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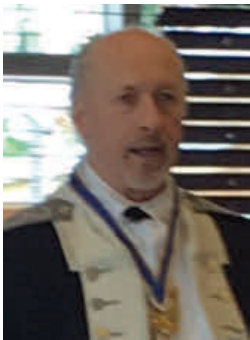
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## President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

First Vice-President William (Bill) Wicks, Esq.



opened the month's BOD at the home of Compatriot Richard Friberg at 7:00 P. M. , Thursday June 8, 2017.

Chapter President Compatriot Wolff, former Chapter President Dr. Robert Liebler, and Registrar Robert Sileo attended the 5th

Annual Patriotic Prayer Service at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, FL, Friday evening, June 30th in celebration of the upcoming July 4th festivities. The Service was filled with quotes from the Founding Fathers, references to them, patriotic songs delivered by the well-known Little Flower choir, and prayer for the maintenance and continuation of our constitutional republic. A reception followed. The compatriots in uniform made for a wonderful backdrop for the state-wide distribution of the Florida Catholic and dozens of photographs requested by the attendees. Several potential new recruits were also identified. Reverend Davis, pastor, reminded us that we are to be free to PRAY, free to BELIEVE, and free to SERVE as our faith and consciences dictate.

Former Chapter President Douglas Bridges organized a pre-4th of July celebration at First United Methodist Church in Homestead, FL. He was accompanied by his lovely wife Doris and they both

wore Colonial garb (see photo).

The new state president , Compatriot Frank Folk, appointed me , and others, to form a Nomination Committee for the next state elections. We are identifying personnel who would like to serve in the 2018-2019 state offices. I continue to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee where I believe it is now time to proceed to the implementation phase of our endeavor. I expect to meet with our committee chair during the Congress to discuss elements of the way forward.

By now, most of you may have seen the new Miami Chapter website. I have been working the bugs out of it for the last couple of months (yes, there are still one, or tow more to deal with.) Please forward any ideas, or interests that you may have, concerning the Site.

I encourage those of you who can manage it, both financially and physically, to obtain a Continental uniform. This is the one, single item that attracts people to our presence. It is a source of interest, amusement, and curiosity and is instrumental in attracting good public relations. It was through this medium that we received coverage in several newspapers. Besides, next 4th of July, the Color Guard Commander David Mitchell say we will march.

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Committee Reports

**The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee**

TBA

**President's Installation Committee**

TBA

**D.A.R. - C.A.R. Liaison Committee**

Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Chair

Past Presidents

**Attendance Committee**

**J.R.O.T.C. Awards and Medals Committee**

Compatriot Charles Leo, Chair

**George Washington Endowment Trust Fund Committee**

Compatriot Richard Friberg, Chair

**Color Guard Committee**

Compatriot David Mitchell, Esq., Chair

Elements of the Color Guard attended the 5th Annual Patriotic Prayer Service at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, FL on June 30th and the First United Methodist Church in Homestead, FL in anticipation of the 4th of July celebration. See the President's Remarks for a synopsis of the service.

**Meritorious Service Committee**

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

Awardees to be honored at the July luncheon meeting.

**Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award**

Chairman: TBA

**The American Poster Contest**

Chairman: TBA

**The SGT Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest**

Chairman: TBA

**The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Program**

Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Sr., Chair

**The George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest**

Chairman: TBA

Those compatriots that share an interest in any of the foregoing projects, please contact the Chapter President at the number below.



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## Vignettes of History

The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Virginian Thomas Jefferson. In justifying American independence, Jefferson drew generously from the political philosophy of John Locke, an advocate of natural rights, and from the work of other English theorists. The first section features the famous lines, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The second part presents a long list of grievances that provided the rationale for rebellion.



On July 2, 1776 the Continental Congress voted to approve a Virginia motion calling for separation from Britain. The dramatic words of this resolution were added to the closing of the Declaration of Independence. Two days later, on July 4, the declaration was formally adopted by 12 colonies after minor revision. New York approved it on July 19.

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Miami Chapter President Wolff , Compatriot Robert Liebler, and Reverend Michael Davis sing America the Beautiful at the recent Patriotic Prayer Service at the Church of the Little Flower. (Above).

Compatriot Douglas Bridges and his wife Doris at the First United Methodist Church pre-4th of July celebration. (Above).



Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff and Compatriot Robert Leibler at the Church of the Little Flower Patriotic Prayer Service. (Left).

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## NOTICE

July Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, July 21, 2017

**94th Aero Squadron**

1395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126

BE THERE, BY GEORGE!



*Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company— George Washington.*

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