

The Tampa Patriot



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**Next
Chapter
Meeting**

**10 Jan 2026
11:30 am**

Arthenia L Joyner
Community Library
13619 N 22nd St, Tampa



SAR Mission Statement:

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Tampa SAR

President: Roger Roscoe

1st Vice-President: Will Wagner-Hart

2nd Vice-President: Joe Dato

Recording Secretary: Bob Yarnell

Secretary-Treasurer: Greg Holder

Chaplain: Walter W Oswald

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Swain

Member-at-Large: Terry Doan

Past President: Robbie Robinson

Chancellor: Charles Klug

Historian: Bob Yarnell

Registrar: Dick Young

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell/Matt Cole

Color Guard Commander: Dick Young

Newsletter Editor: Will Wagner-Hart

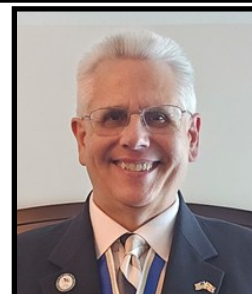
If anyone would like to submit something for the newsletter for publication, please get it to Will WH by the 20th of the month for consideration. Thank you.

From the office of the Tampa President...

Hello Compatriots & Friends,

I hope all of you had a wonderful relaxing holiday.

I want to thank our Tampa Chapter members for renewing for 2026. We have a very exciting 2026 planned for all of you with informative guest speakers, social activities, Liberty Tree dedication, and 250th celebrations.



The Tampa Chapter also needs a Librarian. We have a case with many fantastic books that are available to be checked out to all of you at each meeting. Please consider stepping up and volunteer to take over this responsibility.

Here are the list of speakers for the next few months. None of them are not charging our chapter to speak. Please go out and visit their websites and consider making a purchase of their books as of way to thanking them. If you have a suggestion on a topic or know of a speaker please let me know.

January 10th Mr. Kent Gallamore. He will be presenting in-person on the Battle of Cowpens, SC on January 17, 1781.

February 14th Mr. Tom Hand, author of several books. He will be virtual. Please visit his website at www.americancorner.com

March 14th Mr. Andrew Och, author of several books, he will be discussing the roles of the First Ladies of the United States. He will be virtual from Washington, D.C. Please visit his website at www.firstladiesman.com

April 11th Mr. Richard Sanchez, author of several books, will be speaking at our meeting on Tampa Bay local history focusing on Egmont Key.

Dick Young, our West Central Regional Vice President will be holding a SAR Chapter President's meeting on Saturday, January 31st at 1:00pm at the Arthenia Joyner Community Library.

This meeting is open to everyone.

Limited number Sponsorships and Tickets are now on sale for The De Soto Chapter DAR America 250 Ball taking place on Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Tampa Yacht and County Club. Details are listed later in the newsletter.

Our Chapter has been invited to attend several 2026 Naturalization Ceremonies. There will be 60 new citizens getting sworn in at the morning and afternoon ceremonies. We will need volunteers to attend to welcome and congratulate our new United States citizens (July 17, August 28, October 23, November 6, December 18 morning & afternoon ceremonies).

Don't forget the chapter is putting together a Mentorship program starting in 2026 that will be led by our Chapter Chaplain, Walter Oswald. I hope many of you will consider volunteering for this wonderful new program.

Please keep in your prayers our member Mark Barie who is having health issues.

Please feel free to invite your friends and family to all our future meetings. Looking forward to seeing all of you next year on Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 am to socialize prior to the meeting start at 11:30 am at the Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa, FL.

Happy New Year!

Roger Roscoe

One of our newest members, Nicholas Trusewitsch very much wanted to join the S.A.R. that he got his sister Beth to help make it happen. Between Beth and Dick / Lisette



Young made one of his dreams happen, witnessed by Compatriot Walter Oswald, for his induction.

2025 New Members:

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| • Robert C Tomczak | 21 Mar |
| • Barton K Gundersen | 28 Mar |
| • Dr. Joel C Silverfield | 11 Apr |
| • Charles D Silverfield | 11 Apr |
| • Phillip L Broyles | 18 Apr |
| • Michael W Holder | 25 Apr |
| • Steven L Greene | 30 May |
| • Charles E Michaels | 27 Jun |
| • Allen D Craig | 27 Jun |
| • Ethan A Arthur | 27 Jun |
| • Mark Hammer | 19 Sep |
| • Alan Powell | 10 Oct |
| • Donald Becker | 10 Oct |
| • Nicholas Trusewitsch | 14 Nov |
| • Mark Turner | 14 Nov |
| • Michael J Williams | 19 Dec |

New Dual / Transfers-In:

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| • Dakota Clabaugh | T-In from MD |
| • Kevin Hackett | Dual from MI |
| • Mark Barie | Dual in FL |
| • Conner Farrell | T-In from IL |

Applicants

Let's be sure to greet them when you see them at a meeting and make them feel welcome.

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| • Colin Brown | • Peter Maass |
| • Jeremy Davids | • Michael Williams |
| • Matthew Rabone | • Leo Acosta |
| • Michael Thomas | • Michael Dickinson |
| • Charles Andrews | • Joel Enns |
| • Joshua Keck | • Dale Lampman |

Tampa Chapter SAR Hillsborough River Camp Color Guard

The Tampa SAR HRCCG presented the Colors for the DeSoto DAR Christmas Luncheon.



Donations to the Color Guard can be made at "<https://tampa-sar.square.site>"



We can never have enough Color Guardsmen. If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard, please contact Dick Young, Chapter Commander or any of the members of the Tampa Chapter Color Guard. You can easily get started with a militia "uniform" for much less cost, than a full Continental uniform. Some websites that carry uniform parts:

<https://www.townsend.us>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com>

<https://www.crazycrow.com>

Other Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR



The Tampa Chapter **HRCCG** attended the American Legion Post 5 Wreaths Across America Ceremony along with a couple of guests: Compatriot David H. being shown a musket With his grandfather Hon. Greg Holder (not shown); and SFC Graves. Compatriot Don Becker was also present but for the ceremony. (not pictured)
Tampa Compatriot M. Frayn's grave was marked with a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery.

Starting with the January 10th meeting, we will be “giving-it-a-go” and trying to host virtual meetings for those that are unable to attend the meetings in person. We would ask that if you are physically able to attend in-person that you please still do so. This is being set up for those that are either NOT LOCAL ANYMORE, but have maintained their Tampa membership; or are *physically—due to health reasons—unable to attend* the meetings in-person and would still like to be able to see and hear what’s happening at our meetings. All will be sent this link: but for those using this option, there will be an email invitation to attend via a web-based Microsoft Teams Meeting invite. Once you join, I will be setting it up so that you won’t hopefully have to wait for me to allow you to join. However, please MUTE your microphone, unless you would like to speak—but then please wait to be recognized before speaking so that we can announce that someone is wanting to speak. If possible let us see your smiling face and have your camera turned on.

Will Wagner-Hart invited you to a Microsoft Teams Meeting:

Tampa Chapter SAR Meeting: Saturday, January 10, 2026, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (EST)

Meeting link: [Tampa Chapter SAR Meeting](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meetup-Join](#)

January 10th Kent Gallamore

Kent Gallamore is a resident of Valrico, FL. Originally from Charlotte, NC, he was a Revolutionary War re-enactor in the 1970s and '80s. He participated in the Bicentennial re-enactments of the battles of Savannah, siege of Charleston, Camden, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, siege of Ninety-Six and the siege and surrender at Yorktown. He served 21 years in the US Army and is a veteran of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A member of the 1st US Vol. Cav. Regiment "Rough Riders in Tampa, has been a member of their Historical Committee and served 5 years as its Chairman. He enjoys the study of history and currently works for CitiBank as a Project Manager.



The Battle of Cowpens, painted by William Ranney in 1845.



February 14th Tom Hand

Tom Hand created *Americana Corner* in 2020 to share informative stories of the momentous events, significant documents and influential leaders that helped create and shape our country. Through compelling articles and captivating videos, Tom hopes to rekindle a spirit of patriotism in his fellow Americans, and remind them of our nation’s incredible past and why our founding era still matters today.

He is the author of a growing series of books that reflect his deep commitment to early American History:

- ⇒ *An American Triumph: America’s Founding Era through the Lives of Ben Franklin, George Washington, and John Adams* — an engaging narrative that blends the personal experiences and historic milestones of three Founding Fathers enriched by 130 images and a dozen detailed maps.
- ⇒ *America Victorious: Lesser-Known Campaigns and Commanders That Helped Win American Independence* — a companion volume that highlights the lesser-known heroes who fought for our nation’s independence across countless battlefields in the early republic.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point (Class of 1982), Tom went on to create the Gilman Cheese Corporation after leaving the military. Now retired from business, Tom devotes his time to Americana Corner and serves on the Board of Trustees for the American Battlefield Trust. He has the good fortune to be married to his best friend, Char, who reviews all his work and provides unending support. He enjoys reading books on American history, classic novels, and playing his guitar.

Treasurer's Notes



Total Account Balance*: \$ 12,468
 Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 7,834
 Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 2,715

*The minimum balance needed to be maintained for this business account is \$5,000.00.

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- \$ 6,310 Dues Payment to N/FLSSAR
- \$ 865 SAR Store (2026/27 Medals & Chapter supplies—on sale)

The past 30` Day **Credits** were from:

- \$ 2,102 Collected in Dues (105 / 124 renewals)
- \$ 613 ETF Reimbursements

Donation Account QR Links



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



Color Guard
Fund Donation



Fort Brooke C.A.R.
Fund Donation

From the desk of the FLSSAR President...

“On December 4th, the Florida Society Executive Committee held our monthly meeting, and had a lengthy discussion about Florida's continued participation in the Club Express pilot program. After significant discussion about the benefits and drawbacks, the overall usage of the system, and the costs associated with the system, the Executive Committee has made the decision to withdraw Florida from further participation in the Club Express pilot effective December 31, 2025. The decision was based on very low usage of the system over the past two years (less than 15% of our members used the system to pay their dues electronically), and the significant cost that the Florida Society would have incurred in order to cover the \$3.00 administrative fee for the other 85% of our membership that is not using the system... The primary impact of this is that at the State Society level, we will no longer be offering electronic dues billing and dues payment. “

- Chris Washler

2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project

The Tampa Chapter SAR is looking to Plant and Dedicate a New Liberty Tree

Once we get the site approved, we are looking at a time-frame in Spring/Summer of 2026 as part of our 250th Celebration.

To get us there, we will need donations as the estimated costs that we're trying to lock down is going to be \$1,500—3,500 for the tree and the marker, more so depending on the marker. We will have a Live Oak tree professionally installed at the site and will have a bronze plaque or engraved stone commemorating the Nation's 250th birthday. Our Color Guard will participate along with the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and Local Scout Troops for the dedication.

Donations can be made in cash to the chapter President

Below Will Be the Sponsorship Categories, and We Will Welcome Your Generous Gifts:

- Paul Revere—\$100
- Patrick Henry—\$250
- Benjamin Franklin—\$500
- George Washington—\$1,000

{Each category has a sponsorship gift and certificate. Obviously, if we surpass our monetary needs, any excess funds will be held in reserve for future Liberty Tree plantings.}

Roscoe, VP's Dato or Wagner-Hart, or the Treasurer, Compatriot Holder. Checks can be made out to "Tampa SAR, with memo annotated to "Liberty Tree" and mailed to: Greg Holder

5812 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33611

Zelle Bank transfer with memo to "Liberty Tree" to "tamapsar.tres@gmail.com"

Credit Card/Apple-Google Pay @ ["https://tampa-sar.square.site"](https://tampa-sar.square.site)



The History of the Liberty Tree:

The Boston Liberty Tree was a famous American elm that served as a central meeting place and symbol for colonial resistance against British rule, particularly for the Sons of Liberty in the lead-up to the American Revolution. It was the site of key protests, including the 1765 Stamp Act demonstrations, where effigies were hung to express outrage. During the Siege of Boston in 1775, British soldiers cut down the original Liberty Tree to suppress the growing movement. News of the Boston Liberty Tree and its symbolism spread quickly to other colonies, leading to the establishment of similar "liberty trees" in towns across America. Where suitable trees were unavailable, large poles were erected to serve the same function—a place for posting official notices and staging political demonstrations.



What Most People DON'T Know About Valley Forge

It was an integrated community.

The encampment at Valley Forge included 12,000 inhabitants. Working and living among them, were 750 black soldiers. The African-American patriots, although not initially welcomed by either George Washington or the Continental Congress, proved their worth at Valley Forge.

In the end, there would be more than five thousand African-Americans who fought in the American Revolutionary War. The United States Army would not be similarly integrated until the Korean War almost 175 years later.

It was not that cold.

Historical records now confirm that the winter of 1777–1778, was not as harsh as originally thought. Valley Forge, located just 20 miles southeast of Philadelphia, saw temperatures fall into the single digits on just two occasions. Ironically, this made living conditions, even worse. The mud, the slush, the constant changes in weather from above-freezing to below-freezing, made soldiers' lives even more difficult. Their day-to-day struggles and their assigned tasks became considerably more difficult.

My three sons.

George Washington surrounded himself with smart and experienced men throughout the revolutionary war. But he chose just three men to become his closest friends and most trusted confidants. All of them were very young.

These three men were said to be like sons to the childless 45-year-old commander-in-chief. They included Alexander Hamilton, age 22, Hamilton's closest friend, John Laurens, age 23, and the Marquis de Lafayette, just 19 years old when Washington first made him a General in the Continental Army.

Hamilton and Laurens were with Washington at Valley Forge. All three were very much a part of George Washington's inner circle, for the remainder of the revolutionary war.

No food, no clothes, and no place to sleep.

Most people are vaguely aware of the terrible conditions at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777–1778. But did you know precisely how bad it was?

Washington himself estimated that 1/3 of his 12,000-man army had no shoes. The majority of the men had no coats. In fact, when those men stood guard duty, they often stood on their hats. This widespread tactic was designed to avoid frostbite from the ice and snow. It was not an effective strategy and many of the men lost toes and fingers as a result. Those soldiers lucky enough to own blankets, used the worn and tattered material as a coat.

When a delegation from the Continental Congress paid a visit to Washington at Valley Forge, they were shocked to see men standing outside wearing little or even no clothes at all. The men were wrapped in a blanket and nothing more. Congress would henceforth argue a lot less about the financials appropriations which Washington regularly requested.

When the Commander in Chief first arrived at Valley Forge, he ordered each man to build his own 12 x 12 hut and cover the dirt floor with loose straw. Washington expressed his hope that the men would at least be warm when they were in their huts. Finding loose straw in the middle of winter, however, was no easy task.

In addition to all of that, an extreme shortage of food existed. It should come as no surprise that 1/3 of Washington's 12,000 man army deserted their posts well before the spring of 1778. That would be more desertions than at any time during the Revolutionary War.

Viva la France!

George Washington used his time in winter quarters to entirely remake the Continental Army. He recruited Prussian General Baron Freiderich, von Steuben to train the men in the proper conduct of war. The transformation was miraculous. The drill master, who could curse in several languages, was loved and respected by the soldiers. And the US Continental Army

quickly became a serious challenger to Britain's Army, the largest and most powerful in the world.

General Louis de Portal, the man credited with creating the precursor to today's Army Corps of Engineers, directed the erection of defensive works at Valley Forge. He, along with General Henry Knox, rebuilt and thoroughly fortified the encampment such that the British refused to attack George Washington's winter quarters, for fear of failure.

Polish Count Casimir Pulaski, transformed Washington's motley crew of scouts and mail riders into an effective and highly disciplined Calvary. Their strategic transformation suddenly rendered Washington's daily communications timely and effective.

And, it was during Washington's stay at Valley Forge, that the commander-in-chief appointed General Nathaniel Greene as the Army's Quartermaster. Greene was a miracle worker. In relatively short order the men had food, clothing, and decent shelter.

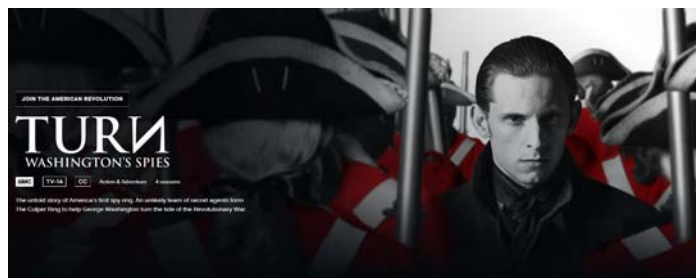
But perhaps the most significant improvement in both morale and performance came when France decided to ally itself with the United States. Washington learned of the Franco-American alliance while at Valley Forge in May 1778. It was formal recognition that the United States could very well win its fight for independence and begin the country's journey to becoming the greatest nation in the history of the world. In retrospect, Valley Forge was not George Washington's worst nightmare.

It was his finest hour.



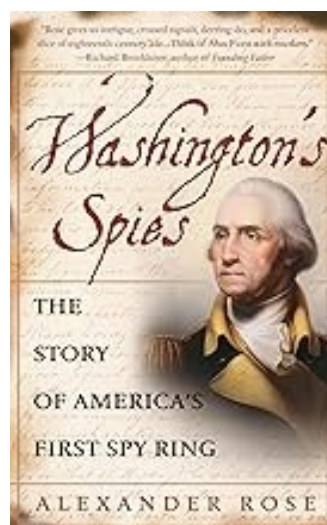
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QR Code

All Members, please take a moment and complete the Youth Protection Training Module on the SAR.ORG website. Scan the QR code for ready-access. Thank you for your cooperation!



Streaming on Netflix & AMC+

Based on the book "Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring," this Revolutionary War series centers on Abe Woodhull, a farmer living in British-occupied Long Island, who bands together with a group of childhood friends to form the Culper Ring. Together, they risk their lives and honor, turning against family and king for a fight they believed in passionately.



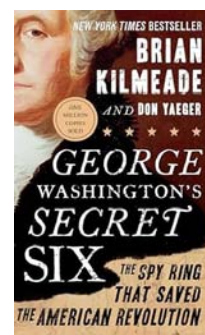
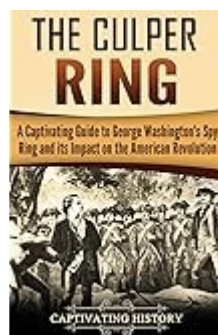
One of our past meeting speakers:
Alexander Rose...

Available on Amazon

\$14.95

Based on remarkable new research, acclaimed historian Alexander Rose brings to life the true story of the spy ring that helped America win the Revolutionary War. For the

first time, Rose takes us beyond the battlefield and deep into the shadowy underworld of double agents and triple crosses, covert operations and code breaking, and unmask the courageous, flawed men who inhabited this wilderness of mirrors—including the spymaster at the heart of it all.



Sons of American Revolution 2026 Program Honoring England and Bermuda



London, Oxford, Cotswolds, and Bermuda

Included in 2026 SAR Trip to England and Bermuda

Hotel - 10 Nights – see included hotels

- 1 Night – Radisson Blu Heathrow – LHR Airport
- 2 Nights – Hatherly Manor – Gloucester, England
- 2 Nights – Randolph – Oxford, England
- 2 Nights – St Ermin – London, England
- 3 Nights – Grotto Bay Beach Resort and Spa - Bermuda

Breakfast Daily in hotel restaurants

- 4 Lunches
- 5 Dinners
- 3 Receptions

Daily touring with private coach, driver and expert, English speaking guides.

All entrance fee and charges for events included in the program

Transportation to London Airport

Roundtrip Airport Transfer Bermuda

Price Per Person \$6,699.00
based on two persons sharing double accommodations

Single Supplement \$1,899.00
based on one person in single accommodations

<https://registration.socio.events/e/sar26gunpowder>

Highlights of the Trip:

- SAR Private Meeting with The Honorable George Herbert, The 8th Earl of Carnarvon, in office 2001 to present and the Lady Carnarvon – Fiona Aitken
- Explore Gloucester, England.
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at Hatherly Manor honoring Button Gwinnett, signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- Tour Blenheim Palace
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at St Martin's Church, Bladon, England honoring Sir Winston Churchill.
- Explore Oxford, England.
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at Sulgrave Manor, ancestral home of George Washington's family with a manor tour.
- Tour the Ben Franklin house in London, followed by a SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of him.
- Tour of All Hallows Tower, followed by SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of William Penn born at Tower Hill.
- Private reenactment of the 1775 Gunpowder Plot in Bermuda, followed by a SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- Full Island Coach Tour

First Amphibious Assault Landing Memorial Information



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLORIDA SOCIETY

Ways to support our mission

"250 for the 250" Honor Roll \$250 and above.

⇒ Minuteman muster roll anything under \$250

⇒ • Bronze \$2,500

⇒ • Silver \$5,000

⇒ • Gold \$10,000

⇒ • Platinum \$20,000



Contributions to the Monument are tax deductible; the FLSSAR is a 501(c)(3) Organization.

⇒ Checks should be made payable to FLSSAR; write (FAAM) in the memo section of your check.

FAAM Committee
20210 Moss Hill Way
Tampa, FL 33647

Or go to: 1776Landing.org and hit the donate button.

Email: 1776Landingcontact@gmail.com

THE EVENT

An America 250 Celebration ↑

The dedication is scheduled for March 14, 2026, in Pompano Beach, Florida, at the Fisher Family Pier. Pompano Beach, Florida. Use the QR code or click: <https://visitpompanobeach.com/sons-of-the-american-revolution/> to visit the Hotel Reservation link for this event.



The first amphibious landing is a little-known yet crucial event in the struggle for American independence. On 3–4 March 1776, the Continental Marines conducted the first amphibious assault on foreign soil in the Bahamas, seizing military supplies and making history as America's first overseas landing during the early days of the Revolutionary War. The FLSSAR and the FAAM Committee are committed to the mission statement of the NSSAR, which aims to honor our patriot ancestors, support our communities, and educate and inspire our youth about the founding principles of our nation.

Help Us Reach Our \$260,000 Goal

As we welcome the new year, there is much to celebrate! We have achieved our initial goal, and construction will soon begin. However, we know that construction projects can encounter unexpected costs. Please help us ensure that the First Amphibious Assault Memorial is completed to the highest standard, no matter the challenges we may face while we continue our fundraising efforts.

\$232,863.76 raised toward \$260,000 goal

Questions or Suggestions

Please get in touch with any of the members of the committee if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can reach our ultimate objective: erecting a suitable monument to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our nation by March 7th, 2026

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TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE STORE

NEW!! 250th Anniversary Shirts

Making a listed donation amount to the chapter will allow you to choose from a selection of items to choose from in our chapter "store".

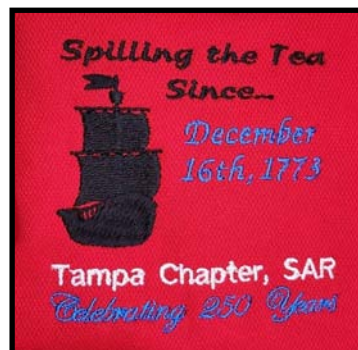
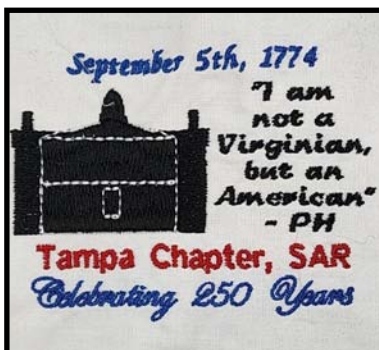
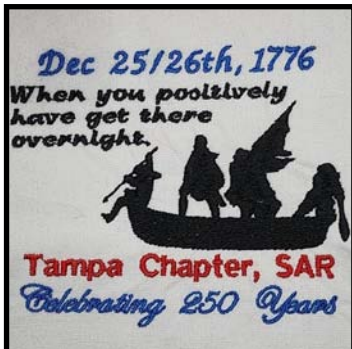
Several logos to choose from already. Get a round iron-on patch version, or the logo in a "flat" layout on a short or long-sleeve shirt or polo. Several colors to choose from as well. Shirt sizes are fairly true to size. Note: some logo colors may be adjusted due to shirt color. Make a donation to the chapter and receive a shirt or patch of your choice, based on the chart below. Credit card Donations will need to be processed with a 3.5% service fee. Also available via the QR code below.

Available Colors
Polo or Dress



Donation Amounts:

Polo \$ 40.00
Dress Shirt (ss/lS) .. \$ 50.00
{Shipping not included}



<https://tampa-sar.square.site/merchandise>



TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE STORE

NEW!!

250th Anniversary
Iron-On
Patches



Personalized Patriot Patch
(Patriot Name & Lifespan)



Boston Tea Party



Bunker Hill



1st Continental Congress



2nd Continental Congress



Reading Declar of Independence



Shot Heard 'Round the World



Tampa Chapter Challenge Coins are in-stock and available. \$ 10.00 each



Midnight Riders

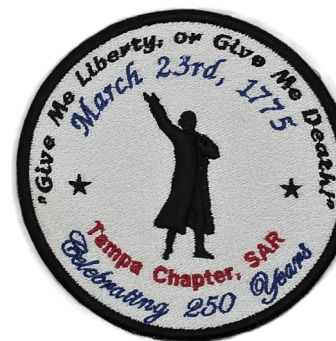


Washington Crossing Delaware



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each



PH-Give Me Liberty



Ticonderoga to Boston

Payment can be made by:

Cash



zelle

tampasar.tres@gmail.com

Check



Square



<https://tampa-sar.square.site>
(service fees will apply)

Donation Amounts:

Personalized Patriot Patch \$ 36.00
250th Anniversary Patches \$ 18.00
{Shipping not included}

<https://tampa-sar.square.site/merchandise>



Upcoming Community Events

Talk to your Congressman!
Keep an eye out for
a "form letter" type email
otherwise to send to your
congressman—coming
soon!



H.R.3057



The National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum needs your help.

On April 29th 2025, H.R.3057- National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act was introduced to the 119th Congress.

[Learn How You Can Help](#)

Contact your Congressional Representative!

Ask them to support Bill **H.R.3057**. This bill is to erect the **National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum** in Jacksonville, FL. Apparently only 8 of 26 congressmen/women have signed up to sponsor this bill at this point. Please reach out to those **you** elected to support this bill! More info should be coming soon in an email.

...from the 119th Congress 2025-26...

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 29, 2025

Mr. Bean of Florida (for himself, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Carson, Mrs. Luna, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Scott Franklin of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for

consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To designate the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, as the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act".

SEC. 2. Findings.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is a civic landmark and cultural institution being built as of the date of the enactment of this Act in Jacksonville, Florida, to honor, connect, inspire, and educate all people about the 142,000 members of the Armed Forces who have been captured as prisoners of war since World War II and the approximately 82,000 members of the Armed Forces who are currently missing in action or unaccounted for since World War II.
- (2) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is a unique and comprehensive project developed for the exclusive purpose of honoring former prisoners of war, those who were missing in action, those still missing and unaccounted for, and for providing a venue for families of these men and women to tell their stories.
- (3) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will publicize the stories of such individuals, showcase the history of the POW/MIA logo, the history of the Naval Air Station Cecil Field as a master jet base, and will serve as a reflective facility for all.
- (4) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will attract and educate a diverse group of people through visitor-centered, interactive, participatory exhibits, and will provide a place for educational programs, special events, and activities connecting all generations.

SEC. 3. National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum.

(a) Designation.—The memorial and museum that is, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, being constructed on an approximately 26-acre area on POW-MIA Memorial Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida, shall be designated as the "National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum".

2026 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- **Jan 10th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Jan 16th-26th, American Revolution Experience, National Travelling Exhibit, Color Guard Assistance ****
(Clearwater, FL)
- **Jan 24th (TBD), Gasparilla Children's Parade—** Color Guard Event ****
(Tampa, FL)
- **Jan 28th- Feb 6th, American Revolution Experience, National Travelling Exhibit, Color Guard Assistance ****
(Dunedin, FL)
- **Feb 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Feb 14th, 2026 F.S.C.A.R. State Conference**
(Gainesville, FL)
- **Feb 20th, 2026 Genesis Prep School Washington Day Celebration ** Color Guard Event ****
(8100 Mitchell Ranch Rd, NPR, FL)
- **Mar 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Mar 14th, 2026 FLSSAR Event First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication**
(Pompano Beach, FL)
- **Mar 21st, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**
(Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)
- **Mar 28, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- **Mar 29th, Vietnam War Veteran's Day ** Color Guard Event ****
(Mission BBQ, 13610 Bruce B Downs, Tampa)
- **Apr 11th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Apr (TBD-14th?), Honor Flight #56 ** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
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- **May 08th, DeSoto DAR 250th Banquet ** Color Guard Event ****
(Tampa Yacht Club, FL)
- **May 09th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **May 8th, N/FLSSAR Event Battle of Pensacola Galvez Day Celebration**
(Pensacola, Florida)
- **May 15th / 16th, FLSSAR BOM**
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **May 16th, Tampa DAR "1776" Meeting ** Color Guard Event ****
(Columbia Restaurant, FL)
- **May 25th, Memorial Day ** Color Guard Event ****
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)
- **May 22nd, FL Orchestra ** Color Guard Event ****
(Straz Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL)
- **May 23d, FL Orchestra ** Color Guard Event ****
(Straz Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL)
- **Jun 9th, Honor Flight #57 ** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Jun 20th, FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge**
(Callahan, Florida)
- **Jul 17th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(Fed Ct House—Tampa, FL)
- **Aug 28th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(Fed Ct House #17—Tampa, FL)
- **Sep 12th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58 ** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM**
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **Oct 10th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

2026—27+ National SAR / Color Guard Events

- **Jan 31st, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Tamarac, FL)
- Feb 27th, NCSSAR Event 250th Anniversary Battle of Moore's Creek, (Currie, NC)
- **Feb 28th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Palaka, FL)
- **Mar 14th, FLSSAR Event First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication** (Pompano Beach, FL)
- **Mar 21st, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Live Oak, FL)
- **Mar 28th, FLSSAR Event 249th Anniversary Thomas Creek Battle** (Jacksonville, FL)
- **Apr 4th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Jacksonville, FL)
- **Apr 17th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Clearwater, FL)
- **April 19th, NSSAR Patriots Day**
- **May 18th, NSSAR Armed Forces Day**
- **May 26th, NSSAR National Memorial Day Parade** (Washington, DC)
- **Jun 14th, NSSAR Flag Day**
- **Jun 27th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Longwood, FL)
- **Jul 2nd-6th, 2026**

HSSAR, Declaration of Independence Anniv. (Philadelphia, PA)

- **Jul 4th, NSSAR Independence Day**
- **Jul 10th-16th, NSSAR 136th National Congress** (Greensboro, NC)
- **August 15th, KYSSAR 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks** (Carlisle, KY)
- **Dec 19th, N/FLSSAR Wreaths Across America** (Nationwide)

**** 2027 ****

- **Jul 9th-15th, NSSAR 137th National Congress** (New Orleans, LA)

**** 2028 ****

- **Jul 6th-12th, NSSAR 138th National Congress** (Columbus, OH)

2026 Upcoming ...

SAR National Event

250th Anniversary

of the

**Declaration
of**

Independence

Philadelphia, PA

*America's Birthplace—
"Ring It On"*

July 2-6, 2026

Make your hotel reservations
today at the Philadelphia
Marriott Downtown

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SONSOFTHEAMREVOLUTION2026>

Thursday July 2, 2026	Friday July 3, 2026
• Reading of the Declaration SAR Public Event	• Salute to Independence Parade
• Independence Hall Tour	• "Ring It On" SAR Public Event
• SAR Evening Reception	• SAR Gala Dinner
Saturday July 4, 2026	Sunday July 5, 2026
• SAR 250 Celebration Public Event	• Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration
• SAR 250 Bench Dedication	• Museum of the American Revolution Tour
• Philadelphia 250 Events	• Social Dinner at Glory Beer Bar

Upcoming Social Events

2026
**TAMPA RAY
 DOWNS**

♠ RACING ♥ POKER ♣ GOLF ♦

Looking for Another Day at the
 Races...

Keep an eye out for email
 updates if the event can get
 organized!

2026



FOR VICTORY
V

USS American Victory
 Ship Museum
 705 Channelside Dr, Tampa

Confirmed

SAVE THE DATE

THE DESOTO CHAPTER
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

AMERICA
 ★250
 Ball

FRIDAY, THE EIGHTH OF MAY
 TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

TAMPA YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB
 TAMPA, FLORIDA
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Party with the Founding Fathers
As we celebrate the writing of the Declaration of Independence
 1776 Attire Encouraged

Confirmed



!SAVE THE DATE!

250 years later, please join us at Independence Hall on
May 16, 2026, 11:00 am, at the Columbia Restaurant
 2117 E. 7th Ave., Tampa

Hosted by the Tampa Chapter NSDAR
 Don't miss out on being a Delegate to the 2nd Continental Congress

Special appearances by Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton,
 Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, The Marquis de Lafayette, and
 State Regent Kim Zeman

AMERICA ★250
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

De Soto Chapter DAR—America 250th Ball Ticket Info

*May 8, 2026—Tampa Yacht & Country Club,
America 250 Ball Sponsorship Levels*



\$20,000 – George Washington https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LD98G7AN3D7AA

- 10 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$10,000 – John Adams https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=EBRAM6L8SB2HY

- 8 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$5,000 – Thomas Jefferson https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RK6P4QBUJJMW8

- 6 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$2,500 – Benjamin Franklin https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2JT4T9997MY4N

- 4 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$1,000 – Alexander Hamilton https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=K9K39WLJT4WVC

- 2 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$500 – James Madison https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=JP7GJEXL2GFKS

- 2 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



\$250 – John Jay https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=M2ECC42EJYYJ

- 1 ticket to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter

Individual Tickets: \$125 https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9HEXB8R3FHVMA

Name, Address, and phone number: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on signage and promotional: _____

Sponsorship level and total: _____

Checks payable to De Soto Chapter DAR; Mail to 1716 W. Lemon Street, Tampa, FL 33606

** Deadline for sponsorship to appear in initial invitation send out January 15, 2026



Monthly Memorial Highlight

Jack Charles Bolen

(Nat'l # 153768)

Patriot: Benjamin Thrower, Pvt in NC



26 May 1943 — 25 Sep 2025

Interred at Serenity Meadows Memorial Park
Brandon, FL

Jack Charles Bolen, 82, of Brandon, Florida passed away September 25, 2025. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 26, 1943 in Atlanta, Georgia to C.M. Mac and Anne Dennard Bolen.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife and best friend of 53 years, June, brothers Rev R.M Bolen and Arthur Frank Murphy and his wife Anne, and granddaughter, Nikki.


Jack is survived by their son Dr. Bobby Bolen, daughter-in-law Sally, brother-in-law Fred Busby (Karen), grandson Tim, Granddaughters Breezy (Nate) and Bethie (Eaton), great grandchildren Taylor, Arianna, Teddy, Calvin, Lily Jo, and Kamryn.

He was past President of Tampa Chapter SAR, founder of the Tampa Bay Civil War Round Table, member of Capital View Lodge 640, as well as several other organizations.

Services will be held for Jack on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at Serenity Meadows Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 6919 Providence Rd, Riverview FL 33578. Visitation will be from 12pm to 1pm with a funeral service at 1pm and a graveside service to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation
in Jack's memory to Special Olympics of Florida,
or the Shriners.

In Memoriam... Let us not forget our past compatriots

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
11/30/2025	Merck, Robert Rabun	6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr	11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"
10/22/2025	Badger, Timothy Martin	4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,	5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,
9/25/2025	Bolen, Jack Charles	12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,	8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,
6/25/2025	Bradley, James Russell	11/5/2004	Schabacker, George McRae,	6/24/1971	De Pury, Erwin Clark,
3/30/2024	Handly, James Caldwell, Jr	8/3/2004	Sumner, Robert Stanley,	9/20/1970	Richards, Robert Goodale,
4/28/2023	Ward, Ira John,	5/27/2004	Arter, Glenn Allan,	12/1/1969	Chambers, William Bass,
5/12/2022	Copeland, Charles Thomas,	7/19/2003	Mason, Herbert Preston, Jr	9/23/1967	MacFarlane, Howard Pettingill,
11/28/2020	Putney, Louis William,	9/6/2002	Prouty, Albert Leo,	5/1/1967	Baker, Wilson LeGrande,
10/23/2020	Sweeney, Thomas Robert,	8/16/2002	Halbert, Kirby Smith,	1/1/1964	Terry, Charles Edwin, Sr.
6/6/2020	Sessums, Thomas Terrell,	7/11/2002	McGee, Bennett Hiram,	11/26/1946	Knight, Peter Oliphant, Sr.
1/6/2020	Hackney, Harold Dean,	3/12/2002	Lillard, James Walker,	(Unknown)	Back, Allen Linthicum,
12/6/2019	Drew, Frederick Gardner,	11/13/2001	Hill, Robert Ray, Sr		
8/28/2019	Kelly, Leo Curtis, Jr	10/23/2001	Tyson, Leo Eugene, Jr		
7/6/2019	Garrison, Charles Pendleton,	6/2/2001	Wright, John Parke, 3rd		
5/2/2019	Leroy, Sr., Philip Neil,	3/27/2001	Gunter, John Stanley,		
2/13/2019	Denham, Robert Hampton,	3/10/2001	Hatcher, William Reed,		
9/26/2018	Alexander, Milton Judson,	12/22/2000	Stewart, Rufus Bluette,		
9/24/2018	Coats, Larry Gene,	5/15/2000	McWilliams, Robert Creighton,		
5/9/2018	Lane, Walter Wishart, Jr	4/29/2000	Stone, Willis Harold,		
1/18/2018	Guyer, James Talbot,	5/8/1999	Musgrove, Albert Francis,		
3/7/2017	Ledbetter, Billy James,	12/16/1998	Wilson, William Sidney, Jr		
7/15/2016	Clepper, Glenn Alan,	11/13/1998	Goodwin, Donald Edward,	Chaplain Comments: One of the duties of the Chapter Chaplain is to send cards to our members that are sick. Another is to send a sympathy card to the family of a member who has passed away. If you know of anyone that should be the recipient of these cards, please mention it to the Chaplain or one of the other officers at our next meeting.	
5/8/2016	Weaver, Paul Elwood,	10/30/1997	Kosch, Philip Cobe,		
2/18/2016	Denham, Robbins Hampton,	11/12/1996	White, John Morgan, 3rd		
12/9/2015	Tetrick, Dwight ,	10/8/1996	Seymour, John Jennings,		
1/30/2015	Miller, Martin Philip,	4/26/1996	Carleton, Daniel Erwin,		
1/1/2015	Hurley, Richard Lindsay,	1/5/1994	Stoner, Edmund Curtis, Jr		
12/8/2014	Patton, Freddie Hon,	6/21/1993	Smith, James Otis, Jr		
6/13/2014	Reese, Gray Earle, Jr	3/9/1992	Lane, Walter Wishart, Sr		
6/10/2014	Skillman, John Earle, 3rd	6/1/1990	McCleary, Edgar Thomas,		
4/22/2014	Frayn, Michael Timothy,	8/13/1989	Haverstock, Arthur Burton, Sr		
3/12/2013	Thrasher, Elwin Roland,	11/14/1988	Bradley, Frank Darlington, Jr		
1/11/2013	Rich, Gaius Barrett, 4th	9/11/1988	Showers, Austin Ellwood,		
10/20/2012	Hawn, Willard Warven,	3/7/1988	Felton, William Harrison,		
1/20/2012	Walker, Joseph Thomas, Jr	9/2/1987	Winfree, Woodson Clyde, Jr		
11/7/2010	Jenks, David McCreight,	8/11/1987	Thompson, Uldric , 3rd		
5/20/2010	Stebbins, Rodney Jerome,	11/25/1980	Hiers, James Lawrence,		
6/6/2009	Dickerson, Theodore Vance, Jr	4/23/1979	Elliot, Malachi Leo, 3rd		
1/10/2009	Dickson, John Butts,	1/28/1979	McCollum, Harvey Darling,		
2/24/2008	Chambers, James Augustus, Sr.	1/16/1979	Gale, Edward Hinsdale,		
9/29/2007	Pacheco, John , Jr	4/6/1978	Collins, Thomas Julian,		
1/5/2007	Huntley, Larry (nmi),	1/29/1975	Harrison, John Norton, Jr		
11/18/2006	Moore, Julius Bruce,	9/25/1973	Richie, Claude Griffith,		

Tampa Chapter Book Library

Title	Author
1776	David McCullough
Alamo of the Revolution: Benedict Arnold & Ft Griswold	Jerald P Hurwitz
Alexander Hamilton	Ron Chernow
American Sphinx: Character of Thomas Jefferson	Joseph J Ellis
Benjamin Franklin: An American Life	Walter Isaacson
Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation	Joseph J Ellis
George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father	David O Stewart
His Excellency: George Washington	Joseph J Ellis
James Madison and the Making of America	Kevin R.C. Gutzman
James Madison: A Life Reconsidered	Lynne Cheney
John Adams	David McCullough
John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail	Tim McGrath
John Jay	Walter Stahr
Love and Terror in Havana	Mark Barie
Realistic Visionary: A Portrait of George Washington	Peter R. Henriques
Robert Morris: Financier of the American Revolution	Charles Rappleye
Sons of the Father: George Washington and His Proteges	Robert M.S. McDonald
Speaking of Florida: My Time Remembered	T. Terrell Sessums
Tampa Bay's Waterfront: Its History & Development	A.R. Savage & R. Kite-Powell
The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family	Annette Gordon-Reed
Washington: A Life	Ron Chernow
Washington's Crossing	David Hackett Fischer
Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring	Alexander Rose

If anyone would like to read any of the above listed books, please call or email Will Wagner-Hart (or any of the current officers) and we will get that book to the next meeting for you to pick up. The library book case is very cumbersome to bring to each meeting, so please while we encourage all to take advantage of them, please just make requests of any book you'd like to read, and it will be made available to you at the next meeting.



Committee Chairmen

250th Anniversary: Joe Dato

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

Veterans: Chris Meredith

Flag Recognition: Terry Doan

Mentorship: Walter Oswald

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Youth Awards: (W. Wagner-Hart, Coordinator)

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- Knight Essay: Bob Yarnell
- Rumbaugh Oration: _____
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- Brochure Contest: _____
- Youth Video Contest: _____
- American History Teacher: _____

Miscellaneous Reminders:

The Facebook group page for the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is "SAR Tampa Chapter". It is a public page, feel free to follow & catch updates to the chapter events. Feel free to post pictures or comments. Invite all your friends to look.

Websites—remember you can find information about the chapter and programs on the chapter website: <http://www.tampasar.org>, and that you can find information related to the Florida SAR at <http://www.FLSSAR.org>, and the National SAR website is <http://www.sar.org>

The SAR is

... a historical, educational, & patriotic non-profit, United States 501 (c) 3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend (1) the institution of American freedom, (2) an appreciation for true patriotism, (3) a respect for our national symbols, (4) the value of American citizenship, and (5) the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation, and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

Secretary Request:

Any officer or committee chairman giving a report that includes numbers or names, I would appreciate it if you could give me that information either via email prior to or after the meeting or hard copy at the meeting. During the meeting I may easily miss those details and that information will enable us to have more accurate and complete minutes.

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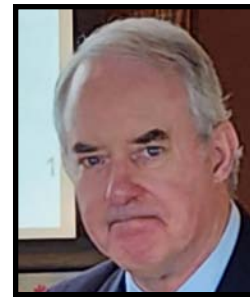
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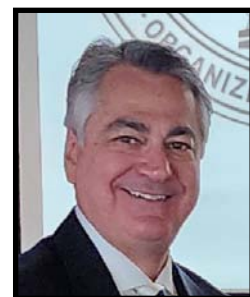
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