

The Tampa Patriot



Tampa Chapter

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**Next
Chapter
Meeting**

**12 Sep 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

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Past President: Robbie Robinson

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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: T. Doan & W. Wagner-Hart attending our chapter's first US Naturalization ceremony congratulating the newest citizens.

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

From the office of the Tampa President...

Hello Compatriots & Friends,

I hope all of you are doing well and had enjoyable summer.

It is that time of the year again when we start back up our Tampa Chapter meetings on Saturday, September 12th at a new start time of 10:30 am at our new Library Location at Charles Fendig Public Library, 3909 West Neptune Street Tampa. We have several new members we will be swearing in. Hope you all will consider attending.



The City of Tampa has planted and donated a 30-gallon Liberty Elm and plaque to the Tampa Chapter at the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa. The dedication will be taking place on Saturday, August 29th at 10:00 am. Mayor Jane Castor will be attending along with Tampa City Councilman Guido Maniscalco, and Florida Society SAR Senior Vice President Doug Gibbens. After the dedication, we will be having refreshments and a cake. We hope all of you will plan on attending this exciting event.

The City of Temple Terrace has agreed to donate a Liberty Tree at Ben Lomond Park to the Tampa Chapter. The dedication will take place on Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am. We will be having refreshments and cake. We hope all of you will plan on attending this exciting event. I want to thank Mayor Andy Ross for locating a tree to make this dedication. This event is open to everyone.

On Saturday, November 14th we will be holding our Chapter meeting at Veterans Memorial Park located at 3602 US 301 in Tampa. More details to come as plans finalize for this event.

We will be holding Tampa Chapter officers' elections in November. At the October First Responder's Awards meeting, the nominations will be presented. Please consider volunteering for an officer position. Dick Young is our Chairman of the Nominations Committee along with Terry Doan, John Black. Please contact either of them for more information.

Here are the list of speakers for the rest of the year

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We are always looking for future guest speakers in person and virtually. Please contact me to share your ideas.

Future Tampa Chapter Social Activities

We are hoping to do holiday luncheon/social immediately after the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday December 12th. If you can recommend a location, please contact Rick Gray 727-249-5106

Day at the Race at Tampa Bay Downs. We hope to go back either at the end of 2026 or early 2027.

Dade Battlefield Reenactment January 2-3, 2027
(<https://www.dadebattlefield.com/DadeBattle>)

Tampa Bay History Museum

Please share any other social ideas that you might have to consider.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again on **September 12th** at our **new meeting time of 10:30 am** and location (**Chas Fendig Library, 3909 W Neptune St, Tampa**). Please remember to bring your cash for the 50/50.

Take care,

Roger Roscoe

2026 Newest Members:

- | | |
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| • 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 |
| • 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 |

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.

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| • Roger Shinholser | • Joshua Preuter |
| • Thomas C Hobbs | • James Andrews |
| • Phillip A Smith | • Henry B Smith |
| • Phillip G Smith | • Floyd Devenbeck |
| • James Macek | • Austin Selner |
| • Robert Oliver | • Christian Oliver |
| • Nolan Oliver | • Shane Hill |
| • Timothy Mouse | • |

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 Mr. Thomas West for his donation, as his certificate was presented by Compatriot Steven Greene. Thank you again Mr. West for contributing to our cause. (below)

**** News Flash !! #1 ****

The Tree & Bench Project is a Go!

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

Tentative Dedication = Nov Mtg Date: **14 Nov 2026** at the Veteran's Memorial Park, Hwy 301, Tampa.

**** News Flash !! #2 ****

Tampa Mayor Castor Approved a Liberty Tree in Central Tampa

The City of Tampa has donated a new (Libert Elm) tree and signage for us by the Julian B Lane Riverfront Park Rec Center – 1301 N Boulevard, Tampa, just north of Tampa Prep School, **Dedication Date = 29 Aug 2026 @ 10 am.**

**** News Flash !! #3 ****

Temple Terrace has donated a Liberty Tree at Ben Lomond Park

The city of Temple Terrace has donated an established Grand Live Oak tree to be dedicated as a liberty tree at 811 Ben Lomond Dr, Temple Terrace, **Dedication Date = 17 Sept 2026 @ 10am**



Now, while I will say we weren't necessarily planning on having all of this happening at once as it seems, we weren't going to look gift horses in the mouth either—so we were going to try to make it work out as best we can. Plus, there are

more areas / communities around Tampa that we would still like to try and get Liberty Trees established over the next few years in if possible: Brandon, Plant City, etc.

—Will WH



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



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 and wanted. 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".

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

{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.}



2 of our 3 Liberty Trees to be dedicated in 2026.

Left— Is the Tampa Liberty Tree at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park.
Bottom — Is the Temple Terrace Liberty Tree at Ben Lomond Park.



TEMPLE TERRACE LIBERTY TREE

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY ERA OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE 1776—2026

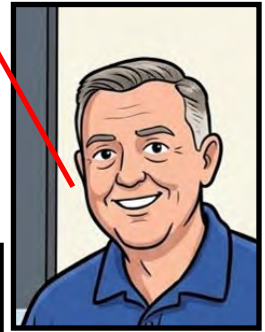
In colonial America, nearly every town had a "Liberty Tree," a place where patriots gathered to exchange ideas, share information, and sow the seeds of revolution and freedom.

We dedicate this tree in the hope that it will continue to inspire future generations who gather in its shade.





Hey Joe! I got everything coordinated and the Bench is up at the Tree !



It looks great Judge! Outstanding !

Our 3rd Liberty Trees to be dedicated in 2026.

Left — Is the Tampa Liberty Tree & Bench at the Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park on Hwy 301, Tampa. Below—is an up-close look at the bench artwork also showing the support we got from the NSSAR GWEF.



DeSoto Chapter NSDAR

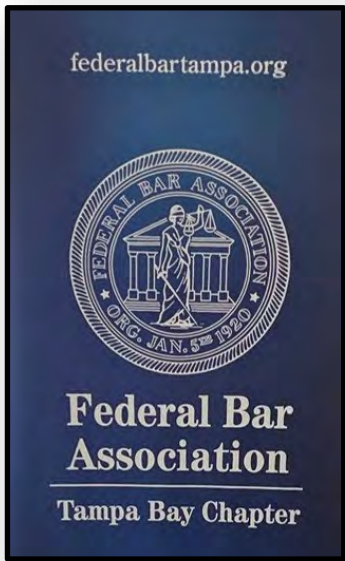


Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard prior to the DeSoto NSDAR Flag Day Luncheon with Regent Robin Adair (11 June 2026)

Celebrating America 250 in the Heartland



Celebrating America 250 in the Heartland—(FLSSAR State Event), Compatriots Mike Williams & Will WH joined others from the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in Wauchula, FL. 26 June 2026



Hillsborough River Camp,
Tampa SAR Color Guard,
presented the Colors for the
Federal Judges at the US
Middle District Court for their
America 250th Celebration
event. Judge Thomas Barber
greeting our guardsmen
(above) and State Attorney
Suzy Lopez wanting her own
group photo (below).



Dear Members of the Sons of the American Revolution,
On behalf of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the FBA,
thank you for your invaluable participation in our
celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of
the Declaration of Independence, held on July 1, 2026
at the Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse in Tampa.

Your presentation and retirement of the colors added
a sense of dignity, patriotism and historical significance
to the ceremony. We are sincerely grateful for the
professionalism and care that you used in this role.

Thank you for helping honor our nation's history.

Michelle Moritz-Smith
America 250 Committee Member
Tampa Bay Chapter of FBA



250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse
Tampa, Florida | July 1, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

thank
you



Cal Albritton of Holland & Knight Law and
DeSoto NSDAR Regent Robin Adair (above)

.... We had a busy 4th of July ...



Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa SAR CG along with the Samuel Adams, Clearwater SAR CG members marching in the Safety Harbor July 4th Parade. (Left)



4th of July Events

Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa SAR Color Guard presenting the Colors at the East Pasco Fairgrounds for the East Pasco Celebrates America 250 hosted by the Echebucsassa NSDAR chapter. (Right)



2026 LIFEPAATH VETERAN'S HONOR WALK



The Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard along with its associate members from the South Shore SAR, presented the Colors for the LifePath Veterans Honor Walk at the Sun City Center Community Center. We also led the parade of vets out to the dining hall for pictures and refreshments afterwards (right)

11 Jul 2026



The **Hillsborough River Camp**, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard welcomed into its ranks as associate members – as they're just short 1 man to form an outpost themselves—Compatriots Steve Burrill, Ron Windsor, and Ed List from the South Shore Chapter SAR. We're very glad to have you with us in our ranks until you can form your own.



Links to the **ColorGuardsman 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 **

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>"



The Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard, integrated with the US Army Color Guard, presented the Colors at the AUSA Army Ball.
27 June 2026



2026 Color Guard Schedule

- Aug 29th, Tampa Liberty Tree (Julian B Lane Park, Tampa, FL) 10 am–11 am
- Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport) ~ 7:30pm
- Sept 17th, Temple Terrace Liberty Tree (Ben Lomond Park, Temple Terrace, FL) 10 - 11 am
- Sept 19th, Bells Across America (Winding Waters NSDAR (VFW #10209, Spring Hill, FL) 3pm–4pm
- 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 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)



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!

U.S. Naturalization Ceremony



On Jul 17, 2026, Terry Doan & Will WH 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 84 new citizens total. There's still some slots available to attend —please consider attending.
Contact 1st VP Will WH



Congratulations!

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	(open)
Oct 23	9:00 am 11:00 am	US CIS, 5629 Hoover Blvd, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	(open)
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	(open)	(open)



Children of the American Revolution

Fort Brooke Society

Care to Donate to the Fort

Brooke

C.A.R.?

Scan the QR

code ->



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.

★
Approved
July 2026
★

★ 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

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:** 932 346 062 447 1

Passcode: Sv77JF

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



Sept 12th

David Whipkey

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Treasurer's Notes



Total Account Balance*: \$ 9,902

Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 455

Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 550

*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
- Gamber Funeral Flowers

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

- Member Merch/Pin Purchases
- Liberty Tree Sponsorship/donation
- Newsletter 1st Place Prize @ National



Fort Brooke C.A.R.
Fund Donation



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



Color Guard
Fund Donation

Summer Vacations



The Acostas visited Washington, D.C. this summer during the America 250 Celebration. (below)

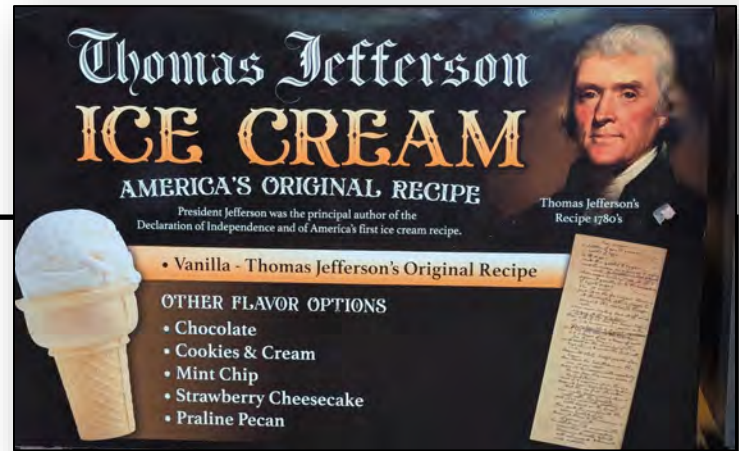
Will Wagner-Hart and spouse Bill, travelled to Boston for a weekend and had a fun afternoon seeing some of the Revolutionary sites to include the Old North Church (below), throwing some tea overboard from the Beaver (right) and also visited the Old South Meeting House (lower right).



Thomas Jefferson's Original Vanilla Ice Cream Recipe and George Washington is the "Father of the Double Scoop"

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR?

Ice cream is a great snack for our family when relaxing at home, watching movies or television programs, or snacking on a hot day. And according to the International Dairy Foods Association, our family is no different from many Americans. They say that the favorite treat of many Americans is ice cream and that the average American eats more than 23 pounds of ice cream every year. I believe it! Our adoration for ice cream as Americans is nothing new. Many of the founding fathers and our ancestors were



known for their love of ice cream. There are accounts of ice cream being served in the American colonies as early as 1744. My favorite is Peanut Butter, no Chocolate Chip, no Chocolate Mint, no Cookies and Cream, no Rocky Road, no Strawberry, no Butter Pecan, no Cherry, No.... You get the idea.



THE FIRST ICE CREAM RECIPE IN AMERICA

Did you know that Thomas Jefferson is credited with the first known recipe for ice cream recorded by an American and that he greatly popularized ice cream in our country? While the Original Recipe for Ice Cream in Thomas Jefferson's handwriting is in the Library of Congress, I was able in July to purchase for a modest price a readable and fine "Thomas Jefferson's First Ice Cream Recipe in America" at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, at a visit to the Memorial and a veterans' lighting patriotic ceremony there. His famous Vanilla Recipe is undated, but it indicates on the Recipe I bought that it was in the 1780s. I wanted to share Jefferson's "America's Original Ice Cream Recipe" (*please see the next page*).

I researched this and found that many historians believe Jefferson wrote the recipe down during the 1780s while serving as the American Minister in Paris, France.

Jefferson's favorite ice cream flavor was Vanilla. My distant cousin George Washington's favorite flavors were fruit-based, like Cherry, Peach, and Strawberry. He regularly ate fruit-based and vanilla ice creams, alongside popular 18th-century savory options like parmesan. Because parmesan was considered a delicacy among elite luxuries then and since cheese had a long shelf life, it was easily imported to the colonies from Europe and used by Washington and others in ice cream for state dinners. Historical records show that

Ice Cream

- 2 bottles of good cream.

- 6. yolks of eggs.

- 1/2 lb. sugar

- mix the yolks & sugar

- put the cream on a fire in a casserole,
first putting in a stick of Vanilla.

- when near boiling take it off &
pour it gently into the mixture of eggs & sugar.
-stir it well.

- put it on the fire again stirring it thoroughly
with a spoon to prevent it's sticking to the casserole.

- when near boiling take it off and
strain it thro' a towel.

- put it in the Sabottiere then set it in ice
an hour before it is to be served.

- put into the ice a handful of salt.

- Put ice all round the Sabottiere i.e. a layer of ice a
layer of salt for three layers

- put salt on the coverlid of the Sabottiere
& cover the whole with ice.

- leave it still half a quarter of an hour.

- then turn the Sabottiere in the ice 10 minutes

- open it to loosen with a spatula the ice from
the inner sides of the Sabottiere.

- shut it & replace it in the ice

- open it from time to time to detach
the ice from the sides

- when well taken (prise) stir it well with the Spatula.

- put it in moulds, justling it well down on the knee.

- then put the mould into the same bucket of ice.

- leave it there to the moment of serving it.

- to withdraw it, immerse the mould in warm water,
turning it well till it will come out
& turn it into a plate.

*President Jefferson was the principal author of
the Declaration of Independence and the
First Ice Cream Recipe in America!*

Memorial Ice Cream Shop

Located at Mount Rushmore

[http://www.mtrushmorenationalmemorial.com/
memorial-team-ice-cream-1887.html](http://www.mtrushmorenationalmemorial.com/memorial-team-ice-cream-1887.html)

George and Martha Washington regularly made ice cream using **peaches, strawberries, cherries, and raspberries** harvested directly from their orchards and gardens at Mount Vernon.

While Jefferson definitely was not the first to introduce ice cream to the United States, during his presidency it certainly became more well known. There are six documented references to ice cream being served at his President's Home between 1801 and 1809. Some guests described it being served inside of a crust or pastry.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE "FATHER OF THE DOUBLE SCOOP"

We call Washington the "Father of the United States," but I think he should also be called the "Father of the Ice Cream Double Scoop." Certainly it is documented that George Washington spent a lot of money back in the 1700s on ice cream, but he also had his staff make it often for him and his guests and family. Without any doubt, George Washington loved ice cream and the first reference to ice cream at his home in Mount Vernon dates to May, 1784, when a "Cream Machine for Ice" was purchased then for one pound, thirteen shillings, and three pence (about \$2.25 now.) This is about the same time that Jefferson wrote his original Ice Cream Recipe.

Washington liked ice cream so much that he had an Ice House built near his Mount Vernon home so he and his family and guests could eat ice cream often. Records indicate that Washington spent about \$200. (a lot then) on a luxury Ice Cream treat during the summer of 1790 and bought specialized gear like tin molds and ice pots to serve it at his home in Mount Vernon. In the 1700s, ice cream was a rare and costly dish

for the rich. It needed fresh cream from cows, imported sugar, and winter ice saved in an Ice House. In addition to building his Ice House, Washington bought these ingredients and records also show Washington bought, along with the "Cream Machine for Ice" of 1784, two double tin ice cream molds for \$2.50 in 1792, one in June of 1795 for \$7.00, and an ice cream spoon in 1796. An inventory of George Washington's Mount Vernon lists 10 ice cream pots. It is well documented that Martha Washington served ice cream to guests at her weekly social gatherings in the capital and at dinner parties at home.

WHEN IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH?

Did you know that there is a National Government Proclamation for ice cream and a U.S. President-declared recognition of it as a "nutritious and wholesome food." Well there is and President Ronald Reagan said ice cream has "a reputation as the perfect dessert and snack food." Those words are taken from his **Presidential**

Proclamation 5219 on July 9,

1984 establishing July as National Ice Cream Month and July 15, 1984 as National Ice Cream Day. And former President Obama detailed his teenage years working at a Honolulu Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store.



ICE CREAM PRODUCERS TO ELIMINATE DYES AND ARTIFICIAL COLORS

In October 2024, President Trump campaigned jokingly about fixing the famously broken soft-serve ice cream and McFlurry machines at McDonalds. But he seriously announced that the major 40 U.S. ice cream producers in 2026 representing over 90% of national sales volume pledged to eliminate all dyes and certified artificial colors from their products by the end of 2027, to make America healthy again, according to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins. And U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. echoes her support for a healthy America.

Well hope you enjoy Jefferson's Original Ice Cream Recipe and the bits of information about ice cream! I must go now because I hear the sweet sounds of ice cream being scooped into a bowl.



ABOUT BEN FINDLEY

Dr. Ben Findley, Colonel, U.S. Air Force, retired from the Air Force with 30 years of service and is a Veteran of the Vietnam-era and other eras. Ben was inducted into the 2023 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and is involved with several patriotic organizations and veterans support activities.

Ben loves ice cream and does not have a favorite flavor.

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.



Short Sleeve
Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve
Dress Twill
Shirt



Long Sleeve
Dress Twill
Shirt

Donation Amounts:

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

Available Colors
Polo or Dress



Donation Amounts:

Personalized Patriot Patch \$ 36.00
250th Anniversary Patches \$ 20.00
{Shipping not included}



PH-Give Me Liberty



Washington Crossing Delaware

Payment can be made by:

Cash



tampasar.tres@gmail.com

Check



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



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.

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



2026 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- Aug 28th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony,
(Fed Ct House #17—Tampa, FL)
- Aug 29th, Tampa Liberty Tree
(Julian B Lane Park, Tampa, FL) 10 am–11 am
- Sep 12th, 2026 Chapter Meeting
(Chas Fendig Library, 3909 W Neptune St, Tampa)
- Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- Sept 17th, 10am Temple Terrace Liberty Tree
(Ben Lomond Park, Temple Terrace, FL)
- Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM
(Kissimmee, FL)
- Oct 10th, 2026 Chapter Meeting
(Chas Fendig Library, 3909 W Neptune 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 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 Mtg)
(Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa, FL) ~ 11 am- 12
- 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)



WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
Flights return about 8pm
Parking is free.

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

SAR PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING



The Southern District is hosting a **SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony** for three Patriots on Friday, July 9th, 2027. The Patriots (Jean Baptiste Boutte, Ignace de Lino de Chalmette & Jean Baptiste DeGruy) are buried in the historic St. Louis #1 Cemetery in the French Quarter. This will be the first event of the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, but attendance will be limited. For a tax-deductible donation of \$60 per Patriot (up to \$180), you will receive credit(s) for the SAR Grave Marking Medal. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Please mail your donations to:
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Checks payable to Southern District SAR
Please specify on check to which Patriot(s) you are donating



- **Sept 5th**, (Groton, CT)
Battle of the Capes
- **Sept 6th**, (Eutawville, SC)
Battle of Eutaw Springs
- **Sept 17th**, (Mt Vernon, VA)
Vigil at Washington's Tomb
- **Sept 25th**, (Elizabethtown, TN)
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals
- **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

Cyril Paul Gamber

(Nat'l # 131807)

Patriot: John Gamber, PA Militia



1 June 1937 — 15 July 2015

Myrtle Hill Memorial Cemetery

Born on June 1, 1937, in Somerville, Massachusetts, to Cyril and Mary Gamber, Cyril was raised in Philadelphia, where he attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School before graduating from St. Joseph's University.

Inspired by President John F. Kennedy's call to public service, Cyril dedicated his career to serving others as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Following his retirement from the FBI, he continued his commitment to public service with the Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit before later serving as a drug-testing representative for the National Football League.

Those who knew Cyril will remember his strength of character, steadfast faith, unwavering integrity, and the warm sense of humor that brought smiles to those around him. He dedicated his life to serving both his country and his family with humility, honor, and love.

A devoted husband to Marilyn, Cyril was a loving father to Paul, Stephanie (Phillip), and Gavin (Kelly), a proud grandfather to Brett (Kelly), Brendan, Kelsey, Thomas, and Gavin, and a joyful great-grandfather to Luke. Beyond his family, he enjoyed researching his family's genealogy, traveling, celebrating his Irish heritage, and cheering on his beloved Phillies, Eagles, and Buccaneers.

Cyril is survived by his beloved wife, Marilyn; his sister, Mary; his children, grandchildren, great-grandson, and many cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cyril and Mary Gamber, and his brother-in-law, Jon.

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

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

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

- 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.

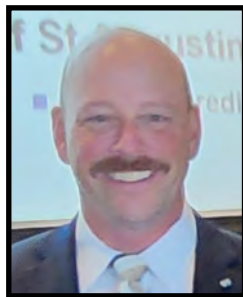
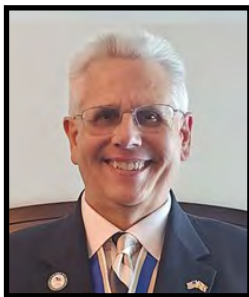
We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen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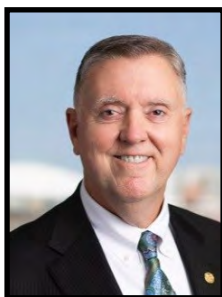
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