

# The St. Petersburg Chapter Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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## 2017 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

**February 18** – Presidents' Month – Washington & Lincoln Birthdays

**March 18** – Educational History Fair, Scholarship Award

**April 15** – Support for Armed Services and 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



First, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. I was fortunate enough to visit historic Williamsburg, VA with my family and we had a wonderful time.

The January luncheon was most informative thanks to our featured speaker, Charles Rogers, Chairman of the Central Florida USO. A big thank-you to our VP Bob Rogers (no relation to Charles) for getting him to speak to us. This luncheon marked our 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive meeting honoring the US Military and our Veterans. Since September we have commemorated, participated in or heard about the following Veteran initiatives:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War
- Vietnam War Silver Star Recipient, Johnnie Clark
- Veteran's History Project
- Bay Pines Veterans Health Care System
- Wreaths Across America
- United Services Organizations, Inc.

My hope is to continue this patriotic theme for each of the remaining meetings this year. We will be featuring Mark Welsh, Director of the Honor Flight of West Central Florida, at our February luncheon. This will be a joint meeting with the ladies of the Princess Hirihihua DAR chapter, so please make every effort to attend. Refer to the flyer below for more details.

The St. Petersburg DAR is hosting a Presidents Day dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker is Colonel April Vogel, Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base. The dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the tickets cost \$40 each. RSVP by mailing your check payable to Saint Petersburg DAR to 728 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33703 by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hopefully, everyone has received their 2017 membership card as they were sent out earlier this month so please let me know if that is not the case. Also, we have added three new members to our chapter this month and are currently showing 50 compatriots on our roster.

I will not be able to attend the St. Petersburg DAR dinner, but I look forward to seeing you at our February luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Craig



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
St. Petersburg Chapter  
AND  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
Princess Hirrihigua Chapter

cordially invite you to attend a

# Luncheon

*Featuring Guest Speaker  
Mark Welsh  
Honor Flight of West Central Florida*

Saturday, February 18, 2017

11:00 A.M.

## Hangar Restaurant

540 1st St SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Cost: \$20/person

Please RSVP by 2/11 by either contacting  
Alan Craig, President St. Petersburg Chapter, S.A.R. (727) 365-2774  
or  
Rebecca Stewart, Regent Princess Hirrihigua, D.A.R. (727) 365-1007



## Registrar's Report



Since the December meeting, we have had two regular applications and one memorial application approved. Please join me in welcoming Bob Pauley and Jim Kent to our chapter. We currently have one application being considered by NSSAR and several others are in the process of being prepared. Approvals are currently taking about 10 to 12 weeks at NSSAR.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott

### **Order your St. Petersburg Chapter SAR Monogrammed Windbreaker Now**

For the first time since our chartering in 1928, The St. Petersburg Chapter SAR is proud to offer its own monogrammed nylon windbreaker jackets.

The jackets are embroidered with “Sons of the American Revolution” on the first line immediately under the 13 star flag, and “St. Petersburg Chapter” on the second line (see photos below). They are royal blue, with fleece liners, and are available in the usual sizes.

Designed specifically for our chapter and sourced locally, the jacket features America’s first flag prominently beside the left lapel. They are very good quality, with zipper front, and double fabric collar. Unlike other more expensive windbreakers, they feature adjustable Velcro wrist wraps instead of elastic which stretches and fails over time. These windbreakers are lightweight, comfortable, and perfect for Florida’s breezy winter days, rainy summer afternoons, or windy weekends on the boat. Chapter interest has been excellent, with five orders being placed the first day they were available.

The price for members is \$50. The jackets will be ordered in a batch so we can receive the lowest production price, so please place your order as soon as possible.

**We plan to place our chapter jacket order on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February** so that we can have delivery at the February meeting.

Please join your Compatriots and proudly display your St. Petersburg Chapter SAR heritage. Email Charles Butler [c.butler@stpetesar.org](mailto:c.butler@stpetesar.org) with your order: State your name, Number of jackets, and sizes ordered.

Mail a check for \$50 per jacket payable to the St. Petersburg Chapter SAR and mail it to: President Alan Craig at: AR. Craig 14108 Kensington Oak Place, Largo, FL 33774

The thirteen star banner, according to legend, was designed by Betsy Ross and/or Francis Hopkinson, and was approved by Congress on June 14, 1777.



### **Chapter Officers Commemorate Passing of Past Caravel Regent**

St. Petersburg Chapter Chaplin David Chestnut and Past President, Chairman of the Board of Governors Charles R. Butler represented our chapter at funeral services for Rachel Binder, of the Caravelle Chapter DAR.

Mrs. Binder was a past Regent, and held several chapter offices and chairmanships over the years. The service was held on Jan 27 in Gulfport. Numerous Caravel Daughters, family members and friends were in attendance.

Chairman Butler spoke to the assembly, offering our SAR expression of condolences for a deceased member of the DAR, and emphasizing our shared patriotic bond, and our mutual organizational support. On behalf of our chapter, Chaplin David Chestnut offered an invocation of Divine Blessing and the traditional commemoration for the passing of a descendant of a Revolutionary War Patriot.

The St. Petersburg Chapter SAR has an active community service committee that provides memorial services for the departed, wedding blessings, and other patriotic commemorative ceremonies. Contact Charles Butler or Chaplin David Chestnut for more information.



Compatriots Butler and Chestnut with Caravel Chapter DAR Regent Merri Ray



## MEETING MINUTES



### Sons of the American Revolution St Petersburg Chapter January 21, 2017

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

**Guests:** Rear Admiral Boyd Acklin USCG (ret.), prospective member Mike Black, DAR member Erica Skog, and CAR member Jenna DeMott.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the December 2016 meeting were approved.

#### **Program**

President Craig formally inducted new chapter members Jim Kent and Bob Pauley.

Charles Butler and John Stewart reported on the progress on the Strategic Plan for the Florida Society, a draft of which will be presented at the May BOM meeting.

Compatriots were reminded that their activities in support of the Chapter Challenge must be submitted to John Stewart by March 1. Attendance at patriotic events such as wreath laying and speaking at schools are examples of activities that support the SAR mission.

Compatriot Jerry Halstead was recognized for his military service and his Vietnam era service by President Craig.

Charles Rogers, CEO and chairman of the Central Florida USO, gave a presentation on the activities of the two local USO facilities, including the newest center at the Orlando International Airport. This USO region spans 14 counties, from the Tampa Bay area to Port Canaveral. The two facilities each have over 400 volunteers who work four hour shifts, and are supported by many individual and corporate sponsors. Our annual check in support of the USO was presented by President Craig.

Charles Butler showed members the new SAR jacket that is available to all chapter members. It is navy blue, fleece lined, and has an embroidered 13 star flag and the inscription "Sons of the American Revolution – St. Petersburg Chapter." The jackets cost \$50, and are available for ordering through February 6.

#### **Benediction & Recessional**

Chaplain David Chestnut gave the benediction, and President Craig adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary

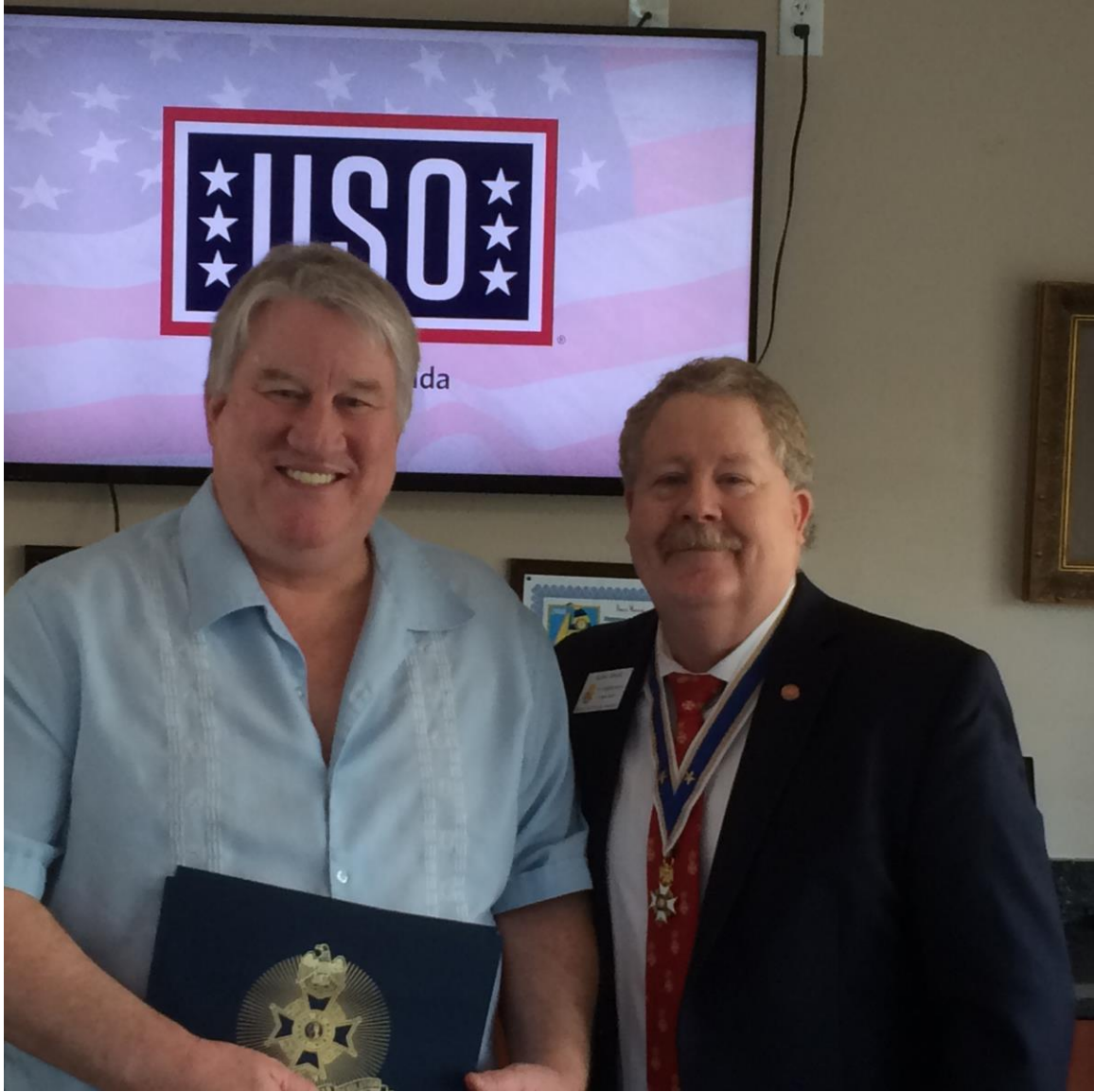






**New member Jim Kent**





**Compatriot Jerry Halstead is recognized for his military service by  
President Craig**







**Central Florida USO's Chairman & CEO Charles Rogers receives our chapter's annual donation from President Craig**





**Compatriot Butler wearing new chapter jacket**





**Embroidered logo of new chapter jacket**

