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2016 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

The speakers / themes for our upcoming meetings are:

February 20 – Character interpretation of Abraham Lincoln, by Kerry Brown

March 19 – Education History Fair & Scholarship Award

April 16 – Support for Armed Services & ROTC Awards

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1776 – Thomas Paine publishes *Common Sense*

1777 – Battle of Princeton (NJ), Second Battle of Trenton (NJ)

1781 – Battle of Cowpens (SC)



President's Message



As you know, my mother, Marguerite, passed away on the second day of January at the age of 94. She loved her country, and served it proudly during and after World War II. My mom was a proud member of the Caravel Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and was honored by the DAR in October, receiving the Women in American History award for her service as a true “Rosie the Riveter” during World War II. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, mother put her education on hold while she worked in a defense plant, riveting wings on the aircraft that later transported our troops on D Day. After the war she became a teacher of the Deaf, beginning her career at the Kendall School, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. and completing it at the Florida School for the Deaf in St. Augustine.

Her funeral service was especially poignant. Following traditional Episcopal rites, Caravel Regent Merri Ray and Chapter Chaplain Janice Renn conducted the official NSDAR ritual service for a departed chapter member, including the DAR grave marker dedication at cryptside. St. Petersburg Chapter SAR Chaplain John Stewart offered an SAR Prayer for a Departed American Patriot, and Assistant Chaplain David Chestnut honored my mother by delivering her eulogy in full Revolutionary War uniform. Numerous Chapter compatriots and officers were in attendance that was greatly supportive and sincerely appreciated. The service was beautiful, honored my mother, and created a lasting memory of comfort for my son Robert and me.

Additionally I received condolences from our Regional FLSSAR Vice President, our FLSSAR Senior Vice President, and our FLSSAR President, as well as dozens of other SAR and DAR members.

My purpose in discussing this topic is to emphasize the significance of being SAR, DAR and C.A.R. It is a birthright, and a unique bond we as members share that is like no other. Our ancestors came together as Patriots to create the finest nation ever known to civilized man, and we as their descendants are still together, 235 years later as Compatriots, Daughters, and Children of the American Revolution, working in fellowship to make America a better place for everyone.

As Compatriots, we are all entitled to an SAR component to our funeral services. Please contact our chapter Chaplin John Stewart, Assistant Chaplin David Chestnut, or me in the event of need, or even to pre-plan.

Additionally, members can order a bronze NSSAR grave marker to be placed on a headstone or crypt face plate. Contact SAR National Headquarters at (502) 589-1776 or talk to me for additional information. I ordered mine years ago during my own pre-need planning process.

Funeral planning is never a welcome topic, but it is inescapable. As President, I want each St. Petersburg Chapter Compatriot to know that we as brothers are here to support you during a time of loss, and I encourage everyone to remember the SAR honors not only our active members, but our departed ones as well.

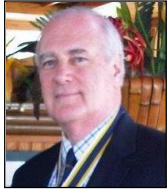
Thank you again to all for your compassion and fellowship during my family's time of sadness.

In Patriotic Service,

Charles



Chaplain's Message



As we come into the season of celebrating the birthdays of our most noted Presidents, let us remember the picture of George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge. He, and the other patriots were convinced that the hand of Providence was quite visible in the winning of independence for America. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson also wrote about their similar conviction. So did several other founding fathers.

It would be appropriate for us to spend a little time in prayer and thanksgiving for this great country which they started for us. Yes, we have our troubles, as did they. But thanking God for his benefits bestowed upon us is meet and right so to do.

Blessings to all.

Chaplain John Stewart

Registrar's Report



We begin 2016 with two applications under consideration by NSSAR and several more in the process of being prepared.

If you have relatives or friends who would like to become members of the SAR please let me know and I will be happy to contact them and assist them with application preparation.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott

Vice President & Treasurer's Report



The compatriot membership awards were presented at the January meeting to those that were in attendance. Congratulations to everyone on achieving this significant milestone with the SAR. If you are on the list below, I would encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting to be recognized and to receive your certificate:

5 Years - Patrick Bryant, Richard Schultz, James Scott

10 Years - Hardy Bryan, Jerry Hale, Thomas Hale, Will Scott, Paul Stavros, Richard Townsend

15 Years - Chave Aspinall, William Garvey, Manning Miller

20 Years - John Stewart, Thomas Temeyer

25 Years - Bruce Anderson, John Carter, R. Gerry Miller



30 Years - Chris Comstock, Rolfe Duggar

40 Years - John Thompson, Edward Thomson

If you know that you will not be able to attend a meeting between now and May, please send me an email and I will mail the certificate directly to you (arcraig@aol.com).

I will be placing an order for the new SAR lapel pins for our chapter (refer to page 15 in the Fall 2015 SAR magazine). These pins are being offered for \$10.00 by the SAR Foundation in order to promote the SAR brand as well as to fund the refurbishment of the SAR Headquarters Building. Please let me know if you would like to order one of these new lapel pins (pictured below) in support of the SAR Foundation no later than February 15th (arcraig@aol.com).

Just a friendly reminder that when you RSVP for our monthly luncheon that this constitutes a meal order with the St. Petersburg Country Club and the chapter is billed accordingly. If you do not wish to order a meal, then please indicate as such with your RSVP. If you RSVP and then need to cancel, please let us know no later than noon, the Thursday before the event so that we are able to communicate the change to the Club in time. We regret the inconvenience this has caused, however the SPCC has required us to make our food orders up front and then pay for each and every order on the day of the event regardless of how many members actually show up.

The current balance of the chapter checking account is \$3,012.20. I distributed the chapter financials for review at the January meeting. In the interest of complete transparency, please let me know if you would ever like to review the chapter financial statements or the checking account activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Craig

MONTHLY LUNCHEON – JANUARY 16, 2016

Our guest speaker was Rand Scholet, who gave the second part of his presentation on Alexander Hamilton's indispensable role as George Washington's aide and as a founder and visionary. Hamilton wrote 51 of the 85 Federalist papers, which were crucial to the ratification of the Constitution. He was also the father of our economic and banking system, creating the Bank of New York, our first bank. He was also instrumental in creating the New York Stock Exchange, the US Mint, the Army, the Navy, and West Point.

Guests Sherry Brock of the Boca Ciega Chapter DAR and her brother Karl of our chapter received the first Memorial Membership awarded by our chapter to their father, Charles Brock.

21 Compatriots were recognized for their years of membership in the SAR, and Compatriot Bob Rogers received a SAR certificate in recognition of his military service.





Assistant Chaplain David Chesnut speaks at the funeral of Marguerite Butler.



President Butler presents Memorial Membership Certificate to brother and sister, Karl and Sherry Brock.





Membership Anniversary Certificates presented to Compatriots Bryan, Comstock, and Stewart.



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SAR Lapel Pin

