



# QUILL & BUGLE

## Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

*Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country*



Fire Fighters at Twin Towers  
September 11, 2001

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### Your officers for 2011

President..... Charles Riegle  
VP/Secretary (interim)..... Harold Crapo  
Treasurer..... Ted Hornback  
Chaplain..... Gene Bradley

Sergeant at Arms..... Chuck Barrett  
Historian..... Charles Riegle  
Registrar/Genealogist.....Richard Mahaffey  
Cmdr of the Color Guard.....Phillip Tarpley



## President's Message

I was absent from the March luncheon meeting, but was ably represented by interim VP Harold Crapo, who led a superior meeting. Larry Peck and Phil Tarpley did a great job honoring the Fire Fighters, EMTs, Paramedics, and Chiefs who were our guests. Each received a medal and certificate for their service to our community. We also gave out some certificates and Supplemental certificates.



I hope that you will attend our upcoming Chapter Luncheon Meeting on April 8 at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach in Sarasota and enjoy the **Police & Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony**. Our Chapter meets at noon on the second Friday of each month, most of the time at this same location.

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

### Meal choices for the April 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon

*All come with dessert and brewed coffee or tea.*

Soup du Jour and your choice of:

1. Beef Lasagna with fresh vegetables
2. Grilled Salmon with tropical fruit salsa and rum glaze
3. Large Garden Salad with dressing

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

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

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## Did You Know This?

Florida schools were segregated when **Emma Booker** began teaching in 1900 at the age of 14. She taught black children in a one-room school with desks made from orange crates. She earned \$25 a month. In 1918, she began teaching at Sarasota Grammar School, the only black school in the area. Pupils came from as far away as Tallevast and Myakka. Classes were held in rented rooms with books discarded from white schools.

The School Board refused to add a ninth grade to the school or to allow Booker's students to attend the all-white Sarasota High School. Booker tutored her students in preparation for higher education and encouraged them not to be limited by the restrictions of a segregated society. Students who could afford it attended high school in other counties or a college that also offered high-school classes.

Booker continued throughout her life to encourage students, even helping them financially. She never gave up pressuring administrators to offer black students the same educational opportunities afforded to white students. Booker spent every summer for 20 years going to school. She finished high school and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee Institute before she died. Emma Booker died in 1939 at the age of 53. She is the only person for whom a school in Sarasota is named.



## Secretary's Report

### The Minutes of the Saramana Chapter March 2011 Luncheon Celebration

March was indeed a Luncheon Celebration. Of course, it started out with the usual Invocation with our thanks to God, the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of officers and guests. We then settled down to enjoy an excellent meal, according to the attendees, and then we heard from our own Compatriot Larry A. Peck as our guest speaker. Larry was attired in a Scottish kilt and accompanying regalia. He commenced to share his heritage and relationship to his Revolutionary War ancestor. He went even further and gave us a brief, but very interesting history of the relationships between the Scots, Irish and the English going way back into the years following 900 A.D. He spoke of the ancestry name 'Fletcher' which described those families that made and attached 'fletching' (feathers) to arrows. We then proceeded into the presentation of Supplemental Memberships. Our own Treasurer, Ted Hornback accumulated five (5) new supplements while our Past Treasurer Victor McMurry gathered two Supplements. Victor then described how he was able to overcome some of the research problems encountered by his father and he made a specific point that the driving force behind his efforts and success was attributed to his love for his parents. The next phase of the program involved the SAR Awards presented to Firefighters, Emergency Technicians and Paramedics. First, Sarasota County Emergency Services presented Captain Doug Wolf and Act Lt. Ryan Jekonski for their outstanding life and protection services provided at the Sarasota County Jail on Main Street. The situation demanded smoke removal, protection of inmates and relocation of dangerous criminals while protecting the facilities. The North Port Fire Rescue district presented Firefighter/Emergency Technician Richard Yarnell for his exceptional work ethic and dedication to his Department over a span of less than five years. Longboat Key Fire Rescue presented Firefighter-Paramedic Jay Gosnell for his daring rescue of three boaters in the water in the Gulf of Mexico. All three were rescued without injury. Bradenton Fire Department Firefighter Matthew McCabe was honored for his three years of dedicated demonstration of utmost concern for the safety of citizens and those he works with, thereby excelling in supporting the mission of the Fire Department and core values. All of these members were presented with Certificates accompanying the SAR Medal of recognition. The meeting was adjourned immediately after the group sing-a-long of God Bless America led by Compatriot John Hegener. — *Respectfully submitted, Harold Crapo, Jr., Secretary (interim)*

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### Board of Governors Meeting, March 23, 2011, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL, 2:00-3:25 pm

*Attendees: Compatriots Riegler, Pres; Crapo, V.P./Sec; Hornback, Treas; Barrett, Lowe, Bradley, Douglas, Mahaffey, Miller, McMurry, Castle.*

A copy of the Reports from Publicity, Treasurer, Vice President, JROTC, District Veterans' Affairs and Awards Inventory are in the History file.

#### President's Comments:

- President Riegler announced and displayed results that a telephone/email vote was taken to appoint Compatriot Howard Brent Sole as a replacement Operational Trust Fund (OTF) Trustee for Allen Hegener's unexpired term of office. The solicited vote was unanimous 18 to 0 for appointment. The Board of Governors' approved.
- President Riegler emphasized the most important requirement for everyone to constantly remind every adult to advise friends of the family and family teenagers the imperative need to "SLOW DOWN" when driving and follow rules of the road. He gave an example of the needless deaths of six young adults killed within the past two weeks due to speed in three separate vehicular crashes. The ages of the victims ranged from 14 to 26.
- The importance of New and Supplemental applications for Membership was stressed. Genealogist Mahaffey was asked to select a committee to study and rewrite the brochures we use for this purpose.

#### Officers and Committee Reports:

- Interim VP/Sec Crapo appointed all attending members at this BOG to the Nominating Committee. No one declined the appointment. Their job (and yours, fellow members) is to recruit a Vice President and a Secretary to immediately fill the sudden vacancy created by John P. Mange, Jr. Names of nominees are to be given to H. Crapo for contact.
- Crapo notes that Compatriot Billie Lowe is aggressively seeking an assistant Publicity person. Compatriot Lowe has raised the art of Publicity to a very high level and it is extremely important that this level be maintained through the training of new members. Publicity is one of the most rewarding tasks to be performed for the Saramana Chapter. Without publicity, all the other important programs for our youth and veterans become a moot point. Our cooperative membership *is responsible* for ensuring the activities of our SAR Saramana Chapter remain meaningful. — *Respectfully submitted, Harold Crapo, Jr., Secretary (interim)*



## American History: Valley Forge in Connecticut

General Israel Putnam's division of the Continental Army encamped in Redding in the winter of 1778-1779. This division was comprised of General Poor's brigade of New Hampshire troops under Brig. General Enoch Poor, a Canadian Regiment led by Col. Moses Hazen, and two brigades of Connecticut troops: 2nd Brigade Connecticut Line regiments commanded by Brig. General Jedediah Huntington, and the 1st Brigade Connecticut Line regiments commanded by Brig. General Samuel H. Parsons.

This division had been operating along the Hudson (Eastern New York) during the fall, and as winter approached it was decided that it should go into winter quarters at Redding, as from this position it could support the important fortress of West Point in case of attack, intimidate the Cowboys and Skinners of Westchester County, and cover lands adjacent to Long Island Sound. Another major reason was to protect the Danbury supply depot, which had been burned by the British the year before but resurrected to keep supplies going to Washington's army.

Colonel Aaron Burr, one of General Putnam's aides and a frequent visitor to Redding, had suggested that Putnam look over the area for a future winter encampment during a summer visit to General Heath's Brigade in Danbury. Putnam found the topography and location ideal. Three camp locations were marked and later prepped by artificers and surveyors under the direction of the Quartermaster staff: the first in the northeast part of Lonetown, near the Bethel line, on land owned by John Read, 2nd (now Putnam Park). The second was about

a mile and a half west of the first camp, between Limekiln Rd. and Gallows Hill in the vicinity of present day Whortleberry Rd. & Costa Lane. The third camp was in West Redding, on a ridge about a quarter of a mile north of West Redding Station (vicinity of present day Deer Spring Drive & Old Lantern Road). The main camp, which is now known as Putnam Memorial State Park, was laid out with admirable judgment, at the foot of rocky bluffs, which fenced in the western valley of the Little River. 116 huts were erected to form an avenue nearly a quarter mile in length, and several yards in width.

At the west end of the camp was a mountain brook, which furnished a plentiful supply of water; near the brook a forge is said to have been erected. The second and third camps were both laid out on the southerly slopes of hills with streams of running water at their base. Each of the camps was strategically positioned to defend main highways in and out of town: Danbury to Fairfield; Danbury to Norwalk; Redding to Danbury and points north (stage coach route). As to the exact location of Putnam's headquarters, authorities differ, but all agree in placing it on Umpawaug Hill.

Some of Putnam's officers were quartered in West Redding. General Parsons' headquarters were at Stephen Betts Tavern on Redding Ridge. The troops went into winter quarters at Redding in no pleasant humor, and almost in the spirit of insubordination. This was particularly the case with the Connecticut troops. They had endured privations that many men would have sunk under: the horrors of battle, the weariness of the march, cold,



hunger, and nakedness. What was worse, they had been paid in the depreciated currency of the times, which had scarcely any purchasing power, and their families at home were reduced to the lowest extremity of want and wretchedness.

The troops left Putnam's encampment in stages, Colonel Hazen's Canadian regiment were ordered to Springfield, MA; they left on March 27th. The New Hampshire regiments also left on March 27th for their new assignments in the Hudson Highlands. Huntington's 2nd Connecticut Brigade left for Peekskill right after May 1st , and Parsons' 1st Connecticut Brigade was the last to depart on or about May 27th ... also bound for duty at the Highlands.



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**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON  
RECEIVES HIGH COMPLIMENTS**

The hard work of Compatriots Phil Tarpley, Harold Crapo, Ted Hornback, Dick Mahaffey, Gene Bradley and our Sergeant at Arms Chuck Barrett did not go unnoticed by the press or our friends in Sarasota, Bradenton, or points south. I received over 20 phone calls on the following day and was greeted with a large, photo-filled article in the Sarasota Herald Tribune a few days later, which told about the Wounded Warrior portion of our program and what it meant to many veterans and their families. This is the sort of program that makes us all proud and rightly so. Our sisters in the DAR aided us in this effort, providing the table decorations, short talks by the Regents, and wonderful singing to delight the audience of 137. Many of the photos from the event have turned up in local papers and we are still receiving thank you notes and calls from family members of the veterans we honored.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY  
CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Bradley H.T. Clark  
James P. Goodson  
James H. Granger  
Percival S. Hill V  
Percival S. Hill IV



**A letter to our Congressman, Vern Buchanan, Representing the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the House of Representatives. HUZZAH!!**

Honorable Vern;

If I am not mistaken, the Continental Congress voted on this issue and the official language of the Colonies *was* passed by ONE (1) vote in favor of English as the OFFICIAL language. Otherwise, 2nd place was to be German.

Now, because our Congress has never acknowledged that the Continental Congress ever existed, because they did not represent the United States of America (it was before our Declaration of Independence), the Official Congress of the United States is wasting valuable time reinventing the wheel. Even the College professors do not acknowledge this fact because most of them are trying to rewrite history. Just a little research by your elite staffers could revive the previous legislation IN History and all Congress would have to do is cite the occasion and vote on it in favor of the **UNITED STATES** of America. For some reason, many in our Legislative body are not thinking in terms of **UNITED** but rather in the **DIVIDED States** of America, which is the subject of one of my public presentations. What is the phrase: "**UNITED** We Stand - Divided We Fall"?

For those Legislators that are against a common Official Language, they are forgetting that it was the **UNITED**, "*We the People*" that put them into office, not the **DIVIDED** "Me the Person" that effected their election. That is one of the reasons it is OK by the Judicial Branch to burn and otherwise consecrate the AMERICAN FLAG. Oh my! We the **UNITED** might offend someone and I say, "This **IS** AMERICA, the original Melting Pot. If the Offended don't like it, either suck it up or exercise your FREEDOM to leave."

I do have direct ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War who were at Valley Forge; they fought, were wounded and died in the Civil War, fought in WWI, WWII, served during Korea, Vietnam and one son who is still serving in the **UNITED STATES** Navy (35 years) and one Grandson currently in the **UNITED STATES** Army and a wife that spent 8 years in both the **UNITED STATES** Army and the **UNITED STATES** Air Force.

I hope that I have made my point. Thank you for your kind attention.

Respectfully submitted, At your Service,

HAROLD CRAPO, JR. MSgt  
*United States Air Force (Retired after 33 years service)*  
*Member of Many Patriotic Organizations*





**AGAIN:** 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.

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**Dates to Remember:** For more information on these events, call Charles Riegle (941) 371-7079

**March 17 - Evacuation Day** Celebrated in Boston MA as the British ships left the Boston harbor with all remaining troops and Loyalist families bound for Nova Scotia.

**April 11 - Saramana BOG meeting** at Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave., Sarasota, at 2:00 pm. All regular members are invited.

**April 18-19 (1775) -** General Gage orders 700 British soldiers to Concord to destroy the colonists' weapons depot.

That night, Paul Revere and William Dawes are sent from Boston to warn colonists. Revere reaches Lexington about midnight and warns Sam Adams and John Hancock who are hiding there. At dawn on April 19 about 70 armed Massachusetts militiamen stand face to face on Lexington Green with the British advance guard. An unordered “shot heard around the world” begins the American Revolution.

A volley of British muskets followed by a charge with bayonets leaves eight Americans dead and ten wounded. The British regroup and head for the depot in Concord, destroying the colonists' weapons and supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, militiamen attack a British platoon, with 14 casualties. British forces then begin a long retreat from Lexington back to Boston and are harassed and shot at all along the way by farmers and rebels and suffer over 250 casualties. News of the events at Lexington and Concord spreads like wildfire throughout the Colonies.

**July 9-14 - NSSAR Annual Congress** will meet in Winston-Salem, NC.



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The March Fire and Safety Awards Luncheon was a great success. Pictured are some award recipients and our guest speaker, Compatriot Larry A. Peck.