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Presidents Message

First Meeting of the Year

I want to thank all Compatriots who attended our first SAR Chapter meeting of the year last month. It was a lively meeting, and although it lasted longer than anticipated a lot was accomplished and much interesting and important information was covered.

N.S.S.A.R. President General to Visit to Our Chapter



N.S.S.A.R. President General Joseph W. Dooley will visit the St. Petersburg Chapter in March of 2014. The scheduled date is March 22. Please mark your calendars. Compatriot Jerry Hale is coordinating this very special event.

2013-2014 Budget



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Our budget is the financial plan for the coming year. It will be emailed to you prior to the November meeting. Please review it, and send me any question you may have. The Chapter will vote on approval at the November meeting.

Congressman Bill Young

The St. Petersburg Chapter expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Congressman Bill Young who passed away last month. He and I were in the process of preparing an application for membership in the St. Petersburg Chapter.

Children of the American Revolution

James McMullen Society President Miss Daniella McGinn presented a report on the Society's objectives, activities, projects, and goals for the year at the October 19th meeting. Her presentation was very well received and generated discussion, and several questions concerning the C.A.R. including expressions of interest from several Compatriots who had eligible relatives. Following her comments, there was sustained applause and expressions of appreciation for the information.

Daniella was accompanied by her sister Veronika, vice president of the C.A.R., and their parents Michael and Agnia McGinn, and Colleen Pauley Perry, senior vice president C.A.R.

You can visit the James McMullen Society at: www.JMcMullencar.org

New Member Induction

I had the pleasure of inducting my son Robert M. Butler as a new member of the St. Petersburg Chapter. He is a descendent of David Nida, of Virginia and is our Chapter Webmaster.

Dues are now Due!

As Chave Aspinall notes in his area of this newsletter, annual dues are now payable. Please remember that extra donations to our chapter are tax deductible. Timely dues payments are very important to our Chapter since they are foundation for our patriotic community service initiatives.

Chapter Challenge Activities

I would like to thank those who are participating in the Chapter Challenge initiatives. If you have recently become a member, or would like to select a project that suits your availability, please take a moment to review the Chapter Challenge email sent to you last month. It is not too late to participate.

George Washington Birthday (Please mark your calendars)

Our chapter is hosting the George Washington Birthday luncheon at the St. Petersburg Country Club on February 15, 2014 at 11:30, our regular meeting time. I would like to ask that all our members make every effort to attend this very important event.

Children of the American Revolution Growing

We started with six members last year. We now have 19 fully approved, with several more in process at National Headquarters. This is truly extraordinary growth, and we would like to



extend our gratitude and appreciation to C.A.R. Registrar Colleen Pauley Perry of the Boca Ciega DAR for her dedication and devotion to this initiative.

Please remember that your grandchildren, nieces and nephews are eligible for membership in our C.A.R. Society. Members in the C.A.R. do not have to live in our area. Please contact me for further information.

Reminder: Patriot Ancestor Listing on the Website (especially our new members)

Please take a moment to visit our Chapter website at www.stpeteSAR.org , click on the "Patriot Ancestors" tab and review the listing to be sure your all Patriot ancestors, including supplemental, are listed. If yours is not listed, please send me his name and state, C.Butler@stpetesar.org

St. Petersburg SAR Chapter Growth

I would like to ask each member to make a focused effort to identify and recruit at least one new applicant by next May. Our motto for this initiative is *"You can be St. Pete SAR wherever you are."* Members can live out of state, or if they are unable to attend meetings, we will devise special activities and projects especially for them so they can be a part of our chapter.

Chapter Heritage

We are the fifth oldest SAR chapter in the state, and over the years our chapter has contributed one President General NSSAR and two State Society Presidents and a Governor of Florida. We have a proud tradition of service to our Society and to our state.

Heritage Irony

As a final side note, a rare and interesting phenomenon of history occurred at our October meeting. Probably for the first time in the history of our Chapter, the descendents of three early governors were in attendance: Vice-President Hardy Bryan, (Gov of Ga.) new Compatriot Jerry Halstead, (Gov of TN), and prospective member Michael McGinn, (Gov of NC and FL).

I look forward to seeing you at Billy's on November 16 at 11:30. Please plan or arriving at 11:30 so we can begin the meeting at noon, completing at 1 o'clock.

In patriotic service,

Charles R. Butler, President

Secretary's / Treasurer's Report

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Minutes of the October meeting

To come



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Treasurer's Report

We have \$1,718.89 Prior to the October meeting.

DUES ARE DUE

Please note we are required to pay our chapter dues to State and National by December 1st. Thank you to those who have already remitted the dues.

Total Dues Amount: \$60.00

The itemized breakdown of where your dues go is as follows:

Chapter: \$10.00

State: \$20.00

National: \$30.00

Total \$60.00

If you are able to donate a little extra to our chapter it will be appreciated. Please remember donations are tax deductible.

Please remit your 2013 dues to:

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Chaplain's Report

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Once you are SAR, you are always SAR. We care about our Compatriots, so please let me know immediately of any serious illness, hospitalization, or death of any of our members or family members.

Please advise any Officer of our chapter in order that we take appropriate actions commensurate with the situation at hand. Our President Charles Butler will make every effort to attend services or visitations on behalf of the chapter.

Please pray for our service members, the ones who put themselves in harm's way to protect us from evil. They do not ask for recognition, but only a chance to make our lives safer. **Please remember our Compatriots and their families in your prayers.**

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal



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REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR

Billy's Stone Crab Restaurant,
30 Colony Dr. Tierra Verde
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- **November Sat. November 16 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab**
SAR Recruitment Recognition Awards to DAR members
Tentative special guest R. Jack Nida, genealogist and author
- **Veterans Day Ceremonies Bay Pines Veterans Hospital**
SAR Participation Invited
- **December Sat. December 21 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab**
Agenda t/b/a
- **Wreaths Across America Ceremonies Bay Pines Cemetery**
SAR Participation Invited
- **January Sat. January 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab**
Agenda t/b/a/
- **February Sat. February 15 Washington Birthday Luncheon St. Petersburg Country Club**
St. Petersburg Chapter SAR is hosting Joint meeting with DAR 11:30 Luncheon
- **March Sat. March 15 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**
The Battle of Baltimore / Ft. McHenry
Presented by Boca Ciega DAR Regent & History Teacher Catherine Paunov
- **April Sat. April 19 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda t/b/a**
- **May Sat. May 17 Year End Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**
Installation of Officers
- **Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery**
SAR Participation Invited



Operation Ancestor Search

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Opportunity for State, Local Committee Members

Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) is a free NSSAR genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families. It provides participants with the knowledge and tools that allow them to conduct their own genealogy research as they recover from their injuries at military hospitals and VA medical centers across the country.

The OAS program is conducted through SAR state societies and local affiliate chapters and their volunteer members. The national committee evolved from a local program developed at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (now the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) by the DCSSAR. The program proved so successful that Ancestry.com became a major national sponsor, contributing a \$180,000 grant over three years, renewable for another three years after the initial period.

National Chairman Carl Bedell presides over the OAS Committee. Each State Society has its own OAS Chairman to spearhead these efforts and organize each state's program. State chairmen serve as ex officio members of the national committee.

State OAS Committee Members are volunteers who desire to share the genealogy expertise within the SAR in order to give back to the Wounded Warriors who were injured in their service to our nation. They provide injured service members with the knowledge and tools they need to conduct their own genealogy research in training classes, work sessions, individual hands-on assistance, and most notably, access to Ancestry.com databases.

OAS volunteers perform the following:

1. Help target the military medical facilities within their respective states that are most open and receptive to offering the OAS program to their Wounded Warriors.
2. Help identify the key personnel at those facilities and ensure that the facilities have adequate meeting space and computer facilities.
3. Help match the facilities with the leadership of the SAR local chapters in their closest geographic proximity in order to ensure adequate volunteer support.
4. Ensure that the state and local OAS committees are "visionary," meaning that they will not only serve the needs of the Wounded Warriors while they are inpatients, but that they will collaborate with local genealogical societies, lineage societies, libraries and other organizations as appropriate for support with training, reintegration and mentoring after they transition back to their local communities.
5. Ensure that the SAR's greatest resources - our MEMBERS in local chapters across the country, in concert with our State and National Societies - continue to develop Operation Ancestor Search as the preeminent SAR program, not only for us, but for our OAS partners who provide the resources that support our nation's Wounded Warriors and their families.



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If you are interested in helping with Operation Ancestor Search at the state or local level, please contact your State OAS Chairman. If your state does not yet have an OAS Chairman, please contact your State President if you are interested in serving in that position.

For additional information on the OAS program, please contact Rick Kincaid, the National Program Director, at rkincaid@sar.org or (502) 588-6147.



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