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The President's Quill

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA



This is an interesting time of the year for most of us. We wrap up (hopefully) details of the previous year and anticipate the changes and excitement of the year to come. Next month we will enjoy new leadership in the Chapter and new compatriots will be inducted into the SAR.

We will take a look at our year in review on the photo pages. I have chosen the best photos and events to display our chapter activity.

We shall meet at the Airport Embassy Suites for our Annual Presidents' Luncheon and Installation Ceremony. The installing authority will be the FLSSAR President, Pat Niemann. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon and run to approximately 3:00 P. M. We will be addressed by Thomas Jefferson and several decorations will be awarded. See the last page for further details.

The FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee has prepared, reviewed, and will be presenting our newest work to the EXCOM next month. It addresses the role of the Regional Vice Presidents, their duties and obligations, and how to better serve the chap-

ters for which they are responsible.

The BOD began to recognize mayors, police chiefs, first responders, and fire chiefs with decorations at our luncheon meetings. To date, two mayors and two chiefs of police have been so recognized. Please submit the names and contact information for any of these categories so that we may determine whether we wish to acknowledge their service. I believe there to be around 50 municipalities in the area, so we have a long way to go. That being said, if you know of anyone who merits an award, kindly let a member of the BOD know about it.

I know that both the Color Guard Commander David Mitchell and I want to encourage you to participate in the Thomas Paine Brigade at events. We have several uniforms available if you are not in a position to purchase your own at this time. We would like to expand our numbers for a greater effect in the community. A larger turnout at events might even attract the media (TV and print). A uniformed compatriot is the most recognizable feature that we have to herald our presence on the scene. Plus, it is fun! When you attend an FLSSAR event, you will see a large number of Color Guardsmen and at NSSAR events you may espy 50-60 gathered.

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

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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

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOD Meeting

January 14, 2019

Chapter President Bernard Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:01 P. M. with a wrap of the gavel..

Compatriot Rob Sileo recited the Invocation from the Chapter's Psalter.

President Wolff rendered the Pledge of Allegiance followed by 1st VP William Wicks, III who led us in the SAR Pledge.

Compatriot Popham, Sr. called for the roll call by introducing his Patriot Ancestor, followed by the rest of the attendees.

Chapter President Wolff reported that most of the preparations for the Annual Luncheon were finished. He will email a signed contract to the Embassy Suites by Hilton Miami International Airport. He also announced that the speaker for the event will be Thomas Jefferson (a.k.a. Compatriot John Stewart). Tickets are \$33.00 per person.

Compatriot Popham, Sr. announced that he had presented a Flag Certificate to Renee's Barbershop.

Secretary/Treasurer stated that on December 31, 2018 our bank account had \$2,618. We will be transferring \$10,000 from our investments to the bank account. We also sent \$4,425 in collected dues to the FLSSAR and NSSAR offices as of January 1, 2019. Additionally, the Chapter will order 30 medals and certificates to present to the 2019 ROTC/JROTC cadets. Popham, Sr. also mentioned that he had tickets so that the Ladies Auxiliary could conduct a 50/50 raffles at the Annual Luncheon.

President Wolff read the he Ladies Auxiliary Report. They have spent \$88.32 of the budgeted \$200.00 by providing coffee, assorted treats, cereal bars, sandwiches, and Danish rolls to the Miami VA Pathways. They are left with \$111.68 for the balance of 2019.

Registrar/Genealogist Rob Sileo reported that the Chapter gained 14 new members in 2018 and that we had 50 prospects as of this date.

Compatriot Wolff showed a print copy of a Cutler Bay communication that featured the presentation of awards to their mayor and Chief of Police.

General assent was given to President Wolff, 1st VP Wicks, and Secretary/Treasurer Popham, Sr. to represent the Chapter as delegates to the February 2, 2019 BOM being held in Kissimmee, FL.

President Wolff read a greeting card received from the President General Warren Alter.

Respectfully submitted by Miami Chapter President Bernard W. Wolff

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Spring Leadership	1 Spring Leadership	2 Spring Leadership
3 <i>Battle of Rice Boats 1776</i>	4	5	6 <i>Battle of Wetzell's Mill 1781</i>	7	8 <i>Battle of Punk Hill 1776</i>	9 <i>Siege of Pen- sacola 1781 begins</i>
10	11 <i>Miami BOD Luncheon TBA</i>	12	13	14 <i>Battle of Fort Charlotte 1780 over</i>	15 <i>Battle of Guil- ford Court House</i>	16 <i>Battle of Cape Henry 1781</i>
17	18 <i>Battle of Quinton's Bridge</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Battle of Little Mountain 1782</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Beginning of Siege of Charleston</i>	30
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Vignettes of History

Siege of Fort Charlotte

The Battle of Fort Charlotte or the Siege of Fort Charlotte was a two-week siege conducted by Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez against the British fortifications guarding the port of Mobile (which was then in the British province of West Florida, and now in Alabama) during the Anglo-Spanish War of 1779-1783. Fort Charlotte was the last remaining British frontier post capable of threatening New Orleans in Spanish Louisiana. Its fall drove the British from the western reaches of West Florida and reduced the British military presence in West Florida to its capital, Pensacola.

Gálvez's army sailed from New Orleans aboard a small fleet of transports on January 28, 1780. On February 25, the Spaniards landed near Fort Charlotte. The outnumbered British garrison resisted stubbornly until Spanish bombardment breached the walls. The garrison in vain for relief from Pensacola, but was the western shore of Mobile Bay and opened la.



forced to surrender. Their capitulation secured the way for Spanish operations against Pensacola.

When Spain entered the American Revolutionary War in 1779, Bernardo de Gálvez, the energetic governor of Spanish Louisiana, immediately began offensive operations. In September 1779 he gained complete control over the lower Mississippi River by capturing Fort Bute and then shortly thereafter obtaining the surrender of the remaining British forces on the river following the Battle of Baton Rouge. Following these successes, he began planning operations against Mobile and Pensacola, the remaining British presence in the province of West Florida.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality February 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.

Why not send a financial donation to the Miami Chapter SAR this year?

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2018 Revisited



Spring BOM Annual Meeting



FLSSAR President Pat Niemann, District President Dan Woodruff, SE Regional Vice President Bernard Wolff.

Miami SAR Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard:

Commander, David Mitchell; 1st VP William Wicks; President Bernard Wolff; and, Garret Wicks.

Also Compatriot and Past President Jack Thomson and his wife Dorothy, former Mayor of Coral Gables, FL.

Miami SAR Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard at the Biltmore Hotel on the 4th of July.



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2018 Monthly Luncheons



Below, on left, we see Miami Chapter Historian Thomas Jelke (in foreground), Registrar-Genealogist Rob Sileo, President Bernard Wolff, Charles Harrison, and long-time member Ken Harrison.



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2018 Assorted Functions



Benjamin Franklin and acquaintance holding only US postage stamp that features two of the Founding Fathers.



Military Lounge Benefit at Mercedes-Benz



Fall BOM. Compatriots Wolff and Popham meet a new friend.



Compatriots Wicks and Popham make a presentation to a ROTC cadet.



Miami SAR Chapter President Wolff prepares for his next event.



2018 Veterans Day



Regional VP



2018-2019 Regional Vice Presidents sworn into office during the Annual Spring BOM and Business Meeting.



SE Regional Vice President Bernard Wolff conducts a meeting in Fort Lauderdale for the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach Chapters.

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2019 Winter BOM



Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff anchors Miami Chapter SAR attendees at left. Standing next to him we find Rob Sileo the Miami Chapter Registrar and Genealogist, Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr., and 1st Vice President William Wicks, III. This is the last scheduled Winter BOM to be scheduled. A regional meeting will replace this meeting next year.

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NOTICE

President's Luncheon

And

Annual Installation

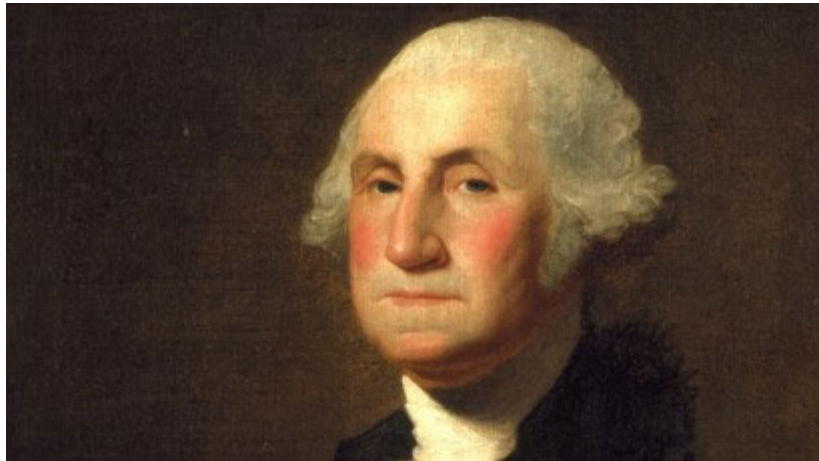
12:30 P. M.

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Airport Embassy Suites

974 NW S River Dr, Miami, FL 33142

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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