



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



SAR State Genealogy Committee Chairman Art Hall Speaks

March Program

Our speaker will be Art Hall. Mr. Hall is a sixth generation Texan and a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. He is the retired president of Southwestern Management and Research Corp., a securities broker/dealer and investment advisory firm in Dallas. He is also a retired U. S. Navy Captain, having served 33 years in Naval Intelligence.

Active in lineage societies, Hall is a member of the Huguenot Society, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Descendants of Mexican War Veterans and The Sons of the American Revolution. He is past president of the Athens Chapter of the SAR and is currently serving as Texas State Registrar. He is also a former Chairman of the Henderson County Historical Commission.

Art is the chairman of the newest SAR state committee - Genealogy. This will be the focus of his program.

Tim West, 1st Vice President/Program Chairman

Capt. William Barron Chapter Color Guard Invitations

The Color Guard is an excellent and positive advertisement for our chapter. I want to thank all that have volunteered to act in it, and ask that we establish a maximum turnout if at all possible when we have an opportunity to do so.

The Color Guard has accepted an invitation to assist in the activities on Memorial Day, May 25th at the Veterans Park in Hawkins, Texas. This event has been well received locally in the past. Hawkins is the home of our Compatriot and Chapter Chaplain Don Majors. I ask that we have maximum turn out to support

this patriotic event. If you can attend or need transportation please let me know by calling me at 903-939-0801 or tomcopeland@sbcglobal.net.

The Color Guard has been requested to "Present the Flags" at the opening of the Annual Golf Tournament at Holly Lake Ranch, Texas on June 2nd. Last year they had a patriotic opening and it has been requested again this year. We have been asked to assist as part of this years



expanded opening, which will include a "Fly By" by the Texas National Guard as well as other military personnel. I am asking you to let me know by

March 17th if you would attend. Again it would be excellent exposure for our Chapter and an opportunity for possible recruitment of new members.

If any member of the Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter who is not a member of the Chapter's Color Guard would like to be a member, or to ask questions with regard to the Color Guard, please contact Tom Copeland at 903-939-0801 or tomcopeland@sbcglobal.net.

Tom Copeland, Color Guard Commander

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Minutes of Jan. 27 Meeting

The regular bimonthly meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. Fifteen members and twenty-two guests were present.

Chapter President Stephen Lee opened the meeting at 6:35 PM by having Mike Everheart offer the invocation, which was from the S.A.R. Prayer Manual. Tom Copeland led the group in the pledge to the American flag, Matthew Lee led the pledge to the Texas flag and Sam Kidd led the salute to Sons of American Revolution.

President Lee then welcomed all members of Barron Chapter and also pointed out several specific guests who were present: new member Rick Featherston, new member James Kidd, past Mary Tyler Chapter D.A.R. Past Regent Mary Ruth Greenwell and husband Merrell, Pat & Annette Maddox, Janice Caldwell of Lindale H.S. and Sterling Stewart of John Tyler H.S.

Mike Everheart and Stephen Lee inducted two new members: Rick Featherston and James B. Kidd.

The eight members of the chapter color guard who were present in full uniform then came forward and the office of Commander of the Color Guard was passed from Larry Ashburn to Tom Copeland. President Lee presented Larry with a handsome plaque to honor his efforts at starting, dressing and supervising the group over the past several years. Color guard members participating in this ceremony, in addition to Ashburn and Copeland, were Tom Miller, Jack Ludwick, Mike Everheart, Matthew Lee, Tim West and Bob Davidson.

Anna Lee announced that a Barron Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary roster is available for all Auxiliary members. She also said she has Auxiliary pins for sale and tickets for the quilt raffle.

Steve then asked if there was any additional old or new business that needs to come before the membership, and hearing none, he adjourned the meeting for a buffet dinner.

After dinner, the meeting was reconvened and Col. John Cole explained the rules of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The four contestants then each gave their patriotic talk, which ranged between five and six minutes. It was learned that, due to an error in communication, Monique Williams from John Tyler H.S. had not memorized her speech as required in the rules. It was determined that she should give her talk from her notes so she could gain the experience and the audience would have the chance to hear her, but she could not officially compete in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

After the four speeches, the judges conferred and made the following awards:

- Third Place - Daniel Hatoum
- Second Place - Levi Herrera
- First Place - Philip Hayes

Each of the four contestants then came forward, introduced themselves and also introduced their parents and teachers. All four contestants received Certificates.

Steve Lee then asked if there were any additional announcements or business. Mike Everheart told the members the next TXSSAR State Convention would be in March at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches, and to contact him for more details.

Sam Kidd led everyone in the S.A.R. Closing and Mike Everheart gave the Benediction. The meeting then adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

Financial Report	
February 27, 2009	
General Fund Balance	\$8,147.35

<u>TXSSAR</u>	
<u>Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2008-10</u>	
President	-- -- Stephen Lee
1st Vice President/Programs	-- -- Tim West
2nd Vice President	-- -- Tom Copeland
Publicity/Media	-- -- Tom Copeland
Chaplain	-- -- Rev. Don Majors
Secretary	-- -- Sam Kidd
Treasurer	-- -- George Hall
Registrar	-- -- Larry Ashburn
Historian	-- -- Sam Kidd
Sgt. At Arms	-- -- Matthew Lee
Eagle Scout Chairman	-- -- Stephen Lee
School Pgm. Coord.	-- -- Tom Copeland
Webmaster	-- -- Larry Oliver
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L-to-R: Chapter President Steve Lee, new members Rick Featherston and James Kidd, Mike Everheart.



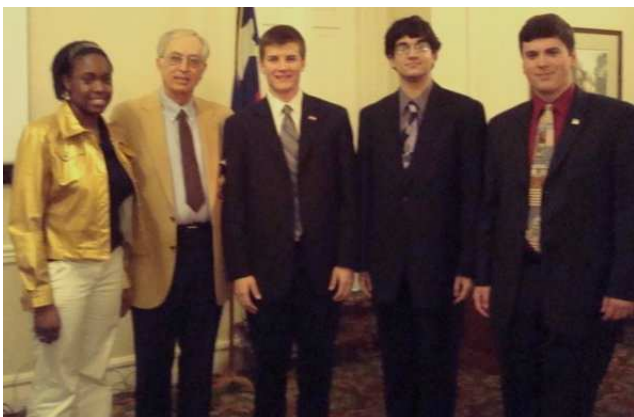
L-to-R Front Row: Ms. Mary Love Berryman, new member Mr. Rick Featherston, L-to-R Back Row: Compatriots David McLeod and Hoyt Berryman. Welcome Compatriot Rick Featherston!



L-to-R are Elaine Ashburn, Larry Ashburn and Steve Lee. Larry received a handsome plaque commemorating his service to the chapter as the Capt. William Barron Chapter Color Guard Commander.



L-to-R: Compatriot David Hanover, Ms. Sherry Kidd, new member Mr. James Kidd, and Compatriot Sam Kidd, Jr. Welcome Compatriot James Kidd!



L-to-R: Oration Finalists Monique Allen, Col. John Cole, 1st Place Winner Philip Hayes, 3rd Place Daniel Hatoum, and 2nd Place Levi Herrera.



Capt. William Barron Color Guard L-to-R are former Commander Larry Ashburn, Tim West, Tom Miller, Commander Tom Copeland, Mike Everheart, Bobby Davidson, Matthew Lee, and Jack Ludwick.

President's Message

Compatriots,

Even though "Old Man Winter" threatened our January SAR dinner, we still had an incredible meeting! Tom Copeland was installed as our new Color Guard Commander and we know that Tom will continue the tradition set forth by Larry Ashburn. We thank Larry for organizing the Color Guard, making the uniforms and arranging our schedules to present the colors at numerous city and community events. The Captain William Barron Chapter is so very fortunate that we have both Larry and Tom working to make our chapter even more successful!

Remember that our 114th TXSSAR Convention is March 20-22, 2009 at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches. Please try to arrange your schedule to attend all or at least a portion of this great event. Some members can only attend on Saturday, which is fine, because you will have the opportunity to watch our chapter oration winner, Philip Hayes, compete for a chance to advance to Nationals at the Youth Awards Luncheon. Our chapter needs to be well represented and I promise that you will enjoy all the sessions and activities!

The Executive Board voted to begin a change in processing dinner reservations, beginning with the May meeting. The Woman's Building requires that dinner reservations be submitted the Friday before our Tuesday meeting. If that number is not present at the meeting, the chapter is still charged. After our January meeting, we were invoiced over \$400.00 for those members who submitted reservations but did not attend. I understand that there was wintry weather, but unfortunately, the chapter treasury took a real loss. The board voted, beginning with the May meeting, if a dinner reservation is made and the member does not attend, the chapter will bill that member for the number of reservations made. We all know there are very valid reasons for being unable to attend, but this seems to be the only fair way to proceed. Hopefully everyone will understand.

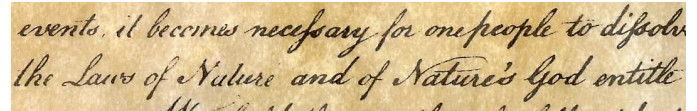
"The times, they are a changin'"! Someone once said that, or maybe I heard it in a song, but the phrase seems to accurately describe America in 2009...and I lived through the 1960's, 1970's and Vietnam! I wonder if our founding fathers such as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson would recognize and approve of present day America. What as Americans are we to do? We just might consider returning to our core beliefs: a belief in God as our supreme being, a genuine love and appreciation of our country, and a willingness to promote patriotism in the community. It worked for the founding fathers. Our Revolutionary ancestors were willing to risk everything in their quest to form a new country. Please take a stand with me and remain strong in supporting this great nation. Trust that we can be used as a group to bring back that "old fashioned" feeling of

patriotism and pride in our grand old flag and what she stands for. America needs us!

God Bless You!

Steve Lee, Chapter President

"The Laws of the Heavens"



The first paragraph in the Declaration of Independence sets the stage for the American Revolution and its indispensable reliance on the laws of God, the Creator. It declares:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with one another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

This must be a very important sentence since it is the first sentence in the Declaration of Independence, all 56 signers agreed to its wording, and forms the basis of our complaint with Great Britain.

What did our Forefathers mean by "The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God?" Are these not the "Laws of the Heavens" (Job 38:33) or God's revelation of the expression of Self through nature and His written word the Bible? If we could understand what our Forefathers meant might we not get a better understanding as to the principles upon which our nation was founded and if we, as a nation, have strayed from those principles and laws – "The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God?"

William Barron Chapter Schedule 2009-10

Meetings:

March 24, 2009

May 26, 2009

July 28, 2009

September 22, 2009

November 24, 2009

Local/State/National Events Calendar:

TXSSAR Annual Convention in Nacogdoches

March 19 – 22, 2009 at the Fredonia Hotel

Color Guard Calendar:

Memorial Day - May 25, Veterans Day Park in Hawkins

June 2 (Tuesday) - "Present the Flags" at the Opening of the Annual Golf Tournament at Holly Lake Ranch