



QUILL & BUGLE

Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country



George Washington

February 22, 1732–December 14, 1799

Your officers for 2011

President..... Charles Riegle
Vice President/Secretary..... John Mange
Treasurer..... Ted Hornback
Chaplain..... Gene Bradley

Sergeant at Arms..... Chuck Barrett
Historian..... Charles Riegle
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President's Message

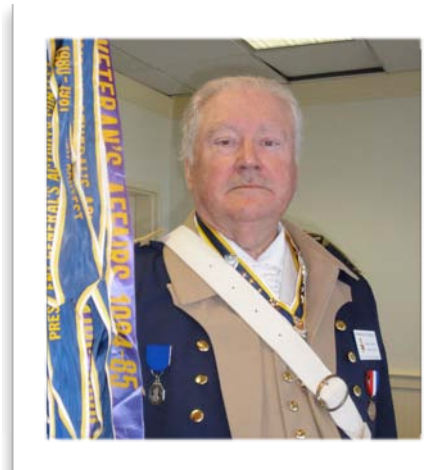
I hope that you will attend our upcoming Chapter Meeting on March 11 at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach in Sarasota and enjoy the **Fire & Safety Awards Ceremony**. Our Chapter meets on the second Friday of each month, most of the time at this same location.

Meal choices for the March 11th luncheon
All come with dessert and brewed coffee or tea.

Soup du Jour and your choice of:

1. Homemade Meatloaf with mashed potatoes/gravy and seasonal vegetables
2. Ocean Reef Salad (chicken salad, tuna salad, potato salad on a bed of mixed greens) with flatbread and fresh fruit
3. Large Garden Salad with choice of dressing

Price: \$20 per person. Check or exact cash.



PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. We need this information as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reservations: Contact Ted Hornback by phone (941) 485-4481 or email (Ted1538@aol.com).

Did You Know This?

I rejoice in a belief that intellectual light will spring up in the dark corners of the earth; that freedom of enquiry will produce liberality of conduct; that mankind will reverse the absurd position that the many were made for the few; and that they will not continue slaves in one part of the globe, when they become freemen in another.

— President George Washington, 1789 (draft of First Inaugural Address)

YES, our first president saw the inequity of slavery and was in favor of emancipation.

Around the Society

Congratulations to Highland Chapter, FLSSAR

Chartering ceremonies were held in Sebring, FL, for the newest of the 33 Florida chapters. SW Regional VP Phil Tarpley offered the president's gavel to Oliver Wendell (Woody) Woodard on February 26th at the first meeting of the new chapter. They plan to meet the third Saturday of each month (except July and August). For more information on this, please contact Woody at: (863) 465-7345.

C.A.R. Children Make Valentines for Wounded Soldiers

Now in its fourth year, the Valentine's Day card project is part of the DAR chapter's patriotic endeavor in support of their national society's "Project Patriot." The children and adults make valentines for the wounded soldiers who are recuperating at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.



Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the BOG meeting, held at Church of the Redeemer February 16, 2011. The meeting was held at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, Florida. President Riegler called the meeting to order; Chaplain Bradley offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. President Riegler reminded all that the George Washington Birthday Luncheon will be held Saturday, February 19 where 26 Wounded Warrior Medals will be presented. The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution will be commemorated at Port Canaveral on Saturday, March 5. Also, the next Luncheon Meeting will be held Friday, March 11. Since he will be attending the Trustee's Meeting in Louisville, Vice President Mänge will Chair. The next BOG meeting is Wednesday March 16. President Riegler further shared that the Chapter Challenge report is now complete and a copy has been sent to the SW / Regional VP Phil Tarpley. The members voted to approve January's Minutes and Treasurer Hornback read his report and received approval of the financial statement, as presented. He also provided a report on the current inventory of medals and awards. Genealogist Mahaffey reported that approvals have been received on two applications along with 4 Supplementals; 4 applications have been sent to National. President Riegler shared that our Historian Jeff Hazelton has resigned due to his business continuing to expand. On an interim basis, he will work with Compatriot Tarpley to make sure all of his SAR responsibilities are up to date. Chaplain Bradley shared that he will be giving a necrology report at the GW Luncheon. Publicity Chair Lowe reported that articles have been published concerning our Rumbaugh and our Eagle Scout Winner. The logistics of taking pictures at the GWB were discussed at length. Compatriot Castle shared several of the topics discussed at the Sarasota Veterans Commission including a cancer related event - "Relay for Life" to be held April 9 - volunteers are needed to help. Rumbaugh Chair Douglas shared that our winner Braden Causey will be competing at National. Compatriot Crapo reported that Letters of Instruction have been sent to each and every JROTC Instructor in Hardee and Manatee Counties. He also shared that a special Services and Heroism Awards Report has been completed and is ready for signature and mailing. Prior to the adjournment of the Meeting, President Riegler advised that SAR's 33rd Chapter in the State of Florida will be chartered on February 26 in Sebring. He sent a letter of congratulations and support on our behalf to their new President - Elect. With only a few comments on old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. JPM - Secretary

George Washington's Birthday Luncheon, held at Laurel Oak C.C. February 19, 2011. The program included all chapters of the DAR plus 26 Wounded Warriors, chosen specifically for their service to America in WWII, Korea and Vietnam era wars. These men had all received the Purple Heart for wounds received during action against enemy forces in those action periods. Saramana chapter awarded each veteran with a **Wounded Warrior** medal on a red ribbon plus a Certificate and Vern Buchanan, the Representative from the 13th Congressional District prepared a special Certificate of Appreciation for our presentation to each man. There were 138 participants at the luncheon, most of whom were either SAR, DAR or family members of our veteran guests. The Saramana Color Guard presented the colors and we had 3 cadets from the Raiders unit of the Sarasota Military Academy who acted as our pages - escorting our veterans to and from the podium. A reporter from the Herald Tribune was present and we can expect an article noting the event in our local paper quite soon. The Master of Ceremonies for the awards portion of the luncheon was Compatriot Phillip H. Tarpley, SW Regional Vice President for FLSSAR, ably assisted by Sgt. At Arms Chuck Barrett. Attending were Past President General of NSSAR Carl K. Hoffman and immediate Past President of Saramana Chapter Harold B. Crapo Jr., who also served as our speaker for the day. President Charles Riegler inducted 4 new members to the chapter (Compatriots Richard Gans, Richard Kichline, Maurice Myers and Stephen Howlett). Group singing was led by compatriot Frank Hodalski and John Hegener and a special rendition of the American Anthem was sung by Margaret Smelser with piano accompaniment by Sydney Shaurette, both members of Manatee Chapter DAR. The meeting opened and ended with appropriate prayers and the Benediction both given by our Chaplain Eugene Bradley and the SAR Recessional led by President Riegler.





IF YOU HAVE GENEALOGY QUESTIONS, please call Dick Mahaffey (941) 379-8662, or e-mail him (DM57GM@aol.com).

Speaking of which, isn't it time to begin researching your ancestors and applying for Supplementals? If you are an SAR member, you **MUST** have well over 100 ancestors who lived during the Revolutionary War period. All of those who served the Cause deserve to be recognized as PATRIOTS. We will help you do the paperwork.

Occasionally we all need to be reminded of our obligation to our society. Let me take a minute to remind you of one of the most vital of those obligations: **NEW MEMBERS**.

According to our By Laws (excerpted):

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Committee shall help keep all members actively looking for new members by:
 - A. Continually soliciting male members of the community in an effort to locate eligible Individuals
 - B. Advertising for prospects
 - C. Placing informational pamphlets in suitable locations
2. Encourage present members to submit names and addresses of prospective members to committee by:
 - A. Proper publicity in Newsletter
 - B. Recognition of new member sponsors
 - C. Door prize or award for obtaining new member

The Committee should keep detailed records of the Name, Address, Phone number, e-mail address, mentor, sponsor, date of first contact, prospect's committee preference, stage of completion of application and report current prospect status at regular meeting of the BOG.

Editorial comment: While Billie Lowe and Dick Mahaffey are listed as the chapter Membership Committee, it is the obligation of EVERY Saramana member to help keep our chapter strong and vital. PLEASE look at your family, neighbors, and friends. Are any of them eligible for membership? If so, please contact Billie or Dick and make sure you give them all the proper information so that they can follow up. Thank you.

WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE SERVICE BY A PATRIOT ANCESTOR?

Participation in one or more of the following types of service is required of an ancestor if a descendent is to be admitted into the Sons of the American Revolution.

- ▶ Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- ▶ Member or any of the continental Congresses
- ▶ Rendering material aid, such as:
 - Furnishing supplies with or without remuneration
 - Lending money to the colonies, munitions makers, and gunsmiths
 - Any other material aid, which furthered the cause of the Colonies
- ▶ Military or naval service:

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- Service at the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774
- Service from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783
- Furnishing a substitute for military service
- ▶ Members of the:
 - Boston Tea Party
 - Kaskaskia Campaign
 - Galvez Expedition
 - Cherokee Expedition
 - Edenton Tea Party
- ▶ Defenders of forts and frontiers; rangers
- ▶ Prisoners of war, including those on the British ship “Old Jersey,” and other prison ships
- ▶ Physician, surgeon, nurse, or others rendering aid to the wounded
- ▶ Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783, inclusive
- ▶ Members of committees made necessary by the War, such as:
 - Committee of Correspondence
 - Committee of Inspection and Safety
 - Committee to care for soldiers’ families or any other Committees, which furthered the cause of the Colonies from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant
- ▶ Any pledge of loyalty to the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support:
 - Oath of Allegiance
 - Articles of Association
 - Association Test
- ▶ Signers of:
 - The Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775
 - The Albemarle, Virginia Declaration
 - The Cumberland Compact
 - And/or any similar declarations
- ▶ Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments.
- ▶ Persons accepting obligations or acting under the direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.
- ▶ Ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech, or action.



**MARCH BIRTHDAY
CONGRATULATIONS TO:**
 Eugene L. Bradley – 6th
 Daniel A. Carlton – 10th
 Reynolds P. Cushing – 20th
 Cullen G. Finley – 13th
 Frank A. Hassell – 8th
 Carl K. Hoffmann – 10th
 Billie W. Lowe – 13th
 John C. Manson – 20th
 Coleman W. Riegler – 17th

March Dates to Remember:
March 5 – Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Port Canaveral, FL. Call Phil Tarpley at (941) 497-2704 for information.
March 12 – Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, NC. Call Phil Tarpley at (941) 497-2704 for information.
March 16 – Saramana BOG meeting at Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave., Sarasota, at 2:00 pm. All regular members are invited.



Important Addresses

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May God Bless Our Wounded Veterans