



# Captain Barron's Bugle

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Sons of the American Revolution



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# I Have Not Yet Begun To Fight!

## July Program

Our speaker is Dr. Warren H. Hunt. Dr. Warren Hunt graduated from Tulane Medical School. He is a Diplomat of the Board of Internal Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Hunt has practiced internal medicine in the Longview area for 47 years. He is a member and past officer of the East Texas Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution.

In 2005 Dr. Hunt gave us a program on Francis Marion of South Carolina, who was know as the "Swamp Fox". In 2006 he gave us a program on Brigadier General Dan Morgan, whose brilliant military strategy resulted in the critical defeat of the British at Cowpens, South Carolina.

Our program this month will be on John Paul Jones. John Paul Jones (1747-1792), called the "Father of the American Navy," was known for his courage in fighting against larger and better-equipped enemy fleets. In 1779 he took command of the *Bonhomme Richard (Poor Richard)*, which he named in honor of the American statesman Benjamin Franklin, author of *Poor Richard's Almanac*. I think Dr. Hunt is going to tell us "**The Rest of the Story!**"

It promises to be as exciting as Dr. Hunt's previous programs – see you Tuesday July 22.

## Capt. William Barron Chapter Hosts TXSSAR!

Fellow Capt. William Barron Compatriots, we are the host chapter for the August, 2008 TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting which will be held at the Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway, August 1-2-3, of this year. Time is flying by fast and we have only eight members out of our chapter of seventy-five who have registered to date. Our chapter, which won many prestigious awards and recognition for our performance in 2007, needs to put our

membership on display at this meeting and that means come out in force. We have registered over fifty members from across the state and we could register over seventy. We could possibly set a record for most members attending a Board of Managers meeting. Our chapter membership needs to register for this very important meeting, meet many patriotic members and their wives from across this great state, and participate in some of the many committee meetings that will be held. It is the membership that makes up the fifty chapters that drives the State Society and the decisions and direction that it will take during this new century. Make your suggestions and ideas heard and help shape the direction we are to take in our efforts to grow and expand patriotism in this great country.

It is a critical time in our country's history. America needs the SAR and what it believes in. The registration form is on the backside of the first page of your state newsletter, "The Compatriot" that was recently sent out to the state membership. Please register now.

Thank you,  
Michael Everheart

The registration form is also on the last page of this newsletter.

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## Minutes of May 27 Meeting

A regular membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, TX.

Chapter President Stephen Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Rev. Don Majors offered the invocation. Sam Kidd led the pledges to the American and Texas flags and the Salute to the S.A.R.

Mr. Lee recognized several guests, including Tyler Police Officer Shane Jasper and wife Tonya, program speaker William Covington and wife June, Judge Roby Hadden and wife Marilyn, new member Joe Francis and wife Joyce Ann, and prospective member Justin Lee and wife Christie.

President Lee showed a display of the awards the Chapter received at the recent Texas State Society S.A.R. conference, and discussed those awards. The Ashburn, Copeland, Lee, Davis and Everheart families attended the TXSSAR conference. The awards were:

- Group 2 Outstanding Chapter Award
- John K. Harrell C.A.R. Award for Group 2
- TXSSAR Americanism Award
- TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award
- Recognition in the Knight Essay Contest
- Hartsell Stephens Award for Sponsoring Most Compatriots (Mike Everheart)
- State Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Winner (Philip Hayes)
- State George & Stella Knight Essay Winner (Brandon Frisby)

Regarding the revisions to the Chapter Bylaws that were published in the March "Bugle", Bob Davidson made a motion that the changes be approved by the membership. Mike Everheart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without discussion.

Mike Everheart and Anna Lee discussed the plans for the upcoming TXSSAR Board of Management meeting, which will be held in Tyler on August 1-3. Mr. Everheart urged everyone to make their reservations now. Mrs. Lee outlined the plans for the ladies' auxiliary tour and other activities.

New compatriot Joe Francis was inducted into Capt. William Barron Chapter by Larry Ashburn and Stephen Lee. Also, it was announced that David White, who was not present, has received two Supplemental Ancestor Certificates.

Larry Oliver, who has done an excellent job setting up and maintaining our website, was given a Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work on behalf of the Chapter.

Tom Copeland presented the Chapter's Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Tyler Police Officer Shane Jasper and discussed some of Officer Jasper's accomplishments.

Mr. Lee announced that we would again hold a raffle to help raise funds for Chapter activities. The awards this year will be a long rifle and a pistol, both of which are replicas of Revolutionary War era weapons. The committee in charge of the raffle is Tom Copeland, Bob Davidson and Tom Miller.

President Lee issued a call for additional business to come before the members, and hearing none, the members and guests adjourned for buffet dinner.

After dinner, Program Chairman Tim West introduced educator William Covington, who gave an interesting program about Revolutionary War uniforms, weapons and customs. After the program, Mr. Lee presented Mr. Covington with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift.

Rev. Don Majors led the benediction and Sam Kidd led the S.A.R. Closing. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

*Sam C Kidd*, Secretary

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Larry Ashburn and President Steve Lee inducted Compatriot Joe Francis as a new member into the Chapter. Welcome Joe!



Tyler Police Officer Shane Jasper was presented the Law Enforcement Award for outstanding service to the community. Left to right: Officer Shane Jasper, Compatriots Tom Copeland and Stephen Lee.



Mr. Bill Covington gave us a presentation on "The Continental Soldier" at the May Meeting.



Compatriot Larry Oliver was presented a very deserved "Certificate of Appreciation". Larry maintains the Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter's website.



Mrs. June Covington had on display items relating to Bill's presentation. Compatriot Tom Miller is in the foreground.



Flag Day 2008 L-to-R: Larry Ashburn, Mary Tyler DAR Chapter members, Paula Warren, Anna Marie Lee, Joy Hagg, Barbara Faulkner, Mary Ruth Greenwell, Eagle Scout Clinton Willbanks and Stephen Lee.

## President's Message

Compatriots,

I am convinced that the Sons of the American Revolution is one of the finest organizations in the U.S.A.! Members of our society have many things in common, among them a love of country and a love of our nation's history. I have discovered a bond between SAR members, whether it is on the Chapter, State or National level that binds us closer as compatriots and Americans.

July is always a special month as Independence Day reminds Americans of the sacrifices of our forefathers in establishing the greatest nation in the history of the world. We, members of the SAR, have a great responsibility to our community to make certain the history and heroic actions of our ancestors are not forgotten. The Captain William Barron Chapter has accepted that responsibility. Our Color Guard is widely known in our community with its presence at naturalizations ceremonies, school programs, parades and in the awards and honors that our chapter bestows upon our community leaders.

It makes me very proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of men who give back to their community and who are fearless to stand for our nation's flag and country. True, there are things that I might want to change, but we still live in the best nation in the world! Take a moment, as we celebrate the birth of our country, to recommit ourselves to spreading the message of patriotism and inviting others to join in our fellowship by becoming members of this great organization.

Remember, The TXSSAR Board of Management is almost here. If you have not yet registered, please do so, as every member will want to be involved. We are all very excited to be hosting this meeting and to show everyone we have the best chapter in Texas. God Bless You!

Steve Lee, Chapter President

## Independence Day

The anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress, July 4, 1776, commemorates the birth of a great nation. It is the greatest secular holiday in the United States, and the proudest; it is a legal holiday in all the states, territories, and possessions, and is celebrated by Americans wherever they may be.



"From the time of the landing of the Pilgrims and the continued influx of the Puritans . . . independence was inevitable; signs of it along the way, 'for coming events cast their shadows before' were Bacon's rebellion in 1676, the Mecklenburg Declaration in 1775, Halifax Resolutions of

Independence adopted in North Carolina in 1776."

"Nothing important merely happens – it develops. The Declaration of Independence was the outcome of a long train of circumstances, all tending to one inevitable end. It was the climax of many decades of thought, discussion, and experience." – Albert Beveridge, U. S. Senator from Indiana, 1899 – 1911

Of the day on which independence was declared, John Adams wrote to his wife a letter that has become historic.

*"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 acts 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."*

## Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Awards for 2007



Our Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter was honored with 5 prestigious awards for 2007. Compatriot Tom Copeland displays the awards and they were the following:

- 1) **TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award for 2007 for Chapters with 40-99 Members**
- 2) **TXSSAR Americanism Award for 2007 for Chapters with 40-99 Members**
- 3) **TXSSAR John K. Harrell CAR Award for 2007 for Chapters with 40-99 Members**
- 4) **Honorable Mention in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Scholarship Contest for 2007.**
- 5) **Gold Contribution Award from The Ladies Auxiliary of The Texas Sons of The American Revolution**