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President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

Hurricane Irma certainly took a toll on the Miami Chapter operations in September. The first casualty was the cancellation of the Board of Director's meeting to be held at Compatriot Richard Friberg's home. That cancellation was immediately followed by the cancellation of the September luncheon and the postponement of our speaker, Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith. Compatriot Smith, as you know, will be delivering a presentation concerning East and West Florida as the 14th and 15th Colonies. The following week Compatriot Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Vice President Lee Popham, Sr. postponed his meeting for Saturday, September 23rd until after the first of 2018. This will be an important meeting as it will center on a genealogical workshop.

Readers of this newsletter are aware that I left Thursday, September 28th where I represented the Chapter at the Fall Leadership Development Conference in Louisville, KY. The theme for the weekend was Oktoberfest and we were charged with dressing appropriately. You may be amused when you access some of the photos, later in this newsletter!



The Fall Leadership meeting afforded a deeper understanding of the work that the organization accomplishes through the involvement of its members. We (Compatriot Popham, Sr. and Compatriot Wolff) were supplied with a 1/2 inch Semi-Annual report, delineating the progress for the last six months—a prodigious font of information. Many committees were meeting simultaneously which made it difficult to attend, in depth, any particular meeting if you had an interest in a second, or third topic. I was placed on the Eagle Scout Committee and was told that I would also become a member of the American History Teacher Award Committee. There are a myriad of others but one has only so much time to offer.

I managed to slip into other on-going meetings to get a taste of the proceedings, including the Color Guard and IT committee meetings, among others. I also noticed Compatriot Popham, Sr. attending the Budget, Finance & Investment meeting and more as we passed in the hallways. We also met in the meeting for the German Society of the SAR where I was fortunate to win one of the drawings for a six-pack of imported German beer! Since the theme for the Friday banquet was Oktoberfest, my bride and I wore our German *trachten* (costumes).

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Saturday evening the festivities found Compatriot Popham, Sr. and Compatriot Wolff attired in our Continental uniforms processing as part of the Color Guard. At the termination of the evening's festivities, Compatriot Wolff and his bride, Delores, had to return to their hotel two blocks away. The reason for this and a hint for those who will wish to attend the next Leadership meeting is that it is very important to register at the Brown Hotel about a year in advance as the block of rooms sequestered by the SAR are quickly secured by future attendees. When Compatriot Wolff, with his bride Delores, left the Brown Hotel on their way to the Seelbach Hotel, he was quickly stopped by a Louisville patrol car. The officer inside rolled down his window and asked: "Can we have your picture?" The affirmative reply was met with the officers stopping their running vehicle in the street and flanking Compatriot Wolff for several photos (see page 7). They reentered their vehicle and the Wolffs proceeded up the street toward their hotel; In a short space of time they were met with shouts of "The British are coming, the British are coming!" from a crowd of young people across the street lined up to enter a local night club. Those anticipating entrance were lined up for a block on either side of the doorway. Soon shouts of: "It's George! It's George, we love you George!", could be heard from the large crowd on the street. George (Compatriot Wolff) acknowledged their attention by stating that he had enlistment papers in his pocket for all who would care to assist the effort. A very positive report was received.

As Compatriot Wolff moved further up the street four young men approached him and asked if they might have their pictures taken with him. Compatriot Wolff responded in the affirmative. Truly, it was an amazing incident! When the Wolffs entered the Seelbach, they decided to end the evening in the hotel lounge. As they entered pandemonium ensued. The people rose to their feet applauding, shouting, and greeting what they saw as the Commander in Chief and first President of the United States - a very positive experience! As the evening progressed, not less than a dozen parties approached Compatriot Wolff for a photo opportunity, asking many questions as to his manner of dress and its significance. Compatriot Wolff spent several hours discussing the SAR, its history, and *raison d'être*. Not one negative indicator was received in the entire evening of encounters. In this age of uncivil discourse, it was totally refreshing to experience the positive attitude of our younger generation in Louisville. God bless you all!

The Miami BOD convened at the home of Compatriot Friberg on October 12, 2017. Compatriot Popham, Sr. presented the financial statement which was approved. We are awaiting submissions from the C.A.R. , concerning the design of the 125th Anniversary Challenge Coin. Compatriot Popham, Sr. reported that they meet every other month. Compatriot Sileo now lists 23 members of the 1776 Group and one approved application. Delores Wolff will be formally organizing a local Ladies Auxiliary and will be responsible for securing a gift basket for the upcoming BOM in Orlando.

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Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

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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

Color Guard Commander is organizing our participation at the up-coming Junior Orange Bowl Para. If you attend any outside function in uniform, please relay details (and photos) to me.

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Ethics Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

Chairman: Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Germtown</i> 1777	5	6	7 <i>King's Mountain</i> 1780
8	9 <i>Columbus</i> Day	10	11 <i>Valcour</i> Island 1776	12 <i>Miami</i> BOD	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Cornwallis</i> <i>Surrenders 1781</i>	20 <i>Miami</i> Luncheon	21
22	23 <i>FL Gov</i> Service Award	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

The Battle of King's Mountain

October 7, 1780

Major Ferguson's Tory force, made up mostly of American Loyalists from South Carolina and elsewhere, was the western wing of General Lord Cornwallis' North Carolina invasion force. One thousand American frontiersmen under Colonel Campbell of Virginia gathered in the backcountry to resist Ferguson's advance. Pursued by the Patriots, Ferguson positioned his Tory force in defense of a rocky, treeless ridge named King's Mountain. The Patriots charged the hillside multiple times, demonstrating lethal marksmanship against the surrounded Loyalists.

Unwilling to surrender to a "band of charge down the mountain and was death, some of his men tried to sur-cold blood by the frontiersmen, who the Carolinas. The Tories suffered captured. Colonel Campbell's force suffered just 28 killed and 60 wounded.



banditti," Ferguson led a suicidal cut down in a hail of bullets. After his render, but they were slaughtered in were bitter over British excesses in 157 killed, 163 wounded, and 698

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PG Larry Guzy and Miami Chapter President Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff take a moment from their conversation during the Oktoberfest reception at the 2017 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY.

Lady Auxiliary member Delores Wolff joins in at left.

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff



Compatriot Wolff is pulled over by two of Louisville's outstanding and vigilant police officers as he and Delores Wolff promenade to their lodging at the Seelbach Hotel. No citations were issued this time!

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff





The series of pictures on this page feature the attendance of the Miami Chapter contingent to the 2017 Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Below, Delores Wolff joins her husband, Miami Chapter President Bernard W. Wolff and Secretary/Treasurer Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr.



Above left, Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. who also serves as the Chairman of the NSSAR Budge Committee, stands tall with Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff at the 2017 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Meetings were held at the historic Brown Hotel.

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff



Above right, Compatriot Popham, Sr. and Compatriot Wolff wonder why Lady Auxiliary member, Delores Wolff, is taking so many photos of them.

Compatriot Popham, Sr. and Compatriot Wolff are also members of the SAR Germany Society.

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff



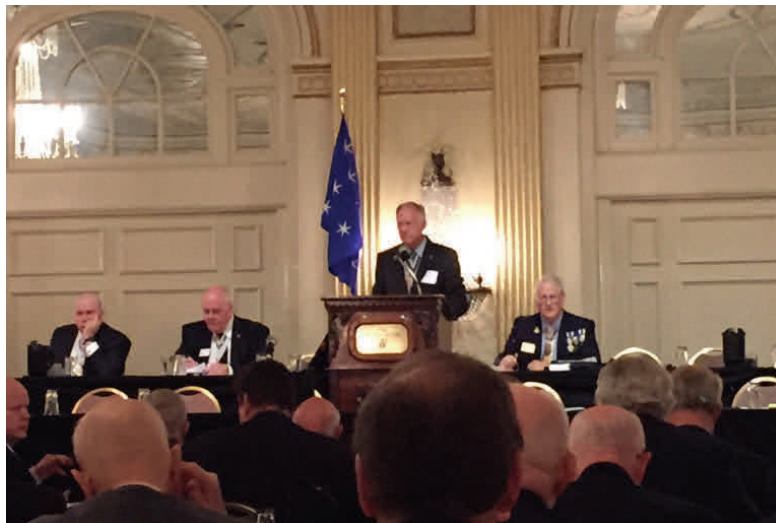
Four Herren in Louisville share *ein bischen Gemütlichkeit!*

Many compatriots got into the mood at the 2017 Fall Leadership Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff

PG Larry Guzy calls the 2017 Board of Trustees to order.

Photo Credit: James D. Schaffer



The 2017 Fall Leadership Meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Brown Hotel.

State President Robert Folk, National Senior Vice President Pat Niemann, and FLSSAR Treasurer and Color Guard Commander Dick Young, pose with Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff during the Oktoberfest reception at the 2017 Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Photo Credit: Delores J. Wolff



NOTICE

October Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, October 20, 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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