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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



The Chapter was well-represented at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting this year. Chapter President Wolff and his bride Delores were joined by 1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq. and Chapter Secretary Lee Pop-ham. All Miami Chapter

compatriots wore Continental uniforms and made a wonderful presentation, especially Compatriot Wicks who sported his brand new uniform made by the incomparable Rick Hazen.

As you are aware, the Annual Meeting is the time that the State elects its new officers for the year. The FLSSAR Board of Management elected the Senior Vice President, Compatriot Pat Niemann, as the new FLSSAR President. Miami Compatriot Lee Pop-ham, Sr. was elected as the FLSSAR Senior Vice President while Compatriot Wolff became the new South East Regional Vice President. We will all be working in concert to provide the best in training to the Chapters under our respective purviews. Additionally, Compatriot Wolff was appointed as the Chair for the Financial Review Committee for the FLSSAR. The purpose of the Committee is to conduct an annual independent internal review each

year of the financial books and records of the FLS-SAR.

One change that will marginally affect the FLSSAR membership concerns an unsustainable deficit with the *Patriot* magazine. The members in attendance decided that the magazine should be sent as an email attachment. If any member wishes a hard copy, a cost of about \$3.25 will be assessed.

Now is the time to register for the 128th National Congress to be held in Houston, TX in July. This is a chance to see the full import of the NSSAR. We are but a microcosm of the larger universe that will be seen at this annual function. It is important to understand the larger picture and see your place in it.

The FLSSAR recognized the Miami SAR Chapter on Saturday evening during the Annual Meeting. We received the Florida Chapter Challenge Certificate for the year 2018. We were awarded Second Place for the White Flight which is a designation for groups of our size. It becomes manifestly important to report all of your involvement so that the Chapter can record this information in order to place higher on the final tally.

We need more Color Guard members! Remember, the Chapter has a few uniforms in inventory, so come in for a fitting.

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The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Committee

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

President's Installation Committee

TBA

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

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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.

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.



Minutes

May 14, 2018

The Miami Chapter SAR Board of Directors was called to order by Compatriot Bernard Wolff, Chapter President at 7:00 PM with the Invocation given by Compatriot Douglas Bridges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Wicks and the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Sileo. Compatriot Wolff thanked everyone for their attendance.

Compatriot Members in attendance:

Bernard Wolff

William Wicks

Robert Sileo

Douglas Bridges

Agenda: The BOD Program/Meeting Agenda was approved.

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

Financial Report: The absence of a second signee on the Chapters finances was discussed and concerns expressed. Compatriot Sileo was instructed to delay setting up an alternative program for the Chapter's finances. This will be readdressed during the June meeting when the Treasurer is available.

Reports: Compatriot Wolff announced Memorial Day events and encouraged participation in colonial dress.

Compatriot Wolff pointed out that the Chapter would need a volunteer to present the Sr. JROTC awards/medals at ceremonies being held at FIU and the UM.

Compatriot Sileo reports that he has 35 individuals who have shown interest in membership with the following awaiting induction:

Nicholas George Sileo

Jorge Ignacio Du Quesne

Jorge Ignacio Du Quesne, Jr

Javier Alejandro Du Quesne

William Spencer Replogle

Robert Andrew Admire

Andrew Derrick Jack Admire

John Gaylord Admire

Chapter Equipment: Need to know what and where.

Due to prior commitments the May Luncheon meeting is cancelled.

The Chapter Web Page is available and remains a project in progress, as is the Membership directory. It was pointed out that the FLSSAR web page includes much of the data needed for the directory.

New Business: Our next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held June 11, 2018, 7:00 PM at the home of Compatriot Wicks, 7540 SW 124th Street, Miami.

Good of the Order: Both Compatriot Richard Friberg and Lady Louise are experiencing medical issues. Richard is at home and Louise is in Rehab in Louisville following a stroke and fall. Following a roundtable call, 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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July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Fort Ticonderoga	6 Green Spring	7 Hubbardton
8 Fort Ann	9	10	11	12 128th Congress	13 128th Congress	14 128th Congress
15 128th Congress	16 128th Congress	17 128th Congress	18 128th Congress	19 128th Congress	20 Miami Luncheon	21 Colson's
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

THE BATTLE OF FORT ANNE

JULY 8, 1777

On the morning of July 8, a supposed American deserter, who was really a spy, informed Hill that the fort was occupied by nearly 1,000 demoralized troops. Opting not to attack the numerically superior force, Hill sent a message back to Burgoyne outlining the situation. Burgoyne ordered the 20th and 21st regiments to quick-march toward Fort Anne in support, but poor weather hampered their movement, and they did not arrive until after the battle. The "deserter" returned to Fort Anne and reported on the British position and troop strength.

Long, seeing how few British soldiers were following him, decided to attack their position. Moving as stealthily as possible, his force tried to surround the British while they were still on the road. However, Hill's men heard the rebel movements on their flanks and retreated to a higher position, abandoning some wounded men, who were eventually captured by the Americans. When the Americans opened fire, it was "a heavy and well-directed fire", according to one British officer. The battle lasted for more than two hours, until both sides were nearly out of ammunition, and the British were virtually surrounded by Americans. The sound of Indian war whoops from the north prompted the fort with their wounded, including Van Rensselaer, who had taken a shot in the hip. As it turned out, there were no Indians, but only a single British officer, John Money of the 9th regiment, Burgoyne's deputy quartermasters, but when they seemed reluctant to fight the Americans, Money became impatient and ran ahead of them; it was his war cries that brought an end to the battle.



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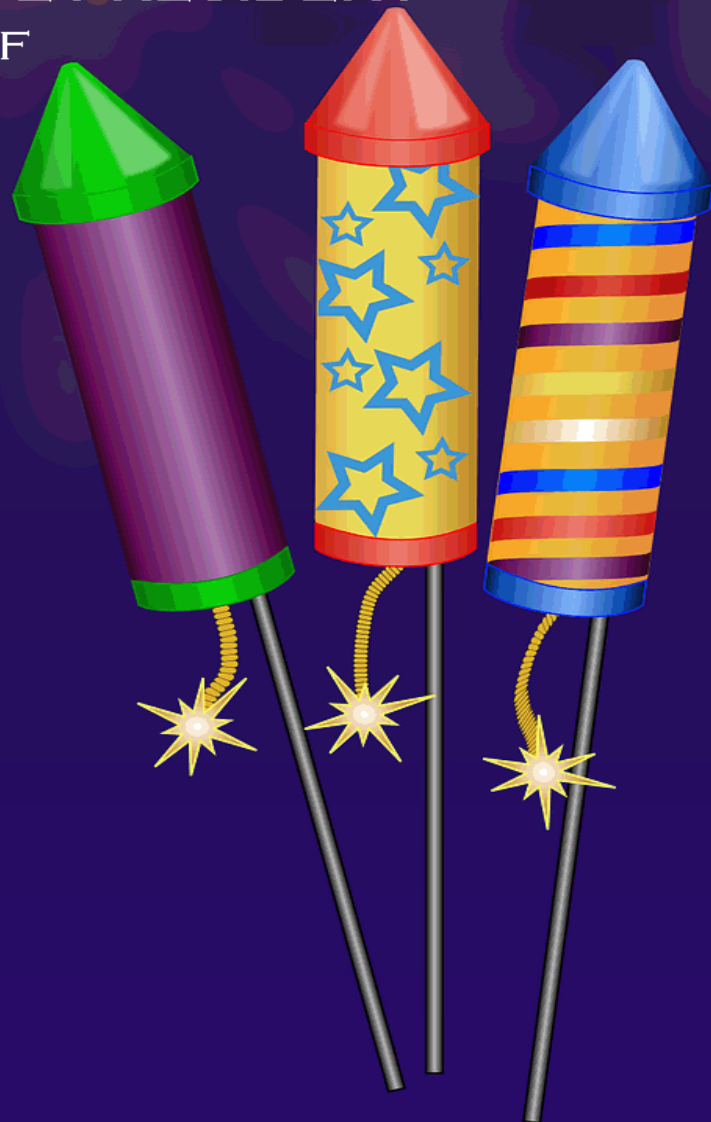
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CONGRATULATIONS

FLSSAR PRESIDENT:
PAT NIEMANN

FLSSAR SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
WILLIAM LEE POPHAM, SR.

SE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
BERNARD W. WOLFF





2018 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting



Miami Chapter SAR President Bernard W. Wolff adjusts the time on his 1756 Shrewsbury, Massachusetts P: Evans tall case clock prior to departing for the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting to be convened at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, Florida during the May 18-19, 2018 weekend. Compatriot Wolff received this time piece as a legacy from his father who kept it in excellent running order.

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Above center, Compatriot Pop-ham is appointed as the 2018 FLSSAR Senior Vice President.



Compatriot Wolff (c.) receives a certificate for Distinguished Service as the 2017-2018 Miami Chapter SAR President.

President Wolff poses with the Second Place certificate awarded for the 2017 Chapter Challenge (seated left).



Compatriots Wicks and Wolff listen attentively to PG Guzy as he makes an important point (l.- r.).



Compatriot Wolff joins the other 2018 State Officers as he is appointed as the Southeastern Regional Vice President (Above).



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Below, Compatriot Wolff, member of the FLSSAR Color Guard, takes his place at the Presentation of the Colors.



PG Larry Guzy congratulates Delores Wolff, DAR as the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Historian at the Saturday evening gala during the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Below, we see three amigos from Miami. From left to right: Compatriots Wolff, Wicks, and Popham.



Above, Compatriot Popham recognizes the 2018 Eagle Scout Award winner.

Below, PG Larry Guzy congratulates the incoming FLSSAR President Pat Niemann on his accession to the office.





2018 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting



The newly appointed South East Regional Vice President Bernard W. Wolff (l.) and Miami Chapter 1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq. share a moment with the newly installed FLSSAR State President Pat Niemann. FLSSAR President Niemann also appointed Compatriot Wolff as the 2018 Chairman of the Financial Review Committee. The report will be due in time for the 2019 Annual Meeting.

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At left, Compatriot Wolff lowers the Colors to half-mast in preparation for Memorial Day.



At right, the Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard of the Miami Chapter assembles for the Memorial Day observance. Musketeers Lee Popham (l.) and William Wicks (r.) flank Color Guard Commander David Mitchell (with the Betsy Ross flag) and Chapter President Wolff.

2018

Memorial Day



Chapter President Wolff and Compatriot Lee Popham look on as Pack 280 pay homage to fallen soldiers at the 2018 Memorial Day observance in Miami, Florida.

Below, Compatriot Wolff raises the Colors to the top after 12:00 noon on Memorial Day.

Color Guard Commander David Mitchell overlooks the Memorial Day observance at the City Cemetery in Miami, FL (c.).



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NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

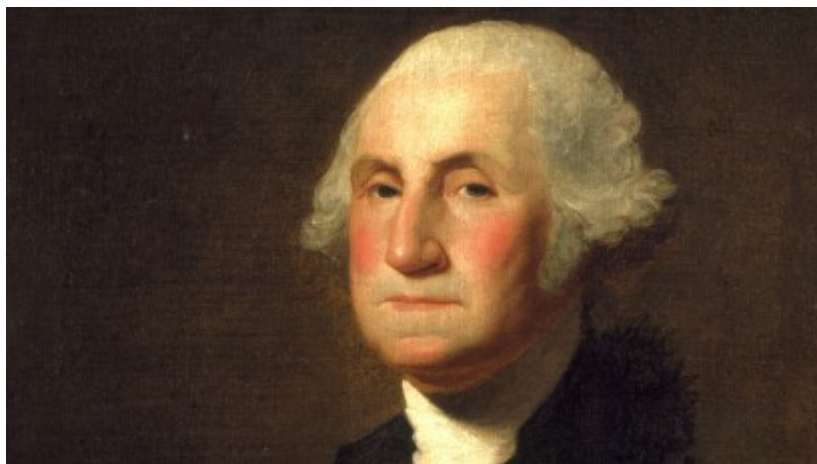
12:00 P. M.

Friday, June 15, 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.

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