




SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BREVARD BEACON
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November Meeting

November 18, 2017

at Tides Restaurant, PAFB 

Come On Down!

Arrive at 11:15

Submit reservations to Carroll Lord
 638-4879

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

November Program

Patriot Ancestors and SAR application review

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President's Message

Compatriots,
 On local issues I hope everyone came through Hurricane Irma safely. If anyone still needs help please let us know. We are raising funds for the Red Cross' hurricane relief by holding a silent auction at our meeting.



Our chapter is growing! We have over 25 new members to induct. We are in need of new blood and people who can help run the Chapter. We now have two past President Generals of the SAR in our Chapter. You have access to the absolute best people to ask about the SAR.

This month I thought I would continue my thoughts on the first amendment - free speech. The first amendment was created to insure all points of view could be expressed on any topic. This came to mind when I was watching the news and saw a member of the KKK was going to speak. To paraphrase an old saying let the idiot speak and remove all doubt. Bear with me as I take you on a bit of a rabbit hunt in search of a thought.

Years ago I was tasked with reviewing the document that defined the capabilities that a new Department of Defense system needed to provide. These documents are usually pretty straight forward and based on Warfighter needs. One of the requirements was that it would be a "moral system". That's all it said. I checked with the author and he said it was obvious what he meant. So I asked him whose morals and how do we check to see if the contractor is delivering a product that meets that need. This led to a long discussion on the author's definition of moral. A lot of free speech ensued.

I never forgot that discussion and how reasonable people can see the world in totally different ways. Your view of right and wrong is dependent on your environment and personal history. In areas like morals there is no one right definition. Take slavery as an example. In today's world and environment it is evident that slavery is bad. It is evil but it still exists today. My cousin is a missionary that goes to Africa several each year. He and his wife run a Christian orphanage for kids. They buy children sold "as contract laborers" (slavery) by their parents to the diamond mines. They have to pay the mine \$150 to buy the kids contract (which cost them \$100). The government

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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

October 21st - Member Induction ceremony

November 10th & 11th Veterans Day Parade, Melbourne and Massing of the Colors, EFSC Cocoa Campus

December 16th - Wreaths Across America at Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims.

JOIN This COLORFUL Group !



Veterans Day Parade
Melbourne, FL

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



Veterans Day Ceremony Merritt Island Veterans Center





Meeting Schedule, Program, and Menus

The 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

November 18. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., topic Patriot Ancestors and SAR application review, \$15 per person; menu: Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry, Squash, Garden Salad OR Traditional Chefs salad

December 9. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., No Speaker, \$15 per person; menu: Roast Beef with appropriate sides OR Chicken/Tuna Salad Duo

January 20, 2018. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker Brevard Sheriff W Ivey, \$15 per person; menu: Roast Chicken OR grilled Flank Steak Salad

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

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

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

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

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

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

State & National News

National News -

Spring Leadership -

March 2-3, 2018 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

128th Congress -

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

State News -

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

FLSSAR 2017 Fall BOM - Nov 3-5, 2017 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando

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

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

NSSAR Winner Periodical - 2009

Ladies Auxiliary

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

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

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



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In Memory - Ralph John "Skip" Boardman Jr.

Ralph John "Skip" Boardman Jr., 95 of Indialantic, Florida passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

He was born in Northfield, Vermont on February 16, 1922 to the late Ralph Boardman Sr. and Laura (Fisher) Boardman.

Skip is survived by his loving wife of 74 years Blanche Boardman; son John Boardman; daughters Cathy Spector and Trudy Boardman; grandchildren Richard West Lee and Tiffany Ann Bamford; great grandchildren Sydney Lee and Bailey Lehman.

Skip was a proud member of the United States Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant in 1968 with 22 years of honorable service. He was a member of the Bahia Shiners and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Skip loved working in his yard and attending church services at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Indialantic, Florida. He was a boy scout and an assistant Scout Master for the Boy Scouts and was in the Order of the Arrow. Skip was honored at Patrick AFB in 2011 as the Red Cross volunteer of the year. President of the Brevard Chapter of the (SAR) Barry Eller said "Ralph "Skip" Boardman Jr. was a long-time member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He joined the SAR in 1980 and was a regular at our Brevard Chapter meetings until his health began to fail several years ago. He was always a patriot in his own right."

Services were held at 11am on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 106 N Riverside Dr, Indialantic.

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In Memory - Douglas Humm

Douglas Hammond Humm, a member of the Brevard Chapter SAR passed away May 9, 2017. He passed peacefully in his sleep in his Indialantic Condo. Doug was 95(almost 96) and was always healthy. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and received the Bronze Star. He was very patriotic ,civic minded and volunteered for so many organizations.

October Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 21, 2017

The combined SAR/DAR luncheon meeting took place at The TIDES at Patrick Air Force Base. Many of the DAR ladies and Compatriots Ben DuBose, Norm Desmarais, Barry Eller, Bob Humker, attended in period attire. Sonny Jones attended in Class III period attire.

- The meeting was called to order by President Barry Eller at approximately 11:45 AM with approximately 65 persons attending.
- SAR Officers in attendance included President Barry Eller, 2nd Vice President Jerry Scarpate, Recording Secretary Bob Humker, Treasurer Carroll Lord, and Member-at-Large Fuller Jones.
- Compatriot Carl Green gave the Invocation as Reverend David Ralston's niece's bone cancer has returned and he has gone to North Carolina to be with her.
- President Eller led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then the SAR Pledge.
- President Eller acknowledged the DAR representatives in attendance from the following chapters: Abigail Wright, Indian River, Cape Canaveral, Phillip Perry, Rufus Fairbanks, and Commodore John Barry.
- President Eller introduced the two past President's Generals of the SAR attending: President General Lindsay Brock and President General Michael Tomme. Both are members of our chapter; a special honor for us, indeed. No other State and National Officers attended.
- President Eller acknowledged the past Chapter Presidents in attendance: Ben DuBose, Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, and Bob Humker.
- President Eller reminded the audience that there was a silent auction taking place to benefit the American Red Cross adding that we should all bid on something whether we want it or not.
- Compatriot Ben DuBose, a former New York Authority Policeman, gave a presentation of his service with the Port Authority, the history of the Port Authority and the World Trade Center, and an accounting of the number of first responders that lost their lives that fateful day of September 11, 2001.
- President Eller asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the last meeting and, being none, they were approved as submitted.
- President Eller called for Officer Reports and there were none.
- President Eller called for Committee Reports and there were none.

President General's Message



I want to depart slightly from the form of my last communications because I felt you should have some idea of what has been happening in our Society. All of us have been concerned with the safety and hardships of our members affected not only by Hurricane Harvey, but now by Irma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all, and would hope that if there is anything others can do to assist, you will ask (I know that is not what we guys do, but perhaps we can change!)

On a bright note, Paul Chase of the Virginia Society has just published a new book. Why is this news here? Well, Paul is donating the proceeds to the Sons of the American Revolution! The book, "The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics", is one of those few places where one can find definitions of terms that no longer exist and cannot be found easily anywhere else. It is a very cool reference as well as read since it also acts as a source of battles throughout the Colonies. It is available through Amazon, as well as Barnes and Noble. It can also be used as a fundraiser by local Chapters. Paul will be getting this information out shortly. Thank you, Paul, for this great gift.

Here are a few things you should pass on to everyone:

The website resolution is a top priority. It affects membership across the spectrum of our Society, and membership growth is our focus, at least for this year. The Internal Audit Committee Chairman, John Beard of Texas, is spearheading an Ad Hoc Committee to obtain an independent, outside the SAR, evaluation of our IT. The request for proposal (RFP) by this committee has just been completed and sent to various companies for their bids. Once these are in, we can determine what it will cost to do this. This will be taken up at the Executive Committee Meeting in Louisville just before the start of the Leadership meetings in only two weeks. Why an audit? To build a massive building, or just a small structure, the base must be sufficient to support the super-structure. Is our current website able to support our future Genealogical Research System (GRS)? If not and we do not determine that now, well you get the point. I feel this is "due diligence" so we will see what the rest of the Executive Committee and Trustees feel once we can see this RFP result.

We have been tossing our dollars at the current website contractor to "fix" glitches, and add the numerous items that should have been part of its design. As most of you now realize, it takes a long time to design and produce a product of the scope and complexity as is our website.

The contract for the build and maintenance of our site has been with a company called

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

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

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Welcome Our New Members

New members David, Blaine, Sean Carter. They will be 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

November / December

1773

- Dec. 16 The Boston Tea Party

1775

- Nov. 10-21 Ninety Six, SC, Patriots sieged
- Nov. 13 The patriots under Montgomery occupy Montreal in Canada
- Dec. 11 Virginia and NC patriots rout Loyalist troops and burn Norfolk
- Dec. 22 Col. Thomson with 1,500 rangers and militia capture Loyalists at Great Canebrake, SC
- Dec. 23-30 Snow Campaign, in SC, so-called because patriots are impeded by 15" of snow
- Dec. 30-31 American forces under Benedict Arnold fail to seize Quebec

1776

- Nov. 16 The Hessians capture Fort Washington, NY
- Nov. 20 Lord Cornwallis captures Fort Lee from Nathanael Greene.
- Dec. 26 Washington crosses the Delaware and captures Trenton from Hessians

1777

- Nov. 16 British capture Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania
- Dec. 5-7 Americans repulse British at Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania
- Dec. 19 Washington's army retires to winter quarters at Valley Forge

1778

- Dec. 29 The redcoats occupy Savannah

1779

- Nov.-June 23, 1780 Washington's 2nd winter at Morristown, NJ (the harshest winter of the 18th century)

1782

- Nov. 30 British and Americans sign preliminary Articles of Peace.
- Dec. 14 British leave Charleston, SC

1783

- Dec. 23 Washington resigns as Commander



Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

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

Last Naval Battle Medal sets

Order NOW!

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

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are \$10.00.

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

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



Blackstone for several years. It will be up to the Trustees to say if they want to just keep the current contract, or allow us to cancel it when it comes up for renewal, and recommend a new contract in the Spring. The design, just for the request for proposal (RFP), for a new contract is very complicated, and is not yet completed by the IT Committee. We must have a comprehensive RFP before it is sent out, and it cannot be rushed just because we want it now.

The Leadership and Trustee Meetings are only two weeks away. If there are concerns you have, tell your Trustees and those other leaders who will attend so they can get answers for you. We will be working during the day, but in the evening, we will socialize and celebrate "Octoberfest" on Friday, and hear from our King's College Visiting Professor, Dr. Paquette, on Saturday. So that you are not confused, wear the Lederhosen on Friday, and the more formal wear on Saturday night. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Louisville. It is time to renew! You as Officers of the SAR need to take the lead in making sure our new and existing members remember "Why they joined". Without continued membership engagement they may not renew and discover what richness they can have from being a member of the SAR Family. An Alabama Society study found 50% felt they were never asked to serve at the Chapter level! We are guys. We don't generally raise our hands when asked in a group to volunteer. However, asking a Compatriot directly is much different. This one on one is needed for not only involvement, but also for renewals.

We are well into our renewal for 2018 Membership. All applicants Registered from 9.1.17 to 12.31.17 are already members for 2018. We are up 1271 from Congress end to 9.25.17. What about the rest of us? Are we interested enough to not only renew our own membership, but also to encourage all our current Compatriots to do so? Renewal is our key to growing our Society as well as perpetuating the education of our fellow Countrymen about the base of our Country's greatness—The American Revolution and Constitution that followed—our shared Legacy with all Americans.

Belong has many connotations, but the one I like best is the verb form: to be one of the Family. As a member of the SAR, we belong to a very special group—a family of descendants of our Country's Founders. They did not all agree, but were united in a goal of establishing our Independence.

If we think of our membership as a Family, we should be comfortable enough to be able to call and invite our members to join us for coffee, to go with us to a meeting, or to renew their membership to help perpetuate the memories of our Founding. Here's a thought: In addition to meetings, how about a coffee gathering to get to know each other better and just talk? One idea I would hope we could encourage is a Member Interview. Take your smart-phone, record your Compatriots personal story, download to your computer, and create a CD for them to pass to their descendants since they most likely will not do that. What a treasure that will be someday when their descendants hear their story in their own voice. Preserving their story for others and for the Chapter Archives will allow us to get to know the Why of their membership and help us to help fulfill their reason for joining in the first place.

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Happy Renewal Season.

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

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requires that my cousin demonstrate that he can support those kids until they are 18 and self-sufficient. The mines have to do the same but work the kids from age 4 all day everyday breaking and hauling rocks and at 18 they are so in debt to the mine they can never leave. The orphanage teaches them the basics of education and a skill that can support them in adulthood. Slavery still exists and its evil but there it's a means to ensure someone feeds the kids. The parents and the government see no evil.

We all have things we depend on to help us get through the day. Take a coffee pot for example. We fill it with water and coffee beans and out comes coffee. Simple enough. But right now a coffee maker can talk to the internet and report problems. At some point it will have enough intelligence to decide when it needs to make coffee. I like science fiction and this brought me to the Terminator series of movies. Sentient machines that have their own will. Will any reference to owning a coffee pot become grounds for elimination from history? Pardon the pun.

What is moral is dependent on the views of the last group in control. We just came back from a trip to Southeast Asia. In Thailand the king died about a year ago and there is a yearlong period of mourning in effect that ends in a few weeks. From those that I met I truly believe he was a good king but I'll never know from my trip because anyone saying bad things about the king went to jail. So from what you hear the Thai's all loved the king. Just like North Korea -- No first amendment.

Free speech and free thought gets to the truth and limiting them – even from a bigot – is bad for our country. Speak your mind and listen to those that do not agree with you. In 200 years they may be right.

Barry Eller, President Brevard Chapter



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President Eller

opened the floor for discussion of any old, unfinished business and there was none.

- The floor was open for the discussion of any new business and/or announcements. Carroll Lord announced that *The Tides* would be unable to host our luncheon meetings in January and February (2018) due to scheduled remodeling and storm repairs.

- DAR ladies sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing.
- President Eller called for the Color Guard (Ben DuBose, Norm Desmarais, Bob Humker, and Fuller Jones) to assemble and escort the gentlemen to be inducted into the SAR front and center. President Eller, with Presidents General Tomme and Brock assisting, inducted the following new members:

John Simmons	#202510
William Renner	#203697
Edward Riedell	#201468
Walter Pratt	#203086
Nicolas Mihora	#203424
Edward Foley	#204627
Robbie Carlisle	#202588
Richard Buchanan	#202591

All were welcomed to SAR with applause. Inductees with wives present were given a WOSAR pin. Each of the inductees took the opportunity to speak to the audience regarding their ancestors and/or their path to SAR membership.

- President Eller called the meeting in recess for the luncheon meal at approximately 12:30 PM.
- President Eller called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:20 PM.
 - The DAR held the 50/50 Drawing.
 - Rick Haven and his wife, both tailors, gave a very interesting presentation of the clothing worn by our revolutionary ancestors. Rick brought along a number of men's and women's outfits on mannequins showcasing men's and women's outfits.
 - President Eller announced the winners of the silent auction.
 - President Eller led the audience in the recitation of the SAR Recessional followed by Carl Green giving the Benediction.

- There being no further business President Eller entertained a motion to adjourn, a motion was heard and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary



Coming in the January/February issue

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

Look for reports on the NSSAR National Leadership Conference - the discussions on the proposed Genealogy policy change, the Museum initiative, the new NSSAR web site, plus other news from National.

Brevard Web Site

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

Flag Retirement Ceremony



Sam Ashdown

I represented our chapter at above ceremony, as requested. 3 DAR ladies were present at the ceremony. One of the DAR ladies introduced me to the Scoutmaster. The SAR was identified by the Scoutmaster, along with the DAR, parents, the Mayor, and other guests. No one spoke except the Scoutmaster.

After the outdoor event, we went inside the Church, and I was able to talk with 5 prospective SAR members, 3 of whom gave me their name, phone and email address. The other 2 asked for a brochure, and I put my name and phone # on the back. The other 3 also got brochures. I had been informed that I might find some parties interested in SAR, and I did. With a coat and tie, I was overdressed and warm, but there was a nice breeze outside.



Some New Challenges

National awards a flag streamer for a chapter that donates \$592 to the SAR 1776 Campaign Advancing America's Heritage. A member challenging the chapter to meet his donation of \$296 (1/2 of the \$592) so that the chapter can be recognized at the National level AND get a streamer so recognizing our contribution. If we get members to donate at \$25 and we get more than the \$592 total, we can put those members who donated at \$25 (in excess of the \$592) in for SAR Friend of the library support - they get a pin and recognition as such. And the chapter gets credit for their membership. This is as Tax deductible as any such donations are. We get credit on our Americanism/President's Steamer contest for these things!

One aspect of having a PG (or 2 for that matter) is that there is a real strong likelihood that they will have a serious interest in how the chapter (and the state society, too) will support and take active participation in the NSSAR goals and programs. So. At some point the chapter members need to set priorities as to which - and how many - SAR programs that they can actively support (\$\$ and personal participation). With our chapter size, it should be more rather than less active support/participation. That can/should include having members step up and help work some of these programs. Compatriot PG Tomme has done ROTC presentations in the past. Compatriot PG Lindsey may have his area(s) that he could be involved with at the chapter level to help guide/mentor our members. To kick-start a more active (for us a monetary level), a member challenges our chapter membership to match a \$1000 donation to our Youth programs monetary cash awards for these programs:

- Eagle Scout Scholarship contest
- Rumbaugh Oration Contest
- Knight essay Contest
- Americanism Poster & Brochure contests (2 different)

This \$2000 fund could be used to increase the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd awards to possibly attract more students to participate - and possibly get us into more schools to get more (or ANY) submissions for these contests which will show the PGs that we are serious about SAR's programs. Hopefully we might get MORE \$\$\$ donated than the \$2000. Yes??



PG Tomme presenting membership certificate to Member Robby Carlisle

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Induction of 8 NEW members !!



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Uniform for Purchase or Loan

Carroll has picked up a uniform from Sy Baker. I'm holding it if anyone is interested in getting it altered.

Don't know the size but I guess he is maybe 5' 10" to 6 ft tall with a slight build. It has hat, shoes etc. Sy says it's in good shape.

The purchase price will go towards the Color Guard Reimbursement fund.

If the outfit is on loan, then the outfit is the property of the Brevard Chapter and cannot be sold or given away without permission of the chapter. A signed receipt for the uniform will be required.

Americanism/President's Streamer Submission

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

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

They are:

- Speakers bureau - if you've spoken to any groups
- Attended **any** Compatriot's Grave marking; placed a Flag on a veterans grave for a National holiday.
- Any monetary or non-monetary contributions to any SAR Program (Youth programs, Public Service endowment funds. Center for Advancing America's Heritage, George Washington Endowment fund, SAR Foundation, Friends of the Library, USO and others)
- Veterans Support - Ask Bob Humker what the list is of acceptable Veterans support.
- We need to work on our High School youth contests: Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay, Boy Scout Scholarship. We need members who have an "IN" into the various Schools so we can fulfill that SAR goal.
- In the other 11 categories we are doing well - we can do better - but these above need special attention.

Currently, we have 5,611 points - better than last year but we should be doing around 7,000 to 8,000 points for a chapter our size.

For further information on all of the categories and what they involve, contact Steve Williams, Secretary, at sarwilliamssa@gmail.com.

Money Talks

Obviously when the need arises; we could have a fund raiser if necessary. But this coming year we do have a chance to increase our revenues by combining our efforts with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to sell wreaths to be placed on Dec 16th, 2017 on the graves of our military veterans. The wreaths sell for \$15 and for every one we sell; the Chapter will receive \$5.

Your 2018 Dues form is in the process of being sent to all Chapter members. Besides paying your 2018 Dues in a timely fashion, I'm requesting that each of you consider

donating \$15 to Wreaths Across America for the purchase of a wreath. These wreaths will be placed on a veterans grave on Dec 16th with a ceremony to be held nationwide at high noon. Our location will be at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims.

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

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

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

Thanks in advance for your help and from Wreaths Across America

As of October 21st meeting, our chapter has purchased 34 wreaths - or \$510 worth of wreaths. Our return will be \$170.00 towards our chapter activities.

It's still not too late for some late purchases of wreaths before the submission deadline. Please consider your support of this very worthy endeavor.

Carroll Lord, Treasurer



American
Red Cross

Red Cross Donations

Chapter members have opened their hearts and billfolds and donated \$165.00 towards the Red Cross and the effort to support victims of Hurricane Irma in Brevard and Florida.

July 4th Parade



BREVARD CHAPTER D.A.R./N.S.S.A.R. Membership Awards

The DAR/SAR Form Finder Program Award have changed effective immediately. The monetary dollar amounts are in effect for this year and going forward. The D.A.R. Liaison Approved the change this past 2017 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. The Budget Committee approved the monetary change effective immediately.

We are in the process of getting approvals from Medals & Awards Committee and also with the Hand Book Committee to revise the National Handbook.

This awards, authorized in 1990, are used to acknowledge and recognize D.A.R. State Societies that excel in identifying, assisting, researching, discovering hard rock research information for the application and discovery of new members eligible and they become SAR Members.

This is a two track system:

First Track is (Using a leveling formula by percentage and highest number with the number of applications that have the DAR form finder submitted versus the total number of applications submitted taking into account the state societies total of active members.

The State SAR Society that has the highest score of participation as a factor of participation in the program will be awarded certificates and \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies.

The second track is state societies with the highest raw numbers of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form, and \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place to the DAR State Societies with the highest number of approved SAR members using the DAR Finder Form.

This is a total of six awards totaling \$1200.00. The competition runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

In order to be counted, a DAR Finder Report Form must be attached to the application packet. The SAR Staff Registrar uses these forms to determine the winner. Applications without the form cannot be counted toward the competition. A separate form must be included with each application received and will be counted toward the contest after the application is approved. Multiple applications cannot be applied to one form.

The forms must be completely filled out and submitted with the new member application.

Below is the link to the DAR Form Finder Program for membership.

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/244/k97essi7jyPi.pdf>

If you have questions you can contact the D.A.R. Committee Members.

Respectfully, Walter J. Timoschuk, III

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