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2018 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

September 15 – Constitution Week, Installation of Officers
St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11am

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1774 – British pass Intolerable Acts

1775 – Fort Ticonderoga captured by Ethan Allen & the Green Mountain Boys

1778 – Battle of Barren Hill (PA)

1780 – Siege of Charleston, Battle of Waxhaws (SC)





President's Message

Dear Compatriots:

Our May 19, 2018 SAR meeting featured two of our chapter's focus areas. We recognized the outstanding service by Sheriff's Deputy Amanda Grissinger, who is assigned to the Central District Station. The Knight Essay contest winner Dylan Miksch and his instructor were also recognized. We have included Deputy Grissinger's commendation from Sheriff Bob Gualtieri in this newsletter. In honoring military service this month, I attended a DAR meeting at the Princess Hirrihigua chapter with Johnnie Clark, and John Stewart attended JROTC ceremonies at Admiral Farragut Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rogers

VP / Chaplain's Message



It was my pleasure at the May meeting to address the chapter on the history behind our new Color Guard. We are the Colonel Gabriel Long Camp #16 Color Guard, and we are the latest camp in the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. Our namesake was suggested by compatriot Will Scott, and it is a very fitting one. Col. Gabriel Long was surely noble to the cause and a great patriot to our country. I hope that our Camp #16 will live up to his name and make the St. Petersburg chapter proud as we represent our ancestors of the past! Here is his story, from information found on *Wikipedia*:

Gabriel Long was born in 1751 in [Culpeper County, Virginia](#). He was of strong Irish stock and of direct descent from the Longs of Wraxall. He came of age during the [French and Indian War](#), in which his father and grandfather were both heavily involved, and he tasted war for the first time in it as a color-bearer and private soldier in the state militia. Long grew to be an excellent marksman and horseman.

Long was an ardent patriot, as were his father and grandfather. In 1774 there was a petition sent to the Royal Governor of the colony and the King of England himself by the men who would form the [Culpeper Minutemen](#). Gabriel Long had the distinction of signing the document very first and very boldly as [Hancock](#) would do two years later.^[1] His father and grandfather also signed the petition and were members of the Culpeper Minutemen. As a member of the militia he fought at the [Battle of Point Pleasant](#), and in [Lord Dunmore's War](#) he saw heavy action at the seaport Battles of Hampton and Norfolk.



By the time Virginia began raising troops for service in the [Continental Army](#), Long already had a rather long service record and was renowned as one of the best riflemen in Virginia and for that matter the colonies so it was natural that when [Daniel Morgan](#) was recruiting his rifle battalion he chose Gabriel Long as his senior captain and as later remarked by his men his "favourite captain and good friend".^[2] When Long began recruiting he would take a board, draw a target on it, usually in the shape of a human nose, in the middle of the board and set it up at several hundred yards and those who shot the closest to the nose would be chosen. Long himself was also known to have shot apples off of men's heads at a considerable range, a practice which was said to have "wasted many apples" and was also known to be accurate up to 300 yards with a target the size of an orange.

During the [Battle of Trenton](#) he was the first across the river, and his company led the assault, and it is believed that he is the mysterious marksmen who killed Colonel [Johann Rall](#). He helped unite [Sullivan's](#) and Washington's columns by holding back the British and thus greatly contributed to the victory at [Princeton](#). When Washington settled into camp at [Valley Forge](#), Long led his men as a detached company under his independent command^[5] who scouted and skirmished all around the camp and prevented the British from taking Washington's Army in such a vulnerable state. After the encampment at Valley Forge he helped defend [Philadelphia](#) from an expected attack, but through his and others' efforts it was repulsed.

At [Millstone, New Jersey](#), while leading a detachment he came across a column of British soldiers under [Lord Cornwallis](#) whose intentions were to draw Washington's army out of fortified position to an open area for a general engagement. Long, realizing this, raised the alarm and stood his ground and held back the enemy while awaiting reinforcements which would come and completely drive out the British. Long once again saved Washington's army and would continue to do so in the future.

Notes

1. [*Officers and Enlisted Men in the Culpeper Minutemen*](#)
2. LaCross, Richard; Revolutionary Rangers; Heritage; 2007; page 95.
3. <http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes> search names Gabriel Long and Solomon Long
4. LaCross; page 98.
5. [*Valley Forge Muster Roll Database*](#)

Respectfully submitted,
David Munson Chestnut



Registrar's Report



We have three applications currently being reviewed at the national level, and another almost ready to go. If you know of anyone who has an interest in becoming a member, please let them know that we are always willing to assist them with the application process.

If you are preparing a supplemental application, or working with a relative or friend on their application, please be sure to use the most current version of the form, or the interactive online application.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott

The Pledge of Allegiance

It has been brought to the Editor's attention that some previous meeting handouts of our SAR rituals may have included improper punctuation of the Pledge of Allegiance. This has been corrected, but many members are reciting the Pledge inaccurately – there is no comma or pause in the phrase “one Nation under God.” It is one continuous phrase, and should be recited that way.

MEETING MINUTES



Sons of the American Revolution

St Petersburg Chapter
May 19, 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, the invocation was given by Chaplain David Chestnut, and Kaitlin Folsom sang the National Anthem.



Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Guests: Numerous DAR members from Clearwater, Caravelle, and Princess Hirrihigua chapters.

Officer Reports & Presentations

President Rogers related the history of the SAR for our guests. It is our chapter's honor to annually recognize outstanding performance by a member of law enforcement. This year's recipient is Corporal Amanda Grissinger of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, who was present with her immediate supervisors, Sergeant Horton and Captain Leiner.

Several military service awards were presented to compatriot Eric Soderlund, a Pinellas County detective who served several tours overseas.

Jenna DeMott updated the chapter on current C.A.R. activities, which included support for the Gary Sinise Foundation, which assists military veterans and first responders. She was presented with a check representing our chapter's support for C.A.R.

David Chestnut was recognized for his contributions to the chapter this year, especially in regard to the establishment of our chapter's newly approved Color Guard, the Col. Gabriel Long Camp #16. David related the history of Col. Long, which is included in the May newsletter.

Election of Officers

The slate of officers for the 2018-19 year presented last month by Nominating Committee Chairman John Stewart was unanimously approved by the members in attendance. They will be sworn in at the September meeting.

President – Robert Rogers
Vice President – David Chestnut
Treasurer & Secretary – Peter Ford
Registrar – Will Scott
Chaplain – David Chestnut
Historian – John Stewart

Benediction & Recessional

David Chestnut gave the benediction, and President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Ford, Secretary





Sheriff Bob Gualtieri

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

"Leading The Way For A Safer Pinellas"

Sons of the American Revolution St. Petersburg Chapter Law Enforcement Commendation Award

Deputy Amanda Grissinger

Deputy Amanda Grissinger utilized her calmness under pressure and relied on her law enforcement training to save multiple lives by implementing CPR in two cases only a few months apart.

In June 2017, Deputy Grissinger responded to a reported overdose in St. Petersburg. When she arrived, Deputy Grissinger found a subject attempting to administer CPR on the victim, who was on the ground, unresponsive and not breathing with a faint pulse.

Deputy Grissinger recognized that the subject was not properly conducting CPR and immediately offered her assistance. She took over the CPR and continued for about two minutes before EMS arrived.

Less than two months later, Deputy Grissinger was the second deputy to respond to the scene of another case involving an unconscious person. The first deputy had begun to administer CPR chest compressions on a woman who was not breathing and whose skin had turned blue.

When Deputy Grissinger arrived, she reassessed the situation and determined that the victim had a faint pulse and shallow breathing. She instructed the other deputy to continue with chest compressions while she counted them and held the victim's airway open. As they continued CPR, the victim's face slowly regained color, and she began to take short breaths every few minutes. Paramedics then arrived and transported the victim, now in stable condition, to a nearby hospital.

In both cases, Deputy Grissinger not only quickly assessed the situation and surmised the proper response, she also maintained her composure during the high-stress scenario with other peoples' lives on the line. Her swift thinking and efficient action is responsible for reviving both victims. These are just a few examples of Deputy Grissinger's exemplary service to the community.

Deputy Amanda Grissinger has worked at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for six years, and she is currently assigned to the Central District Station in the Patrol Operations Bureau.





Captain Leiner, President Rogers, and Deputy Amanda Grissinger



Compatriots Eric and David Soderlund





John Stewart presents JROTC award to Farragut Cadet Dylan Miksch, who also won this year's Knight Essay Contest.



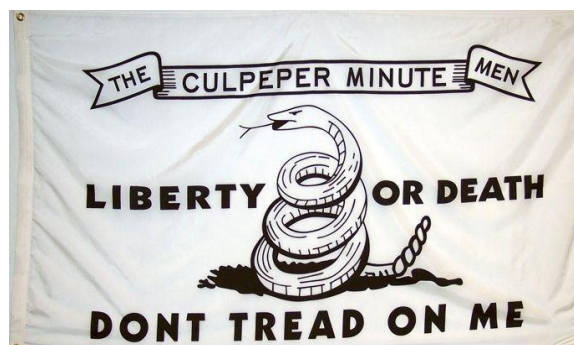


President Rogers (center) with Johnnie Clark and DAR Princess Hirrihigua Regent Anne Ciero. Johnnie's medals include a Silver Star and 3 Purple Hearts.





Compatriot Chestnut receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President Rogers for his service to the chapter.



Flag of Gabriel Long's Culpeper Minutemen

