



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BREVARD BEACON

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Next Meeting 17 October at the VMC Gray Room

400 S. SYKES CREEK PKWY, MI, FL

NOTE: LIMITED SEATING DUE TO COVID-19 DISTANCING GUIDELINES

CLUB SANDWICH

ROAST BEEF OR TURKEY \$10

Send Pre-Payment and meal choices to:

Carroll Lord

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President's Message

I hope everyone is doing well during this shut down period. Let's hope things will return to normal soon. Again, I want to thank all our essential workers for their dedication in keeping us safe and healthy. We wish everyone good health!

During our last executive meeting we have decided to have a standard meeting on October 17th. The location will be the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island. We will be complying with all social distance requirements set by the VMC. Therefore seating will be limited, so reserve your seat early! Lunch will be packaged sandwich lunches using a limited menu from Publix and you will need to order it as part of your reservation. We have several new members which we would like to induct during this meeting along with the chapter officers.

We are still looking for people to step and become more involved in the chapter by becoming a chapter officer. Voting in new officers helps us grow and meet the needs of our chapter.

Elected Officers of this Chapter shall include a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and two (2) Members at Large. The regular term of office for elected officers shall be for one (1) year."

There is no requirements, except for being a member, for running for any office. Contact Barry Eller (emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com) if you are interested in any of the positions.

FLSSAR is having their BOM on October 3rd. If you like to go and represent our chapter as a delegate (participate as a voting member), please contact me and I will notify FLSSAR. More information about the B.O.M. is located on the FLSSAR website. They are looking for candidates to fill several positions which are the following – Four RVP's (NW, SE, EC & WC); Genealogist; Sargent-at-Arm (ExCom); Webmaster; and Recording Secretary. If you have any interest in these positions please contact Robert McGuire (MVRanger@aol.com) or the Brevard Chapter president.

In closing I would like to thank Brian Jensen for leading our effort in replacing the cannon. I would also like to thank the people who have donated money to help pay for cannon replacement. I am hoping by the time the news letter is issued, the cannon has arrived at the VMC. THANK YOU ALL!





2021 Brevard Chapter Dues Notice

BREVARD SHOULD SUBMIT DUES TO THE STATE BY DECEMBER 1ST

Please fill in all blocks. Correct contact information will help ensure that you get Chapter news on events, meetings, and newsletters. It is especially important that your e-mail address is current.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

City State Zip Code _____

If paying for more than one family member, please list _____

Dues Schedule:

If you are Currently Emeritus III status, you must re-apply each year - it does not carry over. Contact Barry Eller to re-apply at (571) 224-2945. Those dues are only the National Dues of \$35.00. Members with primary memberships in another Florida chapter or state society must pay Brevard Chapter dues only, (for primary membership in another Florida chapter) or Chapter and state dues for members of another state society. These Dual members must also pay their chapter, state, & National dues to their primary chapter.

Active Military pay only National Dues of \$35.00. List rank and Military Service unit: _____

My dues are:	Associate	Regular Member	Junior	Life	Military
National Dues	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
State dues	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$ 0	\$20.00	\$0.00
Chapter dues	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Total	\$5.00	\$65.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

Dues (from above): _____

CAAH donation: _____

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA every \$15.00 donated returns \$5.00 to the chapter: _____

Hardcopy of Florida Patriot Magazine \$12.00: _____

Total Enclosed : _____

You can always pay your 2020 Dues at any of our fall our Fall Meetings.

Please make checks payable to: Brevard SAR

Mail Form and Checks to: Carroll Lord

830 Thrasher Dr.

Viera, FL 32955



1777 CHARLEVILLE MUSKET WITH BAYONET

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2023 ORLANDO CONGRESS

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This reproduction 1777 French 'Charleville' Musket is faithful to the original in functionality and form. It features a .68 caliber barrel and iron hardware with bright finish. Authentic elements include an angled brass pan, heart shaped ring cock, and ridges on the trigger guard.

The weapon has a hardwood stock and proper St. Etienne lock markings. Like all of our muskets, it comes with a limited warranty. The musket's hammer has been adequately hardened and comes with a lifetime re-hardening guarantee. Bayonet is included.

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Suggested Donations:

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\$20 per ticket

6 Tickets for \$100

You need not be present to win. 1777 Charleville Musket Drawing to benefit the Florida SAR 2023 Congress Fund will take place at the first NSSAR or FLSSAR event after the sale of the 300th final ticket, but no later than the Awards Banquet at the 2023 ORLANDO CONGRESS. Proceeds will go to the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (2023 Congress Fund). 501(c)(3).

www.FLSSAR.org

Purchase by Mail: Wm. Lee Popham, 7101 SW 67 Avenue, South Miami FL 33143

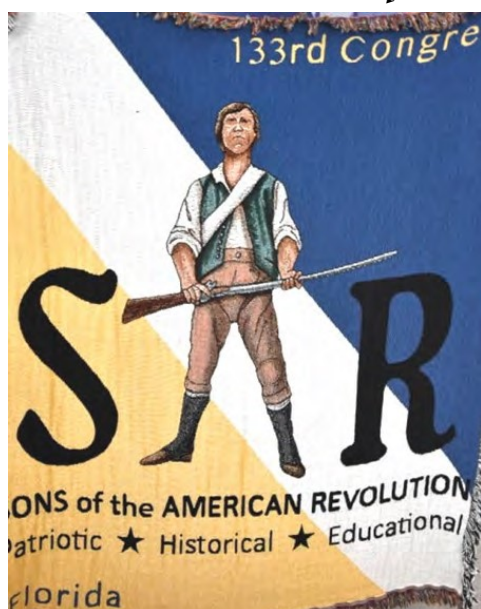
Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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: Laura Zavalia, Treasurer LAFLS-SAR, 1648 Jupiter Cove Drive, #411, Jupiter, FL 33469. Make checks out to LAFLLSSAR for \$70.00 to re-serve 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.

BREVARD CHAPTER 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 Mihora for information.

Some uniform pieces and accessories maybe available from Color Guard members to start your uniform. We know how difficult it is to get started and are willing to help.

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 SAE, 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 2018 -2019

Calendar of events

March Last Naval Battle **Completed**

July 4th of July Parade MI **Completed**

September - Constitution Day meeting

Presentation of Colors **Cancelled**

November 11th Veterans Day VMC Ceremony

November 11th Veterans Day Parade Melbourne,

December 19th Wreaths Across America-
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery



Welcome New Members

Member	Patriot
John Robert Boyd	John Boyd
William Cochran Boykin	Jacob Riffel
Bradley Edward Bridgham	Benjamin Witt
Jeffery Edward Bridgham	Benjamin Witt
Aric Scott Bruggeworth	Lewis Burwell
William Winston Cole	Asahel Moody
Jess Jennings Cruikshank	David Belknap
Malcolm David McRoberts	William McRoberts
Charles Alan Pierce	William McIntire
Creighton Arthur Terhune	John Terhune

Membership Status

Membership level is 121 out of state Duals, and Memorials are not counted by National.

Life	4
E-1	1
E-2	1
Junior	10
Regular	104
Dual	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.

Appointed delegates need to be submitted to the State Secretary before the BOM

If you plan to attend the BOM, please notify the Chapter President to be listed as a Delegate

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2020-2021

Election Candidates

President	James G Ward
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	Jerry Scarpate
Secretary	Brian Jensen
Recording Secretary	Robert Humker
Treasurer	Laurence Herman
Member at Large	Sonny Jones
Member at Large	Doug Bisset

*October 17th meeting
is election day*

*Please attend our meeting and cast
your vote. We need volunteers to fill
our open appointed positions*

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

Chapter Activities

4th of July Parade

July 4th 2020 was a bad time for the Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing had become more and more of a common means for personal protection. A 4th of July parade was planned to take place months before the pandemic. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center were persistent to march on with a 4th of July celebration. First to maintain social distancing, the VMC cancelled all tents, vendor canopies, food and other venues that would normally create crowds to mingle within the museum and park grounds. Second, they came up with an alternative plan to conduct the 4th of July Parade while maintaining ample social distancing. Rather than the parade pass by the spectators, the parade lined up along state road 520 in front of the Merritt Island Mall and the spectators drove by the parade.



Merritt Island 4th of July Parade Sam Ashdown, President Roger Bonnett, Nic Mihora, Barry Eller, Tim Hicks, Brian Jensen Photo by James Ward

This allowed for the participants to keep their distancing within their own groups, each group was further separated from other groups by being placed at specific points along the parade. In addition, by placing traffic cones along the highway, spectators were kept at an adequate distance of the parade participants. With this setup, spectators were able to drive by the parade, if they wished it enabled them to go by the parade multiple times. Brevard SAR participants included President Roger Bonnet, Compatriots Sam Ashdown, Barry Eller, Tim Hicks, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora, 1st Vice President James Ward and Compatriot Donn Weaver who was wearing many hats to make this year's event successful.

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Coming in the Next Issue

Chapter election results.

Updates to meeting agenda due to Covid-19.

News & event updates from National and State

National Events

2020 Congress in Richmond, VA was Cancelled, meetings conducted by virtual communication.

2020's Congress being third time a SAR congress had been cancelled. The first was in 1917 at the outbreak of WWI and the second was 1945 during WWII.

2020 Fall Leadership Louisville, KY Cancelled, meetings conducted by virtual communication.

NSSAR Spring Leadership Louisville, KY
March 03-07, 2021

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, Merritt Island, FL March 13, 2021

Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL
March 27, 2021

Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL May 08, 2021

2021 Congress Renton, WA July 10-15, 2021

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Preserving Our Photographs

Photography became popular in the late 1840's.



1850's/1860's Portrait inside a Union Case

Today we are now in the digital age, the day where paper photographs are becoming a thing of the past. Ten years ago, chain drugstores usually offered one-hour photo services, today the same services will take up to four weeks to process and print a roll of film. Film is no longer readily available in most brick and mortar stores as it would have been stocked on the shelves just a few years ago. In the past if you wanted to share a photograph a copy would need to be made by a photo lab before being able to present the photograph to someone else. Today we take images with our smartphones and zap it to anyone in the world within seconds.

To preserve memories of older photographs there are some steps to take that will benefit generations to come. For photo albums it is best to write the owner's name, address, and phone number in a conspicuous place within the album. It is also a good idea to list the persons parent's names and address as well. If parents are deceased, list their birth dates, place of birth, death dates, their place of death and the location of their gravesites. In the aftermath of a tragedy such as fire, hurricane, or tornado, the first thing the victims look for are their photographs. If a photograph or album has been displaced, but has a name associated with it, chances are the owner has a greater possibility of getting their memories returned.



*Timmy & Rocky
4 yrs. 5 mos. ; 5 weeks 6 lbs.
January 15, 1952 -*

Back of Photo

A good practice is to mark photographs with the date, place, people and/or subject of interest. The identification marking can be made on the back side of the photograph as with the photo of the boy and his dog. It has the boy's first name, the dog's name, their ages, and the date taken. Identifying photo's aid in converting the photograph to not be just a memory, but also a record that gives others a visual reference of their family's history.

Photographs cannot be used as lineage evidence, however they do put names with faces. When performing research, photographs become a valuable tool. They can identify ancestors (back to 1840's), notable places related to the research being conducted and with a smartphone or camera copies of non-copyrighted can be instantly taken for future reference.

Upcoming State Events

Spring BOM April 30-May 02, 2021

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746

FSSDAR State Conference March 04-07, 2021

Marriott Renaissance Orlando at Sea World, Orlando, FL





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By Donn Weaver

Teamwork and neighbors helping neighbors always pays off. On September 28, after months in the works a replica Revolutionary War Ship Deck Cannon was delivered to the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) on Merritt Island behind the Merritt Square Mall. The delivery could not have happened without the assist (and fork lift) from Cal Conner and his U-Haul crew from the, soon to celebrate its Grand Opening, U-Haul Self Storage Center at the Mall.



Once moved into position for a final retooling and installation planned soon, some members of the Brevard Sons of the American Revolution Chapter (SAR), led by President Roger Bonnett (3rd from left) and chief cannoneer Brian Jensen (Far left), join Mr. Conner and his team as well as VMC Vice President Donn Weaver (far left,) to celebrate the arrival.

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The U-Haul team and VMC have a long standing partnership to include the county when the project to create the facility from unoccupied and dilapidated buildings was approved. U-Haul has worked with the VMC on several side projects besides the cannon and is even installing a military motif series of large panels along the walls. Great to have you in the neighborhood, U-Haul.

As seen from the sign, an official Historical Marker, the replica cannon will complete a very special monument now in the Memorial Plaza of VMC. Thanks to SAR for seeing the project through. We will all look forward to the March 13, 2021, Annual Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution which took place off the Cape Canaveral Coast in 1783.

Canon visits Memphis

The canon was due to be delivered on September 10. The trucking company's shipment tracking website indicated that it arrived at the Florida destination terminal on Sept 09. Arrangements were made to receive the delivery the following day. After a no-show, we were notified that the shipment would be delayed since the 1'x2'x4' 290# package could not be found. In response we stressed they had a loose canon within their system. The canon was later found in Memphis and it proceeded the journey to the VMC arriving on Sept 28.

A post assessment was conducted and it appears that the canon wanted to take a short side-trip to visit Graceland

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Revolutionary War Time line Sept/Oct

1775

- Sept 02: Independence Hurricane hits NC, VA, MD and PA. 8th most devastating hurricane to reach the Colonies
- Oct 13: Continental Congress established the Continental Navy

1776

- Sept 07: Turtle submarine attacks HMS Eagle
- Oct 26: Benjamin Franklin sets sail to France as Ambassador

1777

- Sept 03: Battle of Cooch's Bridge, DE. First recorded battle that the American Flag was flown
- Oct 23: British fleet defeated on the Delaware River

1778

- Sept 27: Baylor's Massacre at River Vale, NJ
- Oct 15: British attack Little Egg Harbor a Privateer hotspot in NJ

1779

- Aug 29: Victory at Battle of Newton, NY

1780

- Sept 23: Benedict Arnold discovered conducting treason activity
- Oct 16: Royalton raid by 270 Mohawk and Abenaki Indians on settlements of Royalton, Sharon and Turnbridge VT

Revolutionary War Time line (continued)

1781

- Sept 28: Washington begins the Siege of Yorktown
- Oct 29: Yorktown Victory Monument is authorized by Congress



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

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 / already.1942@gmail.com



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