




SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BREVARD BEACON
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January Meeting

January 20, 2018

at Tides Restaurant, PAFB 

Come On Down!

Arrive at 11:15

Submit reservations to Carroll Lord
 638-4879

Send Pre-Payment and meal choices to Carroll Lord
 830 Thrasher Dr, Viera FL 32955

January Program

BCSO Sheriff Wayne Ivey 

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President's Message

Compatriots,
 I first heard many of these words back in 2006 in a speech by President Bush. I kept that speech and am passing on some of those thoughts again this year.



At this special time of year, we reflect on the miraculous life that began in a humble manger 2,000 years ago. That single life changed the world, and continues to change hearts today. To everyone celebrating Christmas, Sharon and I wish you a day of glad tidings. As families across our Nation gather to celebrate Christmas, I hope that your Christmas will be blessed with family and fellowship. Christmas reminds us that we have a duty to others, and we see that sense of duty fulfilled in the men and women in uniform. America is blessed to have fine citizens who volunteer to defend us in distant lands. For many of them, this Christmas will be spent far from home, and on Christmas our Nation honors their sacrifice, and thanks them for all they do to defend our freedom. To all our families I thank you, and ask the Almighty to bestow His protection and care on your loved ones as they protect our Nation. This Christmas, Americans are coming together to show our armed forces and wounded warriors love and support. Take this opportunity to send gifts and care packages to our servicemen and women, visit our troops recovering at hospitals, reach out to children whose moms and dads are serving abroad, and going to airports to welcome our troops home and to let them know they are appreciated by a grateful Nation. I urge every member to find some way to thank our military this Christmas season. If you see a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, or a member of the Coast Guard, take a moment to stop and say, "Thanks for your service."

Merry Christmas from me and my wife Sharon. Happy Holidays to those that do not Celebrate Christmas!!
 Barry Eller, President Brevard Chapter

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BREVARD CHAPTER COLOR GUARDSMEN

IN ACTION!

Events for the coming year with dates, times, and locations to be communicated by Color Guard Commander, include but not limited to: various Veterans Day events and Wreaths Across America.

So be on the look-out for a Call To Assemble coming to an INBOX near you.



Uniform Reimbursement Fund:

Please remember that the chapter will reimburse any member obtaining a Color Guard uniform/costume. It does NOT have to be a Military Uniform. The rate of reimbursement is:

- \$100.00 for a complete set - Hat to shoes.
- \$50.00 for 1/2 of the above set.

Contact the Color Guard commander for information.

Thank You, Current Color guard Members for your participation in past events. You helped us to Honor our Country, Military, Citizens, Patriots and Forefathers. I would like to extend a welcome to those of you who are new members. As you consider



how you wish to participate in SAR, please consider joining the Color guard. The events can be enjoyable and can be another outlet to meet with other Patriotic Americans. The necessities for Color Guard attendance is a Colonial outfit and a Tricorn Hat. The outfit can be purchased or it can be made or modified from existing wear. There is also a refund for a part of the purchase price that can be issued. However you choose to participate, I hope you will enjoy your participation as well as the Fellowship of our members.



Chapter Color Guard 2017 -2018 Schedule of events



February 17th - George Washington's Birthday



February 17th - St Patrick's Day Parade, Melbourne



March 10th - Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, The 235th Anniversary and the 12th ceremony.

JOIN This COLORFUL Group!



Get your uniform now and sign up to join this handsome - and beautiful crowd.

Veterans Day Parade Melbourne, FL



Veterans Day Ceremony Merritt Island Veterans Center





Meeting Schedule, Program, and Menus

The 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

January 20, 2018. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker Brevard Sheriff

W Ivey, \$15 per person; menu: Roast Chicken OR grilled Flank Steak Salad

February 17, 2018 - The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, \$20 per person; Menu Baked Tilapia OR Prime Rib.

March 17, 2018. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Corned beef & cabbage OR Classic chef's salad.

April 21, 2018. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, topic TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Baked Ham OR Chicken/Tuna duo Salad.

May 12, 2018. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., ELECTION/AWARDS, \$15 per person; menu: Meat Loaf OR Grilled Chicken Salad.

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's meeting schedule.

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM - Meetings are at The Tides Restaurant, PAFB unless otherwise noted, They begin at 11:30 unless otherwise noted. Pay by check.

State & National News

National News -

Spring Leadership -

March 2-3, 2018 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

128th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday - July 13 - 18, 2018 Houston, TX

State News -

FLSSAR 2017 Winter BOM - February 3, 2018 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando

FLSSAR 2018 BOM and Annual Meeting - May 18-20, 2018 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando

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Florida Society Richard Fowler Award winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015; 2nd Place 2009; Honorable Mention: 2014, 2016;

NSSAR Carl Bessent Newsletter Award - 1st Place - 2015; 2nd Place 2012, 2013, Honorable Mention 2009, 2016;

NSSAR Winner Periodical - 2009

Ladies Auxiliary

Membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is open to *wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the National Sons of the American Revolution who are in good standing, or were at the time of their death.*

The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the SAR in its historical, patriotic and educational objectives. The Ladies' Auxiliary raises funds in order to honor, on a smaller scale, the same individuals that the Florida Society SAR honors. Our chapter is pleased to have members of the Florida Ladies Auxiliary and hope that more will pay the \$5 annual dues to become members and work to support our SAR chapter.

Current Ladies Auxiliary members (and Husband) from Brevard Mary Anne Chorney (Bob Chorney), Georgia Ralston (David Ralston), and Cilla Tomme PG Tomme). Anyone interested can request an application form from Mary Anne Chorney.



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Genealogical Society of South Brevard

Genealogical Society of South Brevard would like to thank Sam Ashdown for participating with the DAR at the Open House in the Lineage Society Display at the Fee Avenue Library Please see www.gssb.net for more photos and see our facebook page

Pictured here with Deb Plaag, DAR Member and Mother, and soon to be Grandmother, of an SAR member. Her Grandson Jake Winbun is turning 18 this year and Sam is preparing his SAR papers



Veterans Day Parade and Massing of the Colors



Induction of member Steve Simmons at the November meeting.



President General's Message



Almost Merry Christmas!

On this day after Winter Solstice, I hope the earlier sunrise reached you! Cloudy and drizzle here in Marietta, GA as is usual for Christmas time. Besides wishing all my fellow Compatriots and their families a Merry Christmas, I wanted to give you some great year end SAR News.

The Keynote Speaker for the Tuesday July 17th PG's Banquet in Houston will be Scouting Chief Executive Michael Surbaugh! In keeping with my usual outside the box guy, I asked Peter Grassl of KS if he could potentially obtain Mr. Surbaugh as our speaker. Today he confirmed that that will happen. In addition to all else that will happen at the end of this SAR year at Congress, we will have a great treat in the Keynote Speaker.

The Protiviti IT Audit has been finished and the Ad Hoc Committee's summary has been received. It will be a roadmap for the way forward and will be in the Trustee's ShareFile Folder shortly. We are preparing for the Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new website management contract now that our current contract cancellation has been sent out. We are looking forward to making our website perform as we hoped it would.

New application times are between 4 and 5 weeks and supplements are down from 26 weeks to 15 and falling. The genealogy staffing is full and with 9 full and part time people, we are set to improve times and quality.

Compatriot Wayne Snodgrass has produced and funded a DVD for a "How To" on presenting to schools and others. It will be available shortly. This is based on what others have done with the Traveling Trunk and the Colorado Patriot's Chest. For those who want to make presentations and don't know how (I wish I had this before I first presented in 1998) this is great. For those experienced, it is another tactic to improve. Thanks Wayne.

Even though this is a holiday time, take a few minutes before next weekend to personally contact those in your chapter who have yet to renew. If you had forgotten, or misplaced your renewal, or had not been reminded, would you be glad someone took the time to contact you before you would be listed as non-renewed? I and three others in my chapter will be doing just this. Lets shoot for 100% renewal as a goal.

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Compatriot Guzy was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1966. He later graduated from Jesuit Marquette University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Compatriot Guzy served three years in the U.S. Navy on the USS Independence aircraft carrier. In 1973, he and his wife, Karin, moved to Marietta, Georgia. He was self-employed in an insurance claims handling business for 40 years, retiring in 2013.

In 1995, he joined the Georgia SAR and took his first steps into involvement at the National level in 1999.

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Welcome Our New Members

New members David, Blaine, Sean Carter. They were Inducted at our December meeting.

We currently have *many* prospects working on their applications as they have been reported to the chapter Registrar.

If you have anyone who is interested and you wish to help them or are working on their application, report their name and information to the Registrar so that we can assist when needed and to ensure that the application is completed correctly. National Genealogists report that there are sloppy applications being submitted by persons not familiar with the SAR application process and requirements.

Membership Status

With new members and new Associates (Pending approval) our membership levels are:

Emeritus 1 = 1
Emeritus 3* = 1
Junior = 12
Life = 3
Memorial = 1
Regular = 105
Youth = 2
Dual (w/ GASSAR & NCCSAR) = 2
Dual (In-state) = 1
Associate = 1

With our 1 Associate and 1 In-state Dual (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 129

*** Emeritus 3 status must be renewed each year by a request from the member to renew this status.**

This allows the Brevard Chapter to have 5 voting Delegates to any Board of Management meetings (BOMs). They are: The Chapter President, the **IMMEDIATE** past chapter President, and three other designated delegates.

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Revolutionary War Time line

January / February

1776

- Jan. 1 Daniel Morgan taken prisoner in attempt to take Quebec City
- Jan. 15 Paine's "Common Sense" published
- Feb. 27 The patriots drive the Loyalists from Moore's Creek Bridge, North Carolina

1777

- Jan. 3 Washington victorious at Princeton
- Jan. 6 - May 28 Washington winters in **Morris-town, NJ**

1778

- Feb. 6 The United States and France sign the French Alliance

1779

- Feb. 3 Maj. Gen. Moultrie defeats British detachment at Port Royal Island, SC
- Feb. 14 Patriots Andrew Pickens and Elijah Clarke beat Loyalists at Kettle Creek, GA
- Feb. 23-24 American George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes (in what is now Indiana) on the Wabash in the Western campaign

1781

- Jan. 1 Mutiny of unpaid Pennsylvania soldiers
- Jan. 17 Patriot Morgan overwhelmingly defeats British Col. Tarleton at Cowpens, SC
- Feb. 1 The Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC



Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Brevard Executive Board meetings generally will be held on the Saturday before Chapter membership meetings. These will be held at a designated location generally in Viera at 9 a.m. until further notice or notification by President Eller. Officers are requested to submit their reports to President Eller before the meeting for distribution to all officers.

Last Naval Battle Medal sets

Order NOW!

The Brevard Chapter and the Last Naval Battle committee are selling official LNB - National Society SAR - Medal sets (large & small in presentation case) for \$25. see below for Medal set.

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are \$10.00.

For CHAPTER Medal orders contact Carroll Lord at 321-638-4879 / pugbar@cfl.rr.com

For National Society LNB medal sets (image below) contact Hall Riediger at 772-336-0926 / allriedi42@bellsouth.net



As of October 31, we have 6,477 biographies in the database. We continue to make great strides to building this database. The Patriot Records Committee (now a combination of the Patriot Graves and Index Committee and the Patriot Biographies Committee), is charged with developing a strategy for gathering, assembling, producing and distributing updated versions of the SAR Patriot Index, the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register and the expansion of the Patriot Biographies program. To access, the Patriot Records database, click on Patriot Records Search from the Genealogy drop-down.

You will then see the following (below). Items in bold red are hot links that will open new windows for the various activities. The SAR Patriot Records Index is used to search the Patriot & Grave Index. A tutorial is provided as noted in the 3rd paragraph. Additionally, the Biography Index can be accessed here, along with a tutorial, which has been added, to guide you as you explore the submitted biographical sketches. Visitors and researchers may submit comments, corrections, and new information related to the Patriot Index or to Patriot Biographies.

When sending information, it is requested that the NSSAR-Patriot-Grave-Biography-Report which is accessed through the SAR Patriot Record Index be used. This will ensure that all information needed for data entry is included to expedite new entries and/or updates. Non-use of this format, could result in delays getting the data entered into the database.

SAR Patriot Records Search

The SAR Patriot Record Index is a database combination of the previous SAR Revolutionary War Graves Registry, information from the SAR Patriot Index CD (2002), additional information and updates from various state grave registry databases and patriot biographical sketches submitted to tell the story of our patriot ancestors. Visitors will be directed to an external database site in order to access the SAR Patriot Record Index.

This database will continue to expand as new patriots and graves are found and biographical sketches are submitted as well as when new members are approved for SAR membership. This database is available for the purpose of general research and possibly assisting with the SAR membership process. The sources contained within this database, including patriot biographical sketches, are not acceptable as proof of service for an SAR application. Applicants and researchers must still find the original reference to the service when submitting an SAR application. Please be aware that the Patriot & Grave Registry is not a comprehensive list of all the individuals who served in the American Revolutionary War.

This database is a work in progress. SAR volunteers are attempting to eliminate duplicates, make additions to records when new data becomes available, and add new records and or biographical sketches for patriots as these ancestors are vetted. Please consult the Patriot & Grave Index tutorial or the Patriot Biographies tutorial for further details when navigating the-

source. Visitors and researchers may submit comments, corrections, and new information to the Patriot Index Committee by email at patriotgraves@sar.org. When submitting a change or correction, please include the patriot's reference number, citations, and references to support the requested change, along with any relevant follow up contact information. Patriot biographical sketches are requested to be submitted on the NSSAR Patriot Grave Biography Report. Please note, there is no defined format for your submission, but we ask that you include the name of the submitter, his SAR Member National Number, the chapter and the state-level society. Non-members are also encouraged to submit a biographical sketch. We ask that the information be between 200 – 500 words and be sent in a Microsoft WORD-compatible format. Please note, this is not a requirement, just a suggestion. Citing sources is not required, therefore, there is no need for documentation of references, however feel free to include footnotes and references which may aid others in their search. As noted within the database, it is the sole responsibility of the author to research the facts and data contained in the submission.. The sketch cannot be used for proof of lineage. It can, however, serve as a guide for the continuation of research. The Patriot Ancestor Database is one way you can honor your ancestor's for perpetuity. Completed forms related to only a biographical submission should be sent via email to patriotbios@sar.org.

For those Chapters/State Societies presented a streamer during 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2017-2017 a Star will be presented for each additional 20% achievement. This Star will be affixed to the Streamer.

For clarification on how the achievement levels are calculated:

Example - A chapter has obtained a 12% submission rate. If they hit a total of 20% during the current year, they will be presented a Streamer. Stars will be presented at each additional 20% level - 40% - 1 Star; 60% - 2 Stars; 80% - 3 Stars, etc.

For the member counts, we will use the same December 31, 2016 membership counts previously provided by National Headquarters. All Streamers and Stars will be presented at the 2018 National Congress in Houston.

We will continue to collect submissions for Streamers and Stars through December 31, 2017. Starting on January 1, 2018, this program will be incorporated into

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Money Talks

Obviously when the need arises; we could have a fund raiser if necessary. But this coming year we do have a chance to increase our revenues by combining our efforts with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to sell wreaths to be placed on Dec 16th, 2018 on the graves of our military veterans. The wreaths sell for \$15 and for every one we sell; the Chapter will receive \$5.

These wreaths will be placed on a veterans grave on Dec 16th with a ceremony to be held nationwide at high noon. Our location will be at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims.

For every wreath purchased by our Chapter, WAA will refund \$5 to us for use on our other projects.

This is certainly a way to pay homage to those who gave of their time and talents to our country and to fund some of our projects.

Please give this project your consideration and obviously you may buy more than one wreath if you so desire. Many of our members last year purchased multiple wreaths

As of November 21st meeting, our chapter has purchased 56 wreaths - or \$840 worth of wreaths. Our return is \$280.00 towards our chapter activities.

It's still not too late to plan for 2018 purchases of wreaths. Please consider your support of this very worthy endeavor.

Carroll Lord, Treasurer

Shown below are some of the chapter members and friends that attended the December 16th ceremony. l-r: Sam Ashdown, Brian Jensen, Diane Zalenski, a DAR friend, Barry Eller, and Jerry Scarpate. Missing: Carl Green, Carroll Lord, John Malcolm



Coming in the January/February issue

More History, Updates on chapter's fall activities, pictures, and other "stuff." Look for reports on the NSSAR National Leadership Conference - the discussions on the proposed Genealogy policy change, the Museum initiative, the new NSSAR web site, plus other news from National.

Brevard Web Site

For anyone needing to look a member up, or look at our chapter documents, or check on the meeting schedule visit our web site at <http://www.brevardsar.org/>. You will need a log-in ID and password to access the members Only pages. Contact the chapter secretary, Steve Williams, for your ID and temporary password.

American History Teacher Award Contest

Chapters are reminded of the American History Teacher Award Contest.

Candidates should submit applications to Chapters in time to select a winner and communicate it to me at the State level by January 31.

Local, state and national prizes are available for winners.

Application must be on the form available at NSSAR website, Education tab, Education selection from drop down box, History Teacher selections from drop down box.

Read the state committee charter and the national website section on the contest for further information.

John M. Stewart 1965uva@gmail.com

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the Americanism Score sheet. Submissions after 1/1/18 will be allotted points to be included within the Americanism Program. Details will be forthcoming regarding this change in the program.

Please get the word out. With your help we will continue to expand the database to build the best data source that we can.

FLSSAR

Submissions 269

% of Total 4.15%

Members as of December 31, 2016 2,031 / 13.2%

Brevard

Submissions 1

% of Total 1.1%

Members as of December 31, 2016 - 92

Doug Collins, Chair NSSAR Patriot Records Committee

Americanism/President's Streamer Submission

Each year we have submitted our compiled points in 16 categories to the state for its Chapter Challenge contest and to national for their contest. These Categories are a means for chapters to gauge how well they are in fulfilling the goals of the SAR. In order for our chapter leadership to make decisions on these goals we need to know what we've done and what we can do, but haven't done.

So - We need to get feedback on your 2017 activities relative to the following categories such that we can accurately gauge our progress.

They are:

- Speakers bureau - if you've spoken to any groups
- Attended **any** Compatriot's Grave marking; placed a Flag on a veterans grave for a National holiday (1 pt per flag up to 200 pts). Thus, if we get 200 each 4"x 6" stick flags from 15¢ to 18¢ (\$30.00 to \$36.00). We've recently had, unfortunately, 3 compatriots that we could mark their grave with an SAR grave marker. Most importantly this honors their memory as a valuable chapter and SAR member. This is something that we should be happy to do
- Any monetary or non-monetary contributions to any SAR Program (Youth programs, Public Service endowment funds. Center for Advancing America's Heritage, George Washington Endowment fund, SAR Foundation, Friends of the Library, USO and others)
- Veterans Support - Ask Bob Humker what the list is of acceptable Veterans support.
- We need to work on our High School youth contests:

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Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay, Boy Scout Scholarship. We need members who have an "IN" into the various Schools so we can fulfill that SAR goal.

- Supporting the C.A.R. / D.A.R. in that for each dollar contributed to the C.A.R we get a point and for sponsoring a C.A.R Society / a compatriot serving as a senior leader we get 50 points per entry. So, if we sponsor two C.A.R chapters we get 100 points. Sponsoring would be donating some money to these C.A.R chapters.
- In the other 11 categories we are doing well - we can do better - but these above need special attention.

So let's take stock of our participation in these items and all of us make a commitment to do what we can.

In the end we can feel better about ourselves and happy in the thought that we have helped our communities be a better place.



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Before the start of next year's travel season, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone across the country who have welcomed Karin and I to their States. The snow followed us from Houston (!) through Atlanta to Norfolk to Delaware and Baltimore so we have experienced a white December (no it did not stop my running--only 8 miles to go to reach my 1200 for the year!)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All,

Larry T. Guzy President General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution 2017-2018

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