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2015 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

The speakers / themes for our upcoming meetings are:

November 21 - Miss Jenna DeMott, President Clear Water Harbor C.A.R. speaking on chapter projects, and Ms. Sybil Luddington, the female Paul Revere. This is a joint meeting with the Caravelle Chapter, D.A.R.

December 19 – Annual USO donation & report, SAR Medal of Honor presentation

January 16 – Character interpretation of Abraham Lincoln, by Kerry Brown

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1774 – Petition of Grievances sent to King George III

1776 – Battles of Valcour Island (Lake Champlain, NY) and White Plains (NY)

1777 – Battles of Germantown (PA), Saratoga (NY) and Red Bank (NJ)

1780 – Battle of Kings Mountain (SC)

1781 – British surrender at Yorktown (VA)



President's Message



When I am making presentations and appearances on behalf of our Society, I am sometimes asked if the Sons of the American Revolution is affiliated with a political party or movement. The answer of course is no, we are not. Presidents of differing parties have been members of the SAR, from Theodor Roosevelt to George W. Bush. In all, there have been sixteen Compatriot Presidents. All Presidents have been lineally qualified for membership in the SAR except for Van Buren. Our organization is a qualified not-for-profit, charitable society organized for the purposes of historical preservation, education and preserving patriotic ideals of our Founding Fathers. Our loyalty is to the Constitution of the United States, and our duty is to advance the cause of American patriotism to current and future generations.

Our chapter's annual activity schedule is focused specifically on these stated purposes. We support outstanding students in our local schools through various awards, we recognize public displays of patriotism through our Flag Awards, we recognize and support veterans, law enforcement and fire-rescue services, outstanding news media figures, and political leaders. We also collaborate with the Daughters of the American Revolution to support various patriotic issues and interests we share.

As our chapter continues to grow, we will be presented with new and exciting opportunities to serve our community through outreach activities. I anticipate that most of these occasions will be to speak to small groups about the SAR, or to occasionally present awards to students at local schools. These events are actually a lot of fun, quite enjoyable and don't take much time. Youngsters are inquisitive and enthusiastic, and are delighted to receive recognition, especially from someone who is a direct, living link to the Revolutionary War. Often, we share the stage with a member of the DAR who has just as much fun as we do. Over the coming months, we will be developing a speaker's bureau so we can expand our chapter's outreach and community presence. This will be a fun initiative, and will not take much time.

Thank you for your membership in and support of the St. Petersburg Chapter SAR.

In Patriotic Service,
Charles Butler

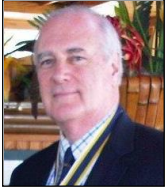
VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCES

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place in the courtyard on the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center campus. The event is open to all Veterans, their family and friends, and the general public.

Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, will hold its annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11. Attendees are invited to gather at 10:30 AM. Following the special commemoration, food and refreshments will be provided.



Chaplain's Message



As we come to the end of October, we see many reminders around us that Halloween is coming. Most of us will be involved with children, and grandchildren, and trick-or-treating children and laughing at the funny costumes they wear. But call to remembrance that the roots of this holiday is All Saints Day, and then say a prayer for our departed patriots who made such sacrifices to bring this country into existence and then "defend it against every foe."

In the event of the passing of a Compatriot or DAR member, please let any Officer of our chapter know as soon as possible. Our President Charles Butler, Assistant Chaplain David Chestnut, or I will make every effort to attend services on behalf of the chapter. We have a brief SAR blessing that can be presented as part of a memorial service if the family so wishes.

Additionally, all Compatriots are entitled to an SAR Patriot Ancestor grave marker medallion. They are beautifully designed, relatively inexpensive and are mounted by the cemetery. Please contact Charles Butler for further information.

Please pray for our service members, police, fire and rescue officers, the ones who put themselves in harm's way to protect and help. They do not ask for recognition, but only a chance to make our lives safer. Blessings to all.

Chaplain John Stewart

Registrar's Report



This past month we had one new member's application approved, please join me in welcoming Compatriot Gantt Meredith to our chapter.

We currently have no applications pending at state or national, but we do have several prospective members in the process of assembling their paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott



Vice President & Treasurer's Report



As you know, we are actively contributing to the Clear Water Harbor Society, C.A.R. I had the privilege of attending a ceremony at the Clearwater D.A.R. Chapter meeting on October 17th, where a representative from Congressman David Jolly's office presented the Society with a special letter of recognition, along with an American Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol in the Society's honor. This recognition was in observance of their achievement for being the only Florida Society to receive the National Gold Merit Award and the Florida State Gold Merit Award. The Clear Water Harbor Society President, Jenna DeMott, will be making a presentation at our November meeting.

As of October 24, 2015, approximately two-thirds of the Chapter members have remitted their annual dues for 2016. I would like to remind everyone to send their payment no later than December 1st in order to be included on the 2016 Annual Report. While we are tracking lower than the total Chapter donations that were received at this point last year, a big thanks to everyone who has contributed above the normal dues amount. I would like to remind everyone that not only are these amounts tax deductible, they are also what allow us to achieve the many objectives we set for our Chapter at the start of the fiscal year.

We currently have \$4,346.60 in our checking account and \$1,575.00 in liabilities to the N.S.S.A.R. and F.L.S.S.A.R. for 2016 dues payments.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Craig

MONTHLY LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 17, 2005

Our guest speaker was Dr. Tom Tufts, the Community Service Supervisor at Memorial Park funeral home and cemetery in St. Petersburg. He reported that Memorial Park offers many of the same funeral and burial services for veterans that are no longer available at Bay Pines due to space limitations.

The chapter's Flag Award was presented Adam Noble, the manager of C1 Bank's mid-city branch.

New member Ralph C. Hughes Jr. was formally inducted into the chapter.

John Stewart reminded everyone that the annual essay contest for high school students is underway, with a submission deadline of December 31. Our chapter will be receiving an Americanism award for patriotic activities undertaken by our chapter members last year. We finished third in the state among chapters of our size.





New Member Ralph C. Hughes Jr. and President Charles Butler



Guest speaker Dr. Tom Tufts

