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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



We opened the new year with a flurry of activity. March immediately began with the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville. Delores and I, along with Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. attended and, at once, became involved with one

meeting after another during the long weekend. PG Larry Guzy declared that the Friday evening banquet would be reflective of St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) and many of the assemblage wore green, or dressed in their Irish best. The band played many Irish favorites with the group joining for most of them. Both Compatriot Popham and I attended the Germany Society of the SAR where the members elected new officers for the coming year.

The Miami SAR Board of Directors met at the home of 1st Vice President William Wicks on March 6, 2018 and conducted its usual business, addressing finances, committee reports, and upcoming activities. The Registrar, Compatriot Sileo, informed us that the 1776 Group contains 29 prospects!

Compatriot Sileo also presented financial scenarios to the BOD that are structured to give us potential

strategies for our investment portfolio that could offer us a more lucrative return. He will be the focus of our program at the March 16th luncheon. If you have any comments, this is the opportunity to make them, or have concerns addressed.

Compatriot George Cadman, III related that Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables is hosting a fund raiser for the Military Hospitality Lounge, located at Miami International Airport on April 11, 2018 from 5:30 P. M. - 7:30 P. M. Light food/beer/wine/beverages will be served. There us a suggested donation of \$25 per person or \$40.00 for a couple. If you recall, this is one of the projects earmarked by Delores and the Ladies Auxiliary.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is the official US Holiday recognizing all Veterans who served in the US Military during the Vietnam War Era. President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on March 28, 2017 officially recognizing March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Taking the lead from the Palm Beach Chapter, I encourage all Miami Chapter members and friends to thank a Vietnam Veteran by inviting a Vet to our March 16th Chapter meeting, and to send a social media "shout out" using VietnamWarVeteransDay.

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Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff

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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 have been 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

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



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Battle of Block Island</i>	7
8 <i>Battle of Delaware Bay</i>	9 <i>Miami BOD</i>	10	11 <i>MB Military Lounge Soire</i>	12	13 <i>Battle of Bound Brook</i>	14 <i>Battle of Monck's Corner</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Miami SAR Luncheon</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Battle of North Channel</i>	25 <i>Battle of Blandford</i>	26	27 <i>Battle of Ridgefield</i>	28
29 <i>Viet Nam War Vet Day</i>	30					

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

The Ranger, captained by John Paul Jones, turned sharply and fired a broadside at the folloing Drake. Drake's armament had been listed as only 16 guns, suggesting that the rearmost guns had been left aboard just for show. The ship's gunner may well have known of these problems, and perhaps the gunner's mate too, but neither was aboard the Drake anymore (the mate having been captured in the reconnaissance mission, and the gunner being ill at Portsmouth).

The combatants were very close together, but never close enough for grappling, probably because Captain Jones knew of the extra men hidden below decks on Drake. As well as the great guns, both sides were firing small arms at each other, and here, too, Drake was at a disadvantage. The ship's magazine lacked cartridge paper; and when the musketeers ran out of cartridges, they had to laboriously load their guns by pouring in the right amount of powder, then putting in the shot. Musket balls were passed round in the armorer's hat, and two powder horns were shared between all the men on duty. With the other side much better organized, and death. Drake killed just one of Jones's crew, another two—who were firing from positions in side. Five of Drake's crew were killed, including, himself, struck in the head by a musket ball. command of Drake passed to the master, John



such inefficiency meant the difference between life Lieutenant Samuel Wallingford, by musket fire; the mast tops—died as the by-product of a broad-just under an hour into the fight, Captain Burdon With both the captain and lieutenant out of action, Walsh.

By that time, Drake's sails and rigging had been even the masts and yardarms were seriously damaged; in the light wind, the sloop was more or less immobilized, not even able to turn to aim a broadside. Unable to load fast enough, the small-arms fighters had retreated to cover, so only about a dozen people were left on Drake's main deck. A few minutes after the captain died, the two remaining petty officers on deck went to the master and advised him that they should strike their colors and surrender; after further consultation, he agreed. The colors had already been shot away, so Mr. Walsh had to shout and wave his hat instead. According to John Paul Jones's records, the duel lasted one hour and five minutes.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality March 2018



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At left, Compatriots Wolff and Bridges congratulate Compatriot Richard Friberg on his award.

At right, Compatriots Sileo, Leo, Wicks, and Wolff.



Photo by: Delores Wolff



Compatriots Harrison, Mitchell, Wolff




2018 President's Luncheon
and
Annual Installation



Historian Jelke and 2nd Vice President Sileo.

SVP Pat Niemann congratulates Compatriot Bernard Wolff for his second term as the 2018-2019 Chapter President. (above).

Photos by: Doug Bridges



Janice McKay, Wendy Kirby, and Louise Friberg.



Delores Wolff, Ladies Auxiliary Chapter President receives the Lydia Dahlrugh decoration. (l.)

C. A. R. members are presented with awards by Chapter President Wolff.



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Compatriots Popham and Wolff greet one another after arriving at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY



Compatriots Wolff and T. Rex discover that they both studied entomology (insects) in college.

PG Larry Guzy, Ladies Auxiliary Historian, and Miami Chapter SAR President Bernard Wolff share a moment at the 2018 Leadership Conference held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY March 1-4, 2018.



Compatriot Popham, Sr. (c.) attending the National Color Guard during the presentation of the Colors.



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Leadership

Compatriots Wolff, Niemann, Popham, Sr. check the after dinner program. Compatriot Randy Moody, State Chaplain is on the far right.



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Compatriot Wolff converses with Compatriot Steven Monez, past president of the Arizona Society at the 2018 Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. (Above, l-r)

Miami SAR Chapter President Bernard Wolff, Senior Vice President Pat Niemann, Miami Chapter Secretary Lee Popham, Sr. (below, l-r)



PPG Michael Tomme discusses a few points with the State Recording Secretary Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY (above, l-r)

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PPG Michael Tomme takes a moment to smile for the camera along with State Ladies Auxiliary Historian Delores Wolff.



Leadership Conference

Miami Chapter SAR President Bernard Wolff (r.) enjoys the company of the past Arizona State President Steven Monez and his bride.



Members of the National Color Guard stand ready.



2018

Presidential



Peregrinations



Miami Chapter SAR President Wolff strikes a pose with the JROTC Pass and Review Color Guard at Tropical Park

Photo by: Delores Wolff



Color Guard Commander David Mitchell attends the 2018 MAST Academy Pass and Review for the USCG on Virginia Key. He is seated in full uniform at the far left.

Photo by: PO3 Brandon Murray, USCG



Compatriot Bernard Wolff is shown in the lower photos as he attended the JROTC Pass and Review.

COL Santana shares some insights with Chapter President Wolff (a.k.a. CW4 Wolff, US Army (ret.))

Photos by: Delores Wolff



NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

12:00 P. M.

Friday, March 16, 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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