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September Meeting

September 17, 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 September Program

Celebration of Constitution Week
with Benjamin Franklin

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President's Message



Compatriots,
This is my first President's message since I was elected. I want to thank you for the honor and will do my best to uphold the traditions of the SAR and the Brevard Chapter. My main objective this year is to gain greater recognition of the Brevard SAR through partnerships with local organizations and businesses. To do this I need your help. If you work for a company or organization that has a community outreach program we want to join with them and add our SAR awards to theirs for those activities in which our goals align. They gain the recognition of being associated with a nationally known patriotic organization by joining with the SAR. For example, an ROTC cadet gets a certificate but no monetary award from our chapter. If a company or organization already wants to give a monetary award we can make it a joint award. I presented several awards in the last 12 months and was consistently the few presenters without a monetary award to give with our award.

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Golden Opportunities for the Future of the SAR "Where the past embraces the future"

Compatriots, distinguished guests, and ladies. What an honor and a privilege it is to stand before you this evening as your 113th President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. I am humbled and I appreciate the confidence that you have bestowed upon me, by electing me to this position. I am excited to serve you and this worthy organization.

First, I want to thank PG Tom Lawrence for a great year and wonderful 126th Congress.

At this time, allow me to take a couple of minutes to introduce members of my family: PG to page 12

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Florida Society Richard Fowler Award winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015; 2nd Place 2009; Honorable Mention: 2014; NS SAR Carl Bessent Newsletter Award - 1st Place - 2015; 2nd Place 2012, 2013; Honorable Mention 2009; NS SAR Winner Periodical - 2009

BREVARD CHAPTER COLOR GUARDSMEN

IN ACTION!

Events for the coming year with dates, times, and locations to be communicated by Color Guard Commander, include but not limited to: various Veterans Day events and Wreaths Across America.

So be on the look-out for a Call To Assemble coming to an INBOX near you.



Uniform Reimbursement Fund:

Please remember that the chapter will reimburse any member obtaining a Color Guard uniform/costume. It does NOT have to be a Military Uniform. The rate of reimbursement is:

- \$100.00 for a complete set - Hat to shoes.
- \$50.00 for 1/2 of the above set.

Contact the Color Guard commander for information.

Thank You, Current 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

September 17th - Constitution Week Meeting

November 11th - Veterans Day events

December 17th - Wreaths Across America at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

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 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

September 17. Constitution Week, The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker Benjamin Franklin; \$15 per person; menu: Crispy Crumb Chicken Breast OR Chefs Salad

October 15. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, topic TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Bratwurst with German Potatoes Salad and Red Cabbage OR Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

November 19. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, topic TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry, Squash, Garden Salad OR Tuna Salad/Chicken Salad Duo.

December 10. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., No Speaker, \$15 per person; menu: Meat Loaf with appropriate sides OR Chicken Cashew Salad

January 21, 2017. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, \$15 per person; menu: Crispy baked chicken breast OR classic chef's salad

February 18, 2017 - The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD, \$15 per person; Menu TBD.

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

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

May 20, 2016. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., ELECTION/AWARDS, \$15 per person; menu: Teriyaki Chicken OR Tuna Salad/Chicken Salad Duo.

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

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM - Meetings are at The Tides Restaurant, PAFB unless otherwise noted, They begin at 11:30 unless otherwise noted. After lunch program starts at 12:45 pm. Meals are still \$15.

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

BREVARD CHAPTER 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, Georgia Ralston, and Cilla Tomme. Anyone interested can request an application form from Mary Anne.

Eagle Scout Presentation



Pictured here is Brevard President Barry Eller presenting the Eagle Scout certificate on July 26th at the Four Community Fire Station to Scout Carl Gotrick Anderson IV of Troop 355, Sharpes, Florida.

Photo by Roger Scruggs

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President General Lawrence's Last Report

Compatriots,

I wanted to bring you up to date on what happened at the Spring Leadership meeting.

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BUSINESS; THURSDAY

We did conduct some business in addition to having fun. Both the EXCOM and the Foundation Board met on Thursday. Some committees wanted to meet on Thursday because they could take more time and relieve the committee crunch on Friday. We began the Trustee meeting on Thursday at 3:00 PM because we had so much business to discuss. Some of the business we completed was to hear the officer reports, former PG reports and some committee reports. One important matter was to select the host state for the 2020 Congress and the Trustees chose Virginia. Virginian is currently trying to decide what city will be the host but I am sure it will be a great Congress with so much to see and do in Virginia. There was one item of business we took up but after much discussion was unresolved. The SAR received a bequest of \$100,000 and it was initially thought it was to go to the Eagle Scout fund and so the money was deposited in that fund. Later a codicil to the will was discovered which revealed that the money was actually intended for the SAR to be used as it saw fit. Of course a decision such as how to distribute an non-specific bequest must be made by the Trustees. There were several ideas and some motions made but all of the motions were postponed to the next Trustee meeting, which will be on Sunday morning at congress. There was also a motion to ask the PG to appoint a committee to look at this issue and make a recommendation. That motion passed and I subsequently appointed a three man committee who will submit a report with their recommendations. We adjourned at 5:00 PM to get ready for the dinner cruise.

FRIDAY

As usual Friday was taken up with committee meetings which began as early as 7:00 AM and generally went to 4:00 PM.

SATURDAY

We began with the SAR 1000 Breakfast at 7:00 AM then some went into the EXCOM meeting at 8:30 AM. The Trustee meeting started at 9:30 AM. The first order

of business was to hear a report from IT chairman Bill Marrs and our contractor, Blackstone, on how our IT upgrades were progressing. Their goal is to finish all the member application section, the events section, which includes Congress registration, the merchandise section and the new website. After those four sections are completed they will begin on the donor module followed by the genealogical research and database module. There was some thought about integrating Sharefile into our website so all members could utilize it but it appears there will be some challenges with that so we will have to wait and look at that later. The total cost for IT upgrades in 2016 is about \$175,000. So far the Trustees have funded only \$105,000 of that leaving us with enough money to finish the donor project but not enough to complete the database project we all want. When the King's College contract was signed private donations of \$33,400 were received to offset the yearly cost of \$38,600 leaving a balance of \$5,200 which will be split between the SAR Foundation and the SAR operating fund. Since we set aside a operating budget contingency of \$38,600 to cover King's College this will mean we can remove all but \$2,600 from the contingency freeing up \$36,000 to spend on other needs. I intend to propose to the Trustees at Congress that we spend that \$36,000 on IT upgrades. We are still \$34,000 short if we want to begin the database project, so unless we can find another \$34,000 we may have to wait until 2017 to begin that project, which I don't think anyone wants to do.



Director of Education Colleen Wilson also gave us an update on our Outreach Education site telling us about all of the tools we currently have available for our chapters to show the schools. Director of Operations Mike Scroggins told us about a proposal with Family Search to digitize our member application and supporting documentation records for free. They would then have the use of copies of those records as a part of our agreement. Discussions are ongoing and I hope we will have a proposal to present at congress. Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan then provided us with an update on the Boston congress.

Then we got down to the main business of the meeting which was to decide if the SAR was going to approve the Solid Light project and go forward and build the museum. We heard reports from Bill Stone (AL) Project Manager, John Murphy from Solid Light, David Boring (DC) chairman of the Finance Committee, David Billings (AL) Chairman of the Long Range Planning and Investment Committees, Randy Ellis (TX) Chairman of the Budget Committee and finally from Sam Powell (NC) President of the SAR Foundation. After all of the reports were given we recessed and had an open discussion with questions and answers. After everyone had an opportunity to speak we broke for lunch. After lunch we went back into session and the floor was open for motions. The first motion was to approve the Solid Light plan and it was passed by a majority vote. The second motion was to build the museum for a total cost not to exceed \$10 million dollars. After discussion the motion passed.

Two other items came up for discussion. One was a motion to pay down \$500,000 toward our debt at 5th3rd Bank. A motion was made to pay \$250,000 out of the operating reserve and \$250,000 out of the available funds in the SAR Foundation. The motion passed. I would add a comment to this that the Trustees previously passed a motion that the operating reserve be allowed

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Welcome Our New Members

New members Carl and Christopher Keating were approved after our May Meeting. Since they are in New Hampshire, their certificates will be mailed to them. If they visit Florida they can have an induction at the a chapter meeting.

We currently have *many* prospects working on their applications as they have been reported to the chapter Registrar.

If you have anyone who is interested and you wish to help them or are working on their application, report their name and information to the Registrar so that we can assist when needed and to ensure that the application is completed correctly. National Genealogists report that there are sloppy applications being submitted by persons not familiar with the SAR application process and requirements.

Membership Status

With new members and new Associates (Pending approval) our membership levels are:

Emeritus 1 = 1
Emeritus 3 = 2
Junior = 14
Life = 2
Memorial = 1
Regular = 97
At National = 4
Youth = 2
Dual (w/ GASSAR) = 1
Dual (In-state) = 1
Associate = 1

With our 1 Associate (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 126.

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.

to rise to a level equal to six months, which we have been working toward with our budgets. This action in paying \$250,000 out of the operating reserve would seem inconsistent with the previous actions of the Trustees so this issue may need clarification in the future. As a practical matter this payment toward our debt will significantly decrease out operating reserve, which is our emergency fund.

The other matter was a motion from the SAR Implementation Committee chaired by PG Nathan White. The motion was to adopt spending priorities for money allocated by the Trustees. The prioritize are as follows; 1) pay off the debt at 5th3rd Bank, 2) implementation of the branding program, 3) implementation of the digitization project, 4) Build out the second floor of the HQ building, and 5) build out the first floor education center/ museum. The motion was clarified to be that is was aspirational and does not impose specific funding restraints. The motion passed.

Although there were many other items presented these were the most important. The minutes will be available on Sharefile later for anyone wanting more information. We adjourned at 4:00 PM which meant that the Trustees spent 7 1/2 hours conducting business for the SAR which is a big increase over how long we normally spend on our business.

I want to thank all of the members for their courteous demeanor and professional attitude during this meeting. I would also like to single out Chairman Charley Brown and the Museum Board for their hard work on reviewing the Solid Light plan. Also deserving of praise is Dick Marsh Chairman of the Risk Management committee for their efforts in reviewing and making recommendations on our insurance policy. Assisting him were members Price Legg (AL), George Thurmond (GA), and Steve Perkins (MA).

Respectfully,
Tom Lawrence (TX)
President General

Dues Notices

Dues notices will be sent (or included with your newsletter hard copy) to each Brevard member.

Please submit your dues early as that makes the chapter's reporting in December much easier for the Treasurer and Secretary. Dues payments for 2017 will include any National, Florida, and Chapter dues.

Regular (adult) dues = \$65.00
Junior dues = \$5.00
Active Military members = \$35.00 (National dues only)
Emeritus 1 dues = \$30.00
Life member dues = \$30.00
Dual (out-of state) member dues = \$30.00
Dual (in-state) member dues = \$10.00
*Emeritus 3 (Florida status) = \$35.00 (National dues only)

* Must submit request to continue Emeritus 3 status.

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Revolutionary War Time line

September / October

1774

- Sept. 5-Oct. 26 - The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia and issues Declaration and Resolves
- Oct. 10 - Battle of Point Pleasant, Virginia (disputed as to whether it was a battle of the American Revolution or the culmination of Lord Dunmore's War)
- Oct. 20 - The Association (prohibition of trade with Great Britain)
- Oct. 24 - Galloway's Plan rejected

1776

- Sept. 15 - The British occupy New York City
- Sept. 16 - Generals George Washington, Nathanael Greene, and Israel Putnam triumphantly hold their ground at the Battle of Harlem Heights
- Sept. 19 - Col. Williamson's patriots attacked by Cherokees at Coweecho River, NC
- Oct. 11 - Benedict Arnold defeated at the Battle of Valcour Island (Lake Champlain),
- Oct. 28 - The Americans retreat from White Plains, New York. British casualties (~300) higher than American (~200).

1777

- Sept. 11 - The British win the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania
- Sept. 16 - Rain-out at the Battle of the Clouds, Pennsylvania
- Sept. 19 - Burgoyne checked by Americans under Gates at Freeman's Farm, NY.
- Sept. 21 - Paoli Massacre, PA
- Sept. 26 - British under Howe occupy Philadelphia
- Oct. 4 - Americans driven off at the Battle of Germantown
- Oct. 7 - Burgoyne loses second battle of Freeman's Farm, NY (at Bemis Heights).
- Oct. 17 - Burgoyne surrenders to American General Gates at Saratoga, NY
- Oct. 22 - Hessian attack on Fort Mercer, NJ repulsed

1779

- Sept. 23 - John Paul Jones, aboard the Bonhomme Richard, captures British man-of-war Serapis
- Sept. 28 - The Tappan Massacre ("No Flint" Grey kills 30 Americans by bayonet)
- Oct. 9 - American attempt to recapture Savannah, GA fails

1780

- Sept. 23 - John André arrested, leading to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's plans to cede West Point to the British
- Oct. 7 - King's Mountain, SC: battle lasts 65 minutes.

- Oct. 14 - Washington names Nathanael Greene commander of the Southern Army.

1781

- Sept. 8 - Greene defeated at Eutaw Springs, SC
- Sept. 15 - French fleet drives British naval force from Chesapeake Bay

Brevard Beacon wins at Congress !!

Once again our chapter publication, the *Brevard Beacon*, has been recognized at the national level by being awarded the top award for best chapter newsletter for publications of more than 1 sheet (4 pages). This marks a special year for the *Brevard Beacon* in that it won at the state AND national levels. It couldn't have done without the contributions of all our chapter members. Presentation of the national award will be made at the Fall BOM by FLSSAR President Wess.

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



May Meeting Photos

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Pictured left to right: Florida President Ray Wess describing the Installation process that he will perform for the Brevard Chapter officers. New officers are Installed. President Wess presents the new Brevard President, Barry Eller, to the assembly.



Pictured left to right is President Humker presenting the Chapter President ribbon and insignia to incoming President Eller with Florida President Ray Wess looking on. FL President Wess presents to President Humker his Past President Certificate. FL President Wess present to the chapter the new chapter president and past president.

[Below]

Past Presidents Desmarais and Chorney look on during the meeting's program. The presentation area with the table holding the many various medals and certificates that were part of the day's program.

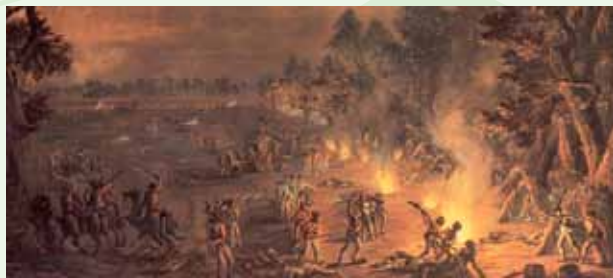


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Paoli Massacre

The Battle of Paoli (also known as the Battle of Paoli Tavern or the Paoli Massacre) was a battle in the Philadelphia campaign of the American Revolutionary War fought on September 20, 1777, in the area surrounding present-day Malvern, Pennsylvania. Following the American retreats at the Battle of Brandywine and the Battle of the Clouds, George Washington left a force under Brigadier General Anthony Wayne behind to monitor and harass the British as they prepared to move on the revolutionary capital of Philadelphia. On the evening of September 20, British forces under Major General Charles Grey led a surprise attack on Wayne's encampment near the Paoli Tavern. Although there were relatively few American casualties, claims were made that the British took no prisoners and granted no quarter, and the engagement became known as the "Paoli Massacre."

After the American defeat at the Battle of Brandywine, American Major General George Washington was intent on accomplishing two tasks. He wanted to protect Philadelphia from British forces under the command of Lieutenant General William Howe, and he needed to replenish the rapidly dwindling supplies and munitions stored in Reading, Pennsylvania. Washington withdrew across the Schuylkill River, marched through Philadelphia, and headed northwest. Since the Schuylkill was fordable only far upstream starting at Matson's Ford (present-day Conshohocken), Washington could protect both the capital and the vital supply areas to the west from behind the river barrier. Washington reconsidered, and recrossed the river to face the British, who had moved little since Brandywine, due to a shortage of wagons to carry their wounded and their baggage.[2] After the Battle of the Clouds was aborted by bad weather on September 16, Washington again withdrew across the Schuylkill, leaving Brigadier General "Mad" Anthony Wayne's Pennsylvania Division at Chester, Pennsylvania. When the British columns passed by, Wayne followed, under orders from Washington to harass the British and attempt to capture all or part of their baggage

train.

After the Battle of the Clouds, the bulk of the American army moved to Reading Furnace to replenish their ammunition. General Washington left behind Brigadier General Anthony Wayne and a regiment of troops to either harass the rear of the main body of British troops.

Wayne assumed that his presence was undetected and camped close to the British lines in Paoli, Pennsylvania. His division consisted of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th Pennsylvania Regiments, Hartley's Regiment, an attached artillery company and a small force of dragoons. All told, it was about 1,500 strong. Camped about 1 mile (1.6 km) away was William Smallwood's Maryland militia, about 2,100 relatively inexperienced troops.

The British heard rumors that Wayne was in the area, and General Howe sent out spies who reported his location near the Paoli Tavern on September 19.

Since his position was just 4 miles (6.4 km) from the British camp at Tredyffrin, Pennsylvania, Howe immediately planned an attack on Wayne's relatively exposed camp. He would instead try to ambush Wayne at his camp in Paoli.

Just after midnight on September 21, the British led by Lord Grey launched a devastating strike into Wayne's unprepared American camp. Grey had ordered his men to remove the flints from their rifles before the attack began. Bayonets, — a weapon Americans considered barbaric — would be the weapon of choice.

53 Americans were killed and over 100 wounded in Grey's lightning raid. The use of the bayonet coupled with the notion that the British stabbed or burned the Americans who tried to surrender, made martyrs of those maimed and killed at Paoli. For the rest of the war, the British lived in fear that Wayne's troops would try to avenge the affair that came to be known as the Paoli Massacre.



The Tappan Massacre

A raid, widely known as the "Baylor Massacre" or the "Tappan Massacre", was a surprise attack on September 27, 1778, against the 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons under the command of Colonel George Baylor during the American Revolutionary War. It occurred in the present-day town of River Vale, New Jersey.

On September 22, 1778, Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton ordered Maj. Gen. Sir Charles Grey, Maj. Gen. Lord Cornwallis, and Brigadier General Edward Mathew to mobilize troops in an effort to provoke Gen. George Washington into a battle, and as a diversion for a raid against a Patriot privateering base in southern New Jersey.[2] After learning that Col. George Baylor had

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

State and National News

National News -

Fall Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY,
Thursday, 29 September 2016 - Saturday, 1 October 2016

State News -

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

FLSSAR 2016 October BOM - October 14-16, 2016 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando



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, the Museum initiative, the new NSSAR web site, and a proposed Mentor program, plus other news from National.

Wreaths Across

America

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



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

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

We can begin to submit funds to have wreaths for next December's ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in MIMS. We don't need to wait until the Fall to begin this effort - it's a year long opportunity. Send your check payable to **Wreaths Across America** to S Williams, 3403 Caraway St, Cocoa FL 32926.

Let's beat last year's total and aim for 50 wreaths!



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

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We have had a very hard time getting into the local papers as the SAR. By teaming we also associate ourselves in the story with the company, organization and recipient. Many organizations have goals similar to ours and we can gain better insight into the citizens we could be recognizing with our rewards.

Second, I want to recognize our own member's patriots by asking members to volunteer to present a short talk on who their patriot was and the process they went through to document their lineage. We are growing and a lot of us are interested in your history. In line with this I'm asking Sonny Fuller to set aside a table at each luncheon for people interested in finding out if they can be a member of the SAR. Sonny can explain about genealogy in general and his expertise. Steve Williams could explain the SAR requirements for documentation in the SAR application process. Invite your friends to attend one of our meetings if they want to find out what it takes to be a member of the SAR.

Last, as we approach our Constitution Week luncheon I think back to something I learned in another colony of Great Britain - India. The history of India was never high on my list of things to study. While there in February we visited memorial after memorial to the British rule and the Indian fight for independence. The one that struck me most was the depiction of General Cornwallis' defeat of the Indian rebellion less than a year after his defeat by Washington at Yorktown. Cornwallis became the first Governor General of India. India in a lot of ways progressed very slowly after that defeat and only gained their independence in the mid-20th century. Had Cornwallis defeated Washington, Cornwallis might have been our first Governor General and our Constitution a footnote in British history. Our Constitution is very clear that the power of the government is derived from the consent of the people. Power and freedom flows up not down. We are free because we consent to be governed as we chose. Get out and get people voting. It's our responsibility to guide the government not be led by it.

Barry Eller, President



secured quarters for his troops, twelve officers and 104 enlisted men, in the barns of several farms on Overkill Road (now Rivervale Road), Cornwallis ordered Grey to pursue Baylor's

troops. Around 11 o'clock on the night of September 27, 1778, British Major-General Charles Grey mobilized the 2nd battalion of light infantry, the 2nd regiment of grenadiers, as well as the 33rd and 64th regiments. Between one and three o'clock in the morning, six companies of light infantry under Major Turner Staubenzie and six companies of light infantry under Colonel John Maitland approached a small collection of farm houses occupied by around 100 men of a Virginia cavalry unit known as "Mrs. Washington's Guards". Maitland's detachment was used to cut off the night patrol, while Straubensee's troops used their bayonets to maintain the element of surprise as they went from house to house, a tactic Grey used previously in the Battle of Paoli. At least 69 of the dragoons were killed, injured or taken prisoner. Eleven were killed outright; four were left and died of their wounds. Colonel Baylor, Major McLeod, and two other officers attempted to escape by climbing up a chimney. Baylor was wounded and captured—he died in 1784 from complications of the wounds incurred in the attack. McLeod was also mortally wounded in the attack. One of the other officers was killed and the other captured.

After the attack, some of the injured were taken to the Reformed Church of Tappan in nearby Tappan, New York, which served as a prison and hospital.

The 52nd (Oxfordshire) Regiment of Foot, which was nearing the end of its service in the American War, was also involved in this incident. The events were described as follows by General Hunter: "While at New Bridge we heard of their being within twenty-five miles of our camp, and a plan was laid to surprise them. We set out after dark, mounted behind dragoons, and so perfectly secure did the enemy think themselves that not even a sentry was posted. Not a shot was fired, and the whole regiment of dragoons, except a few who were bayoneted, were taken prisoner".

The raid for which this attack was a diversion also included an attack on American forces that has been described as a massacre. On October 15, British troops executed a surprise attack on forces under the command of Kazimierz Pułaski in which 25 to 30 men were killed in what is known as the Little Egg Harbor massacre.



What prompted the militia's hasty withdrawal from Tappan? Lord Cornwallis' column started off from Liberty Pole, northward up the Closter Road, through modern day Tenafly, Demarest, Closter, Norwood and Rockleigh, 2,500 men composed of the 1st Battalion Grenadiers, Brigade of Guards, 37th Regiment and 42nd Highlanders. Some of the finest troops of the British Army were advancing quietly in the night, led by one of their best generals. The militia would be no match for them. Except that two of these British soldiers, for reasons known only to themselves, slipped away in the night and made all haste to Tappan.



Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski [English: Casimir Pulaski]: March 6, 1745 – October 11, 1779) was a Polish nobleman, soldier and military commander who has been called with his fellow Hungarian friend Michael Kovats de Fabriczy “the fathers of the American cavalry”.

Born in Warsaw and following in his father's footsteps, he became interested in politics at an early age and soon became involved in the military and the revolutionary affairs in Poland (the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth). Pulaski was one of the leading military commanders for the Bar Confederation and fought against Russian domination of the Commonwealth. When this uprising failed, he was driven into exile. Following a recommendation by Benjamin Franklin, Pulaski emigrated to North America to help in the cause of the American Revolutionary War. He distinguished himself throughout the revolution, most notably when he saved the life of George Washington. Pulaski became a general in the Continental Army, created the Pulaski Cavalry Legion and reformed the American cavalry as a whole. At the Battle of Savannah, while leading a daring charge against British forces, he was gravely wounded, and died shortly thereafter.

Pulaski has been remembered as a hero who fought for independence and freedom both in Poland and in the United States. Numerous places and events are named in his honor, and he is commemorated by many works of art. Pulaski is one of only eight people to be awarded honorary United States citizenship. He never married and had no descendants. Despite his fame, there have been uncertainties and controversies surrounding both his place and date of birth and burial.

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Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Brevard Executive Board meetings generally will be held on the Saturday before Chapter membership meetings. These will be held at a designated location generally in Viera at 9 a.m. until further notice or notification by President Eller. Officers are requested to submit their reports to President Eller before the meeting for distribution to all officers. For dates of these meetings check the Meeting Calendar at <http://www.brevardsar.org/Calendar.htm>

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July Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee met on July 30th at Carroll Lord's home. In attendance were Treasurer Carroll Lord, 2nd Vice President Sam Ashdown, 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett, and President Barry Eller.

Subjects discussed included:

Meeting Speakers - 1st VP Bonnett wrote a couple of things down relative to speakers. It was suggested to get a rep from the county sheriff to talk about CCW rules.

Presentations/Awards

President Eller asked Publicity Chair Clint Hill to contact members of the Chamber of Commerce on the possibility of teaming with us when we give presentations/awards. They use their money to support our certificates and we piggy back on their access to the newspapers. We can't ask them for money and they may want the "Honor" of teaming with a patriotic organization.

Next year Budget

Treasurer Carroll Lord is putting together a draft budget for this year based on typical expenses. We'll look at a more complete budget before the first meeting.

Next Executive Board Meeting

We are going to get the ExComm to come about 9 a.m. before the meeting so we can talk.



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Dues notices

have been E-mailed or USPS mailed to all members or returning to the chapter Treasurer. Our goal is to have 100% retention at the chapter and state level. Dues support all S.A.R. Goals and the missions.

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stakeholders from the following committees: SAR Foundation, IT, Education, Budget, Finance, and Strategic Planning Committees. They will continue to review our existing plans, programs and needs as we progress into the future and continue to prioritize them. The Committee will continue to set forth and present to the ExCom and Trustees a list of priorities.

I am also continuing the following committees and programs, which were in place before I was elected:

Compatriot Doug Collins will continue as chair the Patriot Ancestors' Biographies. PG Brock will chair SAR Medal of Honor Recipients and work to finish this project. Compatriot Chuck Sweeney will chair the Veterans Recognition Committee. Compatriot Paul Callanan will chair the Congress Review Committee. Compatriot Dr. Rudy Byrd will chair the Council of Youth Awards. Compatriot John Dodd will chair the Governance and Organization Committee.

An important part of SAR mission is patriotic education and therefore it is our responsibility to share our knowledge of the founding of this country and the struggles of our forefathers and ancestors. That is why my first initiative is Education Outreach. To enhance our Educational Outreach beyond the borders of Louisville, KY, this new Educational Outreach Team initiative will extend this mission into our chapters and reach out to the children in their schools, scout organizations, civil groups, religious institutions, and other patriotic societies.

The long range goal of this initiative is to develop and share educational program presentations by SAR members. These presentations would be Colonial Living History (era before or during the American Revolution), a discussion about or founding documents, presentations on battles or personalities, or other appropriate patriotic programs targeted for children. The long term goal is to have a NSSAR data base of all Educational Outreach Teams and their programs. This would allow educators a data base of our nationwide programs including contact information and scripts and/or videos.

Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Education Director; Brooks Lyles, Educational Committee Chairman; Bill Stone, Educational Outreach Center Production Chair; and Tom Jackson, Web-based Educational Learning Subcommittee Chair, and others on the NSSAR Educational Team will work together to develop this initiative. The NSSAR Educational Director could assist in the developing of new presentations.

The details of this long range initiative can found on the NSSAR website. There will be two levels of the program, (1) for those chapters who have never offered an educational outreach program and (2) for those chapters who already have an educational program in place. The basic requirements are the same and will require chapters to share their program information with NSSAR to be included in the national education website. Streamers will be available for those chapters who complete this initiative between now and 31 May 2017. But this initiative does not stop in 2017. It continues for many years into the future.

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My wife, Cilla Leed and your First Lady.

Our son, John M. Tomme, Jr., and his wife Jenny.

Our two daughters, Leslie and Laura (whom are not in attendance due to work schedules) and our five grandchildren are all at home in Georgia. My Dad, at age 88, is unable to attend due to his current medical conditions. I want thank each of my family members for supporting me in this journey.

I also want recognize my Georgia SAR "family" as these are the individuals who first introduced me to the SAR. Will the members of the Georgia Society please stand, and be recognized?

I take great pride in that I am a member of the SAR. This is your society and each of us has an important role to play. We should take every opportunity to educate the public on who we are and why we are relevant. I believe we can increase our identity and have the SAR become more recognizable to the public. Over the years, a lot of our compatriots and colleagues have worked hard to make this organization into the largest, strongest and best society that it can be. However, there is still a lot of work to do, both now and into our future.

At the Spring Leadership and Trustees meeting, we took an important step into the future. We engaged in discernment and debate of the proposal, and then the Trustees voted to pay the final installment of the interpretive plan to Solid Light and approved moving ahead with the Educational Outreach Center, when we have the money in hand. I believe that our compatriots like our Patriot ancestors, came away from this session with an overall appreciation of the process and agreed to move forward.

This facility will be a wonderful addition to our Society not only now, but into the future of our organization once it is completed. With our headquarters located on Main Street, among numerous museums and tourist attractions, this Educational Outreach Center once completed will not only enhance our visibility, but should attract new prospective members who visit the area. Visitors could tour our Educational Center and then exit next door to our library to conduct research on their own family history.

I will continue the Implementation Committee that PG Lawrence started. This will be chaired by PG Nathan White. This committee will continue to be made up of



My next initiative is the Mentor Program.

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When does the mentor process begin? It begins when a new prospective member inquires/seeks information on becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by a casual conversation, email inquiry, or responding to an ad in local paper. At that time, the process should be an offer to assist or a referral to a mentor in the chapter. The President should have a list of mentors in the chapter to assist in this endeavor. Each chapter should have mentors regardless of the size of the chapter. The mentor should assist the applicant through the process of acceptance and continue on once he becomes a member to assimilate the new member ensuring a meaningful relationship with the current members and a commitment to the mission of the society.

It has been recognized that the retention rate of members, especially new members should be increased. I believe the retention rate may be significantly increased by involving a new member in the activities of the chapter, state and national level through “mentoring” of new members. The mentoring of members is a responsibility of all SAR members and especially the 1st line sponsor and chapter.

Therefore, I am asking the Membership Committee to spearhead this project. I am requesting that they review their policies, pamphlets and brochures and bring them up to date. Their publications should be “eye catching” to the public. I would charge the Membership Committee to work with the Medals and Awards Committee to look into the possibility of tying a portion of this program to the Liberty Medal. The goal of this initiative is to create an effective mentorship program which will enhance not only our enrollment numbers, but the quality and quantity of our SAR programs.

Our Youth programs continue to be strong. We continue to have strong leadership in these committees. Our Council of Youth Awards has put together a wonderful brochure listing all of Youth Awards. I am aware that additional money is required to increase the awards provided by the various programs. Therefore, I am issuing a challenge to each State Society to donate \$1,000.00 or more to the Council of Youth Awards (not to the individual youth programs) between now and 1 June 2017. Those states that meet the \$1,000 challenge will receive a streamer. If 100% of the state societies donate \$1,000, Cilla and I will donate \$10,000 or more to the Council of Youth Awards. The total donations would then be divided amount the various programs. I would charge the Committee to look at the various programs and determine how to equalize the awards.

Our NSSAR CAR program continues to grow. I am asking Chairman Darrin Schmidt to make sure that each State Society has a State CAR Chairman. I would like the State CAR Chairman to encourage each chapter to create a CAR Liaison. Chapters should encourage SAR members to become Senior Leaders in the local and state CAR societies, as well as at the National level. I would like each SAR chapter to enroll CAR members as Junior Members in our society. Once they become SAR Junior Members, the chapters are encouraged to get them involved in our committees. Many of the CAR members are already serving on committees in the CAR, why not with the SAR? This would increase our membership. Once the Junior Member ages out, they would continue on into the parent organization.

This year the National Park Service is celebrating its 100th year of service. This is wonderful opportunity for the Historic Site and Celebrations Committee to build our relationship with the Park Service and partner with them in their year of celebration. The Park Service is engaging in a campaign to reintroduce the national parks and the work of the National Park Service to a new generation of Americans. Therefore, I am issuing a challenge to the Historic Site and Celebrations Committee to build upon our relationship with the National Park Service. Many of our American Revolutionary historic sites our maintained by the Park Service and with our increased involvement, this would bring increased visibility and promotion of the SAR to a potential new member base.

In closing, I would like reflect on the exceptional members we have in the SAR. We have all given of our time, talents and financial assets to make this organization prominent. Now is our opportunity to take the SAR to a new level and commitment. We must continue to promote the SAR to the public, so that we are recognizable. We must constantly tell our ancestor’s stories and those of the early patriots who fought for our independence. We live in the greatest country and enjoy the freedoms that our forefathers fought for over 230 years ago. We are obligated to continue to preserve our heritage, our mission, and the historic principals for which this country was founded upon.

I ask that you please keep Cilla and me in your thoughts and prayers as we travel this great nation, to carry out the business of our society. We both look forward to a wonderful year. Thank you once again for the confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to working alongside you for our Society, a society of gentlemen, the Sons of the American Revolution.

Now for a few announcements:

Cilla and I are excited to announce our “Road to Saratoga” tour that will be held next May 4-11, 2017. We will begin in Quebec, Canada visiting the sights of Old Quebec. We will then travel on to Montreal, where we will visit the Old Montreal and Fort Lennox National Historic Site and then on to Burlington, VT, and visit the Ethan Allen homestead. We will travel on to Fort Ticonderoga and then on to Saratoga National Park. It will be a great trip and we encourage you to register as soon as possible. We will have flyers available in the back of the room. God Bless America and each of you.

Yours in Patriotism,
J. Michael “Mike” Tomme, Sr.

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