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MEETING DATES * (see info below & pg.2)

March 27, 2010 - \$15.00

Chicken Kiev w/ Chicken Gravy
Served with Oven Roasted New Potatoes,
Green Beans w/Almonds & Tossed Salad
Or

San Francisco Greek Salad

Both served with: Coffee (Decaf & Reg.), Hot Tea, Ice Tea & Vanilla Ice Cream Parfait w/Raspberry sauce

Guest Speaker:

Col. Pat Keene: "The Last Battle Of The
American Revolution
& 2009 Eagle Scout Scholarship Presentation

April 17, 2010 - \$15.00

Grilled Salmon w/Dill Butter
Served with Rice Pilaf, Fresh Peas & Carrots

Or

Chicken Caesar Salad w/ red onions,
black olives, garlic croutons & Grated
Parmesan Cheese

Both served with: Coffee (Decaf & Reg.), Hot Tea, Ice Tea & Apple Pie w/ Whipped Topping

Guest Speaker:

Capt. Dick Jeffrey (USN ret.) : "His
experiences at Pearl Harbor &
Guantanamo"

8 NEW COMPATRIOTS INDUCTED IN JAN.



Front row L-R: Frank Dunagan, Mrs Thomas Thompson, Steve Williams, Mrs Ron (Betsy) Harrod, Mrs. Christopher (Tracy) Albright, Mrs John Thompson, John Davenport. Back row: Ben DuBose, Ron Harrod, Christopher Albright, John Thompson, Thomas Thompson, James Patton, Scott Patton, Phil Wright behind musket.

COMPATRIOT ALBRIGHT AWARDED WAR SERVICE MEDAL



At our February meeting Compatriot Christopher Albright was awarded the NSSAR War Service Medal with the War on Terrorism Bar. L-R: Pres. Williams, Albright & his grandmother Dolores Harvell, DAR.

*** ALL BUT JUNE MEETING IS AT THE TIDES - DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM - LUNCH AT NOON - PROGRAM STARTS**



THE PRESIDENT'S QUILL

By Steve Williams

Compatriots:

President's messages are usually about 3 things: overviews of chapter activities, special topics of chapter importance, and/or personal topic.

The chapter is continuing to have a busy year with important activities coming up: involvement in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, chapter awards and election/officer installation, Flag Day, Memorial Day and the 4th of July Parade along with our normal monthly meetings. Please be sure you put these activities on your refrigerator calendars. The Last Naval Battle ceremony this year was certainly not as windy as 2008 or as hot as 2007. The crowd was much less than last year in part due to economic constraints placed on many usual participants & attendees as well as local competing events. The chapter Executive Board will discuss this event at the March Board meeting.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to 3 of our members who provided support for the Last Naval Battle ceremony: John Malcolm, Bob Humker, and Earl Hayes. Besides adding to the audience they helped in the distribution of event programs, taking photos, water set-up/distribution and post ceremony clean-up. As usual our chapter's official photograph Chris Alleva, Ben's grandson, was on the job.

Following this report you will find the slate of officers for the upcoming 2 year term as compiled by the Nominating Committee comprised of John Davenport, George S. Darby and Ron Ryan. This is by no means the end of nominations - they can be made from the floor at our March, April and May meetings for those who want to support and help our chapter. As the Marine's say: "We're looking for a few good men." In any event, be sure to attend the May meeting for the election and installation of the new officers.

If you know anyone who in the May meeting should be recognized for any of several awards, medals, or certificates that the SAR provides, please contact Ben,

Phil or myself. This includes the War Service or Military Service medals if you served in the military.

NEW! The Captain John Barry Society of the Children of the American Revolution, here in Brevard, is open for business. If you have a child, or grandchild who qualifies contact Rebecca Serio at 321-453-7050, or email her at rserio@bellsouth.net

SEE YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2010 - 2012

President..... Phil Wright
 1st V.P..... Roger Shurtleff
 2nd V.P..... John Malcolm
 Secretary..... Ben DuBose
 Treasurer..... Carroll Lord
 Recording Secretary. Ray Norman
 Member At Large.... George S. Darby
 Member At Large.... Dan Spellman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHAPTER MEETINGS

5/22/10 Steak w/peppers & onions or Duo Salad
6/19/10 DAR Flag Day Luncheon TBA

Future Last Naval Battle Dates Are:
3/5/2011 & 3/3/2012 & 3/2/2013

FLSSAR BOM's

5/7 - 5/9, 2010 & 8/27-28, 2010 & 11/19-20, 2010 & 1/28-29, 2011 & 5/13-15, 2011

THE GULF WAR - DESERT STORM

Compatriot Ray Norman has taken it upon himself to insure that a monument dedicated to The Gulf War be included at the Memorial Garden at the Brevard Veteran's headquarters on Merritt Island. Projected cost is \$4 - \$5,000 and he is looking for participants in that conflict, or anyone else to assist him. At our February meeting we collected \$120 in door prize funds and donated it to this project. Ray can be reached at: 321-749-7121.

"Chapter member Matt Williams operates Carter's Chocolates.

For all your sweet gift ideas go to <http://www.carterschocolates.com/> "

Jan. 23rd Meeting

President Williams opened the meeting with the SAR ceremonies. Over 60 people were in attendance; one of the largest Chapter meetings in recent memory. Compatriots in uniform: J. Davenport, B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, S. Williams & P. Wright.

After lunch eight new members were inducted (see photo on front page). The planned speaker could not make it so Compatriot DuBose presented an excellent account on The Battle of Long Island; the first and largest major engagement of the Revolutionary War after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



1/9/10: Ten Compatriots attended our third annual Genealogy Fair at the Cocoa Library where over 60 people gathered to research their roots. Above L:R standing: Compatriots T. Duay (FLSSAR Genealogist), S. Williams, B. DuBose, C. Green. P. Wright, Carroll Lord. Seated L-R: Sonny Jones, B. Humker, E. Hayes & G.S. Darby.

Feb. 27th Meeting

Our annual joint SAR/DAR Washington Birthday Luncheon was attended by over 100 people, half from our chapter.



Guest speaker Dr, Dan Scheuerer (left) gave a great talk on our first President. Tracing the highpoints of his life from beginning to end. President Williams presented Compatriot Christopher Albright with the War Service Medal with the War on Terrorism Bar see photo on front page.

1/15/10: Compatriots B. DuBose & S. Williams attended the Winter BOM. Only Williams marched with the FLSSAR Color Guard.

Feb. 2010

Compatriot Silas Baker along with his grandson Aaron (our Chapter drummer boy) and his wife



Fran hosted a Colonial dinner party at their home for several friends. Silas gave a talk on colonial flags and did some recruiting.

2/27/10: Compatriots J. Davenport, B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, C. Green, P. Wright and S. Williams were in uniform at our February meeting.

3/5/10: Compatriots B. DuBose & P. Wright represented the Chapter in uniform at the Last Naval Battle Dinner held at the Country Inns & Suits, Cape Canaveral.

3/6/10: Compatriots B. DuBose, P. Wright & S. Williams attended the Last Naval Battle Ceremonies at Cape Canaveral; Compatriots J. Malcolm, B. Humker, and E. Hayes were also in attendance. Story and photographs will appear in this year's "Commemorative Issue" coming out sometime next month.

YOUR CHAPTER IN ACTION

1/9/10: We presented an Eagle Scout in Troop 57 with his SAR Certificate and we joined the Troop Color Guard for their presentation of the Colors. Below L-R are: B. DuBose, Eagle Scout Dan Hereau, Scout Master Dave Kverek, P. Wright & S. Williams



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