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2020 UPDATED CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars

September 19 – St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11am
Constitution Week – Election and Installation of Officers

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:

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for the past three years. Normally we would have presented a slate of officers for our May meeting, but because of the Covid19 outbreak we could not follow the procedure as specified in our bylaws. Therefore, the current officers will continue in place until this fall. This has been a very productive year for our chapter. In a separate email I will be listing those important accomplishments in our education initiative, membership, youth scholarship and meeting content.

This has been an unusual and trying time for our wonderful USA. Americans are a hardy and industrious people who have overcome many substantial obstacles – A Revolution against the overwhelmingly superior (on paper) British Empire, two World Wars and illnesses such as polio and small pox. This Covid19 pandemic will soon be a history lesson.

Thank you for supporting the St Pete Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. I'll see you at our September 19th meeting the third Saturday of the month, hopefully at the St. Pete Yacht Club.

Regards,

Bob Rogers



Board Chairman's Message



Dear Compatriots:

Our final meeting of the 2019-2020 meeting year was a delightful success with nineteen Compatriots and guests in attendance. Because the St. Petersburg Yacht Club was closed, our meeting was held at the Stone Soup Café in St. Petersburg. Our chapter occupied the entire east end of the restaurant, and everyone enjoyed the informal atmosphere and outstanding food.

As this year comes to a very successful conclusion, I am pleased to report our education outreach initiative has moved to an even higher level of acceptance both with the Florida Department of Education and with the Florida Society SAR.

John Stewart was appointed by State Society President Lee Popham to be the first chairman of the Florida Society Education Committee. This is a major responsibility, and John will set the formative direction for one of the most important committees in the history of the State Society.

As our outreach program develops and gains traction over the coming years, it will impact millions of students statewide for generations. Senior Vice President David Bussone is a candidate for State President with voting to occur in June at the State Board of Management meeting. Vice President Bussone is also committed to the cause of outreach education and has extended his congratulations to our chapter for all the hard work and progress we have made over the past year.

Our most recent achievement was to propose three courses directly to the Florida Department of Education, *Principles of Critical Thinking*, *Principles of Research*, and *Principles of Genealogy Science*. It is my honor to report that all three were accepted by the Department of Education and will be submitted for internal processing later this summer.

There are too many other accomplishments to list in this article. Evan Soileau will post a Power Point presentation on our website in June, so please take a few minutes to watch it. I will send an email notice to you when it is available for viewing.



You can take special pride in being a member of the St. Petersburg Chapter. We are nationally recognized leaders in a vitally important mission: *Patriotism Through Education*. Instead of forwarding email examples of civic illiteracy and grumbling, we are taking effective action, and we are making a difference from the top down.

Please remember that your membership in our chapter and the SAR is vitally important, and whatever your abilities and talents are, our education outreach initiative can use them. This is a calling that every Compatriot can answer.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I bid you a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Charles Butler

Registrar's Report



The NSSAR Genealogy Department has resumed processing applications following a two month hiatus due to the pandemic. Approval times are estimated to be 8 weeks for new applications and 19 weeks for supplementals.

One of the first applications approved following the shutdown was for our newest member, Doug Redd. Doug's ancestor Lewis Boyer served as one of General Washington's bodyguards. We look forward having a formal induction ceremony for him in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Scott



Meeting Minutes



Sons of the American Revolution St Petersburg Chapter May 16, 2020

Call to Order: The monthly meeting held at the Stone Soup Cafe was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Bob Rogers, and John Stewart gave the invocation.

Guests: Knight Essay winner Marena Macking and her parents, new member Rev. Thomas Tomlinson and his family, and prospective member Tom Cuba.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Ford reported that the chapter still has approximately \$8 thousand, of which \$2 thousand is earmarked for the Education Initiative.

Chairman's Report: Charles Butler updated the members on the Education Initiative. The next step will be the creation of lectures or videos on aspects of the country's founding.

Knight Essay Contest: John Stewart introduced Marena Macking, and she read her winning essay "Florida – the 14th Colony." She received a certificate and an award of \$200 from the chapter.

New Member Induction: Thomas Tomlinson was inducted by Chairman Charles Butler.

Benediction & Recessional

John Stewart gave the benediction, and President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by Peter Ford, Secretary





Knight Essay winner Marena Macking and her parents with President Rogers, John Stewart, and board Chairman Charles Butler.





Rev. Thomas Tomlinson is inducted into the chapter by Board Chairman Charles Butler.

