

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

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## Presidents Message

### Chapter Heritage

As the 2013-2014 meeting season begins, I would like to welcome our newest members to the Sons of the American Revolution and to our St. Petersburg chapter. We are the fifth oldest SAR chapter in the state, and over the years our chapter has contributed one President General NSSAR and two State Society Presidents and a Governor of Florida. As you can see, we have a proud tradition of service to our Society and to our state.

### Chapter Growth

At this time we have eight new applications in various stages of process. In order to maintain the vitality and strength of our chapter it is important we continue to increase our membership. Accordingly, I would like to ask each member to make a focused effort to identify and recruit at least one new applicant by next May. Our motto for this initiative is "*You can be St. Pete SAR wherever you are.*" Members can live out of state, or if they are unable to attend meetings, we will devise special activities and projects especially for them so they can be a part of our chapter.



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Registrar Will Scott and I have been developing a revised new member application worksheet package that will help clarify and facilitate the application process. It should be ready this month.

### **Chapter Challenge Activities**

Earlier this year, I emailed a list of projects for members to review as part of the annual Chapter Challenge. Please take a moment to review the Chapter Challenge email, and if you have the availability to participate in any of the listed activities, please confirm your choices by email to me as soon as possible so I can include them on the final list and make your committee appointment at the October meeting. [C.butler@stpetesar.org](mailto:C.butler@stpetesar.org)

For your convenience, I will resend the Chapter Challenge email this coming week.

### **George Washington Birthday**

Our chapter is hosting the George Washington Birthday luncheon at the St. Petersburg Country Club on February 15, 2014 at 11:30, our regular meeting time. I would like to ask that all our members make every effort to attend this very important event.

### **Children of the American Revolution**

As most of you know, our St. Petersburg Chapter is the proud SAR sponsor for the Pinellas County area's *James McMullen Society, Children of the American Revolution*. I am honored to serve as this organization's Senior Society President. State Senior Society President, SAR Compatriot Lindsey Brock is providing outstanding leadership to the Florida Society and we sincerely appreciate his efforts in support of our local chapter.

It is very important for us to continue our patriotic heritage through our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A gift of membership in the James McMullen Society to any eligible member of your family or extended family is a thoughtful and unique idea.

Our C.A.R. society is growing! We started with six members last year, we now have 13 fully approved, with three pending at National and three more ready for submission for a total of 19. This is truly extraordinary growth, and we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to C.A.R. Registrar Colleen Pauley Perry of the Boca Ciega DAR for her dedication and devotion to this initiative.

Members in the C.A.R. do not have to live in our area. Please contact me for further information. You can visit the James McMullen Society at: [www.JMcMullencar.org](http://www.JMcMullencar.org)

### **Patriot Ancestor Listing on the Website**

I am updating our St. Petersburg Chapter website, and want to be sure all your patriot ancestors appear in the listing. Please take a moment to visit our Chapter website at [www.stpeteSAR.org](http://www.stpeteSAR.org), click on the "Patriot Ancestors" tab and review the listing to be sure your all Patriot ancestors, including supplemental, are listed. If yours is not listed, please send me his name and state, [C.Butler@stpetesar.org](mailto:C.Butler@stpetesar.org)



## **Dues**

As Chave Aspinall notes in his area of this newsletter, annual dues are now payable. Please remember that extra donations to our chapter are tax deductible.

## **Compatriot Memo**

In order to keep our membership updated with the latest information between the monthly newsletters, I have begun sending "Compatriot Memos." I hope these are helpful. I look forward to seeing you at Billy's on October 19 at 11:30.

In patriotic service,

**Charles R. Butler, President**

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## **Secretary's / Treasurer's Report**

**Chave S. Aspinall**  
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### **Minutes of the September meeting**

There are no minutes as the September meeting was a Joint DAR /SAR Chapter meeting which was hosted by Saint Petersburg DAR Chapter, Constitution Dinner held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We have \$1,718.89 Prior to the October meeting.

### **DUES ARE DUE**

Thank you to those who have already remitted the dues.

We are required to pay our chapter dues to State and National by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Total Dues Amount: \$60.00**

The itemized breakdown of where your dues go is as follows:

**Chapter:** \$10.00

**State:** \$20.00

**National:** \$30.00

**Total** \$60.00

*If you are able to donate a little extra to our chapter it will be appreciated. Please remember donations are tax deductible.*

**Please remit your 2013 dues to:**

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## Chaplain's Report

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Once you are SAR, you are always SAR. 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 advise any Officer of our chapter in order that we take appropriate actions commensurate with the situation at hand. Our President Charles Butler will make every effort to attend services or visitations 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.

Please remember our Compatriots and their families in your prayers.

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

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## REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR

Billy's Stone Crab Restaurant,  
30 Colony Dr. Tierra Verde  
866-2115

- ☐ **October Sat. October 19 Regular Meeting** Billy's Stone Crab 11:30 AM  
Presentation by Miss Daniella McGinn, CAR President  
Committee appointments  
New Member Induction
- ☐ **November Sat. November 16 Regular Meeting** Billy's Stone Crab  
SAR Recruitment Recognition Awards to DAR members  
Tentative special guest R. Jack Nida, genealogist and author
- ☐ **Veterans Day Ceremonies** Bay Pines Veterans Hospital  
SAR Participation Invited
- ☐ **December Sat. December 21 Regular Meeting** Billy's Stone Crab  
Agenda t/b/a
- ☐ **Wreaths Across America Ceremonies** Bay Pines Cemetery



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SAR Participation Invited

- **January Sat. January 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab**  
Agenda t/b/a/
- **February Sat. February 15 Washington Birthday Luncheon St. Petersburg Country Club**  
St. Petersburg Chapter SAR is hosting Joint meeting with DAR 11:30 Luncheon
- **March Sat. March 15 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**  
The Battle of Baltimore / Ft. McHenry  
Presented by Boca Ciega DAR Regent & History Teacher Catherine Paunov
- **April Sat. April 19 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda t/b/a**
- **May Sat. May 17 Year End Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**  
Installation of Officers
- **Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery**  
SAR Participation Invited

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### **Operation Ancestor Search**

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#### **Opportunity for State, Local Committee Members**

Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) is a free NSSAR genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families. It provides participants with the knowledge and tools that allow them to conduct their own genealogy research as they recover from their injuries at military hospitals and VA medical centers across the country.

The OAS program is conducted through SAR state societies and local affiliate chapters and their volunteer members. The national committee evolved from a local program developed at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (now the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) by the DCSSAR. The program proved so successful that Ancestry.com became a major national sponsor, contributing a \$180,000 grant over three years, renewable for another three years after the initial period.

National Chairman Carl Bedell presides over the OAS Committee. Each State Society has its own OAS Chairman to spearhead these efforts and organize each state's program. State chairmen serve as ex officio members of the national committee.



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State OAS Committee Members are volunteers who desire to share the genealogy expertise within the SAR in order to give back to the Wounded Warriors who were injured in their service to our nation. They provide injured service members with the knowledge and tools they need to conduct their own genealogy research in training classes, work sessions, individual hands-on assistance, and most notably, access to Ancestry.com databases.

**OAS volunteers perform the following:**

1. Help target the military medical facilities within their respective states that are most open and receptive to offering the OAS program to their Wounded Warriors.
2. Help identify the key personnel at those facilities and ensure that the facilities have adequate meeting space and computer facilities.
3. Help match the facilities with the leadership of the SAR local chapters in their closest geographic proximity in order to ensure adequate volunteer support.
4. Ensure that the state and local OAS committees are “visionary,” meaning that they will not only serve the needs of the Wounded Warriors while they are inpatients, but that they will collaborate with local genealogical societies, lineage societies, libraries and other organizations as appropriate for support with training, reintegration and mentoring after they transition back to their local communities.
5. Ensure that the SAR’s greatest resources – our MEMBERS in local chapters across the country, in concert with our State and National Societies – continue to develop Operation Ancestor Search as the preeminent SAR program, not only for us, but for our OAS partners who provide the resources that support our nation’s Wounded Warriors and their families.

If you are interested in helping with Operation Ancestor Search at the state or local level, please contact your State OAS Chairman. If your state does not yet have an OAS Chairman, please contact your State President if you are interested in serving in that position.

For additional information on the OAS program, please contact Rick Kincaid, the National Program Director, at [rkincaid@sar.org](mailto:rkincaid@sar.org) or (502) 588-6147.

