



# The American



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## The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



It has been rather quite on the Western Front this month. As reported In April, the Military Hospitaller Lounge event was a huge success at the Mercedes-Benz Coral Gables dealership. At the end of April, Ladies Auxiliary President Delores

Wolff and the Chapter President visited the Lounge located at the Miami International Airport. You may recall that the Ladies Auxiliary plan on supplying hostesses to assist in greeting military travelers at the lounge for a couple of hours several times a week. Delores spoke about the issue with Mrs. Green, who was on duty at the time. It is a very nice facility stocked with many agreeable amenities. When travelling, I encourage you to stop by and pay a visit. It can be found near Concourse E across from Margaritaville.

We are preparing to attend the BOM and Annual Meeting from May 18-20, 2018. The raffle basket has arrived and we will transport it to the meeting. There will be much news to report upon our return that will place the Miami Chapter in the news throughout the State. But, more about that later.

Color Guard Commander David Mitchell is working on a venue for our presence for Memorial Day. Hopefully, some of you will take advantage of the uniforms that we have in inventory so that you can more fully participate in the service. Remember, Memorial Day activity is worth 20 points toward a decoration, being a recognized national holiday.

I hope you all had a chance to read the article in the Florida Patriot penned by Chapter President Wolff. It concerned the 125th Anniversary of our formation and was printed in its entirety. Compatriot Wolff is working on some additional articles for the magazine.

We also will be installing at least five new members as soon as we can arrange a ceremony during one of our luncheons. It is very helpful to participate in these functions in order to welcome new members and show them that we care and have interest in them.

We are currently in the process of awarding ROTC/JROTC decorations to deserving cadets. Often, these are presented in Colonial uniform and is very much appreciated by the recipients and their chain of command. The BOD decided that the May luncheon will be cancelled due to the conflict with the BOM and Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, FL.

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**The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee**

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

**President's Installation Committee**

TBA

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

Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Sr., Chair

Past Presidents

**Attendance Committee**

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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

We have uniforms available to those who can wear them on a hand receipt basis. Watch for news of the upcoming Memorial Day celebration!

**Meritorious Service Committee**

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

**Ethics Committee**

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

**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.



## MIAMI CHAPTER S.A.R Minutes

April 9, 2018

The Miami Chapter SAR Board of Directors was called to order by Compatriot William Wicks, Chapter Vice President at 7:20 PM with the Invocation given by Compatriot Douglas Bridges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Wicks and the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Sileo.

Compatriot Wolff, delayed by traffic, arrived and Compatriot Wicks passed the gavel to the Chapter President'

Compatriot Members in attendance:

Bernard Wolff

William Wicks

Robert Sileo

Douglas Bridges

W. Lee Popham

George Cadman, III, (guest)

**Agenda:** The BOD Program/Meeting Agenda was approved.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and approved.

**Financial Report:** Copies of the 2018 budget was made available, discussed and approved. A motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing Compatriot Sileo to move forward on the placement of the Chapter finances to maximum it's assets.

**Reports:** Compatriot Popham proposed a sponsorship of a public workshop to create interest in new prospects for membership in the SAR. Compatriot Sileo recommended reaching out to the DAR for new members, as this is a proven source of qualified applicants.

Compatriot Cadman gave an update on the Armed Forces Service Center. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$500.00 to support the Armed Forces Service Center, Hospitality Lounge, located at the Miami International Airport. Transient military, dependents, and military retirees use this lounge during travel layover in the MIA. This Service Center is a dedicated area providing amenities not found in the regular waiting area and is at no cost to the service users.

Compatriot Wolff announced that there will be a Memorial Day, memorial at the Woodlawn Cemetery, at 10:00 AM and encouraged attendance in Colonial Attire.

A presenter of the ROTC Outstanding Cadet medal is needed for the ceremony being held at the U of Miami and FIU Campuses.

Compatriot Sileo reports that he has 33 individuals who are prospects for membership and five (5) new members awaiting induction.

**New Business:** Our next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held May 14, 2018, 7:00 PM at the home of Compatriot Wicks, 7540 SW 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami.

**Good of the Order:** Following a roundtable call, no further business being presented, the meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

Compatriot Bridges offered the Benediction and the Recessional led by Compatriot Rob Sileo.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Bridges

Recording Secretary

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Battle of Trois -Riviers 1776</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Miami Luncheon</i>	16
17 <i>Father's Day/Bunker Hill</i>	18 <i>Battle of Short Hills 1777</i>	19	20 <i>Battle of Stono Ferry 1779</i>	21	22	23 <i>Battle of Springfield 1780</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Battle of Sullivan's Island</i>	29 <i>Battle of Turtle Gus Inlet</i>	30 <i>Battle of Alligator Bridge</i>

## VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

### THE BATTLE OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

JUNE 28, 1776

After much preparation, on the morning of June 28, the British were ready. Around 9 a.m., they sent the signal and the 9 warships prepared to attack. They turned broadside and fired on the fort. One of the ships was too far away and putting more powder in the guns had simply made them break out of their mounts. There was a shortage of gunpowder on the Patriot side, so they fired slowly, pacing themselves, but their caution paid off and each shot was carefully aimed, making their shots far more effective than the British.

Clinton tried and failed to cross the northern side of Sullivan's Island. Three of the ships were sent around to take a side position and hit the fort's main firing platform, but they grounded on one of the sandbars and two of the ships' rigging became tangled. Two of them were able to be re-floated, but one remained grounded and none of them made it to their intended positions. If they had, the outcome of this battle would have been entirely different.

Chain shot fired at the one of the ships even-severely damaged both the main- and mizzen-fort's only standing walls with persistent broad-the palmetto wood used in its constructions; the cannonballs rather than splintering. The when it became too dark to fight and the fleet



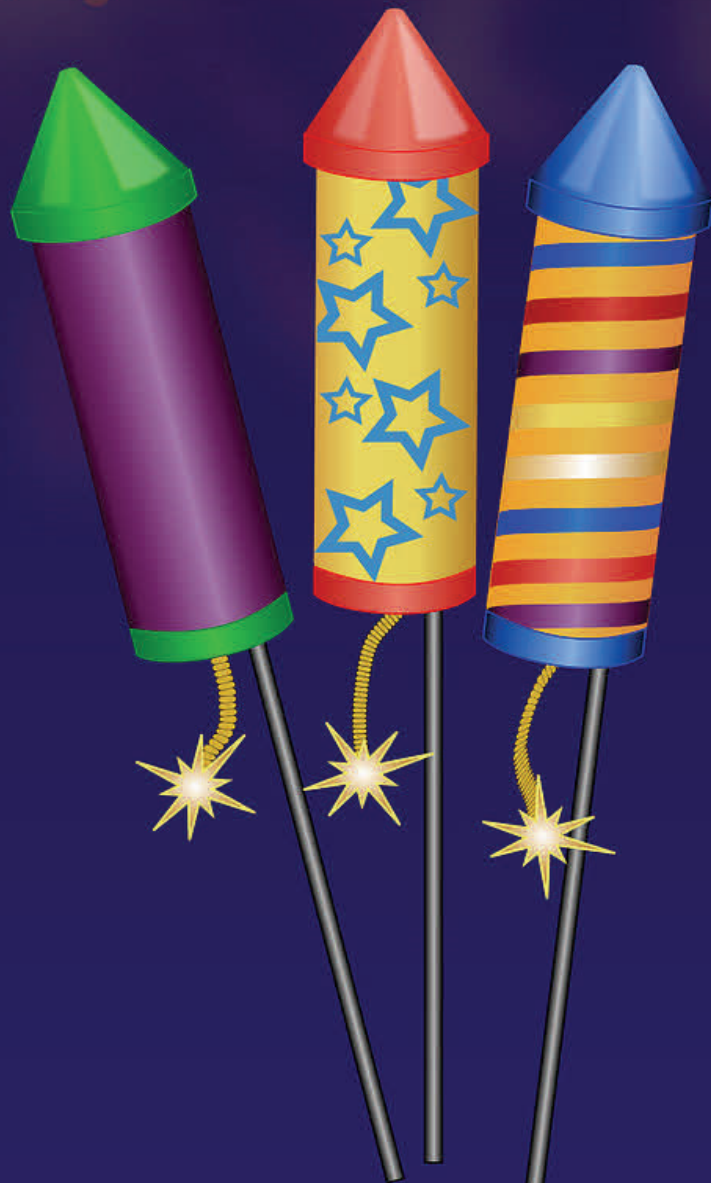
tually destroyed much of her rigging and masts. Admiral Parker sought to destroy the side but failed due to the spongy nature of the structure would quiver, and it absorbed exchange continued until around 9:00 p.m., finally withdrew out of range.

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## Miami Chapter Hospitality May 2018

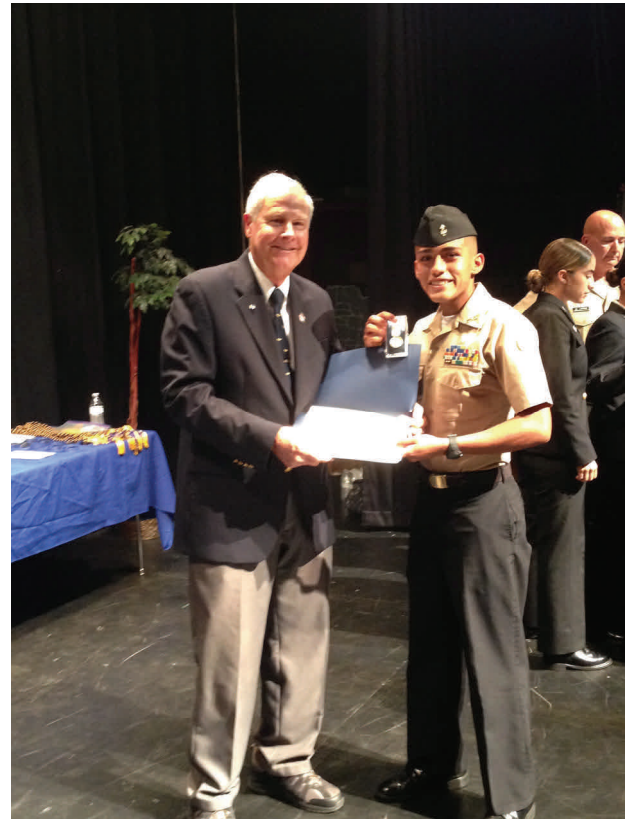
FLSSAR BOM  
&  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 18-19, 2018



## 2018 J.O.R.T.C./R.O.T.C. Committee Presentations



1st VP William Wicks, Esq. awards a young cadet for his accomplishments during a ceremony at a gathering of the cadet's officers and peers.



Compatriot Charles Leo, Chair of the ROTC/JROTC Committee, presents a certificate and decoration to Cadet Braddock for outstanding achievement.





Compatriot Wolff assiduously prepares for the next Board of Management meeting to be held in Kissimmee, FL.



Compatriot Wolff prepares his 1770's black powder pistol to maintain it in a serviceable and ready condition.



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## NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

Friday, May 18, 2018

**94th Aero Squadron**

1395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126

# CANCELLED



*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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