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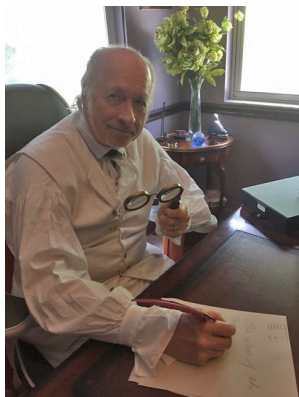
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Newsletter of the Miami Chapter, FLSSAR

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QUILL and PARCHMENT

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA, Editor



The significant event of July occurred when three members of the Miami SAR Chapter attended the 129th National Congress in Costa Mesa, California.

Chapter President William (Bill) Wicks, III led a contingent consisting of Chapter

Secretary (and Florida State President) William (Lee) Popham, Sr. and Chapter Treasurer (and SE Regional Vice President) Bernard W. Wolff to our western shores. The stay was immortalized by the occurrence of two earthquakes which affected the compatriots. The area was rattled by a 6.4 tremor, followed two days later by a 7.1 fright. However, the contingent persevered and accomplished their mission. Compatriots Popham and Wolff attended the Executive Committee and Foundation Board meetings, both having input to the proceedings on Friday. Many tours were offered Saturday ending with the Host Reception provided by the California Society aboard the Hornblower for a Harbor Dinner Cruise.

As with the Leadership Conference, many meetings were convened and one had to choose those which

most affected their work with the Society at all levels. Sunday began with the Color Guard Breakfast where a few compatriots were awarded the von Steuben decoration. This is received after the Bronze and Silver medals are earned for Color Guard activity. The event was officially kicked off with the Color Guard Assembly for the Memorial Service. Imagine over 60 colorguardsmen marching to the Marine Shrine at Castaways Park after the President General's review: Quite impressive!

Monday heralded the opening of Congress. Miami SAR Chapter President Wicks presented several gifts to the Society in respect of the Miami Chapter. A great many committee reports were presented by the chairmen both orally and previously in writing all of which can be found in the Proceedings. That evening ceremonies honored members, chapters, and state societies for having rendered outstanding service to the national organization throughout the year. Six members received the Minuteman Award presented by the NSSAR.

Tuesday became one of the busiest days of the Congress. It began with the South Atlantic District Breakfast that saw the installment of a new District VP General: Alan Greenly. The second session of Congress immediately followed where nomination

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for officers were made and committee reports were concluded. After lunch, the Budget Committee and Strategic Planning Committee were convened. Compatriot Wolff asked several questions during both meetings and made several observations. During the afternoon the official Delegates cast their votes for the incoming officers. While this occurred, there were many meetings that could be attended, depending on one's interests and time. Many met concurrently, and, so one had to be fairly organized to effectively manage meaningful participation.

Finally, it was time for the NSSAR Color Guard to assemble for the evening's President General's Banquet. We marched in and formed our lines to present the Colors. We were preceded by the presentation of head table dignitaries and the invocation.

The evening saw the Change of Command for the NSSAR Color Guard. Compatriot James Fosdyck assumed the position before dinner. The President General Warren Alter presented Compatriot Wolff with the Aid-de-Camp decoration for his personal assistance during the Congress and the First Lady Nancy Alter presented a Hospitality Pineapple for her assistance.

Wednesday began with the Donor Recognition Breakfast where Compatriot Wolff received a R.O.T.C./J.R.O.T.C. award and, earlier in the week Compatriot Wicks was named a George Washington Fellow. The important business of the final session of Congress surrounded the election of a new Vice President Generals, National Trustees, and declaration of election of General Officers. More meetings followed and a tour to San Juan Capistrano Mission filled the rest of the afternoon.

The Installation Banquet was peppered with Colonial dress, black tie, white tie and decorations. It was a colorful sight to behold! The new officers were installed and Compatriot Jack Manning became the new President General. After the George Washington Ring Ceremony, the speaker, Captain Charlie Plumb, delivered a very powerful and poignant tale of his capture by the NVA with an extremely motivational talk on the overcoming of trials, tribulations, and torture to survive and become successful after his release. At first blush, it seemed a bit overpowering for dinner but he managed to engage the audience who sat on the edge of their seats. His talk was much appreciated. Afterwards, the Colors were retired, and the 2019 Congress adjourned.



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

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Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

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

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.



REPORT FROM THE VA HOSPITAL

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff attended the Veterans Administration Quarterly Meeting at the VA Hospital in Miami, FL on July 19, 2019. The Director introduced Leadership personnel which was followed by the introduction of all the guests in attendance. When Compatriot Wolff rose and declared his affiliation with Sons of the American Revolution, all guests applauded and responded very favorable.

A discussion ensued about provided wheel chairs that end up placed in vehicle trunks, never to be seen again. Compatriot Wolff suggested that microdots with transponders could be affixed to areas on the wheel chairs in order to allow tracking of the equipment. He suggested that it would work similarly to the FindMyPhone application that can be downloaded to Smart Phones. It could cut down on expense, dramatically. The suggestion found favor with the organization.



Compatriot Wolff (l.) poses for a photo with VA representatives
at the VA Hospital in Miami, FL

After Action Report

2019 SAR Awards to ROTC/JROTC Programs

SAR Miami Chapter coordinated and provided medals and certificates to two university ROTC programs and 28 JROTC senior high school programs in the SAR Miami Chapter area. SAR members attended and personally presented awards to 10 ROTC and JROTC cadets. My thanks and appreciation go to President Lee Popham, Sr, President William Wicks III, Vice President Robert Sileo, and SAR Member George Cadman III.

Recommendations for SAR award presentations for year 2020:

1. School award ceremonies begin in early April. It would be judicious to order SAR awards in January to arrive at our chapter no later than (NLT) 01 March 2020.
2. A message should be transmitted to all ROTC/JROTC programs NLT 31 January to verify that there is a worthy cadet for a SAR award. A Miami SAR presenter of the award is optional and the Senior ROTC/JROTC Instructor may present the award. If a school needs a SAR presenter, request this in the return ROTC/JROTC message. This message should also include type of ceremony (Dinning-in/Ball or School Auditorium Ceremony), place, and time to assist the SAR presenter. Additionally, if the worthy cadet's name is known, add that to the message. We will appropriately enter his name on the certificate (see photo of an unacceptable printed name; page 3). A response from ROTC/JROTC schools should arrive at Miami SAR NLT 10 March.
3. There were no Miami area JROTC programs which nominated a cadet for Florida State level and the National level SAR competition in 2019. It involves an Enhanced JROTC Program Nomination Form to include a 500-700 word essay. Topic is "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America. Recommend in 2020 that Miami SAR sends a message inviting each JROTC program to compete. Included will be instructions and the Enhanced JROTC Program Nomination Form. Also, the awards at each level will be stated. JROTC units are to respond NLT 05 April.
4. The competition essay may be a problem for the busy life of a high school student. There are two ideas which may help. The first is to convince SAR National to adjust the essay requirement to add a historical topic (American Revolution period). This may enable the history teacher to give class credit to the cadet and he can use the essay for SAR competition. A second idea is to convince the JROTC Senior Instructors to add the SAR essay as part of his JROTC program.
5. Coordination of initial messages and the mailing of SAR awards using the free school mailing system has been conducted through LTC (Ret.) Brodes Hartley, PH:305-752 7900, EXT: 3161, hartleyb@dadeschools.net of Felix Varela Senior High School. Coordination places an additional workload on him. He suggested there may be another way to transfer information and awards. Will Replogle will work with him to use the best option.
6. Miami SAR will probably need more presenters. I will personally coordinate with our members. I will also E-Mail a message to members requesting SAR presenters for our awards. This message should explain the two types of ceremonies- Dinning-out/Balls and Short ceremonies. Dinning-out/Balls may require the SAR member to pay for his attendance but I have never encountered this situation. Also a SAR member may be asked to give a brief talk concerning our organization. I found that attending these ceremonies pleasant and uplifting.

William Replogle, SAR



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**Miami Chapter SAR Board of Directors
Minutes (July 15, 2019)**

The meeting was held at Compatriot William Wicks house and those attending were William Wicks, Will Replogle, Rob Sileo, Bernard Wolff and Lee Popham .

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President William Wicks. Compatriot Sileo led the invocation. Compatriot Replogle led the pledge of allegiance and Compatriot Wolff led the pledge to the SAR.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President's Report: Compatriot Wicks, Replogle and Mitchell as the Color Guard participated in July 4, 2019 Independence Day celebration at Biltmore Hotel. Kerry Wicks provided refreshments for the Guard. Photographs were taken. A professional photographer took photographs and requested that I sign a release for Shutter Stock. Compatriot Popham moved and Compatriot Wolff seconded a motion that we formally reject the request to sign the Release. The motion passed. Chapter pictures of the July 4, 2019 event were posted on the SAR Facebook. (A mixer was held on Thursday June 27, 2019, 5 PM - 7 PM at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile. Pres. Wicks presented to the members at the June luncheon the concept of a Liberty Project based on research from other Chapters). Extensive research has been conducted for the venue for the President's Luncheon (almost 20 venues have been contacted). At the BOD meeting the two locations primarily discussed were The Elks Club on Sunset and 103rd Ave and Miccosukee Golf Course. (P.S. Subsequent to the meeting Miami Shores Country Club reduced the minimum required to 50 persons and as such makes it the preferred venue; the venue has been visited with favorable results. We will be proceeding with a contract for **Saturday, February 15, 2020 - HOLD THE DATE**). **We will have a joint SAR-DAR Constitution Week luncheon on Saturday September 14, 2019 at the Miami Shores Country Club in place of our monthly meeting. Everyone wishing to attend must RSVP and PAY pursuant to the invitation sent from DAR and circulated by Compatriot Wolff and at our July Luncheon.**

Officers' Reports: First VP Sileo stated that we have two new members (and we inducted a new member, Justin Edward Beals, at the July Luncheon). Second VP Replogle provided an update on the ROTC presentations. We discussed that medals must be ordered in the same year as the presentation. Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Wolff moved to transfer \$10,000 from Asset Mark to our operating account a Coconut Gove Bank. Compatriot Popham seconded and the motion passed (Compatriot Sileo abstained). Compatriot Wolff moved that the Miami Chapter prepare a Resolution that the signatories for the bank be President Wicks, First VP Replogle and Treasurer Wolff. Compatriot Popham seconded and the motion passed. Secretary Popham report: He provided an update on his activities on the State and National level including anticipated dues at the National and State Level. Compatriot Wolff moved and Sileo seconded that our Chapter dues be raised four (4) dollars from \$11 to \$15. The motion passed. The dues will be \$35 National, \$25 State and \$15 Miami Chapter. (Per the By-Laws the increase will take effect in the next ensuing year). Newsletter Editor Wolff gave a report on the next newsletter and it should be noted that he was awarded a ROTC award a National Congress and Compatriot Wicks was awarded a George Washington Endowment Trust Fund fellowship.

Committee Reports: Three of our members (Popham, Wolff, and Wicks) attended the National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA during the time of July 4 - July 12, 2019. Knight Essay: the Florida nominee, Caleb Sheppard won the National Contest.

Good of the Order: Alex Proctor contacted Compatriot Wicks to determine our interest in an Air Soft funding raising event. We decided that we did not have funds in the budget but any individual could participate or contribute separate and apart from our Chapter.

Future events include: August BOD meeting is tentatively cancelled; Saturday **AUGUST 17, 2019, Noon MONTHLY LUNCHEON WILL BE AT SEASONS 52, 321 MIRACLE MILE, Coral Gables, FL 33134** and will only be Dutch Treat Lunch/Mixer without any business conducted (**Note: Reservations for 10 people have been made we will need RSVP from membership for this Lunch**); 09/14/19 Constitution Week Joint Luncheon with DAR at Miami Shores Country Club; 09/16/2010 - BOD Meeting at Wicks House; 09/19-21/2019 Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY; 10/4-6/2019 Fall BOM Kissimmee, FL; January 2020 - Regional BOM for the S.E. Florida Society (date and venue TBD); 02/15/2020 PRESIDENT'S annual luncheon noon (venue to be determined - probably MIAMI SHORES COUNTRY CLUB); 02/27/20 to 02/29/2020 - Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY; 06/1-3/2020 Spring BOM SE Region Hosts; 9/24/20 - 9/26/20 - Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY; NATIONAL CONGRESS: 2020 National Congress - Virginia; 2021 National Congress - Seattle, WA; 2022 National Congress - Atlanta, GA; 2023 National Congress is planned for Orlando, FL with many potential activities in the area to entertain compatriots.

Compatriot Sileo presented the Benediction. Compatriot Replogle lead the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wicks, President and Acting Secretary

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 JPJ captures the Union privateer	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Joint Luncheon DAR
15 GEN Howe occupies NY 1776	16 Miami BOD	17	18	19 Fall Leadership	20 Fall Leadership	21 Fall Leadership
22 Nathan Hale hanged 1776	23	24	25	26	27 Peace talks begin US-GB 1782	28 Siege of Yorktown 1781
29	30					

Vignettes of History

After the Powder Alarm, militia forces throughout New England were more cautious with their supplies and more intent on gaining information about Gage's plans and troop movements. Paul Revere played a significant role in distributing this information because of his geographical position in Boston, his social position as a middle-class craftsman in contact with all social classes, and his political position as a well-known Patriot propagandist and organizer.

On September 21, 1774 Patriot leaders met in Worcester and urged town meetings to organize a third of the militias into special companies of minutemen in constant readiness to march. They also instituted the system of express riders and alarms that would prove to be critical at Lexington and Concord. In October, the former legislature of Massachusetts met in defiance of the Massachusetts Government Act and declared itself to be the First Provincial Congress. It created a Committee of Safety modeled after a body with the same name during the English Civil War and it recommended that a quarter of the militia be designated as minutemen. Military stores were to be stockpiled away from the coast (more than a convenient day's march), to make attempts to seize them more difficult. The largest stockpiles were located at Concord and Worcester.

Early in December, British military command voted to prohibit the export of arms and powder to North America, and to secure all remaining stores. On December 12, intelligence received by Paul Revere indicated that a seizure of stores at Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth, New Hampshire was imminent. He rode from Boston to Portsmouth the next day to notify the local Patriots, who quickly raided the fort on the 14th and removed its supplies. Revere's intelligence had been incorrect; although a British operation had been contemplated, it had not been ordered. The British did send ships carrying troops to Portsmouth, and they arrived three days after the fort's supplies were removed. The first arrived on the 17th, and lot, much to the captain's anger. Stores of gunpowder—in contrast by Patriots as "the militia's powder"—were land, Providence, Rhode Island, and New London, Connecticut, and distributed to the militias in towns away from out of Boston and Charlestown.

On February 27, 1775 HMS Lively brought a force of Colonel Alexander Leslie to confiscate weapons crowd that raised a drawbridge in their path and taunted them while others moved the cannon to safety and sent the forge where the cannon had once been. They returned to their ship while being mocked by a growing force of irregulars marching along in lock-step next to them. There were minor scuffles, but no shots were fired.



Miami Chapter Hospitality August 2019



Birthdays

Anniversaries

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.

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Independence Day



Commander David Mitchell points out several instructions before the Flag Ceremony conducted at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL



Featured at the Independence Day ceremony on the 4th of July are Miami Chapter SAR Color Guard members: Chapter President William Wicks, III; Commander David Mitchell; and, 2nd VP William Replogle.





Independence Day



Above left and below right, members of the Miami Chapter SAR Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard field questions from an admiring public.

At right above, 2nd VP William Replogle judges the size of the crowd assembled at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL.

Miami Chapter SAR President demonstrates how to aim an antique weapon during the Independence Day celebration in Coral Gables, FL (below, left).



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2019 National Congress Costa Mesa, CA



Color Guard members from the Florida continent (above).

Compatriots Wicks (l.) and Wolff (r.) relax with their wives Kerry and Delores during the 2019 NSSAR Congress.



Left and center photos show the NSSAR Color Guard at the opening ceremony for the 2019 Congress. At right, Compatriot Wolff and Delores use the US Flag as a backdrop for a photo souvenir.



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Drummer and Fifers accompany the NSSAR Color Guard.



Above, top, the NSSAR Color Guard amasses and prepares for inspection.

Above, PG Alter dedicates a wreath after the arrival of the Color Guard.



NSSAR President General Warren Alter inspects the Color Guard at the 129th National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA.

PG Alter and First Lady Nancy pose with the NSSAR Color Guard at the national event.

In the front rank, at left, Compatriot Wolff has custody of the Flag of Spain, our ally during the conflict.

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2019 National Congress

Past Miami Chapter SAR President and Treasurer Bernard Wolff enjoys time with Past FLSSAR President Pat Niemann aboard the Hornblower in the middle of Catalina Bay off Costa Mesa, CA (below).



The Hornblower provided the venue for the Host Reception in CA (below).



Above center, the FLSSAR table aboard the Hornblower during the Host Reception event at the 129th NSSAR Congress. Seated l-r, Delores Wolff, DAR; Bernard Wolff, SE Regional VP/ Miami Chapter SAR Treasurer; Lee Popham FLSSAR President; Bill Wicks, Miami Chapter SAR President; and, Kerry Wicks, Miami Chapter SAR Ladies Auxiliary President and FLSSAR Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary.



Guests aboard the Hornblower are delighted by the happy refrains from a local barber shop quartet (Above).



2019 National Congress Costa Mesa, CA



Featured

Back row left to right: Douglas Collins, NSSAR Registrar General; Robert McGuire, NSSAR Color Guard, Caloosa Chapter SAR President; Bernard Wolff, NSSAR Color Guard, FLSSAR SE Regional Vice President; COL Pat Niemann, Immediate Past President FLSSAR; REV Randy Moody, Past President FLSSAR; Lindsey Brock, PPG NSSAR; Michael Tomme, PPG NSSAR; C. Bruce Pickette, NSSAR Treasurer General.

Front row left to right: Anne McGuire, DAR, FLSSAR President-Ladies Auxiliary; Delores Wolff, DAR, FLSSAR State Historian -Ladies Auxiliary, Lee Popham, FLSSAR President; Billie Brock, NSSAR Former First Lady, NSSAR President-Ladies Auxiliary; Cilla Tomme, NSSAR Former First Lady.

Florida Attendees

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July Monthly Luncheon



Miami Chapter SAR President William Wicks, III opens the July Luncheon at El Novillo Restaurant in Miami, FL (left).



At right, Miami Chapter SAR 2nd VP William Replogle (l.) and Compatriot Groff listen to an issue being expostulated by Dr. Robert Liebler (c.).



Above, President William Wicks (r.) presents new compatriot Ed Beals with his certificate of membership after being sworn in as a Compatriot of the Society. at the July Luncheon.



July Monthly Luncheon



At left, Compatriots Bridges and Wolff promote the Bowler/ Derby Club for Men at the Miami Chapter SAR monthly luncheon in July.

No dues, reports, or meetings! Only a monthly photograph.



Above, Miami Chapter SAR President William Wicks and Miami Chapter SAR Past President, Dr. Robert Liebler, catch the attention of the camera at the July monthly luncheon.



At left, the Bowler/ Derby Club for Men attempt to recruit 1st VP Robert Sileo into the sartorially excellent group.

NOTICE

August Monthly Luncheon

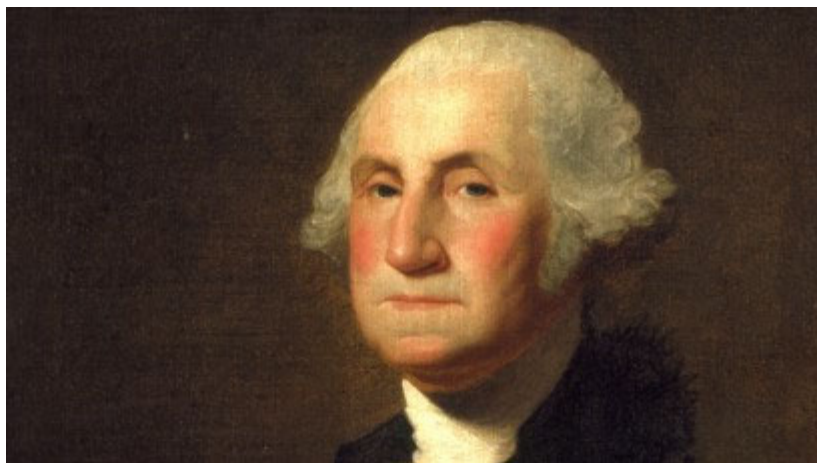
12:00 Noon– 1:30 P. M.

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Seasons 52

321 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL 33134

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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