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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



November began with the FLSSAR BOM convening in Orlando from November 5th through November 6th, 2017. Compatriot Wolff shared a working lunch with the rest of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning committee, kicking off the new initiative

that came from the previous ad hoc meetings during the year. We had identified seven imperatives necessary to begin the execution, or implementation phase of the Strategic Plan.

The first order of business will be to conduct a member survey wherein we aim to uncover the many skills, talents, and abilities of the compatriots. The survey instrument should be ready for distribution early this coming year.

Compatriot Popham, Sr. also conducted a training session, teaching the Scouting Youth Protection Program. This education is required by most of the organizations with whom we work when the Society interacts with children. It should be refreshed every two years. Compatriot Wolff, and a few others from around the State, joined Compatriot Popham as members of the Eagle Scout Committee.

The FLSSAR BOM convened Saturday morning and addressed several administrative issues. The Strategic Planning Committee presented a report in the afternoon, reflecting the previously mentioned theme. In the early evening the State Color Guard presented the Colors prior to the banquet which featured Dr. Roger Smith as the speaker. A few decorations were awarded and the State American History Teacher of the Year was recognized.

The Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed a luncheon tea together and prepared for the evenings basket raffle. Unbelievably, Compatriot Wolff and Lady Auxiliary member Delores Wolff won three of the baskets. They were not all accepted and others were able to take them home. Compatriot Douglas and Doris Bridges also represented the Miami Chapter at the meetings and other functions. We, all, shared a wonderful dinner on Friday evening with several other members.

You are encouraged to attend the Harvest Fest on the Youth Fairgrounds. The DAR will have a tent erected and will welcome us to make a presence.

The Junior Orange Bowl Parade invited the Miami Chapter Color Guard to present the Colors at the festivity on November 26, 2017.

Please keep track of your points for a decoration.

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Committee Reports

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

President's Installation Committee

TBA

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Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Sr., Chair

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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 will participate in the Junior Orange Bowl Parade on November 26, 2017 which will be held at the Coral Gables courthouse. Contact the Color Guard Commander if you can attend in uniform.

Meritorious Service Committee

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

Ethics Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 _{FLSSAR BOM}	4 _{FLSSAR BOM}
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 _{Veterans Day}
12	13 _{1783 Patriots seize Montreal}	14	15	16 _{Hessians capture Ft. Washing-}	17 _{Harvest Fest}	18 _{Harvest Fest}
19 _{Harvest Fest}	20	21	22	23 _{Thanksgiving}	24	25
26 _{OB Parade}	27	28	29	30		

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

HESSIANS CAPTURE FT. WASHINGTON

1776

Margaret Cochran Corbin (November 12, 1751 – January 16, 1800) was a woman who fought in the American Revolutionary War. On November 16, 1776, her husband, John Corbin was one of some 600 American soldiers defending Fort Washington in northern Manhattan from 4,000 attacking Hessian troops under British command. Margaret, too nervous to let her husband go into battle alone, decided she wanted to go with him. Since she was a nurse, she was allowed to accompany her husband as a nurse for the injured soldiers. John Corbin was on the crew for one of two cannons the defenders deployed; when he fell in action, Margaret Corbin took his place and continued to work the cannon until she too was seriously wounded. It is said that Corbin was standing next to her husband when he fell during battle. Immediately, she took his post, and because she had watched her husband, a trained artilleryman, fire the cannon so much, she was able to fire, clean and aim the cannon with great ease and speed. This impressed the other soldiers and was the beginning of her military career. She later became the first woman in U.S. history to receive a pension from Congress for military service because she could no longer work due to injury and was enlisted into the Corps of Invalids.



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Chairman Charles Butler goes over a few final points with several members of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee as they prepare for their presentation at the 2017 Winter BOM held in Orlando, FL

Chapter President Compatriot Bernard Wolff stands at attention prior to rendering a salute for the Pledge of Allegiance, opening the 2017 Winter BOM.



Compatriot Roger Smith, PhD poses with his wife Christina at the 2017 Winter BOM. Dr. Smith will be featured as the main speaker for the 2018 Annual President's Luncheon in Miami, FL.



At left, Compatriots Douglas Bridges and Bernard Wolff await the call to provide their services to the FLSSAR Color Guard prior to the evening banquet at the 2017 Winter BOM.

Members of the FLSSAR BOM, and guests, break bread at the Friday dinner before the start of the 2017 FLSSAR Winter BOM Saturday morning captured at the right.

Photos by: Delores Wolff of the Ladies Auxiliary.



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Miami Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and Immediate Past President Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. enjoys the Saturday night banquet with another SAR member.



At Friday lunch, we see Ladies Auxiliary member Doris Bridges flanked on the right by her husband Compatriot Douglas Bridges and on the left by Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr.



Compatriot Wolff listens to a few tall stories narrated by chapter members from Mississippi and Florida. Perhaps, they should join the Speaker's Bureau?

Photo credit: Delores J. Wolff

Compatriot Wolff models a Revolutionary War uniform, reflecting a Massachusetts Colonel that was part of the Continental Army.



A FLSSAR Compatriot inspects the raffle baskets organized by the Ladies Auxiliary in support of the 2017 Winter BOM in Orlando, FL. (l.).

Ladies Auxiliary members from the Miami Chapter (Doris Bridges and Delores Wolff, l-r) attend the Ladies Tea on Saturday afternoon during the 2017 Winter BOM in Orlando, FL.



Miami Chapter attendees at the 2017 Winter BOM discuss the news of the day with FLSSAR President Robert Folk and Senior Vice-President Pat Niemann. Order of appearance (l-r): Miami Chapter President Bernard W. Wolff; FLSSAR President Robert Folk; Senior Vice-President, Pat Niemann; Miami Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr.; and, Miami Chapter Past President, Compatriot Doug Bridges are featured below.



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NOTICE

November Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, November 17, 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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