



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



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The Ink Well, Editor

President's Message

Ready or not, 2010 has arrived and the holidays are officially behind us. A new year presents the opportunity for recommitment to our religion, family, friends and to our Society. The SAR remains one of the few groups that still commits to, borrowing from the motto of the DAR, those "old fashioned" values of God, Home and Country.

Looking back over the past year, our chapter was very busy participating in a number of Naturalization Ceremonies, Memorial Day, Flag and Veteran's Day events. We participated in four performances of the patriotic "I Love America" celebration. The patriotic program featuring Larry Ashburn, Don Majors and Leland Carter was presented to many clubs, organizations, schools, churches, as well as at the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution's Constitution Day activities at UT Tyler. We retired over 300 unserviceable American Flags at the Flag Retirement Ceremony. The chapter was represented in every State Board of Management, the annual State Meeting, National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. We recognized members of Fire Departments, Police Departments and charitable groups for their community service and presented chapter members with Distinguished Service Medals and Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding efforts.

Members have positively affected the lives of hundreds of young people through our youth activity programs. These students will soon become our leaders and they need to continue the ideals of the SAR in promoting patriotism. Thanks to everyone who has helped in our chapter youth programs and for making the Captain William Chapter the best SAR Chapter in Texas! Remember, we will vote on a slate of chapter officers for 2010-2012 at the January meeting. God Bless The SAR!

Stephen Lee

Rumbaugh Oration Contestants at January Meeting!

Students from several area schools will compete in the "Janice Caldwell Oration Contest" during our January meeting. The chapter winner will then advance to regional competition in the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest in Plano. Each speaker must choose a topic concerning an event or person relating to the Revolutionary War. Contestants are graded on their delivery, appearance and accuracy of subject and each speech must be presented by memory. I am always amazed at the professionalism of these high school students. Last year's winner, Philip Hayes, advanced to national competition in Atlanta, Georgia where he took first place. Lets keep our fingers crossed for another winner as we enjoy these great student speakers and learn more about our history.

2010 Dues Notice

Compatriots, if you have not paid your dues for 2010, please do so now. If you did not receive a dues notice in the mail, contact one of the chapter officers. Non-payment of dues after December 31st. will result in being dropped from the membership rolls of the state society. Our members are important and we appreciate you and need your continued support!



Naturalization Ceremony

Members of the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and Captain William Barron Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution participate in Naturalization Ceremonies in the Federal Courthouse in Tyler. Federal Judge John Love welcomed 83 new citizens to our country.

November 24th Minutes

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter #25 was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at The Woman's Building. This was a special joint meeting with the Piney Woods Chapter, Sons of the Republic of Texas.

The American and Texas flags were posted by Tom Copeland and Matthew Lee, with Tom leading the pledge to the American and David Hanover leading the pledge to the Texas Flag. Don Majors offered the invocation.

Barron Chapter President Steve Lee and Piney Woods Chapter President Charles Luna co-chaired the meeting. District 10 Vice President Mike Everheart, President of the Plano SAR chapter Drake Peddie, Mary Tyler DAR Regent Anna Marie Lee and Crockett DRT Regent Jeannie McLeod were introduced. All DAR and DRT members were also recognized. Christina Folsom of PATH was recognized as a special guest, along with her husband Dr. Donald Folsom.

Steve asked for prayers for various chapter members and their families who were ill. Mary Tyler Chapter DAR Regent, Anna Lee, announced that Don Majors had ably filled in for their recent program when Mrs. Rick Perry was suddenly unable to come to Tyler, and then awarded him a certificate of appreciation. She also gave Steve Lee a DAR Certificate of Appreciation and briefly discussed their recent trip to the SAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, Ky.

John Merritt and David McLeod were inducted as new members by Mike Everheart and Gene Pilgrim was inducted into SRT by Charles Luna. Tom Copeland discussed the fine work that PATH has been doing in our community and presented the SAR Good Citizenship Award to PATH's executive director, Christina Folsom. Tom reported sales of raffle tickets had been very good this year and then had Mrs. Folsom draw the raffle winners, who were Ferris Ellis and Curtis Moore.

The Barron Chapter Nominating Committee of Bob Davidson, Larry Ashburn and John Cole reported the following slate of officers for the next two years:

- Tim West - President
- Tom Copeland - First Vice President
- Matthew Lee - Second Vice President
- Larry Ashburn - Treasurer
- (open) - Secretary

Everyone then adjourned for a buffet dinner. After dinner, Charles introduced Drake Peddie of Plano SRT chapter, who gave a very interesting program on privateers during the American Revolution. Afterwards, Steve presented Drake with a Certificate of Appreciation. Several announcements regarding payment of dues and upcoming events in each organization were made. David Hanover announced the SRT statewide convention would be held April 9-11 in Tyler. Tom McCall led the closing benediction.

Sam C Kidd, Secretary

Financial Report	
November 2009	
General Fund Balance	\$7,753.81

Upcoming Events

February 15 – President's Day

February 22 – George Washington's Birthday

March 4-6 – Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky

March 23 – Chapter Officer Installation

March 26-28 – TXSSAR Annual Convention in Houston

PROPOSED SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS
FOR THE 2010-2012 ADMINISTRATION

Listed below is the proposed slate of officers for the 2010-2012 term. The chapter members will vote on this slate of officers at the annual meeting January 26, 2010 with other nominations being accepted from the floor. If you are interested in serving please contact a member of the nominating committee - Bob Davidson, Larry Ashburn or John Cole. The remaining positions are left open to be filled by the incoming President.

President.....Tim West

1st Vice President..... Tom Copeland

2nd Vice President.....Matthew Lee

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....Larry Ashburn

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Heroism Award



Fort Hood Hero's

What began as a quiet day at Fort Hood, Texas ended as the deadliest mass shooting on a military base in U.S. history. Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39 year old Army psychiatrist, allegedly entered a crowded room where soldiers were getting ready for deployment and opened fire. Authorities say Maj. Hasan fired more than 100 rounds, killing 13 and injuring 43 others. A civilian police officer with military service, Sgt. Kimberly Munley fired twice at Maj. Hasan and was shot in each leg and wrist, but continued to return fire. Senior Sgt. Mark Todd, another civilian police officer with military service, joined Sgt. Munley and together they took down Maj. Hasan. Sgt. Munley still remains in a wheel chair while undergoing therapy.

On December 22nd, several from the Captain William Barron Chapter and the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution traveled to Fort Hood and watched President General Ed Butler present Heroism Awards to both officers. President General Butler praised both of the hero's pointing out that without their heroic actions the death toll would have been much worse.



President General Ed Butler with Matthew Lee

Alexander Frazier Tytler, published in 1776.

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largess from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: "from bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."

Rifle Raffle



Ferris Ellis-Rifle Winner



Curtis Moore-Pistol Winner

Hats off to Rifle Raffle Chairman, Tom Copeland! Through his organization, and the efforts of other volunteers, almost \$1,900.00 was raised to promote chapter youth activities. Ferris Ellis, who a Sgt. in the White Oak Police Department won the rifle after purchasing tickets at the Gun Show in Gilmer.

Another law enforcement officer, Curtis Moore, with the Tyler Police Department, was the winner of the pistol. Officer Moore bought his winning ticket at the Tyler Gun Show only two days before the drawing. If one of our Captain William Barron members can't be the lucky winner, a law enforcement member or fireman would surely be the next selection. What a great Rifle Raffle and what great things we will be able to accomplish through our youth programs. Thanks again Tom!

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Christian Folsom

Christina Folsom, Executive Director of PATH, is presented the SAR Good Citizenship Award by Compatriot Tom Copeland.



Mary Tyler Chapter NSDAR Regent

Anna Marie Lee presents the DAR Patriotism Award to the Captain William Barron Chapter.



Drake Peddie

Drake Peddie, President of the Plano Chapter, is presented a Certificate of Appreciation after speaking on "Privateers or Pirates" at the November meeting.



Gene Pilgrim

Gene Pilgrim is inducted into the Sons of the Republic of Texas during the joint SAR/SRT meeting.



New Members

Dave McLeod and John Merritt are the newest members of the Captain William Barron Chapter.



Tom Miller

Former President Tom Miller is presented the Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to our chapter.