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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



Delores and I have just returned from a journey to the homeland of one of our Revolutionary War allies—The Republic of France. We took an extended vacation and left the administration of the Chapter in the capable hands of the 1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq. I send my heartfelt thanks to Bill and the BOD for keeping the boat afloat.

Bill reports that we had a meaningful BOD meeting at his home and a decent representation of the membership at the monthly luncheon. The Chapter financial position will soon be consolidated and put into the hands of a professional firm that, expectedly, will manage our funds more adroitly while increasing their safety from market perturbations.

The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors This Fourth of July at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Commander David Mitchell led Chapter President Bernard Wolff, 1st Vice President William Wicks, and his son Garrett Wicks to the stage while thousands of celebrants watched as television cameras recorded the patriotic display of the Betsy Ross flag and the SAR flag, followed by a massive fireworks

display. The 4th of July event at the Biltmore was the grandest celebration to date. We met in the main Biltmore Hotel reception area and Commander Mitchell was beset with requests for photographs from the guests. Compatriot Wolff and Chapter Ladies Auxiliary President and FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Historian Delores Wolff, DAR soon joined the fascinating group. Next to appear was Color Guardsman and 1st Vice President Bill Wicks, his spouse Kerry and son Garrett. Garrett dressed in uniform and assisted as a musketeer. More photos were requested from the assembled group.

Outside, thousands gathered in front of an erected stand, sitting on blankets or chairs as we practiced for our formal presentation. The early evening sun beat down on the crowd and made it quite humid for those of us, mostly in wool and linen. The final presentation went without a flaw and was appreciated, wildly, by both national and international guests who belted our strains of the Star Spangled Banner as we stood at attention and presented the Colors. After we marched back to a staging area at the conclusion of the National Anthem, more than 500 people queued in line to take their photos with an agreeable Color Guard. We finally retired toward the Biltmore with avid attendees requesting more photographs of our splendid compatriots.

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

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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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Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOM Meeting

June 11, 2018

The meeting was held at Compatriot William Wicks house and those attending were William Wicks, Lee Popham and Rob Sileo. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by First Vice President William Wicks as President Bernard Wolff was out of the country. Compatriot Wicks led the invocation. Compatriot Popham led the pledge of allegiance and Compatriot Sileo led the pledge to the SAR.

The agenda was approved. The reading of the last minutes was deferred as Compatriot Bridges was out of town.

Compatriot Wicks and Popham reported on their attendance at the Spring Florida SAR BOM. Compatriot Popham has been elected to serve as the state Senior Vice President. Compatriot Wolff will serve as the state SE Region Vice President. Compatriot Wicks reported on Color Guard activities at ROTC and Memorial Day ceremonies. Compatriot Sileo reported on his attendance at the MAST ROTC program.

The Finance Report was provided by Compatriot Popham. Compatriot Popham advised that he continue to serve as Treasurer for this year, in the absence of Daniel Susik. In summary, the finances are in good standing and on track for the Chapter's budget; the filing fee for the tax-exempt status has been paid; donations per the budget have been made including three checks totaling \$1000 to the VA and \$500 to the Armed Forces Service Center for the airport lounge. Compatriot Sileo reported that funds have been transferred from Morgan Stanley to the AssetMark account and are already providing increased earnings. The status of the Chapter's CD, which has a maturity in November 2018, was deferred to the next meeting to determine if they should be withdrawn and merged with the AssetMark account.

Compatriot Popham provided an update on the next Color Guard activity on Flag Day June 14, 2018, at the South Miami Elks Club in coordination with the Boy Scouts. A July 4, 2018, Color Guard activity with the City of Coral Gables in being planned by Compatriot Mitchell.

Compatriot Sileo reported that the 1776 Group has 36 persons on the list and we have had five new members for the year.

A discussion was had regarding recruitment of new members and the need to have SAR members attend a DAR meeting to encourage brothers and sons of DAR members to apply. A discussion on retention of members was discussed which included the possibility of social functions such as a fall/winter picnic, and having an outing at a shooting range. There was a discussion regarding the general dates, times and venue of our luncheon to determine if we are reaching the maximum number of members. The next luncheon is scheduled for June 15, 2018, at the 94th Aero Squadron.

There were no other comments for the good of the order. All Compatriots joined in the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wicks

First VP and Acting Secretary

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Delegates begin signing DI	3	4
5	6 Miami BOD	7	8	9	10	11
12 Pickens' Ring Fight 1777	13	14	15	16 Battle of Bennington 1777	17 Miami Luncheon	18
19	20	21	22	23 British with- draw Ft. Stanwix	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

THE BRITISH DEFEATED THE FRENCH AND THEIR NATIVE AMERICAN ALLIES IN THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR(1754-1763). THE RESULT WAS BRITISH CONTROL OVER MUCH OF NORTH AMERICA. BUT THE WAR HAD COST ENGLAND A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND PARLIAMENT DECIDED IT WAS TIME FOR THE COLONIES TO PAY A SHARE FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE. TO RAISE MONEY, PARLIAMENT PASSED THE STAMP ACT IN 1765. THIS LAW REQUIRED THE PURCHASE OF TAX STAMPS TO BUY PAPER. THE COLONISTS WERE OUTRAGED. AFTER YEARS OF "SALUTARY NEGLECT" WHEREIN COLONIAL TAXES WERE NOT COLLECTED BY THE BRITISH, THE NEW POLICY WAS UNWELCOME.

THE COLONISTS HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES ENGLISHMEN. AMONG THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO ALL ENGLISHMEN WAS A VOICE IN PARLIAMENT – SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T HAVE. WITH THE STAMP ACT, "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS TYRANNY," BECAME A BATTLE CRY. RIOTING, RHETORIC, AND THE CALLING OF THE STAMP ACT CONGRESS QUICKLY LED ENGLAND TO REPEAL THE STAMP ACT.

THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON WERE MOST OUTSPOKEN AND VIOLENT IN THEIR REACTION TO TAXES. THEY THREATENED AND HARMED BRITISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TRYING TO COLLECT TAXES. SO, THE BRITISH QUARTERED TROOPS IN BOSTON TO PROTECT THEIR OFFICIALS. IN 1770, THE BOSTON MASSACRE OCCURRED AS BRITISH TROOPS FIRED INTO A GROUP OF PROTESTERS, KILLING FIVE OF THEM. THIS WAS THE FIRST BLOOD. IN 1773 THE EAST INDIA COMPANY WAS GRANTED A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY ON THE IMPORTATION OF TEA. IN PROTEST, A GROUP OF BOSTON CITIZENS DISGUISED AS MOHAWK INDIANS BOARDED A SHIP AND DUMPED 342 CHESTS OF TEA INTO BOSTON HARBOR. PARLIAMENT RESPONDED WITH THE "INTOLERABLE ACTS."

ACCUSED COLONISTS COULD BE TRIED IN ENGLAND, AMERICAN HARBOR WAS CLOSED, AND MORE. THIS RESULTED IN THE AT PHILADELPHIA'S CARPENTERS' HALL. TWELVE COLONIES



HOMES WERE FORCED TO HOST BRITISH TROOPS, BOSTON FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, IN 1774, WHICH MET

SENT DELEGATES TO DISCUSS HOW TO RETURN TO A STATE OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY – NOT REVOLUTION! BUT RADICAL THINKING WON OUT. PARLIAMENTARY ACTS WERE DECLARED "UNCONSTITUTIONAL." TAXES WERE NOT PAID, AN IMPORT-EXPORT BAN WAS ESTABLISHED, AND COLONISTS WERE URGED TO ARM THEMSELVES. THE "SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD" WAS FIRED AT LEXINGTON WHERE ARMED COLONISTS TRIED TO RESIST BRITISH SEIZURE OF AN ARSENAL. 8 AMERICANS DIED IN THE SKIRMISH. BY THE TIME THE BRITISH RETURNED TO THEIR LINES, 273 BRITISH WERE KILLED, THREE TIMES MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF COLONISTS KILLED. THE REVOLUTION BEGAN.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality May 2018



Happy
4th of July



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Chapter President Wolff discusses the evening presentation with Color Guard members William Wicks and his son Garrett (l-r). Random shots follow.



Photos by: DJ Wolff



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2018 4th of July Celebration



Above, Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, Esq., Chapter President Bernard Wolff, Garrett Wicks, and Chapter 1st Vice President William (Bill) Wicks, Esq. pose with a member of the audience.



At left, below, Kerry Wicks and Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff attempt to divert some of the intense rays on the 4th of July at the Biltmore Hotel.



Assorted shots of guests on the right.



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2018 4th of July Celebration



Above, is the front line of hundreds of guests that lined up for a photo opportunity with the Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard of the Miami Chapter. Immediately, above Compatriot Jack Thompson and his wife Dorothy join the Color Guard for a moment.

Above, and to the right, the Color Guard pose in front of the stage, housing the orchestra.

Below, right, members of the Ladies Auxiliary, President Delores Wolff and Kerry Wicks offer some color to the compatriots, showcasing the historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL..



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NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

Friday, July 20, 2018

94th Aero Squadron

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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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