



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting

13 April 2024

No meeting in March

At Tides Collocated Club

1001 Florida A1A

Patrick SFB, FL 32925

Doors open at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts 12:00

Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, and Sauteed Vegetables

Or

Grilled Vegetable Pasta with Marinara

&

Chocolate Cake

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President's Message

Greetings Compatriots.

Planning for the Last Naval Battle Observance is well underway. Many thanks to the Chapter committee. Committee members are Christopher Ratzel, Donn Weaver, Doug Bisset, Mark Russell, Barry and Sharon Eller, Brian

and Linda Jensen. Volunteers on the day of the event are very welcome. We are looking for a good turnout at this VMC for the event this year.

Our chapter Color Guard has been quite active, participating in such activities as supporting the Boy Scouts working on their American History Merit Badge and at the Ceremony at Oak Hills Saints and Sinners Cemetery on the MLK Holiday. We thank the color guard for their support of these community activities. I know Color Guard Commander Mihora would welcome any additional interest in joining the chapter Color Guard.

Our Treasurer, Mark Russell, provided the annual Financial Report at the January members meeting. We thank Compatriot Russell for his superb management of our finances over this past year.

Our May members meeting is our Annual Meeting with the election of officers. Our nominating committee, chaired by immediate Past President James Ward, has put together a slate of officers for the 8 elected positions (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Recording Secretary and 2 Members at Large). We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully, Joel Allen Etherton

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Our 2024 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

April 13, 2024 - Tides: Price \$20;
Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, and Sauteed Vegetables

or Grilled Vegetable Pasta with Marinara
and Chocolate Cake

May 11, 2024 — Tides: Price \$20;

BBQ Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Coleslaw,
Garlic Bread

or Mushroom and Spinach Stack with Mozzarella, Pesto,
and Marinara Sauce, Broccoli

and Fruit Tart

June 15, 2024 — Tides: Price \$20;

Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Vegetables, Breadsticks

or Spinach and Strawberry Salad with feta, roasted pecans,
and balsamic reduction

and Chocolate or Vanilla Cupcake

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

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM - Meetings are at The Tides Collocated Club is open at 11:00, Meetings begin 11:30 sharp unless otherwise noted.

Pay by check to

*Mark Russell
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Or pay at meeting with cash or check

Coming in the Next Issue

More History, Updates on chapter's activities, LNB recap, pictures, and events.

National and State Events

National Events

134th Congress - 10 July

Lancaster, PA

State Events

LNB — 16 March at the VMC

247th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas

Creek Saturday, March 23, 2024

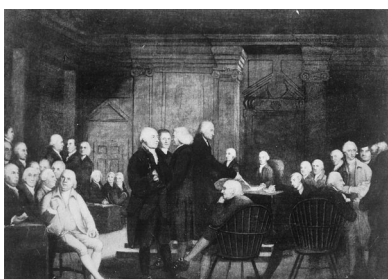
Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park ,

Jacksonville , FL



New or Reinstated Members 2024

Member	Patriot
Douglas Torpy	John Sager—Pvt PA
David Burrows	Mary Hawkins—P. Service VA
Patrick Langan	Abraham Lewis—P. Service NC
Alexander Goodale	Gideon O'Brian—Pvt MA
Edward Russell	Abel Gower—Capt NC
Douglas Dial	Andrew Booth—Pvt MA
Robert Murch	Andrew Booth—Pvt MA



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.

Regular	99
Junior	12
Life	6
E-1	1
Active Duty/Military	1
Dual	1
Total	120

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Dues for 2024 are past due
Contact Chapter Secretary Hans
Hunt if you have not paid



Nominating Committee Notes

Open officer Positions:

- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Recording Secretary

Open Volunteer Positions:

- Chancellor
- Property Custodian
- Sergeant at Arms

Open Committee Positions:

- Constitution & By-Laws Chair
- Medals & Awards Chair
- Programs Chair

Please contact Past President James Ward if interested in any open positions or if you have questions on the duties of a position

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BECOME A GUARDS- MEN

We are looking for volunteers to join Commodore John Barry Camp #3 of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

It is preferred to have the same type of uniform or clothing in which your Patriot ancestor would have worn during the Revolution.

Continental Army, Navy, or Marine Uniform, is the traditional dress in a unit, however Militia personnel wore everyday clothes of the era.

Militia clothing consists of:

- Hat round or tricorn
- Shirt (White)
- Britches and Footwear

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, 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 uniform 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 2024

Calendar of Local Events

November 14 - No One Veteran Left Behind (see photo below) - [Completed](#)

December 16 - Wreaths Across America (Cape Canaveral National Cemetery) - [Completed](#)

January 15 - Saints and Sinners Cemetery Cleanup - [Completed](#)

February 17 - George Washington Luncheon and F.S.C.A.R. Banquet - [Completed](#)

March 16 - LNB at the VMC

July 4 - Parade Merritt Island

August 7 - Military Order of the Purple Heart (VMC)

September 11 - Patriots Day and 9-11



December Meeting

The ornament exchange was enjoyed by all



The Brevard Chapter is presented the USS Stark Award and streamer by State Regional V.P. Jeffrey Lee Sizemore



December Meeting Events (Continued)



Brian and Linda Jensen receive the Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal for their support of the recent 133rd Congress in Orlando last July.



Welcome new member Robert Alan Adamson



Christopher Ratzel receives the Sam Adam's Congress Appreciation Medal for his support of the recent 133rd Congress in Orlando last July.



January Meeting Events



Boy Scout Essay winner Michael Kelly



Carl Miller proudly holding the Purple Heart cane he was previously presented from Purple Heart Cane Project in Ft Pierce



January Meeting Events (Cont)



5 Year award to John Peter Longway III



5 Year award tp James Douglas Burnett



Hans Hunt receives the Sam Adam's Congress Appreciation Medal for his support of the recent 133rd Congress in Orlando last July.



Trina W. Downey gave a talk on the Rotary Club

February Meeting Events



New members (left to right: Donald Lee Burrows, Alexander Campbell Goodale, Douglas Vincent Torpy)



Lt. Col Tim Thomas spoke to us about Leadership in the JROTC Program



The Camden 14 Streamer is presented to Joel. (Remains of 14 Revolutionary soldiers were recently found on the battlefield in Camden, SC)

February Meeting Events (Cont)



Ten Year award presented to Sam Ashdown



Well Attended meeting (54 members and guests)



DAR Rufus Fairbanks Chapter Ladies

Veterans Upcoming Events

16 Mar— Last Naval Battle -10:00 - 12:00 - VMC

23 Mar — Vietnam Welcome Home Commemoration Ceremony . Held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims 1000-1100

23 Mar — 5K Fun run 0700-10:30 VMC. Veterans Children’s Easter Party 1300-1500 VMC

27 May — Memorial Day Celebration— 09:30-11:00 VMC

For additional details and other events and updates see:

<https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/>



~ Notice ~

If you can help with JROTC awards at the Brevard High Schools - contact Jerry Scarpace—He could use your help



VMC Library Discussion Group Series

The Siege of Yorktown- 1781

Presented by Doug Bisset

Tuesday March 26th. 6:00-7:30 PM

The Library, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island

Doug will take us through a prelude to the event, discussion of the Armies and Navies involved, the siege event at the time, the British surrender and the resulting aftermath.

This will be accomplished through a power point presentation with maps and photos taken by Doug at the battlefield at Yorktown in May of 2023.

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2022-2023 Officers

President - Joel Etherton
1st VP - Christopher Ratzel
2nd VP - Carl Miller
Secretary - Hans Hunt
Recording Secretary - Vacant
(Charles Pierce acting)
Treasurer - Mark Russell
Member-at-large: Doug Bisset
Member-at-large: Donn Weaver

Committee Chairs:

Registrar - Brian Jensen
CG Commander - Nic Mihora
Genealogist- Ray Norman
Webmaster- Robbie Carlisle
Parliamentarian - Dale Bottom
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ROTC / Youth - Jerry Scarpate
Veteran's Affair—Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver
Flag Committee—Nic Mihora
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