



President's Message

I would like to thank everyone for their support. I will do my best to uphold the traditions of the SAR and the Brevard Chapter in supporting and growing our chapter. In fact our chapter is still growing. During the summer four more people have started their application process to become members. Several of them also want to add their family members.



My objectives for the year is to learn more about our ancestors by having a "Moment of History" during the luncheon where we can talk about what happened during the revolution that month. We can add to this by having some of our members talk about their ancestors and what they were involved with. Another objective is to increase the number of people in our color guard. We have several partial and complete uniforms members can utilize if they want to participate in our color guard.

I would like to create a speakers bureau that can go to other local organizations and talk about the SAR and it's purposes. Also plan to continue some of Barry Eller's objectives which include a community outreach, recognition of the veterans, ROTC, Scouters and First Responders as examples. We should also include a short presentation on the SAR when presenting community awards.

We have several positions we need to fill for this coming year. They include Color Guard Commander/ Vice Commander, Editor/Publisher, Web Master, Publicity Chair and ROTC Chairman. If you have interest in any of these positions please let us know.

We are coming into a very important time of the year where we will be exercising one of our constitutional rights which is to vote for the people we want to represent us. Many of us (including myself in the past) have looked

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September Meeting

September 22, 2018

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

September Program

Constitution Week

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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 2018 -2019

Calendar of events

September - Constitution Day meeting
Presentation of Colors

November 10th - Veterans Day Parade
Melbourne

December - Wreaths Across America-
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

March Last Naval Battle

May - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne

JOIN This COLORFUL Group !



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

Veterans Day Parade
Melbourne, FL



Veterans Day
Ceremony Merritt
Island Veterans
Center





Chapter Activities

Program, and Menus

The 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

SEPT 22, 2018 - HOLIDAY INN, VIERA JOINT MEETING WITH DAR; PRICE \$20; Menu Choices: TOP ROUND BEEF POT ROAST or CHICKEN FRICASSE- SAUTEED WITH CARROTS, ONIONS, TOMATOES, WHITE WINE & CHICKEN BROTH.

OCT 20, 2018 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: : BRATWURST & SAUERKRAUT or GRILLED FLANK STEAK SALAD

NOV 17, 2018 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: ROAST TURKEY W/STUFFING or GRILLED CRISPEY CHICKEN SALAD

DEC 15, 2018 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: ROAST BEEF or CHICKEN/TUNA SALAD

JAN 19, 2019 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: MEAT LOAF or TRADITIONAL CHEFS SALAD

FEB 23, 2019 - THE TIDES; JOINT MEETING WITH DAR; PRICE \$20; Menu Choices: PETITE FILET or SALMON

MAR 23, 2019- THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: CORN BEEF & CABBAGE or TRADITIONAL CHEFS SALAD

APRIL 20, 2019 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: BAKED HAM or SAUTEED SHRIMP SALAD

MAY 11, 2019 - THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: TILAPIA or FRUIT 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.

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Coming in the Next 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.

State & National Events

National events -

Fall Leadership -

September 27-29, 2018 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

Spring Leadership -

February 28 - March 2, 2019 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

State events -

Florida SAR Fall BOM - Oct 10-11, 2018 at Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South Orlando

Florida Society Richard Fowler Award
winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017(tie); 2nd Place 2009; Honorable Mention: 2014, 2016;

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

NSSAR Winner Periodical - 2009

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Chapter Activity & Helpfulness to readers

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution took place at The Tides Collocated Club located at 1001 N. Highway A1A, S. Atlantic Ave., Patrick AFB, FL 32925. The meeting was attended by 37 persons. Compatriot Ben DuBose was in period attire and Compatriot Fuller Jones was in Class A attire.

- This regular meeting was called to order by President Barry Eller at 11:50 AM.
- Reverend David Ralston gave the Invocation.
- President Eller led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.
- President Eller acknowledged the National Officer, President Lindsey Brock, and Past Chapter Presidents Norm Desmarais, Ben Dubose, Carl Greene, and Bob Humker in attendance.
- President Eller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as submitted. That motion was heard and seconded by the floor.
- President Eller called for Officer Reports and there were none.
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- President Eller distributed awards for various Compatriots for years of service and other individual accomplishments.
- President Eller stated the Chapter would be represented at the Melbourne, Florida Memorial Day. A motion to donate \$25.00 on behalf of the Chapter to the parade sponsors was made, seconded, voted on by the membership and passed unanimously. Participants should assemble at Mustard's Last Stand in downtown Melbourne at 8:00 AM on May 26th.
- President Eller and President General Lindsay Brock swore in new members Jay Clayton Steinke and Michal Palmer. Compatriot Brian Jensen took photographs of the ceremony.
- President Eller recessed the meeting for lunch at approximately 12:10 PM and Reverend Ralston gave the blessing of the meal.
- Compatriot Jim Ward and Sharon Eller sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing during the recess.
- The meeting was called back to order at approximately 1:05 PM.
- President Eller presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following compatriots:
 - To Sam Ashdown for his work for the Chapter this year.
 - To Roger Bonnet for his work as 1st Vice President.

- To Jerry Scarpace as 2nd Vice President.
- Memorial Certificates to our departed brothers Bob Chorney and Ben Keller.
- To Ben DuBose for his service to the Chapter along with his 20-year pin.
- To Billy Peters for his service to the Chapter along with his 15-year pin.
- To Carroll Lord for his long service as Chapter Treasurer along with his 10-year pin.
- To Ray Norman for his service to the ROTC Program along with his 10-year pin.
- To Bob Humker for his service as Recording Secretary along with his 5-year pin.
- To Sonny Jones for his work as Chapter Genealogist and Member-At-Large.
- To Norm Desmarais for his work as Chapter Historian.
- To Reverend David Ralston as our Chaplain.
- To James Ward for his work as Member-At-Large and nearly 5 years of service.
- To Palmer Stiles for his support of the Chapter.
- To Brian Jensen for his support of the Chapter.
- To Bob Kercher for his support of the Chapter.
- To Justin Murrell for his support of the Chapter.
- And to Matthew Danison for his support of the Chapter.

• Nominating Committee Chairman Humker read the current slate of candidates for elected office for the term 2018-2019 and called for nominations from the floor three times. The current slate of candidates is as follows:

For President	Roger Bonnett
For 1st Vice President	James Ward
For 2nd Vice President	Jerry Scarpace
For Treasurer	Carroll Lord
For Secretary	Barry Eller
For Recording Secretary	Ben DuBose
For Member-at-Large	Fuller Jones
For Member-at-Large	Doug Bisset

• Chairman Humker conducted the election of new officer for the year 2018-2019. The slate of candidates ran unopposed and was elected by a unanimous vote of the membership present.

- President General Lindsay Brock swore in the newly elected officers.
- The 50/50 drawing was held and door prizes distributed to the winners.
- Reverend Ralston gave the Benediction.
- President Bonnett led the assembly in the recitation of the SAR Recessional.
- There being no further business to discuss, President Bonnett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary

Welcome New Members

New members Brian and Matthew Patton, Jay Clayton Steinke, and Kenneth and Michael Palmer. They were Inducted at our May meeting. Compatriots Patton's Patriot Ancestor is David Williams of North Carolina who Took Oath of Allegiance to make land entry. Compatriot Steinke's Patriot Ancestor is David Brent Sr of Massachusetts who was a Captain in the militia. Compatriots Palmers' Patriot Ancestor is John Quimby of New Hampshire who was a Town Selectman in Protect Worth (now Springfield) of Cheshire County.

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:

Junior = 11

Life = 5

Memorial = 1

Regular = 94

Youth = 2

Dual (w/ GASSAR & NCSSAR) = 2

Dual (In-state) = 1

Associate = 3

With our 1 Associate and 1 In-state Dual (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 119

This allows the Brevard Chapter to have **4** voting Delegates to any Board of Management meetings (BOMs). They are: The Chapter President, the **IMMEDIATE** past chapter President, and two other designated delegates.

For the upcoming Fall Board of Management Meeting in October the voting delegates would be:

President Bonnett

Immediate Past President Eller

(40 - 80 members) - * TBD

(81-120 members) - * TBD

Past President General Brock

Past President General Tomme

Patriot Medal DuBose

Patriot Medal Williams

* TBD - these appointed delegates need to be submitted to the state secretary **BEFORE** the BOM

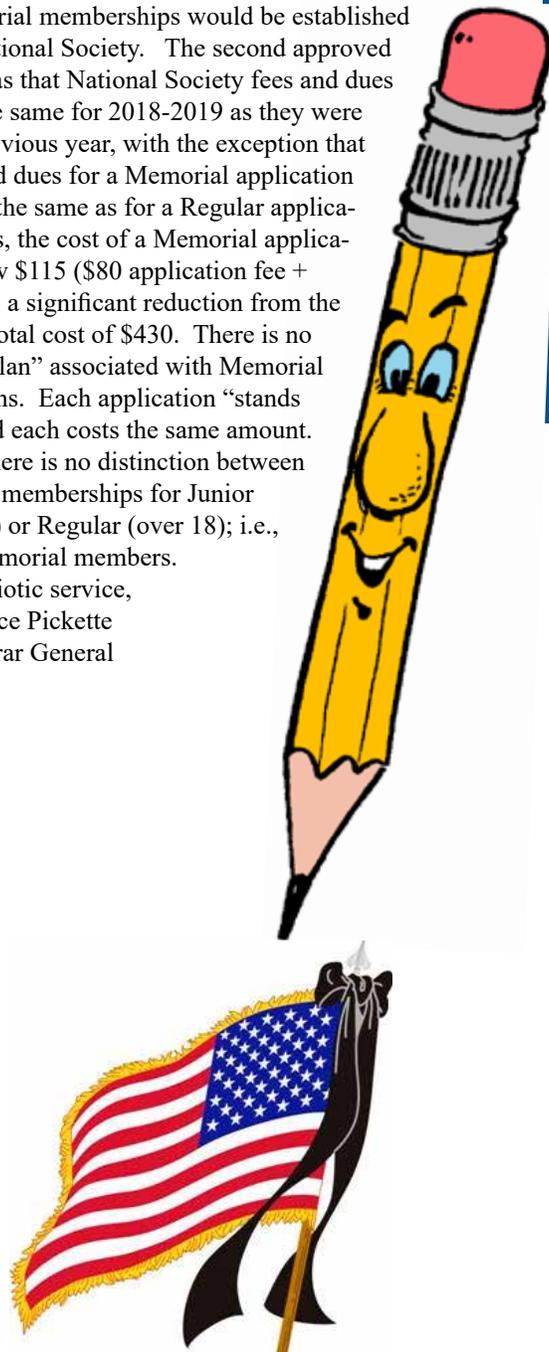
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National News

Memorial Memberships

At the 128th Congress in Houston, the delegates passed motions dealing with Memorial applications. The first of these was to note that the fee and dues for Memorial memberships would be established by the National Society. The second approved motion was that National Society fees and dues remain the same for 2018-2019 as they were for the previous year, with the exception that the fee and dues for a Memorial application would be the same as for a Regular application. Thus, the cost of a Memorial application is now \$115 (\$80 application fee + \$35 dues), a significant reduction from the previous total cost of \$430. There is no "Family Plan" associated with Memorial applications. Each application "stands alone" and each costs the same amount. Further, there is no distinction between Memorial memberships for Junior (under 18) or Regular (over 18); i.e., all are Memorial members.

In patriotic service,
C. Bruce Pickette
Registrar General



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Special Story

Zachariah Rice

Patriot Zachariah Rice served in the Continental Army as an engineer and carpenter. He arrived at Philadelphia 16 Sept 1751 in the ship Edinburgh. Zachariah was a millwright by trade and built the Clover Mill in the United States. (Zechariah is credited with inventing a machine that would clean and sort clover seed.) At the request of General George Washington he built (with others) the Yellow Springs Hospital near his home in Chester County, which would be used as a field hospital for casualties of the war. His wife, Abigail, became a recurrent visitor to the hospital, spending much of her time ministering to sick and wounded soldiers. As a result of her devotion to help the suffering, she contracted typhus, which would later cause her untimely death.

Washington faced General William Howe's army 11 September 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine. As the casualties mounted, Washington soon realized that he was hopelessly outnumbered and poorly supplied. He decided to withdraw, saving his men to "fight another day". During the retreat, Washington and his staff officers stopped at the Rice farm and asked Abigail if they could have some water. She sent a daughter for a pitcher of water from their well, to which she added some sugar, spices, and rum, making a drink popularly known as "flip". Abigail handed the drink to him and said, "Here, my Lord." Washington quickly replied, "We have no titles here, we are all brothers." As General Washington drank this beverage, Abigail's five-year-old daughter, Susannah, approached him. Washington smiled, picked her up, and sat her on his knee while he finished his drink. After the war, the Rices continued to farm their land and raise their family. Then, in 1789, Zachariah was struck with two overwhelming blows. The first was the death of his beloved wife, Abigail, who died of typhus contracted during the war. Shortly after Zachariah lost his land, along with 114 other families in Pikeland Township.

The Pikeland Land Foreclosure of 1789: The Pikeland property was originally patented by William Penn in 1681, and, following a succession of owners, was

eventually acquired by Samuel Hoare, a London merchant. Hoare purchased the tract in 1750, which he financed in London. He later conveyed a portion of it, about 17,000 acres, to Andrew Allen, a prominent Philadelphia merchant and a member of the Continental Congress. Allen's mortgage was carried by Mr. Hoare. Allen then divided his portion of the property into two and three-hundred acre parcels, which he, in turn, sold to the German immigrants. Because of his respected standing in the community, the immigrants did not question his integrity. Mr. Allen, however, kept the money he made from these transactions and defaulted on his payments to Hoare. The deeds that he gave to his buyers were worthless because they were never registered with the county land office. By this time, the Revolutionary War had begun. Andrew Allen fled to Trenton, New Jersey, recently captured by the British, and asked General Howe for protection. Hoare could take no legal action to recover his losses until the hostilities ended. After the war Sheriff Ezekial Howard was given writs, dated August 26, 1789, to start foreclosure proceedings on the Hoare-Allen mortgage, and to begin the sale of the land. This forced Zachariah Rice, now nearly sixty years old, along with his seventeen children, five of whom were married, to pack their belongings into wagons and begin a journey west to what is now Perry and Juniata Counties in central Pennsylvania. It was

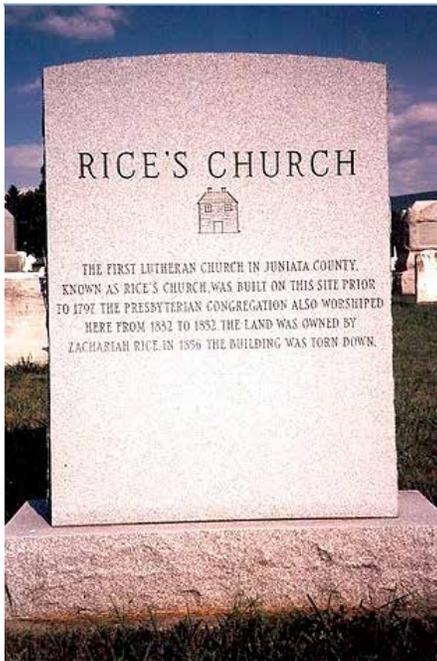


rumored that farmland was cheap there, and after losing almost everything, they had little choice. Soon after his arrival in Juniata County in 1790, he purchased some land from Laurence and Mary King for 1100 Pounds with his final payment 21 September 1801. His property was known as "Spring Mill", just outside of Port Royal. After establishing a new home for himself and his twelve dependent

children, his next priority was a place of worship. Zachariah was a German Lutheran by faith, but there were no Lutheran churches in the area. Zachariah set aside one and a half acres of the highest section of his land, now called Church Hill, and built there the first Lutheran Church in Juniata County. Rice's Church, a log building, was constructed between 1794 and 1797. On 1 January 1803, the church and its land was sold to the trustees of the congregation for sixteen dollars. A cemetery was also established on the property that year. Zachariah Rice died 19 August 1811, and was buried in the cemetery, next to the church he built for his family and neighbors. His tombstone still stands; the inscription is in German - translated to English: "When You will awaken the dead on that day, also give Your hand after we have arisen. Lord, speak Your answer kindly to me. Lift this transfigured body up to Thy throne."

Patriot Abigail Hartman: In 1757 Zachariah married Marie Appolonia "Abigail" Hartman. Abigail was born in Wurttemberg, Germany on 4 September 1742, the daughter of Johannes

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and Margaret Hartman. She was 15 years old when she married 26 year old Zachariah. Her father, Johannes Hartman, gave the newlyweds a two-hundred acre parcel of farmland, on which they built their Pennsylvania home. During their marriage of 33 years Zachariah and Abigail had twenty-one children, seventeen of whom survived to adulthood. Abigail nursed in the first military hospital under the Continental Army auspices, dying of typhus contracted

there, and is buried at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester County, For Abigail's contributions during the war, there was a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in her name in Washington, DC. There is also a plaque in her honor in the Bell Tower at Valley Forge.

Zachariah r. Chester Springs, Chester Co., PA before moving to Juniata Co., PA. He came to America 16 Sept 1751 in the ship *Edinburgh*. Nancy Stockton's file in Ancestry World Tree states that Zachariah owned a tavern in Pikeland, Chester Co., PA and a farm of 205-3/4 acres - the farm was lost in the Hoare financial failure in 1789, and Zachariah (having lost his farm and his wife) moved to Milford Twp., Juniata Co., PA in 1790 with his seventeen children. Zachariah served in the War for Independence and is a qualified ancestor for DAR and SAR membership. Another file in AWT states that he built the mill along the banks of Pickering Creek on what is Clover Mill Road off PA 113 (the mill was standing in 2002), and that in both Pikeland Twp., Chester Co. and in Loysville, PA (now Perry Co.) he built Lutheran Churches. "The Perry Review, Vol. 30 - 2009" (Newport, PA: The Perry Historians), pp. 51-52, presents photos of the spring house he or his son, Zachariah, built in Perry Co., PA. See also "Straubs, Smiths and Extended Family" on <http://wc.rootsweb.com> by Christina Straub which offers the following paragraphs:

John, Peter, George, Sallie, and Susannah Rice are also buried in the Church Hill Cemetery in Juniata County. Margaret and Jacob Rice are interred at the Loysville Cemetery; Conrad Rice in the Buffalo Cemetery; and Zachariah Rice II is buried in Landisburg, all in Perry County, PA.

*Zachariah Rice (Reiss) was born in Bavaria, Germany in 1731. He came to the United States on the ship *Edinburgh*, and docked in Philadelphia on September 16, 1751. He settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, near the town of Yellow Springs. In 1757 Zachariah married Marie Appolonia "Abigail" Hartman. Abigail was born in Wurttemberg, Germany on September 4, 1742, the daughter of Johannes and Margaret Hartman. She was 15 years old when she married Zachariah and he was 11 years older than*

she was. Abigail's father, Johannes Hartman, gave the newlyweds a two-hundred acre parcel of farmland, on which they built their home. Zachariah was a millwright by trade and built the first Clover Mill in the United States. During their marriage of 33 years, Zachariah and Abigail had twenty-one children, seventeen of whom survived to adulthood. Abigail is buried at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester County, Zachariah is buried in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Note: During the American Revolution Zachariah Rice enlisted in the Continental Army as an engineer and carpenter, under the command of General George Washington. He helped build the Yellow Springs Hospital near his home in Chester County, which would soon be used as a field hospital for the casualties of the war. His wife, Abigail, became a recurrent visitor to the hospital, spending much of her time ministering to the sick and wounded soldiers. As a result of her devotion to help the suffering, she contracted typhus, which would later cause her untimely death. On September 11, 1777, Washington encountered General William Howe's army at the Battle of Brandywine. As the battle ensued and the casualties mounted, Washington soon realized that he was hopelessly outnumbered and poorly supplied to resume the fight. He wisely decided to withdraw, saving his men to "fight another day". During his retreat, Washington and his staff officers stopped at the Rice farm and asked Abigail if they could have some water. She sent one of her daughters to retrieve a pitcher of water from their well, to which she added some sugar, spices, and rum, making a drink that was popularly known as "flip". Abigail handed the drink to him and said, "Here, my Lord." Washington quickly replied, "We have no titles here, we are all brothers." As General Washington drank this beverage, Abigail's five-year-old daughter, Susannah, approached him. Washington smiled, picked her up, and sat her on his knee while he finished his drink. For Abigail's contributions during the war, there was a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in her name in Washington, DC. There is also a plaque in her honor in the Bell Tower at Valley Forge. After the war, the Rices continued to farm their land and raise their family. Then, in 1789, Zachariah was struck with two overwhelming blows. The first was the death of his beloved wife, Abigail. She had succumbed to the typhus that she contracted during the war. She was buried at St. Peter's Church in Chester County. Shortly thereafter, Zachariah lost his land, along with 114 other families in Pikeland Township. The Pikeland Land Foreclosure of 1789 - The Pikeland property was originally patented by William Penn in 1681, and, following a succession of owners, was eventually acquired by Samuel Hoare, a London merchant. Hoare purchased the tract in 1750, which he financed through a London mortgage company. He later conveyed a portion of it, about 17,000

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Revolutionary War Time line

September / October

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



Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

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

Last Naval Battle Medal sets

Order NOW!

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

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are SOLD OUT

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

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



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A 2009 posting on Ancestry.com offers: "The modern winery at the old Rice homestead in Chester Co. on line. It is called Clover Mill Farm Vineyards & Winery. <http://www.clovermillfarm.com/about.htm>. At this location Zechariah built a grist mill for grinding grains such as corn and wheat to be used as animal feed and as flour in baking breads. Portions of the mill race can still be seen. Zechariah is credited with inventing a machine that would clean and sort clover seed. Subsequently, he adjusted his business to concentrate on preparing clover seed for surrounding farmers. Timothy seed would be planted in the Fall at the time the wheat was planted. Then the next Spring farmers would broadcast clover seed over their wheat fields. In the following summer these

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fields would produce a mixed timothy-and-clover hay. It was important to broadcast clean, healthy clover grains to produce quality hay. The Rice clover mill was a great labor saver in the process of cleaning and sorting the tiny grains of clover seed."

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume 65, page 182 (DAR ID Number: 64519): Zachariah Rice (1731-1811), a patriot, who did much work for the government during the Revolutionary War, and assisted in building the hospital at 'Yellow Springs,' Chester County. He was born in Germany; died in Pennsylvania. {Late in the war, Zachariah also fought in Captain Eyric's company.}

See "Records of the Annual Hench and Dromgold Reunion...", Lelia Dromgold Emig, Ed. (Harrisburg, PA: The United Evangelical Press, 1913), pp.78ff. for an extended description of "Zachary" and his life and family. His Bible is held by the Chester County (PA) Historical Society.

"The historical sketch in this booklet states the Old Church Hill (OCH) Cemetery is located a mile south of Port Royal on the east side of Rt. 75. It states Zachariah Rice had built the OCH log building for worship on the highest point of his farmland sometime prior to 1797. It also states, 'Early histories date the construction of Rice's Church as immediately following that of Lebanon Church in Loysville, Perry County. Lebanon Church was built in 1794. Zachariah Rice is credited with doing much of the work in the construction of both churches.'

See <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=G ET&db=bevangelical&id=I131581>

"Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Volume: XII - Provincial Papers: Proprietary and Other Tax Lists of the County of Chester for the years 1774, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1785", p. 621 shows Zachariah with 177 acres and a tavern in 1781.

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at it as a chore. It is extremely important for EVERYONE to voice their opinion on how we should be represented. Our representatives will determine our local, state and national strategy going forward and we need to have them work as a team. If scheduling to vote is a hassle, use mail-in voter forms. We have found this a easy way to get our vote counted. Our ancestors fought for this right so go vote!

Roger Bonnett
President
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2017-2018 Officers

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