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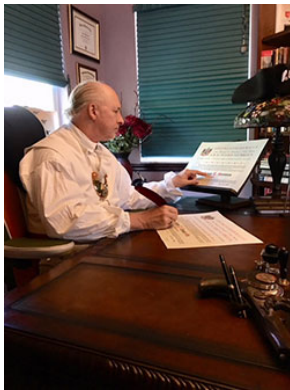
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The President's Quill

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.

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.



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Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOD Meeting

December 17, 2018

The Miami SAR Chapter Board of Director's meeting was called to order by Compatriot Wolff, Chapter President at 7:03 PM with the invocation given by Compatriot Wolff, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Wolff and the Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Wicks.

Compatriot Members in attendance:

Bernard Wolff

William Wicks

Robert Sileo

Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.

William Tallman

Agenda: The BOD Agenda was approved.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports: Compatriot Popham gave a positive report on the Chapter's finances..

President Wolff is checking with the Pullman Hotel and the Airport Embassy Suites for potential venues for the Annual Luncheon and Installation Ceremony. FLSSAR President Niemann will be hosted at dinner the evening before.

Compatriot Wolff advised that we need to award a Flag Certificate to satisfy an entry on the Americanism Project award sheet. Compatriot Popham, Sr. announced that one had been awarded to a local barber shop in Miami for their continuous and proper display of Old Glory.

Compatriot Wolff said that he, Compatriot Popham, and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Delores Wolff (DAR) attended the 80th Anniversary of the Palm Beach Chapter SAR. It was a wonderful event held at the Everglades Club on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach where 140 attendees participated.

Compatriot Wolff delivered the Color Guard report for Commander David Mitchell. The Color Guard will participated at the DAR monthly luncheon, the Junior Orange Bowl Parade, and Veteran's Day this year.

The Ladies Auxiliary reported that the Ladies Auxiliary President Delores Wolff and the Chapter President Bernard Wolff visited the Pathways at the VA Hospital to ascertain needs.

Compatriot Wolff reported that the Mayor of Doral Juan Carlos Bermudez and the City of Doral Police Chief Hernan Organvidez were honored with decorations and certificates at the November luncheon.

The 2018 Nomination slate for 2019 officers was approved by the membership at the November luncheon.

Our next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be held January 14, 2019, 7:00 PM at the home of Compatriot Wicks, 7540 SW 124th Street, Miami.

Good of the Order: Following a roundtable call, no further business being presented, the meeting was closed at 8:35 PM. Compatriot Sileo offered the benediction and the recessional was led by Compatriot Wicks.

Respectfully submitted, Bernard W. Wolff, Chapter President

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February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Battle of Cowan's Ford 1781	2 FLSSAR Winter BOM
3 Battle of Beaufort 1779	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Miami SAR BOD	12	13	14 Battle of Kettle Creek 1779	15	16
17 Miami SAR Annual Luncheon	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Battle of Wambaw 1782	25 Battle of Haw River 1781	26	27 Moore's Creek Bridge 1776	28 NSSAR Spring Leadership	NSSAR Spring Leadership	NSSAR Spring Leadership

Vignettes of History

Battle of Kettle Creek

The Georgia banks of the Savannah in the Augusta area were controlled by a Loyalist force led by Colonel Daniel McGirth, while the South Carolina banks were controlled by a Georgia Patriot militia led by Colonel John Dooly. When about 250 South Carolina militia under Colonel Andrew Pickens arrived, Pickens and Dooly joined forces to conduct offensive operations into Georgia, with Pickens taking overall command. They were at some point joined by a few companies of North Carolina light horse militia.

British LTC Boyd was apparently unaware that he was being followed so closely, and his camp, even though guards were posted, was not particularly alert. Pickens advanced, leading the center, with his right flank under Colonel Dooly and his left under Georgia Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke. Gunfire between Patriot scouts and the camp guards alerted Boyd to the situation. Boyd formed a defensive line near the camp's rear and advanced with a force of 100 men to oppose Pickens at a crude breastwork made of fencing and fallen trees. Pickens, whose advance gave him the advantage of high ground, was able to flank this position, even though his own wings were slowed by the swampy conditions with a mortal wound, and the small company



near the creek. In heavy fighting, Boyd went down and retreated back to the main Loyalist line.

The Patriot flanks then began to emerge from the swamps. The Loyalists, led by Boyd's second in command, Major William Spurgen, engaged the Patriots in battle for 90 minutes. Some of the Loyalists crossed the creek, abandoning horses and equipment. Clarke alertly noticed some high ground across the creek that they seemed to be heading for and led some of his men there, having his horse shot from under him in the process. The Loyalist line was eventually broken, and its men were killed, captured, or dispersed.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality January 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 Spring Leadership Conference



Springbom 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.



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



Military Lounge Benefit at Mercedes-Benz



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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NOTICE

Monthly Luncheon

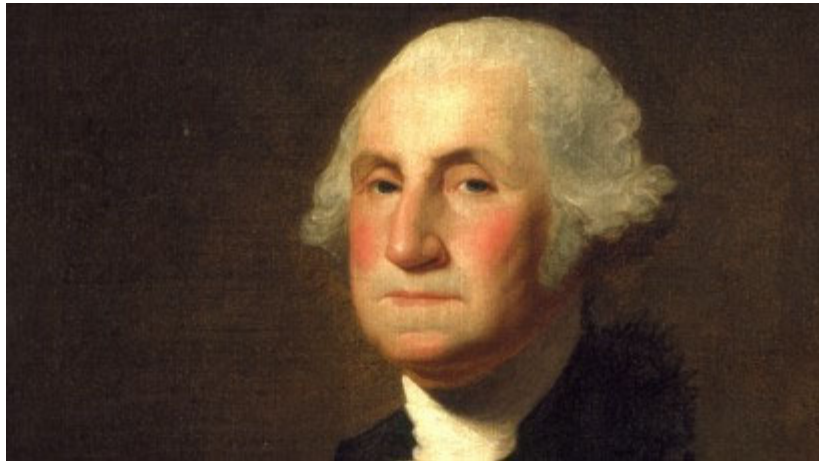
12:00 P. M.

Friday, January 18, 2019

El Novillo

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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