

# The Tampa Patriot



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**Next  
Chapter  
Meeting**

**9 May 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

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- President: Roger Roscoe**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Will Wagner-Hart**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**
- Librarian: Michael Williams**

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. Richard Sanchez who was our in-person speaker at our April meeting. I appreciate Joe Dato recommending him. He did a great job.

Our 2nd Vice President Joe Dato has been working very hard as the Chapter 250th Anniversary Chairman with our Liberty Tree/Bench . We are planning to have a dedication ceremony & party well before the end of 2026 at the Veterans Memorial Park located at 3602 US 301 in Tampa. The Tampa Chapter is still actively raising funds. We have currently raised almost \$3,000. We need to raise another \$1,500. 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.

The Florida State Society will be holding the Spring Board of Management Meeting (BOM) on Friday May 15th & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> in Orlando at the Embassy Suites. We have several delegate positions we need to fill for the Saturday meeting. I hope you will consider becoming a delegate to attend the Saturday afternoon election & meeting. Carpooling will be available to help you out. Will Wagner-Hart is running for State Treasurer; Dick Young is running for re-election as West Central Vice President, Charles Klug is running again for re-election as State Chancellor.

This is our last meeting when we break for the summer and return in September. We will be holding Tampa Chapter elections in November. Please consider volunteering for an officer position or serving on a committee. Please talk to Dick Young for more information. If you have an interest in the Color Guard, please get with Will Wagner-Hart.

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

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 from New York City and answering your questions.

[www.pbs.org/explore/pbs-america-at-250/](http://www.pbs.org/explore/pbs-america-at-250/)

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup>** Our guest speaker will be Mr. Donald Gunn in person who will be discussing Patriot Patrick Henry.

I hope all of you have a safe & healthy summer. Please send in your vacation pictures so we can share them in a future newsletter. Looking forward to seeing all of you again on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Take care,

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
- Matthew A Pickering 10 Apr
- Matthew P Pickering 10 Apr
- Joe A Pickering 10 Apr
- Robert E Collins 24 Apr
- Richard D Matthews 24 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 • Kirk M Rashka
- Stephen Willie • Jake Rees
- David W Lampman • Dale Lampman
- David D Lampman •

# Tampa Chapter April 2026 Meeting



Pres. Roscoe got the April meeting started off while sporting the new table banner that also will work as the color guard banner for parades . (above)

Guest SAR member newly moved to the area from Washington DC is hoping to transfer to our chapter, Ryland Norman attended our meeting (above right).

Our SAR Fire Safety Awardees, Tampa Fire Department Firefighters Claudia Nadeau & Therese Woolley (right) and in their native environment (below)



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!

# Tampa Chapter April 2026 Meeting



Pres Roscoe presented Mission BQQ Community Ambassador Allison McCoy with a Certificate of Appreciation for support to the chapter (left). Flag Chairman Terry Doan had several SAR Flag Display Certificates for Pres Roscoe to present to Compatriot Steven Greene's Guest, Thomas West of Windward Lakes, and to the W-Square Ranch (1st VP Wagner-Hart and Bill Hart) (below). New 250th Anniversary Level Awardees: Barry Weins—bronze, Bill Hart—Silver, Roger Roscoe—Gold (bottom)



# Tampa Chapter April 2026 Meeting

Pres. Roscoe inducted 3 new members at our meeting: compatriots Peter Maass, Jeremy Davids, and Michael Dickinson. Congratulations gentlemen! (right).



Below, Jr Member, Henry Y. with father Martin Young, and grandmother Lisette Young were proud to memorialize the membership of Lisette's father Ralph Martin Rowley. Meanwhile, Pres Roscoe managed to get 3 supplementals approved. Congratulations!




# Tampa Chapter April 2026 Meeting



President Roscoe presented our Chapter American History award to Lorena Maass. (above)  
Richard Sanchez was presented a certificate of Appreciation for speaking to the chapter about Judah P Benjamin. (above and right)  
Compatriot Oscar Westerfield gave us a quick 250th minute briefing on the Day in History for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1776. (right)



  
**How lucky can you get?**  
Our Chaplain, Walter Oswald, won the day's 50/50 raffle!  
Presented by Treasurer Greg Holder.  
(left)

## 2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project Update



2nd VP Dato presented compatriots Dick & Lisette Young, John Black, and Henry Y.—representing the Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. with their Liberty Tree Sponsorship Certificates of Appreciation. Thank you all 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 Summer / Fall of 2026 as part of our 250<sup>th</sup> 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, marker/bench, more so depending on the marker/bench. As it's looking currently, the "Plan A" is a monument bench at the Veteran's Memorial Park on US Hwy 301 to be set by a tree that we can coordinate as a Liberty Tree commemorating the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary birthday. Inscriptions will be memorialized directly on the granite bench. 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".

# Tampa Chapter April 2026 Minutes

## Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: April 11th, 2026

Place: Arthenia L. Joyner Community Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Bob Yarnell

The April, 2026 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by Pres. Roger Roscoe at 11:40am on Sat the 11th.

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

President Roscoe introduced new members and several guests.

Therese Wooley and Claudia Nadaeu of Tampa Fire and Rescue were recognized with the SAR Fire/EMT Awards.

Allison McCoy, community ambassador for Mission BarBQ on Bruce B Downs was awarded a certificate of appreciation for Mission BarBQ's support of the SAR as well their support for the military

Minutes for the Mar meeting were approved.

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joe Data updated the Liberty Tree project. It has been determined that the best location will be Veteran's Memorial Park on US 301 just east of Tampa.

They require a bench to be provided with the Tree. Total cost will be \$3500.00. \$2312.00 has been raised so far. A motion was made to go ahead with the project contingent on getting financial support/assistance from the National Society George Washington endowment fund. Dick Young briefly explained the GW Endowment Fund and volunteered to fill out the Grant application. Following some more discussion, the motion carried.

Treasurers report. Total funds \$14,132.00. Funds available \$ 9,132.00.

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

Members were reminded to check the newsletter for the list of color guard opportunities. It will be a busy summer due to the 250 anniversary.

The guest speaker for the month, Richard Sanchez gave a presentation on the escape from the US Judah P Benjamin, emphasizing those Floridians and places in Fla that were part of his escape.

Peter Maass, Jeremy Davids, and Michael Dickinson were inducted into membership.

Ralph Martin Rowley's Memorial Membership was approved and accepted by his daughter, Lisette Young; grandson, Martin Young; and great-grandson, Henry Y.

Roger Roscoe was given his 3 recently approved supplementals.

John Black, Dick & Lisette Young, and the Fort Brooke Society C.A.R were recognized for their sponsorship assistance for the Liberty Tree.

Lorena Maass was recognized as the Chapter winner of the SAR American History Teacher award.

### New Business:

The Chapter revised (via a motion) the amounts to be awarded to middle

school brochure contest winners.

1<sup>st</sup>=\$200, 2<sup>nd</sup>=\$150, 3<sup>rd</sup>=\$100

The winner of the Chapter Brochure contest was a brochure on the Bill of Rights and the Chapter Poster contest winner was a poster on Valley Forge. They will be submitted to the state for judging at the State BOM in May.

Oscar Westerfield did the 250 moment by explaining that while no single event in April 1776 was significant, several things happened during that month that helped to solidify support for Independence.

The 50/50 netted \$63 for the Chapter, and via motion and seconded was donated this time to go towards the Liberty Tree fund.

Following the SAR Recessional, Chaplain Oswald gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

- Rec. Secretary, B. Yarnell

**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, May 9th, 2026, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (EST)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 933 100 125 041 3

Passcode: Gu2T5P

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)



May 9<sup>th</sup>  
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*.

# Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard

The Hillsborough River & Samuel Adams Camps came together to mark the dedication of the Clearwater Liberty Tree at their Veteran's Memorial Park, April 17th, 2026.



## 2026 Color Guard Schedule

- May 8th, DeSoto DAR 250th Banquet (Tampa Yacht Club, FL) ~ 5pm
- May 15th / 16th, FLSSAR BOM (Kissimmee, FL) ~ 6pm
- May 16th, Tampa DAR "1776" Meeting (Columbia Restaurant, FL) ~ 11:30 am
- May 22nd / 23rd, FL Orchestra ??? (Straz Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL)
- May 25th, Memorial Day N/FLSSAR Event (American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)
- Jun 9th, Honor Flight #57 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport) ~ 7:30pm
- Jun 11th, DeSoto DAR, Flag Day Luncheon (Tampa Yacht Club, Tampa) ~ noon
- Jun 27th, AUSA Army Ball (Downtown Tampa Hilton) ~ 5- 9pm
- July 4th, Independence Day Parade (Safety Harbor, FL) ~ 10am- noon
- July 4th, East Pasco Celebrates America 250 (Dade City, FL) ~ 6pm-9pm
- Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport) ~ 7:30pm
- Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM (Kissimmee, FL) ~ 6pm
- Oct 20th, Honor Flight #59 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport) ~ 7:30pm
- Nov 7/14th, Veteran's Day Parade (James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event (Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- Dec 19th, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event Wreaths Across America (American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)

# Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard



Together again, Hillsborough River and Samuel Adams Camps working as one for Honor Flight 56, escorting the veteran's back through airport amongst the many wishing them a warm return, including a 98year old WWII Vet.

## #56



# Treasurer's \$ Notes



Total Account Balance\*: \$ 13,726  
 Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 692  
 Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 1,581

\*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
- Youth Program awards

## The past 30` Day Credits were from:

- Member Application Fees
- Liberty Tree Sponsorship/donation



Fort Brooke C.A.R.  
Fund Donation



Liberty Tree  
Fund Donation



Color Guard  
Fund Donation



## 25 Years of Remembrance & Service

On a Mission to Never Forget

# STEEL ACROSS AMERICA

Connecting a Nation — 25 Years Later

From May through September 11, an authentic World Trade Center steel beam will travel across the United States. The national journey will visit communities and landmark locations, bringing remembrance directly to Americans and connecting generations through a powerful symbol of service and sacrifice.

**37**  
Cities

**23**  
States

**1**  
Mission

**343 Homes: A Living Memorial**

In honor of the 343 FDNY heroes lost on 9/11, Tunnel to Towers will deliver **343 mortgage-free homes** as a permanent living memorial. These homes support catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, Cold Star families, and families of fallen first responders, providing long-term stability and honoring lives of service.

**Ending Veteran Homelessness**

Since 2022, the Tunnel to Towers Homeless Veteran Program has helped **17,500+ homeless veterans** secure housing and gain stability through wraparound services. The mission is clear and urgent: end veteran homelessness in America.

**Educating The Next Generation**

To preserve the history and values that emerged from 9/11, Tunnel to Towers will lead nationwide education efforts through a 9/11 curriculum in classrooms, a Speakers Bureau sharing firsthand stories, and the **9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit** traveling coast to coast.





Visit [T2T.org](http://T2T.org) today for more information



TUNNEL TO TOWERS STEEL ACROSS AMERICA				
Stop	Event Name	Date	Time	Location
1	Downtown Manhattan	5/2	9 AM	New York, NY
2	Fort Wadsworth Kickoff BBQ	5/2	12 PM	Staten Island, NY
3	Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum	5/4	11 AM	Long Island, NY
4	Flight 93 Memorial	5/7	11 AM	Shanksville, PA
5	Home Depot Store Support Center <i>(Home Depot Employees Only)</i>	5/14	11 AM	Atlanta, GA
6	Let Us Do Good Village	5/17	11 AM	Land O Lakes, FL
7	Emma E Booker Elementary	5/19	6 PM	Sarasota, FL
8	Mets vs Miami Marlins / LoanDepot Park	5/22	5:45 PM	Miami, FL
9	USS Alabama ( <i>Memorial Day</i> )	5/25	11 AM	Mobile, AL
10	Louisiana State University - Memorial Hall	5/28	11 AM	Baton Rouge, LA
11	Space Center Houston	5/31	9 AM	Houston, TX
12	The Long Center	6/2	11 AM	Austin, TX
13	Texarkana Post Office & Federal Building	6/3	11 AM	Texarkana, TX

# Tampa Chapter Naturalization Dates for 2026

Compatriots—We still have slots available help welcome newly naturalized citizens after their ceremonies. You don't have to be in colonial or business suit attire or, but presentable casual attire (no t-shirts nor shorts) would be recommended for such an occasion. Please consider attending a ceremony or two if your schedule would allow it.



Date:	Time:	Location:	Attendee #1	Attendee #2	Attendee #3
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Federal Courthouse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom #17		Terry Doan	Will WH*
(Friday)	1100		John Black	Terry Doan	Will WH*
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Federal Courthouse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom #10A		Terry Doan	Will WH*
(Friday)	1100			Terry Doan	Will WH*
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0900	US CIS 5629 Hoover Blvd, Tampa			Will WH*
(Friday)	1100				Will WH*
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Federal Courthouse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom #10B			Will WH*
(Friday)	1100		John Black		Will WH*
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Federal Courthouse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom #17			Will WH*
(Friday)	1100		John Black		Will WH*

## Florida: A Safe Haven for Loyalists

Most people are surprised to learn that during the revolutionary war, as many as 20% of white Americans remained loyal to Great Britain.

Many, if not most of them, fled to the British Colony of East Florida. They were encouraged to do so by both the British government and American colonists. For example, British Governor Tonyn, headquartered in the capital city of St. Augustine and by order of the King, made free land grants available to Loyalist refugees. He even arranged to have signs posted in both Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. Later in the war, he would offer land to Loyalist refugees for below market lease rates.

American patriots, especially in South Carolina and Georgia, also did their best to get the Loyalists to leave. In a revolutionary version of the adage, “Don’t let the door hit you on your way out”, militant colonists were known to tar and feather and even torture their loyalist neighbors. State and local governments, in support of the war for independence, did their part, demanding loyalty oaths from their residents.

The Loyalists that did escape to Florida did not sit idly by while the remaining colonists fought for their independence. When word of the Declaration of Independence first reached St. Augustine, the locals gathered in wild protest and burned both Sam Adams and John Hancock in effigy. Later in the war, when three signatories to the Declaration of Independence were captured in the wake of an American defeat, the trio was sent to Florida and held in a St. Augustine prison until such time as a prisoner swap could be arranged. One of the prisoners, Edward Rutledge, was the youngest person to sign the declaration, doing so at the tender age of 26.

By 1781, the number of Loyalists in East Florida was estimated to be 10,000 people. Two years later that number would grow to 17,375, having been suddenly inflated by the arrival of more than 2900 whites and almost 4500 black colonists who, in the wake of British troop withdrawals, fled large parts of George and South Carolina.

Unfortunately for the Loyalists, the Treaty of Paris which ended the revolutionary war, stipulated that Great Britain would cede all of Florida to Spain. One refugee, so bitter at the prospect of Spanish rule, wrote “... it is not I that deserts my king, but my king that deserts me.”

It would take more than two years for the British to accomplish the evacuation of their Loyalists from Florida. The loyalists, refugees once again, landed in a number of locations, including the Bahamas, Jamaica, the West Indies, and Nova Scotia. More than 3000 of the Loyalists managed to settle in the American states and west of the Mississippi River Valley.

The story of British Loyalists is more easily understood when you consider that many of them were British by birth or accustomed to British rule since their birth. Most importantly, few of them if any at all, gave the American freedom fighters an ice cube’s chance in hell of defeating the most powerful country in the world.

That was a mistake.

# 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}



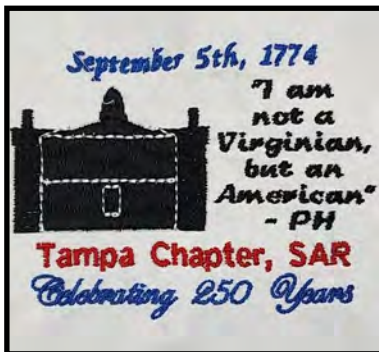
Short Sleeve  
Pique Polo Shirt



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

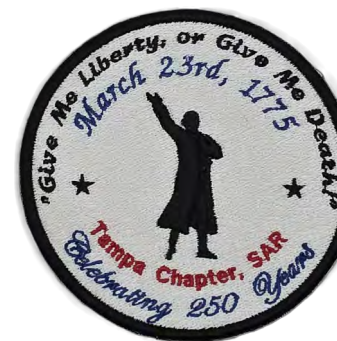


Washington Crossing Delaware



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}

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

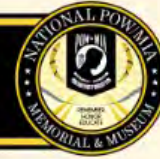


# Upcoming Community Events

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

- **May 08th, DeSoto DAR 250th Banquet**  
**\*\* Ticketed 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**  
**\*\* Ticketed Event \*\***  
(Columbia Restaurant, FL)
- **May 25th, Memorial Day N**  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)
- **Jun 9th, Honor Flight #57**  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Jul 17th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,**  
(Fed Ct House–Tampa, FL)
- **Aug 28th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,**  
(Fed Ct House #17–Tampa, FL)
- **Sep 12th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58**  
(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**  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 23rd, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,**  
(USCIS–Tampa, FL)
- **Nov 6th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,**  
(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**  
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- **Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event**  
(Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)

- **Dec 18th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,**  
(US Fed Ct House #17–Tampa, FL)
- **Dec 19th, 2026**  
**Wreaths Across America**  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)

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](http://www.townsend.us)

[www.samsonhistorical.com](http://www.samsonhistorical.com)

[www.crazycrow.com](http://www.crazycrow.com)



## 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!**


- 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)



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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reading of the Declaration</b> SAR Public Event</li> <li>• <b>Independence Hall Tour</b></li> <li>• <b>SAR Evening Reception</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salute to Independence Parade</b></li> <li>• <b>"Ring It On"</b> SAR Public Event</li> <li>• <b>SAR Gala Dinner</b></li> </ul>

Saturday July 4, 2026	Sunday July 5, 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SAR 250 Celebration Public Event</b></li> <li>• <b>SAR 250 Bench Dedication</b></li> <li>• <b>Philadelphia 250 Events</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration</b></li> <li>• <b>Museum of the American Revolution Tour</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Dinner at Glory Beer Bar</b></li> </ul>

SAVE THE DATE  
 TAMPA CHAPTER  
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Confirmed**

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

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=9HEXB8R3FHVMA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9HEXB8R3FHVMA)

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

**2026**

USS American Victory  
 Ship Museum  
 705 Channelside Dr, Tampa

★ EAST PASCO ★  
 CELEBRATES  
**AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> Birthday!**

1776 250 2026

**SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 6-8PM**  
**FREE EVENT!**

250 Years of FREEDOM

- COMMUNITY SPEAKERS
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FEATURING LOCAL SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- HONORING OUR LOCAL HERO'S

Historic Courthouse  
 ★ IN DADE CITY ★  
 AN EVENING OF PATRIOTISM,  
**COMMUNITY & CELEBRATION!**

HONORING OUR LOCAL HERO'S

ARMY ★ NAVY ★ AIR FORCE ★ MARINE CORPS  
 COAST GUARD ★ SPACE FORCE ★ FIRST RESPONDERS

THEN JOIN US FOR THE  
 ★ GRAND FINALE ★  
**FIREWORKS SHOW!**  
 AT JOHN S. BURKS PARK  
 GRAND FINALE AT 9PM  
 DADE CITY, FL

SPONSORED BY  
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 Daughters of the American Revolution

ONE NATION ★ ONE COMMUNITY ★ ONE CELEBRATION

# Monthly Memorial Highlight

## **Ira John Ward**

(Nat'l # 172789)

Patriot: Daniel Turner, Pvt in PA



**24 Sep 1924 — 29 Apr 2023**

**Florida National Cemetery**

**Bushnell, FL**

Ira John Ward, Lt Col, USA an alumnus of the KHS Class of 1942. Ira, a resident of Clermont, FL, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the age of 98. Born September 24, 1924, in Knoxville, the youngest of seven children, he grew up on the family farm. He attended a one-room country school through the 8th grade graduating from KHS (Knoxville High School) in 1942. After a short stint in the US Navy, Ira received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy, graduating in 1950. After graduation, Ira married Phyllis Beeler of Truro, Iowa. They would have a marriage that lasted 65 years. He was a 20 year career Army officer with combat assignments in Korea and Vietnam. Following retirement from the Army, Ira taught engineering at Iowa State University until his full retirement in 1986 when the family moved to Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers: Ted and Marce; and four sisters: Pauline Henning, Lena Hale, Helen Roberts, and Frances Jean Caswell. Family and friends are invited to attend services at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on Wednesday, Jun 7th at 11:30 am. The Alzheimer's Association is accepting donations in Ira's name.

His wife Phyllis died in 2016. Their children are: two daughters, Linda S. Taylor, (husband), Jim; and Janet L. Oppedal, and (husband) Darrel.

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

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
2/19/2026	<b>Nicholas George Trusewitsch</b>	11/18/2006	Moore, Julius Bruce,	9/25/1973	Richie, Claude Griffith,
11/30/2025	<b>Merck, Robert Rabun</b>	6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr	11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"
10/22/2025	<b>Badger, Timothy Martin</b>	4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,	5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,
9/25/2025	<b>Bolen, Jack Charles</b>	12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,	8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,
6/25/2025	<b>Bradley, James Russell</b>	11/5/2004	Schabacker, George McRae,	6/24/1971	De Pury, Erwin Clark,
3/30/2024	<b>Handly, James Caldwell, Jr</b>	8/3/2004	Sumner, Robert Stanley,	9/20/1970	Richards, Robert Goodale,
4/28/2023	<b>Ward, Ira John,</b>	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	<b>Wilson, William Sidney, Jr</b>		
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

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

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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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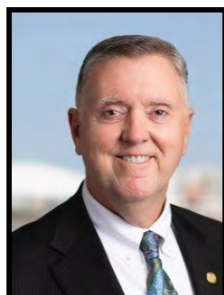
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