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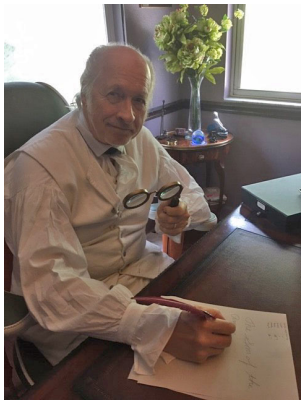
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QUILL and PARCHMENT

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA, Editor



The April 2019 newsletter finds me retiring from Chapter President to my role as the Editor of the Miami SAR Newsletter. More in the background, you may notice that I am also the elected Chapter Treasurer. Editorially, we will keep you abreast

of the monthly happenings within the Chapter. We have received some ideas from the 2nd VP William Replogle and will endeavor to incorporate them into future publications of this communication device.

On March 6, 2019 I met with the Coral Gables committee that is sponsoring a Memorial Day Parade this year. This was an initial planning meeting and our Thomas Paine Color Guard will have a prominent position at the commemoration. Commander David Mitchell will be spearheading this event for us as it progresses.

Chapter President William Wicks, III organized a social evening for the group at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables, FL. At least two new members will be added to the rolls due to this initiative. The Chapter also gained a speaker for the April luncheon. Plans are afoot to repeat this gath-

ering on a regular basis—watch for times, dates, and places.

For the most part, you may peruse the transacted business at the monthly BOD by consulting the Minutes found later in the newsletter.

The March luncheon featured Mr. Todd Jolly, History Teacher, who addressed the issue of the role Blacks played during the Revolutionary War. As with many cultures, they were both free and slaves, fought for the Colonists and the British, and were from the North and the South. Some fought with the Spanish and the French against the British Empire in the cause of freedom from tyranny. I, too, have spoken, and written on this issue, especially as it related to Washington's need for capital to be able to prosecute the battle at Yorktown. Roughly 4,500 Haitian soldiers were sent and today you may notice a statue erected in the Garden Area of Savannah, Georgia dedicated in their honor.

The Thomas Paine Camp of the Miami SAR Color Guard attended a memorial ceremony for a former compatriot, John Morton Lyndsey at the 1st United Methodist Church of Coral Gables on March 30, 2019. The Color Guard, under the direction of Commander David Mitchell presented the Colors and retired them after listening to a moving eulogy.

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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.



Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOD Meeting

March 18, 2019

The meeting was held at Compatriot William Wicks house and those attending were William Wicks, Bernard Wolff, Rob Sileo and Will Replogle.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President William Wicks. Compatriot Sileo led the invocation. Compatriot Wicks led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Wolff led the pledge to the SAR.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President's Report: Compatriot Wicks reported on attendance at the February 28 - March 2, 2019 Spring Leadership Conference /Trustee Meeting in Louisville, KY and attendance at the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War sponsored by the Brevard County SAR at the Merritt Island Veteran Center and Military Museum on March 9, 2019. Compatriot Wicks presented proposed updates and changes to the By-Laws. All were discussed and action was deferred pending additional revisions and input from other Board members who were not present. Mixer of March 13, 2018 was discussed. All Board members present were in attendance at the Mixer held at John Martin's Irish Pub and agreed it was a success. Plans will be made for another Mixer during the next few months, possibly at Nancy's Bar. The next luncheon for March 23, 2019 with speaker Todd Jolly was discussed. The next BOD will be April 8, 2019 and the next luncheon will be April 13, 2019. Compatriot Wicks presented the concept of having a unique event for the Miami Chapter which might merit national approval. Compatriot Wolff suggested a Liberty Tree presentation which will be explored.

Officers' Reports: Second VP Replogle reported on revising the Miami Chapter website with assistance of creator Wolff. Compatriot Replogle also provided a detailed update on his progress as Chairman of the JROTC/ROTC presentations. He has been contacting many sources and discussion occurred regarding attending the presentations. First VP, Registrar and Genealogist Sileo reported that there were 53 persons in the 1776 group as prospective members. Ben Goff has been reinstated. Flynn Durham and sons have applied and will be accepted. Treasurer, Compatriot Wolff reported that the transition of books and paperwork has yet to occur as Compatriot Popham has been traveling.

Committee Reports: As stated above, and all others were deferred.

Good of the Order: The status of the Miami Chapter Challenge coins and NSSAR challenge coins were discussed. We agreed to present a NSSAR coin to speaker Todd Jolly.

Future events include: 03/30/2019 Color Guard; Memorial Service for John Lindsey at 11 AM First Methodist Church Coral Gables; 03/30/2019 Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL; 05/10-11/2019 Spring BOM Kissimmee, FL (Note: Lee Popham will be installed as the new State President); 07/5-10/2019 129th Annual Congress, Cost Mesa, CA; 09/19-21/2019 Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY; 10/4-6/2019 Fall BOM Kissimmee, FL; 06/1-3/2020 Spring BOM SE Region Hosts. Additionally, the 2023 Annual Congress is planned for Orlando, FL with many potential activities in the area to entertain compatriots.

Compatriot Sileo presented the Benediction. All Compatriots joined in SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wicks

President and Acting Secretary

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May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Crooked Billet</i> 1778	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Lenud's Ferry</i> 1780	7	8	9	10 <i>Capture of Fort Ticonderoga</i> 1775	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Thomas Creek</i> 1777	18 <i>Miami SAR Luncheon</i>
19	20 <i>Barren Hill</i> 1778	21	22	23	24 <i>Meigs Raid</i> 1777	25 <i>Battle of St. Louis</i> 1780
26	27 <i>Chelsea Creek</i> 1775	28	29 <i>Battle of Waxhaws</i> 1780	30 <i>Cobleskill</i> 1778	31	

Vignettes of History

Colonel John Baker's company of Patriots had crossed the St. Marys River on May 10. A mixed band of Loyalist rangers and primarily Creek Indians led by Lieutenant Colonel Brown continued to be active on the border between the two provinces after a previous raid; they discovered Baker's camp. Brown wanted to capture one of the Georgians for questioning, but Baker's patrols were vigilant and the party sent for the purpose was fired on.

On the night of May 14–15 Brown sent 15 Indians to steal Baker's horses. They successfully took some of Baker's horses, but were chased down by Baker's men. In the ensuing skirmish the horses were recovered; however, at least one Indian (a Chiaha) was killed, and his body was reported by the British to be mutilated by the Georgians. Governor Tonym's report of the action, written on June 18, noted that this "greatly exasperated the Savages", which would prove to have disastrous consequences for the Americans.

Worried about the delay of Elbert's force, and having learned from a local resident that authorities had been alerted to the expedition, Baker moved west to find a better strategic location to wait, and encamped on the banks of Thomas Creek, a tributary of the Nassau River. Meanwhile, Brown's Indians and rangers had been reinforced by British regulars under the command of Major Mark Prevost, bringing their total force size to about 200. Their scouts located the American camp on the night of May 16–17.



Brown's Indians and rangers set up an ambush ahead of Baker's route, while Prevost's regulars advanced in three columns behind Baker.

Brown's men delivered a surprise volley from the front and flank. Baker and his men turned to flee, directly into Prevost's oncoming regulars. The Patriots were quickly overwhelmed. About half of the Georgians fled at first sight of the enemy; Baker, his horse taken by one of his companions, escaped into the swamps.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality April 2019



Birthdays

Anniversaries

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.

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Chapter President William Wicks, III takes a moment for a photo opportunity with the March speaker, Mr Todd Jolly, history teacher.



Battle of Thomas Creek

May 17, 1777



The Battle of Alligator Bridge should not be confused with the Battle of Alligator Creek which occurred during WWII in the South Pacific.



The images on this page stem from different artists' conceptions of a Revolutionary War battle fought in the State of Florida.

The Battle of Alligator Bridge is closely associated with this conflict.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsSymDKU_YU

The above link will take you to a narration of the events during the Battle of Thomas Creek!

NOTICE

April Monthly Luncheon

12:00 Noon– 1:30 P. M.

Saturday, April 13, 2019

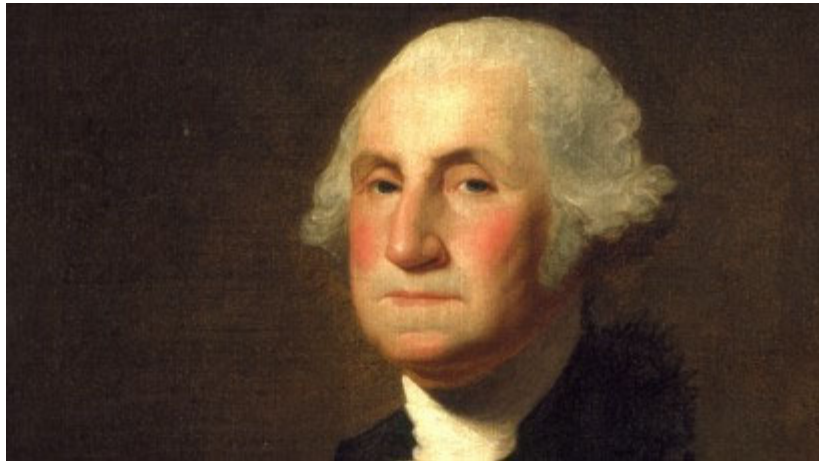
Featured Speaker

Compatriot John Admire

El Novillo Restaurant

6830 Bird Rd, Miami, FL 33155-3708

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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