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February 2014

**Presidents Message**



As noted in the following section, SAR President General Joseph Dooley will be visiting our chapter for a dinner meeting on March 22. A President General's visit to a chapter is a rare and distinct honor, so please plan to attend and 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!

Congratulations to Past President John Stewart for his publication of an outstanding treatise entitled "A Jeffersonian Perspective of Washington" which was published in the fall edition of the Florida Patriot magazine.

Please take a few minutes to read this fascinating perspective of our nation's first President. Additionally, I am pleased to report John's appointment as State Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest. Serving as chairman of a state committee is a significant honor for John and for our Chapter.

I would like to thank Vice President Hardy Bryan for chairing the Audit Committee. Ensuring our financial records are in order is important to all of us. Our chapter's appreciation is also extended to members of the committee Peter Ford, Will Scott and John Stewart for their service and contribution to the success of this initiative. A report to the Chapter will be presented soon.

Our February meeting will be held at Billy's Stone Crab at 11:30 as usual, but the agenda will be abbreviated so we can enjoy the fellowship of our Compatriots and reflect on the legacy of our nation's greatest President. I look forward to seeing you there, and please remember, guests and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings.



## N.S.S.A.R. President General to Visit Our Chapter Next Month



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, *seating will be limited so please respond promptly by mail with your reservation. Dinner cost is \$36.00 per plate.*

### Children of the American Revolution



All the annual reports to F.S.C.A.R. and N.S.C.A.R. are completed and were sent in on time. JMS has a lot of great things to report because of the JMS families and SAR/DAR support.

Saturday February 22 – Civil War Reenactment and Living History Demonstrations. The cost is only \$5 parking at Ft. Desoto Park.

Saturday, March 8- JMS Society Meeting at the Muldrow's home, at 4:30 pm, followed by a movie and pizza party. All SAR and DAR members are welcome, bring friends and family. Thank you to the Muldrow family for opening their home to all of us.

March 14-16 – F.S.C.A.R. State Conference in Jacksonville. The McGinn family and Senior Society President Colleen Pauley Perry are planning to leave St. Petersburg March 14, Friday evening after work. The Conference activities begin Saturday morning at 8:30 A.M. with the Business Meeting and society reports. Our Society President Miss Veronika McGinn will deliver the JMS annual progress report to the conference. Saturday evening is the formal State Banquet and dance.



Charles Butler (L) and Alan Craig (R)

### Alan R. Craig Joins Our Chapter

Our newest Compatriot is Alan R. Craig who received his certificate of membership and rosette at January's meeting. Alan's Patriot ancestor is Toliver Craig, a militia officer and defender of Bryan's Station.

The Craig family is very active in the SAR, DAR, and the C.A.R. His wife Vanessa is a member of the Saint Petersburg Chapter DAR and a Senior Society Board Member of the James McMullen Society N.S.C.A.R. His step-daughter Jenna L. DeMott is an applicant in process for membership in the JMS Society.

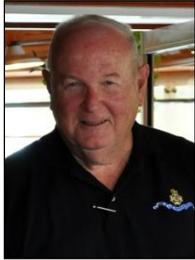


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## Vice President's Report

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### Vice President's Report to the Chapter



The Chapter' financial audit is completed. The financial records for the Chapter are in order. There will be a recommendation or two pertaining to receipts for disbursements in the final report. Our Secretary - Treasurer is to be commended for doing a good job! Thank you to Peter Ford, Will Scott and John Stewart for your service on this committee.

### Chapter Challenge - Flag Award

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

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## Treasurer's Report

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### Treasurer's Report to the Chapter



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 so please consider bringing a prospective member or a guest. Please mark your calendars today, we look forward to seeing you next month.

*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. Please call or email me if you have any questions.*

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



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## Registrar's Report

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David Soderlund's application was approved last week. We currently have one application under consideration at NSSAR national headquarters, and six prospective members who are actively working with us on applications. So far in 2014 we have had three new member applications approved.

We welcome all inquiries and encourage new prospective members to contact us concerning membership in the SAR. Individuals do not have to live in St. Petersburg to be members of our chapter. Please consider contacting your eligible male family members wherever they may live around the nation and invite them to join the SAR through our chapter. At a later date, they can take the time to visit various local chapters and choose one right for their needs. Our St. Petersburg chapter takes pride in being friendly and welcoming to all interested applicants, new members and prospective new members.

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## Chaplain's Report

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In addition to serving as Chapter Chaplain, I have the honor of chairing the state's annual Knight Essay Committee.

I am pleased to report 70 essays were received statewide. Dunedin High School had 48 essays, Admiral Farragut Academy had 13, Shorecrest had four and there were others from outside our county that were passed to the other chapters. The local essays were passed to the members present for their review.

Miss Sarah McKeage of Shorecrest Preparatory School was elected the First Place local winner for her essay "The Plain Truth" of Common sense.

### **You Are Always SAR**

Once you are SAR, you are always SAR. 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.

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*

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## **February 2014 Chapter Meeting Agenda**

### **CHAPTER MEETING**

**DATE:** February 15, 2014

**PROGRAM:** George Washington Reflection

**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 3371

### **SAR MEETING AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | <b>Charles Butler</b>                  |
| 2. Invocation   | <b>John Stewart</b>                    |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance   | t/b/a                                  |
| 4. SAR Pledge   | t/b/a                                  |
| <b>6. Introduction of Guests</b>  | <b>Charles Butler</b>                  |
| 7. Prior Month's Minutes Approval<br><i>Motion to Approve / Amend Minutes</i> | <b>Chave Aspinall</b>                  |
| <b>10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b>   | <i>Charles Butler</i>                  |
| <b>Special Chapter Events: update</b>   |  |
| ➤ <b>President General Dooley visit</b>                                       | <b>Jerry Hale &amp; Charles Butler</b> |
| ➤ <b>Awards &amp; Recognition</b>   | <b>John Stewart Charles Butler</b>     |
| <b>C. National &amp; State SAR Report</b>                                     | <b>Charles Butler</b>                  |
| -Florida BOM Report   | <b>John Stewart</b>                    |
| <b>11. Vice President's Report</b>  | <b>VP Hardy Bryan.</b>                 |
| -Audit and Review Committee   | <i>Charles Butler for Hardy</i>        |
| <b>12. Registrar, Recruitment &amp; Applications Report</b>                   | <b>Will Scott</b>                      |
| <b>17. Benediction</b>  | <b>John Stewart</b>                    |
| <b>17. SAR Recessional</b>  | t/b/a                                  |



## 2014 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

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

Please mark your calendars

- **Saturday March 22 President General's Visit St. Petersburg Country Club;**  
Dinner meeting, member arrivals begin at 5:00 PM; RSVP by mail
- **April Sat. April 19 Regular Meeting Billy's Stone Crab; Program:**
- **May Sat. May 17 Year End Meeting Billy's Stone Crab Agenda**  
Installation of Officers
- **May - Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery**  
SAR Participation Invited - Details to be announced
- **September - Constitution Week Commemoration**  
Details to be announced
- **November - Veterans Day**  
Bay Pines Hospital - details to be announced

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### Secretary's Report: Minutes

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#### **Minutes of January 2014 Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meeting**

Our regular January 18, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Charles Butler at 12:00. Present were Compatriots, Charles Butler, Hardy Bryan, Chave Aspinall, Peter Ford, Robert Rogers, Gerry Hale, John Stewart, Alan Craig, and David Soderlund.

Also present was prospective Compatriot, David M. Chestnut.

Chaplain Stewart gave the invocation, Compatriot Bryan led the Pledge of Allegiance, Compatriot Peter Ford led the Pledge to the SAR, Compatriot Robert Rogers led the American's Creed, President Butler introduced prospective member David L Munson Chestnut.



Compatriot Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2013 meeting as published; Compatriot Peter Ford 2<sup>nd</sup>, All were in favor.

Vice president Bryan asked if anyone knew where we have an American flag that has never flown at half mast? (see answer later in newsletter)

Compatriot Stewart reported on Knight Essay Contest:

70 essays were received; Dunedin High School had 48 essays, Admiral Farragut Academy had 13, Shorecrest had 4 and there were others from outside our county that were passed to the other chapters. The essays were passed to the members present for their review.

Compatriot Aspinall Made a motion to accept Compatriot Stewart's report and make Sarah McKeage of Shorecrest Preparatory the 1<sup>st</sup>. Place winner for her essay "The Plain Truth" of Common sense, Peter Ford 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

President Butler presented our New Compatriot, Alan Craig, with his SAR certificate and administered the SAR Oath.

Vice President's report: Hardy Bryan spoke to the DAR at St. Petersburg College about Free masonry and the Revolutionary war. The talk was well received.

12:45 Recess for lunch

1: 00 PM Meeting reconvened:

Committee Reports: We have gained 10 new members this past year and there are several still pending.

The George Washington Joint SAR/DAR luncheon will be held at the St. Petersburg Country Club on February 15, 2014 at 11:30, our regular meeting time.

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. And Compatriot Hale will be coordinating the event.

Chaplain Stewart gave the Benediction, President Butler led the SAR Recessional.

1:15 the meeting was adjourned.

Answer to: Where we have an American flag that has never flown at ½ mast? The Moon

