



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# BREVARD BEACON

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## Next Meeting

17 Jan 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

Seaside Reuben with Chips

or

Iceberg Wedge Salad

&

Cookies

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## President's Message



Happy New Year's Compatriots,

Huzzah! This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The nation, Son's and Daughters of the American Revolution, and com-

munities throughout this land are gearing up to make this a party to surpass the bicentennial.

We have great events planned. February's highlight includes a joint SAR / DAR meeting that is not to be missed. March is jam packed starting with the inaugural First Amphibious Assault Memorial dedication on March 14 in Pompano Beach. We will do our part by hosting the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution on March 21, 2026. We will be stepping up the festivities with a brand-new amphitheater and a great program to match the excitement. April allows us to honor our first responders and youth contest winners. May brings our annual election and June wraps up our spring season with another joint SAR/DAR meeting celebrating Flag Day. This doesn't even get us to the big event, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in July!

The only thing missing is YOU. Please come out and help us celebrate. Make plans to show up for any (or all) of these events and lend your talents or just show up for the fellowship and camaraderie. Resolve to spread the word about your patriot ancestor, earn your SAR 250<sup>th</sup> medal (see 2VP Hunt), or join our Color Guard (see 1VP Mihora). Whichever way you celebrate our semi-quincentennial, get out there and let people know that the SAR in Brevard is strong, relevant, and excited about sharing the history of the greatest nation on Earth.

I hope to see you where the cause of liberty is discussed.

In Patriotism, Christopher

## Brevard

Our 2026 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

**Jan 17, 2026** - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Seaside Reuben with Chips

OR

Iceberg Wedge Salad

**Feb 21, 2026** - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Joint SAR/DAR

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

**May 23, 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*

*Mark Russell  
275 Woodridge Drive  
Geneva, FL 32732*

*mark.russell@earthlink.net*

## *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

**27 Feb 2026** - 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore Creek

**5 Mar 2026** - Spring Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY

### State Events

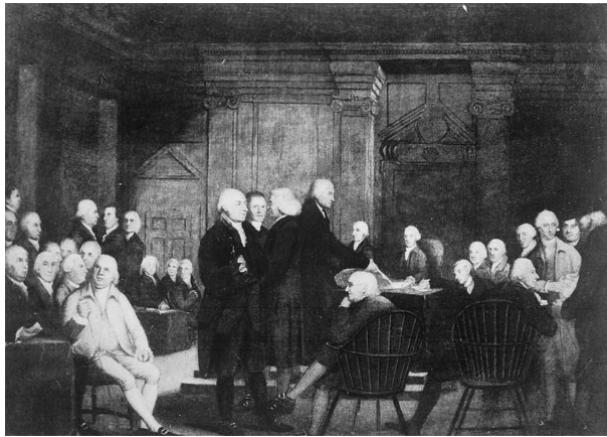
**14 March 2026** - First Amphibious Landing—Pompano Beach

**21 March 2026** - Last Naval Battle—VMC

**28 March 2026** - Battle of Thomas Creek—Jacksonville Fl

# New Members 2025

Member	Patriot
William Daniel Meenan	Zephaniah Steelman NJ Pvt
Thomas C. Scott	Daniel Ball NC Sgt



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
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>

## Brevard

The Brevard SAR conducted a joint operation with the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. America 250 Flags were bought for all JROTC units in Brevard county as well as all High Schools. Members of the Brevard SAR and MOAACC were present at the presentation of the America 250 Flag to Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell of the Brevard County School District. The flag is currently flying at the Brevard County School District Headquarters in Viera. The distribution of the America 250 Flags to schools, JROTC units, scouting units, etc. promotes the spirit of America in celebration of 250 years of our Constitutional Republic and the effort that went into the establishment of our Great Nation.



Photo: L to R: Hans Hunt, Donn Weaver, Dr. Mark Rendell, Doug Bissett

March 21 – Last Naval Battle celebration at 10 AM! - VMC

## **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.

# November Meeting



**USS Stark Memorial Award  
2024-2025**



**Audrey Miller—CAR President**



**Sharon Desmaris—Lydia Darragh Medal**



**Brian Jensen—Liberty Medal**

# November Meeting (Cont)



**Paul Merek—Guest speaker**



**SSgt P. Russell Merek—Wounded Warrior Coin**

# December Meeting

## Ornament Exchange



# December Meeting (Cont)



## **Veterans Upcoming Events**

27 Jan — BVMC Library Discussion Series

**1800-1930**

## 02 Feb — Immortal Four Chaplains Ceremony BVMC Plaza and Gray Hall. 1400- 1530

## **07 Feb — JROTC Run and Shoot, BVMC Park 0700-1200**

**14 Feb— JROTC Drill Meet #1, BVMC Park  
0630- 1230**

# **28 Feb — JROTC Drill Meet #2. BVMC Park 0630-1230**

## **21 Mar — Last Naval Battle Remembrance 0930-1100 BVMC Park**

## **28 Mar — Am Legion AUX 344 Easter Egg Hunt for Vet Kids BVMC**

**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



# 2025-2026 Officers

**President - Christopher Ratzel**

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**2nd VP - Hans Hunt**

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**Treasurer - Mark Russell**

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**Member-at-large: Donn Weaver**

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If you would like to volunteer for a Committee position contact

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