



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



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The Ink Well, Editor

“The Majors” to Entertain at July Meeting!”

The Majors will perform a variety of patriotic, gospel and military songs at our July 28th meeting! Our very own Steve Majors, Don Majors along with Stacey Majors Hendrix are well known throughout East Texas. The group has performed at our chapter meetings, last year's Board of Management and at the TXSSAR state convention. Welcome “The Majors” to our July meeting!

Awards to be presented

The SAR Fire Safety Award will be presented to Tyler Fire Chief Neal Franklin for outstanding accomplishments to the community at the July meeting. Officer Brennon Ewen of the Tyler Police Department will be recognized for his assistance at our Flag Day-Flag Retirement Ceremony and we will honor Kelly Prew, Youthful News and Food Editor of the Tyler Morning Telegraph for providing publicity for our youth contests.



The Color Guard led the parade during the I Love America program at Green Acres Baptist Church which was seen by over 8,000 people during four presentations



The Color Guard present the colors and take part in the Hawkins Memorial Day Ceremony

Presidents Message

WHAT A BUSY SUMMER! While speaking at our May meeting, TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence, reminded us that, as members of the Sons of the American Revolution, we should take an active position in the community. Boy, have we been doing just that!

Our Color Guard has been busy representing our chapter at numerous events and through this exposure, we have met several prospective members who have been invited to visit our chapter. From presenting the colors, to being seen by over 8,000 people while leading the parade at the Green Acres Baptist Church “I Love America” patriotic concert, the Captain William Barron Chapter continues to promote patriotism in our community!

On July 2nd, our older son, Matthew, and I traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the 119th SAR National Congress. We were invited to work with our new President General, Judge Ed Butler, on several video projects for the National Society. This was our first time to attend Congress and we had a great time meeting many outstanding Compatriots. We also had the opportunity to see Philip Hayes in action during the Joseph Rumbaugh oration finals. Following the SAR Congress, I then took a “detour” to Washington D.C. to attend the NSDAR Continental Congress with Anna.

It has been a very busy few months, but what an exciting time for our chapter! We are blessed to have so many Compatriots that are willing to give their time and talents to promote the cause of patriotism. It is imperative that we continue to spread the word about SAR. Let us not forget that we are honoring those great patriots who, through their sacrifices, paved the way to give the freedoms that we all enjoy today.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Minutes - May 26, 2009

The regular bi monthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. Seventeen members and 31 guests were present.

Chapter President Steve Lee opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Larry Ashburn gave the invocation. Tom Copeland and Matthew Lee presented the colors and led everyone in the pledges to the flags.

Steve introduced incoming State President Tom Lawrence and thanked Tim and Caroline West for hosting Tom at Roseland Plantation. Steve welcomed Art Hall, Charles Luna and Skip Gustafson from the Athens chapter. Steve then introduced Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle, Tyler Police Officer Kenneth Gardner and his wife Debbi, Officer Josh Hill and his wife Emily, and Kilgore Fire Dept. Operations Chief Dennis Gage.

Prospective members Michael Wright and his wife Tiffany, and Dave McLeod were then recognized. As this was George Cunningham's birthday, everyone sang Happy Birthday.

Steve discussed recent activities of the Color Guard, including the Hawkins Memorial Day ceremony, the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse on May 13th, and a May 18th Patriotic performance at Cayuga Elementary School.

June 13th at 10 AM is the date of our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, to be held in conjunction with the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Flag Day Ceremony at Memorial Park. Steve said Leo Berman will be the speaker and several other heritage groups have been invited to participate.

Tom Copeland recognized two Tyler Police Officers: Kenneth Gardner and Josh Hill, discussed their many accomplishments, and presented each of them with the S.A.R. Law Enforcement Award. Steve then discussed the one hundred year history of the Tyler Police Dept. and presented Chief Gary Swindle with a certificate honoring the Tyler Police Department for a century of service.

Steve then told about Cory Galloway and Kyle Perkins, two members of the Kilgore Fire Dept. who died during training in January 2009, and also Kyle Huckabee who was seriously injured in the same tragic accident. Bobby Davidson helped Steve present Distinguished Service Awards to those three firemen and a special Distinguished Service Award to Kilgore Fire Dept. Operations Chief Dennis Gage.

Charles Luna of Athens announced their chapter will have Loyd Bockstruck of Dallas teach an all-day genealogy seminar on Sept. 13. Charles also said, as President of Sons of Republic of Texas, he looks forward to their joint meeting with Capt. Barron Chapter in September.

Steve asked if there was additional business, and hearing none, the meeting adjourned for a buffet dinner.

After dinner, Program Chairman Tim West introduced TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence, who discussed the national office's progress with their new facilities, the state office's new website and new electronic mailing process, and discontinuance of mailing a hard copy of "Compatriot" due to costs also took questions from the members. Steve presented Tom with a Certificate of Appreciation and said our chapter will make a donation to the TXSSAR Patriot Fund in Tom's name.

Steve read an appreciation letter regarding our Color Guard. Larry Ashburn then led the SAR closing and benediction.

Sam C Kidd, Recording Secretary

Financial Report

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General Fund Balance

\$7,321.45

TXSSAR

Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2008-10

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 -- Larry Ashburn
Registrar -- Larry Ashburn
Historian -- Sam Kidd
Sgt. At Arms -- Matthew Lee
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School Pgm. Coord. -- Tom Copeland
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Tyler Police Officer Brennon Ewen and Dennis Cable play Taps



Compatriots Matthew Lee and Mike Everheart begin the ceremony to honorably retire almost 300 American flags

Flag Day Ceremony and Retirement

The Captain William Barron Chapter had a tremendous Flag Retirement in conjunction with Flag Day Ceremonies with The Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution on June 13th at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery. Over 250 American flags were honorably retired during this very special occasion. Thanks to Tom Copeland for helping organize the day! Tom is such a valuable member of the chapter and loves SAR and his country. Thanks to Anna Lee, Mike Everheart, Larry Ashburn, Matthew Lee, the Color Guard and everyone else that took an active part in making this such a success. Representative Leo Berman was our guest speaker and we owe Joel Hutson at Tyler Memorial Park a big thank you for hosting our ceremony.



Tom and Dean Copeland with Larry and Elaine Ashburn after a very successful Flag Day Retirement



Texas State Representative Leo Berman with Anna and Steve Lee during the Flag Day Retirement at Memorial Park

POST THE COLORS

By Tom Copeland

These past few months have been especially busy for the Color Guard. We have presented the colors at the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon, participated in Immigration activities at the Federal Court House, presented the colors at Memorial Day at Hawkins Veteran Park, opened the Holly Lake Ranch Veterans Golf Tournament, participated in the Flag Day and Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery, and conducted a Flag Day Presentation at Starville. We led the parade at the "I Love America" patriotic program at Green Acres Baptist Church. Over 8000 people were present during the four performances. What a great opportunity for us to "strut our stuff" and put The Sons of the American Revolution up front for all to see.

There have been appearances where it would be hot and humid, but it has been a rewarding experience. Unfortunately, we are experiencing difficulty in finding more than just five or six members to meet the number of requests we receive, but did have an outstanding attendance at the Flag Retirement. Some who found it physically demanding to march and carry flags were still there. What a true Comrade, SAR Brother and Patriot. To all I say "Well Done" and "Thank You"!

We owe thanks to the members of our Color Guard who honor our Chapter with their service and it is to them I extend a very special "Thank You" to the magnificent men of the Color Guard; Larry Ashburn, Leland Carter, Bobby Davidson, Mike Everheart, Roger Jacobs, Steve Lee, Matthew Lee, Jack Ludwick, Don Major, Tom Miller, Tim West, and David White.

We need other members to join us. If you are interested please call me at 903-939-0801 or email me at tomcopeland@sbcglobal.net You will find your efforts rewarding, you will have fun, and you will experience a comradeship with your fellow patriots. Join us!

Lake Jackson BOM

July 31st-August 2nd are the dates for the Board of Managers meeting in Lake Jackson that is being hosted by the Cradle of Texas Chapter. Registration information is available on the TXSSAR web site at txssar.org This is a great opportunity for you to learn about how our state society operates as well as meet new friends from around Texas.



Boy Scout Matthew Rishel and Assistant Scout Leader Dr. Bill Rishel of Troop 370 assisting at the Flag Day Retirement

RIFLE RAFFLE

Our Rifle Raffle is scheduled for November 24th and there is still time to buy and sell tickets. If you would like to help at an upcoming gun show please call Tom Copeland at 903-939-0801. All volunteers will be welcomed. Currently we have sold \$1,327.00 in tickets. Our cost for the rifle and pistol was \$1,057.56 leaving us with a profit of only \$270.00. Remember, all proceeds will be used for our chapter youth activities and contests.

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Michael & Tiffany Wright attend the July meeting



Mike Everheart, Color Guard Commander Tom Copeland, Jack Ludwick and Don Majors open the Hollylake Veterans Golf Tournament



Tyler Police Officers Josh Hill, Kenneth Gardner and Chief Gary Swindel receive Law Enforcement Awards from Tom Copeland and Steve Lee



"Tim West (on left) and Tom Copeland at the Starrville Cemetery Association meeting on Sunday, Flag Day, June 14th, 2009. The Color Guard posted the Colors for the association members at the cemetery."



"Color Guard members Bob Davidson (starting on the left), Tom Copeland, Mike Everheart, and Tim West with WW2 veterans at the Starrville Cemetery annual meeting."



Pam Renner and Galen Hayes at the July meeting