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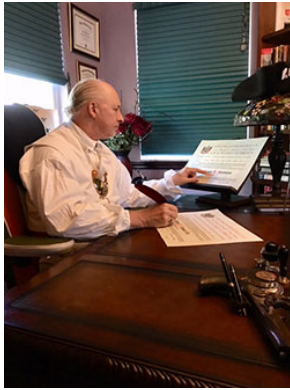
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Newsletter of the Miami Chapter, FLSSAR

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## The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



We had a busy and productive time at the November luncheon held at El Novillo Restaurant in Miami, FL. Miami SAR President Wolff inducted two members into the Society: Compatriot William Replogle and Compatriot Christopher (Kiefer) Barrett.

He also awarded the Mayor

of the City of Doral, Juan Carlos Bermudez, the Bronze Citizenship Award while the Police Chief, Hernan M. Organvidez, received the Public Safety Decoration. Both distinctions were accompanied by the relevant certificate.

If you are fortunate enough to be invited to the home of Compatriot William (Will) Replogle, prepare to be astounded by his capabilities of handcraft, imagination, technical awareness, and shipboard design acumen. Behind massive wooden doors you will find what can only be described as a replica of 18th Century shipboard ambience. One must see it to believe it! A very small scene is captured in photos on a following page.

The 2019 slate of incoming officers was accepted by general acclaim. They will take office after the Feb-

ruary 17, 2019 Annual President's Luncheon to be convened at the Kendall Elks Club, #948.

The 2019-2020 officers are:

President, William Wicks, Esq.  
1st Vice President, Rob Sileo;  
2nd Vice President, William Replogle;  
Secretary, William (Lee) Popham, Sr.;  
Treasurer, Bernard W. Wolff;  
Registrar/Genealogist, Rob Sileo;  
Historian, Thomas Jelke;  
Editor/Webmaster, Bernard W. Wolff;  
Chaplain, Jorge DuQuesne.

Elements of the Thomas Paine Brigade of the Miami SAR Color Guard under the leadership of Commander Mitchell attended the 2018 Junior Orange Bowl Parade in Coral Gables, FL on Sunday, December 2nd. Attendees requested photo of the Color Guard in their Colonial uniforms.

Chapter President Wolff along with Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff and Secretary-Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr. celebrated the 80th Anniversary Luncheon for the Palm Beach SAR Chapter at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, FL on December 8, 2018. It was a magnificent feat! Congratulations Palm Beach.

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Standing Committees

**The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee**

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

**President's Installation Committee**

Compatriots Bernard W. Wolff/William Wicks, Esq.

**D.A.R. - C.A.R. Liaison Committee**

Compatriot Wm Lee Popham, Sr., Chair

Past Presidents

**Attendance Committee**

Compatriot Richard Friberg

**J.R.O.T.C. Awards and Medals Committee**

Compatriot William Replogle, Chair

**George Washington Endowment Trust Fund Committee**

Compatriot Richard Friberg, Chair

**Color Guard Committee**

Compatriot David Mitchell, Esq., Chair/Commander

We have uniforms available to those who can wear them on a hand receipt basis.

**Meritorious Service Committee**

Compatriot Douglas Bridges, Chair

**Ethics Committee**

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

**Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award**

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**

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff, Chair

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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## Thanksgiving Blessings!

It is instructive for us today to recall what life was like for the Pilgrims who arrived on these shores in December of 1620. As the [Plimoth Plantation](#) describes it:

Many of the colonists fell ill. They were probably suffering from scurvy and pneumonia caused by a lack of shelter in the cold, wet weather. Although the Pilgrims were not starving, their sea-diet was very high in salt, which weakened their bodies on the long journey and during that first winter. As many as two or three people died each day during their first two months on land. Only 52 people survived the first year in Plymouth. When *Mayflower* left Plymouth on April 5, 1621, she was sailed back to England by only half of her crew.

Nevertheless, a year after their arrival they sat down for a feast of thanksgiving. They had befriended and made a treaty of mutual protection with the Pokanoket Wampanoag leader, Ousamequin, also known as Massasoit to the Pilgrims.

In the fall of 1621, the colonists marked their first harvest with a three-day celebration. Massasoit and 90 of his men joined the English for feasting and entertainment. In the 1800s this famous celebration became the basis for the story of the First Thanksgiving.

It would be easy to focus on the passing difficulties of our time, especially for those of us who fight daily to preserve the God-given liberties that have blessed this land since the time of the Pilgrims. But, as they did, we must pause to reflect on all that is good and on the Source of this goodness.

I am particularly fond of a [hymn](#) popularly associated with Thanksgiving Day and often sung at family meals and religious services on this day, having been brought to America by Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, now New York City. It was written by Adrianus Valerius and is entitled "*Wilt Heden Nu Treden*" ("*We Gather Together.*")

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



## Minutes

## Sons of the American Revolution

## Miami Chapter BOD Meeting

November 12, 2018

The Miami SAR Chapter Board of Director's meeting was called to order by Compatriot Wolff, Chapter President at 7:05 PM with the invocation given by Compatriot Wolff, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Wicks and the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Sileo.

Compatriot Members in attendance:

Bernard Wolff

William Wicks

Robert Sileo

Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.

Agenda: The BOD Agenda was approved.

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

Reports: Compatriot Popham gave a positive report on the Chapter's finances..

Compatriot Wolff expressed the importance of appointing an ad hoc by-laws review committee.

Compatriot Wolff rendered the current status of the Annual President's Day Luncheon. Since the Miami Springs Country Club instituted a \$1500 room charge and the caterers will charge approximated \$80 per person, we must look at another venue and caterer. Compatriot Popham will contact the Elks Club #948 for a possible, alternative venue site. FLSSAR President Niemann will arrive the evening of February 16, 2019 in order to attend the luncheon.

Compatriot Wolff advised that we need to award a Flag Certificate to satisfy an entry on the Americanism Project award sheet. Compatriot Popham, Sr. recommended that we recognize Compatriot George Cadman, III.

Compatriot Wicks advised that we should forgo discussion on D&O insurance until the FLSSAR or NSSAR conclude discussion on same coverage.

Compatriot Wolff delivered the Color Guard report for Commander David Mitchell. The Color Guard will participate at the DAR monthly luncheon, the Junior Orange Bowl Parade, and Veteran's Day this year. All necessary arrangements have been made.

The Ladies Auxiliary reported that the Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff and the Chapter President Bernard Wolff visited the Pathways at the VA Hospital to ascertain needs.

Compatriot Wolff reported that the Mayor of Doral Juan Carlos Bermudez and the City of Doral Police Chief Hernan Organvidez will be honored with decorations and certificates at the November luncheon.

Compatriot Sileo reported that the Chapter had gained six new members this year and 48 prospects.

The 2018 Nomination slate for 2019 officers was approved and will be voted on at the November luncheon.

Our next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held December 17, 2018, 7:00 PM at the home of Compatriot Wicks, 7540 SW 124th Street, Miami.

Good of the Order: Following a roundtable call, no further business being presented, the meeting was closed at 8:35 PM. Compatriot Popham offered the benediction and the recessional was led by Compatriot Sileo.

Respectfully submitted, Bernard W. Wolff, Chapter President

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# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Second Battle of Trenton 1777</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Battle of Princeton 1777</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Battle of Mobile 1781</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Miami BOD</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Battle of Cowpens 1781</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Miami Luncheon</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

## Vignettes of History

### Battle of Mobile

January 7, 1781

The British garrison nearest to Mobile was in West Florida's capital, Pensacola. The commander, General John Campbell, had under his command about 500 men, composed mostly of men from the 16th and 60th Regiments, but also including some Waldecker grenadiers and some Loyalist militia. The British relations with the Creeks, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Indians were also relatively good. Hundreds of Choctaw warriors responded to British pleas for help and came to Mobile.

Emboldened by the destruction of a Gálvez-led expedition against Pensacola by a hurricane in the Fall of 1780, Campbell decided to attempt the recapture of Mobile. On January 3, he dispatched an expedition of more than 700 men under the command of the Waldecker Captain Johann von Hanxleden.

Hanxleden's force arrived near the dawn attack the next morning. Forty of chored nearby, but the British cut many ans from the expedition then followed scalps. The remaining Spanish coolly



Hanxleden and nineteen others. Don Ramon de Castro led a successful bayonet charges against 3 to 1 odds. The British troops then disengaged and retreated.

outpost late on January 6, and made a the Spaniards made a dash for a boat an- of them down with a musket volley. Indi- the Spaniards into the water to collect opened fire on the British, killing

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## Miami Chapter Hospitality December 2018



### **Birthdays**

### **Anniversaries**

**Past President Douglas Bridges and Doris Bridges celebrate 66 years on December 7th.**

**If you would care to have your birthdays, anniversaries, or other important events in your life captured on this page, please call the number below.**

***We are approaching the time of year when we begin to plan our gift-giving. Why not send a financial donation to the Miami***



### 2018 November Luncheon



Above left, President Wolff seems to be going for the neck of Past President Dr. Robert Liebler (It must have been an involved conversation!!!)

Below Registrar/Genealogist Rob Sileo (l.) looks on as Compatriot Replogle poses with his certificate.



Above right, President Wolff presents Membership Certificate to Compatriot Replogle at the November luncheon

Chapter President Wolff presents Compatriot Jorge DuQuesne with his official record copy and certificate recognizing him as a member of the SAR.



Below center, George Cadman IV, William Wicks, Lee Popham, Sr., and Doris Bridges attend the November luncheon.



Past President Doug Bridges is caught in the act of recording this historical event.

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## Happy Days Are Here Again!



Past President Doug Bridges celebrates 66 years of marriage with his bride, Doris on December 7th..

Compatriot John Stewart (aka Thomas Jefferson) and Miami SAR Chapter President Bernard Wolff visit the Palm Beach Chapter as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary as an NSSAR affiliate. The event was held at the Everglades Club on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach. The club was also beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.



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## 2018 All Aboard!



Some people have a penchant for overstating their case, however, when I visited Compatriot William Wicks I was instantly amazed at his creation of an incredible feat of personal interest, effort, and imagination. He constructed a very believable reproduction of an early sailing ship in his home. It is replete with artifacts and antiques true to the period. It is a work of wonderment that reflected the 10 years he has invested in his livable *objet d'art* as rendered and left and below. It must be seen to be believed.

Will was gracious enough to let me sit in the Captain's Chair!



## 2018 November Luncheon



At left, Chapter President Bernard Wolff introduces Mayor Bermudez from the City of Doral. To the left and below left Mayor Bermudez accepts the Bronze Good Citizenship medal awarded by the Miami Chapter SAR for his outstanding leadership skills.

Below left, City of Doral Police Chief, Hernan is presented with the SAR Public Safety Award for his efforts in keeping the community a safe and desirable place to live.



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## 2018 Junior Orange Bowl Parade



Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, Esq. along with Chapter President Wolff and 1st Vice President Wicks, Esq. are prepared for the Sunday afternoon event at City Hall in Coral Gables, FL (l-r)



Miami chapter SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff, DAR enjoys herself at the Junior Orange Bowl Parade in the company of Kerry Wicks spouse of Compatriot William Wicks, Esq. (Below)



At left, Commander Mitchell and President Wolff discuss some last minute details during the Junior Orange Bowl Parade in Coral Gables, FL.



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## 2018 Veterans Hall of Fame



The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame recognizes and honors those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the state of Florida through civic, business, public service or other pursuits



Below, Compatriot Colonel John M. Thomson, inductee to the Florida Veteran's Hall of Fame, stands at the entrance to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame in Tallahassee, FL.



At left, Compatriot John (Jack) M. Thomson greets Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi. Jack was inducted into the Florida Veteran's Hall of Fame for 2018 (r.).



## NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

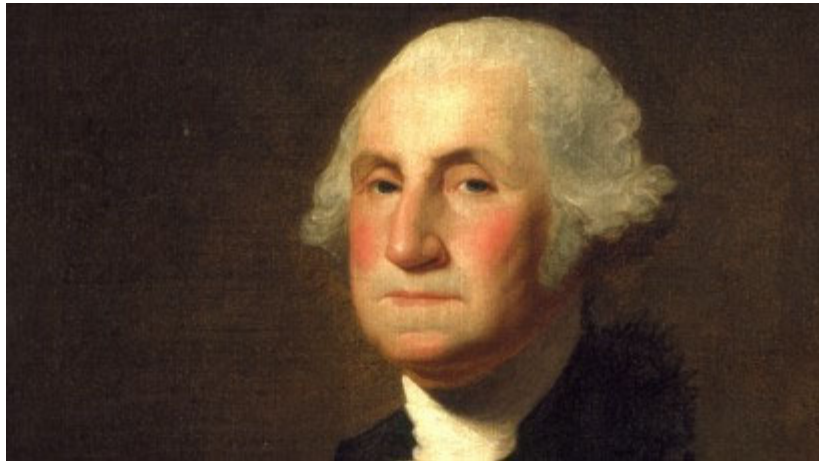
Friday, December 21, 2018

**El Novillo**

6830 Bird Rd, Miami, FL 33155-3708

Approval of Budget

**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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