



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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March Meeting

March 18, 2017

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

March Program

Speaker Jim Roche, speaking on
Florida Lighthouses

President's Message



Compatriots,
Every letter I spend time trying to find a connection to part of the Constitution. This time I have to rely on the 1st Amendment's freedom of speech.

The SAR is going to attempt to address some of the most hotly contested topics this spring. Gender identity, defining what makes a member of good repute and how to protect children from the child molesters among us. Steve has sent out the legal committee's report that covers these in depth. I tend to look at these this from a bit of a different perspective than the lawyers.

First what makes us Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution? Is it our birth certificate, DNA or the outcome at some level of sexual reassignment surgery? A gross approximation of the suggestions is that you are whatever the courts say you are. That causes me concern because there does not appear to be any legal criterion for the determination other than what the person would like to be. If carried to the extreme, I have decided that the one way to resolve this is dissolve the SAR and the DAR and all become members of the Children of the American Revolution.

The second one that comes close to that is how we handle the applicants who are child pornographers or molesters. It seems that because there is nothing in the applications that covers whether the applicant is a citizen of good repute in the community. All true but I see nothing that prohibits the SAR for applying its own criterion once someone is identified. It is not politically incorrect to refuse to let child pornographers or molesters in the SAR. Likewise, your connection to your ancestor can't be broken but membership in the SAR can be terminated. Ask anyone who fails to pay his dues.

In the same topic, they are proposing a background check on members. The question is do you do it before the application is reviewed or after? Do you put in a request with approval for the SAR to review your public records? How do you get around the

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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 2016 -2017 Schedule of events

March 11th - Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution - Merritt Island Veterans Center

March 18th (?) - St Patrick's Day Parade Melbourne

May 29th - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne

July 4th - July 4th Parade, Melbourne

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 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

March 11, 2017. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker Jim Roche, speaking on Florida Lighthouses, \$15 per person; menu: Corned beef & cabbage OR Classic chef's salad.

April 15, 2017. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker David Head, \$15 per person; menu: Seared Salmon OR Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad.

May 20, 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.

State and National News

National News -

Spring Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY,
Thursday, 29 March 2017 - Saturday, 1 March 2017

127th Congress - Thursday to Wednesday
July 6 - 12, 2017, Holiday Inn and Knoxville Convention
Center, Knoxville, TN

Sate News -

The state has its Board of Management (BOM) meeting location at the Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando.

FLSSAR 2017 Spring BOM & Annual Meeting - May 19-21, 2017 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando

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Daylight Savings
Time Begins March
12 at 2:00 a.m.

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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Raid of Nassau

The Raid of Nassau (March 3–4, 1776) was a naval operation and amphibious assault by Colonial forces against the British port of Nassau, Bahamas, during the American Revolutionary War (also known as the American War of Independence). The battle is considered one of the first engagements of the newly established Continental Navy and the Continental Marines, the respective progenitors of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. The action was also the marines' first amphibious landing. It is sometimes known as the "Battle 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 known to be stored there. Two days later the marines came ashore seizing 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 sailing for St. Augustine. On March 4, the Continental Marines advanced and took control of the poorly defended town.

The Continental forces remained at Nassau for two weeks and took away all the remaining gunpowder and munitions found. The fleet returned to New London, Connecticut in early April after capturing a few British supply ships, but 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, with the

intention of seizing 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. In spite of gale force winds, the fleet remained together for two days, when Fly and Hornet became separated from the fleet. Hornet was forced to return to port for repairs, and Fly eventually caught up with the fleet at Nassau, after the raid took place. Hopkins did not let the apparent loss of the two ships dissuade him; he had intelligence that much of the British fleet was in port due to the high winds.

Browne received further intelligence in late February that a rebel fleet was assembling off the Delaware coast, but apparently took no significant actions to prepare a defense. New Providence's harbor had two primary defenses, Fort Nassau and Fort Montagu. Fort Nassau was located in Nassau, but was poorly equipped to defend the port against amphibious attacks, as it had walls that were not strong enough to support the action of its 46 cannons. As a result, Fort Montagu had been constructed in 1742 on the eastern end of the harbor, commanding its entrance. At the time of the raid, it was fortified with 17 cannons, although most of the gunpowder and ordnance was at Fort Nassau.

The fleet arrived at Abaco Island on March 1, 1776. The force captured two sloops owned by Loyalists, one of whom was Captain Gideon Lowe of Green Turtle Cay, and pressed their owners to serve as pilots. George Dorsett, a local ship's captain, got away from Abaco and alerted Browne to the presence of the rebel fleet. The landing force was transferred to the two captured sloops and Providence the next day, and plans were formulated for the assault. While the main fleet held back, the three ships carrying the landing force were to enter the port at daybreak on March 3, and gain control of the town before the alarm could be raised.

The decision to land at daybreak turned out to be a mistake, as the alarm was raised in Nassau when the three ships were spotted in the morning light, rousing Browne from his bed. He ordered four guns fired from Fort Nassau to alert the militia; two of the guns came off their mounts when they were fired. At 7:00am he held a discussion with Samuel Gambier, one of his councilors, over the idea that the gunpowder should be removed from the islands on the Mississippi Packet, a fast ship docked in the harbor. They ultimately did not act on the idea, but Browne ordered thirty mostly unarmed militiamen to occupy Fort Montagu before retiring to his house to make himself "a little decent".

When the guns at Fort Nassau were heard by the attackers, they realized the element of surprise was lost and aborted the assault. The elements of the fleet then rejoined in Hanover Sound, about six nautical miles east of Nassau. There Hopkins held council, and a new plan of attack was developed. According to accounts now discredited, Hopkins' lieutenant, John Paul Jones, suggested a new landing point and then led the action. Jones was unfamiliar with the local waters, unlike many of the captains present in the council. It is more likely that the landing force was led by Cabot's lieutenant, Thomas Weaver, who was also familiar with the area. With the force enlarged by 50 sailors, the three

ships, with the Wasp offering additional covering support, carried it to a point south and east of Fort Montagu, where they made an unopposed landing between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. This was the first landing of what eventually became the United States Marine Corps.

A Lieutenant named Burke led a detachment out from Fort Montagu to investigate the rebel activity. Given that he was severely outnumbered, he opted to send a truce flag to determine their intentions. From this he learned that their objective was the seizure of powder and military stores. In the meantime, Browne arrived at Fort Montagu with another eighty militiamen. Upon learning the size of the advancing force, he ordered three of the fort's guns fired, and withdrew all but a few men back to Nassau. He himself retired to the governor's house, and most of the militiamen also returned to their homes rather than attempting to make a stand. Browne sent Burke out to parley with the rebels a second time, in order to "wait on the command officer of the enemy to know his errand and on what account he had landed his troops."

The firing of Montagu's guns had given Nichols pause for concern, but his men had occupied the fort, and he was consulting with his officers on their next move when Burke arrived. They obligingly repeated to Burke that they had arrived to take the powder and weapons, and were prepared to assault the town. Burke brought this news back to Browne around 4:00 pm. Rather than advance further on Nassau, Nichols and his force remained at Fort Montagu that night. Browne held a war council that evening, in which the decision was made to attempt the removal of the gunpowder. At midnight, 162 of 200 barrels of gunpowder were loaded onto the Mississippi Packet and HMS St. John, and at 2:00 am they sailed out of Nassau harbor, bound for Saint Augustine.[8] This feat was made possible because Hopkins had neglected to post even a single ship to guard the harbor's entrance channels, leaving the fleet safely anchored in Hanover Sound.[16]

Nichols' marines occupied Nassau without resistance the next morning after a leaflet written by Hopkins was distributed throughout the town. They were met en route by a committee of the town's leaders, who offered up the town's keys.



January Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 21, 2017

The January 2017 luncheon meeting took place at the TIDES at Patrick Air Force Base.

- The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Barry Eller at approximately 11:45 AM.
- Chaplain David Ralston gave the invocation.
- President Eller led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.
- President Eller acknowledged presence of State and National Officers in attendance. Today, Steve Williams a National Society SAR committee chairman, the Florida Society Executive Administrator, and Brevard Chapter Secretary was in attendance.
- Past Presidents in attendance included Bob Chorney, Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, Bob Humker, and Steve Williams.
- President Eller asked that everyone stand up and, in succession introduce themselves. Guests doing so included today's speaker, Dan McIntyre and his wife Mary. In

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Welcome Our New Members

New member Robert Craig He could be Inducted at our March 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 = 9
Life = 3
Memorial = 1
Regular = 80
At National = 14
Youth = 2
Dual (w/ GASSAR & NCSSAR) = 2
Dual (In-state) = 1
Associate = 1

With our 1 Associate (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 115.

*** 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

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1775

- March 23 - "Give me Liberty o 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.

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. For dates of these meetings check the Meeting Calendar at <http://www.brevardsar.org/Calendar.htm>



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



addition, Steve Williams introduced his mother who was

visiting from Michigan, his cousin from Jacksonville, FL and his brother visiting from the State of Washington all of who joined us today.

- President Eller called for Officer and Committee Chairmen reports.
- Chapter Treasurer, Compatriot Carroll Lord, received a check from the Wreaths Across America program for \$125 as the Chapter's share of the membership's wreath purchases.
- President Eller highlighted the chapter website and encouraged the membership to get on it and read the about the events and history of the Chapter.
- The next meeting will be the George Washington Birthday celebration with the DAR. The meeting will be held on February 18th at The Tides and will feature a special menu (potato crusted salmon. mustard cream sauce OR petite Filet of Beef with mushroom sauce) salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. The one-time cost of this special luncheon will be \$20 per person. The DAR will auction gift baskets as well as administer the 50/50 Drawing.
- Ray Norman noted that Jerry Scarpate has agreed to become the new Chairman of the ROTC Committee and noted that he will need the assistance of other members since we currently administer this program in 19 local schools.
- President Eller also announced the need for another monthly caller to replace Justin Murrell who needed to turn over his responsibilities with this effort due to other commitments. President Eller asked the membership to think about helping out and for any member willing to do so please see him after the meeting.
- The business meeting recessed for luncheon at approximately 12:10 PM. Today's menu included a choice of a chef's salad or shrimp and pasta. The Eller's provided cakes and whipped cream for dessert.
- Roger Bonnet and Sharon Eller sold tickets for the 50/50 Drawing.
- The meeting was called to back order at approximately 12:55 PM.
- President Eller introduced our guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer Dan McIntyre, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Retired. Dan gave an interesting history of the Coast Guard, discussed the services the Coast Guard renders and the opportunities the Guards offers to young men and women. Dan took questions from the membership after his slide presentation and his efforts were well received by the audience.
- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
- All stood and President Eller led the membership in the recitation of the SAR Recessional.
- Chaplain David Ralston gave the benediction.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.
- The next luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017 at The Tides.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary

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federal laws governing personally Identifiable Information? How do you know you have the right criminal? How much money will be spent on the searches? Who's liable if they ban the wrong person? Lastly who is responsible for the background check? I had a TS/SBI clearance for over 45 years. Every 5 years they checked my background in a 6 months review that cost over \$85,000. Every year they find perverts that had successfully passed their review. To think you will find them with a National Agency Check is laughable.

Similarly, they have decided that before we can have contact with minors we all have to take the Boy Scout lessons on how to safely interact with youth. Somehow by taking the course they believe we can prevent the SAR from being sued. By the way standing on a stage with 300 people watching you hand a certificate and shake a young man's hand crosses the line. This mandates 30 minutes two hours of your time to pass the course and get a certificate, again and again, every two years year after year as long as you can touch or talk to a youth. I am as fervent believer in protecting children from molestation as you will ever find. But if their purpose is to protect the SAR we just need an envelope and a stamp to send the certificate.

How does this get back to the Constitution? The Government is not your baby sitter and carefully following their rules does not absolve you from guilt if you are guilty. Likewise, taking a test and passing it does not absolve the SAR from criminal acts of its members. Adding layer on layer of bureaucracy that cannot be shown to achieve a desired outcome is futile and will cause a lot of us to be sorely hurt by the implication we are the problem. Let's see the impact of requiring all applicants to have a background check before we look at their paperwork. At some point in everyone's life you have to take personal responsibility for your actions.

I applaud the intent but cannot support a flawed process that will only drive away good people and not catch the guilty. All this needs to be rethought.

Several chapters are considering opting out of all youth related program because of this. What's your thoughts? The first Amendment is now in your court.

Barry Eller, President
Brevard Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



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February Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 18, 2017

The February 2017 luncheon meeting took place at The TIDES at Patrick Air Force Base.

- This special joint SAR/DAR meeting was called to order by Chapter President Barry Eller at approximately 11:40 AM with approximately 84 persons attending.

- SAR Officers in attendance included Chapter President Barry Eller, 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett, Corresponding Secretary Steve Williams, Recording Secretary Bob Humker, Treasurer Carroll Lord, and Member-at-Large Fuller Jones.

- Regents or representatives from the following DAR Chapters were in attendance: Jane Smythe from the Abigail Wright Chamberlin Chapter; Jane Welch from the Cape Canaveral Chapter; Jo Solley-Hansen from the Commodore John Barry Chapter, Karen Bruning of the Indian River Chapter; Jo Compton of the Phillip Perry Chapter; and Shirley Jaffe of the Rufus Fairbanks Chapter.

- Chaplain David Ralston gave the invocation.
- The Chapter Color Guard members Norm Desmarais, Bob Humker, Billy Peters and Steve Williams, all in period uniform, posted the colors.

- Chaplain David Ralston gave the Invocation.
- President Eller led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

- President Eller acknowledged presence of State and National Officers in attendance. Today, Steve Williams a National Society SAR committee chairman, Florida Society Executive Administrator, and Brevard Chapter Corresponding Secretary was in attendance.

- Past Presidents in attendance included Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, Bob Humker, and Steve Williams.

- Prospective members John Simmons (approved, awaiting induction), Frank Fischer, Kent Buchanan, Robbie Carlyle, Jim Maynard, Bill Maynard, Ed Reidell and Bill Renner were in attendance.

- President Eller welcomed the DAR members and introduced the Regents or representatives of the chapters in attendance as well as our guest speaker, Ms. Jeanne Roach.

- The Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the DAR provided silk table flower arrangements while the Desmarais' provided miniature Minutemen figurine centerpieces.

- The Rufus Fairbanks Chapter announced that they are hosting a fashion show at the Eau Galle Yacht Club on March 28th and tickets are \$30.00. In addition, the Abigail Wright Chapter is sponsoring a Tea on Saturday, February 25 and a few tickets remain at \$25 each.

- The DAR requested the SAR's help in getting the CAR (Children of the Revolution up and running.

- President Eller waived the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting and asked for a motion to approve them. A motion was heard and seconded and the minutes were approved.

- President Eller called for Officer and Committee Chairmen reports. Steve Williams announced the plans for the Last Naval Battle ceremonies to be held at the Veteran's Center on Merritt Island on March 11, 2017. A luncheon will be served catered by Sonny's BBQ at \$14 a plate. Ceremonies will commence at 10AM and run to about 11AM. Luncheon will be served at noon and the program will conclude at approximately 2PM.

- President Eller called Compatriot's Donald Crouse II and Robert Kercher to the podium and presented each with certificates of membership in the FLSSAR Veteran's Battalion as well as War Service medal sets and certificates for their service to the armed forces of the United States.

- President called Carl and Sue Miller front and center and presented Sue Miller with her WOSAR pin that wasn't available when Carl was recently inducted to the Order.

- Chaplain David Ralston gave the lunch blessing and the meeting went into recess at approximately noon for the luncheon meal. Attendees had their choice of beef or salmon and vegetables, drinks and dessert.

- Tickets were sold for the 50/50 drawing during the break netting the winner Ned Cole over \$150.00 which he pledged to donate to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. Overall, the raffle netted a donation to the organization of approximately \$325.

- The meeting was called back to order and First Vice President Roger Bonnet was called upon to introduce our guest speaker Ms. Jean Roach, who portrayed Martha Washington in period dress and who gave a very detailed and interesting talk on both Martha and George's heritage and family life. Her presentation was well received and applauded by the audience.

- Fuller Jones introduced Kent Buchanan to the audience who as mentioned before is a candidate for membership.

- President Eller called for a motion to close the meeting. A motion was received and seconded.

- President Eller then led the membership and guests in reciting the SAR Recessional.

- Chaplain Reverend David Ralston gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary



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.



SAR Lapel Pins. Treasurer Lord has some left. First come first serve.



Coming in the March/April issue

More History, Updates on chapter's fall activities, pictures, and other "stuff."

Look for reports on the NSSAR Spring Leadership conference - the discussions on the proposed Genealogy policy change, the Museum initiative, the new NSSAR web site, and a proposed Mentor program, plus other news from National.

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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 third Saturday in December this year.



Last year we received donations for \$360 (24 wreaths) as of the deadline. In return, we got \$120 as part of this fund-raising effort.

We can begin to submit funds to have wreaths for next December's ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in MIMS. 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 Carroll Lord, 830 Thrasher Dr, Viera FL 32955.

Let's beat 2016 year's total (31) and aim for 50 wreaths!



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

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