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Last Naval Battle

March Meeting
March 17, 2018
 at Tides Restaurant, PAFB



On 9 March 1783, the Alliance, Captain John Barry and the Duc de Lauzun, Captain John Green, split up onto each

ship their precious cargo of Spanish silver dollars that were badly needed by the Congress in Philadelphia. Off the coast of what would be today, Fort Pierce, FL, they completed the transfer and headed northward along the Florida coast. At this same time, the British ships, Alarm, thirty-two gun frigate, Captain Charles Cotton, Sybil, twenty-eight gun frigate, Captain James Vashon, and Tobago, eighteen gun sloop-of-war, Captain George Martin, met off of the coast of Cape Canaveral, FL and began cruising southward, looking for the American ships.

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

March Program

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The British ships were spotted by Captain Barry on the morning of 10 March 1783. Captain Barry decided to head southwest for the protection of the Spanish fleet, which he knew was sailing for a raid on Jamaica. As they tried to escape, the slower ship, the Duc de Lauzun lagged behind. Captain Barry slowed his ship for the Duc de Lauzun to come alongside and advised Captain Green to jettison his cannon to lighten his ship. A fourth ship appeared on the horizon and the British ships shifted their positions, one breaking off from the pursuit. Captain Barry decided that the fourth ship was an ally, so he made the daring move to engage the one British ship, Sybil, which was closing in, and thus buy sufficient time for the Duc de Lauzun to escape to safety. Captain Barry deliberately placed his ship between the Duc de Lauzun and the oncoming



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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



March 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 remaining 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

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 -

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

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

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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.

General Interest Article

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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Chapter Activity & Helpfulness to readers

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 17, 2018

The Joint SAR/DAR President's Day luncheon meeting took place at the Veteran's Memorial Center located at 400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida 32952. The meeting was attended by 66 persons including representatives from the Abigail Wright, Cape Canaveral, Commodore John Barry, Indian River, Phillip Perry, and Rufus Fairbanks Chapters of the DAR the majority being attractively dressed in period attire. SAR Compatriot Norm Desmarais was in period attire.

- The meeting was called to order by President Barry Eller at approximately 11:40 AM.
- SAR Elected Officers in attendance included President General Lindsey Brock, President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr., President Barry Eller, 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett, Recording Secretary Bob Humker, and Treasurer Carroll Lord.
- President Eller led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Carl Green gave the Invocation.
 - President Eller led the attendees in reciting the SAR Pledge.
- President Eller acknowledged the past Chapter Presidents in attendance: Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, and Bob Humker.
- President Eller introduced the DAR Chapters represented at the luncheon.
- Compatriot Ray Norman welcomed all to the Veteran's Center and Don Weaver gave a short presentation of the events and services provided by the volunteers at The Veteran's Center.
- Compatriot Sonny Jones, the Chapter Genealogist, introduced new members, soon to be inducted, Mr. Douglas Bissett and Mr. Don Weaver.
- President Eller called for Officer Reports and there were none.
- President Eller asked to hear a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Compatriot

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General Interest Article



Patriots to Passengers

As more and more information becomes available on the internet, descendants

are reaching out to connect their Revolutionary War Patriot with the Mayflower Society. Many Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution Societies (DAR and SAR) are asking if they also have an ancestral tie to a Mayflower passenger and are interested in finding how they may become a member.

The *Patriot to Passenger Project* is a growing published list of Patriots who descend from Mayflower passengers in an effort to build a bridge between other heritage societies. So many of our Mayflower members are also members of other lineage societies such as DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames, etc. We often see many of our friends at these other meetings.

The *Patriot to Passenger Project* is a way to help others find their link to a Mayflower Pilgrim and also benefits our Mayflower members to discover other Mayflower lines of descent so that they can submit supplemental applications to honor and recognize all of their ancestors. There are over 128 pages of proven Patriots to Passengers- Our own *SAR Member Tracy Wetzel* had 3 passenger. Below is what the listing looks like for Patriot Ephraim Snow -

Snow, Ephraim, (A106665, MSSR 14:607), b. Eastham, MA., 3 May 1754, d. Sharon, N.Y., 27 Dec. 1833, son of Jesse Snow and Lois Freeman, desc. of Pilgrims William Brewster (MFIP # 302), Stephen Hopkins (MF 19:145), and Thomas Rogers (MF 19:145); m. Martha Rogers, dau. of Elkanah Rogers and Mercy (Godfrey) Burgess, desc. of Pilgrims William Brewster (MFIP #344), and Thomas Rogers (MF 19:172). (Ephraim Snow6 , Jesse Snow5 , Micajah Snow4 , Stephen Snow3 , Constance2 Hopkins, Stephen1 Hopkins) (Ephraim Snow7 , Lois Freeman6 , Edmund Freeman5 , Edmund Freeman4 , Mercy Prence3 , Patience2 Brewster, William1 Brewster) (Ephraim Snow7 , Lois Freeman6 , Lois Paine5 , Nicholas Paine4 , Mary Snow3 , Constance2 Hopkins, Stephen1 Hopkins) (Ephraim Snow7 , Lois Freeman6 , Lois Paine5 , Hannah Higgins4 , Elizabeth3 Rogers, Joseph2 Rogers, Thomas1 Rogers) *(Martha6 Rogers, Elkanah5 Rogers, Joseph4 Rogers, John3 Rogers, Joseph2 Rogers, Thomas1 Rogers) *(Martha Rogers7 , Mercy Godfrey6 , Mercy Mayo5 , Thomas Mayo4 , Hannah Prence3 , Patience2 Brewster, William1 Brewster)

So take a moment and check the below website to see if you too can wear a new lineage medal.

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/patriot-to-passenger>

President General's Message
January 5, 2018



Welcome to 2018, cold everywhere even down to Florida. Houston got snow in December and cold in January. Too bad we can't export that to July at Congress!

We had a great year for growth. Jonathan Toon, our National Registrar, reports: 4,895 new members vs 3,619 in 2016. We ended with 36,961 total members against 35,285 in 2016. Our Executive Director, Don Shaw, just advised that we have 6 full time employees and 3 Part time employees working in genealogy. We are fully staffed with Jeff Bell returning to us as part time. Don said "We currently have the most qualified, experienced, educated staff that the SAR has ever had." Bring on the new applications and supplements!

It will be awhile before we have the renewals/reconciliation complete, but you can start now on retention for next year by giving your fellow members reason to renew. Get to know your chapter members through events other than meetings. Consider an interview/bio publish of your members as a way to find common interests among the members. I look forward to having time to just have coffee with the guys later this year.

We are moving ahead with the request for proposal for a new website management contract, and will have recommendations for the Trustees to review at the Leadership Meeting March 3rd--just two months away. Meanwhile, I have directed that we start the recommendations by the IT Audit of focusing on the basics first so we can get our website working as it should. This will take time, so be patient. By the way, the Audit by Protiviti and the summary by the Ad Hoc committee are both available for all members to see in ShareFile. I recommend it be reviewed.

Looking forward to seeing many more Societies and compatriots in the coming months. SC and GA are first up followed by Denver CO in mid February--what were we thinking! Keep warm and active!

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

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

March / April

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.



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 SOLD OUT

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



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Humker made the motion, 1st V.P. Bonnet seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the membership without dissent.

- President Eller called for Committee Chairman Reports and there were none
- President Eller called for the discussion of New Business and there was none.
- President Eller called for the discussion of Old Business and there was none
- Former Chapter President Carl Green gave the blessing for the meal and the meeting went to recess for lunch at approximately 11:57 AM. Luncheon fare was various Italian pastas, sauces and meats catered by The Olive Garden. Sharon Eller provided home-baked cherry pie and whipped cream for everyone.
- Sharon Eller and others sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing.
- President Eller called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:00 PM and introduced our guest speaker; Dr. Roger Smith who gave a very interesting, 40-minute, dissertation entitled "Spies in the American Revolution".
- President Eller led the audience in the recitation of the SAR Recessional, followed by Carl Greene giving the Benediction.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary



Coming in the May/June 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.



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Sybil. The Sybil continued firing her cannon and the Alliance took several shots, one smashed into the captain's cabin killing a master's mate and wounding several others.



Captain Barry left the quarter deck and personally walked from cannon to cannon encouraging and cautioning his men to not fire until he gave the order himself. He wanted to lure the enemy in as close as possible, "half a pistol range." The Alliance took a full broadside from the Sybil and still did not fire her cannon. At the last moment, Captain Barry ordered the main topsail hove to mast to position the Alliance directly abreast of the Sybil. At the order from Captain Barry the full fury of a broadside from his ship was unleashed upon the Sybil. The British guns went silent after forty minutes of close fighting; the Sybil lost two sails and had considerable damage to her hull. The Sybil quickly broke off from the fight and fled back to the other British vessels. Her casualties were reported to range up to thirty-seven killed and forty wounded.

Thanks to the courage and skill of Captain Barry both American ships completed their mission and on 20 March 1783, the Alliance sailed into New Port, Rhode Island, abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia given the strong presence of a British patrol. Sometime later news reached America that on 3 February 1783, the peace treaty had been ratified – the war for independence was over. Thus, the last naval battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought and won off the coast of Florida, just south of Cape Canaveral – sealing another American naval victory!

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