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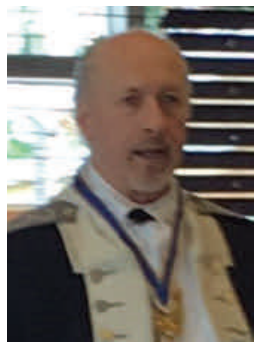
Newsletter of the Miami Chapter, FLSSAR

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## President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

The Board of Directors covered a lot of ground during our meeting last month. We plan to do some house-keeping at the monthly luncheon meeting by adding several national committees to our standing committee pantheon. The addition to the By-Laws is somewhat cosmetic as we currently support these programs. This move makes it official and offers me the opportunity to appoint compatriots to positions of responsibility.



The next few months will be quite busy as we will be attending the BOM in Orlando, May 19—May 20, 2017. Many of us will be donning our Colonial uniforms as we participate in the day's activities, including the Friday evening dinner. There will be more business discussed on Saturday followed by the formal Installation banquet for incoming State officers.

Our Color Guard committee chairman, Compatriot David Mitchell, Esq. is examining the possibility of attending a Memorial Day parade this year. If you will be available and have Continental garb and can physically manage, please contact Compatriot Mitchell and apprise him of your potential pres-

ence. Compatriot Mitchell tells me that he would be looking for at least 10 members so that we would have a good showing if the event is outdoors. We can manage a minimum of four if there is an inside ceremony,

The electronic database is nearly complete and populated with email addresses. This provides a much better management tool, especially for communications. These newsletter may be the first contact many of had since their installation. I realize that several of you do not live in the area, but at least, you will have access to our involvement in the SAR. I believe it to be an important connection to the group-at-large. From time to time you will receive forwarded messages from the FLSSAR and the NSSAR via email. I pass these on when they area of general import and not administrative housekeeping.

I would ask that you be vigilant in your local areas of operation and assist Compatriot Bridges as the Chair of the Meritorious Service Committee. We decorate members of the public when they have sacrificed themselves for the betterment of the community. Usually, you may find these individuals in your local papers after some meritorious service has been rendered and the news reports on it.

## 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

Compatriot Leo submitted his report that will be presented at the next Friday luncheon meeting.

### **George Washington Endowment Trust Fund Committee**

Compatriot Richard Friberg, Chair

### **Color Guard Committee**

Compatriot David Mitchell, Esq., Chair

We will join TEQUESTA SOCIETY C.A.R. members, families and friends, with the support of Woodlawn South, and participate in a Memorial Day Service. We will be placing flags on the grave markers of 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.

### **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.



# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 BOD Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Monthly Luncheon Meeting	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 The Battle of Alligator Bridge	

## The Battle of Alligator Bridge

On June 30 General Robert Howe sent a force of 100 Continental cavalry under MG James Screven south to locate LTC Thomas Brown who was under the command of East Florida Governor Patrick Tonyn. Brown ordered a company of men to circle around behind them while the rest of his men hid along the road heading south from the fort. The men Brown sent to flank the Continentals were betrayed by deserters and ambushed, with most of them captured or killed. Brown began moving down the road toward the Alligator Bridge, but was overtaken by Screven's company shortly before he got there. As a result, Brown's men were chased directly into the established British position at the bridge.

There was some initial confusion, because neither Screven's nor Brown's forces had regular uniforms, so the British regulars thought all of those arriving were Brown's men. This changed quickly however, and a firefight broke out. Prevost's regulars quickly took up positions and began firing on Screven's men, while some of Brown's men went around to come at their flank. In pitched battle, men on both sides went down, Screven was wounded, and some of the Patriot militia narrowly escaped being trapped before Screven ordered the retreat.

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## NOTICE

May Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, May 19, 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.*