



Tampa Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
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At the Fall BOM Meeting last weekend, our own Bob Yarnell was presented the SAR Patriot Medal. This medal is the highest award an SAR Compatriot can receive from his State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level.

October Meeting

The next meeting of the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution will be held on October 15th at the Innovation Partnership space at University

Mall. It is located on the Second Floor of the University Mall. Drive to the backside of the mall. You will see a parking garage. Go to the 2nd floor and park. Enter through the door, walk straight until you reach a big hallway, turn right. Walk 30 or so feet and the room will be on your left.

October was planned to be our Law Enforcement Commendation meeting; however, as many of our planned recipients have been deployed to work the hurricane response, we had to change our plans. We will be awarding one Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate before lunch and 1st VP Robbie Robinson will make a presentation on the Battle of Bunker Hill after lunch.

September

Our September meeting opened our 2022/2023 meeting year. We presented several new members with their Membership Certificates and rosettes. We also had an interesting presentation by Rodney Kite-Powell, of the Tampa Bay History Center, on a series of maps of the Tampa Bay area dating back to the 16th Century.

American Revolution Note

Forbes Road

This month we will look at another little known and little remembered event from the French and Indian War.

From the outset of the war in North America in 1754 until the early autumn of 1758, the war had been a series of defeats and disasters for the British and colonial forces. By 1758 the British high command realized two important strategic locations had to be captured to win the war in North America. The first, Quebec, had to be secured to control passage to the Atlantic on the St Lawrence River. The British high command gave that task to Gen Wolfe.

The second strategic target was Ft. Duquesne, the French fort at the forks of the Ohio River. Two previous attempts to capture it had both ended in disaster—Washington's ill-fated campaign of 1754 that resulted in his surrender of the hastily built Ft. Necessity and the Battle of the Monongahela, more popularly known as Braddock's defeat, in 1755. The British high command gave the task of capturing Ft. Duquesne to Gen. John Forbes.

The first order of business for Forbes was constructing a road to get to Ft. Duquesne. While Braddock's Road ended just 10 miles away from Ft Duquesne, it was now overgrown in places and would require quite a bit of work to get back in

shape, including the construction of three river crossings. The other choice was going west from Carlisle, Pa.

After considerable squabbling and political infighting, Forbes decided on the route west from Carlisle. A more direct route, and a route with no river crossings, would be of future benefit to the farmers in southern and eastern Pa.

Due to illness, Forbes oversaw little of the actual construction. Col. James Burd built the section from Carlisle to Ft. Loudon and then to Bedford. Col Henry Bouquet oversaw the toughest construction work going west from Bedford to Ft. Ligonier and from there to Ft. Duquesne.

During the construction and the expedition's trek across Pennsylvania, Forbes' made good relations with the natives a priority. The British signed a treaty in 1758 with several tribes and the resulting peace made it possible for the work to proceed with very little interruption.

By the time the British expedition reached Ft. Duquesne, the French had abandoned it. The loss of their Native allies and setbacks in Canada required them to rearrange their available military resources. Ft. Duquesne was considered expendable. After taking possession of the burnt ruins of Ft. Duquesne in Oct 1758, Forbes ordered a new and bigger fort built nearby which he christened Ft. Pitt.

Those of you who are baseball historians, or just more than casual baseball fans, may have already noticed the connection between baseball, John Forbes, and why I am writing this in October with the World Series at hand. In 1909 the Pittsburgh Pirates opened the first all steel and concrete major league ballpark with a game against the Chicago Cubs. They named it Forbes Field, after Gen Forbes. It was at Forbes Field, on Oct. 13, 1960, that Bill Mazeroski hit the walk off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of the seventh game that gave the Pirates a 10-9 win over the Yankees to win the 1960 World Series. And, just as Forbes Field opened with a game against the Cubs in 1909, it closed with a game against the Cubs in 1970.

Program Schedule

Dates and tentative programs for the meeting year are below. As always, feel free to pass along any program/speaker suggestions to President Charles Krug, VPs Robbie Robinson, Roger Roscoe or Sec. Bob Yarnell

Nov. 19 Law Enforcement Recognition

Dec. 17 Wreaths Across America

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Jan. 21	Officer Installation (place TBD)
Feb. 18	TBD
Mar. 18	EMT/Fire Fighter recognition + speaker (TBD)
April 15	JROTC recognition
May 20	tentative: program/speaker from a local history museum.

Other Important Dates

October 18	Honor Flight Welcome Home
October 19	Cornwallis Surrender at Yorktown (1781)
November 11	Veteran's Day
December 14	Death of George Washington (1799)
December 17	Wreaths Across America (may be a joint function with the local DAR after)
July 13-20	133 rd National Congress, Orlando

2023 Congress Volunteers

Some of you have volunteered to work at Congress and have asked what is expected. There will be a myriad of possibilities each day ranging from a few hours to all day, with some days going 10-12 hours. The Congress Planning Committee will be publishing a list of volunteer activities, by day, soon, which will give you an opportunity to select your preferences. Also, please understand this is a **volunteer** activity; you will not be reimbursed for any travel, meal or lodging expenses.

Color Guard Events and Opportunities



On September 20, David Bryant, Walter Arnold (Clearwater), Dick Young, Robbie Robinson and Bill Swain, were part of the Welcome Home for West Central Florida Honor Flight # 43 for 71 veterans including four who served in World War II.

Opportunities

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We can never have enough Color Guardsmen. If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard, please contact Dick Young, Chapter Commander or any of the members of the Tampa Chapter Color Guard. If you do not want to start with the full Continental Line uniform, we can show you how to get started with a militia "uniform" for much less cost.

Minutes for September 17, 2022

President Charles Klug called the meeting to order at 11:30am. Following the usual opening exercises (invocation, pledge, SAR pledge) and introductions, 1st VP Roger Roscoe made some brief remarks on the US Constitution, since Sept 17, 2022, was the 235th anniversary of the Constitution being approved by the Philadelphia Convention.

Then followed officer and committee reports. The secretary had no report. Treasurer Will Wagner-Hart reported a balance of \$8972.75 on hand. Dick Young gave the color guard report, highlighting presenting the colors at a Rays game and welcoming an honor flight. He also previewed the state BOM meeting that will be held on Oct. 8. Pres. Klug previewed the year's programs and 1st VP Robbie Robinson gave some preliminary information about a tentative December social with the DAR. The ongoing need for volunteers at the 2023 National Congress in Orlando was also mentioned.

Pres. Klug then presented the following certificates.

Supplemental—Compatriot Dave Whipkey

New Member—Dan Lubinski

Thomas Spangler

Bud Werner

Richard Frissell.

The meeting adjourned for lunch just after 12 noon. The meeting reconvened at 12:40.

The Director of the Touchtone Map Library at the Tampa Bay History Center, Rodney Kite-Powell, presented a program on the History of Tampa Through Maps. Using 10 maps, beginning with a 1576 map of the Caribbean and ending with Florida from Space, he did a quick history of the Tampa Bay area and pointed out how changes over the years have been reflected in the maps of the area.

There was an interesting Q & A session after he finished. Following the recessional and benediction, the meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Submitted by Robert Yarnell, Secretary

Miscellaneous Reminders

The face book page for the Tampa Sons of the American Revolution is Tampa Sar. The password to add anything is American1776.

Please feel free to upload pictures or comments. Invite all your friends to look.

Chapter Website—remember you can find information about the chapter and programs on the chapter website. <http://www.tampasar.org/>

One of the duties of the Chapter Chaplain Balencie is to send cards to our members that are sick. Another is to send a sympathy card to the family of a member who has passed away. If you know of anyone that should be the recipient of these cards, please mention it to the Chaplain or one of the other officers at our next meeting.

If you are aware of any Tampa Chapter compatriot who suffered damage or injury as a result of the recent hurricane, please let one of the chapter officers know as soon as possible.