



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting

April 09, 2022

At Tides Collocated Club 1001 N. Highway

A1A, S. Atlantic Ave., Patrick SFB, FL

32925

Arrive at 11:15

\$20 Chef Salad or

\$20 Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, Wild Rice, Broccoli with
Lemon Butter

Speaker:

Cheri Marie Hawes, Vietnam Veteran and
Nurse

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Last Naval Battle

Last Naval Battle Commemorative was held 10:00 Saturday March 12, 2022 at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

This is a great opportunity to participate with SAR, DAR and CAR chapters who come from across the southeast to honor Captains John Barry of the Alliance and John Green of the Duc de Lauzun.

Both ships were transporting 72,000 Spanish Dollars from Havana to Philadelphia delivering essential funding for the Continental Army. British ships Alarm and Sybil spotted Barry and Green, begun chase upon both ships. On March 10, 1783 the Duc de Lauzun was lagging behind providing the Sybil a chance to engage upon the Duc de Lauzun. Captain Barry maneuvered the Alliance between the Duc de Lauzun and Sybil ordering his crew not to fire until he gave orders. Once the Alliance was within ½ pistol range of the Sybil he ordered the crew to fire upon the British. This left the Sybil with about 40 sailors killed and 40 wounded. The battle lasted approximately 40 minutes. Afterwards the Alliance and Duc de Lauzun headed for Philadelphia only to find British ships along the Delaware River. Captain Barry unloaded the cargo in Newport Rhode Island on March 20th. Days later news about the Treaty of Paris reached the Colonies.



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BECOME A GUARDSMEN

We are looking for volunteers to join Brevard Camp 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: a Hat (round or tricorn), Shirt (white or hunting), Fall-front trousers or britches and shoes.

Chapter 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.

“Remember Johnny Cash’s “One Piece at a Time”



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hb9F2DT8iEQ>

Chapter & Color Guard 2022

Calendar of Local Events

February 06, 2022— Honoring Veterans Throughout History at VMC, Wreaths Across America Mobil Education Exhibit **Completed**

February 18-20 CAR 91st Annual State Conference Melbourne Hilton Rialto 200 Rialto Place Melbourne, FL **Completed**

March 12, 2022 Last Naval Battle VMC

May 01-08, 2021 All Veterans Reunion Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL. Wreath Presentation **May 02, 2022 @ 6:00pm**

May 31, 2021- Memorial Day Services VMC National Cemetery and various locations

July 04, 2021—Merritt Island 4th of July Parade

September 11—Patriots Day and 9-11 Commemoration VMC

November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony VMC

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



Chapter Activities

Program, and Menus

2022 Spring-Summer Meeting Schedule

MARCH 12, 2022—LNB VMC

APRIL 09, 2022—Tides: Price \$20

Chef Salad

Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, Wild Rice, Broccoli with Lemon Butter

Speaker: Cheri Marie Hawes, Vietnam Veteran and Nurse

MAY 21, 2022—(Election of Officers) Tides: Price \$20

Chicken Roulade stuffed with roasted pepper, basil, and mozzarella cheese, Mashed Potatoes, and Sautéed Vegetables

Crab Stuffed Sole, Jasmine Rice, Roasted Vegetables Grilled Pound Cake with Strawberry Sauce

Speaker: Colonel Patrick Keane, Historian
Adventures of John Paul Jones

JUNE 11, 2022—(Flag Day Joint SAR/DAR Meeting) Tides:

Price \$20;
BBQ Brisket, Garlic Bread, Roasted Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans

Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, Wild Rice, Broccoli with Lemon Butter

Key Lime Pie

Speaker: Barry Shaffer, member of National
Sojourner Heroes of '76

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

SAR Meeting Location:

The Tides Collocated Club 1001 N A1A

Patrick Space Force Base, FL 32925.

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 at the door or mail to:

***Laurence Herman
300 Harbor Dr. #302A
Vero Beach, FL 32963***

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Coming in the Next Issue

Look for reports on the NSSAR 2023 Congress, NSSAR web site updates, plus other news from National and State.

Spring BOM news and highlights

National and State Events

National Events -

2022 Spring Leadership
March 03-05, 2022 Louisville KY

133rd Annual Congress
July 10-15, 2022 Savannah, Georgia

2022 Fall Leadership
Sept 29, 2022 Louisville KY

State Events -

Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL
March 26, 2022

Spring BOM May 13-14, 2022

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746

Florida Society Richard Fowler Award winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017 (tie), 2018; 2nd Place 2009; Honorable Mention: 2014, 2016;

NSSAR Carl Bessent Newsletter Award - 1st Place - 2015, 2018; 2nd Place 2012, 2013, Honorable Mention 2009, 2016;

NSSAR Winner Periodical - 2009

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PRESS RELEASE

16 March 2022

Veterans Memorial Center

POC: Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576

EVENT: Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

Date of Event: 12 March 2022

American History Remembered: The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, 239 Years Later

The weather forecast on Saturday, March 12, was terrible with major rains, thunder storms and even some tornado warnings. Many who likely planned to come stayed away. But, at the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) on Merritt Island, about 200 people came to participate in and enjoy the 239th Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War.

The Event was sponsored by Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution with partners from the VMC and Cape Canaveral Chapter Military Officers Association of America, Good Deeds Foundation. This commemoration originated as Captain John Barry Day which was celebrated in September each year at Jetty Park. In 2006 the Memorial was known as the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution which originally took place at Port Canaveral. In 2012 the services relocated to the VMC along with the LNB monument and Cannon. This year's event started with a bang from a 2-pound replica cannon. Over 30 organization supported this event. The keynote speaker was National SAR Chaplain General Dwight Elam who gave an excellent speech about the early life of Captain John Barry and experiences he had throughout the Revolutionary War.

The participants in period attire were in contrast to the crisp whites and fatigues of today's US Navy, represented by the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) and their Commanding Officer CAPT Jason Schneider, another

primary speaker. The Navy Marine Corps League Color Guard; Courageous Division of the US Naval Sea Cadets: dozens of SAR, DAR and CAR members; and Five local Veteran organizations joined NOTU in an impressive Parade of Flags and Wreath Laying for those who died in the 1783 Battle of the shores of Cape Canaveral.

While more than 18 VMC partners had signed up, only MOAACC, American Legion/Aux, St Francis Reflections and FSU School of Social Work, along with the OneBlood Big Red Bus were undeterred by the weather. Veteran Connections to a New Life, which provided a great bbq, used some proceeds to help veterans in crisis in Brevard County.

NOTU brought their Ceremonial Deck Guns and fired a 21 Gun Salute, while VMC Ops Director Bob Doyle and his daughter Danielle played TAPS to end the ceremony just before torrential rains began. Photos tell the story. We hope more will learn about this historic event in Florida history and attend the ceremony next year at the VMC!!



“HONORING VETERANS THROUGHOUT HISTORY”

February 06 2022 VMC

The VMC hosted an event to honor Veterans on February 06, 2022. Five programs were available throughout the day.

Compatriots Doug Bisset, Norm Desmarais, Brian Jensen, Carl Miller and Donn Weaver attended this event, Compatriot Weaver was the MC for many of the sessions.

FOUR CHAPLAINS

A Commemoration of the FOUR IMORTAL CHAPLAINS of WWII which had the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) National Commander Andrew Marshall was the Keynote Speaker. The USS Dorchester a former passenger luxury cruise ship converted to a US Army transport ship was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat. All 902 aboard had orders to be fully clothed and to wear their life jackets due to the knowledge of U-boats patrolling the area. The Dorchester was about 150 miles from its destination, an American base in Greenland when it was struck at 12:55am February 3rd, 1943. Due to multiple circumstances not all obeyed the orders. The torpedo that hit the Dorchester impacted the ship well below the water line taking out the vessel's power and communication systems. As passengers made their way topside, many were in their underclothing. Four Chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed Minister were trying to calm the troops. At one point, the Chaplains were giving out life jackets from a storage locker. Once the locker was emptied, all four Chaplains gave their own life jackets to four men in need. It took less than 20 minutes for the Dorchester to sink in the icy arctic waters. Of the 902 aboard, only 230 survived. Many survivors gave testimonials on the courage and comfort the Chaplains gave while giving assistance and calmness to the servicemen while the ship was sinking.

Marine Corps League Detachment #513 collected \$184 for donation to the National Chaple of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia PA. Compatriots Desmarais and Miller are also members of Det 513.

HONORING WOMEN WHO ARE VIETNAM VETERANS

Inside the Museum a program Honoring Women Who Are Vietnam Veterans. Several Veterans gave their stories of service during this troubled time in our history. The Patriot Guard Riders honored these Veterans by “Stand a Flag Line” Parade Rest throughout the ceremony. Sadly, participants learned of the recent passing of two Brevard WWII Veterans, Mary Bevan 1924-2021 and Beulah Hazel Early Ketterson 1916-2022. Beulah was honored by her Granddaughter that spoke about Beulah's service.

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS

Our DAR sisters provided an excellent ending to the day's events by providing a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans” program hosted by Brevard Space Coast Regents Council. A table was setup to promote DAR, SAR and CAR societies. This “Welcome Home” was the highlight of the day as numerous Veterans lined up to receive their pins and certificates.



[Link to Space Coast Daily](#)

[STORIES OF SERVICE: Daughters of the American Revolution Ceremony Recognizes Vietnam Era Veterans - Space Coast Daily](#)

WAA MOBIL EDUCATION EXHIBIT

The exhibit gave an opportunity to see how donations contribute to the WAA effort. Inside the Exhibit volunteers assisted visitors on how to support this noble cause. A 24-person onboard theater gave the feeling of being at a National Cemetery providing insight to WAA's mission and enforce additional impressions about the program. Brevard WAA Coordinator Betty Jo Green was stationed outside to provide additional information and take donations for Brevard's WAA program. Over 100 people visited the Exhibit throughout the day.

ONE BLOOD BUS

As always there is a need for blood donors, One Blood Bus was on site collecting essential blood. Remember the One Blood Bus is available at most major events at the VMC.

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F.S.C.A.R. State Conference, Melbourne FL

F.S.C.A.R. 2022 State Conference was in Melbourne on February 18-20, 2022. It was exciting to have the conference in our own backyard this year. F.S.C.A.R. try to have their conferences around the state to make state events accessible to all chapters.



The FLSSAR Color-Guard was asked to assist in the event and post colors for the conference. 2021. Florida Battalion Commander Richard Young assisted by Compatriots Brian Jensen and Nicholas Mi-hora with support from 1992 Past President Carl Green. During preparations for the flag presentation, a young lad about three years old which had a dwindling attention span. Compatriot Jensen asked the young man to hold onto and steady his musket. This gave the lad a chance to concentrate on what he needed to receive his directions to post his chapter flag for the ceremony. The Color Guard presence gave CAR members an opportunity to interact with guard members. CAR participants jumped at the opportunity to have their picture taken with a Colorguardsman.



VMC Field Trip

This year's field trip. Was to the Veterans Memorial Center in Merritt Island. As the bus approached the VMC grounds, cheers were heard from inside the bus as the passengers saw the two helicopters positioned in the air above the Memorial Plaza. As many know the VMC museum houses artifacts from the Revolutionary War to our current conflicts. For CAR members, the highlight of the museum was the Jeep that's parked in the center of the first floor. Children were able to sit inside the Jeep and wear a helmet that was placed inside the Jeep. While many parents were anxious about their children playing in and on the Jeep, the museum Curators gave the children the ok to experience the Jeep.



Helping Homeless Heroes

The 2021-2022. State project. Was too. Help our homeless heroes. Veterans. The primary goal was to raise \$5000 and the society beat their goal. Compatriot Donald Lanman received the check to support the Florida Veterans Foundation. In addition, the society assembled numerous packets of personal hygiene items for our Homeless Heroes into backpacks.



F.S.C.A.R Senior Treasurer Chuck Decker, FLSSAR Treasurer Richard Young and 2014-2015 President General Lindsey Cook Brock

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January Highlights

Eagle Scout Murphy Receives SAR Eagle Scout Medal

Dear Sean:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on being named the winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Competition for 2021 from the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Your selection not only brings tremendous honor to yourself and your family but also to the Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution would like to honor you with the presentation of the distinguished SAR Eagle Scout Medal and a generous cash prize. You, your parents and your Scoutmaster are invited to join us for lunch and an awards presentation on January 15, 2022 at 11:30AM at the Tides Collocated Club, 1001 N A1A, Patrick SFB.

Since 1889, the SAR has honored our nation's founders by promoting good citizenship and an appreciation of our cherished heritage. We are pleased to recognize your outstanding achievements, salute your good citizenship, and wish you continued success.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Your brother in patriotism,

Sincerely,

Christopher Ratzel

Eagle Scout Chairman, Brevard SAR



Charles Pierce Receives Military Service Medal



President Ward and MOAA Colonel Jeff Rogers of the "Good Deeds Foundation"



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February Highlights

Retired Secret Service Agent Andrea Hogan assigned to Vice President Cheney gave an excellent presentation at our Annual George Washington Luncheon.



President James Ward Andrea Hogan and Brevard Space Coast Regents Council President Lona Burnett. President's Ward and Burnett thanking Agent Hogan for her excellent presentation.

FSDAR Spring Conference



F.S.C.A.R Senior State President Dr. Holly Hamilton, Florida Veterans Foundation Compatriot Donald Lanman (Palm Beach), and F.S.C.A.R. Sidney Rigaud. Compatriot Lanman Presented Florida Society with the "Forward March Ambassador" award along with a Florida Veterans Challenge Coin. Below FLSSAR presence at Conference





Welcome Compatriot Wittum

Compatriot Roger Wittum was inducted at the VMC Library on February 15, 2022. Pictured are President James Ward, Compatriot Wittum and wife Renee, Compatriots Brian Jensen and Sam Ashdown.

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.

Junior	8
Life	4
E-1	1
Regular	103
Active Duty/Military	2
Dual	1
Total	119

Membership Status

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

For the upcoming Spring BOM in May the voting delegates are:

President James G Ward

Immediate Past President Roger Bonnett

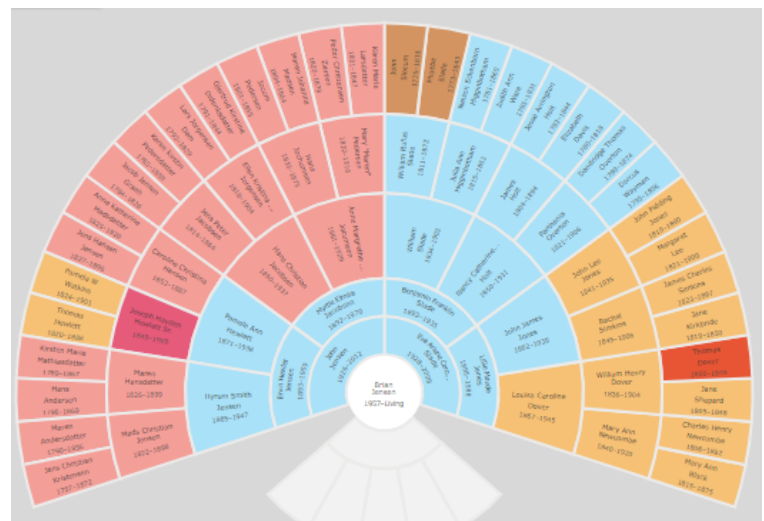
(40 - 80 members) - Brian Jensen

(81-120 members) - **Open**,

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Upcoming SAR National Historical Events

Mar 12th	Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island, FL
Mar 12th	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
Mar 26th	Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL
Apr 12th	Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC
May 8th	Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL



BREVARD LIBRARY IS TENTATIVELY ALLOWING ACCESS TO ANCESTRY.COM ONLINE

Due to Covid-19 Brevard Public Libraries are allowing access to Ancestry.com Library Edition.

To obtain access go to <http://www.brevardfl.gov/Learningandresearch> then page down to "Online Resources" and click on "Ancestry Library Edition"

Normally this is only accessible on the Library's intranet. **Online access is scheduled to expire December 31, 2021**

It's Coming!

THE 2023 NSSAR CONGRESS

Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida

As host state for the 2023 Congress, Florida needs to begin raising funds to cover the costs of hosting this prestigious event. Instead of raising member dues, the Board of Management and the 2023 Congress Planning Committee have devised a number of fundraising activities. The first of which is a drawing for a beautiful musket.

This Pennsylvania Long Rifle is faithful to the original in functionality and form. By Davide Pedersoli, this extra long rifle, is finished with a rust brown color barrel and the walnut completes the one piece oil finished stock. This model is provided with adjustable double set trigger. Front and rear sights are made of steel and rear sight is vertically adjustable.

YOU CAN WIN A REPRODUCTION PENNSYLVANIA LONG RIFLE



Stock Photo

Only 300 tickets are available!!! Suggested donation is \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100.

Make checks payable to: FLSSAR

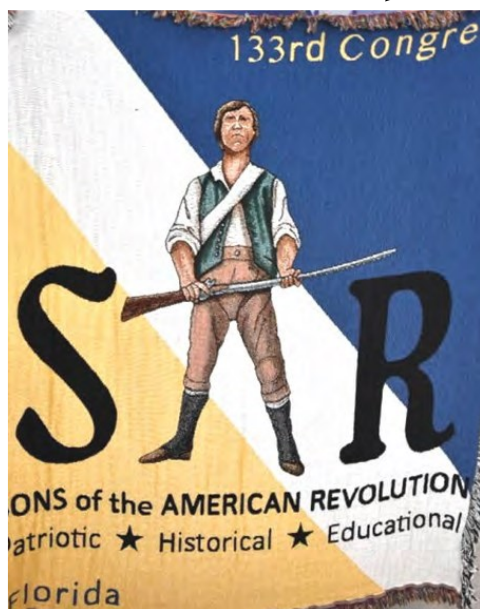
Send to: FLSSAR
c/o Steve Fields, Recording Secretary
5515 Alta Vista Street
Sarasota, FL 34232

(Tickets will also be available at FLSSAR Board of Management Meetings)

Ladies Auxiliary Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

133rd Congress Throw Blanket Fundraiser

This is our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fund raising project for the 2023 Congress. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities



*Send orders to: Laura Zavalia, Treasurer
LAFLS-SAR, 1648 Jupiter Cove Drive, #411,
Jupiter, FL 33469. Make checks out to
LAFLSSAR for \$70.00 to re-serve one. Add
\$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an ad-
dress in Florida or \$20.00 for addresses out-
side of Florida for each Throw ordered
(order two sent to the same address for the
same shipping cost). Please make the Nota-
tion: 2023 Congress on your check.*

2021

133rd CONGRESS RAFFLE (2023)

Dedicated to the modern-day "Minutemen" who are keeping watch.
"The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance"

"God who gave thy fathers Freedom
God who made thy fathers brave;
What they built with love and labor
let thy children watch and save.
For thy fathers long before thee
armed with Freedom faced the deep;
What they won with love and anguish
let thy children watch and keep."

Anon.

"Sons of Liberty-1775"

"Sons of Liberty-1775" by James N. Muir depicts a typical Colonial Militia citizen-soldier on that date, the original "Patriots' Day" of 19 April 1775. The sculpture is historically authentic in every regard as to arms, accoutrements, clothing and hair style. He is carrying a captured 42-inch barrel "Short Land" Model 1740 British Musket adopted in 1765 to replace the earlier 46-inch first model "Long Land" or "Brown Bess" (which is depicted in the maquettes of "Sons of Liberty-1775"). Powder and ball were carried either in a powder horn and pouch or preferably, as depicted, in the more military cartridge box in the form of pre-made paper or linen cartridges. A vent pick and frozen brush hang handily from his vest.



This Limited Edition (#10/50) bronze sculpture will be raffled during the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL in 2023.

Twenty-five dollars per ticket, five for \$100.00

**Send check(s) to: FLSSAR Host Chairman Bernard W. Wolff
21340 SW 94th Avenue, Cutler Bay, FL 33189
Checks are made out to FLSSAR Treasurer**

From the Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Committee

The Ladies Auxiliary plays an important role in our Society by: (1) Stimulating interest and support of SAR goals and objectives; (2) Provide educational activities for the wives and other relatives and friends of SAR; (3) Assist in the promotion of membership; and (3) Raising money to present to our Youth Awardees.

Compatriots don't forget to bring your chapter basket to our SAR meetings. This is one of the Ladies favorite activities in supporting Florida SAR goals and objectives. As you know, Florida will be hosting the 2023 National Congress which will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on International Drive, Orlando. Our Ladies are making great progress to ensure that the 2023 Congress is one of the BEST. They are selling Minute Man emblazon throws and pins/pendants which are conch shells with a blue and bluff star fish. The monies from these sales will go towards the hospitality room and the center pieces for the Congress. Compatriots lets support our Ladies in these fund-raising efforts. In patriotic service,

Juday Clark



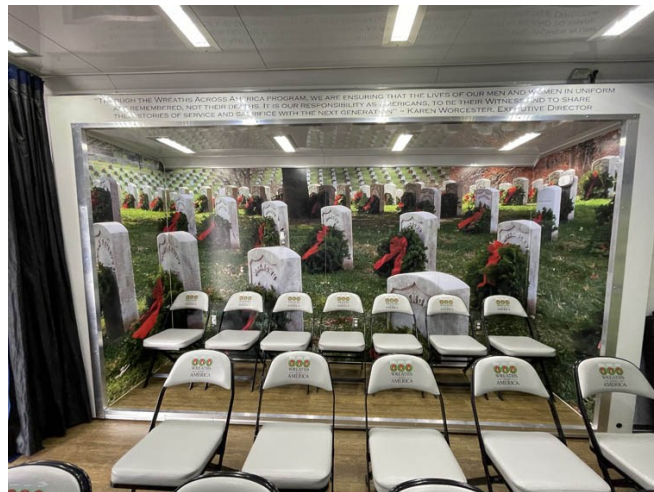
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Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Theater

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