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2018 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

March 17 – Guest speaker: Robert Biggs, Director of the St. Petersburg Veterans Center
St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11am

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1778 – Treaty of Alliance with France

1780 – British forces deployed from New York to Charleston, SC

1782 – British House of Commons votes against further war, recognizing American independence



President's Message



Dear Compatriots:

I attended the Upper Pinellas and Pasco Counties Regents Council at the Bellaire Country Club on February 16, 2018. The meeting featured the DAR State Regent – Ms. Dawn Lemongello, who gave a rousing speech about the goals and the spirit of being a member of the DAR. The meeting was hosted by Vanessa Talbott, President of the Regents Council. In attendance was Charles Butler, Regional VP and Col. Pat Neimann, State Senior VP. Alan Craig and I represented our chapter. The five members of the color guard from the Clearwater Chapter performed the presentation of colors.

At our regularly scheduled meeting, John Stewart performed as President Thomas Jefferson discussing Jefferson's reflections on his long personal and professional relationship with the first President of the United States, General George Washington. There were several thoughtful questions for the president.

Cindy Weatherby was recognized for her service and support for our chapter. Alan Craig was recognized for his service as President last year. Under his leadership the chapter for the first time was awarded the 1st place chapter banner for the Americanism Award for chapters our size. Vanessa Talbott, Regent of the Clearwater DAR chapter, was recognized for her astonishingly long list of joint campaigns with our SAR chapter and for her many accomplishments with the CAR which this chapter also sponsors.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Miss Tara Todorovic sang the national anthem.

Our next meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2018 at the St. Pete Yacht Club. Our speaker will be Mr. Robert Biggs, Director of the St. Pete Veterans Center. The Center is an arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides support to more than 100,000 vets residing in Pinellas County. There is a unit specifically for supporting veterans with readjustment counseling for needs resulting from veteran experiences like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rogers



VP / Chaplain's Message



Members of our Chapter have wanted to see our St Petersburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution have its own Color Guard. I have performed as Color Bearer at many events and have always enjoyed doing so. There is something very gratifying in presenting our American flag. The Color Guard manuals produced by both National and Department of Florida have been reviewed and we do not find instructions on how to form a new Color Guard Camp. In contacting the Florida Commander and Vice Commander I was instructed to create a letter with our intentions. We have four members who have indicated they want to be part of our camp, and Will Scott has come up with a great namesake for our new Camp, Col. Gabriel Long. I feel this suggestion is a very good one because his first taste of war was that of a Color Bearer! He was one of the founders of the Culpepper Minutemen. We would be the 16th Camp in the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. A letter has been sent and we hope that it will be accepted after which we shall be known as Col. Gabriel Long, Camp #16.

On 21 February 2018, the Col George Mercer Brooke Chapter DAR of Sun City Center invited John Stewart and me to be the Color Guard for their special luncheon at the Club Renaissance which had the Florida State Regent Dawn Lemongello as guest speaker. This was a great honor for us and we enjoyed a great lunch.

There are lots of fun activities during our busy year and always more to learn but it is always important to remember why we really are part of this fine organization. Let us give thanks for the courage and fortitude of our nation's founders and always say a prayer for our current leaders, that they lead us with the grace and guidance of God. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
David Munson Chestnut

Registrar's Report



We have several applications in process and nearly ready to submit, including a family group (father, son and grandson).

If you are working on a supplemental application, please be sure to use the latest revision of the application form (revised March 2017); older versions will not be accepted by National.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Scott



MEETING MINUTES



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St Petersburg Chapter

February 17, 2018

Call to Order: The monthly meeting held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Robert Rogers, and the invocation was given by Chaplain David Chestnut.

Guests

In celebration of President's Day, the meeting included many DAR guests, including Cindy Weatherby, Vanessa Talbott, and Rebecca Stewart. Also attending were prospective member Mark Foster, Jonna Halstead, Zeny Bryan, and Irena and Tara Todorovic.

Officer Reports & News Items

Chapter member and Regional VP Charles Butler stated that the Florida State Society is working on a survey to identify the talents and skills of our members, which will be distributed to all of us in the near future.

Awards

Vanessa Talbott, Cindy Weatherby, and Alan Craig were recognized with certificates and medals for their service on behalf of the SAR.

Presentations

John Stewart again portrayed Thomas Jefferson, focusing on Jefferson's relationship with George Washington. While Washington was a soldier and the head of the Continental Army, his friend Jefferson was a statesman who was instrumental in the Continental Congress and the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. He later served as governor of Virginia, and went back to congress after the war. He proposed free public schools for the needy, and worked to bring statehood to the 'western lands.' Jefferson succeeded Ben Franklin as ambassador to France, and then was appointed Secretary of State by President Washington. Jefferson did not get along with Alexander Hamilton, forcing Washington to mediate. Washington ultimately sided with Hamilton and the Federalists, causing a rift between Jefferson and Washington that lasted several years until Washington's death.

Benediction & Recessional

David Chestnut gave the benediction, and President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary



Items of Interest

Compatriot David Soderlund was researching his ancestor on the NSSAR website, but found nothing. He did find a form, and it is a “fillable” pdf form if opened in Adobe reader. It is attached to this newsletter as “**Patriot Graves and Bio Report.**”



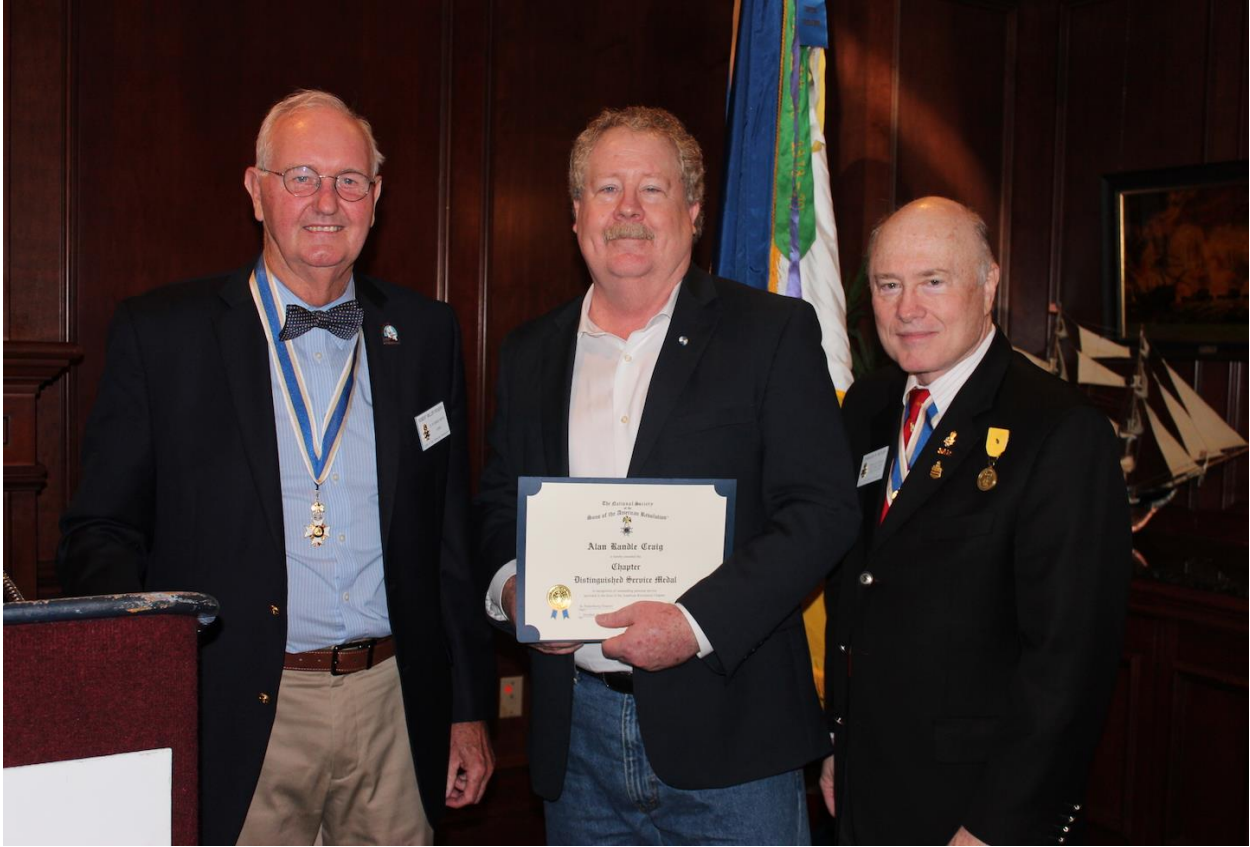
Thomas Jefferson and Vanessa Talbott





President Rogers, Cindy Weatherby (DAR) and FLSSAR Regional VP Charles Butler





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Sun City Center DAR members with Compatriots John Stewart & David Chestnut

