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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq. hosted the May Board of Directors meeting at his lovely home on April 9, 2018. Compatriot President Bernard Wolff reported on a series of archived, historical records in order to update current knowledge of past

motions and resolutions taken by previous Boards. Chapter Historian Thomas Jelke stated, earlier, that he would digitize the archives for easier perusal and retrieval. We are in the process of obtaining these documents from several sources.

A motion was entertained to authorize 2nd Vice President Rob Sileo to pursue the final contract wording that would allow the BOD to make better use of the investments that we hold. Mostly, this will permit the knowledge of an active management team to make recommendations while providing additional security for the corpus of the funds.

Chapter President Wolff invited Compatriot George Cadman, III to present an appeal for financial support to assist the Military Lounge at the Miami International Airport. Subsequently, the BOD author-

ized a check to be presented at the fundraising event held at the Coral Gables Mercedes - Benz dealership. It was a well-attended event with several compatriots in attendance. The Ladies Auxiliary is adopting a service component to the organization that will provide hostesses for the Lounge. They also report that they made contact with the Fischer House adjacent to the VA Hospital in Miami. Delores Wolff, Ladies Auxiliary President, wrote that they are constructing the raffle basket in support of the State Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser at the May BOM in Kissimmee.

Compatriot Sileo, in his additional role as Register/ Genealogist, reported that there are 33 members in the 1776 Group for April which constitutes potential additions to the Chapter. We have gained five new compatriots since his last report.

A general consensus called for the Membership Directory to be updated and we are accumulating the necessary information to accomplish the directive.

Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, Esq. is coordinating our presence at a local Memorial Day event. Remember that we have several uniforms in storage. Perhaps one will fit you!

The next BOD meeting will be May14, 2018.

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President's Installation Committee

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Attendance Committee

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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

We have uniforms available to those who can wear them on a hand receipt basis. Watch for news of the upcoming Memorial Day celebration!

Meritorious Service Committee

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

Ethics Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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.



Miami SAR BOD Minutes, March 6, 2018

The Miami Chapter SAR Board of Directors was called to order by Compatriot Bernard Wolff, Chapter President at 7:05 PM with the Invocation being given by Compatriot Douglas Bridges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Compatriot Wicks and the Pledge to the SAR being led by Compatriot Sileo. Compatriot Wolff thanked Compatriot Wicks for volunteering his home as a meeting location.

Compatriot Members in attendance:

Bernard Wolff

William Wicks

Robert Sileo

Douglas Bridges

W. Lee Popham

Thomas Jelke (via phone)

Agenda: The BOD Program/Meeting Agenda was approved.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: Copies of the financial report were disseminated and discussed in detail by Compatriot Popham. Questions and answers were presented and discussed.

Reports: Compatriot Wolff acknowledged the positive feedback for the Annual, Presidents Luncheon Meeting & Officers Installation. It started out as a mixed bag of confusion and morphed into a very nice venue.

A variety of topics as to how to present oneself to the public to create interest in becoming a member of the SAR were discussed. Topics including the Chapter Newsletter, website, Color Guard activities, communication, community involvement and wearing of the colonial attire to create interest, curiosity and questions were discussed.

Compatriot Wolff and Compatriot Popham attended the FLSSAR Winter BOM. It was felt that the "one day" session wasn't received as well as anticipated. Compatriot Popham was nominated for the position of Sr. Vice President of the FLSSAR and Compatriot Wolff was nominated for Vice President S.E. Region, FLSSAR.

Compatriots Wolff and Popham will be attending the upcoming Leadership Conference, Louisville.

Compatriot Sileo reports that he has 32 potential members in the pipeline with five (5) applications pending.

Compatriot Sileo gave an in-depth presentation concerning the Chapter's finances. The discussion and presentation included better ways to maintain and maximize our financial solvency without increased expenses.

Chapter equipment (muskets, uniforms, canteens and knapsacks, projector, etc.) needs to be accounted for and it's location recorded. Flagpoles are no longer an issues and they have been located.

Compatriot Wolff continues to solicit photo from the members to be used along with articles being published in the Newsletter.

A future meeting location was discussed with several suggestions being presented but nothing confirmed. This item will be read-dressed at the next meeting.

New Business: Our next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held April 9, 2018, 7:00 PM at the home of Compatriot Wicks, 7540 SW 124th Street, Miami.

Good of the Order: There being no further business being presented, the meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

Compatriot Bridges offered the Benediction and the Recessional led by Compatriot Rob Sileo.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Bridges, Recording Secretary

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <i>1775 2nd Continental Con.</i>	11	12 <i>British capture Charleston</i>
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14 <i>Miami SAR BOD</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Miami SAR Luncheon</i>	19
20 <i>Treaty of DeWitt's Corner</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

BRITISH CAPTURE CHARLESTON

The defeat was a serious blow to the American cause. It was the largest surrender of an American force under arms, until the 1862 surrender of Union troops at Harper's Ferry during the Antietam Campaign. The surrender left no substantial army in the South, and the colonies were wide open for a British advance. The British troops consolidated their hold, and had driven the remaining Continental Army troops from South Carolina consequent to the May 29 Battle of Waxhaws.

During their surrender the American forces were denied honors of war, leading General George Washington to deny the same to the British during their surrender at the Siege of Yorktown, with Washington saying "The same Honors will be granted to the Surrendering Army as were granted to the Garrison of Carles Town."^[7]

On June 5, Clinton sailed back to New York City, believing his presence necessary to defend against a potential Franco-American attack, leaving command of the southern theatre to Lord Cornwallis, with orders to reduce opposition in North Carolina. Though the substantial, the British error in strategy soon uprising of Loyalists, making control of the South Carolina degenerated into a period of as.



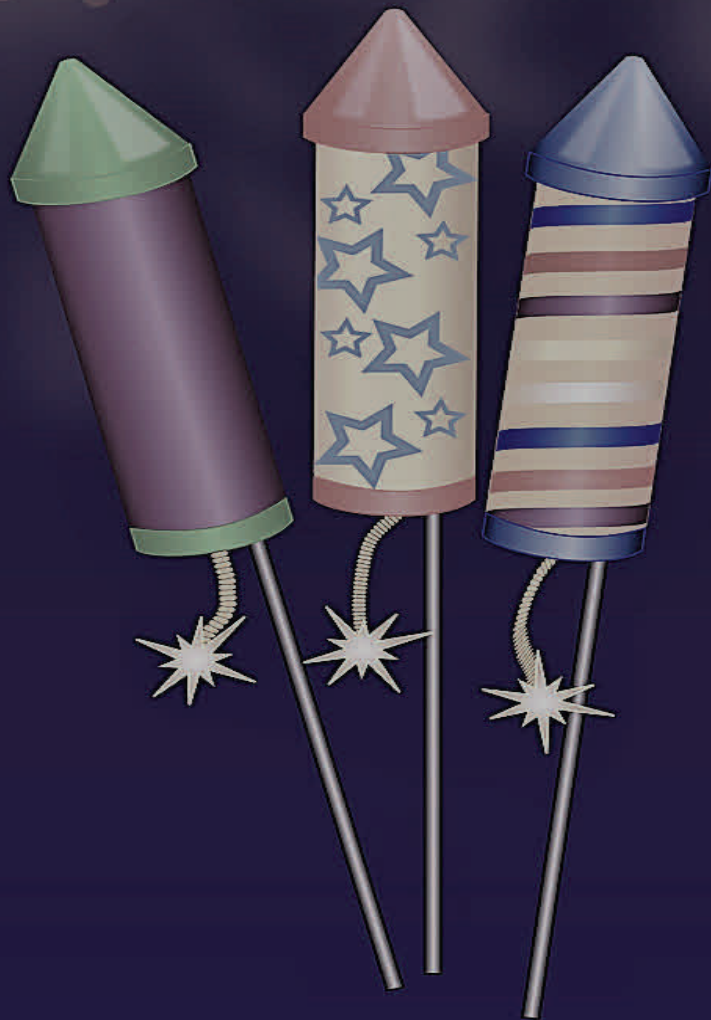
effects of the surrender at Charleston were became apparent. There was no popular countryside difficult. Instead, resistance in chaotic guerrilla warfare in the outlying are-

Miami Chapter Hospitality April 2018



MIAMI SAR BOD
MAY 10, 2018

FLSSAR BOM
MAY 18-19, 2018



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Military Lounge Event
2018



Above, Chapter President Wolff presents a check to Mr. Angel Rodriguez for the Military Hospitaler Lounge at Miami International. He is joined by Mr. Michael Kesti (l.) and Compatriots Wicks (c.) and Slesnick (r.) Also Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff, DAR.



Director Hugo Berrera of the South Florida HIDTA and Chapter President Bernard Wolff

Chapter President Wolff poses with Maria Kesti, spouse of Michael Kesti, Chairman of the Armed Forces Service Center (l.).

Compatriot George Cadman, III (f. second from L.) and Compatriot Don Slesnick (r. third from r.) represent the Chapter at the Military Lounge benefit.

Below, Anthony Atwood, PhD, curator of the Military Museum and Memorial of South Florida, Chapter President Wolff, and Chapter 1st Vice-President William Wicks, III, Esq. (l.-r.)



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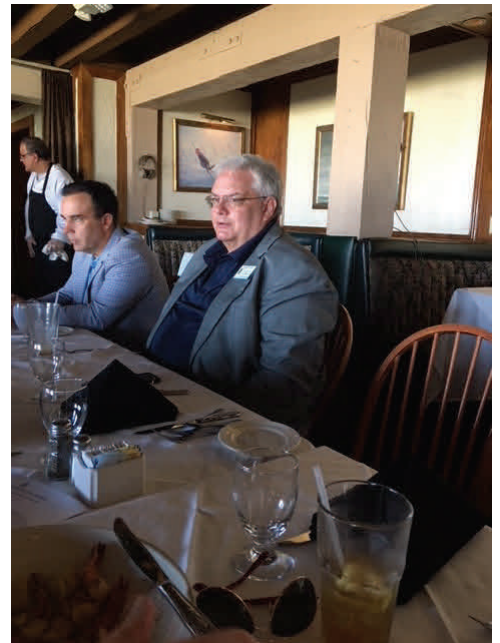
Florida International University R.O.T.C. Award Presentation Ceremony



1st Vice-President Compatriot William Wicks, II, Esq. With the Florida International R.O.T.C. cadet



Miami SAR Chapter Secretary and Regional Vice-President William Lee Popham, Sr. and 1st Vice-President William Wicks, II, Esq. pose for a photograph with the 2018 FIU cadet who received a decoration and certificate for outstanding accomplishments.



The 94th Aero Squadron hosted the March Miami SAR monthly luncheon. Attendees beginning on the left and moving clockwise are: Compatriot Thomas Jelke, historian; Compatriot Rob Sileo, 2nd Vice-President serving as Registrar/ Genealogist; Compatriot Bernard Wolff, President; Compatriot Charles Harrison; and, Past Presi-



Photos by
Delores Wolff

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COULD BE
HERE!**



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NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

Friday, April 20, 2018

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.