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**2016 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR**

Please mark your calendars

**The speakers / themes for our upcoming meetings are:**

**October 15** – Veterans Month – Silver Star guest

**November 19** - Joint meeting with Caravel DAR. Support for CAR chapters

**December 17** – Annual USO donation & report, Veterans Battalion Awards

**THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY**

1776 – Battle of Harlem Heights; Nathan Hale captured and executed for treason by the British.

1777 – Battles of Brandywine and Paoli; British occupy Philadelphia.

1780 – Battle of Charlotte; treason of Benedict Arnold exposed.

1781 – Battle of the Chesapeake

1783 – Treaty of Paris ends the American Revolutionary War.



## President's Message



I thank you again for the honor of allowing me to represent our Chapter as President for the 2016-2017 year. I can't tell you how excited I am about all of the activities we have planned. It promises to be a very busy year on many fronts and we certainly kicked it off with a bang at our September meeting at the Hangar Restaurant in St. Petersburg. We received an official proclamation from Governor Scott in observance of Constitution Week recognizing the SAR and DAR chapters.

Ladies from five of the local DAR chapters were in attendance and we had an excellent program thanks to John Stewart's portrayal of Thomas Jefferson as well as to Hardy Bryan for recommending Kaitlin Folsom. This remarkable young lady delivered an excellent presentation on the American Dream and "who we are" as a nation.

I also want to thank everyone that made it to the West Central Regional Meeting we hosted in August at the O'Bistro Restaurant in St. Petersburg. We learned a lot about the new National and State objectives as well as participated in an informative and lively discussion. A high-level description of the objectives that were discussed includes the following:

1. Details of the Educational Outreach Program initiative
2. The Mentor Program initiative with the goal of assimilating new members into a long-term involvement with their chapter and commitment to the mission of the NSSAR. The long-term goal being that of increasing member retention.
3. Details of the Council of Youth Awards challenge to each State Society between now and June 2017.
4. The CAR initiative to encourage each SAR chapter to enroll CAR members as Junior members and to encourage each chapter to create a CAR Liaison.
5. Details of increasing our relationship with the National Park Service during their Centennial year of service.

I am very excited to announce that our Chapter is an official Commemorative Partner of the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration initiative. Accordingly, a big theme this year will be to honor Vietnam War era veterans as well as other individuals that supported the war effort. To that end, our next meeting will be devoted to this initiative as we recognize those that supported the effort and also to recognize a Vietnam War Silver Star recipient with a Heroism Medal.

Be on the lookout for the Annual Dues notice as that will be put in the mail in the next week or so. As mentioned in the notice, we have opted to not raise dues again this year. At \$10 per person that does not leave us a lot to work with as we look to support the many initiatives we've outlined for the year. Just as in previous years, we would not be able to pursue these activities without your generous contributions.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Craig



## Registrar's Report



This year to date we have 3 new members, and I expect several more applications to be completed by the end of the year. We currently have several applications in process, but there is always room for more.

The NSSAR has recently created an online application generator, and is encouraging its use for all new and supplemental applications from now on. If you are working on a supplemental or an application for a friend or relative, let me know and I will send you additional information and instructions for the online system.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott

### Chapter Hosts Regional SAR Meeting

On August 27 our chapter hosted the SAR West Coast Region's meeting in St. Petersburg. Regional VP Pat Niemann attended, as did most of the chapter presidents from the region. Ray Wess, president of the Florida Society SAR spoke at length during the meeting on his plans for the region and those of NSSAR president Tomme. Ray plans to attend at least one meeting for each of Florida's seven regions. He presented Charles Butler with an award for our chapter having added over 10 new members in the past year.

### MONTHLY LUNCHEON – SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Our chapter's first meeting at the Hangar restaurant had a full room of SAR members and our DAR and CAR guests. Compatriot Charles Butler received awards for his service to the chapter as president from incoming president Alan Craig and from SAR regional vice president Pat Niemann, who also officiated over the swearing in of the chapter's new officers for the 2016-2017 year. Compatriot Peter Ford was recognized for his five year membership in our chapter.

In addition to Kaitlin Folsom's outstanding performance, compatriot John Stewart captivated the audience with Thomas Jefferson's views on the nasty election of 1800. After a tie in the Electoral College between Jefferson and Aaron Burr, there were 35 tie votes in the House of Representatives. The stalemate was finally broken by the negotiations of Alexander Hamilton, who detested Burr. Jefferson felt that his greatest accomplishment as president was the Louisiana Purchase, at a negotiated price of \$15 million.





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**September 17, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The annual Constitution Week meeting held at the Hangar restaurant in St. Petersburg was called to order at 11:30 by President Alan Craig, and the invocation was given by Chaplain David Chestnut.

**Guests:** numerous DAR members and chapter officers in attendance were recognized, as were prospective SAR members and guests.

**Officer Installation**

FLSSAR Regional VP Pat Niemann presided over the installation of our chapter's officers for the 2016-2017 year:

President – Alan Craig  
VP and Sergeant at Arms – Robert Rogers  
Treasurer – Patrick Craig  
Secretary and Newsletter Editor – Peter Ford  
Registrar – Will Scott  
Chaplain – David Chestnut  
Historian – John Stewart

**Program**

Elise Minkoff read Governor Scott's proclamation recognizing Constitution Week and the role of the DAR and SAR.

Charles Butler was recognized by our chapter and by Pat Niemann, representing FLSSAR, for his service and accomplishments in growing our chapter during his presidency. Peter Ford was recognized for his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the SAR.

Hardy Bryan introduced Kaitlin Folsom, a multitalented young lady who performed "The American Dream." In words and song, Ms. Folsom described how America was built on the fight for freedom, and how she and her family have experienced that dream.

John Stewart portrayed Thomas Jefferson to give us Jefferson's view of the nasty election of 1800. That election was so close that it went to the House of Representatives, where a decision was finally reached after 35 tie votes. Alexander Hamilton finally brokered a decision in favor of Jefferson because of his dislike for Aaron Burr, Jefferson's opponent.

**Benediction & Recessional**

Chaplain David Chestnut, and President Craig adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary





President Craig presents Meritorious Service Award to outgoing President Butler



Regional VP Pat Niemann (right) swears in new officers/board members Will Scott, John Stewart, David Chestnut, Peter Ford, Patrick Craig, Bob Rogers, Charles Butler, and Alan Craig.





DAR member Elise Minkoff holds Constitution Week proclamation from Governor Scott with President Craig (left) and SAR Regional VP Pat Niemann.



Compatriot Hardy Bryan and guest performer Kaitlin Folsom





SAR members, DAR and CAR guests celebrate Constitution Week.

Compatriot John Stewart's portrayal of President Thomas Jefferson.

