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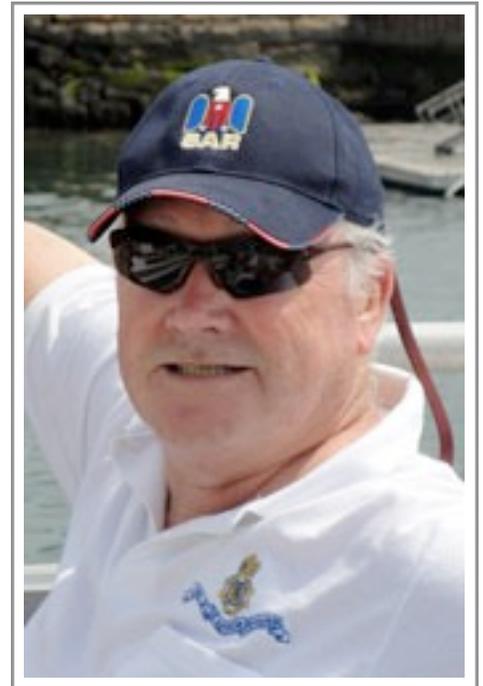
## Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

*Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country*

### President's Message

This will be my last message to you, as your President. I have enjoyed my two years in office, but all good things must end; December 14th will be the end of my term. Our new President will need your support. Please give him all the help you have given me during these past two years – and more.

As you may know, during these last few years, our Chapter has grown in membership and in community activity. We are the largest Chapter in the state and the second-largest in the country. We win many of the state awards for our activities. The Chapter Challenge and Publicity Awards are examples. We present medals and awards to JROTC, Eagle Scouts, and children in grade, middle, and high schools for their efforts in Poster Contests and Oration Contests. We receive Proclamations for our community efforts from county and city officials in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and are asked to speak to community groups about our American History and its implications today.



I think we have demonstrated our involvement in all aspects of community life and, in doing so, are fulfilling our duty to our ancestors and our commitment to the Sons of the American Revolution. For this I am most proud. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our Chapter. Charles W. Riegle, President Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

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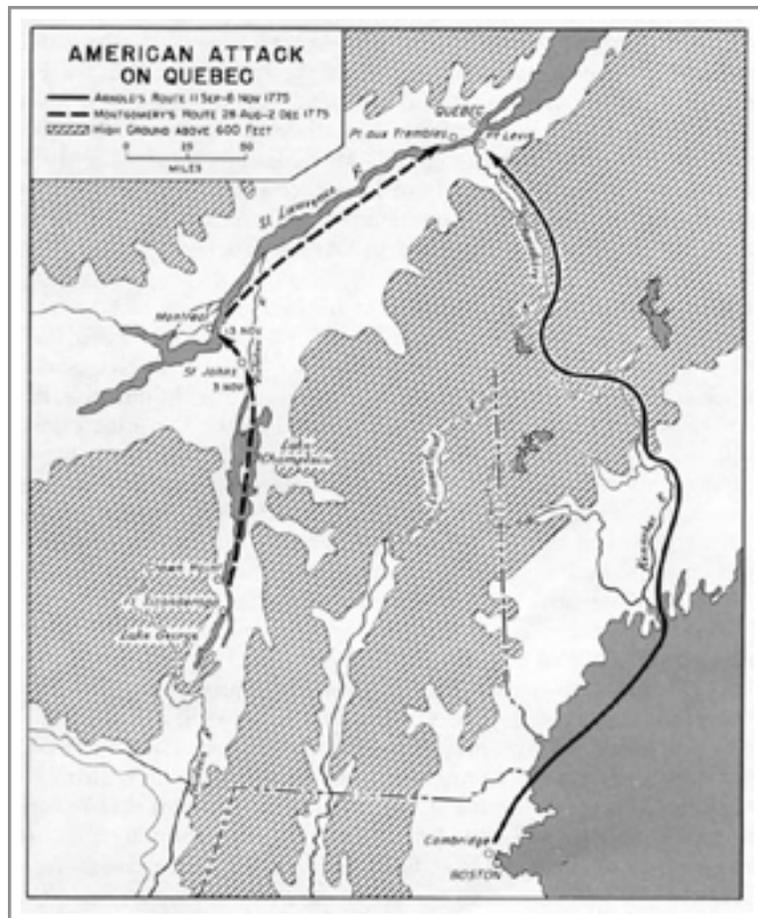
## The American Revolution Month-by-Month: December 1775

by Compatriot Andrew "Andy" Stough

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Montgomery had known all along that an assault was the only productive way to force the surrender of the city (Quebec). Sir Guy Carleton refused to accept two letters asking for surrender. Formalities having been accomplished, Montgomery made plans for an assault. No longer the larger force, Montgomery planned to attack on a dark and stormy night. It was a desperate attempt, but it was the only way that the city might be taken.

To wait until spring would be disastrous. Enlistments for most of the men would expire on December 31st. They would fight until then but no longer. Springtime would surely bring more British troops, equipment and arms for Carleton, who already had the advantage of more than twice the able bodied men that Montgomery could muster, not to mention cannon, supplies, and munitions. The time had come to either take the city or head for home. This far into the venture, Montgomery was not going to leave without a fight.



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Montgomery waited on a storm to open an early morning attack. The storm finally broke on the afternoon of December 30th. In the early hours of December 31st, the attack began with Montgomery attacking with 300 men while Benedict Arnold with 600 men was attacking the lower town in pincers movement. Things went well until Montgomery suffered a leg wound and went to the rear for treatment. Daniel Morgan assumed Montgomery's command, and the attack on the lower town continued. The way was now open into the City. Unfortunately, there were too few Americans that far forward to attack and no further movement was made awaiting daylight. By the time first light occurred the city was aware of what had happened and the gates were closed and manned. At this point the two American forces had become one. Many desperate attempts were made by Morgan and Arnold to scale the walls, but they were all driven back by the defenders.

Eventually Morgan was trapped by a larger Canadian contingent and forced to surrender. Montgomery, despite his wound, returned to the scene and breached the walls. This eventually led him to what appeared to be an ordinary house. Passing the house would lead him to the heart of the city. Unfortunately he did not know that the house was heavily fortified. Calling on his soldiers to follow him they advanced in the predawn light toward the house. The fortified house had fifty armed men with small arms and four three-pound cannon. When Montgomery and his men were close to the house they were fired on point blank. Montgomery and his followers were mowed down by cannon and rifle fire. Montgomery was dead, shot through the head. Several ranking officers were killed. Aaron Burr and several other officers survived the slaughter, but it made no difference. The battle was lost, but it was not the end of the expedition (Ward).

Arnold, who was now the leader of the entire operation, withdrew the men who had avoided capture and sent to Montreal for help. Help was not to come as Colonel Wooster, commanding at Montreal, had too few men to properly hold the town and was unable to give Arnold any assistance (Ward).

What about the big IF? IF Arnold's march through Maine had taken 20 days as planned, instead of the actual forty-nine days. If the return of the last two elements of the expedition had not abandoned the march to return to Boston, would it have given Arnold the ability to attack with a greater strength and at an earlier time? Had the departure of Montgomery not been delayed, would he have been able to join Arnold at an earlier date with force enough to storm Quebec?

It is time to consider other events occurring or terminating during the month of December, 1775 such as the appointment of Esek Hopkins of Massachusetts to be commodore of the Continental Navy.

*References: John Alden's A History of the American Revolution, Robert Leckie's George Washington's War; Jeffrey Shaara's Rise to Rebellion; Edmund Morgan's The Birth Of The Republic, Christopher Ward's The War of the Revolution.*



# November Chapter Meeting

*all photos courtesy of Elaine Crapo*

**(right)** Pres. Riegler presents Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to Jennifer Turner Gans, Senior President Chichi-Okobee Society C.A.R. and Compatriot Allen J. Hegener, Saramana, for their work with the children of the C.A.R.



**Braden Causey of Riverview HS (left) and Shanon Hanihan of Sarasota Military Academy, award-winners in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. President Riegler looks on.**



**Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Barrett and Chairman Peter Douglas congratulate winner, Braden Causey.**



**Shanon Hanihan receives congratulations from Chairman Douglas for her runner-up efforts in the Rumbaugh Contest.**



**Saramana Color Guard at the Veterans' Day Parade in Sarasota. Commander Barrett, Fitzpatrick, Peck, Hornback, Mahaffey, Hodalski, and Riegler (out of step).**



## Election Report

### SARAMANA CHAPTER OFFICERS for 2013:

#### Office

President – Charles T. Sweeney  
Vice President – Victor G. McMurry  
Secretary – John L. Fitzpatrick  
Treasurer – V. T. “Ted” Hornback  
Registrar – Richard K. Mahaffey  
Genealogist – Richard K. Mahaffey  
Historian – Charles W. Riegle  
Chaplain – T. R. “Bob” Castle  
Sergeant-at-Arms – C. A. “Chuck” Barrett  
Commander of the Color Guard – C. A. “Chuck” Barrett

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2013–2016

#### *term expires*

December 2013 – Burton R. Corbus, Jr.  
December 2013 – James G. Alderman  
December 2014 – Thomas L. Thompson  
December 2014 – Clarence A. Barrett  
December 2015 – Samuel O. Grim  
December 2015 – T. Robert Castle  
December 2016 – Peter M. Douglas  
December 2016 – John L. Hegener

## Words of the Month

*In case you have always wondered. If you like these, tell me and I will offer new words each month. – Editor*

**Artificer** – An artificer is a skilled mechanic in the armed forces. A skilled worker; a craftsperson. Artificers might have made tables, chairs, beds, hayracks, horse stalls, etc. Not much was made of metal in the field, but in barracks they would have been in charge of weapons repairs, swords, lances, etc.

**Yeoman** – Yeoman is the oldest rating in the United States Navy. Yeomen perform administrative and clerical work. They deal with protocol, naval instructions, enlisted evaluations, officer Fitness Reports, visitors, telephone calls, and mail. They organize files and operate office equipment and order and distribute supplies. They write and type business and social letters, notices, directives, forms, and reports.



## Dates for your calendar

### NOVEMBER

- **November 22nd** – Thanksgiving Day
- **November 30–December 2nd** – Great Bridge national event, Norfolk VA. Stay at Hyatt Place Chesapeake/Greenbriar (757 312-0037) for \$77/night (SAR rate). Website: [www.hyattplacechesapeake.com](http://www.hyattplacechesapeake.com). A Colonial Church Service will be held on Sunday, December 2nd. For more information, email Mike Tomme (mtomme@bellsouth.net). This is an important Color Guard event.

### DECEMBER

- **December 7th** – Pearl Harbor Day remembrance
- **December 8th** – Wreaths Across America wreath laying in Sarasota National Cemetery
- **December 14th** – Luncheon Meeting (*Installation of Officers by FLSSAR President Phillip H. Tarpley, who will also be our speaker*) – **see Page 7 for reservations**
- **December 19th** – BOG Meeting, 2:00 pm Church of the Redeemer (*all members invited to attend*) – first meeting of new officers for 2013
- **December 25th** – Christmas Day
- **December 31st** – New Year's Eve



**Compatriot Sam Powell** has made a 1.5 million dollar matching challenge grant to **The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH)**. He will match our donations, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$1.5 million. With everyone's help, the CAAH can raise the \$3 million necessary to complete Phase II of the project. (There will be a much smaller future finishing phase.) Your voluntary donation of \$10, \$20, or more will be credited to you individually and to your Chapter and in all the various recognition programs associated with this campaign. Florida Compatriots need to donate, on average, another \$120 to meet the national goal of \$250 per member. If you wish to contribute, send your check to *SAR Foundation, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40302*. Individuals may also donate directly to the Foundation. Contact Roland Downing at 904-853-6128 for details. **Donations are tax deductible.**



**December Chapter Luncheon**  
**Program includes Installation of Officers for 2013**  
**Speaker of the day – Phillip H. Tarpley, President FLSSAR**

**Friday December 14th, 2012**  
**Holiday Inn Lido Beach**  
**SAR Officers: Class A uniform**  
**All others: Class B uniform (gray slacks, white shirt, red tie, and blue blazer)**

Arrive by 11:15–11:30 am. Cocktails available from cash bar.

Meal choices (all begin with soup du jour served with crackers):

1. Salisbury Steak with mushroom gravy
2. Cobb Salad – Mixed garden greens with grilled chicken breast, diced bacon, bleu cheese, diced tomato, avocado, and egg, with choice of dressing
3. Large Garden Salad with choice of dressings

*Warm rolls with butter served with all entrees • Chef's selection of Dessert (fresh fruit available) • Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf & Assorted Herbal Hot Tea*

All reservations are \$20.00 per person. Mail reservations, check, and menu selection by **Wednesday December 12, 2012**, to: Treasurer Ted Hornback, 1538 Belfry Drive Venice FL 34292-4334 or email: Ted1538@aol.com and pay at the door by check or cash.

**Directions to the Luncheon Meetings**

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, 7th floor dining Room. The ramp into the back of the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh floor. Our welcome and check-in table is there by the dining room.

**Better directions to avoid St. Armand's Circle heavy traffic:**

1. Turn onto John Ringling Blvd from US 41 and go 2.1 miles (about 4 minutes)
2. Turn left at S. Washington Drive and go 0.4 miles (about 2 minutes)
3. Take the 3rd left onto South Boulevard of the Presidents and go 0.1 miles
4. Take the 1st right onto South Polk Drive and go 0.3 miles (about 1 minute).
5. The Holiday Inn Lido Beach parking lot is in rear of hotel

**Hope your Thanksgiving was joyful. Have a Merry  
Christmas and a very Happy Holiday Season.**



## Necrology Report

**Edna Bailey**, wife of Past Saramana President Donald Bailey (2002–2005), passed away October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service was held at the Emeritus Retirement Community, 4730 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

- CG in uniform: Commander Chuck Barrett, Frank Hodalski
- In attendance: Hal Miller, Charles Riegle, Harold Crapo

## Happy December Birthdays to:

John L. Barner, Jr.  
 Dr. J. Kent Bartruff  
 Jesse T. Bradbury  
 Robert H. Cheney  
 Dana A. Crapo  
 Graham J.C. Douglas  
 Peter M. Douglas  
 Frank X. Hodalski  
 Stephen E. Hunt  
 Karl P. Knoedler  
 Eric M. Levy  
 Ronald L. Shankland



*If your birthday is not listed, please contact the Editor.*

### YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2012

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**Sergeant at Arms** – Chuck Barrett (cabarrett2@verizon.net)  
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**Registrar/Genealogist** – Richard Mahaffey (DM57GM@gmail.com)  
**Captain of the Color Guard** – Chuck Barrett (cabarrett2@verizon.net)

### IMPORTANT WEBSITES

**Chapter** – [www.saramanasar.org](http://www.saramanasar.org)  
**FLSSAR** – [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org)  
**NSSAR** – [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)  
**DAR** – [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)  
**C.A.R.** – [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)

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