



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting

13 Sep 2025

At The At-Ease Club

1936 Freedom Dr.

Melbourne, FL 32940

Social at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts 12:00

French Dip w/side

OR

Cheese Quesadilla

&

Cookies

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As members of the Sons of the American Revolution, we now stand together on a path to the next defining milestone in our nation's history – the 250th anniversary of American

Independence. We honor our commitments as living stewards of that great legacy. We honor our patriot ancestors through ceremony and remembrance but more importantly – through action. We will continue to uphold the spirit of the American Revolution throughout our great nation and as importantly here in Brevard County.

We have held a longstanding relationship with the Tides at Patrick Space Force Base. Unfortunately, due to rising rates and a competitive environment, we as an organization can no longer afford to meet there and remain good financial stewards to our chapter's accounts. A decision has been made to move from the Tides to a new location starting in the Fall.

Beginning with the September 2025 chapter meeting we will be enjoying the same program and great food at the Indian River Colony Club in Suntree. The IRCC caters to the military community and has a great clubhouse that can accommodate us.

In Patriotism,

Christopher

President, Brevard Chapter SAR, 2024-25

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Our 2025 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

Sept 13, 2025 (Joint SAR/DAR Mtg) -
At Ease Club: Price \$25;

French Dip w/side
OR

Cheese Quesadilla

Oct 4, 2025 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Club Burger w/side
OR

Sunshine Salad

Nov 15, 2025 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/side
OR

Bowl of Soap & House Salad

Dec 13, 2025 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

California Turkey Wrap w/side
OR

Egg Salad Sandwich with Fruit

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

*Mark Russell
275 Woodridge Drive
Geneva, FL 32732*

Coming in the Next Issue

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

National and State Events

National Events

**243rd Anniversary of the Battle of
Blue Licks**

16 Aug 2025

**244th Anniversary Battle of Eutaw
Springs**

29 Aug 2025

State Events

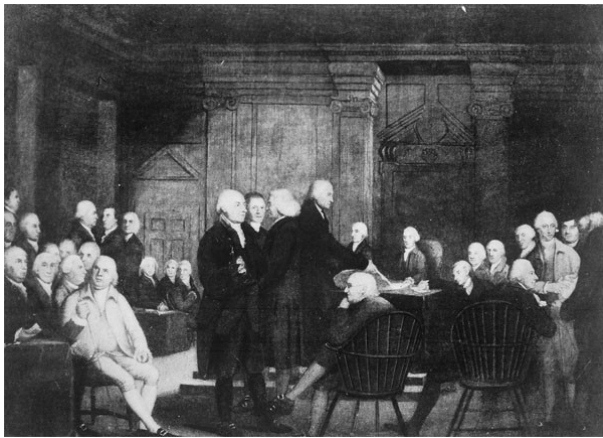
Fall BOM Meeting

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista
South

4955 Kyns Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746

Supplementals 2025

Member	Patriot
Joel Etherton	Michael Rudisill NC
Patrick Langan	Patriot Josiah Elston NJ



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	90
Junior	10
Life	7
E-1	1
Active Duty/Military	1
Dual	2
Total	111

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IRCC Grand Ball celebrates U.S. Army's
250th anniversary



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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 2025

Calendar of Local Events

No events identified at time of publishing



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.

May Meeting



Nicholas Mihora receives both a Silver and Gold 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution award

May Meeting (Cont)



Our new Chapter Officers were inducted

President—Christopher Ratzel

Vice-President—Nic Mahora

2nd Vice President—Hans Hunt

Secretary—Jeff Sizemore (not present)

Recording Secretary—Charles Pierce

Treasurer—Mark Russell (Not present)

Member at Large: Doug Bisset (not present)

Member at Large—Donn Weaver

June Meeting



Jeffrey Sizemore and Joel Etherton receive the Certificate of Distinguished Service

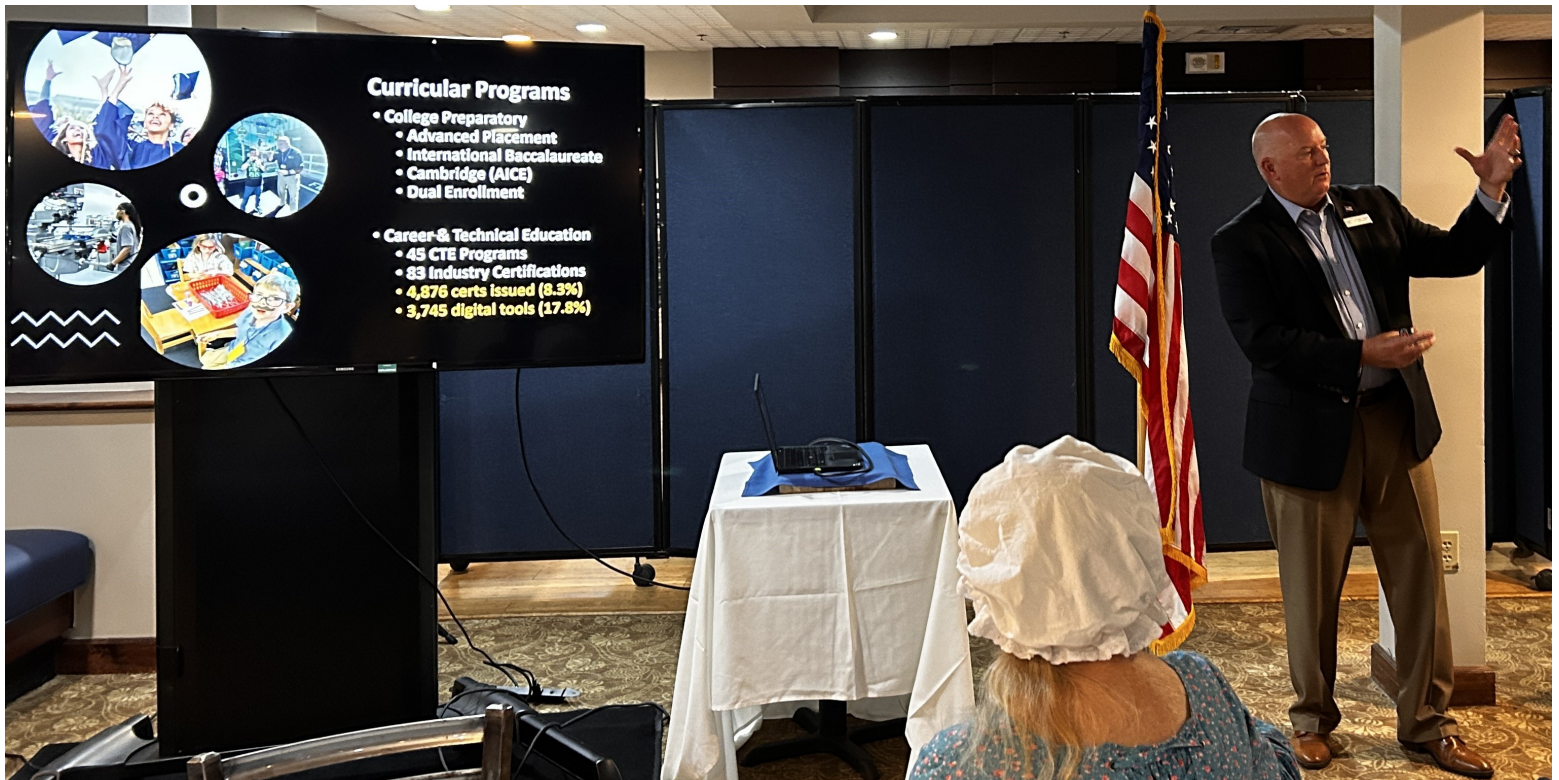
June Meeting (Cont)



Past President Joel Etherton receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal



Mark Russell receives the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal



Mark Rendell (Brevard County School Superintendent) was our guest speaker

Brevard SAR/DAR participate in Merritt Island 4th of July Parade

By LTC (Ret) Hans F. Hunt

On 4 July 2025 the Brevard SAR and DAR participated in the Merritt Island 4th of July Parade. It was definitely a hot one as temperatures soared in the mid 90's with a 75% humidity factor. Beginning at 0730 till the start of the parade a few of our members decorated the trailer in the heat. Donn Weaver checked us in and we pulled into our spot for the parade. Chuck Pierce and his mighty truck pulled our decorated trailer and Hans Hunt, Christopher Ratzel and James Ward walked the parade handing out flags and candy. We appreciate all those that participated and braved the heat. Participants were Chapter President Christopher Ratzel, Hans Hunt, Brian and Linda Jensen, Donn Weaver, Ailene Picheco - (DAR), Sharon Eller(DAR), James Ward, Chuck and Pat (DAR) Pierce. Happy 249th Birthday America! We look forward to seeing more participants next year!



4th of July Parade (Cont)



Veterans Upcoming Events

3 Aug - Annual Military Order of Purple Heart Honor Ceremony - 1400 at VMC Gray Hall

11 Sep - 09/11 Remembrance Ceremony at VMC Plaza and Gray Hall - 1630 - 1900

**3 Oct - Annual NVHS Dinner and Fundraiser to support homeless and at risk veterans and their families
1700 - 2100 at Radisson Resort by the Port**

**8 Nov - Annual St Francis Reflections
5K Fundraiser at VMC Plaza and Park.
0800 - 1200**

11 Nov - VMC (and many other) Veterans Day Ceremony. 0930 - 1030 VMC Plaza/Park

13 Dec - National Wreaths Across America Day at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

For additional details and other events and updates see:

**[https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/
upcoming-veterans-events/](https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/)**



Brevard Veterans Memorial Center

400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island



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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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