



QUILL & BUGLE

Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country



Happy Birthday to the United States
Marine Corps



Tun Tavern (left) ca. Nov 10, 1775

President's Message

Chapter, State and National Dues

Each year, our Treasurer sends out Dues Notices to all members. It is essential that all dues are received **by November 15**, in order that he can prepare the statement for FLSSAR records that is forwarded to our National Headquarters in Louisville. If the dues are not received by him by Nov 15, the member will be DROPPED from the State and Chapter roster.

Please do not let this happen to you! If you are not sure that you have or have not paid your dues for 2012, please contact Ted Hornback immediately. Phone (941) 485-4481, or email Ted1538@AOL.com

Certificates of Appreciation for Service to our Country during World War II

One of our national programs, which every chapter was asked to participate in, was skillfully handled at the state and national level. Hundreds of our compatriots were listed. I have a list of some 32 Compatriots who could qualify. If you want to be listed please notify me. Saramana already has 8 such "heroes" in our chapter, and each has been or will be given his Certificate of Appreciation before the end

of the year. Give me your name, rank, and serial number and get on this list.

The next **Chapter luncheon** will be held at Holiday Inn Lido Beach at noon on Saturday, Nov 12. We will present some of the WWII certificates, approved Supplemental Certificates, new Member papers, and a special award for service to the chapter. The chapter elections will be held for 2012 officers. Our guest speaker will be Major Rachel Wasserman of Sarasota Military Academy, winner of the **American History Teacher of the Year Award for 2011**. Don't miss it. (See reservation info on Page 5.)

CAAH & Library Need Your Help

If we are to provide the best education possible for our visitors in the SAR Library, we need financial support from EVERY member. It doesn't take much, but it does take a lot of small donations to this great cause. Please send a check (for any amount) made out to "CAAH" or "LIBRARY" and send it to:

CAAH or LIBRARY
c/o Ted Hornback
1538 Belfry Drive
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Sergeant Daniel Brown awarded the Badge of Military Merit

As far as is known only three men were ever awarded this Badge of Military Merit. They were Sergeant Elijah Churchill of Enfield, CT, a member of the 2nd Continental Dragoons, Sergeant Daniel Brown of Stamford, CT a member of the 5th Connecticut Regiment Continental Line, and Sergeant Daniel Bissell of East Windsor, CT, a member of the 2nd Connecticut Regiment Continental Line.



The second award of the Badge of Military Merit was made to 20-year-old Sergeant Daniel Brown of Stamford, CT. Brown was a member of Captain Samuel Comstock's Company of the Fifth Regiment, Connecticut Line. The affair for which Brown received his Badge of Military Merit occurred when he led a "Forlorn Hope" as the first party to storm the works of Redoubt No. 10 at Yorktown.

In the summer of 1781, British Lieutenant General Earl Cornwallis moved his force of about 8,000 British troops to Virginia. Ordered by British General Clinton in New York to establish a naval station on the James River, Cornwallis chose Yorktown where he constructed a strong defensive position. When Washington and the comte de Rochambeau learned of this entrenched position they moved the American army of about 3,500 men and the French Army of 4,500 to Virginia to oppose Cornwallis.

They had also received news that a large French fleet under Admiral Comte de Grasse was coming to the Chesapeake Bay area to assist them. In a naval engagement known as "the Battle of the Virginia Capes," A British fleet under Rear Admiral Thomas Graves was defeated by the French fleet, thus preventing any escape by Cornwallis by sea.

Between October 6th and October 14th the American and French troops dug an extensive series of trenches in a semicircle around the British positions in the formal pattern of a traditional European Siege. Throughout nine days, cannon of both sides bombarded the area with thousands of bombs and shells.

On the evening of October 14th, American troops under Colonel Alexander Hamilton attacked Redoubt No. 10 on the extreme right of the British line of defenses. A Connecticut soldier, Private Joseph Plumb Martin of the Corps of Sappers and Miners told of the attack on Redoubt No. 10 some years later: "We arrived in the trenches a little before sunset.... The Sappers and miners were furnished with axes and were to proceed in front and cut a passage for the troops through the abatis, which are composed of the tops of trees, the branches cut off with a slanting stroke, which renders them as sharp as spikes. At dark the detachment was formed and advanced beyond the trenches and lay down to await the signal for advancing to the attack.... We had not lain here long before the expected signal was given. Just as we arrived at the abatis the enemy opened a sharp fire upon us.... As soon as the firing began our people began to cry: 'The forts our own' and it was 'Rush on boys.' The sappers and miners soon cleared a passage for the infantry who entered it rapidly."

Sergeant Brown had not waited for the passage to be cleared, however, but had carried his men over the obstructions and into the redoubt capturing the fort in 10 minutes. With these defenses compromised, and all hope of retreat cut off Cornwallis decided to surrender. He sent a drummer boy

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to beat the Call to Parlay, and the last major military engagement of the American Revolution was over. When the second Badge of Military Merit was awarded to Sergeant Brown his citation read in part: "That Sergeant Brown of the 5th Connecticut Regiment in the assault on the enemies left redoubt at Yorktown, in Virginia, on the evening of the 14th of October 1781... conducted a forlorn hope with great bravery, propriety, and deliberate firmness, and his general character appears unexceptionable."

— Excerpted in part from CTSSAR website



The storming of Redoubt No. 10 by Eugene Lami

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

- Hilton H. Morgan
- Samuel R. Wooten
- Oliver C. Riegle
- Ian C. Miller
- Brian J. Farrington, Jr.
- Edward S. Hoyt
- Maurice E. Myers
- David A. Thompson



Secretary's Report

Chapter Luncheon Holiday Inn Lido Beach Noon, Friday Oct. 7, 2011

President Charles Riegle called the meeting to order with the ringing of the bell at 12:08 pm, after which, due to his recent eye surgery, the program was turned over to V.P. Harold Crapo. Introductions were made by the Vice President noting some special guests attending: past President General, Carl Hoffman and wife Patricia; a number of FLSSAR state officers, including Harold Crapo, Vic McMurry, and Frank Hodalski; their wives; and others.

Next on the agenda, Bob Castle was introduced as the assistant to the Chaplain, Eugene Bradley, who requested relief from his duties immediately, due to poor eyesight. In the interim, Bob Castle will perform Chaplain duties as "assistant to" Gene. Gene's request is to be honored, however, he will continue to serve in the Color Guard and remain an active member of our Chapter. Gene was presented with an Oak leaf Cluster for his Meritorious Service Medal (awarded in 2001) and a Certificate of Appreciation. Following that, chapter member Frank Hassel was presented with a 15-year membership pin. Of no less importance, a Bronze Good Citizenship medal with Certificate was presented to Mrs. Pat McLain for her work with Veterans. Lunch was then served.

After lunch, some key announcements were made: The next BOG meeting will be held on Oct. 12 at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Redeemer. The upcoming BOM meeting occurs on Oct. 21 through 22 at the Ramada Inn, Kissimmee FL. The Veteran's Day parade takes place on Nov. 11, and all interested will meet at the corner of Main St. and Highway 301, in the parking lot, at 9:30 am. There will be a trolley for those who cannot march. The next Chapter Luncheon will be held on Nov. 12th at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach where officers will be elected for 2012. Also WWII Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to three of our members (Quigley, Corbus, and Kichline), and the luncheon will feature the Rumbaugh Oration contest. Our speaker for the luncheon will be Major Rachel Wasserman, American History Teacher of the Year 2011.

The chair then recognized Dick Mahaffey, Genealogist and Registrar, who presented chapter member Ted Hornback with a certificate honoring his 11th Supplemental Ancestor. Frank Hodalski then made a statement on Flag Kits for Habitat for Humanity new homes and asked that members volunteer to present them from time to time. In addition, President General, Carl Hoffman briefed us on the status of the CAAH in Louisville KY. Vic McMurry, FLSSAR Regional VP commented on his duties in that capacity. Nominating Committee Chairman, Harold Crapo gave the Nominating Committee Report, and then Chuck Barrett, Sergeant at Arms, was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship medal with Certificate of Appreciation for "outstanding service to the Chapter" over the past several years.

Following these items, our speaker, Jennifer Turner, was introduced. She currently serves as Senior President of the Children of the American Revolution, Chichi-Okobee Society. She was enthusiastic, and enlightened our group regarding the hard work and accomplishments of the children since April of 2011. She spoke of mutual involvement with the SAR and of the C.A.R.'s work in the community. After concluding her speech, compatriot Allan Hegener rose and complemented Jennifer on her tireless work with the C.A.R. It should be noted that compatriot Allan has provided much needed assistance for recent C.A.R. outings, and is recognized for his efforts. Ms. Turner was then presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and an SAR mug for her speech. Billie West Lowe was recognized for his long and active service as Publicity Chairman with a Meritorious Service medal and Certificate.

To round out the event, the singing of "America" was led by compatriot John Hegener. Nominating Committee Chairman, Harold Crapo, on a final note, updated our group on the unfilled positions within the Chapter for both, officers and committee chairs for 2012 and stressed the need for members to take action and fill those vacancies.

The SAR Recessional was led by the Vice President with the Benediction presented by Bob Castle, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm with the ringing of the bell. — *Respectfully Submitted by John L Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*



Dates for your calendar

- **November 11th** – Sarasota Veterans' Day Parade (trolley available for those who cannot march). Meet at corner of Main St. and Hwy 301 in Sarasota at 9:30 am.
- **November 12th** – Chapter luncheon (Election of officers for 2012). Noon at Holiday Inn Lido Beach, Sarasota.
- **November 16th** – Board of Governors meeting, 2:00 pm at Church of the Redeemer.
- **December 9th** – Chapter luncheon (2012 Officer installation by FLSSAR president David Ramseur). Awards and "Washington Crosses the Delaware" program.
- **December 10th** – "Wreaths Across America," begins at 11:00 am at Sarasota National Cemetery.
- **December 14th** – Board of Governors meeting - 2:00 pm at Church of the Redeemer.

Chapter Luncheon – Saturday, November 12th

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

1. Roast Turkey Breast with stuffing and mashed potatoes, vegetables and cranberry sauce.
2. Traditional Chef Salad with choice of dressings.
3. Large Garden salad with choice of dressings

Plus warm rolls, butter, coffee, decaf, and tea, along with the Chef's pumpkin pie for dessert.

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



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Jennifer Turner Gans, DAR/C.A.R. Senior President, with the poster board display done by the Chichi-Okobee C.A.R. society, showing what they have learned about the Constitution and what it means to them.



Billie Lowe receives the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service to the chapter.



Gene Bradley receives an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Meritorious Service Medal.