



The American



February 2018

Newsletter of the Miami Chapter, FLSSAR

Volume 2 Issue 2

The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



The calendar year, once again, has seemed to pass much too quickly. But, I am pleased with what the Chapter has accomplished through the participation of the compatriots, including their abundant support. Early last year the Chapter experi-

enced the publication of a website (ongoing development) and a Chapter newsletter. These two efforts are important to bring together the membership through timely communication, keeping all abreast of the latest developments, opportunities, and accomplishments.

We have convened monthly Board of Directors meetings to assist in planning and administration in order to produce a more meaningful and efficient local organization. Additionally, we have successfully transitioned our monthly luncheons to the 94th Aero Squadron where we select from a much wider menu and enjoy a more pleasant ambience, including the iguanas!

Our members have been very active by attending all the NSSAR Leadership Conferences and the 127th National Congress. We have also had repre-

sentation at all the Board of Managers (BOM) meetings where a few of our members hold positions on several FLSSAR committees. In addition some compatriots also have become involved with NSSAR committees, including the Eagle Scout Committee and the American History Teacher of the Year Committee. Two of our members can also be found on the Germany Society roster which is an adjunct of the main organization.

The Thomas Payne Camp (our Miami Chapter Color Guard) became more active in 2017. Elements of the Guard supported many National holidays and local events, including the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Junior Orange Bowl Parade, Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker, Harvest Fest, and others (see previous newsletters). We have supported much of the Color Guard activity at the BOMs, Leadership Conferences, and National Congress.

We have recognized many in Miami with decorations, awards, and certificates. Recipients have included local heroes, compatriots, Eagle Scouts, ROTC/JROTC, among others.

We have begun the task of instituting a Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary under the guidance of Dolores Wolff, DAR.

Headquarters: 305-301-7474

<http://www.miamisar.org>

Standing Committees

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

President's Installation Committee

TBA

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 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. Flag poles are being replaced.

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

Our winner is: Jose Afonso

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



March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NSSAR Leadership	2 NSSAR Leadership	3 NSSAR Leadership
4	5 SAR Miami BOD (tent.)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Guilford Courthouse 1781	16 SAR Miami Luncheon	17 British evacuate Boston
18	19	20	21	22 Washing- ton's birthday	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

The **Raid of Nassau** (March 3–4, 1776) was a naval operation and amphibious assault by Colonial forces against the British port of Nassau, Bahamas, during the American Revolutionary War. The battle is considered one of the first engagements of the newly established Continental Navy and the Continental Marines; the respective progenitors of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. The action was also the marines' first amphibious landing.

Departing from Cape Henlopen, Delaware on February 17, 1776 the fleet arrived in the Bahamas on March 1, with the objective of seizing gunpowder and munitions known to be stored there. Two days later the maga- rines came ashore seizing Fort Monta- rines came ashore seizing Fort Monta- town where the gunpowder was stored. That night Nassau's governor had most of the gunpowder loaded aboard ships sailing for St. Augustine. On March 4, the Continental Marines advanced and took control of the poorly defended town.



The Continental forces remained at Nassau for two weeks and took away all the remaining gunpowder and munitions found. The fleet returned to New London, Connecticut in early April after capturing a few British supply ships, but failed to capture HMS *Glasgow* in an action on April 6.

Miami Chapter Officers 2017-2018

President: The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

(305) 301-7474, grafwolff@comcast.net

1st Vice President: William R. Wicks, III, Esq.

(305) 282-8388, WWicks@Seippflick.com

2nd Vice-President: Rafael T. Rodriguez

rafiusa@msn.com

Secretary/Treasurer: Wm Lee Popham, Sr.

(305) 904-4400, Popham@earthlink.net

Registrar/Genealogist: Robert Sileo

(305) 361-2401, robertsileo@bellsouth.net

Historian: Wm Lee Popham, Jr.

LeePopham@hotmail.com

Editor: Bernard W. Wolff

Chaplain: Otto Williams

(305) 596-5872, williamsottop@aol.com

Webmaster: Bernard W. Wolff

Immediate Past President: Wm Lee Popham, Sr.

Miami Chapter Hospitality February 2018



Congratulations!
SAR Miami Chapter
Anniversary

47 Years
Thomas Heyward Wright

31 Years
Fred Lambert Hooper

16 Years
Maareen Walker Duvall

2 Years
William Rutherford Wicks, Esq.

1 Year
William Frederick Taeger



Headquarters: (305) 301-7474

<http://www.miamisar.org>



2018 January Luncheon



1st Vice-President William Wicks, Secretary/Treasurer William Lee Popham, Sr., Charles Cadman, III, and Charles Leo pose after the installation of Compatriot Cadman (above).

Chapter President Wolff ponders a comment offered by Secretary/Treasurer William Lee Popham, Jr., during the January business meeting (right).



Registrar/Genealogist Rob Sileo (r.) takes a moment to share a photo with a member of the 1776 Group (above).

Headquarters: (305) 301-7474

<http://www.miamisar.org>

At center, Compatriot Wolff, member of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee discusses a few points with Chairman Charles Butler before a presentation to the membership.

Strategic Planning Committee chairman Compatriot Butler answers a couple of questions during a recess in the 2018 Winter BOM, at upper right.

Below are pictured the first (c.) second (l.), and third (r.) place winners of the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Lower right finds Compatriots Wolff and Popham at FLSSAR Color Guard practice before the luncheon during the 2018 Winter BOM in Kissimmee, FL.



2018 Winter BOM





Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff and Compatriot William Lee Popham, Sr. end the 2018 Winter BOM by flanking a new acquaintance and agreeing to a photograph. Perhaps, the FLS-SAR has discovered a new Compatriot in the making?

NOTICE

Annual President's Luncheon and Installation

12:30 P. M.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Miami Springs Golf & Country Club

650 Curtiss Parkway

Miami Springs, Florida 33166

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.

Headquarters: (305) 301-7474

<http://www.miamisar.org>