



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

What a wonderful January meeting with President General Judge Edward Butler and the Janice Caldwell Finals of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Members of several SAR chapters and members of the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution joined together as Judge Butler challenged everyone to renew our sense of patriotism and pride in our country and our heritage groups. It was a great pleasure to host the President General and to learn of his travels and future plans for our society. Judge Butler inducted our newest member, Gilbert Carroll, the uncle of Stan Stokes, on the eve of his 97th birthday. Also, Judge Butler presented supplemental awards to Compatriots Mike Everheart, Sam Kidd and Stan Stokes and then we watched as four very talented and gifted high school students competed to advance in the oration contest. A wonderful evening!

We will induct new chapter officers for 2010-2012 during the March meeting. What a very busy and rewarding time I have experienced as the president of the Captain William Barron Chapter as we became even more involved in community and school activities. I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to many SAR meetings and BOM's across Texas, attend Leadership Conferences in Louisville, Kentucky, National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and SAR conferences in Washington D.C. I have made friends for a lifetime and feel that the Sons of the American Revolution are promoting patriotism and love of country when we need it the most. Serving has been an honor and I thank you for this privilege. Please welcome our new President Tim West and the other new officers and give them your support!
God Bless You!

Stephen Lee

March Meeting

The guest speaker for our March 23rd dinner program will be Tom Gann from Lufkin, who is an active member in both the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Republic of Texas. His topic will be "The Raven's Early Years (1806-1818) and will present information that most do not know about the life of Sam Houston. Since we are all Texans, this should be a very educational and entertaining evening. We also will present James Moran, from Boy Scout Troop 370 with the Captain William Barron Eagle Scout Award. James also will be honored for submitting the winning entry in the chapters Eagle Essay Contest.



President General Butler

NSSAR President General Judge Edward Butler speaks at the January meeting.



Naturalization Ceremony

Members of the Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard joined with the Mary Tyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in the Federal Courtroom of Judge Judith Guthrie. 100 individuals from 14 countries took the oath of citizenship.

Minutes from January 26th Meeting

The regular meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter was held on January 26th at The Woman's Building. This was a special meeting with President General Edward Butler and Mary Tyler Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution members invited. President Steve Lee opened the meeting and Rev. Don Majors gave the invocation, Matthew Lee and Mike Everheart posted the colors, President General Butler led the American pledge, Matthew led the Texas pledge and Tim West led the salute to the SAR.

Steve introduced numerous special guests, including President General Butler, District 10 V.P. Mike Everheart, John Greer of Veterans Affairs, Texas SAR Registrar Mike Radcliff, District 11 V.P. Peter Rowley, Athens Chapter President Charles Luna, Longview Chapter President John Bolton, Mary Tyler DAR Chapter Regent Anna Lee, Vice-Regent Mary Ruth Greenwell and Kilgore DAR Regent Carol Bolton. All DAR members were recognized as well as Lindale High School speech teacher Janice Caldwell and John Tyler High School speech teacher Sterling Stewart.

Steve announced that in honor of her efforts in educating youth and supporting SAR's annual Rumbaugh competition, our chapter's contest would be hereby named "The Janice Caldwell Oration Contest" and he presented her with a plaque commemorating the occasion. Steve welcomed back Carolyn West, who had been very ill, and asked for prayers for several other members and spouses who have been sick.

President General Butler inducted our newest member, Gilbert Carroll, then everyone joined to sing him Happy Birthday on the eve of his 97th birthday. President General Butler then presented Mike Everheart, Stan Stokes and Sam Kidd with certificates for their recently proved supplemental ancestors, and allowed each to say a few words about their ancestors.

Nominating Committee members Bobby Davidson, John Cole and Larry Ashburn presented the slate of officers for the next two years: President Tim West, First VP Tom Copeland, Second VP Matthew Lee, Treasurer Larry Ashburn and Secretary Sam Kidd with the remaining officers to be selected by the new president. This roster of officers was unanimously elected and will be installed during the March meeting. President General Butler took the podium making a number of brief remarks, gave Aide d' Camp awards to Matthew Lee and Charles Luna, discussed his travels as President General and updated us on construction of our national headquarters. Mary Tyler Chapter DAR Regent Anna Lee presented the DAR Patriotism Award to Judge Butler and the meeting was adjourned for dinner.

Following dinner, head oration contest judge John Cole explained the rules of the "Janice Caldwell Oration Contest". First place was presented to Lydia Olson, Second

place, Lauren Langston, Third place, Monique Allen and Honorable mention, David Wood. Col. Cole then introduced the other three judges: John Merritt, David McLeod and Don Majors. There being no further business, Rev. Don Majors gave our benediction, everyone recited the S.A.R. Closing and the meeting was adjourned.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

Upcoming Events

March 23 – Chapter Officer Installation
 March 26-28 – TXSSAR Annual
 Convention March 26-28 at the Westchase
 Hilton in Houston
 May 24 - Memorial Day
 May 30 - Tadtional Memorial Day

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
Office of Recruiter -- -- Mike Everheart
School Pgm. Coord. -- -- Tom Copeland
Webmaster -- -- Larry Oliver
Color Guard Commander -- -- Tom Copeland

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JANICE CALDWELL ORATION FINALS

Four very talented high school students competed in the Janice Caldwell Finals of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest during the January meeting. David Wood, Monique Allen, Lauren Langston and Lydia Olson. all presented exceptional speeches on a topic concerning the American Revolution. Lydia Olson placed first and advanced to regional competition in Plano where she also claimed first place. She will compete in the Rumbaugh Finals at our TXSSAR Annual Convention on March 27th in Houston. How great it would be to have another chapter winner going to nationals in Cleveland, Ohio! Many thanks to our Chapter Head Judge, Col. John Cole, who conducted a most professional contest and to our three at large judges, Rev. Don Majors, Dave McLeod and John Merritt, who accepted the difficult job of choosing the winner.



Members of the TXSSAR Color Guard participated in the George Washington Birthday Celebration in Laredo on February 19-20. Dignitaries from Mexico and the United States met in the middle of the Intercontinental Bridge to begin the celebration. An estimated 500,000 crowded the streets to watch, what is by far, the largest George Washington Birthday parade in the world.



VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge, 25 miles west of Philadelphia, was the campground of 11,000 troops of General George Washington's Continental Army from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778. Because of the suffering endured there by the hungry, poorly clothed and badly housed troops, 2,500 of whom died during the harsh winter, Valley Forge came to symbolize the heroism of the American revolutionaries. Despite adverse circumstances, Baron Friedrich von Steuben drilled the soldiers regularly and improved their discipline. Today the historic landmarks and monuments are preserved within Valley Forge National Historical Park.

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Gov. Perry Inducted

Governor Rick Perry is inducted into the SAR and receives the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal during a ceremony in Austin. Governor Perry is the fourth great grandson of James Dinsmore, a private in George Maxwell's Company in Col. Isaac Shelby's North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line.



Newest Member

President General Butler inducts our newest member Gilbert Carroll, on the eve of his 97th birthday!



Hoyt & Mary Love Berryman

Hoyt & Mary Love Berryman at the January meeting



Leta and John Larry Porter

Mary Tyler Chapter DAR Parliamentarian Leta Porter and her husband John Larry visit the January meeting.



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