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2017 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR
Please mark your calendars

March 18 – Educational History Fair, Scholarship Award

April 15 – Support for Armed Services and ROTC awards

May 20 – Chapter annual awards, Knight Essay Award

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1778 – Treaty of Alliance with France

1780 – British forces deployed from New York to Charleston, SC

1782 – British House of Commons votes against further war, recognizing American independence



President's Message



Dear Compatriots,

Thanks to everyone who attended our February luncheon. It was yet another meeting dedicated to learning about and supporting programs that either benefit or pay tribute to our military veterans. Mark Welsh is very passionate about the Honor Flight of West Central Florida and is committed to finding veterans that would be interested in participating in the program.

We were fortunate to have him share information about the program with us.

I am pleased to announce that next month we will be featuring Dr. Roger Smith, a fellow SAR Compatriot and co-founder of Colonial Research Associates. After 5 1/2 years of research in the British National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History and Special Collections at the University of Florida, he has located Revolutionary War history that moves the southern colonies, particularly East and West Florida, into the mainstream-discussion of Revolutionary War events from 1775 through 1779. You can learn more about the Colonial Research Associates here:

<http://www.colonialra.com>

Also, I would like to reiterate our Regional Vice President's request to complete the on-line survey on our state website. Simply login to the website (www.FLSSAR.org) and you will see the link to complete the survey. Your username should be your first initial, middle initial, last name (e.g., mine is arcraig) and your password is your state membership # (on your membership card) assuming you haven't reset it previously. You can contact Scott Bushnell, our webmaster for the state site, should you require any login assistance (sbushnell@usna64.org).

I look forward to seeing everyone at our March luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Craig



Chaplain's Message



On March 1st, 1781 the formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the original 13 colonies or states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789 when the current Constitution of the United States was adopted.

Our honorable country has fought hard to grow and survive the perils of history since that day. Let us always remember to pray for those who founded our country and for those who protect our country today. Lord, we ask you to bless our country and our country's leaders. May they be guided by your wisdom. May these servants who are in positions of authority take their responsibilities seriously and do their very best every day and follow your guidance.

Lord, we lift up our prayers for our leaders and our country. Amen.

David Munson Chestnut

St Petersburg SAR, Color Guard Capt.
St Petersburg SAR, Chaplain

MEETING MINUTES



Sons of the American Revolution
St Petersburg Chapter
February 18, 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 Alan Craig, and the invocation was given by John Stewart.

Guests: Vanessa Talbott – Regent, Clearwater Chapter, DAR; Rebecca Stewart – Regent, Princess Hirihiagua Chapter, DAR; German exchange student Nico Dorser, and Pat Niemann – West-Central Region VP, SAR.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the January 2017 meeting were approved.



Officer Reports & News Items

John Stewart reported that the essay contest had 11 applicants. The winners, as approved by membership are:

1. Elijah Soyke – “The New Constitution”
2. Delight Williams – “Creation of the Government”
3. Bianca DeSilva – “ Mercy Otis Warren”

Americanism Award – John has assembled the many projects and participation by our members. It is hoped that our chapter can improve upon last year’s second place finish in the small club category.

Will Scott - The chapter has several applicants in the pipeline. It currently takes about three months to complete the approval process.

Pat Niemann – Emphasized the importance of responding to the state on-line survey to assist with planning for the future. John Stewart and Charles Butler are on the state planning committee.

March 5th is the Color guard and massing of the colors. Location: Pasadena Community Church in South Pasadena, FL 2:00 PM Sunday the 5th. David Chestnut is planning to attend. The speaker will be the mayor.

Vanessa Talbott spoke about the Stars and Stripes luncheon being hosted by the Clearwater DAR on April 15, 2017 at the Belleair Country Club. The luncheon will be a fundraiser primarily for local veterans, and it includes a silent auction. For ticket information, contact Diane Richardson: Bradskate@aol.com.

Program

President Craig formally inducted new member Ron Hays, whose patriot ancestor was Samuel Hays. Ron expressed his satisfaction to have been inducted and that he hopes to contribute to the further success of our chapter. President Craig also inducted Memorial member James Lasko, whose ancestor was Captain William Cone of the Georgia Militia.

After the lunch recess President Craig introduced our guest Speaker, Mr. Mark Welsh, a director of Honor Flight West Central Florida. The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a retired Air Force captain. The inaugural flight was in May 2005, so that World War II veterans could visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The program now has 127 hubs in 41 states. The honor flight is free for the veteran, and the assisting person on the flight pays \$400 which covers their expenses and pays for the veteran. For more information, visit www.honorflightwcf.org.

Benediction & Recessional

John Stewart gave the benediction, and President Craig adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary





Mark Welsh of Honor Flight West Central Florida





Regent Rebecca Stewart of Hirrihigua Chapter, DAR and President Craig





New member Ron Hays , his wife Dawn, and President Craig

