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Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR

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President's Message

Following is a recap of proceedings at the 280th George Washington Birthday Luncheon, Saturday February 25th, at Laurel Oak Country Club.

Together with the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the five local DAR chapters, the Saramana Chapter of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, held its annual



George Washington's Birthday luncheon. The audience of 218 witnessed a spectacular show of military honors offered to certain Wounded Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent wars in the Middle East. There were 36 Veterans and 20 Women Veterans of these wars, as well, in attendance to receive the congratulations and appreciation of the members and their guests. A very special SAR medal, honoring their service, was presented to each Wounded Warrior, along with a description of his or her wartime activities. Along with SAR officers and 12 of their Color Guard members, there were some special guests,

including Colonel Rich Swier of the Sarasota Veterans Council and talk radio (the main speaker), and the Regents of the five local DAR chapters. Judge Kimberly Bonner led the group in the Americans' Creed, after the Pledge of Allegiance was given and the National Anthem sung, led by the Singing Cadets of the Sarasota Military Academy. Accompanying the cadets was Frank Hodalski, an SAR member and the head of the Knights of Columbus, who also participated as an honored guest and in the Honor Guard. Flags of all branches of the military were stationed behind the head table.

The chapter inducted five new members and gave out certificates to honor two Supplemental Patriots and recognized three new members who have transferred their SAR memberships from other states or were reinstating their memberships in Saramana Chapter.

After lunch and apple pie, the chapter proceeded with the business at hand: recognizing the Purple Heart Veterans and the Women Veterans. First, the 20 women who served our country during all the recent wars were honored by Joan Hansen, representative of Congressman Vern Buchanan (Florida's 13th District). She presented each woman with a Congressional Certificate of Patriotic Activity, and President Riegler gave each of them the



Saramana Certificate of Appreciation for their service to our country.

Next, with the help of six cadets in full uniform of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps JROTC from Naples, North Port, and Venice High schools, and Sarasota Military Academy, the Wounded Warriors were led up to the podium. They were greeted by Ms. Hansen, Mr. Riegler, Col. Swier, and Mr. Tarpley, who all gave these military heroes certificates and a very special medal created just for this occasion. Mr. Crapo read the military history of each Veteran for the information of the attending guests. There

were signs of tears and memories of quite a few family members and good friends who had given their lives during the battles mentioned. Many of these veterans wore all or part of their uniforms, showing their rank and branch of service.

Keith Millard and Jerry Kurtz, along with many family members and Billie Lowe, Publicity Chair for Saramana Chapter, filmed the entire day. We hope that the accompanying photos will fill in any forgotten details.

– Patriotically yours, Charles W. Riegler





The American Revolution Month-by-Month: March 1775

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

"There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged. Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable-and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!" – Patrick Henry, on the floor of the Virginia House of Burgesses, March 1775

As spring unfolded from the harshness of winter to sunny days of spring so did the voice of resistors to any further reconciliation with the mother country. New England and particularly Boston town continued to denounce the government of King George III. The "*Sons of Liberty*" had for the most part risen above their roots of harassment to include such distinguished figures as Dr. Joseph Warren and John Adams who spoke on a higher plane. Sam Adams remained, but he was now less the rabble-rouser than a supporter of a more dignified approach to, what if it was not already rebellion, would soon become so.

Benjamin Franklin who had lived in London for some time and who had been conciliatory towards some rapprochement with King and Parliament abruptly changed his attitude after the old and ailing William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, had been shamefully treated and Franklin besmirched in the House of Lords. Pitt presented what in all possibility was a bill that would have satisfied the colonies and the war averted. As Pitt sat after his speech, Lord Sandwich rose immediately, accusing Pitt of treasonous words, which he insinuated were probably prepared by Dr. Franklin whom he pointed out in the audience. Pitt had prepared his own speech – now both he and Franklin were maligned.

As Pitt had relinquished the floor it appeared that the Lords would overwhelmingly adopt his bill. However as a result of Sandwich's rebuttal speech Pitt's bill was rejected two to one. At that point Franklin realized that he would no longer be effective as a mediator and his support shifted to the side of the militants in Congress. Faced with the lack of any consideration by Parliament and upon hearing of the death of his wife Deborah in Philadelphia, Franklin realized that his work was finished in London and decided that it was time to go home.

The King and his advisors were now faced in Congress with such men as Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, and the firebrand, Patrick Henry. Thomas Paine, noted as a rebel against established governments, was an Englishman who because of the colonial problem had immigrated to America. Paine was considered no great author but one who wrote in a language and terms that roused men against the corruption of governments. Nor was Paine the only one calling for overthrow of the current government. James Harrington and John Locke wrote that men are entitled to a government by the people. Pamphlets, books, and newspaper articles also debated the good and bad features of government as it pertained to the North American Colonies. Even clerics got into the act, some supporting the colonists while others supported the King. Such heresy against the king landed Harrington in prison where he died years later.

References: Robert Leckie's *George Washington's War*; Jeffrey Sharma's *Rise to Rebellion*; Edmund S. Morgan's *The Birth of the Republic*; and Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.'s *Almanac of American History*



Secretary's Report

BOG Meeting Minutes Sarasota FL, February 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm by President Riegle. Chaplain Bob Castle gave the invocation and Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Barrett led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance: Riegle, Fitzpatrick, Mahaffey, Millard, Battles, Crapo, Castle, Barrett, Hornback and Douglas. A quorum was achieved.

As the first order of business, Mr. Riegle introduced Bill Battles III, a member, who is also President of the Cape Cod Chapter and the Plymouth Chapter of the Massachusetts SAR. He attends our BOG meetings when in Florida. Pres. Riegle then stated that he has met with Dan Kennedy and Bill Brockman of SMA to discuss the "Wreaths Across America" program and its goal of raising some \$60,000 to lay some 4,000 wreaths in Dec. of 2012 at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. Any donations will be accepted towards meeting this goal. Individual wreaths cost \$15 and the cut-off date to participate in the program is Nov. 26, 2012. Also of note, in the Presidents' report was the American History Teacher Award to be presented to Ms. Patricia Ann Regan, which Pres. Riegle will handle. On a sad note, Pres. Riegle then mentioned the passing of Compatriot Herbert Flanders on Jan. 31, 2012. Mr. Riegle was pleased with our Chapter's representation at Compatriot Flanders' viewing and funeral service. Judges are needed for the National History Fair poster contest to be held at the Manatee County Fairgrounds on Friday Feb. 24, 2012. The Sarasota History Fair, a similar but smaller event, will take place on Saturday Feb. 25th at the Sara deSoto Headquarters on 12th Street in Sarasota.

Concerning upcoming meetings, the George Washington's Birthday luncheon will be held at Laurel Oak C.C., 2700 Gary Player Blvd., Sarasota, Saturday Feb. 25, 2012 beginning at 11:45 am. The last Naval Battle of the American Revolution will be held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island Fl. Saturday March 3, 2012.

Next on the agenda came Officers' reports. Secretary Fitzpatrick then gave his report, submitting the Jan. 2012 activities file. Following that, Treasurer Hornback gave his report with nothing unusual, except that the Eagle Scout Program constituted a "large expense" as reflected in the Jan. 2012 financial statement. Next, the Treasurer submitted the budget for 2012 which was then opened to discussion. Subsequently, VP Harold Crapo made a motion for approval which was seconded by Compatriot Mahaffey and unanimously passed.

After the vote the board was briefed on the planned GWB luncheon by VP Crapo. (See enclosed report) Some key facts are worth mentioning, to wit the following: Phil Tarpley and Chuck Barrett will inspect the room prior to the function. Six cadets from SMA (JROTC students) will act as escorts for the Wounded Warrior Medal recipients. There will be Color Guard members from Clearwater, Tampa, and other FLSSAR Chapters. Thirty-five wounded male veterans will receive medals, and 20 female Veterans will receive certificates. Compatriot Keith Millard volunteered his services as a stills photographer. Other Officers' reports followed, with Dick Mahaffey submitting the Genealogy report and Charles Riegle submitting the Historians' report. Phil Tarpley needs more CG members and Sergeant-at-Arms, Chuck Barrett, had nothing to report.

Pres. Riegle then directed the Board's attention to committee reports, and they were as follows: Peter Douglas stated that all is fine and on schedule for the Rumbaugh Committee. The webmaster needs



more and updated photos for the Chapter website. VP Crapo then asked that any publicity from the news media concerning our Chapter and its related activities or associations be sent to the Vice President. The U.S.S. Stark Memorial Award report was added to the file by VP Crapo. Last but not least, the Pres. informed us that Vic McMurry has tendered his resignation from the BOG; however, he will still remain in his capacity with our OTF committee and he will retain his role with respect to Awards and Medals and Webmaster for the Chapter. VP Crapo made a motion to approve Vic's resignation. It was seconded by Chaplain Castle and the motion to accept passed unanimously.

Next, at the request of former Chapter president John Williams, Pres. Riegle introduced the topic of Associate memberships for discussion. This is a program, which would allow individuals without the required ancestor to play a role in Chapter functions and be recognized by our chapter, while not being recognized by the National Society. Compatriot Battles, who is familiar with this concept from his work in the Massachusetts Society, suggested the program be called "Friends of Saramana," allowing such designees certain privileges. For a reasonable "fee," but without the power to vote, and thus not violating the State Charter. No action was taken on this proposal, however, seems it will, most probably, be addressed at future BOG meetings.

Chaplain Castle gave the Benediction and Pres. Riegle adjourned the meeting at 3:33 pm. — *Respectfully Submitted by John L Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Saramana Chapter FLSSAR*



Chapter Meeting Notes



The five newly inducted members to the Chapter are Compatriots Larry Hobbs, William Lomax, George Sparks, Eugene Wright, and Thomas DeVoe.

We also presented certificates to Percival Hill IV and Percival Hill V for their Supplemental Ancestor.

And we recognized three new members who transferred into Saramana or were reinstated. Paul Ferguson, Wallace Hoppe, and Richard Warner.



Dates for your calendar

MARCH

- **March 2nd and 3rd** – Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, 4005 Sulas 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)

APRIL

- **April 13th** – Chapter Luncheon honoring Law Enforcement personnel. Information in next Q&B.
- **April 18th** – Saramana Chapter BOG meeting (all members invited to attend). 2:00–3:00 pm. Church of the Redeemer, 222 Palm Ave. Sarasota, FL

NSSAR Annual Congress, July 6-11, 2012

Please plan to attend the upcoming national convention of the SAR. Phoenix (Arizona) is beautiful and we are sure that there will be plenty to do and see at this venue.

Information is and will be available in *SAR Magazine*, *The Florida Patriot*, and on three websites: SAR.org, FLSSAR.org, and our chapter website, SaramanaSAR.org.



**National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Saramana Chapter, Florida Society**

**March Luncheon honoring the Fire & Safety personnel
of Sarasota and Manatee Counties**

**Friday, March 9, 2012
Holiday Inn Lido Beach**

Uniform of the day:

SAR Members – Class B uniform (gray slacks, white shirt, red tie, and blue blazer)

Guests: Please wear your uniform or appropriate attire.

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 dessert):

1. Sanibel Seared Salmon filet on bed of greens and baby spinach with Vidalia onion marmalade, gorgonzola cheese, candied walnuts, and raspberry vinaigrette dressing
2. Lasagna (a large slice of ground meat and cheese, baked in pasta)
3. Vegetarian (a large garden salad with choice of dressings)

All reservations are \$20.00 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, March 7, 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.

Directions to the Luncheon Meeting

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, 7th floor dining Room. The ramp into the back of the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh Floor. Our welcome and check-in table is there by the dining room.

Better directions to avoid St. Armand's Circle heavy traffic:

1. Turn onto John Ringling Blvd from US 41 and go 2.1 miles (about 4 minutes)
2. Turn left at S. Washington Drive and go 0.4 miles (about 2 minutes)
3. Take the 3rd left onto South Boulevard of the Presidents and go 0.1 miles
4. Take the 1st right onto South Polk Drive and go 0.3 miles (about 1 minute)
5. The Holiday Inn Lido Beach parking lot is in rear of hotel



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Happy March Birthdays to:



The Chapter honors CPO Brian Robert Bill, (USN SEAL deceased). His father accepted the Congressional Certificate from Rep. Vern Buchanan’s representative, Ms. Joan Hansen, and the Saramana Wounded Warrior medal and certificate from Senior Vice President FLSSAR, Phillip H. Tarpley.

- Eugene L. Bradley
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If your birthday is not listed, please contact the Editor.