



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message



LET US NEVER FORGET 9-11-2001

Everyone will always remember where they were on the morning of September 11, 2001. 19 Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners and intentionally crashed two of the airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Everyone on board was killed, as well as many others working in the buildings. The hijackers crashed a third airliner into the Pentagon and then crashed a fourth plane into a field in Pennsylvania. There were no survivors from any of the flights. In total, 2,993 people, including the hijackers, died in the attacks.

I recall driving our younger son, Britton, to school when we heard over the radio that an airplane had struck one of the Twin Towers. I remember thinking that a small plane must have just steered off course. When I arrived at my office, people were already watching the television reports and I immediately called Anna to ask if she had heard the news. We all watched in horror as a second airplane crashed into the North Tower. I thought this might be the end of the world, as a third plane exploded into the Pentagon. We did not know that Dr. Bryan Jack, a classmate of Anna's, was on that plane. Dr. Jack worked at the Pentagon and had boarded the airplane to travel to California on government business when it was hijacked, crashing into the Pentagon. Tragically, his office was almost a direct hit.

Business was at a stand still, but I had to deliver a commercial to one of the television stations. I was passing our church, Green Acres Baptist, when I felt the call to enter and pray. I knelt at the altar and began to pray for God to save the United States and spare my family. When I stood, I was astonished to see 40-50 others, who also

had silently gathered to pray. We closed our office early that day and while driving home, I couldn't help but notice the long lines of cars, attempting to purchase gasoline at area service stations.

Once home, I gathered every American flag we owned, posting several by the street and more in the yard. In the next few weeks, flags abounded everywhere! We could not be defeated! All

Americans united as one, each proud to be an American. Our patriotism saw us through some difficult times and hopefully, it will not take another attack to bring everyone back together again.

No one can say what the future holds for America, but let us not forget those who died on that terrible day in 2001 or of the many soldiers who have bravely fought to vindicate their deaths. We must continue to carry on the tradition set by the Sons of the American Revolution, to demonstrate our patriotism and to educate everyone about this great land. The United States is a different country than it was eight years ago. We must be determined to take a stand, by our example and our deeds, and continue to celebrate America, with like-minded patriots. It is the policy of the SAR, not to take certain political stands, but as individual members, it is our duty and responsibility to meet and talk with our elected officials in an attempt to bring back the values for which the founding fathers fought and died.

God Bless You and God Bless America! **Stephen Lee**



September Speaker

Dr. James Dailey will be our guest speaker at the September 22nd dinner meeting. Dr. Dailey is a noted historian and entertainer and is a popular speaker with clubs and organizations throughout East Texas!

Minutes - July 28, 2009

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. Twenty-six members and twenty-five guests were present.

Chapter President Steve Lee opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and asked Chapter Chaplin Don Majors to give the invocation. Steve then led the pledges to the U.S., Texas and S.A.R. flags. He then introduced the following guests: Skip Gustafson of the Athens chapter, Tyler Fire Chief Neal Franklin & wife Vali, Brennon Ewen & wife Clarissa, Tyler Morning Telegraph Youthful Living editor Kelly Prue, The Majors, Stacy Majors Hendrix, Steve Majors and Don Majors, National Joseph Rumbaugh Oration winner Philip Hayes and his parents Ron & Janet Hayes.

Steve then told the group about his recent experience at the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and of the Daughters of the American Revolution National Congress in Washington DC. He also told seeing George Washington's ring and the installation of Judge Ed Butler as President General of S.A.R.

Mike Everheart discussed plans for the September 26 Revolutionary War grave dedication in Clarksville, Texas. A marker will be unveiled to honor three Patriots who are buried in the area near the Red River. Mike then encouraged everyone to attend the next B.O.M in Lake Jackson.

Steve pointed out that our flag day and flag retirement event in conjunction with the the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was a huge success with almost 300 flags being properly retired. He presented Outstanding Citizen Medals & Certificates to Mike Everheart, Tom Copeland, Matthew Lee, and Larry Ashburn for their efforts with that program.

Our Chapter Color Guard's work on Flag Day was marked with Distinguished Service Certificates being awarded to Tim West, Bob Davidson, Tom Miller, Britton Lee, Jack Ludwick, Don Majors and Leland Carter.

The "I Love America" program at Green Acres Baptist Church was seen by over 8,000 people during several performances. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Tom Copeland, Bob Davidson, Jack Ludwick and Matthew Lee for their assistance. A special SAR Medal and Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mary Tyler Chapter Regent, Anna Marie Lee for her many efforts to make our chapter a success. Tyler Morning Telegraph Youthful Living editor, Kelly Prew was recognized with a Tyler Media Award Certificate for her aid in publicizing our activities with Tyler area youth.

Tom Copeland presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service to Tyler Police Officer Brennon Ewen for serving as bugler at the Flag Day and Flag Retirement Program. He then presented a Fire Safety Commendation Award to Tyler Fire Chief Neal Franklin for his department's valuable service before and during the same event.

Philip Hayes was recognized for his outstanding work in winning the National Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Award at the recent 119th SAR Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Philip was also presented the Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Contest Award. Both his parents, Ron and Janet Hayes were present and recognized.

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

Following dinner, the Chapter and guests were entertained by "The Majors" singing group, consisting of Don Majors, his brother Steve Majors and Steve's daughter Stacey Majors Hendrix.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the benediction by Don Majors and the S.A.R. Closing.

Sam Kidd, Recording Secretary

Financial Report September 2009

General Fund Balance

\$7,594.29

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Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2008-10

President -- -- Stephen Lee

1st Vice President/Programs -- -- Tim West

2nd Vice President -- -- Tom Copeland

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Chaplain -- -- Rev. Don Majors

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PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING

The Red River Valley, Plano, and Captain William Barron Chapters, Sons of the American Revolution, along with the Little River Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Idabel, Oklahoma will sponsor a Revolutionary War Soldier Memorial Grave Dedication, Saturday, Sept. 26, at 1:00 p.m. The dedication will be conducted at the Clarksville City Cemetery just off Franklin Street in Clarksville, Red River County. We will honor the service of patriot soldiers James Potter Collins, Sgt. David Strickland, and Sgt. John Tollett, Sr. all who died in Red River County where their graves have been lost over the years. Members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas will then place an SRT medallion on the tombstone of Albert Hamilton Latimer, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. We need Color Guard members and SRT members in period dress to come join us in honoring these men who served to gain not only our independence as a nation but as a republic as well. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please bring your own chairs. This dedication will be held rain or shine. See you in Clarksville. Mike Everheart



Former President Tom Miller, Col. John Cole and Compatriot Leland Carter attend the dinner meeting.



Lois Davidson and Dene Copeland attend a recent meeting.

BATTLE OF YORKTOWN

October marks the 228th anniversary of the 1781 Siege known as the Battle of Yorktown. The Battle proved to be the decisive battle of the American Revolution. In one of history's rare successful French naval operations against the British Navy, the British Army under General Cornwallis was blocked from escape from General Washington's encirclement of the British on the Virginia coast. After Yorktown, the Americans picked off the remaining British garrisons over the next two years and American Independence was recognized by the September 3, 1783 Treaty of Paris.



RIFLE RAFFLE

Color Guard Commander, Tom Copeland, wears many hats in working for the Captain William Barron Chapter. He, along with several other volunteers, have traveled to gun shows around the East Texas area to sell tickets for our Rifle Raffle. This year two winning tickets will be drawn for an historically correct 1720 Pennsylvania 50 Caliber Black Powder Firing Rifle and an historically correct 1760 Kentucky 50 Caliber black Powder Firing Pistol. Both will be raffled during our November meeting. Compatriots, this is our major fundraiser of the year and if you have not already purchased your tickets, please do so. The funds will be used to fund our many community youth programs. Thanks to Tom and all the volunteers!



Compatriots Bob Davidson, Rev. Don Majors, Britton Lee, Leland Carter and Jack Ludwick are presented Certificates of Appreciation for their work at the Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony.

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District 10 Vice President; Mike Everheart, is presented a Distinguished Service award for participation in the Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Park.



Our chapter winner, Philip Hayes, placed first in the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest at the 119th annual SAR Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.



Compatriot Bob Davidson presents a walking cane, which he personally made, to SAR President General Ed Butler.



Color Guard Commander Tom Copeland recognizes Tyler Police Officer Brennon Ewen for his efforts and assistance at the Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Tom Copeland presents Tyler Fire Chief Neal Franklin the SAR Fire Safety Award.



Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Regent, Anna Marie Lee is presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation at the July meeting.



Members of the Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard and members of the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution meet with Judge Love following Naturalization Ceremonies at the Tyler Federal Courthouse.