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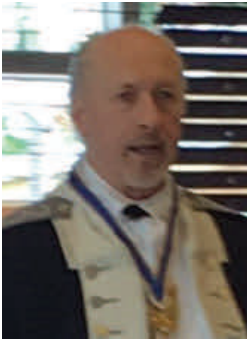
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President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



Many of you who have been members in the Miami Chapter for a while may recognize the format of this reprised newsletter. I wish to thank a former president, Douglas Bridges for sending me a copy of the issue from 2006. It had an attractive layout and I see no reason to change the format, or the name: "The American."

After positing of the Colors by the Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard, Miami Chapter, a new slate of chapter officers was sworn in at the President's Luncheon and Annual Installation held at the Miami Springs Country Club on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

I am honored by being elected to represent the Chapter as President and being installed by NSSAR President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. at our annual luncheon in February. We enjoyed about 50 attendees and were happy to have a former president, David Mitchell, as our guest speaker for the event. Compatriot Mitchell has an impressive *curriculum vitae* which was reflected in his thoughtful and timely presentation.

Many thanks to Compatriot Lee Popham who paved the current way for me. He is an individual that never sleeps, I believe. There is a term in Latin, *hic et ubique*, which means here and everywhere. He is one of the most generous people I have ever encountered because I think he never says, I cannot.

The Chapter Board of Directors will be meeting on a monthly basis at the graciously offered home of Compatriot Richard Friberg (Louise) to consider management issues and the results will be found on the monthly luncheon agenda. Some of the items discussed and reported at the March luncheon

meeting concerned the revival of this newsletter and the website. We are actively engaged with a compatriot to build a new presence on the Web. However, we would be most interested in whether a compatriot within the Miami Chapter has the facility and the interest to undertake this project. If you do please call me ASAP at the number listed below!

Having said that, I wish to appoint an editor for the newsletter, also. We endeavor to publish this communication on a monthly basis to keep the membership informed of our activity and proceedings.

Some additional topics will be to update the database in electronic format so that relevant information can be entered for easier retrieval. Such items as contact information, possession of a Continental uniform, awards and decorations, positions held, etc. will be of value.

The Color Guard will also be augmented by additional members. which could provide opportunities to herald an interest from both a service and a public relations standpoint.

One of my responsibilities under the By-Laws is to make committee chair appointments. To that end, I have recently appointed Compatriot Charles Leo as the Chair for the J.R.O.T.C. Awards and Decorations Committee. Compatriot Leo has been responsible for awarding 30 medals and certificates each year to our local youth. It is time that he be formally recognized as the leader of the program.

Most generally this newsletter will be delivered by electronic distribution. I realize not everyone has a facility with the computer, so snail-mail is another possibility.

The next luncheon meeting will be on April 21, 2017 at 12:00 noon, 94th Aero Squadron, Miami, FL.



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Halifax Day occurs on April 12 in [Halifax, North Carolina](#). It celebrates the [Halifax Resolves](#) (which was the first official call for [independence](#) from [Britain](#) by any of the [colonies](#)) when it was voted unanimously that North Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the other colonial delegates in declaring independence from Britain. Until the 1980s, Halifax Day was celebrated by a [public holiday](#) in North Carolina. Every year, on April 12, the Historic Halifax State Historic Site hosts Halifax Day. Interpreters in period costumes guide tours of historic buildings, and demonstrate historic crafts and other colonial activities. Occasionally, reenactors portray Revolutionary era soldiers and demonstrate use of historic weapons during the Halifax Day events.

Powder House Day in [New Haven, Connecticut](#), is celebrated annually to commemorate the events of April 22, 1775 when the [Governor's Foot Guard](#), under Captain [Benedict Arnold](#), demanded the keys to the powder house in order to arm themselves and begin the march to [Cambridge, Massachusetts](#), marking the entry of New Haven into the [American Revolution](#).





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NOTICE

April Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, April 21, 2017

94th Aero Squadron

395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126

BE THERE, BY GEORGE!



If you have a dark blazer and the SAR blazer patch, let's wear them for impact!

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