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Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

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May God Bless Us and These United States

President's Message



December Meeting

We are honored to receive our Florida State Society President David Ramseur and his lovely wife Marjorie as our guests for the December meeting. President Ramseur will install our Chapter Officers for 2012 and, with Marjorie's help, bring us back to Christmastime 1776 when General Washington led his troops against Col. Rall and the Hessians who were encamped in Trenton, New Jersey. You won't want to miss this. (See last page for reservations.)

Certificates of Patriotism for World War II

We will present some of our chapter WWII veterans with these certificates at the December meeting.

A Word of Thanks

To all members and friends who have worked with me over this past year and all who have volunteered to work on the BOG for the good of the Chapter in 2012, my sincerest **THANK YOU**.

Wreaths Across America

NSSAR has sent a lengthy letter asking us all to consider a donation to this worthwhile event—marking the graves of Servicemen who have been buried in our Sarasota National Cemetery. If you wish to purchase a wreath, which will be placed on a grave in this cemetery on December 10th, please contact Col. Bill Brockman of Sarasota Military Academy at: (941) 232-4221. The cost is only \$15.00, and the wreaths will be flown in from the Worcester Wreath Co., in Maine, which originated the program in 1992 at the Arlington National Cemetery. You may view these wreaths by visiting the cemetery at 9810 State Road 72 (about 5 miles east on Clark Road from I75 Exit # 205) in Sarasota.

Where Are YOU?

We miss seeing many of our members at our regular luncheon meetings and wonder, Why? If you have a reason for not attending, please let me know. Your BOG is always trying to make the meetings more member friendly and informative. Your input is important and appreciated. This is **YOUR** chapter.



A Coincidence at Saratoga

The date was October 7th, 1977; it was the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Revolutionary War Battle of Saratoga. The Saratoga Battlefield is a National Historical Park located in Saratoga County, New York. I lived about 20 miles from the Battlefield, frequented it often, and decided to partake in the celebration of that special day. Not only was it the anniversary of this decisive battle, but it was the anniversary of my birth (however, not the 200th!). A special commemorative stamp and canceling/posting from the site, reenactments, and prominent speakers were features of the event. It was a midweek event and not too crowded. This boded well for me because I had broken my foot playing tennis and was on crutches. By this time I was very adept at maneuvering and covering considerable ground on crutches! Tom Brokaw, a young newscaster from NBC, gave one of the key speeches celebrating the event.

I purchased several of the commemorative stamps, postcards, and other mementos of the celebration. It was a vacation day away from work very well spent and educational. I came away with a deep appreciation for our ancestors efforts to secure our freedom, and especially the significance of the Battle of Saratoga.

The Battle of Saratoga is considered by many historians to have been "the turning point of the American Revolutionary War". About 10,000 British troops under General John Burgoyne were advancing south from Canada with the intention of taking Albany, NY, and cutting New England off from the rest of the colonies by seizing control of the Hudson River Valley. Burgoyne's advance was slowed, and he was eventually defeated at Saratoga by colonial regular soldiers and militia under the command of General Horatio Gates. This occurred in a series of battles and engagements between September 19th and October 7th, 1777, with the formal surrender taking place October 17th, 1777. The news that an entire British Army had been not only defeated, but captured with all its weapons, gave the American revolutionists great credibility. France, in particular, threw its support behind the Revolution, and years later, the French navy and military played an important role in the surrender of the British at the Battle of Yorktown, and the end of the war.

Twenty-five years after this 200th Anniversary Celebration, and being a retired research scientist, I needed something to research, so I began researching my "roots". This started my active interest in genealogy. I first researched my "McHugh roots" which took me quickly to Ireland, County Galway, Dunmore and the Ardcloon Townland; my grandfather McHugh emigrated in 1878 to the USA/California from Ireland. After gathering considerable information, I dropped the McHugh research in favor of answering the question of: "how deep are my roots in America?". Obviously, I had to pursue other direct blood ancestors to answer this question. I found that my "Ingalls" ancestors descended from Edmund Ingalls who migrated from England in 1629 and was one of the founders of what is now Lynn, Massachusetts. I also discovered that I had a patriot ancestor, Solomon Ingalls. He served in the Revolutionary War and is my great-great-great-grandfather. Solomon Ingalls (Henry5, Henry4, Henry3, Henry2, Edmund1) was born June 16, 1750 in Andover, Massachusetts. He served in the Massachusetts Militia, married 1st, married 2nd, and after the war migrated to Packersfield (now Nelson), New Hampshire where my great-great-grandfather James Ingalls was born April 4, 1791. Solomon spent about 30 years in this area of New Hampshire before moving to the Town of Rodman, Jefferson County, New York, joining some of his sons who were already there.

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My research showed that Solomon received a pension for his Revolutionary War service based on the published pension rolls; however, I did not know the details of his service at this point of my research. The next step was to look for his pension records. I found this to be easy because Heritage Quest has online images of pension records for Revolutionary War Veterans. A portion of Solomon's pension record image is provided here; it includes the material dealing with Saratoga and his signature on the pension application.

After reading his testimony, transcribed by the Jefferson County, Town of Rodman Clerk in 1832, I discovered that Solomon was at Saratoga in October 1777, as was I in October 1977 (200 years later). Solomon marched from Andover, MA to Saratoga, arriving in time to witness the surrender of Burgoyne. I just discovered this fact in March of 2005.

Solomon Ingalls played a role in the events surrounding that significant military action at Saratoga. He died September 22, 1840, age 90 years. The 7th day of October 1977 now has much more significance to me than just the celebration of the 200th anniversary, or the anniversary of my birthday. Only had I known then, what I know now. What a coincidence!

For a little "flavor" of the 1777 era, one should sample "The Battle of Saratoga" which is a song with lyrics by Lesley Nelson; this song appeared shortly after Burgoyne surrendered to General Gates at Saratoga. Go to the [Saratoga Chapter of the DAR web site](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyscdar/saratogaw.htm) (www.rootsweb.com/~nyscdar/saratogaw.htm). — *by Jim McHugh (Saramana member); e-mail: jamchugh@ix.netcom.com*

References/Credits: Richard H. Ketchum, "Saratoga: Turning Point of the America's Revolutionary War", Henry Holt & Co. (1997). Image: Heritage Quest Online, Revolutionary War Pension File Images, Solomon Ingalls, File S23724, Series M805, Roll 461, Images 453-459.

again enlisted about the first Oct 1777 at Andover under Capt. John Adams St. Martin, Co. of British Regt. for one month as a private, was immediately made a corporal and served a day or two, when he was made ~~Serjeant~~ Serjeant Major marched to Bennington, from thence to Saratoga, when he arrived just in time to witness the surrender of Burgoyne, from thence he went as a guard to the British Hoops (Prisoners) to Cambridge Massachusetts, when he was discharged.—

Solomon Ingalls

A portion of Solomon Ingalls' pension record



Secretary's Report

Chapter Luncheon Holiday Inn Lido Beach Sarasota, FL Nov. 12, 2011

The luncheon was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Charles Riegle, and the invocation was given by Asst. to Chaplain, Bob Castle. All were led in the SAR Pledge and the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Introductions were made: at the head table officers and the guest speaker on the right were John Fitzpatrick (Secretary), Bob Castle (Asst. to Chaplain), Charles Riegle (President), on the left Rachel Wasserman (guest speaker), and Dick Mahaffey (Genealogist). Special guests were SAR P.G. Carl Hoffmann and his wife Pat; FLSSAR and Past Chapter President ('07-'08) Phil Tarpley and his wife Mary; FLSSAR Parliamentarian and Past Chapter President ('96-'97) Frank Holdalski and his wife Barbara; President of the Naples Chapter and dual member of the Saramana Chapter Colonel Chuck Sweeney (Adjutant FLSSAR Company, NSSAR WW II Veterans Corps) and his wife Sharon; Past Chapter President (94-'95) Richard Quigley, past Chapter President ('99-'01) Hal Miller (who was also state President for two years) and his wife Pru Ann; Past Chapter President ('06) John Williams, Linda Sue; and Colonel Bill Brackman of the SMA, John Dyrud of the WISSAR, and Pat McLain, widow of General John McLain.

The president spoke of recent events e.g., the Veterans Day Parade on the 11th, which was well attended by the Saramana Color Guard and members and the following upcoming events:

- The next BOG meeting will be held at the Church of the Redeemer at 2:00 pm on Wed. Nov. 16th;
- The next chapter lunch will be held on Friday Dec. 9th, with FLSSAR Pres. David Ramseur, installing officers for 2012. President Ramseur and his wife Marjorie will be the speakers;
- The December BOG meeting is to be held on Wed. Dec. 14th at 2:00 pm and finally,
- Wreaths Across America will take place on Dec. 10th at the Sarasota National Cemetery. No participation is requested due to construction at the site.

The Sergeant at Arms then requested that lunch be served, and the Rumbaugh Oration Scholarship Contestants gave their presentations while lunch was served. The contestants were Ms. Braden Causey from Bay Shore High School, Mr. Luke Maier from Pine View School, and Cadet Katherine Coons from Sarasota Military Academy. The chairman of the program, Peter Douglas officiated over the proceedings. The contestants spoke eloquently, and Ms. Braden Causey was voted best speaker for the second year in a row! Awards were then presented to the Rumbaugh participants.

Compatriot Richard Mahaffey, Genealogist/Registrar, introduced the newest members of our chapter – Mr. Owen Clough and Mr. Thomas Thompson – and spoke of their patriot ancestors. Both men then took the SAR oath and were presented an SAR rosette and certificates of membership.

Retired Marine Corps Colonel Chuck Sweeney, who is also the Adjutant of the WWII Corps from the Florida Society, introduced WWII service members of the Saramana Chapter. The following Compatriots were recognized with certificates of appreciation for their service: Richard Quigley, Richard Kichline, Bob Grant, John Arthur "Jack" Williams, Eugene Bradley, and John C. Manson, Esq. Some recipients were unable to attend: Jack Chaillé, Bill Millman, Basil Lancaster, Gerald Munn, and Burton Corbus, who will be so honored at the Dec. meeting. All other certificates will be mailed.

The guest speaker of the day was then introduced by Frank Hodalski and presented with the American History Teacher of the Year plaque for 2011. The speaker was Major Rachel Wasserman of the Sarasota Military Academy. She gave a brief talk and emphasized that she was blessed to "work in a country where the values that our

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Revolutionary Founders stood for are celebrated every day at institutions like the Sarasota Military Academy." She was presented with a certificate of appreciation and SAR mug at the conclusion of her talk.

Next, Dick Mahaffey came forward representing the Chapter Nominating Committee, and the following members were nominated for positions for the coming year. They are as follows: Pres., Charles Riegler; Vice Pres., currently open; Secretary, John L Fitzpatrick; Treasurer, Ted Hornback; Genealogist/Registrar, Dick Mahaffey; Historian, Charles Riegler; Chaplain, Bob Castle; Sergeant-at-Arms, Chuck Barrett; and Color Guard Captain, Phil Tarpley. A motion was then made by Frank Hodalski for the nominations to cease and the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of this slate of officers for 2012. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Bob Castle gave the Benediction and SAR Recessional, and the meeting was adjourned with one ring of the bell at approximately 2:00 pm. — *Respectfully Submitted by John L Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*



Dates for your calendar

- **December 9th** – Chapter luncheon, will include 2012 Officer installation by FLSSAR president David Ramseur, awards, and “Washington Crosses the Delaware” program.
- **December 10th** – “Wreaths Across America” at Sarasota National Cemetery. *No ceremony due to construction.*
- **December 14th** – Board of Governors meeting – 2:00 pm at Church of the Redeemer.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The date for the first Saramana Chapter luncheon meeting in 2012 has been changed to **Friday, January 20th**. More information will be available in the January *Quill & Bugle*, which will be sent to you before the end of December.



Washington Crosses the Delaware, by Emanuel Leutze



In Memoriam

President General Stewart McCarty passed away peacefully, according to PG Carl Hoffmann. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, and we will be informed of the date and details when arrangements are made.

Mary Franklin, wife of Compatriot Billy Franklin, Sr., and mother of Compatriot Billy Franklin Jr., passed away during the month of November, as well.

Around the Community

Observance of Pearl Harbor Day

On December 7, 2011, at half-an-hour before sunset, crowds will gather at North Siesta Beach at the end of Columbus Avenue in Siesta Village, at the former house of Capt. Ralph Styles. Capt. Styles was a Pearl Harbor survivor, celebrated submarine commander in the Pacific in World War II, and former Sarasota County Veteran of the Year.

Led by a drummer, the public will march the two blocks to the Ralph Styles Monument in the central square of Siesta Village. At sunset, Capt. Robert O’Neal, Pearl Harbor survivor, will lower the U.S. flag at the monument while Taps is played. Each branch of the services will be honored while its hymn is played.

All local patriotic organizations are urged to come to the Pearl Harbor ceremony.

Happy December Birthdays to:

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| John L. Barner, Jr. | Frank X. Hodalski |
| Dr. J. Kent Bartruff | Stephen E. Hunt |
| Robert H. Cheney | Karl P. Knoedler |
| Dana A. Crapo | Karl W. Krause |
| Graham J.C. Douglas | Eric M. Levy |
| Peter M. Douglas | Robert B. Peck |
| Norman J. Greene | Ronald L. Shankland |

May your stuffing be tasty
 May your turkey be plump,
 May your potatoes and gravy
 Have never a lump.
 May your yams be delicious
 And your pies take the prize,
 And may your Thanksgiving dinner
 Stay off your thighs!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



Photos from our November chapter activities



Our newest members: Dick Mahaffey (Genealogist/Registrar) with Compatriots Thomas Thompson, Owen Clough, and James Fleming.



Braden Causey (right) is named the Winner of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest for the second year in a row by Chairman Peter Douglas. President Charles Riegle and contestant Katherine Coons look on.



Rachel Wasserman of Sarasota Military Academy accepts the Saramana/FLSSAR award plaque as American History Teacher of the Year 2011.



Col. Chuck Sweeney with three of our WWII Veterans (Richard Quigley, Richard Kichline, and Bob Grant Sr.) and president Charles Riegle.



Saramana Color Guard steps off in the Sarasota Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2011 (behind is the chapter trolley).



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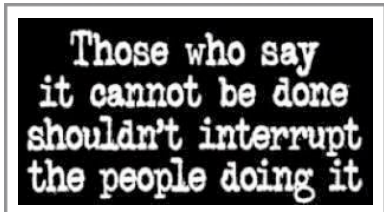
Chapter Luncheon – Friday, December 9th
Uniform of the day: Colonial dress or Revolutionary uniform
(If you do not have either, please wear a jacket and tie.)

Please call or email Ted Hornback with your reservation information and meal choice at (941) 485-4481 or Ted1538@aol.com. Meal choices are:

- Soup of the day and,
- 1. Chicken Florentine with spinach, mushroom and roasted red pepper sauce
- 2. Sanibel Salmon Salad with choice of dressings
- 3. Large Garden salad with choice of dressings

Plus warm rolls, butter, coffee, decaf, and tea.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please pay only by cash or check at the door.



**Do you know these Compatriots?
Handsome, aren't they?**