



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



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Mike Everheart, Editor

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support in electing me your new chapter president for the 2010-2012 term. I will do all within my power to carry forward the works of the Capt. William Barron Chapter. I would also like to thank Steve Lee for the great job he has done over the last two years as our chapter president. It is my hope that we will continue to move the Capt. Barron Chapter forward. Our chapter has a fine group of members who continually step up to the plate and are willing to take on chapter projects. However, as some of our main contributors become more senior in age and are unable to participate, we lose our ability to participate in some of the many community activities and youth programs this chapter participates in year in and year out. We need more members to step forward and volunteer to help. As you know, our SAR Mission Statement is to spread patriotism throughout our community as well as nationally. To this end we need all the help that we can muster. We need members to get involved in the school programs, chapter color guard, the annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony, grave dedications, and the Bugle newsletter, just to mention a few of the activities that have openings. It is my hope that over the next couple of months we will have several additional members step up and help us continue the mission of spreading patriotism in our community.

At our March TXSSAR state meeting in Houston, the Capt. William Barron Chapter was well represented with Tim and Carolyn West, Steve and Anna Lee, and Mike and June Everheart in attendance. Our Janice Caldwell Oration Contest winner, Lydia Owens, swept the field and once again, the Capt. Barron's entry won the state competition over three other well qualified contestants. Lydia will compete at the SAR National convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in June. Lydia will follow in the footsteps of our National winner last year, Philip Hayes.

The Captain William Barron Chapter received several state awards and certificates; Steve Lee and son Matthew received the Camp-d-Aid medal for their hard work in traveling around the country filming the many activities President General Ed Butler has done during his one year tenure. The Capt. Barron Chapter received the TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award, The E.A. Limmer Award in Group #2, (40-99 members) for having the highest percentage of approved supplemental applications in 2009, and won second place recognition in the Poster Contest as well. Our chapter also placed second in Group #2, Outstanding Chapter Awards with 11,150 points accumulated from the 2009 Annual Chapter report. Third place went to the Athens Chapter with 10,392 points. Thanks to all the members who contributed many hours during 2009 in making our chapter one of the best in Texas.



Grace Wang receiving her \$100 scholarship check for winning the poster contest for the second year in a row.

Minutes – March 23, 2010
Capt. William Barron Chapter 25
TXSSAR -- S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. President Steve Lee opened the meeting at 6:30pm and called on chapter chaplain, Rev. Don Majors to offer the invocation. District 10 Vice President Mike Everheart and Sgt. at Arms Matthew Lee posted the colors, with Mike leading the American pledge, Matthew the Texas pledge and Tim West leading the salute to the SAR. There were seventeen members and eleven wives of members in attendance. SCV Douglas Camp Commander and SAR applicant Cliff Johnson and his lovely wife Linda joined us as well.

It was announced that Compatriots Tom Copeland and Sam Kidd would be unable to attend the meeting as Tom's wife Dene was hospitalized and Sam had fallen and injured his leg. Several special guests were then introduced including guest speaker Tom Gann and his wife Vicki from Lufkin, the chapters two Law Enforcement award winners, Tyler Police Department Supervisor of the year, Sgt. Tommy Lewis and his wife Dr. Neshia Lewis and Rookie of the year Jason McCoy, his wife Misty and his mother Juanita. Eagle Scout Chapter winner and Essay contest winner James Moran was introduced along with his father Patrick and Jeff and Helen Austin were also recognized.

A thank you note from NSSAR President General Edward Butler was read with Judge Butler expressing thanks for the hospitality the chapter had displayed during his visit to our January 26th meeting. Steve reminded everyone of the TXSSAR State Convention March 26th-28th in Houston where the chapter winner in the Janice Caldwell Oration Finals of the Joseph Rumbaugh Essay Contest, Lydia Olsen of Lindale High School would compete. 1st Vice President Tim West was then called forward to present a supplemental certificate and star to Jeff Austin III.

Bob Davidson asked for the floor and explained that Past President and Color Guard Commander Larry Ashburn and his wife Elaine would soon be moving to Dallas. Bob then presented the couple with a beautiful plaque for their years of service. He then turned the podium over to Lois Davidson and Anna Lee who presented the Ashburn's with a Certificate of Appreciation for service to the chapter.

Since new officers would be installed later in the program, Steve Lee expressed thanks to the past chapter officers and presented each with two SAR gifts. District 10 Vice President, Mike Everheart then presented Steve with the District #10 Award of Excellence plaque for his outstanding service as Barron chapter president for the 2008-2010 term. Steve told the membership of how his wife Anna had helped and supported him during his term as President and then presented her with a special Revolutionary War purse for all her dedication over the past two years.

Tim West then was asked to step forward to present the Chapter Eagle Scout Award and Eagle Scout Essay award to James Moran of Troop 370. Tim and Steve then presented the Chapter Law Enforcement Medals and Certificates to Sgt. Tommy Lewis and Officer Jason McCoy. Steve asked if there was additional business or announcements and hearing none adjourned the meeting for dinner.

Following dinner, the meeting was called back to order. Tim West introduced guest speaker Tom Gann who presented an excellent program on the early years of Sam Houston. Following his program, Steve presented Tom with an official SAR gift in appreciation for his presentation.

District 10 Vice President Mike Everheart was called forward to install the new chapter officers for the 2010-2012 term. Following the induction Steve presented Tim with the Chapter Gavel and a new Chapter Presidents neck ribbon. Tim took the podium as the new Chapter President and reminded everyone to continue to support the chapter as we promote history and patriotism. He then led the SAR closing and adjourned the meeting.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

Upcoming Events

- May 22 – Revolutionary War Soldier Grave Dedication , Nacogdoches - 1:00 PM
 May 31 - Color Guard, Rose Lawn Cemetery 1:30 PM
 June 1 - Hollylake Veterans Golf Tournament 11:00 AM
 June 12 - SAR Flag Retirement - Ceremony Tyler Memorial Park Cemetary 10:00 AM

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Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter Officers 2010-2012

President -- -- Tim West

1st Vice President/Programs -- -- Tom Copeland

2nd Vice President / Medals & Awards -- -- Matthew Lee

Publicity/Media -- -- Tom Copeland

Chaplain -- -- Rev. Don Majors

Secretary -- -- Sam Kidd

Treasurer -- -- Larry Ashburn

Registrar -- -- Michael J. Everheart

Bugle Editor-- Michael J. Everheart

Color Guard Commander -- -- Tom Copeland

Webmaster -- -- Larry Oliver

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GEORGE WASHINGTON THROUGH THE EYES OF MARTHA

Mrs Suzanne Fife, of Athen Texas, will present her original rendition as what she may have seen and felt on a daily basis as the wife of George Washington. This story covers the period while he was the General of the Continental Army, as well as their life at Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Fife is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of the Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. She was a elementary school teacher until 1983, when she married her husband Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fife spent the next three years in Saudia Arabia. While he was employed with Shell Oil. It was during this period she now calls their long honeymoon.

They are the parents of four children, with six grandchildren. Mrs. Fife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1992 and a member of the Athens, Texas Chapter where she is the Texas State Good Citizenship Award Chairman, and is also the past Texas State Chairman for the TXSDAR.

Captian Barron's Website
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwbcasr/>



Lydia Olsen getting her certificate for winning the State Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest in Houston. Lydia will now compete at National which will be held in Cleveland, OH.

Tom Copeland giving his presentation on Battle of Bunker Hill



The level of financial awards for the poster and oration contests, as well as ROTC and Eagle Scout essay contest, was discussed at length. It was finally agreed that the following amounts of money would be given out in 2010:

Oration: first place \$300, second place \$100, third place \$50, plus \$100 to the winning student's teacher for traveling expenses.

Poster: first place \$100, second place \$50, third place \$25.

Eagle Scout and ROTC winners: \$300 each.

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Tom Copeland and Mike Everheart at the Regents Academy 5th grade class in Nacogdoches on May 12th. Mike Everheart spoke on the events led up to Lexington and Concord and Tom talked about the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Grass Roots Gathering at the Oil Palace. Color Guard Members L-R Bobby Davidson, Mike Everheart, John Bolton & Tom Copeland