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Presidents Message



As I travel around the community speaking to various individuals and groups about the SAR, I encounter a number of questions about our organization. I always welcome these questions, and use the opportunity to dispel misunderstandings and generate interest in our organization.

The most common question is “*are you a part of the Tea Party?*” Of course the SAR is not affiliated with any political party or movement, and never has been. We are a non-profit lineage society, and we are non-political. . Our primary focus is on protecting the Constitution and the rights it guarantees. Another comment I often hear is “*I am qualified, but I don't*

have the time.” My response is *being an SAR Compatriot is a birthright* and part of our own personal family heritage. While many American men are technically qualified for membership since they have Patriot ancestors, being able to document lineage for more than two centuries in a country of adventuresome pioneers is often a challenge. Being an active SAR Compatriot honors our direct, unbroken link to our Patriot forefathers. The small commitment asked by the SAR is to be proactively patriotic, and to support our Society. Considering the sacrifices of our ancestors, this is a small price to pay for being an American.

As noted in the following section, *SAR President General Joseph Dooley* will be visiting our chapter on March 22. Please invite your family as well. It will be a dinner event held at the St. Petersburg Country Club (formerly the Lakewood Country Club). Watch your email for an R.S.V.P invitation!



Charles R. Butler
President



N.S.S.A.R. President General to Visit Our Chapter in March



N.S.S.A.R. President General Joseph W. Dooley will visit the St. Petersburg Chapter on March 22. A chapter dinner meeting at the St. Petersburg Country Club will be held in his honor. Compatriot Jerry Hale is coordinating this very special occasion. R.S.V.P. Invitations will be sent to you by email soon.

SAR and DAR chapters from around the state, as well as State Officers will be invited to attend.

Children of the American Revolution



The James McMullen Society N.S.C.A.R. (JMS) held its first annual Holiday Season Gingerbread Party Monday, December 23 at 2 pm. The event was held at the home of Shannon and new St. Petersburg Chapter Compatriot Steve Muldrow in Clearwater. Children and grandchildren of all local SAR and DAR chapters were invited to join the members of JMS in this joyous holiday event. Gingerbread houses and candy decoration were decorated and promptly devoured.



The St. Petersburg Chapter, is a primary SAR sponsor of the James McMullen Chapter, N.S.C.A.R. Board members include Colleen Pauley Perry, Senior Vice President, Jean Best Richardson, Chaplain, Danny Hooper, RVP and Clearwater Chapter member, Mike McGinn, Family Parent Representative. You can visit the James McMullen Society at: www.JMcmullencar.org.

Wreaths Across America



On December 14 at 9:30 AM, volunteers from the St. Petersburg Chapter and the James McMullen Society C.A.R. joined hundreds of others at Bay Pines National Cemetery, to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. Although the program was delayed due to an ice storm in the northeast

slowing the delivery truck, the ceremony was well attended and honored the memory of our deceased veterans.



Robert and Son Stephen Muldrow Are New Members of Our Chapter



It is always a special event when a father and son are inducted into our chapter. At our December meeting, Stephen and his father Robert recited the oath of induction and became members of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Muldrows are descended from Patriot John Muldrow of Darlington, South Carolina who served in the Pee Dee Regiment and in Francis Marion's Brigade.

Robert Muldrow (L), Charles Butler (C) and Stephen Muldrow (R)

George Washington Birthday Luncheon

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. The Chapter Executive Committee urges all our members make every effort to attend this very important event

Please consider bringing your wife and family, and any prospective members you may have. Special thanks to John Stewart, Will Scott, Chave Aspinnall and Alan Craig for your volunteer enthusiastic assistance in planning this event.

Vice President's Report

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Vice President's Report to the Chapter



As part of our Chapter Challenge commitment, Flag Awards are presented to deserving recipients. We plan to honor up to four properly-flown flag displays each year. The award is open to all, including but not limited to, residential properties, government buildings, commercial enterprises, charities, and veteran's group. I encourage your recommendations for consideration

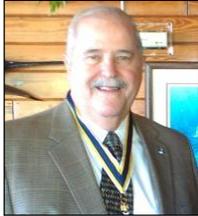


Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer's Report to the Chapter



Two major chapter events are on the immediate horizon, The Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon (which we have celebrated since 1928), and the visit by the NSSAR President General in March.

The President General's calendar is booked with countless major national activities so it is a rare and distinct honor for any local chapter to host a dinner for a sitting President General of the NSSAR. This is the first time our chapter has been honored with this privilege. Please mark your calendars today, we look forward to seeing you there!

Since we are hosting both events, I encourage each chapter member to reply to the RSVP invitation as soon as possible. Please make your checks out to the St. Petersburg Chapter SAR, and mail them to the address shown on the RSVP. This will ensure all reservations are confirmed, the correct number of meals are ordered and the accounting is all correct. It will also avoid a last minute rush.

- Chapter banking and financial reports are presented at meetings.
- Prior Meeting Minutes are appended to the end of this newsletter.

Registrar's Report

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Registrar's Report to the Chapter



We currently have four applications under consideration by NSSAR and six prospective members that are actively working with us on applications. Since January 1 2013 we have had 10 new member applications for our Chapter approved.

St. Petersburg SAR Chapter Growth

Please make a focused effort to identify and consider recruiting one new member by next May. Our motto for this initiative is *"You can be St. Pete SAR wherever you are."* If you know a DAR member, don't hesitate to ask her to identify a qualified male relative who can be a new recruit. Working with DAR chapters to identify and invite eligible males to join our chapter is an excellent strategy since their lines are usually already well documented to proven Patriots, facilitating the application and approval process.



Chaplain's Report

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Once you are SAR, you are always SAR. During this busy holiday time, we should all pause for a few reflective moments to be thankful for the company of our loved ones, the sacrifices of our forefathers, and privileges we as Americans enjoy. May this season of joy bring you and your family peace and happiness, and please be safe in your travels.

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 let us know about your joyous occasions as well, such as graduations, anniversaries, weddings and new babies!

Please advise any Officer of our chapter so we can take appropriate actions commensurate with the situation at hand. Our President Charles Butler or I will make every effort to attend services 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. Blessings to all.

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

January 2014 Chapter Meeting Agenda

CHAPTER MEETING

DATE: January 18, 2014

PROGRAM: Open

TIME: 11:30 Compatriot Fellowship & Lunch; MEETING - 12 Noon - 1:00

LOCATION: Billie's Stone Crab, SAR Meeting Room

Address: 1 Collany Rd Tierra Verde, FL 33715

(727) 866-2115

SAR MEETING AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Charles Butler |
| 2. Invocation | t/b/a |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance | t/b/a |
| 4. SAR Pledge | t/b/a |
| 5. The American's Creed | t/b/a |
| 6. Introduction of Guests | Charles Butler |



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| 7. Prior Month's Minutes Approval
<i>Motion to Approve / Amend Minutes</i> | Chave Aspinall |
| 9. <u>PROGRAM:</u>
- No program is scheduled for this meeting | |
| 10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- Quarterly Activity Report Submitted
- DAR Presentation
- New members presentation
- <i>Alan R Craig New member induction</i>
C.A.R. Update | Charles Butler |
| Special Chapter Events:
➤ George Washington Birthday
➤ President General Dooley visit | Charles Butler
Jerry Hale & Charles Butler |
| C. National & State SAR Report
-Florida BOM reminder | Charles Butler
John Stewart |
| 11. Vice President's Report
-DAR presentation
- Audit and Compliance committee update | VP Hardy Bryan. |
| 12. Registrar, Recruitment & Applications Report | Will Scott |
| 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS | |
| 14. Old Business | Charles Butler |
| 15. New Business | " |
| 16. General SAR Discussion – Open Floor | All Compatriots |
| 17. Benediction | t/b/a |
| 17. SAR Recessional | t/b/a |

2014 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING CALENDAR

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

- **January Sat. January 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab**
- **February Sat. February 15 Washington Birthday Luncheon St. Petersburg Country Club**
St. Petersburg Chapter SAR is hosting Joint meeting with DAR 11:30 Luncheon
- **Saturday March 22 President General's Visit St. Petersburg Country Club;**
Dinner meeting, member arrivals begin at 5:00 PM;
- **April Sat. April 19 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab; Program:** The Battle of Baltimore / Ft. McHenry Presented by Boca Ciega DAR Regent & History Teacher Catherine Paunov



- **May Sat. May 17 Year End Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**
Installation of Officers
- **Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery**
SAR Participation Invited - Details to be announced

Secretary's Report: Minutes

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Minutes of the December meeting

Please refer to the attachment for Compatriot Hardy Bryan's fascinating presentation about the U.S.S. Pelikan during the Viet Nam War.

Minutes of the December meeting

Our regular December 21, 2013 meeting was called to order by president Charles Butler at 12:00 with Compatriots, Charles Butler, Hardy Bryan, Steve Aspinall, Peter Ford and his daughter, Robert Rogers, John Thompson, Robert Muldrow and Stephen Muldrow with their family present. Children of the American Revolution Senior Society Vice President Colleen Pauley Perry.

Compatriot John Thompson gave the invocation, Compatriot Stephen Muldrow led the Pledge of Allegiance, Compatriot Robert Rogers led the Pledge to the SAR, Compatriot Aspinall led the American's Creed,

President Butler introduced our guests: Coleen Pauley Perry, James McMullen CAR, Jill Studstrup and her husband, *Flag Award recipient*.

Compatriot Hardy Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 2013 meeting as published; Compatriot Sodelund 2nd. All were in favor.

Compatriot Hardy Bryan spoke on the Flag Award and the Flag Code. He gave some history and asked any member to forward an address that was flying the American Flag in accordance with the Flag Code.

Compatriot Bryan presented flag award to Jill Studstrup and a photograph of the flag displayed in her yard was also passed around.

Compatriot Bryan spoke on a Viet Nam experience he had as an Officer stationed in in Cam Ranh Bay. The Cam Ranh peninsula featured the South China Sea to the east with the bay on the west side. It is rated as the finest natural deep-water port in Southeast Asia. (His presentation is accompanies this newsletter.)



12:22 Recess for lunch

12:40 Reconvened:

Presidents Report

President Butler administered the SAR oath to our newer members, Robert W. Muldrow and William Stephen Muldrow. After taking the Oath, both Members spoke to the chapter.

George Washington Birthday Event

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President General's Visit

N.S.S.A.R. President General Joseph W. Dooley will visit the St. Petersburg Chapter in March of 2014. The scheduled date is March 22, with member arrivals at 5PM. Compatriot Hale will be coordinating the event.

Wreaths Across America

Our chapter sponsored a Wreaths Across America wreath at Bay Pines Military Cemetery and participated in the ceremony honoring our deceased veterans.

C.A.R.

Children of the American Revolution VP Advisor Colleen Perry gave an update on the CAR chapter. Our C.A.R. Society has increased to 21 members and have 3 more applications being processed. Miss Daniella McGinn, president of the James McMullen C.A.R. attended the Wreaths Across America event representing the Society.

Honoring Veterans

Compatriot Peter Ford spoke on Building Homes for Hero's. This is an organization that Acquires homes and rehabilitates them for Veterans were wounded and have returned home from the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan with severe wounds and disabilities, with a goal to build homes for families in dire need. There have been 25 homes completed and awarded this year in Florida. 90% of the money donated goes directly to toe charity, whereas other charities only receive approximately 38% of the contributions. There is only one paid position. The organization works with many local and national sponsors such as Home Depot, Banks, Best Buy, and other vendors.

VP Bryan to Speak to DAR

VP Compatriot Bryan advised he was invited to speak at the DAR Chapter meeting about Masonry in the American Revolution. The Audit and Compliance committee would meet in January.

Membership

Registrar, Compatriot Will Scott advised we have several petitions that were sent to National for approval. He also advised that there were no Eagle Scout applications.



Compatriot Steve Aspinall reported we have 31 paid members and 9 members that have not paid their dues at this time. He has filed the yearly report and sent the fees out to National and State. He will file an amended report next week with any dues that have been received late.

JROTC Award

Compatriot Rogers spoke on the JROTC awards. He also brought up the possibility of awarding a stipend along with the SR Medal.

Conclusion

Compatriot John Thompson gave the Benediction, Vice President Hardy Bryan led the SAR Recessional.

1:35 the meeting was adjourned.

