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2019 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

December 21 – St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11am

THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY

1776 – Battles of Fort Washington (NY) and Fort Lee (NJ)

1777 – Articles of Confederation adopted by the Second Continental Congress

1783 – British evacuate New York, marking the end of British rule



Board Chairman's Message



Dear Compatriots:

This is the time of year when we reflect on our blessings and our accomplishments. All things considered, this has been a year of unprecedented achievement for our chapter. Our membership is growing significantly and is currently at an all-time high since our founding in 1928.

Additionally, I am grateful to report that each year, our voluntary member donations continue to increase. This ensures a financially strong chapter, supports our ability to attract and retain dedicated members, and enables development of meaningful programs and events. Our September Constitution Week celebration is an excellent example, and was the single largest event ever held by our chapter.

As Compatriots of the SAR, we have a special responsibility to our ancestors, our Constitution, and to generations yet unborn. The St. Petersburg Chapter takes this responsibility seriously, and through the Tampa Bay SAR Education Initiative, we are intensively engaged in focused outreach efforts designed to make our community - and our state - better places by ensuring our students have direct SAR input into Florida Early American History curricula, textbooks, and classroom content.

As our efforts are incorporated into Florida Department of Education policy, our collaborative efforts with the Tampa Chapter will begin to impact more than 100,000 Pinellas County students, and nearly a million statewide.



Through our Education Initiative we are fulfilling the primary intent of our Federal Charter, which is to educate our citizenry and perpetuate the Founding Principles of our nation. The Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters are the only ones in the nation to have created an outreach education plan that specifies direct collaboration with the State Department of Education and have actually implemented it successfully.

The most exciting aspect of our Education plan is *it is only just beginning!* We have many innovative and high-profile plans for the coming year, so you can be assured your membership in our chapter and the SAR are making a genuine difference. Your generous donations to the Chapter and the Education Outreach Initiative and your support of our chapter enable us to fulfil our mission and honor the memory of our ancestors who sacrificed to create our great nation.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Butler

Meeting Minutes



Sons of the American Revolution
St Petersburg Chapter
November 23, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly meeting held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Bob Rogers, who also gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.



Treasurer's Report: Peter Ford reported that the chapter had almost \$10 thousand in the bank, but chapter dues will be paid to NSSAR and FLSSAR next month, which will reduce the balance to approximately \$7.5 thousand. Contributions to the chapter are currently 50% of the dues payments, a major increase in giving by the membership.

Registrar's Report: Will Scott reported that Peter Bruno's application has been approved, and additional applications are being developed.

Chapter Chairman's Report: Charles Butler updated the members on the Tampa Bay Education Initiative, the first of its kind in the country. John Stewart is now the chairman of the State Education Committee for FLSSAR. We are seeking "Patriotic Partnerships" with businesses to gain financial support for our efforts. Charles and Robert Butler are creating PatriotEducators.org as a site for educational materials which we will produce.

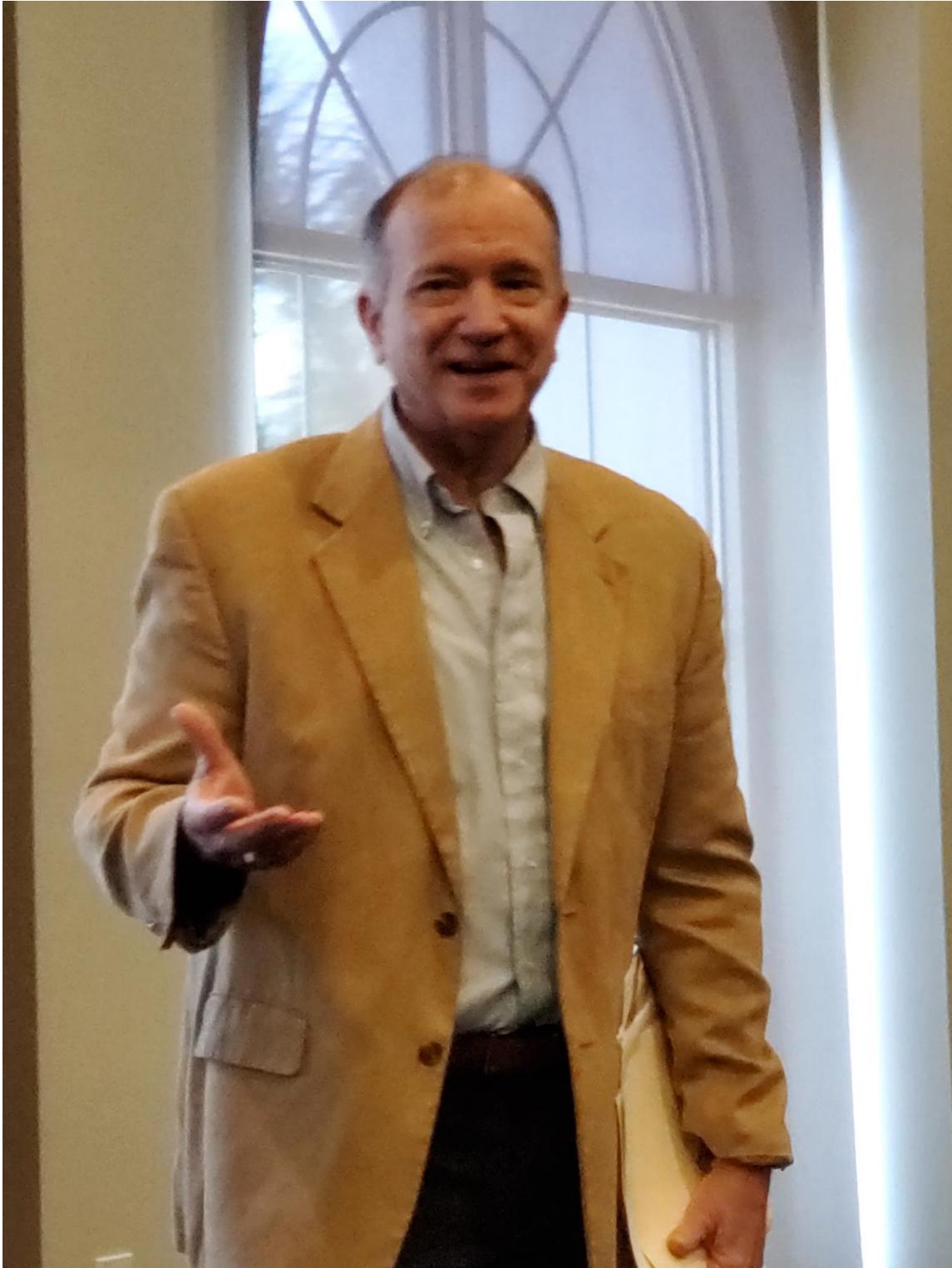
Guest Speaker: Compatriot Brett McMullen, a retired Air Force brigadier general, gave a very interesting presentation on his lineage, dating back to an ancestor who left Scotland at an early age and served in the Revolutionary War. Subsequent generations of McMullens served in the Civil War, Indian Wars, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. James P. McMullen first settled near Clearwater in the 1840's. Subsequently, his six brothers also joined him in Pinellas County. The family's cabin, the oldest home in the county, is now situated in Heritage Park.

Benediction & Recessional

President Rogers gave the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary





Compatriot Brett McMullen addresses the members on his family's history from the Revolutionary War to the present day in Pinellas County





Compatriot Hardy Bryan visited the recently relocated U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem

