



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting
January 18, 2020
At Tides Restaurant, PAFB
Come On Down

Arrive at 11:15

Submit reservations to Carroll Lord
(321)638-4879
Send Pre-Payment and meal choices to:
Carroll Lord
830 Thrasher Dr, Viera FL 32955

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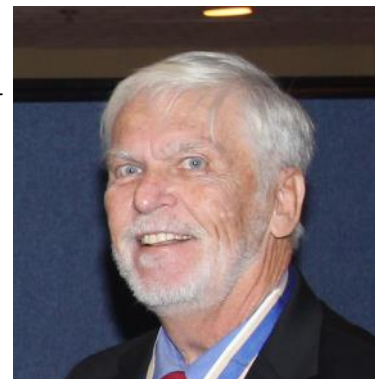
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President's Message

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! We were excited in having all of our children and grandchildren visit us during the holidays. Grandchildren grow up quick!



2020 is starting out as a busy year with the Last Naval Battle preparations. We are expecting a bigger crowd than last year. The Veterans Center on Merritt Island has been extremely supportive in helping to coordinate with other organizations. They have also constructed the new cement slab and will be moving the LNB cannon to the new location which will be in the circle which represents all the major conflicts the United States have been involved with over the years. The LNB committee will be looking for volunteers, so please help support this SAR national event on March 7th.

As we enter the new year we will need even more support from our membership. We would like to expand our outreach to the schools and the JROTC groups who will be our future leaders to help them better understand our history. Our Color Guard is always looking for volunteers to help represent our organization. Several of our present officers will not be available to hold positions once their term is up in and we will be looking for help to fill these vacancies. The nominating committee will be formed in February and will be giving their recommendations in the April meeting.

Our Webmaster has been doing a great job in updating our website. Please visit the site and see the calendar of events scheduled this year. We will be using the site even more in the coming year and will have pictures and write ups on events we have participated in.

Come join us every month for lunch, listen to great speakers and socialize with our membership.

Roger Bonnett

President

IMPORTANT!!!

CHECK YOUR CONTACT DATA ON THE CHAPTER WEBSITE !

Located in the Members Inly section. If you cannot login contact Robbie Carlisle
rcarlisle_00@yahoo.com

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COLOR GUARDSMEN IN

ACTION !

Events for the coming year with dates, times, and locations to be communicated by Color Guard Commander, include but not limited to: various Veterans Day events and Wreaths Across America.

So be on the look-out for a Call To Assemble coming to an INBOX near you.

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 attendance 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 2019 -2020

Calendar of events

May - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne

June - Flag Day Luncheon *

July - VMC Independence Day Parade *

September - Constitution Day meeting *

November 10th - Veterans Day Parade

December 14 Wreaths Across America-

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

2020

March 07 Last Naval Battle

*** Completed**



2017 4th of July Melbourne Parade



2019 LNB



2016 LNB

Chapter Activities

Program, and Menus

Submit reservations to Carroll Lord (pugbar35@gmail.com) no later than the Tuesday prior to meeting. This ensures the facility will have the proper seating arrangements for the meeting.

The 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

SEPT 14, 2019—THE TIDES; PRICE \$20 JOINT MEETING WITH DAR; PRICE \$20; Menu Choices: Petie Filet or Salmon

OCT 19, 2019—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Sauerbraten or Chicken-Tuna Salad Duo

NOV 16, 2019—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Turkey With Stuffing or Cobb Salad

DEC 21, 2019—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Roast Beef or Chef's Salad

JAN 18, 2020—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Meat Loaf or Crispy Chicken Salad

FEB 22, 2020—THE TIDES; JOINT MEETING WITH DAR; PRICE TBD Menu Choices: Beef Medallions or Mahi-Mahi with Shrimp Sauce

MAR 21, 2020—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Corn Beef & Cabbage or Spinach Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

APRIL 18, 2020—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Baked Ham or Chicken-Tuna Salad Duo

MAY 16, 2020—THE TIDES; PRICE \$15; Menu Choices: Tilapia or Traditional Chef's Salad

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

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM—Meetings are at The Tides Restaurant, PAFB unless otherwise noted. They begin at 11:30 unless otherwise noted. **Pay by check.**

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Fall BOM Richard Lee Haven and Hall Riediger



Color Guard at Fall BOM



Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

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Chapter Activities & Helpfulness to readers

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday October 19, 2019

A meeting of the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution took place at 11:35rs at Tides Collocated Club located at 1001 N. Highway A1A, S. Atlantic Ave., Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

We had 42 people in attendance for today's meeting.

Compatriots in Period attire: Compatriots Jensen, Mihora
Compatriots in Class A attire: Compatriots Desmarais, Forsythe, Jones,

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Bonnett.

Past President Carl Green gave the Invocation.

President Bonnett led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

President Bonnett acknowledged Past National Presidents/
Officers
2014-Lindsey Brock

President Bonnett acknowledged Past Chapter Presidents in attendance.
Norm Desmarais, Carl Green and Barry Eller

Transfers – Robert Cutts from Alabama

General Comments –

Secretary Eller announced Rufus Fairbanks DAR Chapter is putting together a flag book for 5th Graders. They are looking for a 48-star flag.

Compatriot Jones informed the group that the chapter constitution is available on the website.

Reports of Officers –

1st Vice President James Ward reported that everyone needs to go to the Chapter and State websites and verify their information. If needed contact Robbie Carlisle for a user ID and password.

Secretary Eller reminded everyone that their dues are due.

Recording Secretary Jensen reported that we need to change our reporting process to FLSSAR.
The East Central District meeting will be held after the LNB Memorial in March.

Reports of Committee Chairmen –

Carl Miller has taken over as Veterans Committee Chairman.

New Membership:

President Bonnett announced a new member for induction:
David Lee Derryberry Patriot: David Long

President Bonnett gave the induction, Compatriots Norm Desmarais Nic Mihora, Brian Jensen and Sonny Jones participated as color-guards in the service.

Awards:

Compatriot Theodore Trousdale was awarded with a certificate welcoming him to the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Compatriot Trousdale served in Korea and Viet Nam He is also is a Purple Heart recipient.

1st Vice President Ward asked that anyone who served in the military to provide a copy of their DD-250 to Compatriot Miller so you can be recognized within the Veterans Battalion.

New Business & Announcements:

Compatriot Ray Norman was recognized for his efforts to get the LNB Canon relocated into the VMC Plaza.

Compatriot Sam Ashdown presented the chapter a flag that flew over the White House on Nov 18th, 1983.

The VMC just installed 2 memorial bricks one for the Revolutionary War and a second for the Last Naval Battle. A motion was approved to reimburse the VMC for their cost.

A resolution was submitted by Ray Norman: "Last Naval Battle Cannon Relocation"

Had meeting with the VMC and are currently waiting for the Board

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US Flag that was flown over the White on 18 Nov 1983
Is presented to Brevard Chapter by Sam Ashdown to President Roger Bonnett

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Hampton Black, George Bowles, David Newhart,
Paul Tilson Jr and Edwin Yates

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

With new members and new Associates (Pending approval)
our membership levels are:

With our 1 Associate, 1 In-state Dual (neither counted by the state or National)/2 out-of-state Duals, and the 2 Memorials (not counted by National), the membership is 119.

Junior	8
Life	5
Memorial (Old & New)	2
Regular	98
Youth	2
Dual (w/GLASSR & NCSSAR)	2
Dual (In State)	1

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

For the fall BOM in October the voting delegates are:

President Bonnett

Immediate Past President Eller

(40 - 80 members) - 1sr VP James G Ward

(81-120 members) - Brian Jensen

2014 President General Brock

2016 President General Tomme

Patriot Medal Williams

National News

National SAR Congress

Congress was held July 05-11, 2019 at the Orange County Hilton at Costa Mesa.

Tours of the Lyon Air Museum, Richard Nixon Presidential Library, Ronald Regan Presidential Library and Huntington Library & Gardens was available to attendees.

National Leadership Conference

2019 Fall Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting was held on September 19-21.

Battle of Thomas Creek

A proposal has been submitted to the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee to designate the annual Battle of Thomas Creek celebration as a recognized National Event.



LNB MONUMENT IS MOVING

Plans are underway to move the LNB Monument from its current location at the VMC to the Plaza adjacent to the SAR/DAR Monument which is in the center of the Plaza Pentagon. Compatriot Ray Norman brought a motion to the floor at the September Meeting. At the current location less than 5% of museum visitors see the monument. The move is scheduled to be complete by the end of February 2020. A pad has been poured by Lockheed Martin volunteers. The sign has been placed in the Plaza adjacent to the new pad see page 11

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October Minutes (Continued from page 4)

to approve the recommendation of moving the cannon and LNB sign to the memorial plaza. Location will be just left of the walkway as you enter the circle which corresponds with the historical timeline of the circle.

VMC stated they will take care of moving the cannon/LNB sign.

The first LNB preparation meeting will be held on Oct. 29th at 7PM at the VMC.

The fall BOM meeting was held in Kissimmee on October 4-5 2019.

-DAR: Deb Plagg

Has secured a FREE table at the Boomer Bash Senior Expo at the Rialto Hilton in Melbourne Friday Nov 08 to sell DAR/SAR/CAR- Brian and I were so successful at the Chili Cook off I am ready to try again

"I have the banners but need a SAR banner (sign) and have the info brochures and the 'Who's you Soldier' theme again"

"Need permission from LONA and need a HELPER from SAR - and I will send it in the attachment Info and registration attached!"

Compatriots Eller and Jensen have volunteered to help with this effort.

We will be having a short executive committee meeting after this meeting. To review status of Last Naval Battle prep.

President Bonnett recessed the meeting for lunch, Reverend David Ralston gave the blessing for the meal.

The meeting was called back to order.

Introduction of our speaker (Jim Ward):

Lori Scott – Supervisor of Elections Brevard Co. Lori is responsible to conduct elections for the 400,000+ registered voters within the county. She was able to give insights on the election process from the county elections office. Supervisor Scott also described the safeguards and practices used to maintain the integrity of the election process at the county level.

50/50 drawing was conducted. 113.00 was raised for the event

SAR Recessional -

Past President Carl Green gave a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 13:40



NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA

Saturday November 16, 2019

A meeting of the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution took place at Tides Collocated Club located at 1001 N. Highway A1A, S. Atlantic Ave., Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

Meeting was Called to order

Invocation was given

Introduction of Guests and President General

2014-Lindsey Brock

Past Chapter Presidents:

Carl Green, Norm Desmaris, and Barry Eller

General Comments –

Welcome. We are pleased with turnout for today's luncheon.

Function at the Liberty Bell Museum -

Sunday November 17 – The Revolutionary War Veterans Association is sponsoring an event called “A LIBERTY SEED PRESENTATION” at the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum located in Melbourne. You will hear stories leading up to the birth of our nation brought to life.

History Moment -

Doug Bisset on the “Gaspee Affair” The British schooner Gaspee was enforcing Navigation Acts around Newport, RI. It ran aground on 09 June 1772 close to Gaspee Point in Warwick, RI. while chasing the ship “Hannah” formally called a packet ship. Patriots led by John Brown and Abraham Whipple overtook the Gaspee and set it on fire.

Reports of Officers -

Reports of Committee Chairmen -

LNB – Summarize our first planning at the Veterans center. (see Old Business)

New Member Patriot

Jay Longway III Daniel Moor NH

Awards: -

Compatriot Sonny Jones was presented an Oak Leaf for his work on getting new applicants.

Old Business

The next LNB preparation meeting will be held on Dec 3rd at 6:30 PM at the VMC.

- Name Tags \$10 on sale

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New Business & Announcements -

- We will be having a short executive committee meeting after this meeting.

>To schedule a full executive meeting

Recess for meal -

Blessing of the meal -

Re-open meeting -

Introduction of our speaker by 1st VP Jim Ward -

Mrs. Lindsey ("Billie") Brock -

Her topic is "Holiday Observance During Revolutionary War Years"

Benediction -

Meeting was adjourned -



October 2019 Meeting

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2019 Fall BOM

The FLSSAR Fall BOM was held on 04-05 Oct 2019 in Orlando FL.

Regional VP Meeting

Each of the Seven Regional VP's discussed happenings within their region and planned activities.

Commemorative Historic Sites

Historical Sites such as LNB, Battle of Pensacola , Battle of Thomas Creek. Works are in progress to have Thomas Creek recognized as a National Event.

Membership Promotion and Retention

Documents are in work to update Best Practices to enhance Recruiting, Retention and Reactivation. The Committee is working on a New Member Handbook for FLSSAR.

PRS Workshop

An overview of the PRS, guide through the various sections, guidance on how to compile and input data. Pointers on where to retrieve viable information on Patriots.

Color Guard Committee

Discussed activities and SAR National Events dates for the south-east United States. Information from each of the 16 Camps of FLSSAR.

Youth Committees

Americanism Youth Contests, Eagle Scout, History Fairs, George S and Stella Knight Essay Contest, Good Citizenship, Joseph P Rumbaugh Orations Contest and JROTC programs.

2023 Congress Committee

FLSSAR has been chosen to present the 2023 Congress. Preparations are under way. Fundraising ideas has been approved for a Coin to be made and have at least one raffle for a period rifle.

Executive Committee

Meeting of the FLSSAR Executive Committee addressing issues State and National that affect the Florida Society.



Compatriot Richard Lee Haven and Evelyn Roberts

National Candidate Forum

Compatriots running for National positions have the opportunity to address the attending members and have the opportunity to be voted on by the FLSSAR.

BOM Business Session

All aspects of FLSSAR operations are reported to attendees of the BOM a copy of the Proceedings is provided to all registered Compatriots.

Banquet

The keynote speaker at the Banquet was Treasure Hunter Captain Robert Bouchlas who operates two museums, one in Fort Pierce and a second in West Palm Beach





Coming in the Next Issue

More History, Updates on chapter's winter activities, pictures, and other items of interest.

Look for reports on the NSSAR National Leadership Conference—the discussions on the proposed Genealogy policy change, the Museum initiative, the new NSSAR web site, plus other news from National.

State and National Events

National events -

130th Congress -

July 10-16, 2020 Richmond VA

237th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle March 07, 2020 Merritt Island

243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday March 28, 2020 in Jacksonville.

State events -

Spring BOM May 01-03, 2020

Plan to attend

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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Brevard Wins 2nd place in Stark Memorial Award Contest

We need to log in our activities for the Stark Memorial Award.

Wreaths Across America

December 14, 2019

Please Donate this Season

This year we have Compatriot Robert Kercher who was laid to rest at the Cape Canaveral Cemetery last January. He is in Section 11 Site 207 just west of the Ossuary and Memorial Wall.

In North Brevard County we have two Veterans Cemeteries' the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery which is approaching 8,000 Veterans, spouses and children. Titusville has the Brevard Veterans Cemetery which has 129 Veterans and spouses.

It is an honor to tribute to our fallen Veterans at a time of year where we need to remember those who have sacrificed in order for us to enjoy our freedom.



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Revolutionary War Time line September/October

1775 Nov 10-21: Ninety Six SC Patriots sieged

1776 Nov 16: The Hessians capture Fort Washington, NY

Dec 26: Washington crosses the Delaware and captures Trenton from the Hessians

1777 Nov 16: British capture Fort Mifflin PA

Dec 19 Washington's Army retires to winter quarters at Valley Forge

1778 Sept 14: Benjamin Franklin was appointed American Representative in France

1779 Dec 29: British occupy Savannah

1780 Oct. 14: Washington names Nathanael Greene commander of the Southern Army

1781 Nov 05: John Hanson is elected President of the Continental Congress

Dec: A school is founded in Washington Co, PA that was later known as Washington & Jefferson College

1782 Nov 30: Preliminary Articles of Peace are signed by British negotiator Richard Oswald

Patriot Biographies Project

While researching Biography authors within FLSSAR I noticed Compatriot DeCody Marble of Panama City Chapter had input a vast amount of Biographies. After Contacting DeCody he told me that he started with his 23 documented Patriots. Afterwards he submitted Biographies for members of his chapter. If you would like to submit a Biography for any of your Patriot ancestors you can do it by contacting 1st VP James Ward or Brian Jensen, they have access to input data into the PRS Database or you can submit it to patriotbios@sar.org



Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Brevard Executive Board meetings generally will be held on the Saturday before Chapter membership meetings. These will be held at a designated location generally in Viera at 9 a.m. until further notice or notification by President Bonnett Officers are requested to submit their reports to President Bonnett before the meeting for distribution to all officers.

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 for Medal set.

For National Society LNB medal sets (image below) contact Hall Riediger at 772-336-0926 / allriedi42@bellsouth.net

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are SOLD OUT



Spring BOM

May 01-03, 2020

Please plan to attend the Spring BOM at
Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746

Planning for the 2023 Congress will be on the agenda. Support from all chapters will be needed in order to make this event successful.

The Charleville Musket will be on display. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.



Dean Schaaf Brevard Veterans Memorial Center President standing behind new pad for the LNB Memorial Canon

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Chapter Annual Dues:

Its that time of year, dues are coming due. Please send your check to Carroll Lord

830 Thrasher Dr, Viera Fl 32955

NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
FLSSAR Dues	\$20.00
Brevard Dues	\$10.00
Total	\$65.00

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