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Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country

President's Message

Once Upon a Time, there was a small Army. Not so small as to be insignificant, but small enough to need every man serving the Cause.

The Cause was Education of the populace. They had all signed up and sworn to be patriotic, historical and educational, and to perpetuate the memory of those Patriots who, by their sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.

Now, however, it appears that this Army is moribund. It wants to let others do the hard jobs required by the Oath they ALL took. Seemingly, it is much like the days of the American Revolution, when one-third of the citizens were Patriotic, one-third were happy to stay with the Overlord, and the last one-third just wanted to be left alone. This small Army of about 140 men has only 20 who are in any way involved in the above. Most men sit under the shade of the Liberty Tree.

Who is to fight the battles to ensure that his children and grandchildren are educated about the need and justification for a Nation of Free Men? Who is to help teach them about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which their Ancestors had fought and died to get? Who is going to spread the word that This Nation, Under God, shall have a New Birth of Freedom?

Do they not care, or are they just on TDY from the actual battles? They have mouthed the words and passed on the messages that point out the Bad Guys. But they are not willing to Volunteer to help at the grass roots level, where it really counts.

This Army has no one of greater position than any other man. It is organized in a manner that offers each member the opportunity to serve in any capacity he chooses. Maybe it is time to get off of the sofa and ask just what you can do to help the Cause. It is a good Cause and needs your assistance.

THIS ARMY NEEDS YOU. SARAMANA NEEDS YOU. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY.

Call Harold Crapo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at (941) 756 7272,
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The American Revolution Month-by-Month: June 1775

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The battle on April 19th and the subsequent siege of Boston was a catalyst to bring the colonies together to pool their resources in what had now become a common cause. In addition, it had shown them that the British Lion was not always invincible. But the lack of activity afterwards began to erode the original euphoria gained by the retreat from Concord, which was relieved by the capture of Fort Ticonderoga on May 10th.

Ticonderoga was seen as the Gateway to the North; with it secured it would take a strong force to attack the colonies from Canada. While it was a lift to the colonists' morale; it also turned the tenor of the uprising from objection to revolution. The result was a strengthening of resolve on both sides, particularly on the American side. Sometime prior to Bunker Hill the Massachusetts Provincial Congress had asked the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to adopt the New England army in the interest of uniting the 13 United Colonies in the cause then being prosecuted in the area of Boston by the New England army. On June 14, 1775 Congress voted to accept the New England army, establishing June 14, 1775 as the birth of the U.S. Army as we know it today. On June 15th, 1775 Congress chose George Washington as Commander-in-Chief to lead the Continental Army created by Congress the next day June 16, 1775. On June 23rd he left Philadelphia for New York. En route, arriving at Cambridge on July 2nd, he immediately took command of the army. (Ward)

In the meantime, British General Sir Thomas Gage had been forced to bring in provisions for the town by sea. Britain ruled the sea, but it was faced with the problems previously encountered by the Spanish Armada. British ships of war were unable to cope with the hit and run tactics of the smaller and faster Yankee vessels who harassed and in some cases captured British supply vessels. This so angered the Britons that they launched retaliatory sea attacks on New England coastal towns setting them afire with red hot shot. Such retribution only stiffened the resolve of the New Englanders and offended the other colonies. The result was a drawing together of all the colonies for the common defense where ever it might occur.

Reinforcements to the Boston garrison led the colonists to tighten their hold on the city. Moving forward they fortified two hills, Breed's the smaller and Bunker the larger and tallest. Considered, but not implemented was the Dorchester Heights, which were even closer to the town of Boston.

Construction of the new forts and fortifying of the hills irritated the British who decided to give the defenders a taste of cold British steel. Why, other than vanity, did the British not use their naval superiority to land troops behind the rebel lines, reverse the siege and advance on the hills from the unfortified side? It can only be conjectured that Gage intended to humiliate the "rude farmers" by subjecting them to the sight of seasoned lines of Redcoats advancing inexorably forward with fixed bayonets to oppose the defenders' muskets and fowling pieces. Perhaps Gage thought the sight of colonial troops abandoning their positions and fleeing for their lives would so impress the colonies that they would abandon any thought of resistance, anywhere. If that was his thought then as we now know it backfired to his own dismay.

The attack came on June 17, 1775 on what appeared to be the more vulnerable Breed's Hill. It was a hot and humid day, the attackers were forced first to slog through the low marshlands, then uphill through knee high grass and brush. Advance of the scarlet coated Royal Welch Fusiliers was impressive. Halting several times to allow the land batteries and ships cannons to deliver a devastating fire on the hill above they came on until

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they were close enough for the colonists to fire which tore great holes in their ranks. Recoiling, they closed ranks and advanced again until another deadly fusillade tore the line to shreds. The Royal Welch Fusiliers was no more.

A second line, The King's Own, advanced in the same ordered fashion and were as summarily dispatched. Two crack regiments had been destroyed and Gage's plan had failed. Not to be denied victory, Gage formed a new plan and within fifteen minutes a regrouped and reinforced British force moved forward. Advancing with the same precision as before they stopped only to fire then advanced with fixed bayonets to meet with the same fate as the previous assaults.

Against the advice of his staff but still not to be denied his victory regardless of cost, Gage gathered new troops for another assault. The defenders had scarcely been hurt, nor had a Redcoat breached their lines. They were strong of heart and ready to engage the enemy but there was little hope of holding the ground against another such determined attack for they were now woefully short of powder and ball and muskets could not stand against bayonets. Still, with such odds against them, they stood fast.

The final assault was repulsed several times leaving great piles of the King's men dead and wounded. British regulars regrouped and were able to forge up the hill due to the reduced fire as colonists exhausted their powder and ball. When there was no more powder and ball Britons entered the entrenchments with fixed bayonets. There were no bayonets to meet British bayonets, Still the defenders held their ground using anything available to club the enemy. With support of cannon and musket fire from Bunker Hill they held off the advancing troops until all hope failed. Then the defenders fell back in fairly good order leaving a rear guard to cover their retreat by fighting from stone wall to stone wall until the last man was safe from British fire.

More men were killed and wounded in the retreat to hills on the road to Cambridge than were casualties in the battle. Even the British generals acknowledged that it had not been a flight but a well ordered retreat done with military skill.

Heroes of the battle can not be enumerated nor are all of them known but the names of General Israel Putnam, Gen. Seth Pomeroy, Col. William Prescott, and Joseph Warren (killed in the retreat) should always be remembered. The men who fought there gave them credit as the officers who gave them direction and the moral support that led farmers to stand fast when in other wars the sight of such determination by the British Army had led seasoned soldiers to flee pell-mell from the field.

The aftermath of the action was that Europeans no longer saw the colonists as simple farmers but patriots, capable of great military exploits and fired with a revolutionary zeal to continue their fight for justice and perhaps now, even freedom from Britain.

To the Colonial leaders it confirmed that a Revolution had occurred and that this was "The War of that Revolution" and that not only New England but each and every colony was now involved. It gave the Continental Congress authority as a central ruling body, also encouragement and acknowledgement that there must now be a more coordinated and devoted prosecution of what had become not a local rebellion but a full-fledged war to the death.

References: Christopher Ward's "The War of the Revolution"; National Park Service "The Battle Road"; The Encyclopedia Britannica "The Revolutionary Years"; and above all, the respect for our ancestors gained in Mrs. Collins', Sherborn, Massachusetts 6th grade class.



Secretary's Report

SAR Luncheon Meeting Minutes Sarasota FL, May 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm with Vice President Harold Crapo officiating. The invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Castle and Sergeant at Arms Chuck Barrett led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. VP Crapo introduced those at the head table from right to left: Chaplain Bob Castle, Secretary John Fitzpatrick, Master of Ceremonies, Harold Crapo, and Sergeant at Arms Chuck Barrett. Also mentioned, and in attendance, were past President General of the NSSAR, and FLSSAR Chancellor Carl Hoffman; past Chapter President 99'-01' Hal Miller and his wife, Pru-Ann; past President 94'-95', Richard Quigley; our 06' Chapter President John Williams; and our friend, Pat McLain.

VP Crapo then introduced Cadet Major Alex Pierstorff of the Hardee Co. AFJROTC and his parents, Bret and Cheryl, as well as Stephanie Hawkins, winner of the Patriots Poster Contest. Cadet Major Pierstorff and Ms. Hawkins were the main guests of honor at this luncheon and would be recognized later in the ceremony. The Sergeant at Arms requested the meals as some brief announcements were made.

Our President Charles Riegle is currently traveling in Germany on the NSSAR trip. The Memorial Day parade is to take place on May 28th, and further notice will be given on this event by the Commander of the Color Guard. The DAR Flag Day luncheon will be held on June 16th, 2012, and the Color Guard is requested. The BOG meeting takes place on May 16th, 2012 at the Church of the Redeemer, at 2:00 pm. Any members who can are urged to attend in order to achieve a quorum. The State BOM meeting and annual awards banquet was held May 4-5, with five of our Chapter members being installed in Officer positions for the year 2012-13 as follows: Phil Tarpley as the new State Pres., Vic McMurry as S.W. Regional V. P. and alternate Trustee, Carl Hoffman as Chancellor, Harold Crapo as Historian, and Chuck Barrett as Sergeant at Arms for the State. *Editor's note: Details of Chapter awards appear under the "Veep Speaks" heading, which appears on Page 6 of this issue.* Finally, VP Crapo gave thanks to all the presenters of JROTC medals and certificates, namely: Paul Longstreet, Billie West Lowe, Carl Hoffman, John Fitzpatrick, and Bob Castle.

The meeting was called to order again after lunch. VP Crapo gave a brief history lesson concerning the quest of liberty as a principle. Next, Billie West Lowe was escorted to the podium by the Sergeant at Arms, where he was presented with the certificate of the Veterans Battalion, and Military Service medal with campaign ribbon for military service during the Cold War period. Then, our newest member, Raymond Schlobohm, was escorted to the podium and presented with the Certificate of membership and SAR rosette by genealogist Dick Mahaffey. Mr. Schlobohms' patriot ancestor is Pvt. Luke Lamoreaux.

Next on the agenda, the winner of the Patriots' Poster Contest, eleven-year-old Stephanie Hawkins, was recognized. Her poster (see last page) took 1st place at the chapter level and 2nd place at the state level. She discussed her poster and was presented with an award and two checks. All applauded her efforts. With that, the central event of the day occurred when Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alex Pierstorff, recently promoted the rank of Cadet Major in the AFJROTC, approached the podium to receive his awards and recognition. After reading his paper, on how the JROTC program shaped his values and character as a citizen, Cadet Major Pierstorff was awarded a Certificate of Merit from Saramana and SAR medallion with ribbon, as well as a check for \$600. In addition he received a certificate from the ladies' auxiliary and a check for \$200 as well as a Certificate from the State Society for "Outstanding Cadet, 2nd place" and a check for \$500. VP Crapo noted that this was the 2nd "Best of the Best" scholarship winner to come out of Hardee Co. in the past two years.

Following the presentations, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Hingle, Commander of the Hardee Co. AFJROTC, briefly spoke, thanking our chapter for its support and informed us that the AFJROTC program

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from Hardee Co. is in the top one percent of all AFJROTC units. Past Pres. General, Carl Hoffman, then spoke of the JROTC programs, in general, and their success. All these things may have prompted Compatriot Hal Miller to take the floor and urge any members of our Chapter to contribute more funds for the NSSAR JROTC program to be given at the up-coming meeting in Phoenix AZ. His goal is to raise \$1,000 for that purpose!

As the meeting came to a close, Chaplain Bob Castle gave the Benediction and VP Crapo led all in the SAR Recessional. The meeting was closed at 1:52 pm. – *Respectfully Submitted by John L Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*



left to right Chuck Sweeney with Lt Col Anthony Hingle, Sgt-at-Arms Chuck Barrett with 5th grader Stephanie Hawkins, and Cadet Major Alex Pierstorff with VP Harold Crapo

Veep Speaks: Saramana SAR Rises to the Challenge – Again

The following is taken from the Vice President's Report to the BOG

Success at May Annual Awards Banquet

FLSSAR President David Ramsuer said it very nicely when he stated, "Saramana has done it *again*," in reference to Chapter Challenge and the Earl Marlin Awards. Saramana Chapter took 1st Place in both categories for the 4th time in a row. The Earl Marlin Award (Publicity) garnered \$150 for our Chapter. Our Newsletter, the *Quill & Bugle*, captured 5th place with a \$50 award for the Chapter. The American Revolution Poster Contest for Grades 3-5 earned 2nd Place at the State level, with Awards of \$200 from the FLSSAR and \$100 from the Ladies Auxiliary FLSSAR. Our JROTC "Best of the Best" earned 2nd Place at the State level, with a \$500 award and another \$200 award from the Ladies Auxiliary and \$600 from the Saramana Chapter. The winner was Cadet Major Alex Pierstorff from Hardee Senior High School. This is the second year in a row that Candidates from Hardee County have placed 1st at the Saramana Level and 2nd at the State Level. Of significance as well, our Chapter allocated \$100 to the CAR to help them with their program.

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Five Saramana Members Installed for State Office

Installed were Compatriots Phillip H. Tarpley, President; Harold Crapo, Jr., Historian; Victor McMurry, SW Regional Vice President; Carl Hoffmann, Chancellor; and Charles (Chuck) Barrett, Sgt-at-Arms.

Nominating Committee

Nominations for the SAR Officers are progressing very well. However, members are very much needed to fill the different Committee positions. These positions are the backbone of the organization and can make or break it. – *Respectfully Submitted, Harold Crapo, Jr., Acting President, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*

Dates for your calendar

- **June 16** – Joint luncheon with the 5 local DAR Chapters to celebrate **Flag Day**. A reservation request form appears on Page 7 of this issue.
- **July 6-11** – Phoenix AZ – Annual Congress of the NSSAR. See last page for information.
- **August 24-25** – FLSSAR Summer BOM meeting in Kissimmee. See *The Florida Patriot* for details.

Note: No Chapter meetings are scheduled during July or August.

- **September 19** – Saramana Chapter BOG meeting (all members invited to attend). 2:00-3:00 pm. Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave. Sarasota, FL
- **September 22** – Constitution Day luncheon, 11:30 am, hosted by the 5 local DAR Chapters. More information as it is received.
- **September 28-29** – NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, held in Louisville KY. See *The Florida Patriot* or website (SAR.org) for specific information.

In Memorium

Wadonna Ashcraft (Mrs. Jack B. Ashcraft)

Wadonna died of a massive coronary on Sunday morning, March 25, 2012. Her husband, Jack, asked that we not announce this at that time, as his plans were for a quiet family and close friends only funeral service. This was held on Friday, March 30th at the Church of the Palms.

Those of us who knew Wadonna from her various activities will miss her presence. We wish Jack comfort in his loss and the knowledge that the Chapter will always be ready to assist him, as he wishes.

RIP



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution requests the honor of your presence

2012 Flag Day Celebration and Luncheon
Saturday, June 16, 2012, 11:30 am
Bradenton Country Club
4646 9th Avenue, Bradenton FL

Meal choices (both of which include a salad, Chef's selection of vegetables, and strawberry shortcake): choose one

- 1. Prime Rib au Jus
2. Grilled Salmon

All reservations are \$25.00 per person.

Note: Reservation deadline is Tuesday June 12th, 2012.

Mail your reservations, with entrée selections noted, and a check made out to "Osceola Chapter, NSDAR" to: Teri Armiger, Treasurer, 5025 33rd St Ct East, Bradenton FL 34203. You may phone Teri at (941) 626 2527.

Directions to the Bradenton Country Club:

- from Manatee Avenue (east or west), turn south on 47th Street West
from Cortez Road (east or west), turn north on 43rd Street West, turn left (west) on 9th Avenue West.

Flag Day Celebration and Luncheon – June 16, 2012

Table with 3 columns: Name, Prime Rib, Salmon. Includes three rows for guest information.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____



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Happy Birthdays to:

JUNE

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Patriots' Poster Contest winner Stephanie Hawkins with her poster on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse