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President's Remarks

by Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

The current Board of Directors meeting will find its home at the residence of Compatriot Richard Friberg and his lovely and gracious wife, Louise on September 7, 2017. The webmaster announced that the Miami SAR Website is now functioning and entertained ideas for adjustments, additions, deletions, etc. to the content and formatting. Compatriot Wolff introduced a sample hand receipt that could be issued for any equipment, uniforms, or other material that is requested from the Chapter inventory. Additionally, an updated, written inventory was requested that reflected our actual holdings, status, numbers, location, and repair needs.

Compatriot Sileo reported that there are 20 active applications in the hopper, some in their final stages. We anticipate increasing our membership with many thanks to Compatriot Sileo for his ardent dedication as the Chapter Registrar/Genealogist.

Compatriot Popham, Sr. devised a form that indicates individuals who have accumulated points to earn a bronze or silver Color Guard decoration. This is an important tool for tracking attendance

and certifying requirements to earn this award. It makes the job easier.

Many of you are aware that the Chapter will celebrate, in 2018, its 125th year since the issuance of its charter. We are the oldest Chapter in the State of Florida, at least. Compatriot President Wolff endorsed the striking of a challenge coin, commemorating the event. One side will show the SAR logo and the name of the society while the obverse side design has been left as a project for a C. A. R. member to submit for the BOD's consideration. Once the design has been approved, it will be sent to the manufacturer for professional preparation before stamping and delivery.

An invitation to the September 15, 2017 luncheon was extended to members of the C. A. R. and the DAR to hear Dr. Roger Smith speak about Florida as the 14th and 15th Colony.

We are all invited to the Regional Vice President's meeting in Pompano Beach so please join me on September 23, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by Compatriot Popham, Sr., Regional Vice President.

Finishing out the month, I will be attending the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY from September 28th through September 30th. I have not been there since Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY.

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Committee Reports

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Compatriot Charles Leo, Chair

George Washington Endowment Trust Fund Committee

Compatriot Richard Friberg, Chair

Color Guard Committee

Compatriot David Mitchell, Esq., Chair

Color Guard Commander is organizing our participation at the up-coming Junior Orange Bowl Parade. Have your uniforms ready for this exciting event. More later.

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: 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

Those compatriots that share an interest in any of the foregoing projects, please contact the Chapter President at the number below.



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Treaty of Paris (1783)	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Miami BOD	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Miami SAR Luncheon	16 Siege of Savannah (1777)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 SE Regional Meeting
24	25	26	27	28 NSSAR Leadership Meeting	29 NSSAR Leadership Meeting	30 NSSAR Leadership Meeting

Vignettes of History

The **Siege of Savannah** or the **Second Battle of Savannah** was an encounter of the American Revolutionary War in 1779. The year before, the city of Savannah, Georgia, had been captured by a British expeditionary corps under Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell. The siege itself consisted of a joint Franco-American attempt to retake Savannah, from September 16 to October 18, 1779. On October 9 a major assault against the British siege works failed. During the attack, Polish nobleman Count Casimir Pulaski, leading the combined cavalry forces on the American side, was mortally wounded. With the failure of the joint attack, the siege was abandoned, and the British remained in control of Savannah until July 1782, near the end of the war.

In 1779, more than 500 recruits from Saint-Domingue (the French colony which later became Haiti), under the overall command of French nobleman Charles Hector, Comte d'Espronville, fought alongside American colonial troops against the British Army. This was one of the most significant foreign contributions to the American Revolutionary War. This French force had been established six months earlier and included hundreds of soldiers of color in addition to white soldiers and a couple black slaves.



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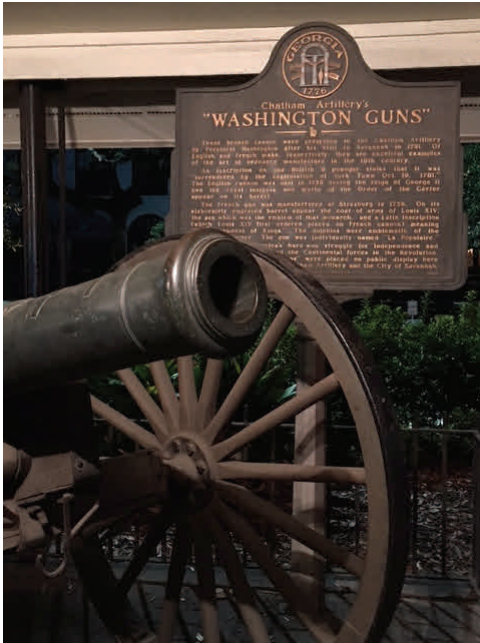
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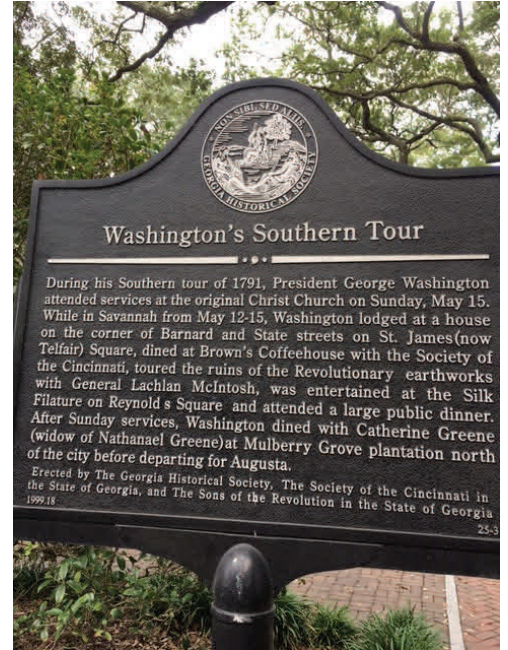
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Washington made a presentation to the Savannah artillery unit that impressed him during his Southern Tour.

The guns represented one captured from the British and the other was an artillery piece used by the French under Lieutenant General Count de Rochambeau during the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.



Compatriot Doug Bridges and Compatriot Bernard Wolff pose in anticipation of an upcoming Oktoberfest celebration (l.).

In this historical archive photo, Compatriot Wolff admires the proceedings of the last Annual Luncheon (r.).





Compatriot Dick Friberg, Compatriot Color Guard Commander David Mitchell and Compatriot Doug Bridges appear with local contestant winners in this photo from the historical archives.

A group shot taken during the recent 127th National Congress.



The 127th National Congress was convened in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Compatriot Commander David Mitchell organizes the Color Guard for its role in flag raising during the last Miami Annual luncheon in this historical photo.



NOTICE

September Monthly Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon

Friday, September 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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