



Captain Barron's Bugle

Captain William Barron Chapter #25
Sons of the American Revolution



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Mike Everheart, Editor

President's Message

As we head into the lazy days of summer, you may think the Captain William Barron Chapter would be slowing down. Nothing could be further from the truth. Color Guard Commander Tom Copeland and Color Guard members Bobby Davidson, Matthew Lee, Don Majors, and Mike Everheart have been very busy. They have been representing the Capt. William Barron chapter by presenting the Colors at many area functions; William Sparks grave dedication in Nacogdoches, school programs, church programs, Memorial Day programs, Sarah Palin speech at the Oil Palace, and at the Social Studies Summit at the Region #7 Education Service Center in Kilgore. Tom and the Color Guard deserve a lot thanks for their work in promoting patriotism and the SAR. Steve and Matthew Lee did an outstanding job in setting up the American Flag Retirement Ceremony. We retired over 200 flags this year. There are not many, if any, American Flag Retirement ceremonies in the United States that retire the volume of flags that our chapter does each year. This has become a tradition in Tyler and even though few citizens attend the Flag Retirement Ceremony, "they do" continue to bring their non serviceable flags to the Fire Stations every year. We have retired several thousand flags since we started this ceremony eight years ago. It is a service we provide our community and we should be very proud of what we do. Mike and June have once again taken over the publication of the Bugle newsletter which is very important in that it communicates to the entire membership what the chapter is doing throughout the year. I say thank you to all of the contributors who make this chapter what it is today.

There has been a change in one of our officers. After many years of service, Larry Ashburn has elected to retire from the Treasurers position. We are very proud to have as our new Treasurer, Mr. David McLeod, a Certified Public Accountant. David is a fairly new member of the Capt. William Barron chapter and we are excited to have him as a member and a contributor.

Now I need everyone in the chapter to put on your thinking caps and come up with a new fund raising project. As you know, for the past several years, we have had the Black Powder gun raffle which as been very successful due to the hard work by Tom Copeland. Even though we have done well with this project, we think it may be time to try something else. However, we have not come up with any fresh and appealing ideas so far. We need your ideas!!!

Membership is always the number one priority in any chapter of any organization. This is a fifty-two week job and it is critical that we continue to recruit new members, especially younger members who can keep the chapter active and successful long after we have crossed over the river. Every day you meet a friend or stranger, tell them about the SAR, its requirements for joining, our mission statement, the many things we do in the community, and the great satisfaction we gain by influencing young people's lives when we present them with a scholarship check for entering and winning one of our many SAR youth scholarship essay contests. Successful recruiting not only boosts our chapter with new members with fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and energy, but it aids us in promoting patriotism in the community and thus helps our great special country.

God bless America, and God bless the Sons of the American Revolution. See you at our next meeting on July 27th, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Woman's Building on South Broadway.

President Tim West
Captain William Barron Chapter #25
TXSSAR

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

The regular bimonthly meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, TXSSAR, was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. There were 36 members and 7 guests present.

President Tim West called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Rev. Don Majors gave the invocation, Tom Miller led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, Mathew Lee led the pledge to the Texas flag and the salute to the S.A.R. was also recited. Tim introduced several guests.

Tom Copeland informed us about several upcoming events in which our Color Guard or Patriotic Program were scheduled to participate, including two events on Memorial Day, one the next day, a flag retirement ceremony and a Gov. Sarah Palin event at the Oil Palace.

Tim reviewed several awards our Chapter recently received at the Texas Society SAR convention, including second place for the E.A. Lemert award for most supplementals, second most points in our size category, and first place in the Oration Contest at state level. Tim then presented Meritorious Service Awards to Steve Lee and Matthew Lee for their work making a film of President General Ed Butler's travels and service during the past year.

Sam Kidd was presented a Supplemental Certificate. Archie Anderson and Tom Copeland were awarded a new certificate that Ed Butler recently developed for veterans who were wounded during their military service.

The meeting then temporarily adjourned for the buffet dinner. After dinner, Steve Lee was presented an award for outstanding service as Chapter President the past two years.

Retired Texas Ranger Bobby Poynter was awarded the Law Enforcement Accommodation Medal and Certificate in honor of his long career in law enforcement in Texas.

Tom Copeland then introduced Suzanne Fife of Athens, who gave a program about the life of George Washington, as seen through the eyes of his wife, Martha Washington.

The benediction was given by Rev. Don Majors, everyone recited the S.A.R. Closing and the meeting adjourned about 7:40 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary



Mrs. Suzanne Fife, Our May Speaker



Mike Everheart and Matthew Lee retiring an American Flag at the Memorial Park Flag Retirement Ceremony

TXSSAR

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Retired Postal Inspector Charles Conners Will Speak at our July Meeting

Charles "Mike" Conners was born and raised in Kilgore, TX. He is a 1959 graduate of Kilgore High School, and Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. Mike joined the U.S. Postal Inspector Service in 1971 and following his training in Bethesda, Maryland, served in several cities such as Fayetteville and Raleigh, North Carolina, and Houston, TX. where he retired in October 1998. The Postal Service Investigation Unit is the oldest law enforcement service in the U.S. and is charged with protecting the mail system, its customers, and its employees. The PSI investigates mail fraud, murder of postal employees, prohibitive mailings, assaults of postal employees, and any infractions of the United States Postal Service regulations. Following his retirement he and his wife Karen, who is also a native of Kilgore and a former Rangerette at Kilgore Junior College, returned to Kilgore. He remains a Commissioned Federal Law Officer and since 1998 has been under contract with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Background Investigator. Mike and Karen have two daughters and four grandchildren. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Kilgore, where Mike currently serves as Chairman of Deacons. Mr. Conners presentation will focus on the duties of the U.S. Postal Inspectors from their origination by Benjamin Franklin, the first Post Master General of the United States, to the present. Please join us in hearing this highly entertaining and educational speaker, Mike Conners. Our meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 27th, at the Woman's Building on South Broadway in Tyler.



SAR Color Guard Members from around Texas attending the William Sparks Grave dedication in Nacogdoches. Pictured are Barron Members: Bob Davidson, Tom Copeland, Mike Everheart and John Bolton.



John Bolton from The East Texas Chapter, Matthew Lee, Bobby Davidson, Mike Everheart, and Color Guard Commander Tom Copeland at the Palin Show at the Oil Palace.



The William Sparks SAR marker placed in The Old North Church Cemetery in Nacogdoches.



The Tyler Fire Department Bag Pipers performing at The Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Nacogdoches Police Department Color Guard posting the Colors at the William Sparks Grave Dedeciation in Nacogdoches.



Jim Mitchell, Mike Everheart, and Tom Green at the Region 7 Teacher's Conference in Kilgore.



The Fine Capt. William Barron Color Guard at the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in June. Tom Copeland, Don Majors, Matthew Lee, Steve Lee, President Tim West, Bob Davidson, and Mike Everheart.



President Tim West presenting Bobby Poynter the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate.



Steve Lee and son Matthew Lee receiving The Meritorious Medal and Certificate.



Past TXSSAR President Harry and Suzanne Fife.



Bob and Lois Davidson at The Flag Retirement Ceremony. We always count on the Davidsons to show up, rain, shine, sleet or ice. We appreciate their dedication.



Sam Kidd proudly showing yet another supplemental.



Mike Everheart, Tom Copeland, Bobby Davidson and Matthew Lee being interviewed at the Sarah Palin event at the Oil Palace.



Tim West presenting Steve Lee with a Certificate for his outstanding service as Chapter President.



"The Lost Patrol" Color Guard at the Holly Lake Memorial Day Golf Tournament: Matthew Lee, Bobby Davidson, Don Majors, Tom Copleand and Mike Everheart.



1ST V.P. Tom Copeland and SAR Member Archie Anderson with their Wounded Warriors Certificate and Medal.

Board of Managers Meeting Saturday, July 31- Sunday, August 1st, 2010

Please plan on attending the summer BOM meeting at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road in Austin. Hotel reservations must be made by phone by July 17th in order to get the SAR group rate. You can pull up the registration form by going to the TXSSAR website. Hotel phone number is 512-451-5757 and tell them you want the TXSSAR group rate. Come and meet many fellow compatriots who love their country as you do and are dedicated to spreading patriotism around their communities. Learn how the TXSSAR works at the state level and get involved by joining one of many state committees that drive the Texas Society. We need you!!

2010 COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

The Captain William Barron Chapter Color Guard has been very busy the first part of this year. Our Color Guard has participated at the Holly Lake Memorial Day Golf Tournament, Immigration Service, Flag Retirement Ceremony, Grass Roots Program, Sarah Palin Presentation at the Oil Palace, the Republican Party meeting at Holly Lake, Don Majors church in Hawkins, the 5th grade class at the Regents Academy in Nacogdoches, and the Teachers summer training seminar in Kilgore. Our Color Guard has been well received, pictures taken of us, and a lot of patriotic comments and feelings were expressed to our Color Guard members. Feelings of accomplishments and having fun are always expressed by the members of our fine Color Guard.

Although we have a good Color Guard group, we are always looking for additional members to join our team. It is not required to have the blue, white and red uniform that most of us wear to become a member. Revolutionary War soldiers and militias were dressed in a variety of colors and various designs in uniform. Some were Minutemen, dressed in regular field working clothing of that period. Some were dressed as hunters or tradesmen. Any of these period styles of clothing is acceptable. It would certainly add variety and interest in our Color Guard. If you are interested, please contact our fearless Color Guard Commander, retired Army Major Tom Copeland, Capt. William Barron Chapter Color Guard Commander.



Mike Everheart and Tom Copeland at the Assembly of God Church in Hawkins, TX.



Barbara Merritt, John Merritt, and Pat Maddox.