



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## BREVARD BEACON

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### Next Meeting

21 January 2023

Brian Jensen - Patriot Research  
System

At Tides Collocated Club

1001 Florida A1A

Patrick SFB, FL 32925

Doors open at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts at 12:00

Reuben w/ House Fried Chips

Grilled Shrimp, Buerre Blanc, Jasmine

Rice, Grilled Beans

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### *President's Message*

I am very happy to be writing this as it means that we have a new Editor for the chapter newsletter BREVARD BEACON. We must thank Compatriot Brian Jensen for his service as the former Editor having provided the chapter with an award-winning newsletter for so many years. And we welcome our new Editor Compatriot Carl Oehmann. We typically have about 20% of our members at the

monthly meetings, and the newsletter communicates chapter news and events to everyone.

There have been many activities since the last newsletter and we will include as many as we can in this one. Some highlights include the annual Last Naval Battle Observance in March, the election of chapter officers in May, joint lunches in June and September with the Brevard DAR chapters, participation in the Merritt Island 4th of July Parade, and participation in the VMC Veterans Day Observance. We inducted several new members, awarded medals to JROTC and Sea Cadets, presented a Martha Washington medal to one of the Brevard DAR Regents for her support to our chapter, and awarded many medals to our own members for their outstanding service. We also mourned the loss of Compatriot, and former Chapter President, Carl Green.

We look forward to our upcoming events, including our Last Naval Battle Observance in March, and supporting the 133rd SAR National Congress in Orlando on July 13-20, 2023.

I want to thank all of our officers and committee members for all of their work to keep the chapter running. A special thank you to Lou Stocks for filling in as Assistant Treasurer (and Flag Program Chairman) over the summer while Treasurer Herman was away. And as he will be departing the area soon, thanks to Mark Russell for picking up the duties of Assistant Treasurer going forward. We are looking for additional help in several areas, including a chapter Chaplain, Publicity Chairman, Chancellor, and Flag Program Chairman. Also, elections will be held in May, and the Nominating Chairman would love to hear from you if you are interested in any of the Elected Officer positions.

I wish you all the best during this holiday season and may the New Year bring you health and happiness.

Brevard Chapter 2022-2023 President  
Joel Etherton



# Chapter Activities

## Menus

Our 2023 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

**January** 21, 2023 -Tides: Price \$20;  
Reuben with House Fried Chips or Grilled Shrimp,  
Buerre Blanc, Jasmine Rice, Green Beans

**February** 18, 2023 - Tides: Price \$20;  
Creamy Pesto Chicken over Alfredo Linguine or  
Grilled Vegetable Pasta with Marinara

**March** — No meeting due to LNB on 18 March

**April** 15, 2023 - Tides: Price \$20;  
BBQ Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Coleslaw,  
Garlic Bread or Mushroom and Spinach Stack with  
Mozzarella, Pesto, and Marinara Sauce, Broccoli

**May** 13, 2023 - Tides: Price \$20;  
Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Vegetables, Breadsticks  
or Spinach and Strawberry Salad with Feta, Roasted  
Pecans, and Balsamic Reduction

**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

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*

**Laurence Herman**  
300 Harbor Dr. #302A  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
ltherman@gmail.com

*Or pay at meeting with cash or check*

# Brevard

## chapter

*Coming in the Next Issue*

More History, Updates on chapter's activities, pic-  
tures, 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

**2023 Spring Leadership**  
02-04 Mar 2023 Louisville KY

**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

### State Events

**Spring BOM 19—20 May 2023**

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South

4955 Kyngs Heath Road

Kissimmee, Florida, 34746



# New Members 2022

Member	Patriot
Roger Lee Wittum	Silas Rudd - VT
Luke Michael Winbun	Ivory Hovey - CT/MA
Forrest Parkhurst Young III	Jacob Persinger - VA
Christopher Michael Burgess	George Dickey - SC
Kelton Merrill Burgess	George Dickey - SC
Mark Ernest Ryder	Lewis Carlton - VA/NC



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	101
Junior	11
Life	6
E-1	1
Active Duty/Military	2
Dual	0
Total	121

# Brevard chapter

**Congratulations to George Ireland on his 4th Supplemental for Patriot Ancestor Japhet Ireland - He received his certificate and star at our 15 October meeting**



In picture President Joel Etherton, Nic Mihora, George Ireland, Brian Jensen



**Mark your Calendar - 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek—25 March, 2023 in Jacksonville**



# Brevard

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### BECOME A GUARDSMAN

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:

- Hat round or tricorn
- Shirt
  - White
  - Hunting
  - Checkered
- Fall-front trousers or britches
- Shoes

#### 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 2022*

### *Calendar of Local Events*

**February 6-** Honoring Veterans Throughout History at VMC, Wreaths Across America Mobil Education Exhibit *Completed*

**February 18-20** - F.S.C.A.R. 91st State Conference - Melbourne *Completed*

**March 12** - Last Navel Battle at VMC *Completed*

**May 2** - All Veterans Reunion - Melbourne *Completed*

**May 31** - Memorial Day Parade, Cocoa, Services VMC, National Cemetery *Completed*

**July 04** - Merritt Island 4th of July Parade *Completed*

**August 08** - Purple Heart Ceremony VMC 10:00 *Completed*

**September 11** - Patriots Day and 9-11 Commemoration 16:30 VMC *Completed*

**November 11** - Veterans Day Ceremony VMC Merritt Island *Completed*

**December 18** - Wreaths Across America

### *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 \$35 see below for Medal set.





# Brevard chapter

## ROTC Notes - Jerry Scarpate

The 2022 Youth Program returned to normal after being impacted last year by the pandemic. This year we were able to provide chapter presenters at every award program where we were invited. Of the 18 awards provided, only Florida Institute of Technology had a closed ceremony. The schools/organizations where presentations were made by our compatriots (in parentheses) include:

- Astronaut H.S. (Bisset)
- Bayside H.S. (Miller)
- Cocoa H.S. (Scarpate)
- Cocoa Beach H.S. (Miller)
- Eau Gallie H.S. (Miller)
- Florida Preparatory School (Scarpate)
- Heritage H.S. (Cole)
- Melbourne H.S. (Miller)
- Merritt Island H.S. (Bisset)
- Palm Bay Magnet H.S. (Miller)
- Palm Bay Magnet H.S. (Miller)
- Rockledge H.S. (Bisset)
- Satellite H.S. (Cole)
- Space Coast H.S. (Oehmann)
- Titusville H.S. (Cole)
- Viera H.S. (Scarpate)
- Courageous Division, Sea Cadets. (Mihora)
- David McCampbell Battalion, Sea Cadets (Mihora)

We are considering initiating an Enhanced JROTC Program in 2023 where cadets vie for monetary awards at the chapter, state, and national levels. Compatriot Dale Bottom volunteered to establish and manage this new venture.



Cadet Nicolas Krommen—Florida Prep Dining In



Cadet J. Gibson

## April Meeting



Vietnam Combat Nurse Cheri Marie Hawes

## September Meeting



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## May Meeting



Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey and his dog Juni

### May Medals and Awards Recognition

A Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War (LNB) Medal was presented to **Compatriot Joel Etherton** for his planning, organizing and leadership in ensuring the success of the 2022 LNB Remembrance Event.

Military Service Medals and Certificates for Approval for membership in the State Seminole Veterans Battalion of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) were awarded to **Compatriots Donn Weaver, Jay Longway and Charles Pierce.**

A Service to Veterans Medal was presented to **Compatriot Donn Weaver.**

The Martha Washington Medal was awarded to **Sharon Eller, Regent, DAR Rufus Fairbanks Chapter,** for continuous service to the Brevard SAR Chapter.

A Brevard Chapter Meritorious Service Medal (CMSM) was awarded to **Compatriot Donn Weaver.**

Brevard Chapter Distinguished Service Medals (CDSM) were awarded to: **Compatriots Brian Jensen and Jerry Scarpate** by Past-Presidents Roger Bonnett and Jim Ward for Distinguished Service during their terms of office in 2018-2020 and 2020-2022, respectively; and to **Compatriots Joel Etherton and Sam Ashdown** by President Jim Ward for Distinguished Service during his term of office.



# October Meeting



New Compatriot Mark Ryder was inducted into the Chapter



COL Patrick Keane (USA Ret)







Carl Green left for heaven on September 5, 2022, passing away peacefully at his home. Carl was born in Richmond, Indiana, in 1938 and came to Brevard County, Florida, in a “covered wagon” (a Ford woody station wagon) in 1954. He joined the US Air Force in 1955. His time in the military took him to several countries including Canada where he met his loving and devoted “first (and only) wife,” Sandra. After returning home to Indian River City in 1959 with his young family, his secret security clearance allowed him to qualify as a technician on the ICBM programs with AVCO-RAD. Carl was a Space Pioneer having worked on many great American aerospace firsts – Atlas, Titan, Minuteman, Delta II, Skylab, NAVSTAR, the Apollo Program, the Space Shuttle Program, and more! Upon retirement, he had worked on over 277 launches in his 45 years with the space program. His book “Left Out before Liftoff” that details a history of the space program as experienced by someone who actually “did the work” is being prepared for publication. Carl was active in community affairs and several local and national organizations, including Sons of the American Revolution – Brevard Chapter President (1993), American Society for Quality [Control] – Canaveral Section 1512 Chairman (1987-1989), Cape Canaveral Technical Societies – Chairman (1987-1989), Space Congress (organized 1987), Jackson Middle School Advisory Committee, Titusville High School Advisory Committee – Chairman (1980), and the Genealogical Society of North Brevard. He was awarded numerous commendations and awards for his work. Family was extremely important to Carl. He enjoyed researching his family tree and connecting new branches. Carl was preceded in death by his father, Niley C.; mother, Anna Mae; brothers, Russell Niley and Norman; sister, Ruthannah; and half-brothers, Victor and Clarence. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Katherine; son, Randy (Chris); and brother, Paul (Judi). Carl was known as “Poppy” to his grandchildren: Marisa, Meredith (Brian), and Mitchell. Funeral arrangements are being handled by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

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Compatriot George Ireland received a supplemental award at the October Meeting





**Leslie Smith, Director of Development, CITA Rescue Mission, Melbourne, FL was our speaker at the November Meeting**

**Three compatriots received the Roger Sherman Bronze medal for service to the SAR at the December Meeting**

**Top Right: Sam Ashdown- 2nd bronze leaf**

**Lower left: Jim Ward- 2nd bronze leaf**

**Lower Right: Barry Eller - 1st bronze leaf**





## Veterans Day at the VMC

Despite the effects of Hurricane Nicole still being felt around the area, the Veterans Day Observance on Friday morning proceeded as planned at the Veterans Memorial Center. The theme was "Veterans Throughout History." CW02 Phillip Dawalt, US Coast Guard Station Commanding Officer was the keynote speaker. Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey also spoke to the crowd, and directed the Brevard County Sheriff Office Air Unit Flyover. The Brevard County Chapter SAR and DAR Chapters provided the Revolutionary War focus, with over a dozen representatives in front of the stage, many in period attire, during the presentation. The DAR Historical Marker addition to the VMC Plaza was announced. Brevard SAR President Ether-ton spoke of the connections of Revolutionary War Patriots to today's Veterans by introducing three Revolutionary War Patriots and their descendants, Veterans, and SAR members:



Compatriots William Cole, Christopher Ratzel, Mark Russell, Chapter President Joel Etherton

Revolutionary War Patriot: Asahel Moody, 1736-1813, Colonel Porter's Regiment, Massachusetts. His direct descendant is US Air Force Veteran William Winston Cole. Compatriot Cole was presented with a SAR War Service Medal, and Service Bars for SW Asia, Afghanistan & GWOT.

Revolutionary War Patriot: Frederick Mattice, 1719-1794, 15th Regiment of the Albany County New York Militia. His direct descendant is US Army Veteran Christopher Alan Ratzel. Compatriot Ratzel was presented with a War Service Medal, w/ Service Bars for Iraq, Afghanistan & GWOT.

Revolutionary War Patriot: William Fleming, 1761-1852, Served in multiple units in NC and was in the Battle of Friday's Fort. His direct descendant is US Army Veteran Mark Warren Russell. Compatriot Russell was presented with a Military Service Medal.



Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey

In addition to the compatriots mentioned above, compatriots Ashdown, Bisset, Bottom, Desmarais, Eller, Miller, Mihora, Ward, Weaver attended, with compatriots Bisset and Desmarais in full period attire.



DAR Participants - The DAR 250th anniversary marker was dedicated



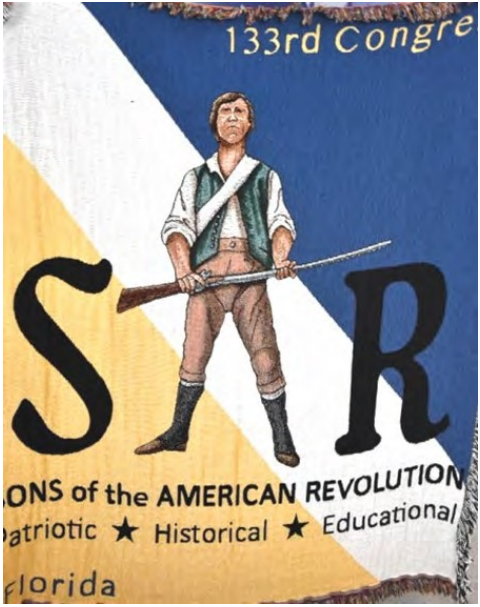


**Brevard Chapter SAR  
FLSSAR Veterans Battalion  
November 12, 2022**

Back row: Ratzel, Miller, Humker, Desmarais, Weaver, Bisset, Eller, Russell, Oehmann, Carlisle  
Front row: Ward, Longway, Trousdale, Bottom, Pierce

*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: Martha Grove, 38 Lakeview Dr., Fruitland Park, FL 34731-6362. Make checks out to LAFSSAR for \$70.00 to reserve one. Add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an address in Florida or \$20.00 for addresses outside of Florida for each Throw ordered (order two sent to the same address for the same shipping cost). Please make the Notation: 2023 Congress on your check. Please include email and phone number.*

# Brevard

## 2022-2023 Officers

President - Joel Etherton  
1st VP - Christopher Ratzel  
2nd VP - Jerry Scarpate  
Secretary - Brian Jensen  
Recording Secretary - Sam Ashdown  
Treasurer - Laurence Herman  
Member-at-large: Doug Bisset  
Member-at-large: Donn Weaver

### Committee Chairs:

Registrar - Roger Bonnett  
CG Commander - Nic Mihora  
Genealogist- Ray Norman  
Webmaster- Robbie Carlisle  
Parliamentarian - Dale Bottom  
Editor/Publisher - Carl Oehmann  
ROTC / Youth - Jerry Scarpate  
Veteran's Affair—Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver  
**If you would like to volunteer for a Committee position contact  
President Joel Etherton**



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