

The Tampa Patriot



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**Next
Chapter
Meeting**

**11 April 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, servicing 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 Cmdr: Will Wagner-Hart

Newsletter Editor: Will Wagner-Hart

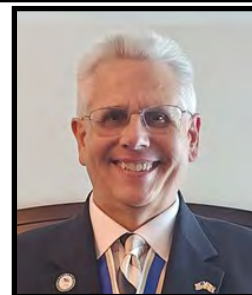
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If anyone would like to submit something for the newsletter for publication, please get it to Will WH by the 20th of the month for consideration. Thank you.

From the office of the Tampa President...

Hello Compatriots & Friends,

I want to thank Mr. Andrew Och (www.firstladiesman.com) who was our virtual speaker at our March meeting on his insightful discussion on Martha Washington; Abigail Adams.



The dedication of the First Amphibious Assault Memorial took place in Pompano Beach on Saturday, March 14th. I want to thank Will Wagner-Hart, Robbie Robinson, Dick Young, and Charles Klug who attended the dedication on behalf of the Tampa Chapter.

We had another successful "Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs on Sunday March 22nd. I want to thank our Tampa Chapter Events Chairman Rick Gray for putting this all together. We are looking forward to going again at the end of 2026 or the beginning of 2027. Please contact Rick when you would like to attend.

We are always looking for new ideas for social activities for the Chapter in 2026. These activities could be tours, food/drinks events, trivia, etc. If you hear about any America 250 events in the Tampa Bay area, please let us know.

Our 2nd Vice President Joe Dato has been working very hard as the Chapter 250th Anniversary, Liberty Tree Chairman. We are planning to have a dedication ceremony; party by October 2026. We are looking at several locations in Hillsborough County. The Tampa Chapter is actively raising funds. We have currently raised over \$2,000. We need to raise another \$2,500. I want to thank all of you that have already donated. Please consider making a personal or professional donation in any amount so we can reach our goal soon.

The Florida State Society will be holding the Spring, Board of Management Meeting (BOM) on Friday May 15th & Saturday 16th in Orlando at the Embassy Suites. We have several delegate positions available to fill for the Saturday meeting. We will be discussing it in more detail at the April meeting.

We only have two more meetings until we break for the summer and return in September. We will be holding Tampa Chapter elections in November. If your

interested in running for a position or serving on a committee or in the color guard, please talk to any of our officers for more information.

Here is the list of speakers for the rest of the year:

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

May 9th Ms. Sarah Botstein, is an American documentary film producer. She works with award winner Mr. Ken Burns and helped directed the six-part PBS miniseries The American Revolution that was released November 2025 on PBS. She will be discussing the series virtually and answering your questions.

September 12th Tampa Chapter Compatriot David Whipkey will be speaking in person on "Why Did they Come to the Colonies, Why Did they Leave Their Homelands?" The reason why migration took place. He will be discussing several of his ancestors that came to America from 1730s to 1750s.

October 10th Mr. Steven W. Hill, will be presenting virtually his book "Battle Flags of the Wars for North America, 1754-1783". His discussion will cover the regimental flags of the major combatants in the two major wars for North American in the eighteenth century—flags carried by regiments from Britain, France, Germany, and Spain. This has long been a subject surrounded by myth, legend, and inaccuracy; the last "standard" work is more than forty years old. You can purchase his book from Amazon.

November 14th Our guest speaker will be Mr. Donald Gunn in person who will be discussing Patriot Patrick Henry.

Don't forget that our chapter has been invited to attend several 2026 Naturalization Ceremonies. There are still slots available to attend. Please see any of the officers to sign up for these slots.

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, May 9th 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.

Roger Roscoe
Tampa Chapter President

2025/26 Newest Members:

- 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
- Colin Brown 16 Jan
- Matthew Rabone 23 Jan
- Leo Acosta 06 Feb
- Peter Maass 06 Feb
- Michael Thomas 06 Feb
- Jeremy Davids 20 Mar
- Michael Dickinson 20 Mar
- Charles L Andrews 27 Mar
- Joshua A Keck 27 Mar
- Joel A Enns 02 Apr

New Dual / Transfers-In:

- 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.

- Christopher Brown
- Matt A Pickering
- Matthew P Pickering
- David W Lampman
- David D Lampman
- Jake Rees
- Richard D Matthews
- Joe A Pickering
- Robert E Collins, Jr
- Kirk M Rashka
- Dale Lampman
- Stephen Willie

Tampa Chapter March 2026 Meeting

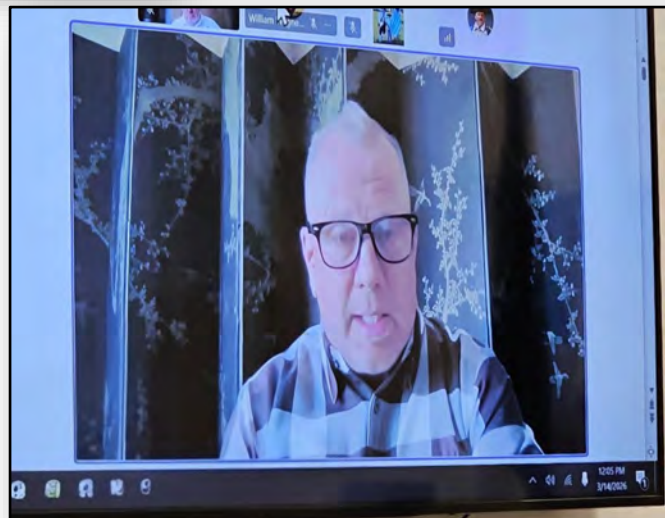


Pres. Roscoe presented compatriot John Black with his latest approved supplemental. (above)

Andrew Och, the First Ladies Man came to us virtually for a presentation on Martha Washington and Abigail Adams. (below)

Pres Roscoe presented compatriot Allen Craig with his SAR Military Service Medal, NSSAR Veteran's Service Certificate, and FL Veteran's Battalion Certificate. (above)

Pres. Roscoe with our newest inductee, Leonardo Acosta with his proud father and family (below).



Tampa Chapter March 2026 Meeting



Pres Roscoe presented compatriots Bill Leroy—virtually—and Bill Swain with their Liberty Tree Sponsorship Certificates of Appreciation. Thank you gentlemen for furthering our Project! (Right)



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.}



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



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

To get us there, we will need donations as the estimated costs that we're trying to lock down is going to be ~ \$3,500 for the tree and the marker, more so depending on the marker. We may have a Live Oak tree professionally installed at the site, or use an existing tree donated and will have a bronze plaque, or engraved stone/bench commemorating the Nation's 250th anniversary 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 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: Joe Dato, P.O. Box 320382, Tampa, FL 33629, or Zelle Bank transfer with memo to "Liberty Tree" to "tampasar.tres@gmail.com".

2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project

Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: March 14th, 2026

Place: Arthenia L. Joyner Comm. Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Bob Yarnell

The March, 2026 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by Pres. Roger Roscoe at 11:30am on Sat the 14th.

Following the usual opening exercises, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, and the SAR Mission Statement.

President Roscoe introduced several guests, including the grandmother of Leo Acosta, who was present to see her grandson inducted into membership.

Minutes for the Feb meeting were approved. Due to the absence of several officers, President Roscoe did an overview/review of what's on-deck and what things the chapter is working on.

Details for the DAR 250 Ball were reviewed as well as information for those planning to attend the festivities in Philadelphia this July.

Details of the Tampa Chapter "Day at the Races" were reviewed.

Members were reminded to check the state webpage for information of 250 commemorations going on around the state.

The list of local/regional naturalization ceremonies was put on the screen for those interested in attending one or more of them.

Even as we were meeting, the First Amphibious Memorial was being dedicated with appropriate ceremony in Pompano Beach.

President Roscoe gave an update on where we stand regarding the Liberty Tree project.

Dates for future Honor Flights were presented to the Chapter.

Treasurers report. Total funds \$12,994.00. Funds available \$7,994.00.

The program was a talk by Andrew Och, author of On the Road with American First Ladies. He focused on the contributions made by Martha Washington and Abigail Adams but also included some short stories and anecdotes about other First Ladies.

Registrars report. We have 12 applications at National and 2 supplementals.

Leo Acosta was inducted into membership.

John Black was given his recently approved supplemental.

Allen Craig received his Military Service Medal, Fl. Veteran Battalion Certificate and NSSAR Veteran Corps Certificate.

Bill Swain and Bill Leroy were recognized for their sponsorship assistance for the Liberty Tree.

OLD Business—1st VP Will Wagner-Hart joined us virtually and the membership viewed pictures of our new Chapter Banners.

President Roscoe reminded the members that the next meeting would be on April 11th.

50/50 netted \$26 for the Chapter. Chaplain Oswald gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.



YPT
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!



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLORIDA SOCIETY**

It all came together beautifully and several of our chapter members were able to be in attendance, in addition to PG Michael Elston, and FLSSAR president Chris Washler. Committee Chairpersons Robbie Robinson with wife Kathy, and Dick Young and wife Lisette, as well as FLSSAR chancellor Charles Klug, and wife Victoria, and Will Wagner-Hart. Robbie and Will were also part of the color guard and raised the US Flag at the monument at the beginning of the ceremony.



First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication—14 Mar 2026





RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

March 14, 2026



Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution as you dedicate a lasting memorial to the First Amphibious Assault Landing conducted by Continental sailors and marines on March 3-4, 1776.

The strategic decisions made by the Navy's Commodore Esek Hopkins and Marine Captain Samuel Nicholas eventually led to the capture (with little resistance) of critical gunpowder and supplies during a time when communication with the Continental Congress would take months. I applaud all who present America's inspiring history – as well as Florida's – with accuracy and reverence. As you know, Florida played a unique role in the Revolutionary era as well as throughout American history.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, may this memorial be a herald to all, inspiring awe as we remember the sacrifices of our nation's military and continued commitment to the values that make our state and nation strong.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

Tampa Color Guard Commander, Will WH representing at the Last Naval Battle Commemoration in Merritt Island, March 21st 2026.



Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard

The Tampa Color Guard, joined a local VFW color guard at the Bruce B Downs Mission BBQ to present the Colors for the Vietnam Veteran's Remembrance Day. (right)

Compatriot Dave Bryant Informed us of a veteran at the JA Haley VA Hospital that could use a pick-me-up by a visit from the color guard. Garrett Davis, William Priveau, and the VA staff appreciated our impromptu visit to the CICU wing of the hospital. (below)



We can never have enough Color Guardsmen. If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard, please contact Will Wagner-Hart, 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:

www.townsend.us

www.samsonhistorical.com

www.crazycrow.com



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



Youth Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR



Eagle Scout Youth Program Chairman, Chris Meredith congratulating newly attained Eagle Scout Blake Czyzyk. (above).



President Roscoe met and picked up one of our our Youth Brochure entries, Jacob K.'s submission.

(above)

1st VP Will WH with Winona C, Eliana G, Esther H. and Dora L, from the Montessori House of Hyde Park and their brochure and poster submissions (below).



Eagle Scout Chairman, Compatriot Chris Meredith presented 3 rare / high-level achievement awards to Scout John H. The Summit is the highest rank award a Venturing Scout can achieve; and Quartermaster is the highest rank award a Sea Scout can achieve; and of course the Eagle Scout award. All 3 are extremely challenging by their own right and it is VERY rare for a Scout to participate in all 3 programs of Scouts America and yet alone get it done before their junior year of high school. Congratulations John H! (Left).





Day at the Races...

Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon at Tampa Bay Downs betting on the ponies. Rick Gray did a great job organizing another fantastic get-together.



From Mike Foley checking the monitors to see if his horse had won, to John Black's wife telling him he cannot bet the house away, to the great food that was served. I think Henry Garcia was getting some insider tips from Victoria Klug, but then Charles also had to get his wife to make some side bets on his behalf as well.



** Virtual Meeting Details **

We are hosting 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, April 11th, 2026, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (EST)

Meeting link: [Tampa Chapter SAR April 2026 Mtg](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meetup-Join](#)

Meeting ID: 936 889 922 145 59 Passcode: f8Fx6i



April 11th

Richard Sanchez

Richard is a lifelong resident of Tampa, Florida, and has a great interest in historical topics related to Tampa Bay and the state of Florida. He spent seventeen years volunteering with the State Park Service at Egmont Key and was president of the volunteer organization, the Egmont Key Alliance, for fifteen years. He has spent many years gathering facts and stories about the island to write this book and present it to the readers in a different way, as a series of personal stories.

Richard has worked in various telecom jobs for over thirty-five years at GTE and then Verizon. His final career was in information technology at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. He is now retired and spends his time writing about historical topics in the Bay Area. He also enjoys outdoor activities such as scuba diving and kayaking. He volunteers with the Tampa Bay History Center and is a member of the Tampa Rough Riders, where he works with the Historical Committee.



✧ Upcoming in May ✧

May 9th

Sarah Botstein

Sarah is an award-winning American documentary filmmaker and producer who has collaborated with directors Ken Burns and Lynn Novick for over 20 years. She is a core member of [Florentine Films](#), where she has produced some of the most acclaimed series on PBS, to include her work with her latest major project, a six-part, 12-hour series that premiered in November 2025, which she co-directed and produced alongside Burns and David Schmidt, *The American Revolution*.

The Battle of Thomas Creek

The State Society will be commemorating the Battle of Thomas Creek, which occurred in north Florida on May 17, 1777, on March 28. Here is a brief overview of the battle.

In late April/early May 1777, an expedition of patriot Georgia militia invaded British east Florida. The goal was the capture of St. Augustine but the impetus for the raid was the raiding of Georgia by the East Florida Rangers, a loyalist group that augmented the British garrison in St. Augustine. The British defense of east Florida depended on just a small garrison of regulars at St. Augustine augmented by the Rangers, commanded by Thomas Brown.

The British learned of the Georgia force and moved north from St. Augustine to meet them. Prior to the main engagement at Thomas Creek there was a skirmish as the Georgians marched south. During one of these the Georgia militia captured and killed a Creek warrior.

By the middle of May the Georgia militia force had been reduced to 109 men (down from the 165 who were on hand at the beginning). The British force had approx. 100 regulars, 100 members of the loyalist East Florida Rangers and between 20-40 Creek warriors.

On May 17, at 10am, the British force attacked the Georgians who were camped on Thomas Creek, near where it joined the Nassau River. The fight did not last long. Brown's Rangers and some Creek allies attacked the Georgians. About 30 ran into the swamp. The others retreated. The British regulars had maneuvered to the rear of the colonials. Thus, when the Georgians retreated, they ran right into close to 100 British bayonets. The result was an over whelming British victory. (Given the small numbers approx. 109 colonials and at most 240 on the British side it was more a brief fire fight or skirmish than a battle)

Treasurer's Notes



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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Total Account Balance*: | \$ 12,921 |
| Past 30 Day Expenditures: | \$ 264 |
| Past 30 Day Credits: | \$ 191 |

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

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- NSSAR Store certificates & merch
- Banner pole supplies

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

- Member Reinstatement
- Liberty Tree Sponsorship/donation



Fort Brooke C.A.R.
Fund Donation



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



Color Guard
Fund Donation

TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE STORE

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}



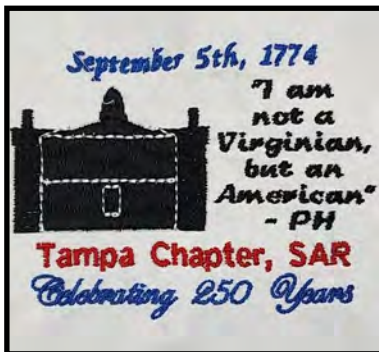
Short Sleeve
Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve
Dress Twill
Shirt



Long Sleeve
Dress Twill
Shirt



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



TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE STORE

250th Anniversary Iron-On Patches



Boston Tea Party



Bunker Hill



1st Continental Congress



Personalized Patriot Patch
(Patriot Name & Lifespan)



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

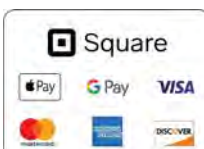
Payment can be made by:

Cash



tampasar.tres@gmail.com

Check



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

Donation Amounts:

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

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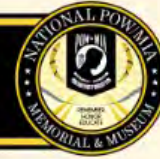


Upcoming Community Events

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

- **Apr 11th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Apr 14th, Honor Flight #56**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Apr 17th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication**
(Clearwater, FL)
- **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 15th / 16th, FLSSAR BOM**
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **May 16th, Tampa DAR "1776" Meeting**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(Columbia Restaurant, FL)
- **May 25th, Memorial Day N/FLSSAR Event**
**** 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)
- **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)

- **Oct 20th, Honor Flight #59**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 23rd, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(USCIS—Tampa, FL)
- **Nov 6th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(US Fed Ct House #10B—Tampa, FL)
- **Nov 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Nov 7/14th, Veteran's Day Parade**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- **Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- **Dec 18th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(US Fed Ct House #17—Tampa, FL)
- **Dec 19th, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event Wreaths Across America**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)



HONOR FLIGHT

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

**** Flights return about 8pm ****

Parking is free.

These are not just Color Guard events; all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **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 20th, FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge** (Callahan, Florida)
- **Jun 27th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Longwood, FL)
- **Jul 2nd-6th, 2026 NSSAR, Declaration of Independence Annu.** (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)



Children of the American Revolution

Fort Brooke Society

Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. is collecting Pop Can Tabs and gives them to the Ronald McDonald House in Tampa who turns around and recycles them.

Please save them and bring them into the meetings, and we will get them to our C.A.R. Chapter.

Care to Donate to the Fort Brooke C.A.R.? Scan the QR code ->



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 Gatherings / Social Events

[East Pasco County Celebrates America 250th | July 4 | 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.](#)

Dade City Historic Courthouse,
37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City



Activities:

- Listening to live music (bring own chair)
 - * High School & Middle School Bands
 - * Soloist and gospel quartet
 - * Community sing-along and bell ringing
- Showing patriotism:
 - * Piccolo & drum entrance
 - * Color Guard
 - * Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem & Proclamation
- Listening to Declaration of Independence Recitations by elementary school students
 - * Honoring military & first responders
 - * Hearing various speakers
 - * Indulging in FREE cupcakes (while supplies last)
 - * Watching fireworks (9:00 p.m.)



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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

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!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

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=RK6P4QBUJMMW8

- 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=M2ECC42EJYJJ

- 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

James Caldwell Handly, Jr

(Nat'l # 200898)

Patriot: Samuel Handly, Cpt in VA/NC



1 Aug 1932 — 30 Mar 2024

Garden of Memories

Tampa, FL

HANDLY, James Caldwell Jr. passed away on March 30, 2024, after braving a long illness. James Handly was born on August 1, 1932, in Tampa, the son of James Caldwell Handly, Sr. and Helen Addison Handly. His wife and partner of 42 years, Patricia Lewis Handly, was by his side with unwavering love.

He attended Roosevelt Elementary, Wilson Junior High, and Plant High School. He graduated high school from The McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN. He earned a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1958 and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. After Georgia Tech he earned a law degree from the University of Florida. He remained loyal to all as a proud alumnus.

James was a lifelong, diehard Yankees fan. His happiest moments began as a young child watching the great players including Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams during annual Florida spring training camps. Well into his 80's he would volunteer at the Yankees training camp games. After graduating from Georgia Tech, he worked at US Phosphoric in Tampa. He would later begin a career practicing law. In his final decades, he traveled the country directing and umpiring professional tennis tournaments for the USTA as a Pro Circuit Supervisor.

Jim proudly served in the US Army Counterintelligence Corp. Jim was a member of the American Legion Post #5. James loved history and was a voracious reader of all things. He was a member of the Friday Morning Musicale and a supporter of the Shriners in memory of his father. He and Patricia also loved traveling and entertaining. Jim never met a stranger and thrived on sharing endless stories and jokes that had his listeners enthralled.

James is survived by his wife, Patricia Lewis Handly, his children he shared with Ann Marr Handly: Katherine Owen (Jim), JC Handly III (Scott Blackwell); grandchildren, Kelsey Coleman (Nick), Matthew Owen; and great-grandchildren, Owen and Elle; his nephew, Eric Dodd; and his brothers-in-law, Levan Lewis (Betty) and Gary Lewis (Sharon) and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Jim attended Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W. San Jose Street .

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

| Date of Death | Name | Date of Death | Name | Date of Death | Name |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 2/19/2026 | Nicholas George Trusewitsch | 11/18/2006 | Moore, Julius Bruce, | 9/25/1973 | Richie, Claude Griffith, |
| 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 Blulette, | | |
| 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, | | |
| 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 | | |



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.

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 |

A big thank you to one of our newest members, Michael Williams who has volunteered to be our chapter librarian and transport our books to and from our meetings for any / all to borrow to read at their leisure.

Thanks for stepping up Compatriot Williams!



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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- J/ROTC: Terry Doan
- Eagle Scout: Chris Meredith
- Knight Essay: Bob Yarnell
- Rumbaugh Oration: Bob Yarnell
- American Poster: Will Wagner-Hart
- Brochure Contest: Will Wagner-Hart
- Youth Video Contest: _____
- American History Teacher: Bob Yarnell

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.

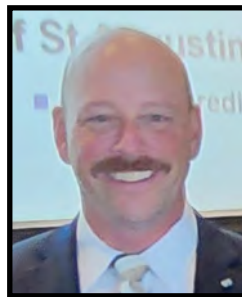
We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen 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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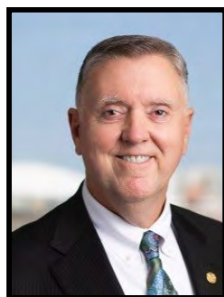
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