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President's Message



Compatriots,

Greetings and I hope you had as much fun as we did this summer. We had several of our members in both the Memorial Day and 4th of July Parades in Melbourne. We had a great time passing out candy to the kids along the parade route and actually

got our picture in a local magazine. Please consider coming out to these events. It's a lot of fun and if you have a Colonial outfit it's fun to get dressed up. But we also need members in regular attire so folks will know we are not time travelers from the 18th century. Participation makes the holiday more meaningful to everyone.

Speaking of period correct outfits, one of the speakers this coming year makes custom fitted uniforms and suits.

Remember you will be reimbursed up to \$100 for a complete outfit. Keep an eye out for the emails about upcoming meetings as we have several great speakers this coming year.

I have a stack of new guys coming into the Chapter. We will be putting a flag on their table at the meetings so you can find them and welcome them into the Chapter. Please make them feel welcome and offer any assistance you can that help them become active members of the Chapter. We are a blessed Chapter as this year we will have two President Generals of the SAR as members - J Michael Tomme and Lindsey Cook Brock. I think I'm going to feel like a Corporal leading a meeting attended by General Washington.


The SAR is providing online training from the Boy Scouts on how to interact with young people. Simply put it recommends not doing anything you would not want to see on the front page of the Washington Post or the nightly news. Avoid compromising encounters. If it looks unavoidable, exit stage right with a polite goodbye. We hand out a lot of awards to young people but if you feel uncomfortable we can mail it to the organization for them to present.

I'd like our Chapter to extend this Philosophy to all our interactions with folks of all ages and genders. We can get in as much trouble misspeaking or interacting with a lady or gentleman of any age. Improper actions are not limited to children. Avoid compromising situations. All the training

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September Meeting

September 16, 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

September Program

TBD

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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

September 16th - Constitution Week Meeting. The Tides Restaurant

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

December 16th - Wreaths Across America

JOIN This COLORFUL Group !



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

Veterans Day Parade
Melbourne, FL



Veterans Day
Ceremony Merritt
Island Veterans
Center





Meeting Schedule, Program, and Menus

The 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

September 16. Constitution Week, The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker TBD; \$20 per person; menu: Potato Crusted Salmon OR Petite Tenderloin

beef

October 15. The Tides PAFB 11:30 a.m., Speaker Rick Haven is the "Tailor's Guide and Just Two Tailors", \$15 per person; menu: Bratwurst with German Potatoes Salad and Red Cabbage OR Traditional Chefs 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 Traditional Chefs salad

December 10. 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 -

Fall Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY, Thursday, September 28, 2017 - Saturday, September 30, 2017

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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SAR Youth Programs

The following SAR Youth Programs are highlighted in this issue to educate our chapter members as to the importance of our involvement with our Brevard youth in either re-starting these programs or maintaining our commitment in our existing participation. In the last issue we covered ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scout Recognition, and the Knight essay contest.

Americanism Poster and Brochure Programs

The Americanism Elementary Poster and the Middle School Brochure Contests has been a great youth venue for stimulating Revolutionary War period history in our students. The Poster Contest is for elementary students in the 3rd -5th grade and the Brochure Contest is for Middle School grades 6th – 8th grade. For the Poster Contest, State Societies can pick their own contest theme on “Revolutionary War Events” for even numbered years and for odd number academic years the theme shall be “Revolutionary War People”.

Accordingly, for FLSSAR 2017-2018 the Poster Contest theme will be Revolutionary War People. I would suggest the Chapter winner deadline date of April 2018. For the FLSSAR contest the chapter winning posters (24 X 36 inches) will need to be brought to the annual FLSSAR meeting by Saturday morning. Make sure Chairman Ramsour receives an original plus two copies of the entry form for the winning chapter poster. Attach the original to the back of the poster and Mr. Ramsour will mail one copy to the National Chairman and the other copy to NSSAR HQ before June 1. For more details and entry forms go to: www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards.

Again the theme for the Brochure contest is different than the poster contest and centers around the 8th grade curriculum where American History is normally taught in middle school. Submission is on an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper that is created into a tri-fold brochure. The brochure will be judged on student art and student authored theme text. Material cut and pasted from books, magazines and the internet will be accepted but will receive a lower grade than student produced the art work. Our FLSSAR submission deadline from individual chapter winners will need to be mailed or emailed to the FLSSAR committee chair by the end of April 2017. He will then email all chapter entries to our FLSSAR judges

for their review and scoring. Hopefully, by the middle of May, he will be able to forward by email our FLSSAR State Brochure winner to our National Brochure Chairman Tom Adams. Chairman Adams will then repeat the process for all the state winners to all the NSSAR judges in order to have a winner for final evaluation at Congress in July 2018.

Joseph S Rumbaugh Historical Oration Competition

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to students in Grades 9-12 and is held annually. The oration shall be on the subject of an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. This award may be presented by the state society or a chapter to students completing the application and presenting the oral dissertation. The Purpose Of The National Contest is:

- To support historical research in our high schools by promoting oratorical presentations related to our Revolutionary War period 1750-1800.
- To emphasize American History to the high school student and focus on and intelligent relationship between the past and the present.
- To place a positive emphasis on the plans of our founding fathers.

Preliminary rounds are held by Chapters and State Societies (prior to contestants advancing to final judging at the NSSAR National Congress) to select one winner from each participating state. In regions (SAR Districts) where no State Society sponsors an entrant, an SAR District entry is permitted. Prizes may be awarded to winners of Chapter and State Society (or District) competitions. The State or District sponsor is responsible for informing the contestant how expenses of competing at the National Level will be made. For example, travel, hotel for two evenings and meal expense.

The Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Competition

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, whose mission and objectives are patriotic, historical, and educational, wish to identify, recognize, and commend Outstanding Social Studies Teachers. These extraordinary educators at private, public, and parochial institutions, who teach our children in a middle or high school setting, will be recognized for actively addressing the history of the American Revolutionary era. The Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award winner will represent a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current, accepted, curriculum requirements.

MAY Meeting Minutes

The May 2017 regular luncheon meeting took place at The TIDES at Patrick Air Force Base. Compatriots Bob Chorney, Norm Desmarais, Bob Humker, attended in period attire and Sonny Jones attended in Class III period attire.

- The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett at approximately 11:30 AM
 - with approximately 34 persons attending.
 - SAR Officers in attendance besides 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett included 2nd Vice President Sam Ashdown, Recording Secretary Bob Humker, Treasurer Carroll Lord, and Member-at-Large Fuller Jones.
 - Compatriot Reverend David Ralston gave the invocation.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnett led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the SAR Pledge.
 - No State and National Officers were in attendance.
 - Past Presidents in attendance included Bob Chorney, Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, and Bob Humker.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnett asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the last meeting and being none asked for a motion to approve them as submitted. Compatriot Past President Bob Chorney made the motion. Compatriot Past President Norm Desmarais seconded the motion. Humker made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. A vote by the membership carried the motion unanimously.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnett called for Officer Reports and there were none.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnett called for Committee Reports and there were none.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnet opened the floor for discussion of any old, unfinished business and there was none.
 - The 1st Vice President opened the floor for discussion of any new business and/or announcements.
 - 1st Vice President Bonnet stated that the Awards Committee are putting together a list of awards to be presented and given that the list not yet complete that the awards and presentations will be made in the October Meeting.
 - The 1st Vice President announced that Chaplain Reverend David Ralston's wife is being inducted as Regent of the Commodore Perry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Rockledge Country Club on Saturday June 10th and that three of our Chapter's Color Guard plan to attend but that we are seeking additional participation. An additional notice will be sent to the membership with the particulars of the meeting including time, cost, reservations, menu choices, etc.
 - The Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 29th, 2017. The Chapter will attempt to find out particulars and provide notice to the membership that would participate and/or attend.
 - Veterans Committee Chairman Bob Humker presented Membership Certificates in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and War or Military Service Medal sets to Chapter veterans Norm

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Welcome Our New Members

New members x. They could be Inducted at our May 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 = 9
Life = 3
Memorial = 1
Regular = 80
At National = 14
Youth = 2
Dual (w/ GASSAR & NCSSAR) = 2
Dual (In-state) = 1
Associate = 1

With our 1 Associate (not counted by the state or National) the membership is 115.

*** 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

Setember / 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 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



and honor each of them for their service and sacrifice for their country. The group received a hearty round of applause from the membership for their service.

• Compatriot Treasurer Carroll Lord called our host and hostess front and center and presented Jeff Lawton of Aramark Corp. a nicely framed Certificate of Appreciation for the graciousness shown to the Chapter over the years as well as card and a small gift for Mary Montague as a token of our appreciation for the wonderful service she provides to us each month.

• 1st Vice President Bonnett called the meeting in recess for the luncheon meal at approximately 11:50PM followed by David Ralston giving the blessing of the meal. Menu choices today were a green salad, teriyaki chicken, rice and sautéed vegetables, or a grilled chicken Caesar salad. Each was served with rolls and butter, iced tea, and coffee. The Eller’s graciously provided dessert cakes for gathering.

• 2nd Vice President Sam Ashdown sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing.

• 1st Vice President Bonnett called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:43 PM.

• The 1st Vice President Bonnett asked the three potential new members and the Color Guard to assemble at the back of the room. All proceeded to and gathered at the flags and 1st Vice President conducted a very nice induction ceremony. Three new members, Brain Lee Jensen, Randall Thomas Schindler, and Edwin Henry Riedell took the oath of membership and were sworn-in as compatriots of the Chapter to the warm greetings of all present. Brian Jensen’s wife Linda (Regent of the Cape Canaveral DAR Chapter) joined the ceremonies and was presented a W.O.S.A.R. pin. Each new member was presented a copy of the Chapter’s By-Laws and each took the floor to speak about their patriot ancestors and their road to membership in the organization.

• 1st Vice President Bonnett asked Nominating Committee Chairman Humker to read the slate of candidates for next year’s Chapter Officers which was as follows:

- Barry Eller for President
- Roger Bonner for 1st Vice President
- Jerry Scarpace for 2nd Vice President
- Steve Williams for Secretary
- Carroll Lord for Treasurer
- Bob Humker for Recording Secretary
- Fuller Jones for Member-at-Large
- James Ward for Member-at-Large

• Committee Chairman Humker called for additional nominations from the floor was made three times and each time no additional nominations were heard and the final slate of candidates remained as previously announced and was formally presented to the 1st Vice President.

• 1st Vice President Bonnett called for a motion to elect the slate unanimously, the motion was made and seconded and vote of the membership taken and all were “Ayes” and no ‘Nays” were heard. The slate of candidates was duly elected to the applause of the membership.

• Given President Eller’s absence, 1st Vice President Bon-

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Eller from page 1 in the world will do you no good if you screw up. All you gentlemen know what’s right and wrong. Do what’s right!

Each month I try to tie a bit of thought back to the Constitution. The founding fathers were way ahead of their time when it came to protecting diversity within the United States. Diversity comes in a lot of flavors. Geographic differences often drive needs that vary from state to state. Cultural and racial differences vary from state to state. The environment of an urban city drives differences from one that is more rural. The founders understood that what works in Rhode Island may not work in New York. I made a trip out West this summer that brought these differences home to me. The Founding Fathers developed a way to even the playing field between large and small states to counter the tyranny of the majority. The makeup of the Congress is one example. It is designed to ensure that small States will not be forced to comply with the desires of more populous states. Second, the rule of law. Democracy only works well within the constraints of a legal system that protects the rights of all individuals. Take a look at the countries that ttempt to function by a democratic majority without protections for the minority. Iraq an ISIL come to mind. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Minorities come in all flavors, thoughts and colors. More than many other things the Founding Father feared attempts to direct people to one way of thinking. Freedom of speech fits into ensuring free thought and opinion.

On a larger scale they framed a document that defined a government that did not grant power to the States or its citizens. They feared the tyranny of power flowing down from the top. The Constitution grants the Federal government a limited set of things it can do and reserves everything else as the responsibility of the States as granted by the citizenry. Go back and read what it says the Federal government is supposed to Provide in the Constitution. The First Ten Amendment defined rights of the Citizens that Government cannot abridge.

The Founding Fathers fully understood one size does not fit all. The States can address any problem as they see fit as dictated by their citizens. Each state and its citizens need to craft their own way forward without treading on their neighbors.

Barry Eller, President Brevard Chapter



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May Executive Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee met at the Tides Restaurant on A1A across from Patrick Air Force Base. Elected Officers attending included: 1st Vice President Roger Bonnett, 2nd Vice President Sam Ashdown, Treasurer Carroll Lord, Recording Secretary Bob Humker, and Member-at-Large and Genealogist and Chapter Genealogist Sonny Jones. Past President Norm Desmarais was also in attendance. A quorum was reached as at least 50% of the Elected Officers (5 of the 8) were present.

- The meeting was called to order by Chapter 1st Vice President Bonnett at approximately 10:35 A.M.

- Discussion was held as the agenda for the day's luncheon meeting and roles each member would play as we had new members to induct into the organization, annual Chapter Officers elections to hold, and awards and presentations to make.

- Discussions were held as to the roles, responsibilities, and interactions of the Registrar and the Genealogist. 1st Vice President Bonnett has assumed the position of Registrar and 2nd Vice President Ashdown has offered to assist Compatriot Bonnett in those duties as and when necessary. It was noted that there has been no change in the Chapter By-Laws which states that the Chapter Genealogist shall assist the Registrar in the examination of all applications for membership. (Likewise, there has been no change in the Chapter By-Laws which states that the Chapter Registrar may call upon the Genealogist for assistance when necessary.) There is neither a perceived need nor any plan to consider a change to the Chapter By-Laws at this time. Compatriots Bonnett and Jones will coordinate their interactions as appropriate. It was further noted that no current membership applications have delayed for the need of additional work.

- It was noted that John Malcom served in the Military and is deserving of recognition for that service. Veterans Committee Chairman Humker shall pursue the process for that recognition and Compatriot Malcom's membership in the FLSSAR Veteran's Battalion.

- 2nd Vice President Sam Ashdown has offered to assume the position of Sergeant at Arms from Past President Norm Desmarais. Brief discussion followed as to the roles and responsibilities of that position.

- Discussion was held for the need to cross-train members in various positions but no action was taken on the issue.

- Additional discussions ensued but no additional motions were heard. As such, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and the members adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary



Coming in the November/December 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.

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nett asked Compatriot Past President

Norm Desmarais to swear in the elected candidates. Committee Chairman Humker called the elected candidates to the podium and presented them to Past President Desmarais. Past President Desmarais conducted a solemn and special swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected officers which, when finished, was confirmed by a round of applause from those present.

- Compatriot Chaplain David Ralston gave the blessing for the success of the newly elected officers.

- The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner's prizes were awarded.

- There being no old or new business to discuss 1st Vice President Bonnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was made, it was seconded and the motion carried.

- Compatriot Reverend David Ralston gave the Benediction.

1st Vice President Bonnett led the Chapter in the speaking of the SAR Recessional and the meeting adjourned was adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Humker, Recording Secretary

President General's message

It is now four weeks post Congress and excitement is in the air! We have a focus on our Members, our Committees, and our Mission. They have the same focus--Engagement. This second communication is about the

"How To". The "Why" will become apparent as you engage your Compatriots.

Our Challenge: To Grow

Our Goal: 64,000 members by 2026, less than 9% per year

Our Path: Engage each current and new member to help them fulfill the Why they joined.

Engagement is the key to our growth. Every member joins for a reason. If we address that reason, and provide an outlet for accomplishing the Why we joined, we will retain our current members. When you attend functions, do you seek to be with only those you know? If you reach out to those you see sitting alone, or who are obviously new, you might find a friend, but will surely help that person feel welcome. This next month, purposely seek out someone you may only have seen, but with whom you seldom interact. Bring him into your established group and find out what you have in common. We all want to feel we belong and are helping accomplish our Mission, otherwise why would we have put in the effort to complete the Application process.

The C.A.R. is perhaps the easiest way we can increase our total numbers. The Indiana Society put out a notice to their C.A.R. Societies about how they can join. That same day, a C.A.R. member produced a tri-fold brochure and distributed it to their whole membership telling all how it was the easiest and best investment they could make. The California Society, through their member Tom Adams, has produced even more information about the C.A.R. Check with both these Societies to find what works.

A ready source for members are those who live in your area, but are no longer active. They are called Drops, and can be reinstated if you tell them you are there, and that you have a desire to get to know them. They may have been members in a completely different area of the country than where you live, so you did not even know they existed. They in turn may not know you exist. To access this hidden trove of information, have your State Secretary either compile it from the National Database, or ask him to obtain same from National. Please go through your State Secretary so our National Staff Registrar, Jonathan Toons isn't bombarded with 500 emails requesting what you can get locally.

We Can Grow, it just takes a mindset to so. Now is the time to pursue engagement, C.A.R, and Drops to affect your State's and Chapter's bottom line of membership since you will be pursuing renewals all too soon. However, be sure to have fun doing it with your Compatriots.

A few things on the horizon from National:

1. A Guide on How to use Hashtags in Social Media from our Branding and Engagement Committee
2. Public Relations Guides on the Website from our Community Outreach Committee
3. Having a Society propose Reinstatements in line with the Congress change for New Members dues being applied to the following year on September 1st. Currently Reinstatements before October 31st must also pay next year dues

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4. A Fundraising Committee dedicated to pursuit of funding for All Youth Awards, as well as all projects
5. Addressing our Website fixes and situation
6. Genealogy Staff dropped below 8 weeks for New Application approval and hopefully near 6 weeks by Fall
7. Genealogy Staff attacking the backlog of Supplements now that the New Application time has fallen

Here is a number to remember: on July 21st, 1 week post Congress, our Active Membership was 34,667 Compatriots.

Until next fortnight, let's enjoy our membership and help others do the same,

Larry T. Guzy

President General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution 2017-2018

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

Carroll Lord, Treasurer



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Officers

President - Barry Eller - (571) 224-2945
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2nd VP - Jerry Scarpate - 259-0999
Secretary - Steve Williams - 632-5663
Recording Secretary - Bob Humker - 631-4575
Treasurer - Carroll Lord -638-4879
Member-at-large: James Ward
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