



## May Meeting

May 21, 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 May Program

Officer elections and Installation - Awards  
 presentation

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## President's Message

Compatriots,

I am excited that our chapter will have a new leadership team in place as of the May luncheon. I am confident that the new team is capable and competent and will do a fine job of leading our chapter into the future. I am also confident that the membership will support them in their activities as they have me and my team and I want to thank each and everyone one of you for your support in the past and your continued support in the future. I also must pay special praise for each and every member of the executive committee for their support, guidance, and good judgment.



May God bless each of you and our Chapter.

Robert "Bob" Humker, President

## Alexander Milliner - Old Survivor of the Revolution

Mr. Milliner was born at Quebec on the 14th of March, 1760.

While he was yet young, his mother, - whom her son describes as "English, high larnt, understood all languages, had been a teacher," - removed with him to New York, where, becoming acquainted with a man by the name of Maroney, a well-to-do mason, she married him. This explains the circumstance of Mr. Milliner's name appearing on the pension roll as "Alexander Maroney," - his step-father, by whom, on account of his youth, he was enlisted, doing it under his own name. The enlistment, Mr. Milliner

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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 2015- 2016 Schedule of events

May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day Celebration

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day Parade Melbourne

### JOIN THIS COLORFUL GROUP

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



Picture with Compatriot Wright - 3 Sea Cadets from the David McCampbell Battalion, USNSCC. They are (L-R): Chris Bradley, Olivia Troisi, and Aran Heath.



## Meeting Schedule, Program, and Menus

The 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

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.

# BREVARD CHAPTER

## List of Candidates For Officer Positions — April 18, 2016

President	Barry Eller
1st VP	Roger Bonnett
2nd VP	Sam Ashdown
Secretary	Steve Williams
Recording Secretary	?
Treasurer	Carroll Lord
1st Member at Large	Sonny Jones
2nd Member at Large	James Ward

## JROTC Presentation at Cocoa HS



Pictured here is Brevard Compatriot J Michael Tomme - a dual member from the Georgia Society and the current Secretary General, sitting in the amongst the presenters (above) and making the Brevard JROTC Bronze medal to Cadet Joseph Lepage (below).



# BREVARD CHAPTER *President General's Report*

Announcement of the Execution of the  
Final Contract

## *History*

In 2014 King's College London approached PG Lindsey Brock about the SAR sponsoring a visiting professor to review a discovery of new documents found in the Round Tower at Windsor Castle. These documents were papers from King George III, as well as four other kings of that era, with the bulk being from George III. In return for a payment of \$38,600 per year the SAR would pay for a professor to travel to London and work on these archives with the idea of ultimately cataloging and digitizing them for publication.

This would be a five year project with the total payment being \$193,000 if we remained as a sponsor for the entire five years. In return for our sponsorship King's College would use their best efforts to provide publicity for us, encourage the visiting professors to continue their contact with the SAR and give consideration to allowing any papers of King George III that are exhibited in the USA to be done in conjunction with an SAR Congress.

I would consider the obligations on the part of King's College under this original proposal to be aspirational instead of contractual. While KCL may aspire to attain those goals there was no firm obligation on their part under the proposed contract. I opposed the project because of the loose language in the agreement and because there were no guarantees as to what may be discovered in the papers that relate to the Revolutionary War. They stated that there were some 350,000 documents and that in their initial survey of a small percentage of the papers there was little they found that would be relevant to our mission. I thought \$193,000 was a lot of money for us to spend on a project that would potentially yield us little in return either in the way of new members, publicity or increased funding.

Michael Elston (VA) had been appointed by PG Brock to work with KCL and so to insure continuity I

continued that appointment. At the Fall Leadership meeting he presented the program to the Trustees and asked that they vote to enter into the agreement with KCL and fund the payments. During the discussion several proponents stated that they believed money could be raised privately to fund the first 2 years, with two compatriots stating that they had commitments to cover the first payment of \$38,600. The Trustees then voted 40 to 23 to enter into the agreement with KC and stated that the money would come from both the SAR Foundation and the SAR operating fund. I objected to the terms of the contract and asked that if they wanted me to sign the proposed agreement that they direct me to sign it as I did not want anyone to think I signed such a poor contract voluntarily. The Trustees did vote to do that and also asked that I attempt to renegotiate the contract and when I was satisfied that I had the most favorable terms available that I then sign the contract.



## *What Happened Next?*

In October I began working on a new draft of the agreement and began discussing possible changes with KCL. I submitted a new version of the contract and it was accepted by KCL with a few minor modifications. The contract was executed on February 15, 2016. I believe the new contract is vastly improved and provides us with guarantees instead of promises. Specifically the new contract provides for the following guarantees that were not contractual obligations under the original contract:

1) Visiting Professors will be selected by KCL just as in the original agreement but now the selection list will be determined by an SAR committee made up of SAR members and one KCL representative who will submit a list of between 3 and 5 applicants to KCL who will select the Visiting Professor from that list. The original agreement would allow the SAR to make recommendations but KCL would develop the list of candidates and make the selection.

2) KCL will require in their contract with the Visiting Professor that the professor write a paper to be submitted to the SAR on their work with these papers. They must also be available to speak at SAR national and state events. For any paper submitted by the professor to the SAR for publication, the SAR will maintain the copyright although the SAR agrees to grant a license to the author, KCL and the Royal collection Trust for non-commercial use. Under the original agreement KCL only agreed to communicate their expectation to the professor but that was not binding only aspirational.

3) If there are discoveries and KCL puts together a traveling exhibit then they agree to give the SAR the right to display that exhibit at our headquarters in Louisville for at least 120 days. The contract now states that KCL will include SAR members in any events where the papers are exhibited in the United States. The original agreement only provided that consideration would



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## Welcome Our New Members

The new member Clint Hill was Inducted at the March Meeting - See photo elsewhere

Two members are Charles Clore and his grandson, Clay Folsom (as a Junior member). Their were inducted at the April Meeting - See photo elsewhere

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 = 14**  
**Life = 2**  
**Memorial = 1**  
**Regular = 92**  
**At National = 3**  
**Youth = 2**  
**Dual (w/ GASSAR) = 1**  
**Dual (In-state) = 1**

With our 1 Associate (not counted by the state or National ) the membership is 120.

be given to scheduling an exhibit so that it coincides with an Annual Congress and it said KCL would use its best efforts to include SAR members in any exhibits of the papers. Aspirational phrases such as consider and best efforts have now been converted to contractual obligations.

4) KCL will have a representative report to the SAR Congresses that occur during the life of this agreement on the status of the project. There was no provision such as this in the original contract.

5) KCL will send out at least two press releases per year to top media markets in the United States discussing this project as well as any significant discoveries and the involvement of the SAR. The original agreement simply said that any press releases about the project issued to priority US markets will include the involvement of the SAR. There was no requirement that any press releases be issued by KCL.

6) If KCL does digitize any of the papers then they must provide those papers to the SAR in a digital format at least 120 days prior to them being made available to the public on the internet. We also have an exclusive for 200 miles around our library. This means if someone within 200 miles of Louisville wants to view these documents they will have to come to our library during this 120 day period. The original agreement said that KCL, where possible would provide the digital images, and that they would attempt to do this as early as possible.

These were the major changes I negotiated. The First Lady Mickey Jo, who is also an attorney, was a great help in this process. The first payment to KCL is due March 1, 2016. I have appointed a King's College Visiting Professor committee, chaired by PG Joe Dooley (VA), to develop the proposed list of visiting professors to submit to KCL and to work with the visiting professors both during and after their time at KCL. Mike Elston (VA) will serve as the chairman of the King's College Project committee so any questions about the operation of the program should be directed to him.

I am still opposed to our involvement in this project because I think it is unlikely we will get our money's worth out of this in terms of publicity, new members or increased donations. If there are some significant discoveries then we will contribute to the knowledge of this time in our history and perhaps it will be worth it. Part of my opposition was because of the way in which the original contract was written but I am much happier with the new version and I think it offers more protection for us. But at this time I can see many other uses for that money that will directly contribute to achieving our mission. However, the Trustees have made their decision so we must all try and make this a success.

If you want to be a part of this project or if you want to make a donation please contact Mike Elston. If you are a state or chapter president please forward this to your state society and chapter members. Thank you.

Tom Lawrence (TX)  
President General

# BREVARD CHAPTER

## Revolutionary War

### Time line

May/June

#### 1775

- May 10 - Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga with Benedict Arnold.
- May 10 - The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
- June 15 - George Washington named Commander in Chief
- June 17 - Battle of Bunker Hill: The British drive the Americans from Breed's Hill

#### 1776

- June 8 - Patriots fail to take Three Rivers, Quebec
- June 12 - The Virginia Declaration of Rights
- June 28 - Sullivan's Island, SC, failed British naval attack
- June 29 - The First Virginia Constitution
- June 28 - Patriots decisively defeat the British Navy at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina

#### 1777

- Jan. 6 - May 28 - Washington winters in Morristown, NJ
- May 20 - Treaty of DeWitt's Corner, SC: Cherokees lose most of their land east of the mountains
- June 14 - Flag Resolution

#### 1778

- May 20 - Battle of Barren Hill, Pennsylvania. Lafayette with 500 men and about 50 Oneida Indians successfully evade British onslaught.
- June 18 - British abandon Philadelphia and return to New York
- June 19 - Washington's army leaves Valley Forge
- June 28 - The Battle of Monmouth Court House ends in a draw. General Lee removed from command by Washington.

#### 1779

- May 11-13 - Maj. General Augustin Prévost breaks his siege when American forces under Maj. Gen. Lincoln approaches
- June 20 - Stono River, SC, Maj. Gen. Lincoln inflicts extensive British casualties in indecisive battle
- June 21 - Spain declares war on Great Britain

#### 1780

- May 29 - British crush Americans at Waxhaw Creek, SC

- June 20 - Patriots rout Tories at Ramseur's Mill, NC
- #### 1781
- May 15 - British Major Andrew Maxwell cedes Fort Granby, SC to patriot Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee
  - June 6 - Americans recapture Augusta, GA
  - June 18 - British hold off Americans at Ninety Six, SC



## *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](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)



## March Meeting Photos

Pictured (top to bottom) Ben Franklin (Compatriot Don Green) talking to attendees about his life during the Revolutionary War; President Humker presenting Ben Franklin with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Brevard Chapter medal; Our chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship winner, Daniel Breininger, receiving his monetary award with his mother; New member Clint Hill during his Induction ceremony; and 2 photos of the attendees enjoying fellowship during the meal.



# BREVARD CHAPTER



**SAR Lapel Pins.** Treasurer Lord has about 10 left. First come first serve.

## *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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## Skirmish at Barren Hill

A Summary of Events Leading to the  
May 20, 1778 Clash of Forces

In March 1778, the 20-year-old Marquis de Lafayette was the newly appointed commander of the American Army's Northern Department. Washington's forces were stationed at Valley Forge, Pa., while the British army was wintering at nearby Philadelphia. Washington asked Lafayette to recruit Native allies in anticipation of a spring movement of the armies.

The Oneidas had long-standing ties of friendship with the French, and Lafayette's presence seemed to make the possibility of French aid on the American side more likely. They adopted Lafayette and gave him the name of a warrior who had died 12 years earlier, Kayewla, during a meeting at Johnstown, N.Y. in early March 1778. As was the custom on such occasions, Lafayette accompanied his request for Oneida warriors with wampum belts, which testified to the truth and importance of his message, and some money for the Oneida people to buy the foreign goods they had come to depend upon.

In his own accounts of this meeting, Lafayette indicated his belief that the Oneidas had accepted his gifts as a bribe. But the Oneida tradition in dealing with the Europeans called for token exchanges of gifts to acknowledge past actions of friendship and anticipate future cooperation. These exchanges also were important because the Oneidas did not receive regular pay for their military service.



On May 13, 1778, 47 Oneidas arrived at Valley Forge, accompanied by Lafayette's men. Washington, expecting the British troops to evacuate Philadelphia, put Lafayette in command of 2,200 men to find out what the British were planning. He ordered Lafayette to avoid unnecessary risks and stay on the move. The Oneidas were assigned to a special detachment of scouts to advance Lafayette's troops, and the entire column left Valley Forge on May 19.

For reasons that aren't clear, Lafayette stopped that night at Barren Hill, about 12 miles from Philadelphia, and set up camp. He then sent out the Oneida and American scouts to reconnoiter.

The British, who outnumbered the American contingent by four-to-one, were fully aware of Lafayette's encampment and marched out of Philadelphia on the night of May 19 to encircle the American forces. Generals Clinton and Howe, with what is usually described as a substantial or sizeable force, were advancing directly on Barren Hill on Ridge Road. The American left flank, specifically that of Poor's brigade, rested near St. Peter's Church, and troops used the churchyard wall for protection. Although Barren Hill involved little combat, inside St. Peter's Church there had already been a small battle involving flying rodents. At the time, it was an abandoned building, and the soldiers and some of their Oneida Indian allies created their own entertainment. Joseph Plumb Martin wrote,

*"The Indians were amusing themselves and the soldiers by shooting with their bows, in and about the church. I observed something in a corner of the roof which did not appear to belong to the building, and desired an Indian who was standing near me to shoot an arrow at it. He did so and it proved to be a cluster of bats; I should think there were nearly a bushel of them, all hanging upon one another. The house was immediately alive with them, and it was likewise instantly full of Indians and soldiers. The poor bats fared hard; it was sport for all hands. They killed I know not how many, but there was a great slaughter among them. I never saw so many bats before or since, nor indeed in my whole life put all together."*

The Oneidas and their American counterparts met the front of one of the British columns sometime on the morning of May 20 and immediately engaged the mounted infantry in a brief but bloody skirmish. Louis de Tousard, a Frenchman who had accompanied the Oneidas from New York to Valley Forge, described the skirmish and the Oneidas' "ability in firing," adding that he owed "my liberty, perhaps more, to two Indians, and two French men who stood constantly by me."

The Oneidas and the Americans heard gunfire from some distance in their rear and realized that the British were threatening to surround them. They retreated from the scene of the skirmish, still firing and under heavy attack. The Oneidas were the last of Lafayette's troops to cross the Schuylkill River, and it was only this skirmish that alerted Lafayette to the danger of being outflanked by the British.



As it happened, Lafayette was warned in time and was able to make a quick retreat with minimal losses, and Washington publicly praised his tactic as "timely and handsome." If not for the Oneida and American scouts bravely engaging the British, nearly a fifth of the American army might have been lost.

Source: OniedaIndianNation.com & johnsmilitaryhistory.com/barrenhill.html

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## 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.



*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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## *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.

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## *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](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com). We have one badge in stock - The first \$70.00 gets the badge.

## *State and National News*

### **N**ational News -

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

**Fall Leadership Conference** - Louisville, KY,  
Thursday, 26 September 2016 - Saturday, 27 October 2016

### **S**tate 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

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## April Meeting Photos

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Photos (Counterclockwise from above) The feasting attendees with George and Martha Washington seated at front; George and Martha's writing table; George and Martha regaling the attendees with their war-time experiences; While Martha speaks, George is composing a letter; Chapter President Humker presenting to George and Martha honoraria for their presentation; The rest of the attendees enjoying the lunch repast.



Shown below is a painting of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution donated to the Brevard Chapter from Anne Jones a Cape Canaveral DAR Chapter member. The chapter will be submitting this painting to the Veterans Facility for inclusion in the new museum building.

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### 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>



## April Executive Committee

### Minutes

SATURDAY, April 9, 2016 – 9 A.M. PERKINS RESTAURANT – WICKHAM ROAD

Attendees: President Humker, 1st VP Eller, 2nd VP Bonnett, Secretary Williams, Treasurer Lord, PPres Desmarais

- Call to Order - 9:00 a.m. by President Humker
- President's report: Chapter received a letter from the Eagle Scout thanking us for his award and medal; President urged officers to take time to read other Florida Chapters' newsletters to get an idea of what other activities chapters are doing.
- VP reports (1st & 2nd):
  - 1st VP Eller discussed compatriot Hill's messages regarding community awards, recognition, and working with Chamber of Commerce.
  - 2nd VP Bonnett discussed the additional help/volunteering of compatriots Hill, Tubbs, and Kercher in Medals Awards committee.
  - Additional Conversation concerning the meeting schedule and planning for net year - Venue location, day/time, etc.
- Treasurer's report: Treasurer Lord had presented his report at last ExComm meeting; discussed the need to have a budget developed for 2016-2017 year; recommendation to provide a cash donation to FL Ladies Auxiliary in place of having someone buy/build a basket for each of the FLSSAR Board of Management Meetings (BOM) for the 2016-2017 year (2 BOMs). The amount recommended is \$100 per BOM. Motion by Compatriot Humker, seconded by Compatriot Eller - passed.
- Secretary's report: Secretary Williams discussed the -
  - necessity of utilizing a Genealogy workshop in cooperation with DAR and others for next year's chapter activities
  - need to continue to have chapter members speaking at other organizations and reporting those speaking engagements to the chapter secretary. This increases community awareness of our chapter, the ability to attract new members, and getting credit at the state and national levels for our activities.
- Committee Reports
  - Medal Awards
    - List to present at May meeting - List made and medals/certificates on hand
  - Nomination
    - Officer slate : will be brought up at April meeting for other nominations

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- Old Business
  - (Not discussed) Membership Reinstatement program;
    - Membership Committee responsibility?
    - Draft Script for e-mail, USPS, Calling
  - (Not discussed) Flag program
  - Certificates
  - Retirements
- New Business
  - Replacement ROTC Committee Chairman – Options discussed; Ray's spreadsheet will be sent out for others to volunteer for his assigned schools. JROTC presentations; enough volunteers, locations, get cadets names/schools for reporting purposes.
- N Brevard members - engagement. Suggestion is for Compatriot Williams to set u a meeting with all N Brevard members to discuss this topic and get consensus for developing more participation.
- Callers for next year; There are vacancies in assigned callers; discussion of method and means of the calls - the main objectives for calling members (meeting attendance and maintaining contact with members)
- S.A.R. pins - Compatriot Lord had the newly purchased SAR pins and handed out pins to those that had requested a pin. Extra pins are available to anyone wanting to purchase one (\$10).
- Sergeant-at-arms position concerning the storage and handling of chapter equipment: Flags, and other items needed for monthly meetings. Treasurer Lord will contact The Tides to see if there is a storage space available for this purpose. Other discussion was held on table decorations for monthly meetings. Compatriot Williams had been given such items from the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary that were no longer needed and he volunteered those items for chapter use.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a,m,

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says, was at New York; though the record of the Pension Office gives it at Lake George. The pension roll, too, gives ninety-four years as Mr. Milliner's age. This is manifestly an error of ten years; since the battle of Quebec, the fall before his birth, occurred on the 13th of September, 1759. On the 14th of March, of the present year, therefore, Mr. Milliner was one hundred and four years old.

Too young at the time of his enlistment for service in the ranks, he was enlisted as drummer boy; and in this capacity he served four years, in Washington's Life Guard. He was a great favorite, he says, with the Commander-in-Chief, who used frequently, after the beating of the reveille, to come along and pat him on the head, and call him his boy. On one occasion, "a bitter cold morning," he gave him a drink out of his flask. *One day the General sent for me to come up to headquarters. 'Tell him,' he sent word, 'that he needn't fetch his drum with him.' I was glad of that. The Life Guard came out and paraded, and the roll was called. There was one Englishman, Bill Dorchester; the General said to him, 'Come, Bill, play up this 'ere Yorkshire tune.' When he got through, the General told me to play. So I took the drum, overhauled her, braced her up, and played a tune. The General put his hand in his pocket and gave me three dollars; then one and another gave me more - so I made out well; in all, I got fifteen dollars. I was glad of it: my mother wanted some tea, and I got the poor old woman some."* His mother accompanied the army as washer-woman, for the sake of being near her boy.

Mr. Milliner was at the battles of White Plains, Brandywine, Saratoga, Monmouth, Yorktown, and some others. At Monmouth he received a flesh wound in his thigh. He was at the encampment at Valley Forge. At Yorktown he shook hands with Cornwallis. He describes him as "a fine looking man; very mild. The day after the surrender, the Life Guard came up. Of the Indian warfare in the Mohawk valley, Mr. Milliner has broken recollections

In all, Mr. Milliner served six years and a half in the army. He still has the little tin case, in which in the old days of British seizure and search, he used to carry his protection papers. The papers themselves are lost.

At the age of thirty-nine, Mr. Milliner married Abigail Barton, aged eighteen; and, settled in Cortlandt county,



New York. For sixty-two years he and his wife lived together, without a death in the family or a coffin in the house. At the time of his wife's death, Mr. Milliner was still able to cultivate his garden; his age being one hundred and two years.

He has been throughout life full of jokes; in the army he was the life of the camp; could dance and sing, and has always

taken the world easily, "nothing troubling him over five minutes at a time," care finding it impossible to fasten itself upon him, and so, after trial, letting him alone. His spirits have always been buoyant, nothing depressing him.

Mention has been made of his wound at the battle of Monmouth. At another time a bullet passed through the head of his drum. At the time his photograph was taken he could still handle his drum, playing for the artist with excellent time and flourishes which showed him to have been a master of the art.

In size, he is small, more so than his picture would indicate. Though never robust, his health has always been good.

Upon his last birthday (his one hundred and fourth), the Pioneers of Monroe county - a veteran association whose headquarters are at Rochester - went out in a body to Adam's Basin, to pay their respects to their aged associate. Arrived at the Basin, and marching in procession to the house where the old man resides, he appeared upon the steps, and was greeted with cheers. After many had shaken hands with him, the procession was re-formed, the old man heading it, and marched to the church, where, after the singing of Washington's Funeral Hymn by the Pioneers and a short historical address, Mr. Milliner stood up on a seat where all could see him, and thanking them for their kind attention, appealed to them all to be true to their country, saying that he had seen "worse looking visages than his own hung up by the neck."

Source: [http://www.americanrevolution.org/last\\_men/lastmen4.php](http://www.americanrevolution.org/last_men/lastmen4.php)

# MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

3/19/2016

Location TIDES at PAFB  
By Recording Secretary B. DuBose

President Humker opened the meeting at 11:50 am with the NSSAR guidelines. There were 23 in attendance.

Color Guard members in uniform: Bob Chorney, Norm Desmarais, Ben DuBose, Bob Humker and Steve Williams

He introduced SAR National and State officers and guests.

Secretary Steve Williams spoke on the recent Last Naval Battle Ceremonies; NSSAR Cemetery Program and the new SAR Lapel Pin (which costs \$10 and can be ordered from our Treasure).

There was a recess for lunch at 12:10 pm and we returned at 12:50 pm

Pres. Humker announced that Compatriot and WWII Veteran Lester Charles had passed away.

He asked that the Executive Board meet after the meeting.

He called on Compatriot Marvin Tubbs who was presented with the Vietnam War Medal.

He introduced the guest speaker Compatriot Don Green of the Central Florida Chapter who took on the persona of Benjamin Franklin and gave highlights from his life – from his childhood to the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

Pres. Humker presented him with a Brevard Chapter Medal and a NSSAR Certificate of appreciation.

The Installation of our newest member, Clint Hill, was conducted

Pres. Humker then spoke about our May elections and reported on the latest slate of officers.

Pres... Barry Ellis

1st VP... Roger Bonnett

2nd VP... Sam Ashdown

Sec... Steve Williams

Rec. Sec... Open

Tres... Carroll Lord

2 Members At Large,,, Open

President Humker called on Eagle Scout Daniel Breininger, our 2015 Scholarship winner, and presented him with a Brevard Chapter check for \$200.00, a NSSAR Eagle Scout Certificate & a NSSAR Eagle Scout Medal.

Compatriot Williams made a motion to close the meeting at 1:50pm, 2nd by Desmarais

Meeting was closed with NSSAR ceremonies

4/16/2016

Location TIDES at PAFB  
By Recording Secretary B. DuBose

President Humker opened the meeting at 11:45 with the NSSAR guidelines. There were 31 in attendance. He introduced SAR National and State officers and guests.

Color Guard members in uniform: Bob Chorney, Norm Desma-

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rais, Ben DuBose, and Steve Williams.

Secretary Williams gave the ROTC report since Ray Norman is still unable to attend.

President Humker spoke on the May BOM; the upcoming "Car, Truck & Bike Show." A fund raiser for Honor Flight America; and presented the tentative slate of 8 officers to be voted on at the May meeting. They include:

- Pres... Barry Eller,
- 1st VP... Roger Bonnett,
- 2nd VP... Samuel Ashdown.
- Sec... Steve Williams,
- Rec. Sec... Open,
- Treasurer... Carroll Lord,
- 2 Members At Large,,, James Ward and Fuller Jones

Further nominations can be made at the May meeting. A recess was called at noon and it was called back to order at 12:45 PM

We were once again pleased to hear Compatriot Bill Elder and his wife Cara as George and Martha Washington. This dynamic duo take on the persona of these two Revolutionary War heroes, and they make a great tag-team as speakers, presenting the various phases of our war for independence. Bill was presented with a Brevard Chapter SAR medal and Cara was presented with a NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Two new members Charles Clore & Clay Folsom were inducted in our Chapter (see Photo Below)

A discussion took place on an original painting of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution donated by a member of the DAR. Rec. Sec. DuBose suggested it be presented to the Brevard Veterans Center, which is enlarging its museum. VP Eller suggested a plaque be made. Rec. Sec. DuBose made a motion that no more than \$100 be spent for a plaque – 2nd by Sec. Williams – so voted,

Sec. Williams made a motion to Adjourn – 2nd by Desmarais – so voted



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