



## TAMPA CHAPTER



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**SAR Mission Statement:**

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

**Tampa SAR  
2025 Officers**

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- President: Roger Roscoe**  
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**Chancellor: Charles Klug**  
**Historian: Bob Yarnell**  
**Registrar: Dick Young**  
**Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell/Matt Cole**  
**Color Guard Commander: Dick Young**  
**Newsletter Editor: Will Wagner-Hart**

*From the office of the  
Tampa President...*



Hello Compatriots & Friends,  
Happy Spring to all of you!

I emailed all of you recently regarding the updated by-laws for your review. We will be voting on approving the updated version at our May meeting. And due to the length that the April meeting may take, Bob Yarnell's briefing on John Dickenson may be held until the May meeting.

Our first chapter social will be taking place on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Tampa Bay Downs. I want to thank our member Rick Gray for helping us out on this. We have space still available for this social event. I hope to have a quarterly chapter social event for all of us throughout the year. Please share your ideas with me what types of activities you would like have.

I want to thank our Color Guard for attending the Mission BBQ Vietnam War Veterans event and presenting the Colors, that took place on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our meetings are always open to your friends and family, please encourage them to attend. The next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 12th at 11:30 am**. Doors open at **11am** to socialize while we set up.

**Arthenia L. Joyner University Area  
Community Library  
13619 N 22nd St.  
Tampa, Florida 33613-5872**

Roger Roscoe  
President

# March 2025 Chapter Meeting



Chapter President, Roger Roscoe opening our March Meeting recognizing our local First Responders. (above)

President Roger Roscoe presenting Reserve Deputy Javier Matos, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal. (below)



President Roger Roscoe presenting Lt Kenneth Petrillo, Tampa Police Dept with the SAR Law Enforcement medal, with 1<sup>st</sup> VP Will Wagner-Hart . (above)

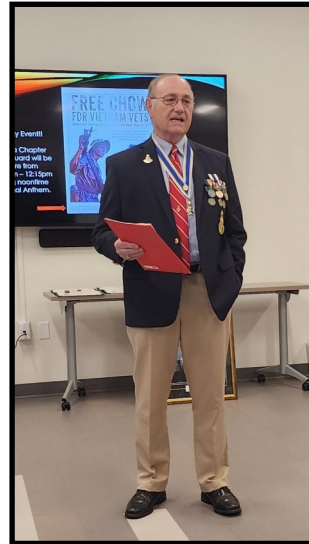
President Roger Roscoe presenting Trooper Orlando Morales, Florida Highway Patrol, with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal, with Sgt Steve Gaskins. (below).



# March 2025 Chapter Meeting (cont'd)



CAR Liaison Dick Young, with grandson/CAR member Henry Young, presenting CAR Law Enforcement Appreciation certificates to several officers, past and current from several organizations, with Martin Young. (above).



Past President Robbie Robinson gave a summary of what a great turnout we had for another successful Washington Birthday Gala Dinner. (Left)



President Roger Roscoe presenting Capt Kevin Kahmeyer, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Department with the SAR Fire Safety Medal. (above)



President Roger Roscoe presented both Past President Robbie Robinson and his wife, Kathy Robinson with their 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Knox medals (1<sup>st</sup> Oakleaf Clusters) for another outstanding effort with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tampa Chapter Washington Birthday gala. (above).

# March 2025 Chapter Meeting (cont'd)

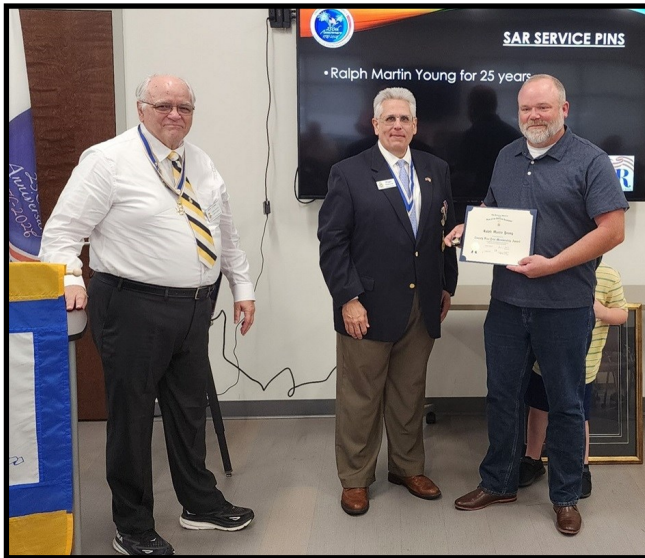


President Roger Roscoe presenting Terry Doan with his NNSAR Veteran's Corps certificate (left). Greg Holder receiving his Bronze 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal from President Roger Roscoe (right)



**Additional Meeting Minutes / Notes:**

- 50/50 Raffle winner was Greg Holder. Congratulations!
- Chapter By-laws were delayed in mailing, but will be sent out for the membership to review before voting on at the next/April meeting.



President Roger Roscoe recognizing Martin Young for his 15 years membership with the SAR & the Tampa Chapter, with his father Dick Young (left). 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joe Dato gave a very informative talk on Fraunces Tavern in NYC. (below left)

**The Tampa SAR Color Guard**

A Tampa SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the North Tampa Mission BBQ for its Vietnam War Veteran's Day featuring: T Doan, G Robinson, D Young, CG/C; and W Swain. (below)



**MISSION BBQ**  
The American Way.  
29 March 2025

## **What you read, matters!**

What books did colonial people have in their personal libraries? What books could be found in the lending libraries and college libraries? Trevor Colbourn, in *Lamp of Experience*, writes that the books found in personal and college libraries throughout all the colonies are remarkably similar and history books formed the backbone of these libraries. The people immersed themselves in history. In particular, they all had *Germania* by Tacitus and many books on recent (since 1600) English history. Most put forth arguments that we now associate with Whig History.

Thomas Jefferson, in his book *Notes on Virginia*, gives as good a summation of the whig view of history as you'll find. The Anglo-Saxons went to England and set up a society based on private property, free trade and an elected King. The Normans invaded and imposed on England a feudal system, taking away the property and rights of the Saxons. Slowly but surely, they rolled back the Norman system. At Runnymede the English Barons forced King John to sign the Magna Charta. Under pressure for money for his wars, Edward I established Parliament to give towns representation. Following the upheaval of the English Civil War in the mid 1600's, the Glorious Revolution of 1688 established the supremacy of Parliament. In other words, Whig history is the view that step-by-step society advances to a better world with ever increasing freedom and liberty triumphing over power.<sup>1</sup>

This is the view of history presented in the

books in the libraries of colonial America. Thus, this view of history dominated the thinking of the colonial leaders. They saw themselves as the Saxons being put upon by the Normans (King and Parliament) and pushed back to regain their traditional, inherited rights which Parliament was taking from them.

While there are legitimate problems with the Whig view of history, most colonial Americans believed it and, in that belief, they acted. In their mind, they were righting a wrong and establishing a system that would prevent this wrong from ever occurring again.

To put it simply, they believed they had certain inherited, traditional rights. These rights had been and were being infringed upon by the King and Parliament. Just as their forefathers pushed back against King John, King Edward and the Stuarts, they saw a duty to push back against Parliament.

Therefore, it is not a stretch to view the Whig view of history as a powerful animating force in bringing about the break with England.

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<sup>1</sup>Whig History is different from Whig political theory, although Whig politicians in England in the late 1700's and into the 1800's believed they were the living embodiment of whig history. It also has nothing to do with the Whig political party that formed in the 1830's in the US and lasted until the Civil War.

# First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing Update

## First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing



The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Provided by:  
The First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing Committee

Written by: Gerald K "Robbie" Robinson  
Steven DePaul

## FLSSAR INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution became aware of this amphibious assault sometime ago, further, it was learned that the only known monument to the event is a small plaque in the Bahamas. Subsequently, it was decided it was appropriate to erect a memorial to commemorate this historic event.

Pompano Beach was chosen among other reasons as the closest logical location on the US mainland to the actual landing site in the Bahamas. The location currently receives approximately 280,000 visitors annually.

A committee was formed to plan, coordinate, raise funds, and erect a fitting monument. The committee has been engaged in these tasks for several months.



## 250 for the 250<sup>th</sup>

This program was established to help raise funds at the grassroots level.

For anyone who donates \$250 for the monument construction:

- Receive a limited-run commemorative coin, the first of a series of three. Side one has an image of the monument flanked by the American flag & the Marine Corps flag. The reverse displays our Florida society logo; the first time ever be displayed on a coin. Additionally, there are 6 five-pointed stars each representing a branch of our military.
- Name placed on the FLSSAR 250th Muster Roll that will be published each quarter in the Patriot Magazine for the next year.

Note: you do not need to be a member of the SAR to donate or get your name on the Muster Roll.



## Minutemen

If you would like to donate any funds at all to the First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument project, we will add your name to our Minuteman Roster.

Anyone can become a Minuteman. You do not need to be a member of the SAR.

## CHAPTER CHALLENGE

FLSSAR chapters are invited to join the Chapter Challenge.

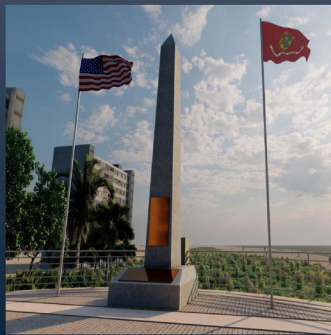
Donations from each SAR Chapter will be recognized in the Patriot Magazine each quarter for the next year.

So far, we have received donations from the following chapters:

Ft Lauderdale - \$3000 (\$10,650 total)

Miami - \$2500

Palm Beach - \$1050



## LARGE CORPORATE SPONSORS, ORGANIZATIONS & LARGE PRIVATE DONORS

For larger organizations, we have established the following levels:

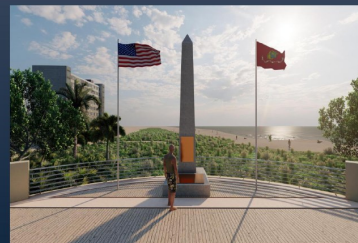
**Platinum Level** – for donations of \$20K or more

**Gold Level** – for donations of \$10K or more

**Silver Level** – for donations of \$5K or more

**Bronze Level** – for donations of \$2500 or more

Appropriate recognition will be given to members of all four levels.



## Projected Cost

Projected Costs to date	\$202,000
In-Kind Donations to date	\$ 84,800
Net Projected Cost	\$117,200
FLSSAR Donation	\$10,000
Chapter Challenge	\$6,550
Compatriots & Outside Donors	\$9,700
Total Cash Donations to Date	\$26,450
To Go:	<b>\$91,000</b>



## Questions or Suggestions

Please get in touch with any of the members of the committee if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can reach our ultimate objective: erecting a suitable monument to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation by March 7th, 2026.

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# \$ Treasury Notes \$

# Items For Purchase

Account Balance\*: \$ 13,933

Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 1,383

Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 3,718

\*The minimum balance needed to be maintained for this business account is \$5,000.00.



Tampa Chapter Challenge Coins are in-stock and available.

\$ 10.00 each

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- Gala Balance from Expenses
- NSSAR Medal, Certificate, & Folder Purchase / Replenishment

The past 30 Day **Credits** were from:

- Washington Gala
  - Last Minute Ticket Sales
  - Raffle Ticket Income
  - Silent Auction Income
    - Assorted Charity Donated / Purchased Items
    - Musket Donation by Compatriot Paul Ergler for a Chapter Fundraiser



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each

**Payment can be made by:**

Cash



Check



**zelle**

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**Square**



<https://tampa-sar.square.site>  
(service fees will apply)



# 2025 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- **Jan 11th, Installation Luncheon**  
Chris Meredith Briefing on St. Augustine during American Revolutionary War (Bahama Breeze, Rocky Point, Tampa)
- **Feb 8th, Chapter Meeting**  
Charles Klug speaking on Alexander Hamilton (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Feb 21st, Genesis Prep School Washington Day Celebration**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(8100 Mitchell Ranch Rd, NPR, FL )
- **Feb 22nd, Washington Birthday Gala**  
(St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL)
- **Mar 8th, Chapter Meeting**  
Joe Dato speaking on Fraunces Tavern (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Mar 15th, N/FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**  
(Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)
- **Mar 22nd, N/FLSSAR Event 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**  
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- **Mar 29th, Vietnam War Veteran's Day**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Mission BBQ, 13610 Bruce B Downs, Tampa)
- **Apr 12th, Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Apr 15th, Honor Flight #52**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **May 9th, N/FLSSAR Event Galvez Day Celebration**  
(Pensacola, Florida)
- **May 10th, Chapter Meeting**  
Bob Yarnell speaking on John Dickinson (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **May 10th, DAR Meeting**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(location TBD)

- **May 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM**  
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **May 26th, Memorial Day**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa)
- **Jun 10th, Honor Flight #53**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport )
- **Jun 14th, DAR Flag Day Event**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(location TBD)
- **Jun 28th, FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge**  
(Callahan, Florida)
- **Jul 4th, "4th of July Parade"**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Safety Harbour)
- **Sep 13th, Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Sep 16th, Honor Flight #54**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 11th, Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Oct 17th/18th, FLSSAR BOM**  
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **Nov 8th, Veteran's Day Parade**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- **Nov 8th, Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event (?)**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Mission BBQ, Tampa Locations)
- **Dec 12th, DeSoto DAR Christmas Meeting**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***
- **Dec 13th, Wreaths Across America**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\* / Chapter Mtg (?)**  
(American Legion Post #5)

# 2025 National (non-FL) SAR /Color Guard Events

- Jan 28th, NJSSAR  
Ten Crucial Days –  
Princeton
- Jan 17th, SCSSAR  
Battle of Cowpens
- Jan 25th, NCSSAR  
Cowans Ford
- Feb 8th, GASSAR  
Kettle Creek
- February 15th, VASSAR  
Crossing the Dan
- February 22nd, NSSAR  
Annual Commemoration  
of the Battle of Moore's  
Creek
- March 15th, NCSSAR  
Guilford Courthouse
- April 12th, GASSAR  
Frederica Naval Action
- April 12th, NJSSAR  
Battle of Bound Brook
- April 18th–21st, MASSAR  
250th Celebration of the  
Battle at Lexington &  
Concord
- April 19th, NSSAR  
Patriots Day
- May 18th, NSSAR  
Armed Forces Day
- May 24th, SCSSAR  
Waxhaw's Burford's  
Massacre
- May 24th, INSSAR  
George Rogers Clark
- May 24th, MOSSAAR  
Fort San Carlos

- May 26th, NSSAR  
National Memorial Day  
Parade  
(Washington, DC)
- Jun 14th, NJSSAR  
Monmouth
- Jun 14th, NSSAR  
Flag Day
- Jun 21st, NJSSAR  
Springfield
- Jul 4th, NSSAR  
Independence Day
- August 16th, KYSSAR  
243rd Anniversary of  
the Battle of Blue Licks
- Aug 23rd, NYSSAR  
Brooklyn
- Aug 30th, SCSSAR  
Eutaw Springs
- Sep 6th, DESSAR  
Couch's Bridge
- Sep 6th, VASSAR  
Battle of the Capes
- Sep 13th, VASSAR  
Washington's Tomb  
Vigil
- Sep 20th, TNSSAR  
Gathering at Sycamore  
Shoals

- Oct 4th, NJSSAR  
Chestnut Neck
- Oct 7th, N/SCSSAR  
Kings Mountain
- Oct 19th, VASSAR  
Yorktown
- Oct 26th, NJSSAR  
Red Bank
- Nov 11th, NSSAR  
Veterans Day
- Nov 22nd, GASSAR  
Fort Morris

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.

# Reminders / Requests / Comments

## Committee Chairmen

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Will Wagner-Hart

Washington Gala: Robbie Robinson

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

Veterans: Chris Meredith

Youth Awards:

- J/ROTC: Terry Doan
- Eagle Scout: Lawrence Capuder
- Knight Essay: Bob Yarnell
- Rumbaugh Oration: \_\_\_\_\_
- American Poster: Will Wagner-Hart
- Brochure Contest: \_\_\_\_\_
- American History Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## Miscellaneous Reminders:

The Facebook group page for the Tampa Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is "SAR Tampa Chapter". It is a public page, feel free to follow & catch updates to the chapter events. Feel free to post pictures or comments. Invite all your friends to look.

Websites—remember you can find information about the chapter and programs on the chapter website: <http://www.tampasar.org>, and that you can find information related to the Florida SAR at <http://www.FLSSAR.org>.

## Secretary Request:

Any officer or committee chairman giving a report that includes numbers or names, I would appreciate it if you could give me that information either via email prior to or after the meeting or hard copy at the meeting. During the meeting I may easily miss those details and that information will enable us to have more accurate and complete minutes.

## Chaplain Comments:

One of the duties of the Chapter Chaplain 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.

The SAR is ....

... a historical, educational, & patriotic non-profit, United States 501 (c) 3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend (1) the institution of American freedom, (2) an appreciation for true patriotism, (3) a respect for our national symbols, (4) the value of American citizenship, and (5) the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation, and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

# Tampa Chapter Book Library

Title	Author
1776	David McCullough
Alamo of the Revolution: Benedict Arnold & Ft Griswold	Jerald P Hurwitz
Alexander Hamilton	Ron Chernow
American Sphinx: Character of Thomas Jefferson	Joseph J Ellis
Benjamin Franklin: An American Life	Walter Isaacson
Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation	Joseph J Ellis
George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father	David O Stewart
His Excellency: George Washington	Joseph J Ellis
James Madison and the Making of America	Kevin R.C. Gutzman
James Madison: A Life Reconsidered	Lynne Cheney
John Adams	David McCullough
John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail	Tim McGrath
John Jay	Walter Stahr
Realistic Visionary: A Portrait of George Washington	Peter R. Henriques
Robert Morris: Financier of the American Revolution	Charles Rappleye
Sons of the Father: George Washington and His Proteges	Robert M.S. McDonald
Speaking of Florida: My Time Remembered	T. Terrell Sessums
Tampa Bay's Waterfront: Its History & Development	A.R. Savage & R. Kite-Powell
The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family	Annette Gordon-Reed
Washington: A Life	Ron Chernow
Washington's Crossing	David Hackett Fischer
Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring	Alexander Rose

If anyone would like to read any of the above listed books, please call or email Will Wagner-Hart (or any of the current officers) and we will get that book to the next meeting for you to pick up. The library book case is very cumbersome to bring to each meeting, so please while we encourage all to take advantage of them, please just make requests of any book you'd like to read, and it will be made available to you at the next meeting.

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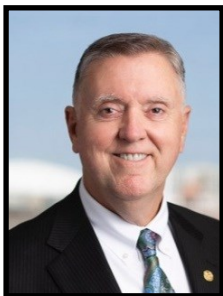
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