



# Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25  
Sons of the American Revolution



## “Current Events: Immigration” Presented By Texas State Representative Leo Berman

### November Program

Immigration, whether legal or illegal, affects us all in one-way or another either directly or indirectly. At the November meeting you will have the opportunity of listening to Texas State Representative Leo Berman speak on Immigration.

Leo Berman was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, representing Smith County, District 6 in 1998. Representative Berman is the chairman of the House Committee on Elections and a member of the Government Reform Committee.

Leo is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army and a retired Public Affairs Executive with the Sun Oil Company. He and his wife, Dr. Lou Ann Berman, have five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Leo and Lou Ann reside in Tyler.

Come hear State Representative Leo Berman speak on Immigration; in addition, a Bronze Good Citizenship Award and an Emergency Medical Services Award will be presented Tuesday evening, November 25, 2008, 6:30 PM, at the Woman's Building, 911 S. Broadway Ave. in Tyler. As usual, the buffet dinner will cost \$15.00 per person.

### The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page  
Adopted by Congress (1918)

### Heroes Recognized!

Three Tyler Police Officers saved the life of a trapped victim in a burning automobile at great risk to their own lives on June 24, 2008. Officers Daniel Richardson, Adam Colby and Sgt Darin Grissom were presented with the S.A.R.'s Heroism Award at our September meeting.



Left-to-right: Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle, Officers Grissom, Colby and Richardson

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## Minutes of Sept. 23 Meeting

A joint meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Piney Woods Chapter, Sons of the Republic of Texas, was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 23, 2008 at the Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. A total of 64 people were present.

Barron Chapter President Steve Lee opened the joint meeting at 6:30 PM by welcoming all members and guests. Tom Copeland and Matthew Lee presented the colors and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Steve Lee introduced S.A.R. and D.A.R. dignitaries, and then Piney Woods Chapter President Stan Stokes recognized special S.R.T. and D.R.T. dignitaries.

Steve then introduced Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle, Police Sgt. Darin Grissom and wife Janice, Police Officer Adam Colby and wife Colleen, and Police Officer Daniel Richardson and wife Amanda. Steve also introduced his former neighbors, Dave and Marcie McLeod.

Steve then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Tom Copeland, Larry Ashburn, Sam Kidd, Tim West, Mike Everheart, Bobby Davidson, Don Majors, Tom Miller, Matthew Lee, Barney Jones and Archie Anderson for their help with the recent Board of Management meeting in Tyler.

Mike Everheart was awarded a special jacket with S.A.R. logo in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the very successful B.O.M meeting. Anna Lee was presented the Lady Liberty Award for her superb organizing and handling of the Ladies' Auxiliary activities during the B.O.M meeting.

Steve then asked if there was any more S.A.R. or S.R.T. business to be conducted, and hearing none; led everyone through the buffet line for dinner.

After the dinner, Tom Copeland told the story of the three police officers' heroism in their rescue of a citizen from a burning car. Each of the three officers was presented with S.A.R.'s Heroism Award, consisting of a medal and certificate by Compatriot Tom Copeland and Chief Swindle.

Piney Woods Chapter President Stan Stokes introduced Dr. Archie McDonald of Nacogdoches, who gave a very interesting program that contrasted the war for American independence from England and the fight for Texas independence from Mexico.

After the program and some questions, Stan and Steve presented Dr. McDonald with a certificate of appreciation. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 PM with Tim West leading the S.A.R. Closing and Don Majors giving the benediction.

*Sam C Kidd, Secretary*

**Financial Report  
October 30, 2008**

**General Fund Balance**

**\$6278.07**

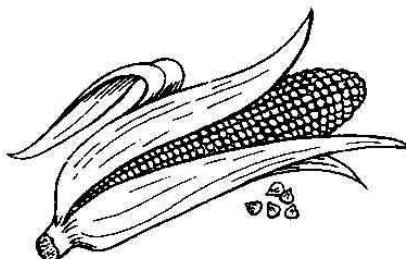
## Thanksgiving Proclamation

Inasmuch as the Great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravage of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meethouse, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29<sup>th</sup>, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

William Bradford

When the Pilgrims brought in their first harvest, and it was bountiful, they decided to have a time of giving thanks. They invited their Indian friends to join them – and were inwardly dismayed when 90 braves arrived. But they had brought ample to eat with them – deer and wild turkey. There was more than enough for all.

In future years, the celebration of Thanksgiving became an annual tradition, but they would begin by giving each person a plate with five kernels of corn – which had been their ration in the second winter, when things were



at their lowest ebb.

### TXSSAR

#### Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2008–10

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We are very pleased to have located a picture of Mrs. Jessie White receiving the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate for her many years of service as one of the first women to serve in the Houston Police Department. Congratulations Mrs. White!



Anna Lee was presented the Lady Liberty Award for her superb organizing and handling of the Ladies' Auxiliary activities during the B.O.M. meeting held in Tyler.



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to (left-to-right) Archie Anderson, Don Majors, Tom Miller (front), Tom Copeland (back), Sam Kidd, Steve Lee, Larry Ashburn, Matthew Lee, Bobby Davidson, Barney Jones, Mike Everheart, and Tim West.



Mike Everheart was awarded a special jacket with S.A.R. logo in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the very successful B.O.M. meeting held in Tyler.

### Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Gun Raffle

The beautiful historically correct reproductions of the 1760 Kentucky 50 Cal. Black Powder Firing Pistol and the 1720 Pennsylvania 50 Cal. Black Powder Firing Rifle (shown below) will be raffled off at the next meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>. For those who have not already purchased your raffle tickets, they will be on sale at the beginning of the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to own a beautiful rifle and pistol commemorating our revolutionary ancestry.



Remember all profits we receive from this raffle will help fund our Americanism Poster Contest, ROTC Awards, Essay Contest, and many other events that our Chapter sponsors. Any questions or requests for tickets prior to the November 25 meeting should be directed to Tom Copeland at [tomcopeland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomcopeland@sbcglobal.net) or 903-939-0801. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$12 or 6 for \$20.

## President's Message

Compatriots,

It's difficult to believe that 2008 is almost history! This year has certainly been an exhilarating, action-packed time, to say the least! I felt as if the entire country was caught on a roller coaster ride, going up and down and up and down for months on end. We experienced the turmoil of a fiercely fought presidential election campaign and watched helplessly as our economy took some pretty severe blows. Just these two events were enough to intimidate everyone! I can't help but think how our forefathers dealt with the problems of their day.

Our forefathers made the decision to possibly forfeit everything-- their land, crops, homes and possessions, to fight and establish a new and independent nation. It must have been terrifying to realize they were risking, not just their own lives and well-being, but the safety of their families, as well. God bless them for their courage and bravery to take a stand for what was right! Maybe we don't have it as tough as we think.

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, please don't forget to take time to offer thanks to God for those courageous ancestors who were willing to risk their lives to insure that future generations might have freedom. We owe them a tremendous amount of gratitude and remember, even though we are experiencing some tough times in America, we still live in the greatest country in the world!

The Gun Raffle has been a huge success and some lucky winner will be selected at our November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't forget that tickets can still be purchased thru the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. A big THANK YOU to Tom Miller, Bob Davidson and Tom Copeland for serving on the raffle committee! Tom Copeland is a super salesman and is unafraid to ask *anyone* to buy tickets. His canny salesmanship ability has quickly become legendary in the chapter! The profits from the raffle will be used to fund scholarships, school and chapter contests, and programs as well as to underwrite various community activities.

The Captain William Barron Chapter was a very visible and viable part of East Texas in 2008 and we all can take great pride in the many ways in which we gave back to our community. Remember, it is our responsibility to educate and to remind everyone about the history of this great nation and of our patriotic values, to insure that they will still be alive for future generations. 2009 is shaping up to be a great year with many opportunities for our chapter. Please don't be afraid to do your part. God Bless America!

*Steve Lee*, Chapter President

### Liberty Bell (Source "Our American Heritage")

One of the most cherished symbols of American independence is the famous Liberty Bell, now preserved in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. It has been rung on a

number of occasions, the most important of which were the following:

On July 4, 1776, the bell was rung to announce the official adoption of the Declaration of Independence. This was actually the birthday of the nation, and marks the most important single event in its history.

October 14, 1781, it was rung to celebrate the surrender of Lord Cornwallis of the English forces, and the virtual close of the Revolutionary War.



April 6, 1783, it announced the proclamation of peace with Great Britain.

September 29, 1824, it was rung to welcome Lafayette, the famous French general who had assisted Washington, to Independence Hall.

July 4, 1826, it tolled to announce the death of Thomas Jefferson, principal author of the Declaration of Independence.

July 14, 1826, it ushered in "The Year of Jubilee," the fiftieth anniversary of the American Republic.

July 4, 1831, the famous bell rang for the last time on Independence Day.

February 22, 1832, the bell was rung to commemorate the birth of George Washington. Later in the same year it tolled to announce the death of the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence - Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Georgia.

July 21, 1834, it tolled again for the death of the Marquis de Lafayette.

July 8, 1835, while it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, a crack developed in the bell. It started from the brim and inclined in a right-hand direction toward the crown.

On February 22, 1843, when an attempt was being made to ring the bell on Washington's birthday, the fracture increased to such an extent that no effort has been made to ring it since that time.

**William Barron Chapter**  
**Schedule 2008-9**

**Meetings:**  
 November 25, 2008  
 January 27, 2009  
 March 24, 2009

**Local/State/National Events Calendar:**

**Color Guard Calendar:**

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