inducted by Comp. Mike Everheart: Patrick Fancher, who joins on Patriot John Wright, and Galen Hays, who joins on Patriot Matthew Harris. Another new member who will be at our March meeting is Robert Prichard.

4. Pres. Davidson made the following announcements: Our Color Guard won second place in the Hawkins Oil Festival Parade and received a trophy. Four members and their wives attended the Board of Managers Meeting in Plano. (At this point, Comp. Mike Everheart gave a short report on that meeting.) Members of our Chapter have presented patriotic programs at Brook Hill School in Bullard, Van Middle School, Fruitvale Middle School, First Assembly of God Church in Hawkins, and the Kiwanis Alpha Chapter of Tyler. Our Color Guard presented the colors at the Veterans Memorial Service at Texas State Work Force Main Office in Tyler, and at the Hawkins Veterans Day Ceremony. We also manned the S. A. R. information and recruiting tables at Lock N Load, the Longview Gun Show, and the Texas Genealogical Convention in Tyler. We also sponsored the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Cemetery. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the members involved for their time and effort (alphabetically): Larry Ashburn, Don Boyd, Leland Carter, Tom Copeland, Mike Everheart, Roger Jacobs, Steve Lee, Don Majors, Tom Miller, Tim West, David White, Bobby Davidson.

5. Pres. Davidson announced that the Nominating Committee for new officers proposes the following slate: President, Steve Lee; First Vice-President, Tim West; Second Vice President, Tom Copeland; Secretary, Don Boyd; Treasurer, George Hall. The election will be held at our next meeting in January.

6. Lois Davidson gave a report on recent activities of the Ladies Auxiliary.

7. Comp. Steve Lee presented a Fire and Safety Medal and Certificate to Brent Hail. Past President General Nathan White presented a War Service Medal to Comp. Tom Copeland, with a Certificate. Pres. Davidson presented Comp. Larry Ashburn with a Supplemental

Certificate for Patriot Martin Ashburn. Pres. Davidson presented Larry and Elaine Ashburn with a Certificate of Appreciation from Past Texas Society President Tom Green for their outstanding personal support and service to the President of the Texas Society of the S. A. R.

(Break for dinner.)

8. Vice-Pres. Sam Kidd, Jr. introduced our speaker, Immediate Past President General Nathan White. Comp. Kidd read a very long list of Mr. White's many accomplishments. Among other things, he served as Texas Society President in 2001-2002. Our Chapter was very honored to have him as a guest speaker. His talk was a sort of show-and-tell (with his wife Wanda) about their experiences during his term as President General. He gave credit to the Ladies' Auxiliary of S. A. R., stating that they contribute significantly to any successes of the Society. He said the total membership, nationally, of S. A. R. is about 26,000, and the Texas Society comprises about ten percent of that total, making it the second largest State Society after Virginia. He spoke about some proposed organizational changes during his term. Some were implemented, some were not. First Lady Wanda White spoke about some items she had on display that were mementos of their term as President and First Lady. They visited 41 states during their term. Past President General Nathan White then returned to the podium for some further remarks and recollections of his term. He discussed the future of S. A. R., saying there is a need for more education of our younger citizens as to our history and heritage. He spoke about a proposed new Heritage Building in Louisville. The S. A. R. may have the opportunity to purchase an existing building instead of spending more money to build one.

9. Pres. Davidson presented Nathan and Wanda White with Certificates of Appreciation, and also a copy of the book "1776".

10. The drawing was held for the black powder rifle. Joe E. Glover was the winner, and Comp. Tom Copeland phoned him to inform him of his fortunate win. Comp. Tim West was a winner of one of the door prizes brought by Past President General Nathan White. He won a Texas Ranger badge from the 2006 S. A. R. National Convention. Comp. David White, Sr. was also a winner of one of the door prizes. He was presented with a denim satchel with an S. A. R. logo.

11. The S. A. R. Closing and benediction were given by Comp. Steve Lee. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2008 at the Woman's Building in Tyler.

Donald Boyd, Chapter Secretary