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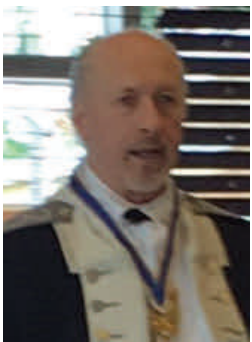
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## President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

The Board of Directors (BOD) met at the home of



Compatriot Richard Friberg on May 11, 2017. The important item of the evening was the approval of the 2017 budget. Compatriot Leo's report informed us that we had awarded 28 JROTC decorations and two ROTC decorations this

year. Personally, I and the other presenters, found it to be a rewarding experience to participate in these ceremonies.

We still must appoint a few committee members in order to fulfill our functions and responsibilities to the membership. Give me a call if you would assist with any positions. I can go more into detail after your contact. On a side note, if you change your email address, phone number, etc., please forward that information to me in order to continue receiving our newsletter.

Our Secretary/Treasurer Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. and I attended the BOM in Orlando on May 19-May 20, 2017. Several administrative changes were approved, including establishing the Ethics Committee as a standing committee in lieu of an *ad hoc* group.

The Strategic Plan, of which I was a chartered member, was approved. Several members, including myself, have been appointed to continue with the implementation phase. By the close of business, I also found myself appointed to the FLSSAR Nomination Committee!

Compatriot Popham and I also were part of the Color Guard over the weekend. Our sponsored entry to the Essay Contest, Karen Lu, was the 1st Place winner and was feted at the Youth Luncheon.

Saturday evening, Compatriot Robert Folk was installed as the new FLSSAR president. Past-President Compatriot Ray Wess was duly honored, along with his gracious spouse. Compatriot Popham was recognized with the Silver Roger Sherman medal and the Chapter received a ribbon for the Americanism Award.

The Color Guard participated in a Memorial Day service at Woodlawn South Cemetery. Two flag bearers (Compatriots William Wicks and Commander David Mitchell) and two musketeers (Compatriot Popham, Sr. and President Wolff) were in full Continental attire for the morning program.

The website is nearing completion. There are a few pages to finish, a hosting server to identify, and transfer of a domain name to satisfy completion.

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Committee Reports

**The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee**

TBA

**President's Installation Committee**

TBA

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

Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Chair

Past Presidents

See Color Guard Committee report below!

**Attendance Committee**

**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 joined TEQUESTA SOCIETY C.A.R. members, families and friends, with the support of Woodlawn South, and participated in a Memorial Day service. We formed and presented the Colors at the Veteran's Section of the cemetery, 11726 SW 117th Ave., Miami, Fl from 8:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M. , May 29, 2017. Many thanks to Compatriots Wolff, Popham, Sr., and Wicks for joining me in this dignified and somber tribute to our deceased veterans. Compatriot Sileo took many fine photos. And, we noticed Compatriot Admire in attendance.

**Meritorious Service Committee**

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

**Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award**

Chairman: TBA

**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

Karen Lu—FLSSAR 1st Place Winner

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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## Vignettes of History

The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Virginian Thomas Jefferson. In justifying American independence, Jefferson drew generously from the political philosophy of John Locke, an advocate of natural rights, and from the work of other English theorists. The first section features the famous lines, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The second part presents a long list of grievances that provided the rationale for rebellion.



On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a Virginia motion calling for separation from Britain. The dramatic words of this resolution were added to the closing of the Declaration of Independence. Two days later, on July 4, the declaration was formally adopted by 12 colonies after minor revision. New York approved it on July 19. On August 2, the declara-

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2017 BOM (below)

Compatriots Wolff and Friberg at the May luncheon held at the 94th Aero Squadron in Miami, Florida.

Newly elected Recording Secretary Popham (L). State Color Guard (B).



Miami Chapter President Wolff visits a statue dedicated to Bernardo Galvez and the Battle of Pensacola, located in New Orleans.

Former State President Wess and Compatriot Wolff



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Members of the Color Guard presented the Colors during the Tequesta C. A. R. chapter flag ceremony at Woodlawn South Cemetery. Members placed small flags at the gravesides of veterans who served in the United States armed forces.

The C. A. R. were joined by members of the D. A. R., their friends and relatives. Photos furnished by Compatriot Robert Sileo.

## NOTICE

June Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, June 16, 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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