



## 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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**Color Guard Commander: Dick Young**  
**Newsletter Editor: Will Wagner-Hart**

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



Hello Compatriots & Friends,

It is my honor to lead the Tampa Chapter as your next President. I am excited on where our Chapter currently is and where it will be going in the future. I look to all of you to help me lead our Chapter for membership growth, historical conversations, and your continued involvement on current and future committees.

I want to thank Past-President Robbie Robinson for all of his time and leadership and wish him all the best.

Thank you to all of our SAR & DAR members, guests, & sponsors who attended our 2nd Annual George Washington Birthday Gala. Huge thank you to Robbie & Kathy Robinson for coordinating and MC'ing this again. Our Chapter was honored to have in attendance FLSSAR President James Gaskins among a few others. Thank you to George & Martha Washington (Bill & Cara Elders) for once again attending. Thank you to Dick Young, Chapter Color Guard Commander and the members who participated.

We have an exciting March meeting planned. Our Chapter will be recognizing our Firefighters, EMS, and Law Enforcements heroes. 2nd Vice President Joe Dato will be doing a presentation on Fraunces Tavern in New York City where George Washington did his farewell to his officers on December 4, 1783. I've appointed Walter Oswald, who has agreed to be our next Chapter Chaplin and will be sworn in also.

Our meetings are always open to your friends and family, please encourage them to attend. Please remember we will be meeting again at our new location on Saturday, March 8th at 11:30 am.

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

Roger Roscoe  
President

# February 2025 Chapter Meeting

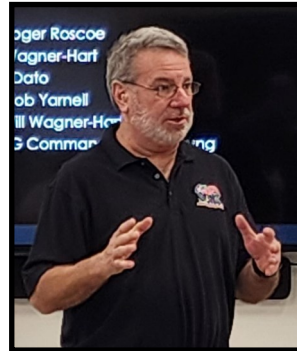


Roger Roscoe receiving the SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for service as 1st Vice-President from President Robbie Robinson.

Robbie Robinson receiving a SAR Meritorious Service Medal for his dedication and hard work for the past 2 years as Tampa Chapter president; and also receiving his Past President Pin from current Tampa chapter president, Roger Roscoe.



Roger Roscoe being sworn in as 2025 Tampa Chapter President by FLSSAR Chancellor Charles Klug. (right)



Chapter 2nd Vice-President, Joe Dato endorsing the silent auction of the graciously donated Brown Bess Musket from Tampa member, Paul Ergler. (above—left)

Treasurer update from newly elected Greg Holder. (above—right)

Registrar / Color Guard updates from Dick Young. (right)



Roger Roscoe receiving his SAR president's neck ribbon from (now) Past President Robbie Robinson, and standing tall as the new 2025 Tampa Chapter President. (above)

# February 2025 Chapter Meeting (cont'd)



Welcome to our newest inducted member, Compatriot Morgan W Streetman, descendent from an Italian patriot, XXX Longino. Inducted by President Roger Roscoe.



Dual Michigan Member Compatriot Wayne Borden receiving his National Veterans Corps Certificate for serving in Southwest Asia, from President Roger Roscoe.



President Roger Roscoe presenting Compatriot & 1st Vice-President Will Wagner-Hart with his 3rd Supplementary Ancestor certificate for Christian Snively/ Snively.



President Roger Roscoe awarding Tampa chapter Compatriot Charles Bearss the SAR Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal. Compatriot Bearss was also awarded the SAR 30 year Service Pin & certificate.



FLSSAR & Tampa Chapter Chancellor, Charles Klug gave an in-depth background speech on Alexander Hamilton from his humble beginnings on the island of Nevis, to his untimely death from his duel with Aaron Burr.

Compatriot Terry Doan receiving the SAR War Service Medal for his military service in Korea and subsequent reception of the Korean Defense Service Medal. Presented by President Roger Roscoe.



# February 2025 Chapter Meeting (cont'd)



**How lucky can you get?** Our newest member, Morgan Streetman won the day's 50/50 raffle! Presented by Treasurer Greg Holder. (left)

Compatriot Matthew Balencie says his farewells as his next life chapter takes him to Texas to be with family and literally a new SAR family. Best wishes to him and his. An active an reliable member... he will be missed. (right)



## Additional Meeting Minutes / Notes:

### J/ROTC Enhanced Awardee(s)

- \* All "Enhanced" participants invited to attend the April awarding meeting (voted & approved)

- \* Winner to receive \$100 scholarship & 1st runner-up to receive \$50 scholarship (voted & approved)

- Chapter By-laws will be sent out by Past President Robbie Robinson for the membership to review before voting on at the next/March meeting.



Past President Robbie Robinson (Ret. USAF Col. Pictured at right with some World War II veterans) & his wife, Kathy Robinson (DAR), and Compatriot John Black attended the VFW Post #2550 Family Freedom Fest Celebration, in Dunedin, Florida.



## Genesis Preparatory School: Washington Day Event

Joint Color Guard event with Tampa & Clearwater members presenting the Colors (left).

Matt Balencie talking to a young Abigail Adams about her part in history (right).



# 2ND ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY GALA EVENT

22 February 2025  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL



What a GREAT NIGHT had by all! George & Martha Washington were there... an awesome colonial color guard... presidents of several chapters supporting spouses... and an induction of a new member!

This month, we ask a question sometimes in the mind of history students. "So what? Why do we consider the French and Indian war to be so important?"

During my teaching career, when we finished a unit on any event or discussed a significant person, I would tell the students to figure out if something is important by asking

- ⇒ Is he/she/it representative of the time and place?
- ⇒ Was it deemed significant at the time?
- ⇒ Is it deemed significant now? Why or why not?
- ⇒ Did it have far-reaching consequences?

Before answering those questions about the French & Indian War there is another question that needs answered. Are the results of this war in any way connected to the reasons the war started?

No. George Washington found himself in the Pennsylvania wilderness in 1754 attempting to guarantee access to the interior for Virginia and Pennsylvania settlers and to open up the fur trade to English traders. As a result of the war Britain acquired an empire and France lost most of its territory in the western hemisphere. And, because of the various deals and treaties with the Natives, England prevented/prohibited the English colonists from settling or trading west of the Appalachians. In other words, the original reason for the outbreak of hostilities had no relationship to its results.

Was it deemed significant at the time. Yes, but not immediately. It took a few years for the impact to be felt. By 1768, people in England and the colonies realized the importance of the results of the war.

England acquiring an empire almost by accident, not by purposeful intent, resulted in the Government of Great Britain having to administer an empire and garrison an empire. The result being that Britain had to somehow pay to administer and garrison their newly won empire in addition to paying off the debt England had incurred to fight the war.

For the colonist, the removal of the French

threat brought relief and opportunity. Granted England tried to prevent migration beyond the Appalachians, but never-the-less the opportunity for land and riches beckoned.

Once all these consequences of the war became apparent, the answer to was it deemed significant at the times is a "yes".

Is it deemed significant now? Absolutely, mostly due to the far-reaching consequences of the results. England's need for money resulted in legislative overreach by Parliament. British cabinet ministers and bureaucrats had no experience in governing an empire that stretched to North America, India, the Caribbean, Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

The legislative overreach resulted in push back from the English colonies. Inexperience, lack of creativity, and, not to be too unkind, incompetence on the part of the British ministry contributed to disastrous policies and the colonial pushback.

Would the colonies have sought separation eventually from their mother country without the war? Maybe.

When that separation came, if it did, would it have occurred differently? Probably.

But we can be sure that the separation of the colonies from England happened as it did, instead of some other way, in large part due to the results of the French and Indian War.

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<sup>1</sup>A quick more modern example. The US went to war with Germany in 1941 to defeat Nazism and free Europe, not to hand eastern Europe to Soviet Communism. Rarely in history do results of wars dovetail nicely with the purposes and goals for the war.

<sup>2</sup> The previous three paragraphs set forth a summary of the "Imperial School" theory for the colonies breaking with England. For a review of the 6 main "schools / theories" concerning why the break with England happened you can review the Oct & Nov 2018 newsletters on the chapter website. Click on Historiography parts 1 & 2. The imperial school is in part 2.

# \$ Treasury Notes \$

# Items For Purchase

Account Balance\*: \$ 12,754

Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 6,321

Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 4,185

\*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 SPYC & Expenses
- Medals & Certificates from National
- Late Payment Dues to NSSAR/FLSSAR

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

- Washington Gala
  - Tickets / Sponsorships
  - Raffle Ticket Income
  - Silent Auction Income



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each

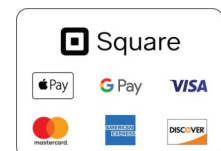
**Payment can be made by:**

Cash



tampasar.tres@gmail.com

Check



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



# 2025 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

## • **January 11th, Installation Luncheon**

Chris Meredith Briefing on St. Augustine during American Revolutionary War (Bahama Breeze, Rocky Point, Tampa)

## • **February 8th, Chapter Meeting**

Charles Klug speaking on Alexander Hamilton (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **February 21st, Genesis Prep School Washington Day Celebration**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(8100 Mitchell Ranch Rd, New Port Richey, FL)

## • **February 22nd, Washington Birthday Gala**

(St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave, St. Petersburg)

## • **March 8th, Chapter Meeting**

Joe Dato speaking on Fraunces Tavern (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **March 15th, N/FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**

(Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)

## • **March 22nd, N/FLSSAR Event 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**

(Jacksonville, Florida)

## • **April 12th, Chapter Meeting**

Bob Yarnell speaking on John Dickinson (Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **April 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**

(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)

## • **June 10th, Honor Flight #53**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)

## • **June 14th, DAR Flag Day Event**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(location TBD)

## • **June 28th, FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge**

(Callahan, Florida)

## • **July 4th, "4th of July Parade"**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Safety Harbour)

## • **September 13th, Chapter Meeting**

(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **September 16th, Honor Flight #54**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)

## • **October 11th, Chapter Meeting**

(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **October 17th/18th, FLSSAR BOM**

(Kissimmee, FL)

## • **November 8th, Veteran's Day Parade**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)

## • **November 8th, Chapter Meeting**

(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)

## • **November 11th, Veteran's Day Event (?)**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Mission BBQ, Tampa Locations)

## • **December 12th, DeSoto DAR Christmas Meeting**

**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***

## • **December 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
- March 15th, NCSSAR Guilford Courthouse
- **February 22nd, NSSAR Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek**
- 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 "S.A.R. Tampa Chapter". It is a private group, but feel free to join. Please feel free to upload 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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