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## President General Dooley Honored at Chapter Dinner Meeting

The St. Petersburg Chapter hosted a reception and dinner in honor of President General Joseph W. Dooley on Saturday March 22, at the St. Petersburg Country Club's main banquet room. The event was designed to be festive as well as reflective of the dignity associated with a President General's visit. More than 80 attendees visited with friends, enjoyed the fellowship of Compatriots, DAR leaders, and C.A.R members in a setting of camaraderie and celebration of our nation's heritage.



Compatriots and guests enjoyed an excellently prepared dinner, to the accompaniment of patriotic background music provided by a live chamber music duo on violin and cello.

The visitation of a sitting President General to a chapter is a rare and unique event which created considerable interest and excitement. Conducted within the format of a special chapter meeting, the event involved the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. and focused on honoring the achievements of the President General



during his term in office, and recognizing his service to the NSSAR and our nation as leader of the country's preeminent male lineage society.

The evening began at 4:45 PM with a private reception hosted for the President General by St. Petersburg Chapter Past President John Stewart. At 5:45, Vice President General Moody, South Atlantic District, and Chapter President Charles R. Butler escorted President General Dooley to the main lobby reception desk where the President General greeted members of the James McMullen Chapter, Children of the American Revolution and thanked them for their participation in the evening's events.

The President General was then escorted into the main banquet room where he joined the waiting reception line, personally greeting more than 80 invited guests, many of whom had traveled significant distances to be in attendance.



The head table included Charles Butler, St. Petersburg Chapter President and host for the evening, President General Joseph W. Dooley, Vice President General Dr. Randy Moody and Mrs. Moody, Indiana State Society President William Sharp and Mrs. Sharp, and West Central Florida Regional Vice President, Danny Hooper

Three Officers of the St. Petersburg Chapter, SAR in the audience were recognized: Chaplain John Stewart, Registrar Will Scott, and Vice President, Hardy Bryan.

Special recognition was made of the contributions made by Compatriot Jerry Hale from the St. Petersburg Chapter; although his wife Pat Hale of the Boca Ciega

Chapter DAR was unable to attend due to illness, she was recognized with the Chapter's grateful appreciation as well.

Author Jack and Mrs. Jean Nida were also so recognized. Jack is a long time genealogical researcher, author and educator, and soon to be a Compatriot of the SAR who traveled from West Virginia to meet the President General and be in attendance for this special event.

Following remarks by President Butler, and a quotation from President George Washington about pride in being an American, the meeting recessed for dinner service.

Upon reconvening, President Butler introduced Dr. Randy Moody, Vice-President General, South Atlantic District who presented Greetings from NSSAR National Headquarters to the assembly, and introduced President General Dooley. The audience greeted the President General with an extended standing ovation.



President General Dooley spoke dynamically for about 25 minutes about lessons drawn from ancient history and how they are instructive to the SAR today. The President General captured the attention of the audience and he received enthusiastic applause at its conclusion. Additionally, the President General provided copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to attendees, discussed The NSSAR's new Center for Advancing



America's Heritage, and commented on his recent article in The SAR Magazine concerning the signet ring of George Washington.

At the conclusion of President General Dooley's remarks, President Butler presented him with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in The St. Petersburg Chapter along with a membership card. President General Dooley recalled that he had been a member of the chapter in past years and was pleased to be reconnected with his Compatriots.



Gifts of Caswell & Massey #6 cologne, aftershave and bath soap were then presented to the President General who graciously accepted them and extended his personal appreciation to the St. Petersburg Chapter for hosting the evening's event.

Following President General Dooley's acceptance comments, he presented President Butler the **Aide-de-Camp** lapel pin in recognition of his personal service to the President General. The unique pin is awarded at the sole discretion of the President General for special service, and its design reflects the personal coat of arms of President George Washington.



St. Petersburg Compatriots Patrick Craig and his father Alan Craig, his wife Vanessa, DAR and senior leader of the James McMullen Society C.A.R., and daughter Jenna a C.A.R. member, managed attendee check-in and table direction. In addition to the Craigs, Colleen Pauley Perry, Shannon Muldrow, and Compatriot Steve Muldrow, Michael McGinn and Agnia McGinn as well as all the members and families of other local N.S.C.A.R. societies provided outstanding contributions to the success of the event.



**The St. Petersburg Chapter is especially grateful to Dr. Randy Moody, NSSAR Southeast District Vice President General for his kind and thoughtful assistance in the planning of this truly unique event.**

Vice Regent Virginia Poffenberger represented the Florida Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an invited participant in the President General's receiving line, and was the senior DAR officer in attendance. She traveled from Pensacola to participate in the event honoring President General Dooley.



Lineage Societies and chapters represented in the evening's attendance were: SAR: Indiana Society; Clearwater Chapter, Firelands Bicentennial Chapter, Ohio; Lakeland Chapter, Naples Chapter, Saramana Chapter, South Shore Chapter, and the Tampa Chapter.

DAR: Florida State Society; Alafia River, Barefoot Beach, Boca Ciega, Caravel, Clearwater, Princess Hirrihigua, Tampa, Winding Waters

C.A.R: James McMullen Society, Pinellas County; San Bernardo Society, Pensacola; Fort Brooke, Tampa



Chaplin John Stewart delivered the benediction, and Charles Butler gave the recessional. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**Veva Scott, past Regent of Caravel Chapter DAR provided the evening's photography support, taking more than 150 photographs. (Interested Compatriots can view the photographs via Dropbox by emailing a request to: [c.butler@stpetesar.org](mailto:c.butler@stpetesar.org))**

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### Treasurer's Report

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#### Treasurer's Report to the Chapter



- Ø Chapter banking and financial reports are presented at meetings.
- Ø Prior Meeting Minutes are appended to the end of this newsletter.

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### Registrar's Report

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We welcome all inquiries and encourage new prospective members to contact us concerning membership in the SAR. Individuals do not have to live in St. Petersburg to be members of our chapter. Please consider contacting your eligible male family members wherever they may live around the nation and invite them to join the SAR through our chapter. At a later date, they can take the time to visit various local chapters and choose one right for their needs. Our St. Petersburg chapter takes pride



in being friendly and welcoming to all interested applicants, new members and prospective new members.

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## **Chaplain's Report**

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### **You Are Always SAR**

Once you are SAR, you are always SAR. We should all pause for a few reflective moments to be thankful for the company of our loved ones, the sacrifices of our forefathers, and privileges we as Americans enjoy.

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 let us know about your joyous occasions as well, such as graduations, anniversaries, weddings and new babies!

Please advise any Officer of our chapter so we can take appropriate actions commensurate with the situation at hand. Our President Charles Butler or I will make every effort to attend services 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. Blessings to all.

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

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## **CHAPTER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

NSSAR Compatriots and their guests are cordially invited to attend the St. Petersburg Chapter's monthly meeting (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION AND TIME)

**DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 19**

**NEW LOCATION: St. Petersburg Country Club \* 2000 Country Club Way South \* St. Petersburg, FL 33712**

**SPCC Telephone: (727) 867-2111**

Comments: Please "*reply*" to confirm your attendance so meeting room table accommodations can be sufficient for our group.

**SAR Meeting Room: President's Room or Card Room (turn left at the main lobby, follow the corridor to meeting room areas)**



## SCHEDULE

11:00 – 11:30	Compatriot Fellowship;
11:30 – 12:00	Chapter Meeting, part 1
12-12:30	Lunch Service
12:30-1:00	Chapter Meeting, part 2
1:00 PM	Recessional & Adjournment

### Please Note:

\*The St. Petersburg Country Club lunch menu will be available

\*Early arrival is recommended so food orders can be taken prior to our meeting which begins promptly at 11:30 AM



## SAR MEETING AGENDA

St. Petersburg Chapter

1. Call to Order	Charles Butler
2. Invocation	John Stewart
3. Pledge of Allegiance	t/b/a
4. SAR Pledge	t/b/a
5. The American's Creed	t/b/a
6. Introduction of Guests	Charles Butler
7. Approval of Minutes	Chave Aspinall

### Recess for Lunch

8. President's Report	Charles Butler
* <i>Chapter Awards &amp; Inductions</i>	<i>Charles Butler</i>
<i>Chapter Challenge Update</i>	<i>John Stewart</i>
<i>CAR Report</i>	<i>Charles Butler</i>
<i>Special Events</i>	“
<i>National &amp; State SAR Report</i>	John Stewart
9. Vice President's Report	Hardy Bryan
10. Registrar & Recruitment Report	Will Scott
11. Committee Reports	Committee Chairmen
<i>Veteran Initiatives / ROTC</i>	<i>Hardy Bryan / Will Scott</i>
<i>Schools, Oration, Essays &amp; Citizenship</i>	<i>John Stewart</i>
12. Old Business	Charles Butler
13. New Business	“
14. General SAR Discussion	All Compatriots
15. Benediction	John Stewart
16. SAR Recessional	Hardy Bryan

## 2014 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR



Please mark your calendars

- Ø April Sat. April 19 Regular Meeting, St. Petersburg country Club
- Ø May Sat. May 17 Year End Meeting Installation of Officers
- Ø May - Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery  
SAR Participation Invited - Details to be announced
- Ø September - Constitution Week Commemoration  
Details to be announced
- Ø November - Veterans Day  
Bay Pines Hospital - details to be announced

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## Secretary's Report: Minutes

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### **Minutes of February 2014 Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meeting**

Our regular February 15, 2014 meeting was called to order by president Charles Butler at 12:00 with Compatriots, Charles Butler, Hardy Bryan, Chave Aspinall, Robert Rogers, Chris Comstock, John Stewart, William Scott, Alan and Vanessa Craig, John Thompson, Bill Hamilton, and David Soderlund Vice President West Central Region Dan Hooper, Doug and Kathy Fitts, Missouri Chapter SAR, prospective Compatriot, David Chestnut, David West, DAR Members Colleen Pauley Perry, Cathy Paunov , Susan Guise, Veva Scott. Hardy Bryan gave the invocation, David Chestnut led the Pledge of Allegiance, Compatriot John Thompson led the Pledge to the SAR, Susan Guise led the American's Creed.

Compatriot Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2014 meeting as published; Compatriot Will Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>, All were in favor.

#### **Vice President's report:**

Vice president Bryan asked about lowering the US flag to half-staff and if it was to be lowered on the occasion of something like Fire Prevention Week. In unison, all said "No!" Well, the answer is "Yes!" On the Sunday of Fire Prevention Week, whatever date that falls on, the flag is to be lower to half-staff in memory of the Chicago Fire that was caused by the cow knocking over a gas lantern.



The Audit committee had reviewed the financials of the Organization and they were outstanding. No issues.

Compatriot Stewart spoke on Knight Essay Contest. 72 essays were received. He also spoke on the BOM meeting he attended.

President Butler presented our Compatriot, Alan Craig, with his Supplemental SAR certificates and administered the SAR Oath. He also presented Compatriot Soderlund with his Certificate and administered the SAR Oath. Veva Scott, DAR Caravel Chapter, was presented the Lydia Darragh Medal with certificate and folder, for all of the work she has done on behalf of our chapter and Past President Stewart and President Butler.

Past President Stewart and President Butler then presented Chave Aspinall with the Roger Sherman Medal for his hard work

Reports:

Will Scott, Registrar: One application in National for approval, still pending.

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. And Compatriot Hale will be coordinating the event. The cost is \$36.00

Vice President West Central Region Dan Hooper, showed the 125 anniversary medal that is available to all members in good standing for the 2014 year. The cost is \$30.00 from the NSSAR store. He also advised that National General Lindsay Brock, will be at the National meeting to be held in Greenville, S.C from the July 17 - 24<sup>th</sup>. They have already booked a 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel for the overflow. If you want to attend make your reservations now.

Compatriot Stewart spoke on George Washington reflections. He read several passages from the text.

Chaplain Stewart gave the Benediction, President Butler led the SAR Recessional.

1:15 the meeting was adjourned.

