



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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March Meeting

March 19, 2016
at Tides Restaurant, PAFB



Come On Down!

Arrive at 11:15

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



The March Program

Don Green as Ben Franklin

President's Message

Compatriots,

Saturday, March 5, 2016 is our Chapter's seminal event celebrating the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution. This year we are having a catered luncheon after the ceremonies that will give us an opportunity to break-bread with our friends and supporters. Steve Williams and Phil Wright and many others have, and will, help us to put on a good show and make everyone welcome. I hope that each of you can find time to join us in this celebration. It is sure to be fun, colorful, and memorable.



Also, Chapter Elections will take place in May. I would encourage you and especially the newer members to step up and stand for elected office to help support and guide our chapter.

Robert "Bob" Humker, President

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JAMES BARHAM JR.

Old Survivor of the Revolution

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James Barham Jr. was born on 18 May 1764 to James Barham Sr. (1730-1792), (DAR #A132330, NSSAR #P330820) and Mary Thorpe Barham in Southampton County, Virginia,

USA. Captain Charles Barham (1621-1656), James Jr. Gr-Gr- grandfather was from Kent County England and landed in Surrey and James City Counties Virginia in the Mid 1600s. In 1676 his leadership put down Baken's Rebellion.

On the 1st of January 1781 James Barham Jr. entered the service of Virginia, at Southampton County, Virginia

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FsLSSAR Richard Fowler Award winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2nd Place 2009, Honorable Mention 2014; NSSAR Carl Bessent Newsletter Award - 2nd Place 2012, 2013, Honorable Mention 2009; NSSAR Winner Periodical - 2009

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 Colorguard 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 Colorguard. 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 2015- 2016 Schedule of events

March 5th - Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution - MI Veterans Center

March 12th - St Patrick's Day Parade, Melbourne

May 30th - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne

June 11th - Flag Day Celebration

JOIN THIS COLORFUL GROUP



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



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Meeting Schedule, Program, and Menus

The 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

March 19, 2016. The Tides PAFB **12:30 pm.**, Speaker TBD, topic TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Corned beef & cabbage OR Classic chef's salad.

April 16, 2016. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, topic TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Baked Cod Filet with Béarnaise Sauce OR Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad.

May 21, 2016. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., ELECTION/AWARDS, \$15 per person; menu: Teriyaki Chicken OR Tuna Salad/Chicken Salad Duo.

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. After lunch program starts at 12:45 pm. Meals are still \$15.

Please pay by check. "No Shows" will be billed for meal costs.

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 are Sheila Shaughnessy (Williams) and Mary Anne Chorney. Anyone interested can request an application form from Mary Anne.

Florida Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Dear Auxiliary member,

We had a successful meeting at the May BOM in Orlando. The officers elected were Jeanne Fehrenbaker, President; Joy Sizemore, 2nd Vice President; Marjorie Ramseur, Treasurer; Naomi Wess, Secretary; Mary Anne Chorney, Registrar, and Jeanne Lloyd, Chaplain. The basket raffle, to raise money for our Youth Awards, generated \$561.00 from the donation of 16 baskets and money from chapters. Award checks had been written to the three Eagle Scout Contest winners, three Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest winners, three Knight Essay Contest winners, three Rumbaugh Oration Contest winners, and the Enhanced JROTC winner.

We added three new members bringing our roster to 86. If you haven't sent in your 2015 dues, please go to the flssar.org web site and click on Ladies Auxiliary. Then click on Membership Application and fill out the form and mail it to Mary Anne with your payment. The May minutes will be on the web site. You may wish to read the Patriot article (Grapevine) about the Auxiliary. We are looking forward to a large turnout at the October BOM and hope to see you there. We continue to collect toiletries and mailable food items for the Support Our Troops project. A list of these food items are on the FLSSAR web site under the Ladies Auxiliary banner. Don't forget to have your chapter send a basket for the raffle. The next FLSSAR 'Patriot' will have an article about our presence at Congress in Louisville. Start thinking about our meeting in Orlando at the Florida Hotel on February 5th and 6th. Hopefully those of you who have escaped our hot summer will have your way back south.

See you then, Jeanne

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President General's Report

This is the 9th PG Communication I have sent out since becoming PG and it is an attempt to keep our members informed as to what is going on at the national level of the SAR. By the time you receive this communication all of the general officer reports, committee reports, the agenda and various other documents for the upcoming meeting will have been loaded on share file for everyone to study. There may be some documents that are not sent in to HQ before the meeting for inclusion in share file but those will be presented at the Trustee meeting.

This is the second meeting where the agenda and most, if not all, of the supporting documents are provided to the Trustees before the meeting in plenty of time for them to study the issues. It is important that the Trustees read this material carefully so they can be fully informed about the critical matters we will be voting on next week.

We have our Spring Leadership Meeting coming up at the end of February and there are many important matters we will discuss and decide. The issue that has gotten the most attention is the proposed education center on the main floor of our HQ building. Perhaps a little history is in order.

History

At the Greenville Congress in 2014 the delegates voted unanimously to enter into a contract to formulate a plan for an education center at our HQ building. They authorized us to hire a company in Louisville with experience in this area for a cost not to exceed \$549,000. Subsequently a contract was signed and Solid Light began their planning. It became clear that although some had referred to this project as a museum, we did not possess enough historical artifacts for a true museum so the focus of the project began to shift and it was refined to be more of an education center. Solid Light has submitted several preliminary plans, which were presented to the Trustees. The Museum Board, EXCOM and Trustees commented on their plans and on February 5, 2016 their final plan was presented. The Museum Board approved the plan and it was sent to the EXCOM for review. With a couple of minor changes the plan was approved by the EXCOM and it will be presented to the Trustees for acceptance on February 27th at the

Trustee meeting.

What Happens at the Trustee Meeting?

As per our contract with Solid Light the Trustees have to approve the plan. We have been making interim payments to Solid Light and when the trustees approve the plan we will make the final payment and our contract with Solid Light is complete.

What is in the plan?

If you look in the members folder in share file you will see the plan, a breakdown of the costs itemized by exhibit and a letter from Bill Stone (AL) who is the Solid Light Project Manager. The plan is not for a traditional museum with static displays. The plan is for a modern and exciting education center dedicated to the American Revolution complete with innovative technology such as augmented reality. There are actually two possible cost projections depending on how much technology we want to include. The center with as much technology as we can reasonably have will be a little over \$7.5 million, while the center without all of the innovative technology will be about \$5 million. The plan you will see on share file is not the actual design with specific displays, photographs and signs but is an interpretive plan that shows what is possible. But it will give you a pretty good idea of what our center would look like.

If the Trustees Vote to Approve the Plan Can the Design be Changed Later?

Yes. The information about the American Revolution contained in the plan was the result of SAR members working with Solid Light to get the best possible exhibits we could have. Not everyone will agree with each individual item and may feel items should have been excluded or included that were left out. We have almost 34,000 historians in the SAR and they each will have strong ideas about what our center should contain. Our plan is the basis for what can be a strong presentation but it is not the final design by any means. If we vote to accept the plan we will have plenty of time to work on the final design with Solid Light.

If the Trustees Vote to Approve the Plan What is Next?

The Trustees have two options, one is to do nothing, and the other is to decide to move forward with the education center. Once the plan has been approved our contract with Solid Light is completed and we can simply take the \$549,000 plan and put it on a shelf. The other option is for the Trustees to decide to move forward with the center and then decide how to pay for it. This will ultimately mean that once the funding is secure we will enter into another contract with Solid Light to design the center and then construct it on our main floor at HQ. We will probably form a committee to work with Solid Light on the design and the Trustees will approve the design.

Will We be able to Operate the Center at a Break Even or Better?

This is a function of how much we can expect to generate in revenue versus how much will our expenses be. A copy of the



business plan devised by the University of Louisville is on share file for your perusal. We also will have three of our best financial guys make presentations about the business plan, the budget and general financial matters relating to the center. Let's break down this question into the two component parts and examine some of the factors that will determine whether or not we can break even.

Revenue.

The main source of revenue is from ticket sales. It is helpful to look at the prices other museums charge for tickets. Most of the museum have different prices depending on age, military status and membership in certain organizations. To make it easier we will look at the ticket price for adults (generally age 18 to 60). Of course some museums have more interesting or larger exhibits and can charge more so we can't compare the ticket prices equally but here are the area museum prices;

Kentucky Derby Museum	\$15	
Louisville Slugger	\$14	
Kentucky Science Center	\$13	
Frazier History Museum	\$12	
Evan Williams Bourbon Experience		\$12
Speed Art Museum	\$12	
Muhammed Ali Museum	\$9	
Locust Grove	\$8	

Ticket prices for seniors, military, and kids 5 and older are less and generally kids under 5 are free. So you cannot just multiply the number of expected visitors by the adult ticket price and get the revenue figure because the average will be less than that. Another factor is how many visitors can be expected to pay to visit our center. We have figures for how many people go to the other museums in the area but we must be careful to weigh those attendance figures with the nature of those museums and whether or not they just have static displays or innovative technology that attracts more attendees. But the numbers will give you an idea of what is possible. Attendance is also somewhat dependent on what kind of exhibits we have. For example a static display with only photographs, models and some artifacts on display is not going to draw the same attendance as exhibits with videos, augmented reality and holograms. Technology allows you to attract more visitors at a higher ticket price, so we should have higher revenue with the \$7.5 million version as opposed to the \$5 million version, although the upfront construction costs are higher.

Another source of revenue is through increased merchandise sales. Many successful museums construct the museum so that you tour the museum first and then exit through the store providing the attendees with the opportunity to buy merchandise. It will also give us a merchandise presence on the main floor just off Main Street where visitors can simply walk in the door and enter our store. Most of the museums have stores associated with them and there are some assumptions that can be made about increased store revenue.

Once the center is built we will be able to rent it out for special events. Although much of the floor space will be taken up

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Welcome Our New Members

The new member Clint Hill will be Inducted as schedules permit and, if not present, will have the certificate mailed after the next meeting.

Two New Associates are Charles Clore and his grandson, Clay Folsom (as a Junior member). Their applications will probably be approved late in March after the Christmas and New Years breaks. It is anticipated that they will have their Induction ceremony at the March chapter 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 = 2
 Junior = 12
 Life = 2
 Memorial = 1
 Regular = 90
 Youth = 2
 Dual (w/ GASSAR) = 1
 Dual (In-state) = 1

With our 3 Associates (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 115.

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Revolutionary War Time line
March - April



Coming in the November/December issue

More History, Updates on chapter's fall activities, pictures, and other "stuff." Look for reports on the NSSAR Fall Leadership conference - the discussions on the proposed Genealogy policy change and the Museum initiative.

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1775

- March 23 - "Give me Liberty or give me Death" speech, Patrick Henry
- April 18 - Midnight rides of William Dawes and Paul Revere
- April 19 - Lexington and Concord

1776

- March 3 - The Continental fleet captures New Providence Island in the Bahamas
- March 17 - The British evacuate Boston; British Navy moves to Halifax, Canada

1777

- April 27 - Benedict Arnold's troops force a British retreat at Ridgefield, CT.

1778

- March 7 - British General William Howe replaced by Henry Clinton

1779

- March 3 - British Lt. Col. Jacques Marcus Prevost defeats Americans under Gen. John Ashe at Brier Creek, GA

1781

- March 2 - Articles of Confederation adopted
- March 15 - British win costly victory at Guilford Courthouse, NC
- April 25 - Greene defeated at Hobkirk's Hill, SC.

1782

- March 20 - Lord North resigns as British prime minister

1783

- March 10 - Captain John Barry defeats the British Frigate *Sybil* off Cape Canaveral in the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War.
- April 19 - Congress ratifies preliminary Peace Treaty.

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.

We are taking orders for custom made ALLIANCE/JOHN BARRY FLAGS @ \$60 each plus postage. They were made by Annin Flags (Made in America!!) - nylon - indoor/outdoor - 3' x 5'

For Medal orders contact Steve Williams at 321-632-5663 / swilliams16@cfl.rr.com



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February 24th Presentation of Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal to William and Jewell Schick of the Veterans Memorial Center Bridge Club. Presenters are Compatriots Williams and Norman. Photo by Roger Scruggs www.TVPHOTO.com

In Memoriam



Lester Dean Charles, 95 of Rochester, NH died Friday February 19 while on vacation visiting his Daughter Carol Axelrod and her husband Richard in Viera, FL.

Lester was born in Ipswich MA on August 23, 1920, one of three children of Otho and Stella Charles. He lived in Hamilton MA with his father and sisters and later with his wife Shirley and their six children. Lester graduated from Hamilton High School in 1939 and joined the Navy proudly served during WWII from 1942 to 1945. Lester married his sweet heart

Shirley E. Sillars on February 4, 1950. In 1951 Lester joined the Hamilton Police Department and started the Hamilton Police Relief Association and retired in 1976 as Police Sargent. After retiring the family moved to Rochester NH in 1982.

In his life Lester held many jobs; in his early life he was a Grounds Keeper at the Horn Estate in Hamilton and professional house painter. After he retired from the Hamilton Police Department, he built industrial sewing machine tables and he was a truck driver delivering fuel oil. After moving to Rochester NH, he worked as a security guard at Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Lab Transport Driver, and maintenance worker at the Rochester NH School District. Lester finally retired at the age of 74.

Lester was a life time member of the American Legion and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a proud of his Patriot Heritage.

Lester was great listener, a gentle giant, who loved his family and served his country and town with honor and integrity and will forever be our hero.

Lester and his late wife, Shirley, are survived by the couple's six children: Carol A. Axelrod and her husband Richard, of Viera, FL; Christine E. Saunders of Danvers, MA; Lee M. Murphy and

her husband Barry, of Farmington, NH; Lorraine C. Hill and her husband Arthur, of Medical Lake, WA; Joyce E-M. Geminder and her husband David, of Gorham, NH; and Retired Lt. CDR Todd W. Charles and his wife Denise, of Aiea, HI.

Lester was also the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Wreaths Across

America

Our chapter is a registered group with Wreaths Across America for remembering and honoring veterans laid to rest all over the country by raising funds to sponsor wreaths.

- The Wreaths that we sponsor are shipped to the selected cemetery for the ceremony on the second Saturday in December.

This year we received donations for \$360 (24 wreaths) as of the deadline. In return, we will be getting \$120 as part of this fund-raising effort. Compatriot Williams went to the Edgewater Cemetery and took part in that ceremony once again by reading the SAR President General's Proclamation before the assembled crowd.

Once the Holiday season is over, we can begin to submit funds to have wreaths for next December's ceremony at a cemetery of our choice. We don't need to wait until the Fall to begin this effort - it's a year long opportunity. Send your check payable to **Wreaths Across America** to S Williams, 3403 Caraway ST, Cocoa FL 32926.



Don't let there be a veteran's headstone be without a remembrance. Give the gift of a wreath.

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Expenses.

We are not building a stand alone museum, which is very expensive. We are taking vacant space in a building we already own and converting it to an education center. We will have to pay to design and construct the exhibits, there will be increased maintenance costs, and we will have to set aside some money every year to update the center periodically. There also will be some increased personnel costs and there will be some expense for a contractor to come in and made the space ready for Solid Light to build, such as electrical work. The two biggest expenses are in personnel costs and update costs.

There will be a discussion about how many new people we will need to operate the center and this will involve determining how many days we are open and for what hours. Some museums such as the Kentucky Science Center have a lot of employees because they work with small groups of visitors but others are mostly self guided and do not need as many people. I think ours will be mostly self guided but we will hear projections about that at the meeting. The added cost of maintenance and janitorial service will not be too bad unless there is some expense related to the technology or repair of video equipment.

The cost to update the exhibits is a factor of how much we update and how often. We may want to do some updating every year or just wait for 4 or 5 years, but we must set aside some money each year so when updates are needed we will have the necessary funds.

Do We Have Other Financial Needs That Are More Important?

Let's talk about some of the areas in which we should allocate our financial resources.

Bank Loan.

We borrowed money to finish construction of the HQ renovation and the office space in the front of the 2nd floor of the HQ building. We have paid some of the principal back but we still owe a little over \$1.2 million.

Complete Construction of the 2nd floor.

There are several important areas of the 2nd floor that must be finished out. There is additional office space, a second elevator, the roof garden for rental, a caterer's kitchen, and a meeting space both for us and for those who may rent our space. Based on rental rates in this part of Louisville we believe the roof garden can be a

good source of income. Our architect and contractor have completed construction drawings and we have a price of about \$1.3 million, which could change depending on how long we wait to start construction.

Basement Education Area.

Since we first looked at purchasing the buildings the plan was to use the basement for education. We were going to set it up like a classroom and have school groups come in for demonstrations and lectures. Then we thought about having a theater also where videos about the American Revolution could be shown. In the past few years there has been talk about having a studio that could produce DVD's and videos for use by schools and other groups. Now with the popularity of outreach education we are trying to find ways to utilize this space for that purpose.

Although we have had some informal discussions about how we are going to use the basement there is no plan at this time. The decision on whether or not to build the education center on the main floor may affect what we do in the basement. I suggest we first decide what we are going to do on the main floor and after that start planning for the basement. We have not asked for nor received any construction drawings or estimates for the basement. We also have not received any construction drawings or estimates for any recording studio or DVD production facility in the basement. There has been no vote by EXCOM or the Trustees to go forward with any specific plans for the basement.

IT.

We have underspent in this area for years and now we are catching up and it is expensive. With any new IT projects they are not just announced and work perfectly immediately. We have had to ask our contractor to continually tweak the product but it is steadily improving. One of the improvements is with our member application procedure, which is now available to be done on line although the supporting documents still have to be mailed in. Merchandise received a new system that allows on line ordering and makes the accounting for the store more efficient. They completed an events system that has been used for two Leadership meetings. Although there are some minor issues they are fixed when discovered. The next new improvement that will be rolled out is a new web site.

Future projects include a revised donor system, incorporating share file directly in our web site so every SAR member will have access, creating a revised database that will incorporate a searchable format for member information, applications and supporting documents, grave information, patriot biographies and perhaps some other data. We also need to digitize our existing applications and supporting documents so they are a part of the searchable database.

Main Floor Store.

In order to provide us with a merchandise presence for those visiting the museum or only walking by on West Main Street we will have to build out a store on the main floor. We have been advised to wait to build out a store until we make a decision about the center because its success is dependent on having that constant flow of traffic from the center into the store. We have not asked the architect or contractor to give us an estimate on the

expense to construct the store and we have no architect drawings but this space will likely be smaller than 1000 square feet and will be built entirely within the existing building in open space.

Outreach Education.

Over the past few years this has been an increasingly popular request. It is not new as it started with PG Roland Downing and has gotten attention from many other leaders in our society. As of last July our education page on the web site had very little that was useful to help us outreach. Since then Director of Education Colleen Wilson and her staff have done a tremendous job of giving our chapters the ability to go into classrooms and give teachers helpful information. Colleen will give us a demonstration at Leadership about all that is available now. We have DVD's, Youtube links, speeches, articles, patriot biographies and a great power point demonstration about our museum artifacts. This is information that is available now and for those who say we need outreach education I would ask have you looked at our education page and have you gone to any schools and told them what we have for them?

The term outreach education is broad and we have to figure out what we want to do. Putting up copies of articles, youtube links and speeches is relatively easy. The more difficult question is where do we go from here? We can produce DVD's on the American Revolution but that requires equipment and staff who have the expertise to do that. We can have a recording studio where we produce videos for Youtube or to put on our web site but that also requires some equipment, proper space and knowledgeable staff. We can establish a web site, much like our old "Real Story of the American Revolution" but we had to take that site down because of a variety of problems so that is also possible but not easy or necessarily cheap. I think we have done quite well in the last seven months with our outreach education and there are plans to continue to make it better. What we have to do now is have a real discussion by the Trustees on what direction we take with outreach education and thus with the basement.

How Can We Pay For an Education Center?

The recommendation from the Museum Board and the EX-COM is that if we build it we go with the \$7.5 million version. We don't have enough money to build it now so we would either have to borrow it and take out a mortgage or raise the money from donors. I don't think very many of our members would even consider borrowing that much money so that leaves us with doing it with donations. We really need to raise virtually the entire amount before we start because once you get the design you want you should go ahead and build it immediately. Sam Powell who is the President of the SAR Foundation will speak to us at the Trustee meeting about how the money can be raised.

Up until 2015 our average donations per year was quite impressive but we hit a slow spot in early 2015 and we have not recovered yet. At the 2014 Congress in Greenville there was a unanimous vote by the Congress to hire Solid Light to give us a plan for building this center. Implicit in that vote was an interest to build such a center although there was no vote to actually appropriate money for it or to build it. But in late 2014 some members began to voice objections to this project, enough so that there became a question as to the determination of our members to follow through on the center. The SAR Foundation found

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it almost impossible to ask for donations for a project that the members might not support and thus might not build. That brought fundraising to a slow crawl and although we still raised close to \$400,000 that was less than half what we usually raise in a year.

One idea that I like is that if we decide to build this center then we simply vote to proceed with the center and authorize the SAR Foundation to raise the necessary funds. Then when the funds are raised the Trustees will appropriate the funds and authorize signing a contract with Solid Light to build it. No contracts are signed and no money spent until the Trustees vote to do so. Another step we could take is that we could set up a separate account for donations to the center so that a donor can earmark their donation to go to the center so it could not be spent for any other purpose. Donations given without that notation would go into the general SAR Foundation account and can be spent for whatever purpose the Trustee determine.

The point is that we can only be successful in raising money for a project that the members are enthusiastically behind. Major donors do not want to give money if the members do not also support the project. We will always have members with some doubts anytime we undertake a major building project, or initiative. But we need to make a decision about our direction and then whatever that decision is we need to all get behind it.

How Do We Decide What To Do First?

Although we have several needs I think I can make it a little simpler. We have been funding IT and outreach education and paying down the bank loan mostly out of our operating budget. We can continue to do that and although the progress is slower it has been steady in recent years. I would like to pay more per year on the loan but that would mean diverting money for other projects and needs. That really leaves us with three big projects; the education center on the main floor, the 2nd floor build out and the basement. Given that we have not defined our vision for the basement yet I would put that last on the list at this point. I believe we should build out the 2nd floor next by raising funds through the SAR Foundation. If we decide to go forward with the education center then I think the SAR Foundation can also raise money for that at the same time they raise money for the 2nd floor. Yes it may slow down both projects but some donors will want to give to one but not the other so we want them to have plenty of options for giving.

Conclusions.

It comes down to two things, what is our vision for the SAR and do we have enough faith to go after that

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Patriot Ancestor's Biographies update

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vision? Great organizations must have great dreams in order to make a difference in our society. What is our vision for our HQ in Louisville and for the SAR? Do we want a world class education center that we can be proud of or do we want to use that space for the occasional traveling exhibits, and as a rental space for weddings and events? How will we impact people and ideas more? It is not a choice between building the center or doing outreach education and improving our database. We are already improving our database and our ability to do outreach education and we have done that with relatively little funding. We can build a center and do these other things at the same time. If we don't build the center we will have more money for other things but remember that it is not just a matter of deciding how we spend a certain and guaranteed amount of money because it may be easier to raise more money for a center than for IT. The total donations without a center as the focus may be much less than with it.

The concept of raising \$7.5 million is daunting but sometimes you just have to have faith in your vision. Certainly our founding fathers had that kind of faith that their vision would prevail in the face of overwhelming odds.

Whatever our decision I hope our discussions in Louisville next week are both professional and courteous as this organization deserves no less.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Lawrence
President General 2015-2016

Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Brevard Executive Board meetings 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 Humker. Officers are requested to submit their reports to President Humker before the meeting for distribution to all officers. For dates of these meetings check the Meeting Calendar at <http://www.brevardsar.org/Calendar.htm>

Compatriots,

The 2015-2016 Patriot Ancestor's Biographies program is approaching the half-way point. Since June, we have added over 600 biographies and have room for many more. As previously discussed, for those Chapters/State Societies presented a streamer during 2014-2015, a Star will be presented for each additional 20% achievement. This Star will be affixed to the Streamer.

As we approach the Christmas season and many families get together, take some time to remember your ancestors. When we discuss and share information, we can collect more of the scattered bits of our history. The Patriot Ancestor Database is one way you can honor your ancestor's for perpetuity.

For clarification on how the achievement levels are calculated"

Example #1 - Chapter A obtained a 30% submission rate and they were presented a Streamer. Once they hit 40%, a Star will be presented. If they achieve 60%, an additional Star will be presented, 80% a third Star and so on.

Example #2 - Chapter B 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 December 31, 2015 membership that have paid their 2016 dues. National Headquarters will provide this information as they did last year. All Streamers and Stars will be presented at the 2016 National congress in Boston.

One adjustment to the program this year is that we are requesting a minimum of 200 words for each submitted biographical sketch. We are striving to build the best data source that we can. Also, we will cut-off the submissions for the 2015-2016 program on May 21, 2016 (Armed Forces Day).

Remember, we have a method to identify the listing of all the Patriot Biographies that have been entered into the database. We have established a Patriot named "Index" - #P-334038 in the Patriot and Grave Index. We have expanded the Index to alphabetize by State of service for the Patriots. Hopefully, this will enable a more specific search when looking for a biography entry.

In order to access:

1. Enter the Patriot and Grave Index (<http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes> <<http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes>>) and input "Index" in the box labeled Full or Partial Surname and then click the SEARCH box.

2. Patriot Index with Ancestor # P-334038 will come up. Click on the "Read Biography" box in the lower left corner of the page to access the listing of biographies in the database.

Is your ancestor's story included yet? We would love to add as many as you can provide.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pro pa,

Douglas T. Collins, Patriot Ancestors Biographies, Committee
Chairman

BREVARD CHAPTER



for a term of three months as a substitute for Zadok Bell in Whitehead's Virginia Militia under Captain Jesse Whitehead, Lieutenant James Magget, Ensign Samuel Magget and rendezvoused at the Surrey old Courthouse, and joined a Regiment under

General Peyer Muhlenberg, Colonel Benjamin Blount, and Major Duvall in General Nathaniel Greene Division. His Regiment marched to Suffolk, and his company of 15 men under Captain Davenport was sent to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to acquire some negroes from a British ship in the Chesapeake Bay. From Norfolk Sargent Thomas Pope led the company to the British ship and returned to Suffolk. He spent three months with the army at Suffolk, Mead Mills, Portsmouth and the Brick Church. Two weeks before he was discharged he was drafted himself, and his father procured Charles Rose to serve in his place for two weeks till he was able to take his own place. Captain Jesse Whitehead signed his discharge papers.

On 15th April 1781 he served for six months and three weeks under Captain John Taylor, in a Regiment commanded by Major MacLomon (sic. Christian Charles de Klaumann), Colonel Thomas Meriwether, and General Peyer Muhlenberg. He marched from Surrey old Courthouse then to Mead Mills, to Suffolk, to Petersburg. There he was engaged in the Battle of Blandford Hill 25 April 1781. He thence marched to Richmond to the old Piney-Field, then to Williamsburg. There under Captain Myrick he crossed the James River and marched then to Cobham, to Hog Island on the Chesapeake Bay, to Yorktown. He was discharged by Captain John Taylor, at Yorktown on 18 October 1781, but his discharge papers have not been found. He was at Yorktown when General Cornwallis surrendered to General Greene on 19 October 1781.

James Jr. is mentioned in his father's will, dated 29 February 1791, who died on 6 June 1792 in Southampton County, Virginia. James Jr. was Baptized in 1792, Confirmed in 1798 in Guilford County, Virginia, and took his First Communion in 1812 in Stokes County, North Carolina. He had moved to Wake (1785-1791), Guilford (1792-1798) and Stokes (1799-1812) Counties, North Carolina. In Wake County he first married Prudence (Freeman) Dunn Barham (3 March 1754-1815) on 20 October 1785, widow of John Edmond Dunn (probate 4 May 1784, executor John Forde of Sussex Co. Virginia) and the daughter of Josiah and Phoebe (Stokes) Freeman. She had six children by her first marriage. They all grew up to love their stepfather.

They moved to Logan County, Kentucky (1813-1827). As early as 1812 following the New Madrid Earthquakes (1811-1812)

they were one of the early pioneers of Logan County, (now Trigg County) in the Rockcastle Precincts, at the head of Dyer's Creek a tributary of the Cumberland River above the old Trigg Furnace. His first wife Prudence died in January 1, 1815.

On September 11, 1815 James married Elizabeth Houston (1780 or 1794-1821). They lived in Logan, Calloway, and Trigg Counties (1833-1841), Kentucky even though they may not of moved as counties were formed out of one another. He applied for a Revolution War Pension on June 24, 1833, at the age of 69 in Trigg County. In 1841 he was still receiving his pension in Trigg Cemetery, three and a half mile west of Willard, and one half mile north of the Old Flat Rock School near Robinson's home, Greene County, Missouri. A picture of him and his grandson James Robinson has survived. The Rachel Donaldson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution marked his grave on October 15, 1911, and the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution marked his grave on August 23, 2003. A search in the 2015 NSSAR Membership Directory showed that Guy Benjamin Barham is a descendant of James Barham Jr.



The children of James and his first wife Prudence Dunn Barham (marriage 1785-1815) include:

- Charles Abraham Barham (1786-1861).
- Sarah "Sally" Barham (ca 1787/88).
- Phoebe Barham (1789-1860).
- Prudence Barham (ca 1790).
- James Freeman Barham (ca 1791).
- Susanah E. Barham McKoin (ca 1794/98-1874).
- William Barham (14 October 1796-1874).
- Rebecca Barham (1798)

The children of James and his second wife Elizabeth Houston (marriage 1815- ?) include:

- Thomas.

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February Meeting Photos

Pictured here are the assembled DAR and SAR attendees to the George Washington Birthday celebration on February 20th at the Indian River Country Club. Guest speaker was the FSSDAR State Regent Ginger Poffenberger. The Brevard Chapter Color Guard presented and Retired the Colors.



Color Guard members taking part were: President Bob Humker, Past President Norm Desmarais, Wagon master Billy Peters, and Steve Williams. Additional chapter members were also present: Jerry Melter, Roger Bonnett, Bill Breyer, and Prospective member Brian Jensen,



Make your S.A.R. Membership Statement

S.A.R. Branding effort has developed a means by which the S.A.R. Is more recognizable to the general public. This will be accomplished by the wearing of a new S.A.R. Pin - Similar to the DAR pin that their members wear which gives them immediate recognition as a member of the DAR. Our rosette is very nice and evokes General George Washington as it is explained in the Induction ceremony but the general public does not know what it is or means - S.A.R. membership. The new pin will go a long way to improving our recognition.



In order to make it more efficient and to minimize shipping expenses, the SAR Foundation has asked if we could collect our purchase of this item at one central point. You will be able to see what the pins look like and more information on page 15 of the new SAR Magazine.

The pins are available for \$10. Each chapter should take an order of their members who want the pin and collect \$10 for each pin, then write a check from your chapter for the amount of pins you want and mail it to Headquarters.

Hopefully, chapter officers will choose to order a pin and wear it whenever and wherever they are in public.

Consider this a Christmas or New Years gift for yourself. Send your \$10 check to Carroll Lord, 830 Thrasher Dr., Viera FL 32955.

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.

Membership Badge for SALE!

If you want to have and wear a membership badge as shown above contact the Chapter Secretary, Steve Williams - swilliams16@cfl.rr.com. We have one badge in stock - The first \$70.00 gets the badge.

The Battle of Nassau

(March 3–4, 1776) was a naval action and amphibious assault by American forces against the British port of Nassau, Bahamas, during the American Revolutionary War. It is considered the first cruise and one of the first engagements of the newly established Continental Navy and the Continental Marines, the progenitors of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. The action was also the Marines' first amphibious landing. It is sometimes known as the Raid of Nassau.



Departing from Cape Henlopen, Delaware, on February 17, 1776, the fleet arrived in the Bahamas on March 1, with the objective of seizing gunpowder and munitions that were

known to be stored there. Two days later the marines went ashore and seized Fort Montagu at the eastern end of the Nassau harbor, but did not advance to the town, where the gunpowder was stored. That night, Nassau's governor had most of the gunpowder loaded aboard ships that then sailed for St. Augustine. On March 4, the colonial marines advanced and took control of the poorly defended town.

The colonial forces remained at Nassau for two weeks, and took away all the remaining gunpowder and munitions they could. The fleet returned to New London, Connecticut in early April, after capturing a few British supply ships, and notably failed to capture HMS Glasgow in an action on April 6.

When the American Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Lord Dunmore, the British provincial governor of the Colony of Virginia, with the British forces under his command, had removed Virginia's store of provincial arms and gunpowder to the island of New Providence in the Crown Colony of the Bahamas, in order to keep it from falling into the hands of the rebel militia. Montfort Browne, the Bahamian governor, was alerted by General Thomas Gage in August 1775 that the rebel colonists might make attempts to seize these supplies.

The desperate shortage of gunpowder available to the Continental Army had led the Second Continental Congress to organize a naval expedition, one of whose goals was the seizure of the military supplies at Nassau. While the orders issued by the Congress to Esek Hopkins, the fleet captain selected to lead the expedition, included only instructions for patrolling and raiding British naval targets on the Virginia and Carolina coastline, additional instructions may have been given to Hopkins in secret meetings of the Congress' Naval Committee. The instructions that Hopkins issued to his fleet's captains before it sailed from Cape Henlopen, Delaware on February 17, 1776, included instructions to rendezvous at Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas.

The fleet that Hopkins launched consisted of Alfred, Hornet, Wasp, Fly, Andrew Doria, Cabot, Providence, and Columbus. In addition to ships' crews, it carried 200 marines under the command of Samuel Nicholas.

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State and National News

National News -

Spring Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY,
Friday, 26 February 2016 - Saturday, 27 February
2016

126th National Congress - Boston, MA.
Friday, 8 July 2016 - Wednesday, 13 July 2016

State News -

The state has its Board of Management (BOM) meeting location at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center at Florida Mall.

**FLSSAR 2016 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting,
May 13-15, 2016** The Florida Hotel and Conference
Center, Orlando

Library Now Offering Two New Databases to Members Offsite!

The SAR Genealogical Research Library is pleased to announce the availability of two genealogy and Revolutionary War related databases that can be accessed by SAR members from anywhere outside the Library. The "Gale Genealogy Connect" is an e-Book collection of 189 titles of online genealogical research how-to materials and original sources. The "Sources in American History Online (SUSHO): The American Revolution" database contains nearly 500 significant primary source documents exploring the American Revolution featuring personal accounts, maps, pamphlets, monographs, Congresses, speeches, and material detailing the European point of view. To access these databases, login on the sar.org site, then go to the Library site. You will see a block under the Library Navigation section on the left hand column entitled "Library Databases."



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