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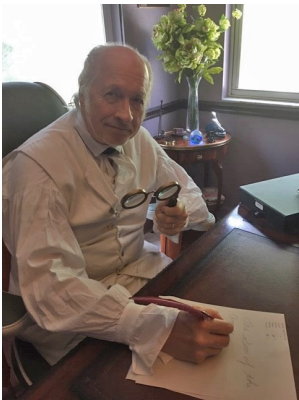
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QUILL and PARCHMENT

by The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA, Editor



Consistent with Miami being recognized as a 24/7/365 vibrant city, the Miami Chapter SAR finds itself reflecting the local ambience. When some chapters relax for the summer, we tend to keep on ticking with planning, coordinating, and executing our mission. I cannot resist mentioning that Delores and I have just returned from a couple of weeks in Eastern Europe and arrived home from our last city (Bucharest, Romania) almost two days ago. In fact, I am typing this message after a successful June Luncheon where we discussed a project that will take the summer (and then some) to fully materialize. Chapter President William Wicks, Esq. laid out his vision of a Liberty Tree Project that when finished will bring much credit to the Miami Chapter SAR and the national organization. Compatriot George Wysong agreed to chair an ad hoc committee to move forward. Undoubtedly, much assistance will be provided by the membership. This will be recognized as a national event with all the rewards that accompany such a venture.

Compatriots Wolff and Bridges posed for their inaugural picture as charter members of the Bowler/

Derby Club for Men, an adjunct to the Miami Chapter celebrating the famous topper and its place in society. Entrance is easy: no dues, no meetings, no reports. Just wear the headgear for a photo.

1st VP Rob Sileo announced that we have two new Junior compatriots who have joined our ranks. Details will be presented, later.

Another social is planned for June 27, 2019 at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables. Our socials run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and are quite enjoyable. Please join us for good conversation and conviviality!

In lieu of our monthly luncheon, we will be having a joint meeting with the DAR on September 14 at 11 AM at the Miami Shores Country Club. This meeting is an important DAR event as it celebrates Constitution Week. We will be presenting Colors and an agenda will be produced as a joint effort between the two patriotic groups.

The Chapter will be represented at the 129th National Congress in California by Chapter President William Wicks and President of the Chapter Ladies Auxiliary Kerry Wicks; Treasurer and SE Regional VP Bernard Wolff and FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Historian Delores Wolff, DAR; Chapter Secretary and FLSSAR President, William Lee Popham, Sr.

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Color Guard Committee

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

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The American Poster Contest

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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 (June 10, 2019)

Sons of the American Revolution

Miami Chapter BOD Meeting

The meeting was held at Compatriot William Wicks house and those attending were William Wicks, Will Replogle and Rob Sileo (conference call).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President William Wicks. Compatriot Sileo led the invocation. Compatriot Replogle led the pledge of allegiance and Compatriot Wicks led the pledge to the SAR.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President's Report: Compatriot Wicks attended the Miami Jackson Senior H.S. ROTC presentation on May 15, 2019. On June 18, 2019 he presided over the monthly luncheon with Pete Kingman speaking about his brother's service in Viet Nam. The Color Guard participated in Memorial Day Service at Woodlawn Cemetery with many dignitaries, including USSOUTCOM Admiral Craig Faller. Kerry Wicks provided refreshments for the Guard. Commander Mitchell, Will Replogle and Dr. Bob Liebler were also present. On June 7, 2019 Wicks submitted a captioned photograph to the SAR Magazine for consideration in the August edition. Pictures were posted on the SAR Facebook. We discussed the next mixer and agreed to Thursday June 27, 2019 at 5 PM - 7 PM at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile. (Bernard Wolff has circulated a notice to the membership). June 13, 2019 Color Guard appeared at BPOE South Miami for Flag Day (attended by Wicks and Replogle - photos posted on SAR Facebook) and the next luncheon June 15, 2019 at El Novillo. Future speakers are needed, possibly from our membership (David Mitchell?). Pres. Wicks will present to the members at the luncheon the concept of a Liberty Project based on research from other Chapters. The annual President's Luncheon was discussed with two venues, Embassy Suites and the Holiday Inn, both near the airport. We will have a joint SAR-DAR Constitution Week luncheon on Saturday September 14, 2019 at the Miami Shores Country Club in place of our monthly meeting.

Officers' Reports: First VP Sileo reported that changes to the DNA testing for new applications has been approved and his attendance at Mast Academy ROTC presentation. We have two new junior members. Second VP Replogle provided an update on the ROTC presentations under committee reports. He has prepared a detailed "Job Description" for the committee Chairman of the ROTC Committee for future reference. Medals and Certificates were provided to two universities and 28 JROTC programs with 10 presentations (Compatriots Lee Popham, Wicks, Sileo, Replogle, and George Cadman III). Will has recommended an earlier time table to prepare for 2020; encouraging nominations for State and National competitions; improved communications with the ROTC programs; and the need for MORE presenters from our membership. We agree that presenting the certificates and medals is rewarding and uplifting. Compatriot Replogle did an outstanding job.

Committee Reports: As stated above, and all others were deferred. It has been noted that Lee Popham, Sr. is now serving as the Florida Society State President. Bernard Wolff holds several state offices. Three of our members (Popham, Wolff, and Wicks) are planning to attend the National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA during the time of July 4 - July 12, 2019. Color Guard report: anticipated participation at the Biltmore July 4, 2019 event.

Good of the Order: Rob Sileo announced that there is a national contest for a new logo for the SAR which can be accessed at SAR.org.

Future events include: 06/15/2019 Luncheon at El Novillo, Noon; 06/27/2019 MIXER at John Martin's Iris Pub, Miracle Mile, 5-7 PM; 07/5-10/2019 129th Annual Congress, Costa Mesa, CA; 07/15/19 BOD meeting at Wicks house; 07/20/19 Monthly Luncheon; 09/14/19 Constitution Week Joint Luncheon with DAR at Miami Shores Country Club; 09/19-21/2019 Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY; 10/4-6/2019 Fall BOM Kissimmee, FL; 02/16, 2020 PRESIDENT'S annual luncheon noon (venue to be determined); 06/1-3/2020 Spring BOM SE Region Hosts. 2023 Annual Congress is planned for Orlando, FL with many potential activities in the area to entertain compatriots.

Compatriot Sileo presented the Benediction. Compatriot Replogle lead the SAR Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wicks

President and Acting Secretary

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Battle of Oriskany 1777</i>	7	8 <i>Battle of Gloucester 1775</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Miami BOD</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Battle of Bennington 1777</i>	17 <i>Miami Luncheon</i>
18 <i>Musgrove Mill 1780</i>	19 <i>Paulus Hook 1779</i>	20	21	22 <i>Battle of Setauket 1777</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Combahee River 1782</i>	27 <i>Battle of Long Island 1776</i>	28 <i>Battle of Black Mingo 1780</i>	29 <i>Battle of Newport 1778</i>	30	31

Vignettes of History

The Battle of Black Mingo was a skirmish during the American Revolution. It took place in September 1780 in the vicinity of Dollard's Tavern near Black Mingo Creek near Hemingway, South Carolina. General Francis Marion attacked and scattered a contingent of Loyalist troops that had been left to secure the region by Colonel Banastre Tarleton after his destructive march through the area. The Loyalists, under Colonel John Coming Ball, were driven into the nearby swamp after suffering significant casualties.

A company of militia was placed under the command of Brigadier General Francis Marion in the wake of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. Marion then engaged in a series of guerrilla actions to harry elements of the British force and its Loyalist supporters. Following their victory at Camden the British sent out contingents to secure the countryside and capture prominent Revolutionary leaders like Marion. The hunt for Marion caused men to leave his company, until he only had about 60 left and was forced to retreat into hiding in the swamps of the border between North and South Carolina.

The British then traveled across South Carolina, plundering and destroying Revolutionary properties. This prompted Marion to move into South Carolina, where Marion was alerted to the presence of Loyalists indicated that the Loyalist numbers were larger him to agree to an attack. An early morning his column started crossing the wooden plank heard in the Loyalist camp, and Marion's were sufficiently disorganized that the larger



Revolutionaries signed up in large numbers. While the reports than his own, the enthusiasm of his men prompted surprise attack was spoiled when the lead horses in bridge across Black Mingo Creek. Alarm shots were company rushed to engage them. The Loyalists force was routed and forced to retreat into the

wamp. Marion continued to recruit well after the battle. He also learned a lesson: he reportedly never again crossed a bridge intending surprise without first laying blankets down on it.

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Miami Chapter Hospitality July 2019



Birthdays

Anniversaries

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FLAG DAY

Miami SAR Chapter President William Wicks, Esq. stands guard while 2nd VP William Replogle supports Old Betsy.



June 13, 2019, Flag Day Ceremony sponsored by the BPOE at the South Miami Lodge 1676 with the Boy Scout Troop 941 and Cub Scout Pack 280 with the Coral Gables DAR and Tequesta CAR



Compatriot Bridges dons the forerunner entry and sets the standard for the Bowler/Derby Club for Men in 1947/1948.



Compatriots Douglas Bridges and Bernard Wolff sport their qualifying entries into the Bowler/Derby Club for Men at the June Luncheon held at El Novillo Restaurant in Miami, Florida



At right can be seen qualifying entries for joining the Bowler/Derby Club for Men.

The Club has no meetings, no dues, and no reports. A Compatriot only needs to wear a qualifying chapeau to become a member.

June Mixer

John Martin's Irish Pub

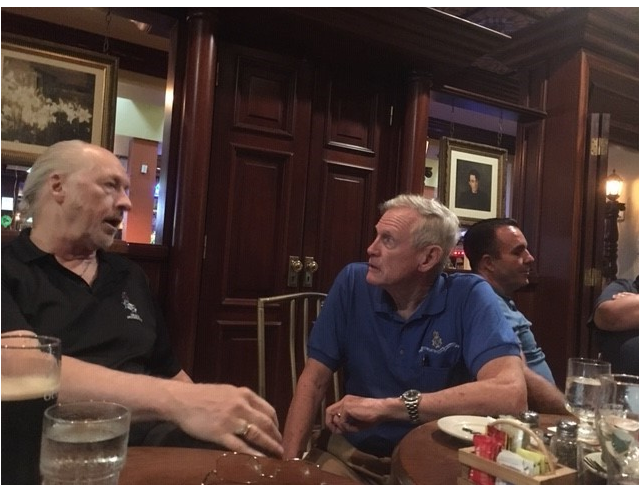
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Miami Chapter SAR 1st VP Rob Sileo receives his certificates for two supplemental patriots from Miami SAR Chapter President Bill Wicks. (at left).



Miami Chapter SAR 2nd VP Will Replogle takes a moment to chat with Miami Chapter SAR



Miami Chapter Treasurer points out to Miami Chapter 2nd VP Will Replogle why he seems to be in many photos, explaining that his spouse, Delores Wolff, DAR and FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary Historian is taking all the pictures.



Miami Chapter SAR Historian Thomas c.) Jelke speaks to SE Regional VP Bernard Wolff about his work digitizing the records for the Miami Chapter SAR.

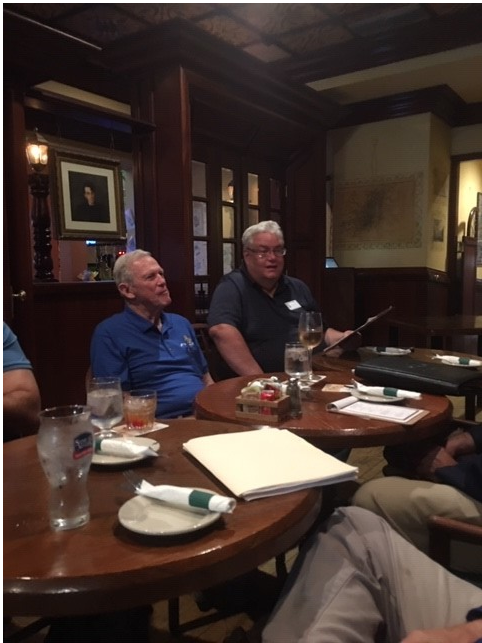
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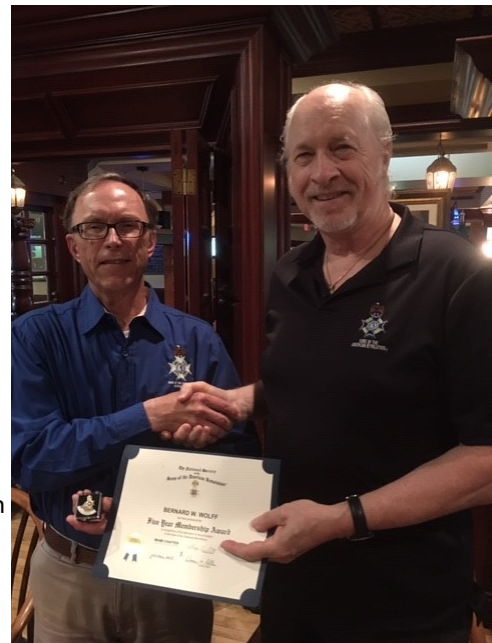
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At left, Miami SAR Chapter 2nd VP Compatriot Will Replogle in blue engages in conversation across the table as 1st VP Compatriot Rob Sileo listens in.



At right, Miami SAR Chapter President Bill Wicks presents Treasurer Bernard Wolff with his five-year pin and certificate.



Miami SAR Chapter Historian Thomas Jelke (far left), Will Replogle and Rob Sileo sit across the table from Lee Popham, Sr., Miami Chapter SAR Secretary and FLSSAR President.



2nd VP Will Replogle and Chapter President Bill Wicks are not watching television, but listening to a statement being made by Chapter Treasurer and SE Regional VP Wolff. Historian Thomas Jelke and 1st VP have their own conversation in the background.

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NOTICE

July Monthly Luncheon

12:00 Noon– 1:30 P. M.

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Program

Report on the 129th National Congress

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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