

Captain William Barron Chapter #25 Sons of the American Revolution



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David McLeod, Editor

President's Message

Earlier this month, we celebrated our Independence Day. This day celebrates our right to be a free nation. Over the years, our nation's citizens have done many remarkable things for our country to remain free and independent. However, complacency is not an option. Our freedoms are not guaranteed. We cannot just **hope** our freedoms will be preserved. Benjamin Franklin said " He that lives upon hope will die fasting". We must all work toward a common goal: Preserving our Freedom.

Since our last meeting, the Captain William Barron Chapter has been very busy:

On June 7th, our Color Guard presented the Colors at the Veteran's Golf Tournament at Holly Lake Ranch in Big Sandy.

On June 27th, our Color Guard presented the Colors at the Federal Courthouse Immigration Ceremony in Tyler.

On July 3rd, Compatriot Tom Copeland presented a patriotic program at the Hawkins Assembly of God Church.

On July 11th, we held our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler. Compatriot Tom Copeland delivered the keynote address. We've included several pictures of the ceremony in this newsletter.

People love the Color Guard. It is a large part of the SAR brand and helps to introduce and expose our chapter, and our mission, to the public. It is a fulfilling experience for the Guard members, as well. If so inclined, please join us. We need you!

One sad note to report: Last week our chapter lost one of its good members, Compatriot Jack Ludwick. Jack was a teacher and principle by profession, and had served in the Armed Forces. Jack was a member of our Color Guard and was ready to go at a moment's notice. He frequently wrote articles in the Tyler paper and always kept up on current events. Jack will be missed by all.

Our Summer Board of Managers Meeting (BOM) will be held in Houston during July 29-31. Registration can be made on line, or it can be mailed in. If you have not attended a BOM in the past, please consider attending. This is where you can learn how our state organization works and you can meet all of the state officers.

God bless the Sons of the American Revolution and our USA. See you at this months membership meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 6:30 pm at the Woman's Building on South Broadway.

President Tim West Captain William Barron Chapter # 25 TXSSAR

Dr. Gary N. Sisson To Be July 26th Speaker

On March 23, 1775, in Saint John's Church in Richmond, Virginia, Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give me Liberty, or give me Death!" speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses. Hear that famous speech retold on Tuesday, July 26, by Dr. Gary N. Sisson.

Dr. Sisson earned his Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Houston in 1982. He served for three years as an officer in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Navy at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base in North Carolina. He worked in private practice from 1985-1999. Since 1999, he has served the United States as a Veterans Affairs optometrist.

Dr. Sisson is a member of the Dallas Chapter, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Please join us on July 26th to welcome Dr. Gary Sisson (a.k.a. Patrick Henry).

2011 Calendar of TXSSAR/NSSAR Events

Summer Board of Managers Meeting(Houston)July 30-31Hotel to be announced

South Central District Annual Meeting (Overland Park Kansas) Aug 26-27

Fall TXSSAR Board of ManagersMeeting-Galveston, TX.Oct 29-30

Minutes -- May 24, 2011 Capt. William Barron Chapter 25 TXSSAR -- S.A.R.

The regular bimonthly membership meeting of Capt. William Barron Chapter, S.A.R., was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at The Woman's Building in Tyler, Texas. There were twenty-one members and sixteen guests present. President Tim West called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Don Majors gave the invocation, Matthew Lee led the pledges to the American and Texas flags and Tim led the members in the Salute to the S.A.R.

Tim introduced guest and prospective member Jim Wimberley. Tim discussed various awards the Chapter recently received at the State Convention. He then led a discussion, with input from Tom Copeland, about the need to get additional members involved in doing more volunteer work so our Chapter continues to participate in many activities.

Cliff Johnson was presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal and the Bronze Color Guard Medal Certificate. The meeting then temporarily adjourned for the buffet dinner.

After dinner Tom Copeland introduced Jimmy Jones, who gave a very informative program on the role of Louisiana and Texas pioneers in supporting the American Revolution.

There being no additional business, Don Majors gave the benediction and Tim led the members in the S.A.R. closing. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Sam Kidd, Secretary

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Tim West, Bob Davidson, Wendell Edwards, Mike Everheart, Drake Peddie, Rev. Don Majors, Matthew Lee, Tom Copeland, Steve Lee, John Greer, Britton Lee, Anna Lee, and Dave McLeod at the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, TX



Rick Featherston, Flag Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, TX - June 11, 2011



Jabez Solis, Rev. Don Majors and Mike Everheart Funeral Procession of Army Chief Warrant Officer Brad Gaudet Hawkins, TX June 21, 2011 Capt. William Barron Chapter 2011 meeting dates.

July 26th, 2011 Sept. 27th, 2011 Nov. 22nd, 2011

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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 -- -- Mike Everheart Chaplain -- -- Rev. Don Majors Secretary -- -- Sam Kidd Treasurer -- -- David McLeod Registrar -- -- Michael J. Everheart Bugle Editor -- David McLeod Color Guard Commander -- -- Tom Copeland Webmaster -- -- Larry Oliver School Pgm. Coord. -- -- Tom Copeland Historian -- -- Sam Kidd Sgt. At Arms --- Open

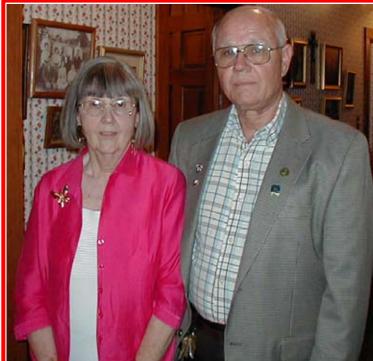


Compatriots in Action Flag Retirement Ceremony Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, TX June 11, 2011



June Everheart, Carol Cline, and Pat Pilgrim Flag Retirement Ceremony Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, TX June 11, 2011

Memorial Grave Marking...



Get to know... Mike Everheart... Mike Everheart was born in Chattanooga, TN and has lived in Texas for the last 60 years.

Mike served his country in the United States Army, 4th Missile Battalion, 562 Artillery. He holds degrees from Missouri State University and Southern Methodist University. He spent his professional career in the Semiconductor Industry, retiring from National Semiconductor in 1995.

Mike is currently the District # 10 Vice President for five East Texas Chapters in the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

He and his wife, June, live in Winona, and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

For Revolutionary War Soldier William Delafield... Saturday, August 6, 2011... LaGrone's Chapel Cemetery in Harrison County, TX... sponsored, in part, by the Captain William Barron Chapter... all members are invited... contact Mike Everheart for more details.

Help Wanted...

Our chapter needs your participation. However, if your time is short you can still help. Your <u>tax -deductible</u> contributions are vital to our success. The SAR is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. What you give goes into our East Texas community through our SAR scholarships, programs, and benevolence. Thank You!

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Where we meet.... Tyler Woman's Building 911 S. Broadway Tyler, TX 75701 (903) 593-3822

Thank You...

Thank you, compatriot Jimmy Jones for the presentation at our May 24th meeting. Few of us were aware that General Galvez, the Spanish governor of the Louisiana Territory that encompassed 13 of our present states, sent guns, gunpowder, and supplies to the armies of General George Washington and General George Rogers Clark before any formal declaration of war. Once Spain entered the war against Great Britain in 1779, Galvez drove the British out of the Gulf of Mexico. The city of Galveston, Texas was named for General Galvez. Thanks again, Jimmy!



Tom Copeland Flag Retirement Ceremony at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery, Tyler, TX -June 11, 2011



Pam Renner and Gaylon Hays SAR Meeting The Woman's Building Tyler, TX May 24, 2011



Tim West, Mike Everheart, and Tom Copeland Veterans Golf Tournament Holly Lake Ranch Big Sandy, Texas June 7, 2011