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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



Compatriot William Wicks, Esq. and 1st Vice President again graciously offered the use of his wonderful home for our August Board of Directors meeting. Rob Sileo, Registrar/Genealogist updated his report on the financial consolidation of our assets.

Almost everything has been accomplished and the remainder should be finished by the end of the year. This move will increase the sustainability of our funds, especially as we begin to work within our budget.

Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff, acting in the position as the SE Regional Vice President called the initial SE Regional Meeting on September 1, 2018 at the Capital Grille in Fort Lauderdale. Representatives from Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami attended. SE Regional VP Wolff announced that the focus for the Region will mirror the interests of the FLSSAR President Pat Niemann. Specifically attention will be given to communication, recruiting/retention and training. SE Regional VP Wolff introduced several forms to the chapters that will assist them in their reporting requirements and facilitate the Region's responsibilities to the FLS-

SAR. The meeting ended with promises to visit each chapter for one of their gatherings to delve more deeply into local needs.

The Bay Harbor Florida Police Department contacted Chapter President Wolff to request that he speak at their 9/11 Memorial event. If you recall Wolff represented the Miami SAR Chapter at the Mercedes-Benz fund raiser in Coral Gables last month. This opportunity became available due to people he met at the event while in uniform. As can be seen, one thing can lead to another and all opportunities of this type allow for us to make a public impression on the community to get our mission and goals across to the general public.

The BOD is exploring other luncheon venues and considering moving the luncheon meetings to Saturday, based on the response to a short, informal survey distributed by Miami SAR Chapter President Wolff.

For those of you who visit the VA Hospital in Miami, you can see a 60" Smart TV mounted on the wall of the break room located on the 2nd floor. President Wolff donated this item to the VA in the name of the Miami SAR. A bronze plaque is in development to commemorate the gift, naming the Miami SAR Chapter.

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We have uniforms available to those who can wear them on a hand receipt basis.

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The American Poster Contest

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The SGT Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

Chairman: TBA

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The George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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



Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOM Meeting

August, 2018

The meeting was opened by Miami Chapter President Wolff with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 P. M. Rob Sileo followed with the SAR Pledge and Doug Bridges gave the invocation.

Attendees: Miami SAR Chapter President Bernard Wolff; 1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq.; Recording Secretary Douglas Bridges; 2nd Vice President, Registrar/Genealogist Rob Sileo.

Rob Sileo reported that at the last Miami SAR Chapter BOD meeting we discussed that the CD at Biscayne Bank had been closed and the principal of \$100,000 was transferred to our account at AssetMark and \$900 of interest to the operating account at Grove Bank.

Wolff mentioned that Color Guard Commander David Mitchell would be in contact with Richard Friberg concerning the removal of our storage cabinet from his premises.

Wolff also advised that both he and Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr. would be gone at the time of the next luncheon, attending the state DAR Florida Forum. We will assist in manning a recruiting table that weekend to encourage DAR members to have their qualified husbands and children submit applications to the SAR.

Wolff announced the dates for the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY are scheduled for September 26-29, 2018 and the next FLSSAR BOM will be held in Kissimmee on October 12 through October 13, 2018.

The next Miami SAR BOD was set for September 17, 2018.

Benediction was offered by Doug Bridges and 1st Vice president rendered the SAR Recessional. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Miami SAR President Bernard Wolff

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 German-town 1777	5	6
7 Kings Mountain 1780	8 Columbus Day	9 Yorktown 1781	10	11	12 FLSSAR BOM	13 FLSSAR BOM
14	15 Miami SAR BOD	16	17	18	19 Miami Luncheon	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 White Plains 1776	29	30	31			

Vignettes of History

Battle of Germantown

The campaign in Philadelphia had begun quite badly for the American forces. Washington and the Continental Army had suffered successive defeats at the Battle of Brandywine and the Battle of Paoli that left Philadelphia defenseless. After the seizure of the revolutionary capital by Charles Cornwallis on September 26, 1777, William Howe left 3,462 men to defend it and moved 9,728 men to Germantown, 5 miles (8.0 km) north, determined to locate and destroy the American forces. Howe established his headquarters at Stenton, the former country home of James Logan.

With Howe's forces thus divided, Washington decided to attack the British garrison in Germantown. His plan was to attack the British at the goal of creating a double envelopment. an armies in much the same way he had sur-



He saw an opportunity to confront the British. He decided to attack the British at Germantown as the last effort of the year before the onset of night with four columns from different directions with Washington hoped to surprise the British and Hessian forces. He surprised the Hessians at the Battle of Trenton.

The large, main attacks on the British and Hessian camp had been repulsed with heavy casualties. Washington ordered Armstrong and Smallwood's men to withdraw. Maxwell's brigade, still having failed to capture the Chew House, was forced to fall back. Part of the British army rushed forward and routed retreating Americans, pursuing them for some nine miles before giving up the chase in the face of resistance from Greene's infantry, Wayne's artillery guns and a detachment of dragoons, as well as the nightfall.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality September 2018



If you would care to have your birthdays, anniversaries, or other important events in your life captured on this page, please call the number below.

We are approaching the time of year when we begin to plan our gift-giving. Why not send a financial donation to the Miami Chapter SAR this year?

2018 Fall SE Regional Meeting



Below right, FLSSAR Senior Vice President presents a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and decoration to Joe Motes of Fort Lauderdale.



C.A.R. representatives James and John Popham were also in attendance along with Delores Wolff, DAR and President of the Miami Ladies Auxiliary.



FLSSAR SE Regional Vice President Bernard Wolff conducts the Fall Regional Meeting at the Capital Grille in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The September 1st gatherings was attended by:

FLSSAR Senior Vice President Lee Popham, Sr.; Palm Beach representatives, Don Lanman, immediate Past President; Peter Johnston, Treasurer; and Fort Lauderdale members: David Lott, President; Joe Motes, Treasurer; James Iohmeyer, Secretary. Bernard Wolff, Miami Chapter President.



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NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

Friday, September 21, 2018

El Novillo

Bird Road, 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.