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Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

Stand Ready to Defend Your Constitution and Your Country

President's Message



Please do not miss the 280th George Washington Birthday Luncheon, Saturday February 25th, at Laurel Oak Country Club.

A photo from last year's event is featured above. This will be an opportunity to meet and honor 36 wounded warriors and women veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. We expect some 200 members and guests to help award medals and certificates to these **heroes**, and we hope you will want to be part of this noteworthy event. For more information, please turn to Page 7 of this newsletter.

Special Announcements

- We need judges for the Manatee History Fair, on February 24th. Please call Frank Hodalski for information (941) 377-8232.
- If you didn't receive your 2012 Chapter Yearbook (addresses of all members), please call or email me: (941) 371-7079 or criegle@verizon.net.
- New members to be inducted at the February luncheon meeting are: Thomas Devoe, Larry Hobbs, William Lomax and Eugene Wright. Compatriots Percival Hill IV and Percival Hill V will receive Certificates for their Supplemental Patriot ancestors.
- The great Vince Lombardi said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." Our meetings are just that. Please call Harold Crapo and volunteer to help in some small way.

– Patriotically yours, Charles W. Riegler



The American Revolution Month-by-Month: February 1775

by Compatriot Andrew "Andy" Stough, Gold Country Chapter No. 7 of the CSSAR

On June 17, 1774 the Massachusetts General Assembly meeting in Salem sent out a proposal that representatives of all 13 colonies meet in what would be known as a Continental Congress. On 5 September 1774 the First Continental Congress met to try diplomatically to repair the damage done to relations due to the actions of Parliament and the King since 1763 by drawing up petitions to Parliament and the King to right the wrongs that the colonists felt had been done them.

The powers in London took these petitions to be a furtherance of the colonies' arrogance in defying the authority of the British government. The reply was even more attempts by London to force its will on the colonies. At this point in time colonists looked upon themselves as British as anyone living the British Isles. Congress' only desire was to restore the old order and return to a life as loyal Britons in the North American colonies, not as Americans who had lost all ties and allegiance to king and country.

The Continental Congress spent time protesting the imposition of taxes and imploring Parliament to return to the old order of things. The Continental Congress could well afford to take this approach since they were not daily staring down the barrels of 10,000 British muskets. The people of Massachusetts were daily faced with incidents between the citizens of Boston and General Gage's 10,000 Red Coats. On May 17th, 1774 General Gage returned to Boston as the Governor of the Bay Colony where he received a cool reception; Things did not go well between the General and the people of Boston who remembered that the Boston Massacre had occurred during his earlier command of British troops in Boston. He had come with the instructions from London to beat to their knees both the Port of Boston and the Bay Colony.

On June 1st he established the Boston Port Act which closed the Port of Boston; cutting off any sea-borne commerce or supplies to the city. If this were not enough the King had established the Quebec Act which gave that Province all rights and territory to the French settlements in both the Ohio and Illinois territories. The Quebec Act gave to Canada rights greater than those given to the American Colonies. In addition it cut off any westward expansion beyond the mountains to the English speaking colonies. Perhaps it was paranoia but to Massachusetts it was an omen of what was to come. Such an act and the imposition of troops on the populace combined with the daily confrontations between troops and the citizenry had aroused the Bay Colony to consider means of self-protection from the redcoats.

A Provincial Congress held in Boston directed the towns to support not only the local militia but to establish a rapid defense force; its members a select group to be called on a minute's notice to defend wherever they were needed. It approved the purchase of guns, ammunition, powder and cannon to be stored against the day of need. In response Gage sent troops to nearby Charleston and Cambridge to seize powder and cannon stored there. If previously

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there had only been suspicions, now there was concrete proof that Gage intended to subject the colonists to brute force. Powder, shot and cannon were hastily gathered and stored while drilling of militia continued apace. New England, and Massachusetts in particular, prepared to defend themselves against what they saw as the coming attack by Gage.

Further proof came on February 26 when Gage sent an expedition to Salem to seize military stores. A confrontation with local militia under the command of Colonel Timothy Pickering occurred at an open bridge. The possible collision between the two forces was resolved by the intervention of a minister who received a promise that the British would enter the town only for the purpose of searching for arms and munitions. The deal was struck, the bridge lowered and a fruitless search followed. The British returned to Boston without further incident to or from either side. Two months later an incident at another bridge would change the fate of the colonists and their relationship with Britain forever.

References: Robert Leckie's *George Washington's War*

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Daniel Chester French's statue, *Minute Man*
(Concord, MA)



Secretary's Report

BOG Meeting Sarasota FL, January 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order. Twelve members were present; Riegle, Castle, Mahaffey, McMurry, Sweeney, Douglas, Millard, Fitzpatrick, Crapo, Hornback, Barrett, and Hodalski. Chaplain Castle gave the invocation and Pres. Riegle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president then gave his report. The first item was that new members of the BOG, for the year 2012, would be installed at the Jan. 20th luncheon meeting. Next, the President will report to the state that Compatriot Teddy Huss will remain an E-3 member, per a motion that was unanimously passed by the Board. The President then stated that he has sent new officer information to the FLSSAR and the NSSAR and has requested that the member information on the FLSSAR website be updated. Next Vic McMurry was asked to take the floor and brief the Board members on the recent BOM meeting of Jan. 13th and 14th. He told us that Ms Braden Causey, the Saramana Rumbaugh Contest winner, took 2nd place in the state competition. Secondly, he learned that Florida did not have representation at the recent Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY, and that the BOM asked him to serve as 2nd Alternate Trustee. Ted Hornback then took the floor asking Vic if any action had been taken on the Wounded Warrior Project at the BOM. Vic answered that state approved the Treasurer's submittal of the endowment trust fund application for funding of the program. Evidently approval is up to the state committee for the trust fund, which may be affected by increased demand on the fund by other FL Chapters, taking into consideration the valuable publicity emanating from that program. Pres. Riegle then listed upcoming activities. The next luncheon meeting is to be held on Friday, Jan. 20th at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach. The next BOG meeting is to take place on Feb. 15th at the Church of the Redeemer and the following monthly chapter luncheon, with the DAR, will be on Feb. 25th at the Laurel Oak Country Club.

Next on the agenda came the Officers' Reports with Secretary Fitzpatrick submitting the Dec. 2012 activities file. Then Ted Hornback gave the Treasurer's Report. He further stated there was "nothing unusual" to report except that the chapter budget for 2012 has been approved by the Budget Committee and will be ready to be voted on at the next BOG meeting. VP Harold Crapo then briefed us on the Partners in Patriotism Award, which has arrived from NSSAR and the Publicity Book (for the Earl Marlin Award competition) has been delivered to the BOM for their review. Harold also reminded us of the 40th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, to be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Friday, March 2, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. He also noted that editing and printing has been completed for the 2012 Yearbook and mailing will occur very soon. Dick Mahaffey is currently updating the enquiries list and has had "some good enquiries of late." Mr. Riegle will represent Mr. Mahaffey at the Feb. 4th Scottish Festival Games held at Robards Arena in Sarasota from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Saramana will share a tent with the DAR for information distribution and recruitment purposes.

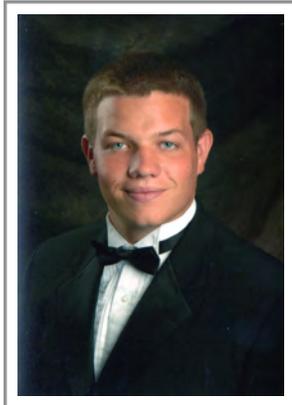
Pres. Riegle then gave Historian's report that he has consolidated last year's files. The Chaplain had nothing to report, as did the Color Guard. The Sergeant at Arms also had nothing to report. Next came Committee Chairmen Reports with Vic McMurry speaking first for the OTF. He briefed us on an Amendment of the original OTF Agreement to be changed in at least two areas. This will be voted on at the upcoming luncheon meeting. Vic McMurry then made a proposal to award DAR members who refer new members for our chapter with a series of recognition awards. After some discussion, VP Harold Crapo made a motion to accept Mr. McMurry's proposal, with changes that only the 1st level of awards be approved at this time. The motion passed 9 to 2 by the board. Frank Hodalski then gave his report on the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Habitat for Humanity Flag Program. He also reminded us for the need of judges at the Manatee History Fair. As there was no old business and no new business to speak of, Pres. Riegle gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. — *Respectfully Submitted by John L Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*

Chapter Luncheon Sarasota FL, January 20, 2012

The chapter met to honor Eagle Scout Chuck Elzer and 3 Scout Executives, who were our speakers for the day. Photos of these men and Chapter members who were recognized during the luncheon appear on the following page.



Photos from our January chapter activities



Chuck Elzer, Eagle Scout



Steve Williams, Dan McLeroy and Henry Miller receive Certificates of Appreciation from President Riegle and Eagle Scout Chairman Hegener



Dick Mahaffey inducts New Member Fred Smith



Chuck Barrett receives the Meritorious Service Medal



President Riegle installs 4 new Governors: Keith Millard, Peter Douglas, Chuck Sweeney, and Vic McMurry



President Riegle presents a copy of *A Land Remembered* to longtime Chapter Chaplain Eugene Bradley, in honor of his service to the Saramana Chapter



Dates for your calendar

FEBRUARY

- **February 15th** – Saramana BOG meeting, Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave., Sarasota
- **February 25th** – George Washington's Birthday luncheon; joint programs with local DAR chapter and special Wounded Warrior program (see Page 7 for more information and instructions for making your reservations)

MARCH

- **March 2nd and 3rd** – Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, 4005 Syllas Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952. Call for reservations. Bring your uniform and march with some 300 Compatriots in celebration of this Patriot Victory.
- **March 9th** – Chapter Luncheon honoring Fire & Safety Awards
- **March 14th** – Saramana Chapter BOG meeting (all members invited to attend)

Congratulations

Victor Debra McMurry on the birth of their first grandson, Patrick George Melton, born on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 2:24 PM CST. (9 lbs. 4.7 oz and 21 1/4 inches)

Condolences

to the family of one of our newest members, Compatriot Herbert Flanders. Herb died Tuesday, January 31, 2012, and was buried Tuesday, February 7 from Manasota Memorial Chapel in Bradenton, FL. RIP

Corrections to the Yearbook

KARL PHILIP KNOEDLER and **WILLIAM VINCENT ENTWISTLE** were inadvertently left out of the new Chapter Yearbook. We apologize for this and will list their contact details below, for your information.

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**National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Saramana Chapter, Florida Society
Annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon**

**Saturday, February 25, 2012
Laurel Oak Country Club**

**Uniform of the day:
SAR Members – Colonial uniform or blue blazer & gray slacks
Guests – Business attire or military uniforms**

A meeting of the SAR, DAR & Military Order of Purple Heart Honoring America's Wounded Warriors

Arrive by 11:15–11:30 am. Cocktails available from cash bar.

Meal choices (all of which include coffee & tea, vegetables selected by the chef, rolls/ butter and apple pie):

1. Roasted Pork
2. Chicken Marsala
3. Teriyaki Salmon Salad
4. Vegetarian Pasta

All reservations are \$25.00 per person. Provide all names including your guests with meal selections to Treasurer Ted Hornback by phone or email at (941) 485-4481 or Ted1538@aol.com. **Note: Reservations are required by 2:00 pm, February 22, 2012.**

Pay at the door **by cash, or by check** made out to "SAR", or mail check to Ted Hornback, 1538 Belfry Drive, Venice FL 34292-4334.

Singing by Sarasota Military Academy Cadets – Featured Speaker Dr. Rich Swier

Directions to the Luncheon Meeting

Laurel Oak Country Club, 2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota FL

1. From Bee Ridge Road exit, proceed 1.7 miles east of I-75 along Bee Ridge Road
2. Entrance to the club will be on the left
3. Give your name at the gate and proceed straight ahead to the clubhouse



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Happy February Birthdays to:



George Washington, kneeling in prayer. The Chapter will celebrate Washington’s birthday at our annual luncheon on Saturday, February 25th.

- James D. Allen
- Peter M. Bennett
- Lawrence R. Berry
- Edward F. Engelhardt
- Paul E. Ferguson
- James D. Fleming
- Lewis J. Graber
- Wilson S. Hendry
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