



QUILL & BUGLE

Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country



Yorktown, VA, October 19, 1781

Major General Charles, Earl Cornwallis surrenders his troops to the combined forces of Generals George Washington and Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau, while the British band played "The World Turned Upside Down" – see *Surrender* article on Page 2

President's Message

FLSSAR Board of Managers meeting October 21, 22, 2011 at Kissimmee, FL

If you haven't yet attended one of our state society meetings, this will be a great time to do so. You do not have to stay overnight – although you will miss the evening banquet and the pomp and circumstance that goes along with your state meeting. **The Florida Patriot** will contain the reservation form and information on the upcoming schedule of events. Go to the website (FLSSAR.org) to get this information.

Americanism Poster Contest

One of our national contests, under the banner of Americanism, is the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Poster Contest. The rules are fairly simple. Each child should prepare a standard sized poster depicting his/her representation of "The Battle of Guilford Courthouse." This poster should be ready for judging by the April 1st, 2012. More information on this contest appears on the NSSAR website (SAR.org) under Youth Contests. Your chapter gives the winner \$100, and the state winner receives \$200. If this winner is chosen the winner at the Annual

Congress in Phoenix, AZ, he/she will receive an additional \$300. *For more information, contact me.*

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. (If you were not, please notify me.) Saramana 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.

Chapter luncheon will be held at Holiday Inn Lido Beach at noon on Friday, October 7th. We will present some of the WWII certificates, approved Supplemental Certificates, new Member papers, and a special award for service to the chapter. The Nominating Committee will also present its slate of officers for 2012. Speaker Jennifer Turner, DAR/C.A.R., will tell us about the plans and activities of the Chichi Okobee Society. Don't miss it. (See reservation info on Page 5.)



Cornwallis Surrenders at Yorktown

Generals: General Washington commanded the Americans, Lieutenant General de Rochambeau commanded the French, and Major General Lord Cornwallis commanded the British.

Size of the armies: 8,800 Americans, 7,800 French, and 6,000 British

Uniforms, arms, and equipment: The **British** wore red coats and headgear of bearskin caps, leather caps, or tricorne hats depending on whether the troops were grenadiers, light infantry, or battalion company men. The German infantry wore blue coats and retained the Prussian style grenadier mitre with brass front plate. The **Americans** dressed as best they could. Increasingly as the war progressed regular infantry regiments of the Continental Army wore blue uniform coats but the militia continued in rough clothing. The **French** royal regiments of foot wore white coats.

Both sides were armed with muskets and various types of rifled guns. The back country riflemen carried long, small-calibre rifles, weapons of considerably greater accuracy than the ordinary musket and which their owners used with proficiency.

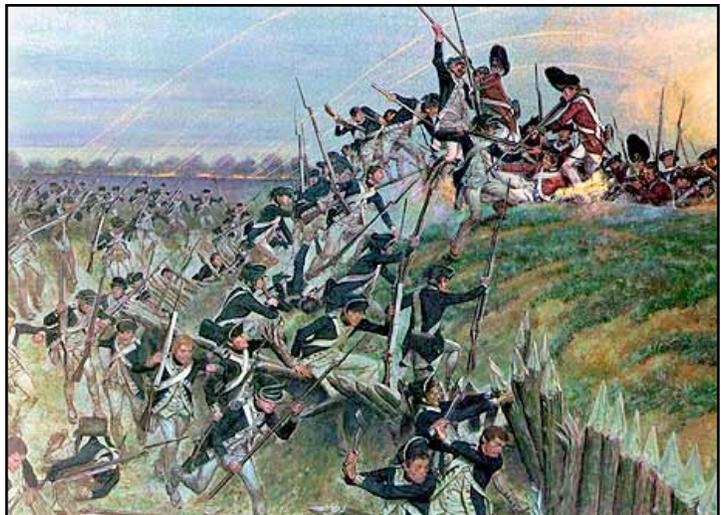
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Losing his grip on the Carolinas, Cornwallis marched his army into Virginia and seized Yorktown and Gloucester, towns on each side of the York River. With the arrival of the French fleet of Admiral De Grasse, General Washington was able to march south from New York with the joint American and French army to attack Cornwallis. The Americans and French marched out of Williamsburg and arrived before Yorktown on 28th September 1781, forming a semi-circle around the entrenchments and putting the British under siege. Cornwallis expecting Major General Clinton to sail from New York with a relieving force had decided to remain in Yorktown rather than march south to the Carolinas or attempt to reach New York. His first move was the inexplicable one of abandoning a line of four redoubts that dominated the British positions. The Americans immediately occupied the empty redoubts. The Americans began formal siege operations on the eastern side of Yorktown on 30th September and on 9th October were sufficiently close to began an artillery bombardment. On 14th October the Americans and French stormed two redoubts in front of their trenches and the position of the British in Yorktown became untenable. The British carried out a sortie on the 16th in which several guns in the two redoubts were spiked. On the same day Cornwallis attempted to pass the Guards, the 23rd and the Light Infantry across the York River to Gloucester but was thwarted by a storm. With no sign of Clinton's relief and with inadequate supplies of artillery ammunition and food, on 19th October 1781 Cornwallis' army marched out of Yorktown and surrendered.

Casualties

6,000 British surrendered to the Americans and French with 10 stands of German and British colors, 240 pieces of artillery, small arms, ammunition, and equipment.

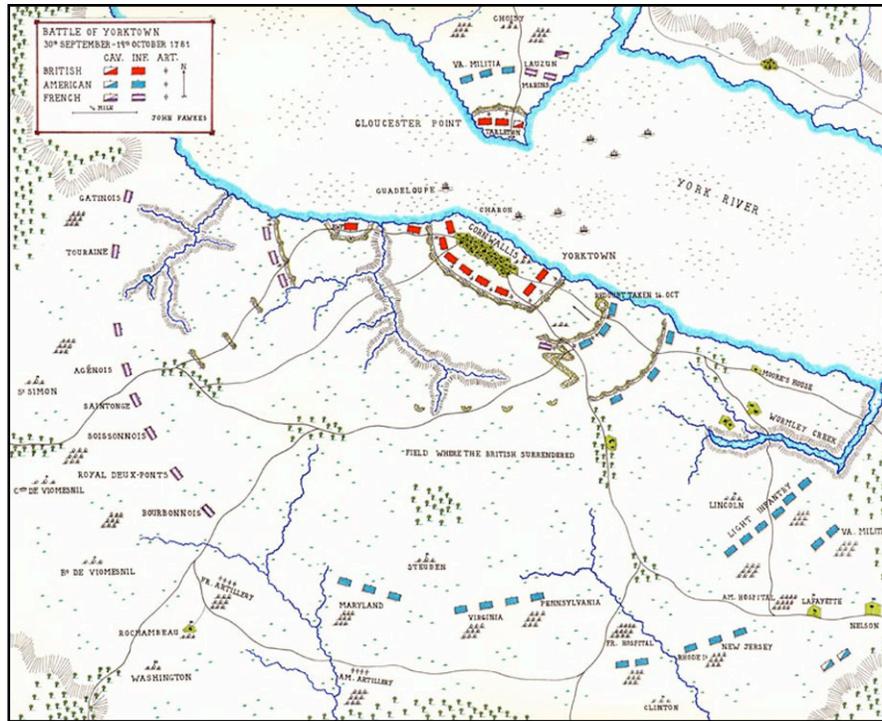
The casualties during the siege had been 500 British, 80 Americans and 200 French.





Follow-up

The capitulation of the British to the Americans and French ended the fighting in the war and led to the Peace Treaty that acknowledged the independence of the American states. Clinton's relieving force arrived in the Chesapeake on 24th October.



British Regiments

- 1 troop of 17th Light Dragoons (in Tarleton's Legion)
- Royal Artillery
- A composite brigade of Foot Guards (comprising 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Foot Guards)
- 17th Foot (later the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, and now the Royal Anglian Regiment)
- 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers
- 33rd Foot (now the Duke of Wellington's Regiment)
- 43rd (later the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and now the Royal Green Jackets)
- 71st Fraser's Highlanders (disbanded at the end of the war)
- 76th Foot (disbanded at the end of the war)
- 80th Foot (disbanded at the end of the war)
- Regiment of de Voigt (Anspach)
- Regiment of de Seybothen (Anspach)
- Regiment of Prince Hereditary (Hesse)
- Regiment of von Bose (Hesse)
- Tarleton's Legion
- Simcoe's Legion
- North Carolina Loyalists

French Regiments

- Artillery
- Lauzun's Legion

- Bourbonnois Regiment of Foot
- Royal Deux-Ponts Regiment of Foot
- Soissonois Regiment of Foot
- Agenois Regiment of Foot

American Regiments

- 4th Dragoons (Moylan)
- Armand's Horse
- Lafayette's Light Infantry
- Muhlenburg's Brigade
- Hazen's Canadian Regiment
- 1st New York Regiment
- 2nd New York Regiment
- 1st New Jersey Regiment
- 2nd New Jersey Regiment
- Rhode Island Regiment
- 1st Pennsylvania Regiment
- 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment
- Virginia Regiment
- 3rd Maryland Regiment
- 4th Maryland Regiment
- 3 brigades of Virginia Militia
- Sappers and Miners

References

History of the British Army by Sir John Fortescue • *The War of the Revolution* by Christopher Ward



Secretary's Report

Saramana SAR BOG Meeting, September 14, 2011, Church of The Redeemer, Sarasota, FL

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Chaplain Gene Bradley gave the invocation and Sgt. at Arms Chuck Barrett led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present with eleven members attending. Ted Hornback submitted the Treasurer's Report and stated he had nothing unusual to report. Secretary John Fitzpatrick submitted the summer activities report and also had nothing unusual to report. The next BOG meeting is to be held on October 12th at the same location, and the next Chapter meeting is on October 7th at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach. All members were reminded of the Constitution Day luncheon with the 5 local DAR chapters at Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota, which will be held on Saturday, September 17th.

President Riegle stated that he had been to the National Congress and passed around several national committee reports for Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety, Eagle Scouts, etc. He told us that the WWII veterans' service certificates, for all members who served in WWII, were in his possession and a vote was taken that the President should distribute them. He also mentioned that there was a memorial service for recently deceased SAR members, which was held at the 1st Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He showed us a photo of the new Color Guard medal instituted at National named for General Friedrich Von Steuben. It will fit between the Silver and Gold CG medals and may be given by state societies. The Youth Awards luncheon was mentioned at which our State Chapter won several awards including the outstanding JROTC award. Our contestant, Braden Causey, did not win the Rumbough award but we were all pulling for her. Finally, he asked all to think of events that our Chapter could hold at the Sarasota National Cemetery amphitheater, which is in its final stages of construction. All meetings for the next year will be held at the Holiday Inn Lido except the George Washington birthday luncheon, which is already scheduled for Laurel Oak C.C.

Then, the Vice President, Harold Crapo gave his report, stating the Children of the American Revolution's Liberty Tree was successfully dedicated on August 28th and is growing by "leaps and bounds." He further stated that the Venice Liberty Tree dedication will take place at Patriots Park in Venice Fl. on September 21st. Attending will be several dignitaries, and twelve military organizations have been invited. In addition, proclamation requests have been sent out. Next on the agenda, Dick Mahaffey submitted the Genealogist's report. In summary, there are twenty supplementals and new members approved, seven new applications at the National headquarters, three transfers, and one reinstatement. Also, there was a change in the term "youth member," which will now be called a "junior member."

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Harold Crapo then gave a report on vacancies in the Chapter officers, BOG, and other committees. Charles Riegle then gave the Historian's report calling for any items of Historical value to be submitted to the Chapter. Gene Bradley, our Chaplain, had nothing to report. The Sergeant at Arms then informed all present of the need for certain musket repairs and the need for a new top for the Chapter Flag. Billie W. Lowe had no publicity report for the summer. The Veterans affairs report was given by Harold Crapo, in which he informed us that he is planning a Veterans New Years Day pancake breakfast at the Veterans home in Port Charlotte. He is also trying to obtain a grant for Veterans to do hydroponic farming. Frank Hodalski covered the Flag Award agenda. JROTC (Harold Crapo) had nothing to report. The OTF trustee report was given by Trustee Vic McMurry, who also gave us the Medals and Awards Committee inventory. He also reported on our newly updated website and asked all present to review it and submit any ideas for improvements. The website is paid up at Godaddy.com until 2018, and a motion to upgrade page capacity from 12 to 999 was passed unanimously subject to a cost ceiling of about \$176.00. The board then focused on New Business with Frank Hodalski speaking of two programs that he will present to the state society at the upcoming BOM meeting: the history fair for schools and the history fairs for lineage, both of which were initiated by our Chapter. A third program, which will also be presented to the State Chapter, is the Flag Kits for Habitat for Humanity, which Frank Hodalski will chair at FLSSAR, is approved. The President approved and all agreed. Gene Bradley gave the Benediction, and the meeting adjourned at 4:04pm. – *Respectfully submitted by John Fitzpatrick, Secretary*



Dates for your calendar

- **October 7th** – Chapter luncheon (C.A.R. speaker)
- **October 12th** – Board of Governors meeting
- **October 21/22nd** – FLSSAR Fall BOM meeting
- **November 11th** – Sarasota Veterans’ Day Parade (trolley available for those who cannot march)
- **November 12th** – Chapter luncheon (Election of officers for 2012)
- **November 16th** – Board of Governors meeting
- **December 9th** – Chapter luncheon (2012 Officer installation by FLSSAR president David Ramseur)
- **December 14th** – Board of Governors meeting

Chapter Luncheon - Friday October 7th

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

1. Baked Tilapia with Panko crust, topped with lemon beurre blanc
 2. Gorgonzola Steak salad (medium well done) 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 selection of dessert.

Cost is \$20.00 per person, pay by cash/check at the door.

HAPPY OCTOBER

BIRTHDAY TO:

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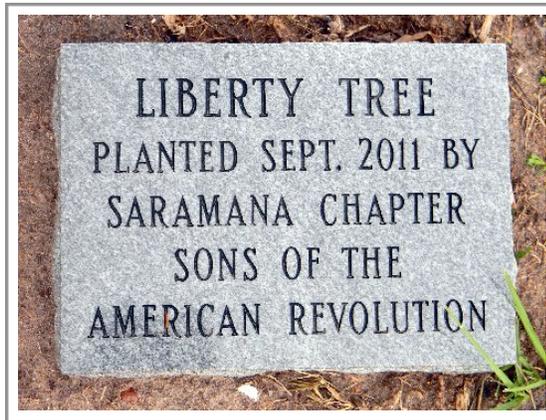
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Saramana Color Guard and American Legion color guard



Commemorative plaque placed under the Liberty Tree



Jean Catsakis, Harold Crapo, and "Betsy Ross" (Mrs. Arden Bartz), with the first flag of these United States

**PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE DEDICATION OF THE LIBERTY TREE
AT PATRIOTS PARK, VENICE FL, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**