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Presidents Message



As our chapter's spring meeting season comes to a close, I would like to thank each member for your contributions, participation and support of the St. Petersburg Chapter. Without your active involvement, our chapter could not have been the success it is. We can all take pride in the patriotic projects and initiatives supported by our organization, and the contributions we have made to furthering patriotism, recognizing veterans and honoring the memory of our forefathers who helped create our great nation.

I was particularly pleased to have presented Past President John Stewart with the SAR Chapter Distinguished Service Award at the April meeting. The medal is uniquely attractive and quite extraordinary in design. John has been an outstanding member and leader of our chapter for many years, and has contributed more to its growth and development than can be iterated in this brief note. It has been a pleasure working closely with John during the past year, and this Distinguished Service Award is presented on behalf of a grateful chapter to our Compatriot and friend.

Our final meeting for the spring will be at the Petersburg Country Club on May 17. Please join me and plan to arrive at 11:00 AM so you can have time for fellowship, and to place your lunch order. Our formal meeting begins at 11:30 AM, with recess at noon for lunch service. We will adjourn at 1 PM until next September 20, at 11:00 AM. Please have a happy and healthy summer, and travel safely to wherever your journeys and adventures may lead you. Thank you again for the privilege of having served this year as chapter president.



Charles R. Butler
President



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 honor up to four properly-flown flag displays each year.

At April's meeting, we were pleased to present the Chapter Flag Award to June Longe and her husband Jerry Longe for their proud and consistently correct display of the American Flag in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

The award is open to all, including but not limited to, residential properties, government buildings, commercial enterprises, charities, and veteran's group. As committee chairman, I encourage you to submit your recommendations for consideration. Please email them to me at:

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Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer's Report to the Chapter



- 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



Our motto for this year's membership growth 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. Please contact me at the above email address to assist with any new prospective member.

Chaplain's Report

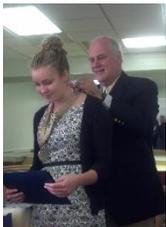
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One of the most important undertakings of our organization involves the encouragement and support of our younger generation as they study the founding principles of our Constitutional Republic.

In addition to being Chapter Chaplain, it is my privilege to serve as FSSAR chairman of the Knight Essay Contest which challenges students to research and write outstanding essays that capture not only the historical sequence of events, but the philosophical essence behind the Revolution and the ensuing architecture of our form of government. I am pleased to announce that Miss Sarah McKeage, a student at Shorecrest Preparatory School was not only the local winner, but also took state honors as



well. Sarah received a check for \$200 from our chapter toward her scholarly pursuits, and a handsome neck ribbon and commemorative medal from the SAR. Congratulations to Sarah and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKeage, and to her history instructor from Shorecrest, Mr. Ron Heller.



May 2014 Chapter Meeting Agenda

DATE: May 17, 2014

PROGRAM: Election of Officers

ARRIVAL TIME: 11:00 AM Fellowship & Meal orders taken

Meeting Called to Order: 11:30 AM

LOCATION: St. Petersburg Country Club

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 |
| 7. Prior Month's Minutes Approval <i>Motion to Approve / Amend Minutes</i> | Chave Aspinall |
| 9. <u>PROGRAM:</u> t/b/a | |
| 10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT | Charles Butler |
| -National & State SAR Report | John Stewart |
| 11. Vice President's Report Armed Forces Day Commemoration & Prayer | VP Hardy Bryan. |
| 12. Registrar, Recruitment & Applications Report | Will Scott |
| 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS | t/b/a |
| 14. Old Business | Charles Butler |
| 15. New Business | " |
| 16. Chapter Officer Election | John Stewart |
| 17. Benediction | John Stewart |
| 17. SAR Recessional | t/b/a |



2014-2015
CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

St. Petersburg Country Club
2000 Country Club Way South
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33712

2014

- August 16 2014 (tentative) Officers Planning Meeting, St. Petersburg Country Club
- September 20, 11:00 AM, Chapter Meeting commemorating Constitution Week
- October 18, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting
- November 15, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting, Thanksgiving commemoration
Veterans Day Ceremonies at Bill Young VA Hospital, Week of November 11, details forthcoming
- December 20, 2015 11:00 AM, Holiday Season Chapter Fellowship Gathering / Brief Meeting

2015

- January 17, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting,
- February 21, 11:00 AM, Chapter Meeting Commemorating George Washington's Birthday
- March 21, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting
- April 18, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting
- May 16, 11:00 AM, Regular Chapter Meeting, election of officers, Armed Forces Day remembrance
Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park Cemetery
SAR Participation Invited - Details to be announced

"The name of American, which belongs to you, must always inspire the just pride of Patriotism" - George Washington

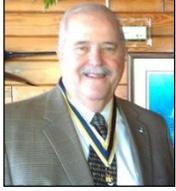
As members of the SAR, we have a special patriotic responsibility. In that spirit, let us gather in fellowship, honor our forefathers, and attend events commemorating those who serve our nation, and those who have departed this life having served our nation. Let us, descendants of the original Patriots, also make whatever contributions we can, large or small, toward the betterment of our country, it is the last best hope for mankind.



Secretary's Report: Minutes

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Minutes of the April 2014 meeting

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Our regular April 16, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Charles Butler at 11:30 in the Card Room, St. Petersburg country Club. Attendance was not taken, but a quorum was present with 19 members and guests in attendance. Invocation - John Stewart; Pledge of Allegiance - Hardy Bryan; SAR Pledge - Peter Ford; The American's Creed - David Chestnut.

Guests were introduced by President Butler: Knight Essay Contest Winner Sara McKeage, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. McKeage; Mr. Ron Heller, Sarah's history teacher; June and Jerry Longe, Flag Award recipients.

Prior Minutes were seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting recessed at 11:40 for lunch, and resumed at 12:15.

Members discussed the change of venue to the St. Petersburg Country Club, and although a formal vote was not taken, the overwhelming sense of the membership was supportive of the move. The meeting room accommodations were attractive, comfortable and convenient; food service and staff support were professional and inconspicuous, and individual billing occurred smoothly.

President Charles Butler presented Past President John Stewart the Chapter Distinguished Service medal for his many years of outstanding service to the St. Petersburg Chapter, and his continued devoted service to the NSSAR.

John Stewart provided a brief report on the upcoming BOM meeting in Orlando and encouraged members to attend. John plans to attend the event and will report on its activities at the May meeting.

State Committee Chairman for the Knight Essay contest John Stewart presented Miss Sara McKeage a check for \$200 from our chapter and a handsome Neck Ribbon with a special commemorative Medal for winning both local and state competition in the Knight Essay Contest. Her history teacher and parents attended the event.

Vice President and Flag Committee Chairman Hardy Bryan presented June and Jerry Longe with the Chapter Flag Award in recognition of their proper display of the American Flag.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

