

The Tampa Patriot



Tampa Chapter

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**Next
Chapter
Meeting**

**10 Oct 2026
10:30 am**

**Charles J. Fendig
Public Library**

3909 W Neptune 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 — 2026 Officers

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

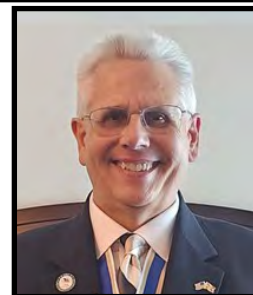
Librarian: Michael Williams

On the Cover: The new sign donated to accompany the new Liberty Elm, both donated by the City of Tampa to become the 2nd Liberty Tree in the Tampa City limits, the other being at Al Lopez Park.

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 all of you that came out to our new location at the Charles Fendig Public Library. We had 12 new members that were inducted. Tampa Chapter Compatriot David Whipkey was our speaker on "Why Did they Leave Their Homelands?" He did a great job. We are looking for speakers for 2027. If you would like to share your family history or if you'd like to speak on a subject on the American Revolution, please let us know.

The City of Tampa was very generous on their donation of a 30-gallon Liberty Elm and sign to the Tampa Chapter at the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa. The dedication took place on August 29th. Mayor Jane Castor Tampa City Councilman Guido Maniscalco, and Florida Society SAR Senior Vice-President Doug Gibbens all attended. The City of Temple Terrace donated existing Grand Live Oak Liberty Tree at Ben Lomond Park. The dedication took place on September 17th. with Mayor Andy Ross and many city staff present. I want to thank all the Daughters of the American Revolution, Color Guard, friends & family that attended.

At our next meeting 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

President's Message Cont'd

America. I encourage you to go out to Amazon to purchase his book as a thank you for his generosity for speaking for free. At this meeting, the officers' nominations will be presented by the Nominating Committee Chairman, Dick Young. This list of officers will be voted on at our November meeting.

The Fall State B.O.M. weekend is Fri / Sat, October 16th & 17th. The main membership meeting is Sat from 1-4 pm. I will be leading a panel discussion on Membership Promotion and Retention for all the state chapters on Friday afternoon. I encourage you to come over to Orlando to make some new friends meet the state officers and learn some new information.

We are now asking you to make your payment for your 2027 Chapter Dues. You have several payment options available to you. Please help your Chapter out and make your payment today. See the Treasurer's Page 14 for Details.

On November 14th we will be holding our Chapter meeting at Veterans Memorial Park in Tampa. We will be honoring a Federal ICE Agent with a SAR lifesaving award. We will be dedicating our Liberty Tree & Bench right after our meeting and having a reception.

December 19th the Chapter and Color Guard will be participating again this year with Wreaths Across America at the Tampa America Legion Post #5. We are looking for volunteers to help lay wreaths. We are planning on going out for lunch after the ceremony.

January 9th, 2027, Chapter Officers Installation Banquet will take place at Maggiano's restaurant at Westshore

mall. Tickets are now on sale for \$53 per person. Please RSVP / make your purchase soon to the Treasurer so we can get a headcount for the restaurant. See the details on page 18 .

All your meetings are open to the public, please invite your friends/family to attend. Please remember to bring cash for our 50/50 and other SAR merchandise that is available for sale.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Saturday, **October 10th at 10:30 am.** at the **Charles Fendig Library, 3909 W Neptune St, Tampa** for our law enforcement awards ceremony.

Take care,
Roger Roscoe
President.

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



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!

SAR Member 2026 Anniversary Dates

name	month	yrs
◇ Charles Grant	Feb	5
◇ George Ridler	May	5
◇ Roger Quackenbush	May	20
◇ John Glass	May	10
◇ James Ledbetter	May	10
◇ Scott Danielson	Jun	5
◇ Matthew Glass	Jul	10
◇ Stephen Price	Jul	35
◇ Michael Mitcham	Aug	25
◇ John Spangler, Sr	Sep	15
◇ Will Wagner-Hart	Sep	5
◇ Tyler Bosco	Oct	10
◇ Mark Barie	Oct	5
◇ Bill Swain	Nov	15
◇ John King	Nov	10
◇ Matthew Balencie	Dec	5
◇ Oscar Westerfield	Dec	5

Members: Come to the monthly meeting of your anniversary (or shortly thereafter) and be recognized for your membership time to the SAR and receive your anniversary pin and certificate. While we would really like to recognize you for your continued commitment to the SAR, we'd ask that you please advise us if and when you're going to do so in order to prepare your certificate and pin. **Pins and certificates will not be prepared without prior notice.** Notice too

can be emailed to:

wawagnerhart@gmail.com

2026 Newest Members:

- MA, MP, JA Pickering 10 Apr
- Robert E Collins 24 Apr
- Richard D Matthews 24 Apr
- Dale Lampman 16 May
- David W Lampman 16 May
- David D Lampman 16 May
- Kirk M Rashka 16 May
- Christopher Brown 16 May
- Jake Rees 05 Jun
- Stephen Willie 22 Jun
- Samuel Hillhouse 24 Jun
- Sean Lund 30 Jun
- Chase Middleton 30 Jun
- Sean Wolff 12 Aug
- Brian Black 12 Aug
- Roger A Shinholser 28 Aug
- James T Macek 28 Aug
- Austin J Selner 28 Aug
- Phillip A Smith 18 Sep
- Phillip G Smith 18 Sep
- Henry B Smith 18 Sep

Transfers-In

- Michael Webb
- Stephen Price
- Gene Magrini

Applicants

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

- Timothy Mouse
- Thomas C Hobbs
- Shane Hill
- Collin Hill
- Tal McElreath
- Clint McElreath
- Joshua Griffin
- Judah Griffin
- Noah Griffin
- Joshua Preuter
- James Andrews
- Floyd Devenbeck
- Robert Oliver
- Nolan Oliver
- Christian Oliver
- Nathan Price

Tampa Chapter September Meeting



The Tampa Chapter September meeting had a great turnout at its new fall location. After the officer reports, we inducted what may have been a record with 12 new members in one meeting. Chapter member Dave Whipkey gave a speech on why some of our ancestors (and his) had left their homelands and immigrated to America (pictured below). We also recognized our military members: active and veterans with SAR military and war service medals



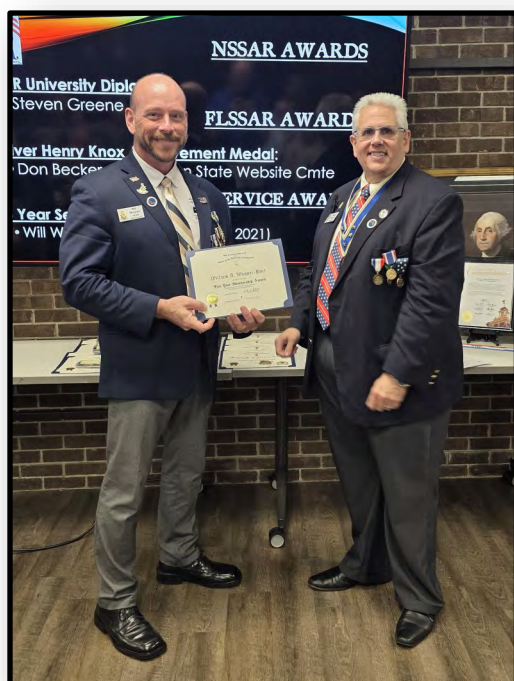
and NSSAR / FLSSAR service certificates. Some members received their FLSSAR Awards from the Spring BOM; newly attained levels of 250th Anniversary Medal participation were awarded; and a few other items were presented.

Tampa Chapter September Meeting Cont'd



Far left, Dave Bryant recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman. Don Becker (left & center) recognized with a FLSSAR Silver Henry Knox for his assistance with the new FLSSAR website. Matt Pickering being presented with his SAR War Service medal and certificates (below)

1st VP, Will WH being presented with his SAR 5 year service pin & certificate (below left). Robbie Robinson presenting the chapter with a streamer from his attendance at the SAR 4th of July 250th Anniversary celebration in Philadelphia, PA (below right).



Tampa Chapter September Meeting Cont'd



We had one new 250th Anniversary Bronze Medal Awardee, Compatriot Rick Gray join our ranks (above). Over the summer, Compatriot Mike Williams not only earned enough points to attain the bronze level, but surpassed the Silver 250th Anniversary Award level as well. Joining him as Silver level 250 Anniversary Awardees are Compatriots Charles Bearss and Greg Holder (below).



Tampa Chapter September Meeting Minutes

Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: Sept 12th, 2026

Place: Charles Fendig Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Joe Dato {*pro tem*}

The September, 2026 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by Pres. Roger Roscoe at 10:30am on Sat the 12th.

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.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

President Roscoe reminded everyone of the upcoming events:

- Temple Terrace Liberty Tree dedication 17 Sept
- Officer nominations and elections
- 14 Nov meeting followed by the Tree & Bench Dedication
- Wreaths Across America
- January Officer Induction Luncheon at Maggiano's

President Roscoe also mentioned the committee to organize a signature event—like the GW dinner in the spring 2027.

He also spoke about the upcoming BOM in Oct if any members had an interest in attending to let him know.

1st VP Will WH informed everyone of our chapter newsletter winning both FLSSAR Newsletter Contest 1st Place, as well as the NSSAR Newsletter Contest 1st Place Awards.

He also informed the membership of the low quantity of chapter challenge coins. A new coin design was introduced. The membership wanted to know if old design was still available for reorder. Discussion

was

tabled until that information was found out.

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

2nd VP Joe Data updated the Liberty Tree project. The first tree dedication was a success; and the second is next week, Sept 17th. The Tree & Bench dedication at the Veterans Memorial Park is set for after the Nov Chapter meeting on Nov 14th.

Treasurers report. Total funds \$ 9,668.00. Funds available \$ 4,668.00. 2027 Dues collection has started—some have already started paying to include as of today.

Registrar reported that we have 8 applications at National and several supplementals. Several others were at the state level, soon to be sent to National.

D.Young reported for Nominating Cmte that they're still looking to fill 2nd VP position.

Members were reminded to check the newsletter for the color guard opportunities.

The guest speaker for the month, Compatriot David Whipkey, who gave a speech on "Why did They Come?" as to why our ancestors left their homelands to immigrate to America.

Stephen Willie, Matt Pickering, Joe Pickering, Matthew Pickering, Chase Middleton, Dale Lampman, Colin Brown, Sean Wolff, Jake Rees, Robert Collins, Richard Matthews, and Chris Brown were inducted into membership.

Pres Roscoe presented Don Becker the FLSSAR Silver Henry Knox medal & Dave Bryant a FLSSAR COA.

Will WH was awarded his SAR 5 year Service Pin

2nd VP Joe Dato presented Liberty Tree COA certificates to Joe Pickering, Mike Williams, and Greg Holder. Bill Floyd's donation was noted as well.

Matt Pickering was awarded the SAR War Service Medal.

Rick Gray & Mike Williams were awarded the Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal.

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2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project Update



There's so many updates folks! Remember, we're not stopping at 1 tree! Take a look at the **Yellow Boxed News Flashes!**

First let's take a moment to still recognize those that have and continue to donate. Let's recognize Compatriot Matthew Pickering, Mike Williams, Bill Floyd (not pictured), and Greg Holder for their donations. (below)

Thank you everyone for contributing to our cause.



**** Final News Flash for the Year !! ****

The Liberty Tree & Bench Project is Set!

The check has been written with some assistance from the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Trust Fund.

Dedication: 14 Nov 2026 at 12 noon (after the chapter mtg) at the Veteran's Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa.

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

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

While the original concept has been funded (i.e. News Flash #1), more trees are still in the works and are being planned, so donations are still being accepted. America's 250th Anniversary is not just this year, but continues through 2033 **

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 Liberty Tree Dedication



Our First Liberty Tree Dedication was held in Tampa at the Julian B Lane Riverfront Park, where the City of Tampa through Mayor Castor and others donated, not only a 30 gallon Liberty Elm, but also the posted sign, chairs, tent, and podium to the event. Color Guard members from Lake-Sumter, Clearwater, and Jacksonville joined the Tampa chapter's unit to present the Colors for the Event. Mayor Caster and City Councilman Maniscalco presented proclamations for the day/event. FLSSAR Sr VP Doug Gibbens attended to present greetings on behalf of the society.



1st VP Will WH reads the history of the Liberty Tree



FLSSAR Sr VP D Gibbens & Tampa Pres Roscoe



Tampa Pres Roscoe emcees the event.



Tampa Liberty Tree Dedication



Temple Terrace Liberty Tree Dedication



Our Second Liberty Tree Dedication was held in Temple Terrace at Ben Lomond Park, where the City of Temple Terrace Mayor Andy Ross designated a Grand Live Oak for event. Color Guard members from Lake-Sumter joined the Tampa chapter's unit to present the Colors for the Event. Mayor Ross, and Congressional Aides Luis Laracuenta and "Pon" Laliotis presented proclamations and greetings for the day/event.



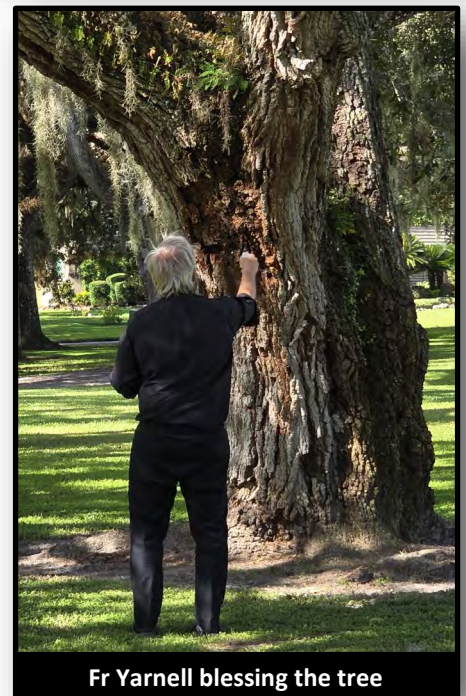
2nd VP J Dato reads the history of the Liberty Tree



Tampa Pres Roscoe emcees the event.



South Shore SAR Pres S. Ickes leads the Pledge of Allegiance



Fr Yarnell blessing the tree

Temple Terrace Liberty Tree Dedication

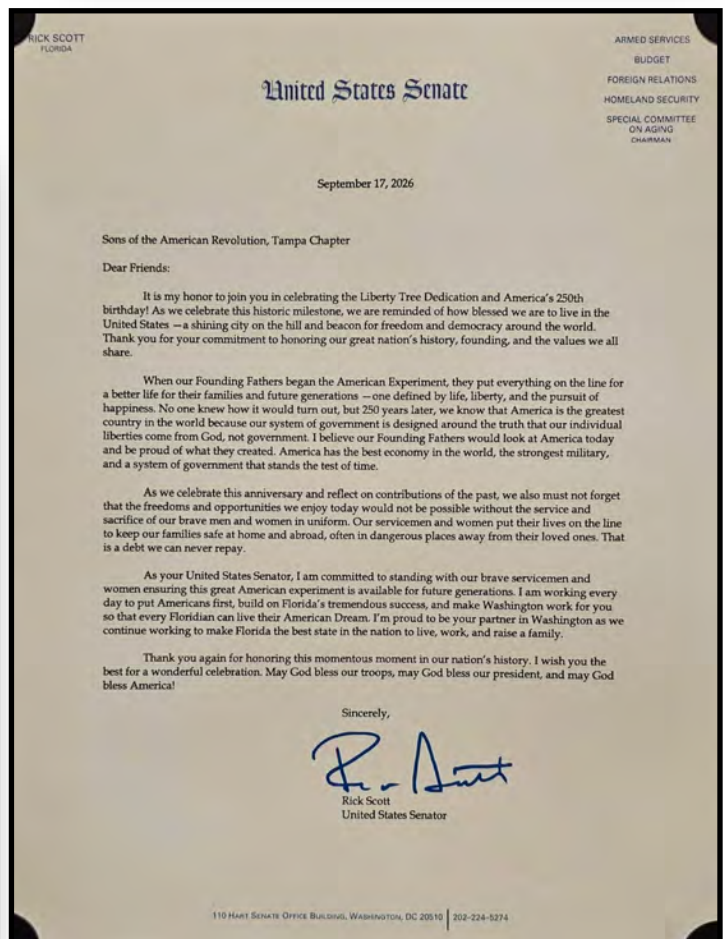


Tampa Pres R Roscoe & Temple Terrace Mayor A Ross

Proclamations from Temple Terrace Mayor Andy Ross (above) and FL Senator Rick Scott (right).



Congressional Aide "Pon" Laliotis, Tampa Pres R Roscoe, & Congressional Aide Luis Laracente





Total Account Balance*: \$ 9,568
Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 2,100
Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 2,187

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

The past 30 Day Expenditures included:

- Cmte Chairman Reimbursements
- NSSAR Merchandise purchases
- Liberty Tree Dedication Supplies

The past 30 Day Credits were from:

- 2027 Dues Deposits
- Merchandise sales
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Fort Brooke C.A.R.
Fund Donation



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



Color Guard
Fund Donation

(...from p.8 chapter meeting minutes continued)

Mike Williams, Charles Bearss, and Greg Holder were awarded the Silver 250th Anniversary Medal.

Robbie Robinson presented Pres Roscoe a SAR streamer from the 250th July 4th Celebration in Philadelphia, PA.

New Business:

The Chapter approved a motion by Will WH to move the winnings from the Newsletter Contests (\$425) from the operating fund to start the Color Guard Fund.

The Chapter approved a motion by Charles Klug to reimburse Will WH \$300 for printing supplies as done for the chapter.

The Chapter approved a motion by Will WH to reimburse up to 3 members for parking expenses who attend(ed) naturalization ceremonies in the downtown area.

The 50/50 netted \$41 for the Chapter.

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

- Joe Dato, 2nd VP, *Rec Sec pro tem*

2027 DUES SCHEDULE

- ☐ **Regular Membership:** \$ 95.00
 {NSSAR \$50 + FLSSAR \$20 + TPASAR \$25}
- ☐ **Dual Membership**
 - ☐ In-State & Tampa is **primary** chapter : \$ 95.00
 {NSSAR \$ 50 + FLSSAR \$ 20 + TPASAR \$ 25}
 - ☐ Out-Of-State, Tampa is NOT primary : \$ 45.00
 {NSSAR \$ 0 + FLSSAR \$ 20 + TPASAR \$ 25}
 - ☐ In-State, Tampa is NOT primary chapter: \$ 25.00
 {NSSAR \$ 0 + FLSSAR \$ 0 + TPASAR \$ 25}
- ☐ **Jr Member** : { NSSAR \$ 5 + FL / TPA \$ 0 } \$ 5.00
- ☐ **Life Mbr** : {NSSAR \$0 + FL \$20 + TPA \$25}: \$ 45.00
- ☐ **Act/Duty Mil** : {NSSAR \$50 + FL \$0 + TPA \$0} \$ 50.00
- ☐ **Additional Donations**
 - ☐ General Chapter Fund \$ _____
 - ☐ Non-SAR/Charity Fund \$ _____
 - ☐ Color Guard \$ _____
 - ☐ Liberty Tree \$ _____

Payment methods:

- ⇒ Cash or Check made out to : “Tampa Sar”
- ⇒ Zelle bank transfer: **tampasar.tres@gmail.com**
- ⇒ Credit card, Apple/Google pay:

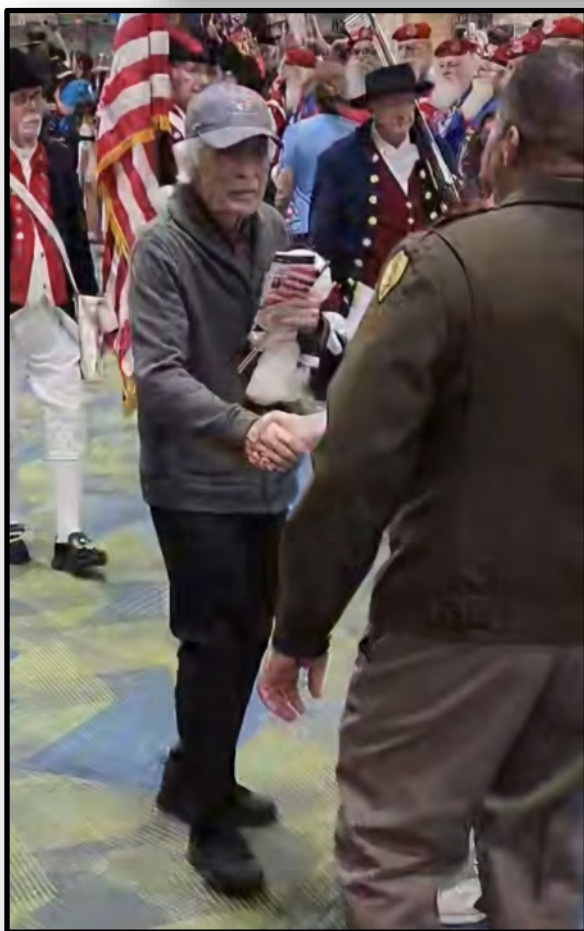
<https://tampa-sar.square.site>



Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard welcomed back the veterans of Honor Flight #58 on Sept 15th, along with members from the Samuel Adams Camp, along with associate members from the South Shore Chapter SAR.



Tim Shaner, Mike Williams, Steve Burrill, Robbie Robinson, Will Wagner-Hart, Warren Wilson, Bill Swain



2026 Color Guard Schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM (Kissimmee, FL) ~ 6pm Oct 20th, Honor Flight #59 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport) ~ 7:30pm Nov 7th, Veteran's Day Parade (James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa) Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event (Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa) Nov 13th, Veteran's Commemoration Event (Lachoochee Elementary School, Dade City) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 14th, Tampa Liberty Tree & Bench Dedication (after the Tampa Chapter Mtg) (Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa, FL) ~ 11 am- 12 Dec 11th, DeSoto NSDAR Christmas Luncheon (Tampa Yacht Club, Tampa, FL) 11 am-12 Dec 19th, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event Wreaths Across America (American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL) |
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Links to the **Color Guardsman Magazine** editions can be found at the bottom of the Color Guard Committee page:

<https://www.sar.org/committees/Color-Guard-Committee/>

** Most other things Color Guard related can be found on that same website page **

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 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.townsends.us

www.samsonhistorical.com

www.crazycrow.com



Special Opportunity for C.A.R. Members

Application Fees and National Annual Dues Waived

The Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce a special membership opportunity approved by the 2026 SAR Congress.

From August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, eligible male members of the Children of the American Revolution may join the National Society Sons of the American Revolution with both the application fee and national annual dues waived.

Who Qualifies?

- ★ Approved male member of the Children of the American Revolution
- ★ In good standing with the C.A.R. at the time of submission
- ★ Age birth through 22
- ★ Application submitted between August 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Continue the Legacy

This program offers an outstanding opportunity for young men in C.A.R. to continue their patriotic service and family heritage through membership in the SAR.

★ Interested applicants should contact their local SAR chapter or state society for details. ★

Announced by the SAR Registrar General



Care to Donate to the Fort

Brooke

C.A.R.?

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U.S. Naturalization Ceremony & 2026 Schedule



Congratulations!



On Aug 28th, 2026, Terry Doan, Will WH, and Dick & Lisette Young (above) went to represent the Tampa Chapter SAR in congratulating the newest U.S. citizens as they took their Oath of Citizenship at the U.S. Middle District Courthouse in Tampa, FL. There were approximate 86 new citizens total. There's still some slots available to attend —please consider attending.

Contact 1st VP Will WH



Date	Time(s)	Location	Attendee #1	Attendee #2	Attendee #3
Aug 28	9:00 am 11:00 am	US Fed CtHs, 801 FLA Ave 10A, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	Dick Young
Oct 23	9:00 am 11:00 am	US CIS, 5629 Hoover Blvd, TPA	Sheldon Ickes	Terry Doan	Dick Young
Nov 6	9:00 am 11:00 am	US Fed CtHs, 801 FLA Ave 10B, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	(open)
Dec 18	9:00 am 11:00 am	US Fed CtHs, 801 FLA Ave 10A, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	(open)

January 2027 Officer Induction Luncheon

January 9th, 2027 @ 11am

Menu

Appetizer: Crispy Fried Mozzarella w/ Marinara
Tomato Brushetta

Salad: Maggiano Salad

Entrees: Spaghetti & Meatballs
Chicken Parmesan
Shrimp Scampi

Dessert: Warm Apple Crostada & Cream

*This will be served family-style, all you can eat.
Bread, coffee, tea, sodas are included.*

MAGGIANO'S
▣ LITTLE ITALY ▣

203 Westshore Plaza,
Tampa, Florida 33609.

Please RSVP with payment:
\$53 per person (incl. gratuity)

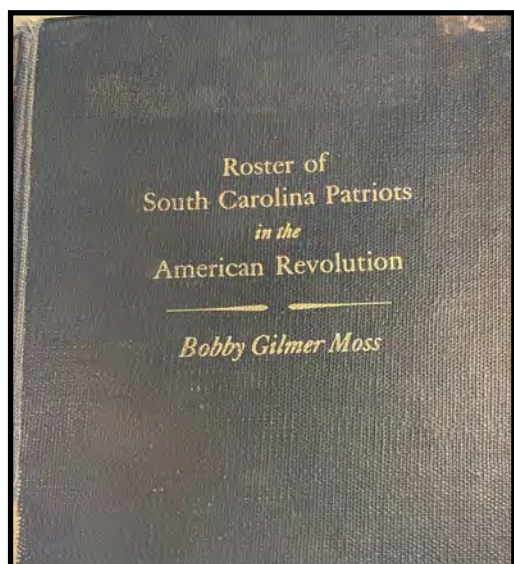
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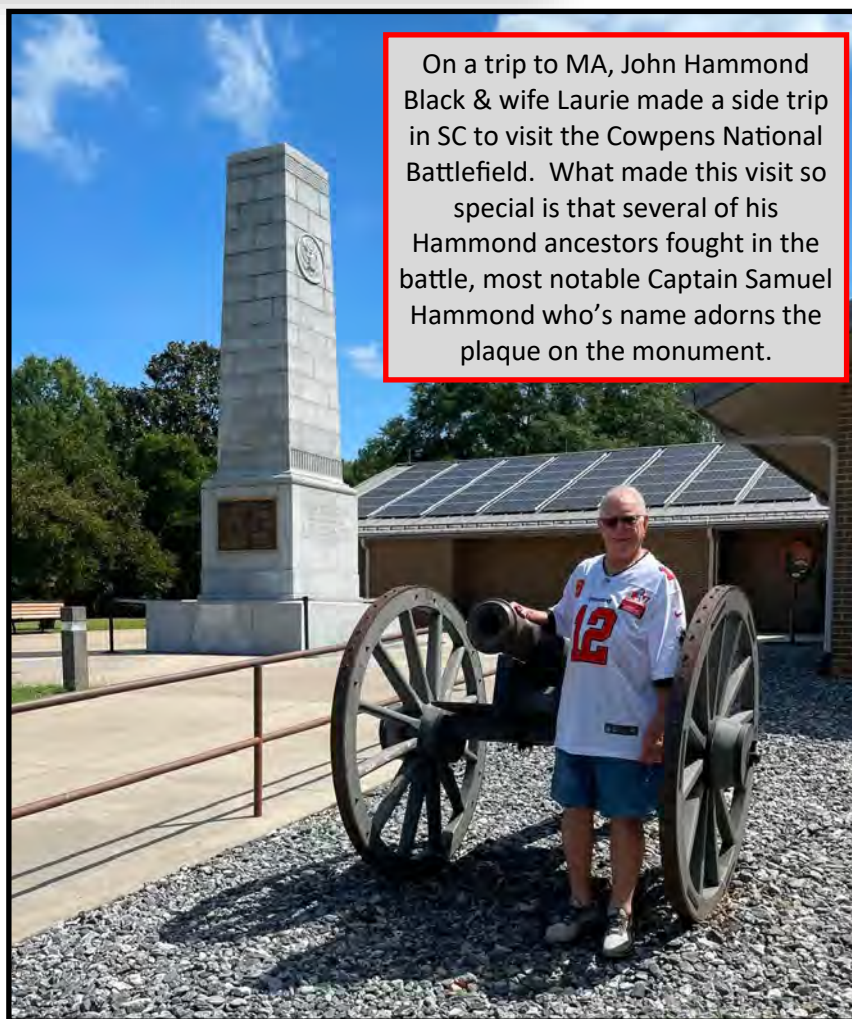


Summer Vacation Picture Wrap-up

Our 2nd Vice-President Joe Dato decided to go out west and visit the Teddy Roosevelt Museum (below) for a bit and live-the-life. As a Rough Rider, he needed to go all-in for the experience. (left & right)



On a trip to MA, John Hammond Black & wife Laurie made a side trip in SC to visit the Cowpens National Battlefield. What made this visit so special is that several of his Hammond ancestors fought in the battle, most notable Captain Samuel Hammond who's name adorns the plaque on the monument.



**** October Virtual Mtg 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.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#) **Meeting ID:** 938 297 354 239

Passcode: XN3mP3

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



Oct 10th Steven W. Hill

A lifelong student of military history, Steven W. Hill has been researching military flags and colors, with special focus on the regimental colors of the five major combatants in the American War for Independence—American, French, British, German, and Spanish—for over 50 years.

He has worked as curator and historian at both the current Massachusetts State House and The Old State House Museum in Boston, the Historical Society of Delaware, the Indiana War Memorials in Indianapolis, and most recently at the National Museum of Health and Medicine—formerly the Army Medical Museum.

In addition to his “regular” curatorial positions, Mr. Hill was, and is, a researcher and maker of reproduction flags for museums, the military and government, movies, TV, and reenactment groups. He is also a consultant to museums, publishers, and historical painters on the details of military flags and their histories. Among the places his flags can be seen: the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of American History; the Chapel at West Point; several National Battlefield Parks; the Fortress of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia; the Old Guard Museum in Washington DC; US Treasury Department; US Army Artillery Museum; US Army National Guard Headquarters; the Pentagon; Harvard University's Memorial Hall; Historical Society of Delaware; Mount Vernon; Ford's Theatre; the State capitol buildings of Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, and the flags of the French and British troops in the movie "Last of the Mohicans." He recently completed the book "Battle Flags of the Wars for North America, 1754-1783, Foreign Armies and Regiments," and is currently working on a companion volume on the American standards and colors of the same period. Contact info: email: dupageflag@gmail.com. Website: www.dupagemilitaryflag.com.

Mr. Hill lives with his wife Reva, and dog Rowan, in Gaithersburg, MD

First Blood

All good SAR members know thirteen of the colonies in British North America exploded into a Revolutionary War with the exchange of musket fire on the town green in the early morning hours of April 19, 1775, in Lexington Massachusetts. Depending on which version of events you read, some seven to nine Patriot rebels were killed that morning. However, this was not the first blood shed in the cause for independence from Britain.



By 1770, tensions were high in the colonies, especially in Massachusetts and most especially in Boston. A group of Patriot rebels known as the Sons of Liberty would agitate local Colonials to demonstrate and protest the British occupation of Boston, the Townsend Acts and other punitive actions of the British Parliament and the King. The Fox Business Network docuseries, "Legends & Lies," in season 2 (2016) stated that the Sons of Liberty men, knowing they could be identified and arrested for seditious activity, encouraged young boys to be part of these protests and to throw bricks and stones through the windows of British appointed officials and loyalist merchants.

On March 5, 1770, a large group of Bostonians, a mob, was harassing and throwing snowballs and more at a lone British soldier standing guard outside the Customs House. As matters got worse, a squad of seven armed British soldiers were sent to protect this lone guardsman. As the melee continued, shots were fired and five colonists were killed. Of the five was Crispus Attucks, a runaway slave working as a sailor out of Boston, but that is a story for another day. However, this was not the first blood shed in the cause for independence from Britain.

A few days earlier, on February 22, another such crowd, though smaller, was demonstrating outside the home of a well known loyalist merchant. As the demonstration intensified, Ebenezer Richardson, a British Customs Officer, attempted to stop it. He was chased back to his own home. There, in fear for his life, he first fired his musket, without ball or shot, out a window in an attempt to scatter the crowd. They did not leave. Then, loading with "swan shot," he fired again, this time hitting two boys. Perhaps these boys were there at the encouragement of the Sons of Liberty, perhaps on their way from school, perhaps out of curiosity, but they were there and in the line of fire. Of the two, 11 year old Christopher Seider died of his wounds later that evening. Young Christopher's funeral was arranged by Samuel Adams with, reportedly, more than 1,000 mourners in attendance. One of those was the teenaged slave girl, Phillis Wheatly, who wrote a stirring eulogy poem to Christopher, but that too is a story for another day.

This incident was the match that lit the fuse that exploded into a Revolutionary War five years later. This was the first blood shed in the cause for independence from Britain.

TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE STORE

250th Anniversary Shirts & Patches

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.



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Short Sleeve
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Shirt



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Shirt

Donation Amounts:

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Available Colors
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Personalized Patriot Patch \$ 36.00
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Personalized Patriot Patch
(Patriot Name & Lifespan)

There's an assortment of designs on the website! Be sure to check them all out. They're available for iron-on patch or shirts.

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2026 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- Oct 10th, 2026 Chapter Meeting
(Chas Fendig Library, 3909 W Neptune St, Tampa)
- Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM
(Kissimmee, FL)
- 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 7th, Veteran's Day Parade
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event
(Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- Nov 14th, Tampa Liberty Tree & Bench Dedication (after the Tampa Chapter tg)
(Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa, FL) ~ 12 noon
- 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)

October 2026						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FLSSAR B.O.M. WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Oct 16-17, 2026					
FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
	Mtg Room	Banquet Room	Center Hallway	Mtg Room	Banquet Room
8:00-8:30					
8:30-9:00				Veterans Affairs	
9:00-9:30				Operation Ancestor Search	
9:30-10:00				C.A.R. Liasion	
10:00-10:30				SMART Training	
10:30-11:00				JROTC Enhanced	
11:00-11:30				Education Outreach	
11:30-Noon	Genealogy				
Noon-1:00	Lunch on your own	Ladies Auxillary			
1:00-1:30	GW Endowment Fund	Lunch and Meeting			
1:30-2:00	Registrar General				
2:00-2:30	FL Comp Grave Mrkg				
2:30-3:00	Strategic Planning				
3:00-3:30	Membership Promotion & Retention				
3:30-4:00					
4:00-4:30	Color Guard				
4:30-5:00					
5:00-5:30					
5:30-6:00					
6:00-6:30					
6:30-7:00					
7:00-7:30					
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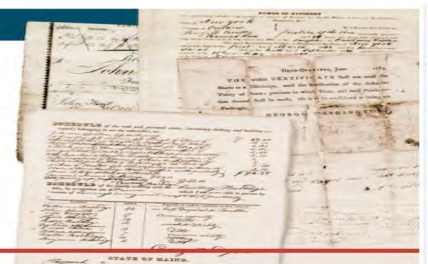
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HONOR FLIGHT
WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
Flights return about 8pm
Parking is free.

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

- **Oct 4–6th**, (Point Pleasant)
Pt Pleasant Battle Days
- **Oct 6th**, (Little Egg Har., NJ)
Battle of Chestnut Neck
- **Oct 7th**, (Blacksburg, SC)
Battle of Kings Mountain
- **Oct 17th**, (Stillwater, NY)
Battle of Saratoga
- **Oct 19th**, (Yorktown, VA)
Yorktown Days
- **Oct 22nd**, (Fort Mercer, NJ)
Battle of Red Bank, Btlfld
- **Nov 11th**, (Nationwide)
Veteran's Day
- **Nov 25th**, (Midway, CT)
Siege of Fort Morris
- **Dec 9th**, (Norfolk, VA)
Battle of Great Bridge
- **Dec 19th**, (Nationwide)
Wreaths Across America
- **Dec 26th**, (Princeton, NJ)
Ten Crucial Days

**** 2027 ****

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

**** 2028 ****

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

137th Annual Congress

July 9 - July 15, 2027

New Orleans, Louisiana

www.2027Congress.com

at the New Orleans Marriott located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130



It's time to consider making your plans to attend 2027 Congress in "The Big Easy" (New Orleans). Whether you are passionate about food, jazz, fishing, history, or the SAR... New Orleans has it all. From July 9 – July 15, 2027, the Southern District is proud to welcome you to one of the most intriguing cities in the United States. Come and explore the swamps, plantations, music, "Old Man River", and the Hospitality of the Deep South as The Sons of the American Revolution all gather together for our 137th National Congress. In easy walking distance of our host hotel, the New Orleans Marriott, is the famous French Quarter, Jackson Square, the Mississippi River levee, World War II Museum, the Audubon Aquarium and the famous street cars of St. Charles Avenue just to name a few.

The Southern District states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee will host the 2027 Congress

This promises to be an incredible experience for all who attend with numerous long and short tour options available including: the Baton Rouge Charter of Freedoms Time Capsule dedication and Houmas House, Jackson Barracks Dedication and Chalmette Battlefield, Louisiana Swamp Tours, City Tours, and the National World War II Museum with Grave Markings in the famous St. Louis #1 Cemetery. For more information on the 2027 Congress, please visit 2027Congress.com. On the website you can find information on Grave Markings, merchandise, plaque naming opportunities at Jackson Barracks (only 30 slots remaining), and much more. For the best viewing of this website, go to the upper right corner of your browser, select the three horizontal lines, then select the Zoom option and adjust to 60%. The Southern District hopes to see you in New Orleans in 2027.



Monthly Memorial Highlight

Louis William Putney

(Nat'l # 110479)

Patriot: John Fearn, 3rd, Capt VA Militia



28 Jan 1929 — 28 Nov 2020

PUTNEY, Louis William, 91, a Tampa native, passed away peacefully at home on November 28, 2020. As a child growing up on the Hillsborough River off Columbus Drive, he constructed his first sailboat from wood he found floating down the river. His love for boats, fishing, and beaches endured throughout his lifetime. He graduated class of 1946 from Hillsborough High School, where he was a member of the swim team and president of the Key Club. He served in the United States Air Force as a Russian Language Specialist during the Korean War, after graduating from the Russian Language School at Syracuse University. He earned his undergraduate degree in business and law degree from the University of Florida. He returned to Tampa and served as an assistant county solicitor and assistant state attorney. He was a founding member of the law firm of Goldberg, Putney, Taylor and Hampton, and practiced law in Tampa for over 35 years. He worked diligently to maintain the respect and integrity of the legal profession, serving on numerous bar committees and as President of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

He met his soulmate, Jeanie Kendall, at Hillsborough High. Louis and Jeanie were married in college and enjoyed 68 years together prior to Jeanie's death. He and Jeanie loved to travel, serve others, spend time with family, and to work on political campaigns and support issues that were important to them. His faith was lived out throughout his life, and he was an active church member, serving as a Deacon, Elder, and Sunday School teacher at Bel Mar Presbyterian and Seminole Presbyterian churches. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanie, and his two brothers David Putney and Henry Putney. He is survived by his brother James Putney, son Louis D. Putney and wife Karen, daughter Patricia Tope and husband Gregory, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

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

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
7/15/2026	Cyril Paul Gamber	1/5/2007	Huntley, Larry (nmi),	1/29/1975	Harrison, John Norton, Jr
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 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,		

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>

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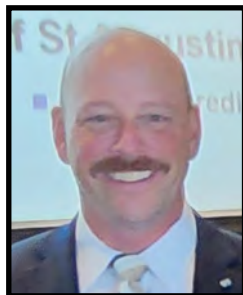
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Secretary Request:

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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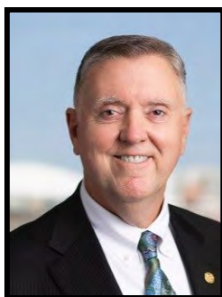
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