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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



Since publication of the previous November newsletter, several events have occurred in the Miami Chapter. The November luncheon saw the installation of Compatriot Dan Susik. The luncheon was followed the next day by participant Compatriots Lee

Popham, Sr. and Bernard Wolff at the Harvest Fest held on the Youth Fairgrounds in Miami. Compatriot Popham assisted visitors at the DAR booth with finding their genealogical roots. Compatriot Wolff was accosted by a mysterious creature upon his initial entry into the pavilion (see photo, p. 11).

The Junior Orange Bowl Parade invited the Miami Chapter Color Guard to present the Colors at the festivity on November 26, 2017. The Color Guard was supported by Commander David Mitchell, Chapter President Bernard Wolff, 1st Vice President William Wicks, Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr., and Dr. Robert Liebler. We presented the Colors to a large, televised audience, immediately preceding the fun-filled parade.

Compatriot Bernard Wolff participated in the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee meeting on

December 1, 2017. We are putting the final touches on a member skills inventory worksheet.

The December BOD was convened on December 4, 2017. Among other administrative business conducted, agreement was made on the manufacture of a Challenge Coin to honor our 125th anniversary as the oldest chartered chapter in the State of Florida. The Challenge Coin will be available at the February President's Annual Luncheon. We also made a decision to replace the flag poles used in Color Guard ceremonies. It is expected to be of minimal cost but provide for invaluable maintenance for flag safety.

Compatriot President Wolff was invited to represent the SAR at a local Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker dedication held at Fuchs Park in South Miami, honoring all veterans on December 5, 2017. The event was sponsored by the South Miami Garden Club and the City of South Miami. Compatriot Wolff was interviewed by the Miami Herald (see local Neighbors insert) and the South Miami News.

Compatriots Lee Popham, Sr. and Bernard Wolff met with the owner of the Miami Springs Country Club to sign the contract for the upcoming Annual President's Luncheon. The room has been secured and the menu is under consideration.

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The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

President's Installation Committee

TBA

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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

The Color Guard participated in the Junior Orange Bowl Parade on November 26, 2017 which was held at the Coral Gables city hall. Five of the compatriots attended in uniform to earn five participation points. Members of the Color Guard attended the Harvest Fest and Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker event.

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.



By Proclamation

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Whereas you have satisfied the requirements for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, we hereby welcome you to our ranks.

Andrew Admire
John Admire
Robert Admire
George Cadman III
George Cadman IV
Walter Daniel Susik
William Taeger
Thomas Jelke
Peter Eaton

Board of Directors



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VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

INVASION OF QUEBEC

DECEMBER 31, 1775

THE INVASION OF QUEBEC ENDED AS A DISASTER FOR THE AMERICANS, BUT ARNOLD'S ACTIONS ON THE RETREAT FROM QUEBEC AND HIS IMPROVISED NAVY ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN WERE WIDELY CREDITED WITH DELAYING A FULL-SCALE BRITISH COUNTER HEAVILY CRITICIZED BY BURGOYNE FOR NOT FROM QUEBEC MORE AGGRESSIVELY. DUE TO CARLETON WAS DISLIKED BY LORD GEORGE OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES AND THE OFFI- RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING THE WAR, COMMAND OF THE 1777 OFFENSIVE WAS GIVEN TO GENERAL BURGOYNE INSTEAD (AN ACTION THAT PROMPTED CARLETON TO TENDER HIS RESIGNATION AS GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC. DURING THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS UNSUCCESSFULLY DEMANDED ALL OF QUEBEC AS PART OF THE WAR SPOILS. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THE OHIO COUNTRY, WHICH HAD BEEN MADE PART OF QUEBEC BY THE QUEBEC ACT OF 1774, SUGGESTED IN THE PEACE TALKS THAT QUEBEC SHOULD BE SURRENDERED TO AMERICA; ONLY THE OHIO COUNTRY WAS CEDED.



THRUST UNTIL 1777. CARLETON WAS PURSUING THE AMERICAN RETREAT THESE CRITICISMS AND THE FACT THAT GERMAIN, THE BRITISH SECRETARY CIAL IN KING GEORGE'S GOVERNMENT

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Genealogist/Registrar Robert Sileo presents Compatriot Wolff with a Packet of new submissions to the 1776 Group. Compatriot Sileo has been instrumental in increasing the membership since he was elected.

Chapter President Bernard Wolff presents a membership certificate to new Compatriot Walter Daniel Susik during the November luncheon held at the 94th Aero Squadron in Miami, FL. Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr. assists.



Below, Father and Son Compatriots, Kenneth Harrison and Charles Harrison enjoy themselves at the November luncheon. Later in the week Kenneth celebrated his 96th birthday (l.).



1776er DuQuesne and Compatriot Sileo (l-r) share a lighter moment following the November luncheon and business meeting.



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2017 VETERANS DAY



Compatriots Wicks, Popham, Sr., and Wolff (l-r) discuss protocol procedures at the Veterans Day service honoring the veterans buried at the Miami City Cemetery.

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BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MARKER



At left, Compatriot Wolff encounters Compatriot Charles Leo (c.) at the ceremony.



Compatriot Wolff poses with Cristy Arias who sang the Nation Anthem at the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker event in South Miami (r.).



Members of the South Miami Police Honor Guard are featured on the right prior to the flag presentation for the unveiling of the Blue Star Memorial Marker.



A Scottish piper, Robert Latimer, led the South Miami Police Honor Guard during the flag presentation and recession in South Miami's Fuchs Park. The FLSSAR Miami Chapter President witnessed the event.

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HARVEST FEST



Above, Compatriots Popham, Sr. and Wolff flank Ms. Wendy Kirby (DAR).

St. Nicholas tells Compatriot Wolff if he has been naughty—or nice .



JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL PARADE

At left, Compatriot Wolff confers with past Miami Chapter president John Thomson.

At right, Compatriot Wolff and friend.



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TO ALL MY COMPATRIOTS!



I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU A VERY,
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Chapter President Bernard W. Wolff



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NOTICE

December Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, December 15, 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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