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Sons of the American Revolution



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TXSSAR President Elect Harry Fife to Speak At March 25th Meeting

TXSSAR President Elect Harry M. Fife, Jr. will be the March speaker at the Capt. William Barron Chapter meeting. Compatriot Fife received his BBA from Texas Tech University in 1969. He was employed with Shell Oil Co. for many years and retired as Senior System Analyst in 1991. After retiring from Shell, Harry taught at Trinity Valley Community College as an instructor where he retired from that position in 2003.

Compatriot Fife has been married to his wife, Suzanne, for 25 years and the couple has a combined family of 4 children and 6 grandchildren. They currently live in Tool, Texas.

Harry has been a member of the Athens chapter, Sons of the American Revolution since 1996 and has proven 4 Revolutionary War ancestors. He has held several offices in the Athens Chapter, serving as Chapter Secretary, Editor of the Chapter newsletter, Chapter Vice President, and Chapter President.

On the TXSSAR state level, Compatriot Fife has served as Secretary-Council of Chapter Presidents, plus Long Range Planning, Membership, Finance, Information Technology, and Medals and Awards committees. He has also served as TXSSAR Webmaster, Master of Ceremony-Chapter Medals and Awards Ceremony at several TXSSAR Annual Conventions, TXSSAR Secretary, and currently as TXSSAR President Elect.

On the national level, President Elect Fife has served on the NSSAR Membership Committee, NSSAR Information Technology Committee, and has worked on several projects with President General Bruce Butler.

President Elect Fife will discuss community involvement, grant/foundation funding, recruitment, and the status of the Texas Society.

Please join us on March 25th, 6:30 p.m., at the Woman's Building and hear TXSSAR President Elect Harry Fife.

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President's Message

March 2008

At the January meeting, we had three fine candidates for the Rumbaugh Oration contest. The winner, Philip Hayes of Lindale High School, gave a fine presentation on Alexander Hamilton. He went on to win the regional contest, and will compete in the state contest at the State Convention Luncheon on Saturday, March 29, in Arlington. He is a very strong candidate, and should do very well.

More good news! Our essay contestant, Brandon Frisby of Brook Hill School in Bullard, has won both the regional and state contests. His state certificate and cash award will be presented at the State Convention Luncheon on Saturday, March 29, in Arlington.

The March meeting will be very memorable. We will honor the Noonday Fire Fighters who battled so valiantly at a residential fire several months ago. Two of the men were killed, two were hospitalized, and a woman volunteer entered the burning residence to help the firemen escape the flames.

The incoming SAR State President, Harry Fife of the Athens Chapter, will be our speaker at the meeting. We have membership certificates and rosettes for seven new members. Steve Lee and the new officers will be installed. This is an enthusiastic, capable group of men and the Chapter will be well served by them. I hope we will have a good crowd at this meeting.

On February 20 Larry Ashburn, Don Majors and Tom Miller gave a patriotic program at the George

Washington Tea for the Sarah Maples DAR Chapter in Cedar Creek. The day was very special because Sarah Maples was the great grandmother of Tom Miller. The men did a great job, and it was my privilege to accept an honorarium on behalf of our SAR Chapter. We have received a nice thank you from Hospice of East Texas for that honorarium, as well as for the donation our chapter made in the name of Carleen Cole, wife of chapter member Col. John Cole.

The Captain William Barron Chapter will host the SAR State Board of Managers Meeting here in Tyler on August 1, 2, 3. This is an important meeting, and will require a lot of effort on the part of our members. Mike Everheart is chairman of the meeting committee. He and June, and Steve and Anna Lee have already done a lot of work. Let's all do whatever we can to make this meeting a success.

I am honored to have been your president. As the end of my term is coming up, I want to say how much I appreciate all the help I have received from the men and women of the Captain William Barron Chapter, and especially from my wife. Steve Lee will be a fantastic president.

Bob G. Davidson, President

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**Join us at the Woman's Building
on March 25 th!**

NOTICE

Proposed updated Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Constitution and By-laws is attached for review by the membership. Changes are in red ink. They will be voted on by the membership at the May 2008 meeting.

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

Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2008

President-----Stephen Lee
 1st Vice President/Programs-----Tim West
 2nd Vice President-----Tom Copeland
 Chaplain-----Rev. Don Majors
 Secretary-----Open
 Treasurer-----George Hall
 Asst. Treasurer-----Christopher Williamson
 Registrar-----Larry Ashburn
 Historian-----Open
 Sgt. At Arms-----Open
 Eagle Scout Chairman-----Stephen Lee
 Bugle Editor/Publisher-----Roger Jacobs
 School Program Coordinator-----Tom Copeland

January Meeting Photographs



Mary Love & Hoyt Berryman



Beverly & Tom Hall



Miriam & George Cunningham with
Elaine Ashburn



Col. John Cole & Steve Lee



Galen Hays, Merrell & Mary Ruth Greenwell
with Jack Ludwick



Donald Boyd with Certificate of Appreciation
for a job well done. Don is moving away
from Tyler and we will miss him.

Lindale High School Oration Contestants



Lindale High School Speech Teacher Janice Caldwell arriving at Capt. Wm. Barron meeting with contestants Philip Hayes, Judith Schomp, & Bethany Johnsen. Mr. Hayes oration about Alexander Hamilton won first place and he represented Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter and Lindale High School in the District competition at Plano.



Philip Hayes won first place at the District Competition in Plano and will represent our District at the State meeting on March 29th in Arlington, Texas. Above left to right: Janet Hayes, Ronald Hayes, Janice Caldwell, Philip Hayes, Bob Davidson, & Lois Davidson at District Competition in Plano.

Brook Hill School Student Wins SAR Essay Contest



Pictured left to right: Lawrence Ashburn, Leland Carter, Rod Fletcher (Headmaster), Elizabeth Frisby (Mother), Brandon Frisby (recipient), Tom Copeland, and Rev. Don Majors.

Brandon Frisby, a junior at The Brook Hill School, was honored by members of the Sons of the American Revolution as he was the winner of the regional and state SAR essay contest. The contest is open to any sophomore through senior level student who writes about an idea associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or framing of the United States Constitution. Brandon's essay will now go on to compete in the SAR national competition for a scholarship of \$2,000, publication in the SAR magazine, and a trip to California to the SAR Annual Congress.

MINUTES OF MEETING
CAPT. WILLIAM BARRON CHAPTER, TXSSAR
Held at Woman's Building, Tyler, January 22, 2008

1. The Invocation was given by Rev. Don Majors. First Vice-President Steve Lee led us in the Pledges to the U. S. flag and Texas flag and the Salute to the Sons of the American Revolution flag. There were 25 members present and 18 guests.

2. President Bobby Davidson introduced our guests: Joanna Johnsen, mother of one of our Oration contestants; Mary Ruth Greenwell, past Regent of the Mary Tyler Chapter of D. A. R. and her husband Merrell Greenwell; Janice Caldwell, Speech teacher from Lindale High School and a past National Teacher of the Year. The three oration contestants were not introduced until after their presentations, as per the rules of the competition. Chapter member Jack Ludwick and his wife LaVerne were present, having recently moved back to this area from Florida.

3. Pres. Davidson asked Rev. Don Majors to give a Memorial Prayer for Carleen Cole, who passed away December 26 after a lengthy illness. (Mrs. John Cole).

4. Pres. Davidson made the following announcements: Our Chapter has sent a donation to The Hospice of East Texas in the name of Carleen Cole. Past President General Nathan White and his wife Wanda have pledged \$40,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, Kentucky. Any member wishing to make a contribution to this new effort in Louisville may contact President Davidson for more information. Also, those who have not paid their dues for 2008, please contact our President.

5. Lois Davidson announced there will be a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary immediately following this meeting.

6. Pres. Davidson announced Secretary Don Boyd has resigned, as he plans to leave the Tyler area soon. Sec. Boyd was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his past service, with an Oak Leaf to be worn with a previously awarded Meritorious Service Medal. (Break for dinner.)

7. Col. John Cole presided over the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. He introduced the contestants by

number only. Each contestant was required to give a six-minute talk without notes or props of any kind. The three judges for the competition were Steve Lee, Rev. Don Majors and David White, Sr. Timekeeper was Tom Copeland. Contestant number one, who we later learned was Bethany Johnsen, spoke on Benjamin Franklin. One thing she pointed out was that Franklin signed at least four important documents of American history, namely the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Peace Treaty with England 1783 and a Treaty of Alliance with France in 1788. Contestant number two, Philip Hayes, spoke on Alexander Hamilton, who was born in the Caribbean. He served as Aide de Camp to General Washington, and later was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury. Among other accomplishments, he established a credit system for the newly-formed United States. Contestant number three, Judith Schomp, started out her talk on Thomas Paine, but then digressed to methods of communication in our present day. So, evidently, her talk was basically about persuasion of public opinion. The judges selected contestant number two, Philip Hayes, as the winner, and he was presented with a medal and a \$100 check. Judith Schomp won second place, and third was Bethany Johnsen. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by our Chapter to Janice Caldwell and all three contestants.

8. President Davidson read the list of nominated Chapter officers for the 2008-2010 term, as follows: President, Steve Lee; First Vice-President Tim West; Second Vice-President Tom Copeland and Treasurer George Hall. At this time, the Chapter is seeking someone to serve as Secretary, since Sec. Boyd has resigned. Pres. Davidson asked three times for further nominations from the floor, and none were voiced. Tom Miller moved we elect the nominated officers by acclamation, and the motion was seconded by Col. John Cole. The newly-elected officers will be sworn in at our next regular meeting, March 25.

9. Pres. Davidson led us in the S. A. R. closing and the Benediction was given by Rev. Don Majors.

Donald Boyd, Secretary.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARRON CHAPTER
OF THE
TEXAS SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I
(NAME)

The name of the Chapter shall be "The Capt. William Barron Chapter, Texas Society, of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution," a Society incorporated by a special act of the Congress of the United States in 1906 and amended in 1925 and 1962.

ARTICLE II
(OBJECT)

"The objects of this society are declared to be patriotic, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among all descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principals of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war; as well as documents, relics, and land marks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institution of American freedom, and carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people."

ARTICLE III
(OFFICERS)

The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at its annual meeting, and may include a Chaplain, Registrar, Historian, Chancellor, and a Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IV
(MEMBERSHIP)

Any male shall be eligible for membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendent of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any of the several Colonies of States; or as a member of any continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service of overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain; provided, however, that no persons advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

ARTICLE V
(MEETINGS)

SECTION 1. The chapter shall hold its annual meeting on the fourth Tuesday of January each year. The Chapter will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President, Executive Board, or at the request of five (5) members. Notice of the special meeting shall be mailed to each member at his last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days in advance and shall contain information as to the subject or subjects to be considered.

ARTICLE VI
(AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1. This Constitution and bylaws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting where presented.

SECTION 2. This Constitution and bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the notice of such intended alteration or amendment shall be published at least thirty (30) days preceding the meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I (STATUS)

Section 1. The Chapter shall be a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. Officers, and appointed officials, shall not receive any stated compensation for their services, but the Executive Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 3. Nothing, herein, shall constitute members of the Chapter as partners for any purpose. No member, officer, or agent of the Chapter shall be liable for the acts or failure to act on the part of any other member, officer, or agent. Nor shall any member, officer, or agent be liable for his acts or failures to act under these Bylaws, excepting only acts or failures to act arising out of his willful misfeasance.

SECTION 4. The Chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the objects specified in Article II of the Constitution, and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to members.

SECTION 5. In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, and after the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets shall revert to the control of the Board of Managers of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II (MEMBERSHIP AND DUES)

SECTION 1. A male meeting the age and lineal requirements of Article IV of the Constitution, and whose application for membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, has been approved, is a member in good standing of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter.

SECTION 2. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Chapter Registrar/Genealogist, utilizing the NSSAR authorized "water-marked" application and submitted in one signed copy with all documentation and a check for membership fee. The Applicant shall become a member after a favorable report by the Chapter Registrar/Genealogist is rendered to the State Registrar of the Texas Society, and approved by the National Society.

SECTION 3. Upon receipt of the "Notice of Annual Dues," dues shall be payable to the State Society on or before the last day of December of each year as provided for in the Bylaws of the Texas Society.

SECTION 4. Separate local Chapter dues, as determined by the Executive Board, may only be levied after approval of a majority of members present when the issue is proposed.

ARTICLE III (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1. All elective officers shall be elected every two years by the membership at the annual meeting. Officers will be installed at the March meeting and shall serve for a two year term or until a successor shall have been elected.

SECTION 2. The President shall not serve more than one two year term. He shall not succeed himself, but may be reelected to serve another term after being out of office for at least one term.

SECTION 3. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the First Vice President. Vacancies of other offices or of the Standing Committee Chairmen shall be filled by appointment of the President with the concurrence of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

PRESIDENT

SECTION 1. The President, or in his absence the next ranking officer present, shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. The President shall appoint all standing committee Chairmen and perform such other duties as insuring the continuity within the chapter, and also insure the chapter follows the Mission Statement of the NSSAR, which is to spread patriotism within the community. Additionally, the Chapter President shall serve as a member of the TXSSAR Council of Chapter Presidents which is held at each BOM and annual state meetings.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

SECTION 2. The First Vice President shall be Chairman of the Program Committee and be responsible for arrangements for all programs given at regular meetings of the Chapter. He shall also serve on the Membership Committee.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

SECTION 3. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the Awards Program and shall insure that the chapter recognizes those in the community who have stood above their peers in their respective profession; Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, JROTC, Eagle Scout, Good Citizenship, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Rumbaugh Oration Contest, and Flag Certificates. Additionally, the Vice President shall serve on the Membership Committee.

TREASURER

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all sums of money received and expended by the Chapter and shall make such disbursements as are authorized by the chapter or the Executive Board. He shall deposit all sums received in a financial institution approved by the Executive Board, and funds may be drawn from there only upon the signature of the Treasurer. He shall make a financial report at the annual meeting or when called upon by the President. The funds, books, and vouchers in his hands shall at all times be subject to inspection and verification by the Executive Board. Additionally, he shall also serve as a member of the Membership Committee.

SECRETARY

SECTION 5. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter, and provide timely notification of all meetings of the chapter and Executive Board

REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST

SECTION 6. The Registrar, upon receipt of membership application from the applicant, shall verify the validity of the blood line through the supporting primary documents, the completeness and accuracy of the application form, and then transmit them to the TXSSAR Registrar. He shall record and maintain copies of all membership applications. The registrar shall maintain the membership roster of the chapter. He shall keep the state treasurer and state secretary informed of all address changes, resignations, transfers, and of chapter officer changes. Additionally he shall serve as a member of the Membership Committee.

CHAPLAIN

SECTION 7. The Chaplain shall be responsible for the spiritual welfare of the Chapter. His duties shall include the provision of opening and closing prayers at each meeting, the preparation and dispatch of all memorial resolutions and letters of condolence on behalf of the chapter, and preside over the necrology service at each annual meeting. If possible, he shall be a duly ordained minister.

HISTORIAN

SECTION 8. The Historian shall maintain a record of the activities of the Chapter and its members. His duties shall include the maintenance of a Yearbook (Scrapbook) containing photos, clippings, and other items of note for such activities for presentation to the TXSSAR Convention, as well as maintenance of such archives as the Chapter might require.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

SECTION 9. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the maintenance of order at all meetings of the Chapter, subject to instructions from the President. He is also responsible for the maintenance and placement of all flags at Chapter meetings and ceremonies.

ARTICLE V (STANDING COMMITTEES)

SECTION 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President: Membership, Finance, Oration Contest, Eagle Scout Program, and Public relations.

SECTION 2. The President shall appoint such committees as shall be directed by the Chapter of the Executive Board or as he may deem necessary in the operation of the chapter.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President.

ARTICLE VI (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

SECTION 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed in August, every odd year. It shall consist of the immediate past President and two (2) at-large members, all of whom have attended meetings regularly during the Chapter year.

SECTION 2. The Nominating Committee shall report its proposed slate of officers by publication in the Chapter Newsletter prior to the meeting in November. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting in January.

SECTION 3. Chapter Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

SECTION 4. Chapter Officers shall be formally installed at the regular meeting in March.

ARTICLE VII (QUORUM)

A quorum for the transaction of Chapter business shall consist of those members present at a meeting.

ARTICLE VIII (FLAGS)

The American and the Sons of the American Revolution Flags shall be displayed and honored at all meetings and ceremonies of the Chapter.

*** This is to certify that these Bylaws were approved and adopted at the _____ meeting of the Capt. William Barron Chapter #25 of the Texas Society, NSSAR, in Tyler, Texas on _____, 2008.

_____, Secretary
Sam Kidd

_____, President
Stephen Lee