



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting

18 Apr 2026

At The At-Ease Club

1936 Freedom Dr.

Melbourne, FL 32940

Social at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts 12:00

AHR Tuna Salad

Or

Black Bean Burger with Fries

&

Cookies

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President's Message



Compatriots,

This is the year we've been waiting and preparing for! It seems that every week there is a new and exciting reminder of America's semi-quincentennial. That feeling was

tangible at our recent, successful Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle. The speeches were great and the cannons woke up the town! Thanks to all who made this happen.

As a member of the premier lineage society committed to promoting patriotism, history, and education, YOU play an essential part in celebrating this historic milestone. Each of us plays a vital role in preserving the legacy of those who fought for our nation's independence. Your effort can take many forms; whether large endeavors in our community and beyond or small remembrances closer to home. Small things like remembering to fly the flag whenever you can, talking to others about the 250th anniversary, wearing a patriotic shirt, or being an example of good citizenship can make a lasting impression on those around you. If you are looking for something more tangible; earn your SAR 250th medal, join the color guard for a small ceremony, or volunteer to serve on a chapter committee. There's plenty of room for you.

Coming up we have member meetings at the Indian River Colony Club April 18, May 9, and June 20. In April, we honor our first responders, May is our annual election, and June is a joint SAR-DAR Flag Day celebration. I hope to see you there.

In Patriotism,

Christopher

Brevard Chapter

Our 2026 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

Apr 18, 2026 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

May 9, 2026 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Jun 20, 2026 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;
Joint SAR/DAR

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's meeting schedule. Must RSVP as names go on gate guard list.

SOCIAL 11:00 AM - Meetings are at The At-Ease Club. Socials start at 11:00, Meetings begin 11:30 sharp unless otherwise noted.

Pay at the door or by check (Brevard SAR) to

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Geneva, FL 32732*

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Or pay at meeting with cash or check

Coming in the Next Issue

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

Updated schedule of meetings

National and State Events

National Events

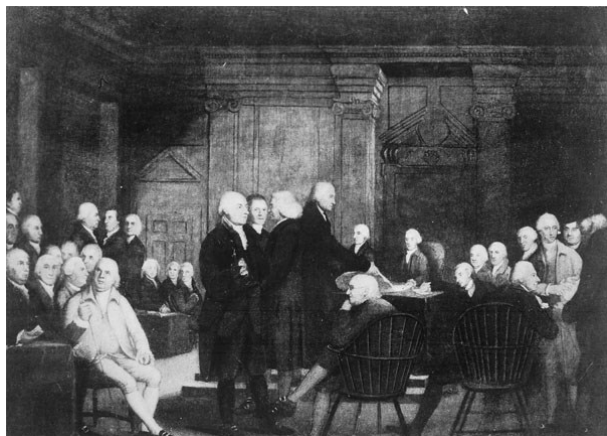
**9-11 Jul 136th NSSAR Congress -
Greensboro, NC**

State Events

**15-16 May FLSSAR BOM & Annual Meeting -
Kissimmee, FL**

New Members 2026

Member	Patriot



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.

Member Stats

Regular	88
Junior	10
Life	7
E-1	0
E2	1
Active Duty/Military	1
Dual	3
Total	110

Brevard Chapter

Upcoming Elections!!!

In preparation for the Brevard Chapter Election of Officers at the May 2026 Chapter Meeting, the Chapter Nominating Committee consisting of past-presidents Joel Etherton (chair), James Ward, Robert Humker and Roger Bonnett have established the following slate of chapter members for election:

President - Hans Hunt, 1st VP - Charles Pierce, 2nd VP - TBD, Treasurer - Mark Russell, Secretary - Jeff Sizemore, Recording Secretary - TBD, Member at Large #1 - Jerry Scarpate, Member at Large #2 - Barry Eller.

We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting for our election of officers.

Respectfully,

Joel Etherton

Brevard Chapter

Chapter Color Guard 2026

Calendar of Local Events

March 14– 1st Amphibious Assault - Pompano Beach

March 21 – Last Naval Battle celebration - VMC

March 28– Battle of Thomas Creek - Jacksonville

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
 - Hunting

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.



Award Spotlight

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program

The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution.

A compatriot may earn this award at the bronze, silver, or gold-level. Awards are based on activity and points are awarded for each activity.

January Meeting



Supplemental Ancestor for Patrick G. Langan

January Meeting (Cont)



War Service Medal—Col. (Ret) Jeffrey C. Rogers



Certificate of Appreciation for Speaker Dr. Thomas Hoffman

February Meeting



Silver 250th Award to Brian McWaters



Our Speaker — Marcea Oetting

Recent Events in March



1st Amphibious Landing at Pompano Beach 14 March



Last Naval Battle at VMC

Veterans Upcoming Events

Look for the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the Amphitheater and other VM Park facilities by mid April

03 May — Hero Fest by Back Brevard Heroes to honor all first responders . 1000- 1600. BVMC Plaza

07-10 May — Florida’s 38th Annual “All Veterans Reunion” at Wickham Park

25 May — BVMC Memorial Day Ceremony BVMC Plaza 0930-1100

13 Jun — Celebrating America 250!! Red, White and Blue Ball — Tides Club PSFB 1700-2200

04 July BCSO/BVMC Independence Day Parade and America 250 Celebration. (1000 - 1300)

For additional details and other events and updates see:

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



Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island



Brevard Chapter

2025-2026 Officers

- President - Christopher Ratzel
- 1st VP - Nic Mahora
- 2nd VP - Hans Hunt
- Secretary - Jeff Sizemore
- Recording Secretary - Charles Pierce
- 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
- Membership - Jeff Sizemore
- Webmaster - Robbie Carlisle
- Parliamentarian - Dale Bottom
- Editor/Publisher - Carl Oehmann
- ROTC / Youth - Jerry Scarpate
- Veteran's Affair - Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver
- Flag Committee - Nic Mihora

If you would like to volunteer for a Committee position contact
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