



# QUILL & BUGLE

## Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

*Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country*

### President's Message

**It is time to remind each member** that his obligation to the Sons of the American Revolution goes far beyond searching for a Patriot Ancestor, filling in his application, and receiving his certificate of membership to hang on the wall. Yes, it is an obligation to help us teach American History, develop Patriotism in our communities, and continually struggle to keep this democratic Republic alive and viable.

You can help by volunteering to work on one of our chapter committees or by becoming an officer in your chapter. Think about what we are trying to do and offer to help. It is important. —Charles Riegler, President



**Come march with us.** If you haven't been to a Memorial Day Parade in Sarasota recently, why not join your chapter members and do this to honor those who have given the last full measure for

our country. Meet us at the corner of Main St. and Washington Blvd. at 9:15 am on May 30th. You will enjoy the experience. We have a trolley for those who cannot walk the distance.

### Chapter Events

#### **FLSSA Board of Managers/Annual Meeting**

*May 13-15, at Kissimmee, FL*

NSSAR President General James David Sympson was the main speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening.

**See FLSSAR.org for details.**

#### **Flag Day Luncheon with the DAR**

*Saturday, June 11, at 11:30 am*

Don't miss this annual event! Myakka Chapter NSDAR is hosting the combined DAR and SAR Flag Day Luncheon at Mission Valley Country Club, 1856 Mission Valley Blvd, Nokomis, FL 34275 Ph: (941) 488-9683.

**See back page for Menu choices and details.**

### Your officers for 2011

**President**..... Charles Riegler  
**Vice President (interim)**..... Harold Crapo  
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**Treasurer**..... Ted Hornback

**Chaplain**..... Gene Bradley  
**Sergeant at Arms**..... Chuck Barrett  
**Historian**..... Charles Riegler  
**Registrar/Genealogist**..... Richard Mahaffey  
**Cmdr of the Color Guard**..... Phillip Tarpley



## American History: Story of the Revolution

### **Outbreak of the Conflict** *(continued)*

On the same day, however, Parliament passed a Declaratory Act that reasserted the right of Parliament to legislate “in all cases whatsoever.” In their rejoicing, the colonists paid no heed to the merely verbal assertions. In the long struggle with royal governors, they had become accustomed to such compromises; they knew they had won this one. A few months later, the duty on molasses was reduced to 1d. The colonists calculated that smuggling cost them about 11/2d. per gallon, so they willingly paid the lesser fee. The new duty brought substantial revenues to the Crown and all parties were content.

Unfortunately, however, Britain still needed funds to sustain its American regiments. In 1767, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Charles Townshend, proposed a new revenue measure that tried to make the most of American compliance with trade regulation such as the Sugar Act. Since the Americans objected to internal taxes like the stamp duties, Townshend proposed import duties on glass, lead, paints, paper, and tea, similar to those on sugar and molasses. To his dismay, the Americans would have none of it. John Dickinson, in his Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania, warned Americans that the Townshend Duties were every bit as much a revenue measure as the Stamp Act and should be repudiated. His fellow citizens agreed. At considerable loss to themselves, merchants in one port after another agreed not to import British goods – not just items subject to duties but a broad range of other goods.

By 1769, only New Hampshire merchants had failed to enter a non-importation pact. When American imports fell by nearly a third, the ministry in London took notice. The new head of government, Lord North, led the way, and in 1770, the Townshend Duties were repealed. This time the assertion of principle took the form of retaining the duty on tea. Americans objected but could not sustain the painful non-importation agreements. As the news of repeal spread, the merchants resumed trade with Britain except for the importation of tea.

Again as in 1766 reconciliation seemed to have been achieved, and for two years political life returned to normal. There was a tragic incident in 1770, when troops fired on a civilian crowd that was harassing them. Some called it the Boston Massacre, but more levelheaded citizens recognized the deaths were an accident. John Adams, a leader of the resistance to the British measures, defended the soldiers in court. For the most part it seemed that good sense had prevailed and a compromise had been reached in the dispute with Parliament.

But once again, the British ministry inadvertently stumbled into controversy while looking in another direction. The East India Company had fallen on hard times, and Parliament in an attempt to bail out the lumbering giant granted it privileges with grave implications for America. The company's inventory of imported tea had built up in British warehouses. In 1773, Parliament decided that when tea was re-exported to the colonies, the import duties paid when it was first brought into England would be remitted, enabling the company to retail the tea at a reduced price. The company still had to pay the old Townshend Duty of 3d. a pound when the tea arrived in America, but there would be enough of a price differential to give the company a substantial marketing advantage even against smuggled Dutch tea. Furthermore the company was allowed to sell through its own American agents rather than through middlemen, further reducing the price.

It is a little difficult to understand the American reaction to the Tea Act. No new duty had been imposed. Americans were no more obligated to buy the tea than before the act was passed. But at all four major ports where tea shipments arrived – Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston – people resisted. They interpreted the act as an attempt to bribe Americans into buying tea and paying the duty, thus opening the door to still more oppressive taxation. In three ports, the tea shipments were halted or sent back; in Boston, Governor Thomas Hutchinson seemed resolved to



land the tea at whatever cost. To stop him, townspeople on December 16, 1773, dumped 342 chests of tea into the harbor. The Tea Act had brought the resistance movement back to life. (to be continued)

*This is the second of a number of articles on the REVOLUTION. We hope that you will enjoy these rather truncated stories. Please let us know if you do or do not. We are trying to provide what we have heard our membership wants to see in print. Hopefully, we can offer you an interesting reminder of the time of the Revolution and the causes of that action.*

– Your Editor.

**ON ANOTHER NOTE...**

*I just presented a **Flag Award** to the Live Oak Manor LLC, assisted living center on Mauna Loa Blvd. The*



*owner of this facility is Kim Lennon-Jotham, and her daughter is serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany. What a proud moment for me to present her facility with this award.*

– Your Editor.

## May luncheon meeting honored “Best of the Best”

On May 20th, we presented the Best of the Best JROTC medal and certificate to Lt. Col. Staci Macias of Hardee Senior High School. With her were her parents and Lt. Col. Hingle, head of the ROTC staff. Staci also received a check from the FLSSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary. With them in this photo are Chuck Barrett and Harold Crapo.



**Lt. Col. William Brockman, SMA,  
our speaker**



## Secretary's Report

### May 20, 2011 JROTC Luncheon

The Luncheon honored The Best of the Best JROTC student, Cadet Lt. Col. and Corps Commander Staci Macias of Hardee Senior High School, and we inducted 5 new members to the Saramana Chapter: John L. Fitzpatrick, John W. Benson, Richard R. Gans, Herbert Flanders, Edmund S. Martin, and presented belated certificates of membership to Howard B. Sole and James D. Allen. We made a special certificate and medal presentation to Dr. David Thompson (now Lt. Col. in the National Guard) for closing his practice in Sarasota and joining our troops in Afghanistan. David has been a member of Saramana chapter for the past 9 years. Our speaker for the day was Lt. Col. William Brockman, Dean of Students at Sarasota Military Academy who spoke on the subject of Sarasota Military Academy, its founding and the avowed purposes of its continuing success.

The meeting adjourned immediately after the group sing-a-long of "God Bless America", the benediction, and SAR Recessional.

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### May 18, 2011 Board of Governors Notes

The Board of Governors met, as scheduled, with 9 members present and discussed all agenda items (most of the committees submitted written reports which are part of the Secretary's file). The most immediate concerns lay with the recently held Florida State Board of Managers' Meeting (see all information on FLSSAR.org). Our chapter now has 6 state officers, who were elected and installed at this meeting, and we presented President General David Sympson with a signed copy of [A Land Remembered](#) (a historically accurate, but fictional story of the beginning of Florida). As you may know, PG Sympson has been a member of Saramana Chapter for the last 8 years.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** We will not have another "official" chapter meeting until October 7th, but this does not mean that we will not have an opportunity to meet together during the intervening months. In June, we meet with the DAR for FLAG DAY luncheon. Recently, Allen Hegener led a group of C.A.R. children in a canoe trip around Sarasota Bay and in late June Saramana will host a Pizza Party for the C.A.R. at the home of Jennifer Turner (wife of our new member, Richard Gans) and new Committee Chair for C.A.R. at Sara deSoto chapter, DAR. In September, we will again meet with the DAR to celebrate Constitution Day at a luncheon at Laurel Oak Country Club. Details of these events will be in forthcoming [Quill & Bugles](#).

**Next BOG Meeting:** Wednesday, September 14, at the Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave. 2:00-3:00 pm. All members are invited to attend.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Monday, May 30. Begins at 9:30 am at the corner of Washington and Main Streets, Sarasota. Uniforms or casual dress. We will have our trolley available for those who don't want to march. Please join us in this patriotic event.

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### Around the State and Nation

Don't forget that the Annual Congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), will be held in Winston-Salem, NC from July 8 thru July 14. Make your reservations early.

See your [SAR Magazine](#) for the registration form, or call/email (details at [www.NSSAR.org](http://www.NSSAR.org)).



## Photos: May Events



**Alice & Ted Hornback enjoy the BOM... and look great!**  
*(photo by Ausra Riegle)*



**Phil Tarpley receives the Patriot Medal from FLSSAR. Presented by Frank Hodalski, President General David Sympson, and FLSSAR president Gerry Meeks.**



**Billie Lowe presents an award to JROTC Cadet CSM Phillip Cascio, of Palmetto.**  
*(photo by Dee Kermode)*



**Charles Riegle and Harold Crapo accept the Earl Marlin Publicity Award and check for best total chapter publicity in the state.**



**7 new members inducted at the May 20 luncheon, by Genealogist Dick Mahaffey and President Charles Riegle**



**Florida Sons of Liberty Color Guard with Commander Phil Tarpley at May 13/14 BOM**



# Flag Day Luncheon

Mr. Curtis Miller, Site Manager for Tarpon Towers LLC will accept our **Flag Award** for the proper and continuous flying of the American Flag, at the June 11th joint luncheon with the 5 DAR chapters in our area. *(see menu at right)*



**Tarpon Towers LLC cell tower Bradenton, FL**  
*(photo by Elaine Crapo)*

## Menu choices

**#1 Macadamia Crusted Chicken Breast** topped with mango salsa and served over coconut & sundried cranberry rice with snap peas.

**#2 Pan Seared Mahi Mahi** served over saffron rice with baby carrots and garden-fresh green beans in lemongrass and basil naje.

**#3 Grilled Flat Iron Steak** smothered with candied mushrooms and served with honey glazed sweet potatoes and asparagus spears.

All entrees served with salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and strawberry cheesecake.

Price: \$25.00 per person. **Reservations required**

Please send a check made out to **Myakka Chapter NSDAR** along with your choice of entrée to: Alice or Ted Hornback, 1538 Belfry Drive, Venice, FL 34292-4334 by Monday, June 6. Ph: (941) 485-4481

**Musical entertainment provided by Faith Magyar. Music provided by Frank Hodalski.**

**Directions to Mission Valley Country Club:** From I-75, take Laurel Road exit #195. Go West on Laurel Road to Mission Valley Blvd. From Rte 41 at the Laurel Road Intersection, go East to Mission Valley Blvd. Continue on Mission Valley Blvd until you arrive at the Club.

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### Happy JUNE Birthdays to:

- Jack B. Ashcraft
- Clarence (Chuck) Barrett
- Ira G.B. Carroll, Sr.
- Harold B. Crapo, Jr.
- Carl A. Nissen, Jr.
- Jan D. Pearce
- Charles W. Riegle

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