



# The St. Petersburg Chapter

## Florida Society

# Sons of the American Revolution

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[www.stpetesar.org](http://www.stpetesar.org)

**NEXT SAR MEETING!**

Please mark your calendars

**September 18th – ZOOM Meeting, 11:00 A.M.**

**Guest Speaker –Matthew Keagle, Ph.D.**

**Curator, Fort Ticonderoga NY**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535885863?pwd=bFA1ZGgyVU80VXRiWnJManRZTkRYUT09>

**Meeting ID: 895 3588 5863**

**Passcode: 217308**

**THIS MONTH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY**

**1776-Sep 11<sup>th</sup>:** Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and other congressional representatives reopened negotiations with General William Howe and Admiral Richard Howe on Staten Island. Negotiations ended when the British refused to accept American independence.

**1776-Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>:** American patriot Nathan Hale was hanged for spying on British troops. As he was lead to the gallows, Hale proclaimed his famous last words — "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."





**On September 22, 1776, the British hanged Revolutionary War soldier Nathan Hale for spying. Born in Coventry in 1755, Hale attended Yale College and later became a schoolteacher. After hostilities erupted in Lexington and Concord in 1775, Hale joined a Connecticut militia and participated in the siege of Boston. In July 1775, Hale joined the Continental army's Seventh Connecticut Regiment under Charles Webb of Stamford. Hale was promoted to captain, and in early 1776, he commanded a small unit defending New York City. The British captured New York City during the Battle of Long Island, and on September 8, 1776, Hale volunteered to go behind enemy lines to report on British troop movements.**

**Source: Connecticut History.org**

**1777-Sep 11th: General Sir William Howe and General Charles Cornwallis launched a full-scale British attack on General George Washington and the Patriot outpost at Brandywine Creek near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. The Continentals retreated and the British began occupying Philadelphia. (Battle of Brandywine)**



## President's Message



With the summer firmly in our rear view mirror (unfortunately not the humidity & heat), we again come together as compatriots to enjoy our common ancestry. Although somewhat of a setback, having this month's meeting via Zoom allowed us to again tap a world-class speaker: Matt Keagle, Ph.D, Curator, Ft Ticonderoga NY. Matt is a respected expert on the 18<sup>th</sup> century American Revolutionary War period and we are thankful to have someone of his caliber presenting.

Member Spotlight this month is our very own Kevin MacFarland. Thanks Kevin for sharing and we all look forward to reading about Kevin and his revolutionary ancestry!

The Dues Notices have been sent out both via USPS and via email. I hope all of you, including many of our former members re-connect now that the in-person meetings are clearly in the immediate future! See you then! We will be working with the St Petersburg Yacht Club to return to our monthly meetings there as soon as practicable...and a firm "thank you" goes out to our SPYC sponsor Bob Birkenstock!

We have updated the St Petersburg SAR website ([stpetesar.org](http://stpetesar.org)). It is up and running, but via continuous improvement we hope to make it the best it can be. Please feel free to send me any suggestions or improvement ideas.

As you all know, last week we remembered the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent 20 years of war that our country has gone through. Please say a prayer for all those who have been impacted by those tragic events and the aftermath.

Respectfully,

**Brett James McMullen**



## Vice President's Message



Compatriots,

- The past 2 Florida Patriots Magazines had entries related to the Chapter: Bay Pines Flag Placing and Bob Brotherton's Funeral Notice
- A submission was made to the National Magazine regarding the Wreath Laying and it was published. Publishing is at the discretion of National.
- Facebook page has been set up for the Chapter.
- Patch articles are being written for activities. Over 40 likes for the Bay Pines Article. Harry will add the link to the website.

Here is the link to the article.

<https://patch.com/florida/stpete/sons-american-revolution-place-flags-bay-pines-nodx>

Respectfully Submitted,

**Harry W. Fuller**



## Registrar's Report



### Registrar's Report:

Walter and I are continuing our work on several new member applications, and a couple have been submitted and are currently under review by National.

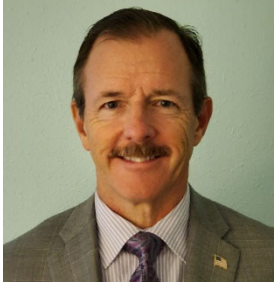
We are still available to work on additional applications, so if you know of any potential new members, please send them our way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Scott



## Secretary-Treasurer's Report



**Greetings, Compatriots.**

- **Financial report – the Chapter is financially stable and all accounts are balanced to the bank. balanced to the bank. Reports have been distributed to the BOG. As of 31 AUG 2021 we have \$6,515.51 cash on hand**
- **Dues notices have been mailed and are starting to come in. Please remember to include your dues notice with your check.**
- **2 “At large members” have joined SPC, Robert Birkenstock & Robert Koehler. Welcome to you both we are glad to have you with us.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kevin D. MacFarland, Sr. “Mac”**





## Calling Committee



### Compatriots.

- Just a reminder that I am looking for a couple of worthy men to assist me on the calling committee. Our goal is to have a call made to each person prior to our Chapter meetings. Please email me if you would like to volunteer for this most important assignment---no experience required!
- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first post-COVID in-person meeting at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and we invite you all to attend. Our SPYC Liaison Past Commodore Robert Birkenstock will need an accurate count so appropriate catering arrangements may be made.
- If you plan on attending in person, I need to know by 30 SEP 21. Please email me at [randerson2441@gmail.com](mailto:randerson2441@gmail.com)
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Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert J. Anderson**

**Continental Army 3<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey Regiment**



## Financial Statement - Income

St. Petersburg SAR

### August 2021 Operating Budget

	Beginning Balance	August 1, 2021	\$6,715.51
500	<b>INCOME</b>		
501	Total Dues Collected	\$65.00	0.00
502	Total New Apps	\$10.00	0.00
503	Total Supplementals	\$70.00	0.00
504	Other Dues & Life Members from Permanent Fund		0.00
506	Meals Sold		0.00
507	50/50 Raffle		0.00
508	Miscellaneous		0.00
509	Permanent Fund Donations		0.00
510	Center For Advancing American Heritage Donations		0.00
511	History Fair Donations		0.00
512	Clearwater Chapter Scholarship Fund Donations		0.00
513	Eagle Scout Recognition Awards Donations		0.00
514	JROTC Recognition Awards Donations		0.00
515	Chapter High School Annual Book Gifting Program Donations		0.00
516	4th/5th Grade Revolutionary War Poster Contest Donations		0.00
517	Endowment Trust Fund Reimbursements		0.00
518	Endowment Trust Fund Donations		0.00
519	Veterans Medals Purchases or Donations		0.00
520	Ladies Auxiliary Donations		0.00
521	Merchandise Sold		0.00
522	Knight Essay Donations		0.00
525	<b>Total Income</b>		0.00

Respectfully submitted  
9/14/2021

Kevin D. MacFarland, Sr.  
Secy-Treas SAR SPC





# Financial Statement - Expense

St. Petersburg SAR

## August 2021 Operating Budget

600	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
601	Dues to National	\$0.00
602	Dues to State	\$0.00
603	New Member to National	\$0.00
604	New Member to State	\$0.00
605	Supplemental to National	\$0.00
606	Supplemental to State	\$0.00
608	Other Dues 10 Life Members	\$0.00
607	Meals Purchased	\$0.00
701	Eagle Scout Recognition Awards	\$0.00
702	Good Citizenship	\$0.00
703	JROTC Recognition Awards	\$0.00
704	Law Enforcement, EMT, Fire Safety	\$0.00
705	4th/5th Grade Revolutionary War Poster Contest	\$0.00
706	Pinellas History Fair	\$0.00
707	Veterans	\$0.00
708	SAR Library	\$0.00
709	Publicity & History	\$0.00
710	Program Speakers	\$0.00
711	Chapter High School Annual Book Gifting Program	\$0.00
712	Center For Advancing American Heritage	\$0.00
713	Endowment Trust Fund Donation	\$0.00
714	Clearwater Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$0.00
715	Permanent Fund	\$0.00
716	Hotttin's	\$0.00
717	Service Awards	\$0.00
718	Ladies Auxiliary	\$0.00
719	Merchandise Bought	\$0.00
720	knight Essay	\$0.00
801	Secretary	\$0.00
802	Registrar/Genealogist	\$0.00
803	Treasurer	\$0.00
804	Newsletter	\$0.00
805	Roster	\$0.00
806	Awards	\$0.00
807	Supplies	\$0.00
808	Postage & Insurance	\$0.00
809	Birthdays and Condolences Cards	\$0.00
901	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
902	NSSAR Magazine Ad	\$0.00
1000	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$0.00
Precommi	Funds committed but not released	\$0.00
PostComm	Checks Clearing - Hess (March)	\$200.00
1000	<b>Net Outflow</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Ending Balance Matches Bank</b>	<b>August 31, 2020</b> \$6,515.51

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# **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Kevin MacFarland, Sr.**

## **Who was your SAR Ancestor?**

**My SAR Ancestor of Record is Elijah McFarlin, Jr. He was in Capt. Thomas Newcomb's Co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regt. The Company marched to Rhode Island on a secret expedition. He mustered out but then re-enrolled in Capt. Thomas Turner's Co. in Col. Bradford's regiment. He was in many other engagements in the war, which are recorded in "Soldiers and Sailors of Mass." His Father, Elijah MacFarling, (sic) Sr., was also in Revolutionary War service in Col. Bradford's Regiment and died in service 29 NOV 1777. He was married to Laurana Bradford, the daughter of Gov. William Bradford.**

## **Where are you originally from?**

**My wife Lois and I are natives of Detroit, Michigan. We moved to Tampa in 2014 when I retired from Ford Motor Company after a long career in Information Technology. We have lived in Brooksville for the past 2 years. I have degree in Computer Science and Business Administration from the University of Detroit and attended THE University of Michigan. Go Blue!**

## **Why and how long have you been in SAR?**

**I became a member in 2019. My 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin has been a member in Michigan for many years. I had always thought about joining but never got the opportunity to until I moved to Florida. My Son Kevin, Jr. is also a member and my Father and Brother-in-Law (also a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin) are memorial members. My daughter Amy just had a son, Link George Spears, and I will be signing him up as well.**

## **What roles in SAR have you held and for how long?**

**I have been Treasurer for Clearwater since January of 2020 and Secretary-Treasurer for St. Petersburg since September of 2020.**

## **Interesting thing people may not know about you? i.e., other hobbies etc...**

**I have 4 children serving in the military, 3 in the Navy and 2 in the Army. One just left the Navy after completing 9 years of service. Although I never had the opportunity to serve in the military, I was active in the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps for 14 years. I commanded the Southeast Michigan Area for 3 years and then the Gulf Coast of Florida for 3 years. I also commanded the Suncoast Squadron in Clearwater for 2.5 years. I ran several boot camps for 100+ cadets at MacDill AFB in Tampa. I retired from that role on 01 MAY 2021.**

**I am a classically trained lyric tenor who studied opera for 12 years. I have sung the National Anthem at Comerica Park for a Detroit Tigers game in front of 32,000 people. I have been a cantor at various Catholic churches over the past 35 years. In 2019 our parish Music Director moved to Lake Placid in Highlands County so the Pastor asked me to take the post. So now I am the Director of Music, Organist and Choir Master at St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church in Brooksville for the past 2 years.**

**I am an avid fitness buff. I run at least a mile every day, rain, shine, heat, humidity, and hurricanes! I have been doing this for over 6 years. I have run 3 marathons, 10 half marathons, 2 triathlons, and numerous 10ks & 5ks**

**I am strongly committed to the goals of SAR since I believe that teaching our Nation's history to the next generation is vital to our future strength and prosperity.**







*Looking Dapper in my bow tie!*



*2 Macs in Bows! One is on shore leave.*



*With my dear wife Lois at the Flying Pig Marathon, Cincinnati, 2016*



*My first division of recruits circa 2008. Still friends with most of them!*



*Commanding Honor Division 004 in 2010 at Great Lakes.*



*Taking Command of Suncoast*



*Kevin Sr. and Kevin Jr. - Tiger Cruise aboard USS Rushmore - 2010*

**Thank you Kevin!**

