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Next Meeting

10 June 2023

Flag Day Luncheon

Speaker provided by National Sojourner

Heroes of '76

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

Chef's Salad with Ham, Turkey, Swiss, Cheddar Cheese,
Eggs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Onions and Peppers

Or

Bean and Cheese Quesadilla with Corn Chips and Salsa

\$20

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President's Message

Greetings Compatriots.

Earlier this month we conducted our annual meeting and held the annual election of officers. I am deeply honored that you elected me as president again, and grateful for the slate of officers that you elected to work alongside me. It is definitely a team effort and I look forward to

the upcoming year working with 1st VP Ratzel, 2nd VP Miller, Secretary Hunt, Recording Secretary Ashdown, Treasurer Russell, Member at Large #1 Bisset and Member at Large #2 Weaver. We salute the departing elected officers: 2nd VP Scarpate, Secretary Jensen, and Treasurer Herman for their service to the chapter and thank them for all the work they have done for us. But to be sure, we will continue to keep them busy and look forward to continue to work with them in other roles. We still have several open positions available and are looking for compatriots like you to help us out. We are in need of an Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. It is important to have someone alongside the Treasurer and Secretary in case they are needed. Also, the appointed officers of Chancellor, Property Custodian, Publicity, and Sergeant at Arms are vacant. The Flag Committee chairman position is also vacant, and I would really like to have someone fill this position as I believe this is a great way to get our organization out into the community, in addition to all of our other efforts. Please let me or any of the other officers know if you are willing to serve. You had several representatives at the Spring FLSSAR Board of Management meeting. Thanks to Compatriots Ashdown, Hunt, Jensen, and Ward for joining me and representing you. I want to highlight that our chapter won the USS Stark Memorial Award, not just at the state level, but also at the national level (for chapters with 100-199 members). This award recognizes our support to Veterans, and we have a very strong team working these activities. As a chapter, we earned over 73,000 points, and the closest chapter to us in Florida was Withlachooshee Chapter with nearly 13,000 points. Congratulations to all of you for supporting our veterans. I hope to see you at our June Flag Day joint meeting with the DAR. Remember, we have no chapter meetings in July and August. We will resume in September with a Constitution Day joint meeting with the DAR. Have a great summer.

Respectfully,

Joel Etherton

Brevard Chapter 2022-2023 President

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Our 2023 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

June 10, 2023 - Tides: Price \$20;
Chef Salad (Ham, Swiss, Cheddar Cheese, Eggs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Onions and Peppers) or Bean and Cheese Quesadilla with Corn Chips and Salsa

July — No meeting

August — No meeting

September 16, 2023 — Tides: Price \$20;

Steak Frites with Broccoli or Quinoa with corn, cotija, avocado, peppers, onions, southwest cream sauce and Chocolate Cake

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

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275 Woodridge Drive
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.

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

National and State Events

National Events

133rd Annual Congress
13 - 20 Jul 2023 Orlando, Florida
Hotel Registration now open

Our group is NSSAR2023

The Rosen Plaza toll free number is 1-800-627-8258

The 2023 Congress has chosen Brevard County for both planned field trips. With all of Orlando's attractions, this speaks well of our county. The first field trip will be to KSC July 15th and the 2nd will be a visit to the Veterans Memorial Center July 19th. Help is needed in Brevard for the July 19th event as we will be having several functions for our visiting SAR members at the VMC

State Events

FLSSAR Fall BOM - October??

New or Reinstated Members 2023

Member	Patriot
Peter Anselmo	PVT David Porter CT
Gregory Loyd	PVT Abel Cheeseman 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.

Membership Status

Regular	100
Junior	11
Life	6
E-1	1
Active Duty/Military	2
Dual	0
Total	120

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Remains of 14 Revolutionary War Soldiers found

Archaeologists with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at USC have studied the Camden Battlefield for decades, but their most recent finding is the discovery of a lifetime.

The SCIAA team found the remains of 14 Revolutionary War soldiers at the historic Camden Battlefield and Longleaf Pine Preserve, the site of a 1780 battle that claimed more lives than any other in the revolution.



U.S. Army "Old Guard" at Camden SC to honor the 14 Revolutionary Soldiers

Last Naval Battle

18 March at the VMC



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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

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 2023

Calendar of Local Events

March 18, 2023 - Last Naval Battle VMC **Completed**

March 25, 2023 - 246th Anniversary Battle of Thomas Creek. Jacksonville, FL **Completed**

May 01-08, 2023 - All Veterans Reunion Vietnam & Traveling Memorial Wall Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL. Wreath Presentation May 01, 2023 @ 6:00pm **Completed**

May 07-08, 2023 - Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola FL. May 07th Patriot Grave Marking **Completed**

May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day Services VMC 09:30-10:30 National Cemetery and various locations **Completed**

July 4 - Parade Merritt Island

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

September 11 - Patriots Day and 9-11



Memorial Day at VMC

April Meeting Events



Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal to Brian Jensen



Robert Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Christopher Ratzel



Bronze Roger Sherman medal to Brian Jensen



Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate To Dale Bottom



5 Year Service Award To Nic Mahara, Brian Jensen and Robbie Carlisle



10 Year Service Award To Hans Hunt

April Meeting Events (Continued)



Chef Mark Adams (Executive Chef for the Eau Galle Yacht Club)

Presentation on Cooking Tools and Recipes during the American Revolution



LNB Planning Committee



May Meeting Events



Distinguished Service Medal to Doug Bisset



Bronze Meritorious Service Medal to Robert Humker



**Vietnam War and Southwest Asia Veterans Corps
Certificates to Timothy Kerns**



**Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion
Wickham Park May 1st to 7th**



May Events



Scouting Event in Melbourne—18 May



JROTC



VMC Upcoming Tentative Events

24 Jun — Military Appreciation Night at Space Coast Stadium in Viera during USSSA Pride Professional Women's Fast Pitch Softball Game 1700 - 2100 . Honoring Active Duty and Veterans. Dedication of Permanent POW/ MIA installed seat behind home plate featuring Rolling Thunder FL-1.

04 Jul — Annual BCSO/VMC Independence Day Parade - Details in May. AVET BBQ for Vets planned after the Parade at VMC.

06 Aug — Purple Heart Remembrance Day by MOPH Brevard at the VMC Gray Hall and Plaza 1400-1600. Details in June.

11 Sep — Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at VMC 1630-1900. Details in July



Remember our Veterans



2023—2024 Officers

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2022-2023 Officers

President - Joel Etherton

1st VP - Christopher Ratzel

2nd VP - Carl Miller

Secretary - Hans Hunt

Recording Secretary - Sam Ashdown

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

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