

# The Tampa Patriot



Re-Est'd 1985



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\*\* Having perused some of the old newsletters, I've taken the liberty to resurrect the name "The Tampa Patriot" from them, and to update the numbering of the newsletters to coincide with the reorganization of the chapter back in 1985.



**Next  
Chapter  
Meeting**

**11 Oct 2025  
11:30 am**

Arthenia L Joyner  
Community Library

13619 N 22nd St, Tampa

## SAR Mission Statement:

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, servicing 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Will Wagner-Hart**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Joe Dato**

**Recording Secretary: Bob Yarnell**

**Secretary-Treasurer: Greg Holder**

**Chaplain: Walter W Oswald**

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Swain**

**Member-at-Large: Terry Doan**

**Past President: Robbie Robinson**

**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,

I want to thank all of you that were able to attend our September Chapter meeting. We had a great turnout to hear our speaker Neal Higgins Walters who discussed The George Washington Foundation. I also want to welcome our new members that were installed. We are looking forward to your continued involvement in the Tampa Chapter.



We will be recognizing our outstanding Tampa Bay area law enforcement at our next meeting.

The October 11th speaker will be our very own dual member and award-winning author of 7 books, Mr. Mark Barie. I encourage all of you to go out to his website and consider making a purchase of any of his books. Mark would be happy to sign any of his books for you, right after our meeting. [www.markbarie.com](http://www.markbarie.com)

The November 8<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Mr. Tom McMillan Zooming from Pittsburgh, PA. He is the author of five books. Mark will be discussing his latest release, "The Year that Made America."

[www.authortommcmillan.com](http://www.authortommcmillan.com)

Each month we will have a different organization that the chapter will be making a donation to. If you have organization, or a charity that you would like to have considered, please let me know. Our September meeting you brought in school/teacher supplies that the chapter will be donating. Thank you very much for your generosity.

For our October meeting, I am asking all of you to please bring canned goods, gift cards, and teddy bears. These items will be donated to Saint Anne Catholic Church Food Pantry. Our own Tampa Chapter member Father Kevin

Yarnell is the pastor of this church.

It is that time of the year that your 2026 membership dues need to be paid no later than December 10, 2025. An email was sent out to all of you from your chapter treasurer on September 10<sup>th</sup>. You have several ways to make your payment. You can also make your payment at our next meeting.

Please remember all of our meetings are open; I encourage you to bring your family, friends, to our next meeting as we continue celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **The meeting is October 11th, 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**  
President, Tampa Chapter SAR

**\*\* Don't forget to bring \$\$ CASH \$\$  
for the 50/50 Raffle!! \*\***

Ft. Brooke C.A.R. is collecting Pop Can Tabs and gives them to the Ronald McDonald House in Tampa who turns around and recycles them.

Please save them and bring them into the meetings, and we will get them to our C.A.R. Chapter.



## 2025 New Members:

- Robert C Tomczak 21 Mar
- Barton K Gundersen 28 Mar
- Dr. Joel C Silverfield 11 Apr
- Charles D Silverfield 11 Apr
- Phillip L Broyles 18 Apr
- Michael W Holder 25 Apr
- Steven L Greene 30 May
- Charles E Michaels 27 Jun
- Allen D Craig 27 Jun
- Ethan A Arthur 27 Jun

## New Dual / Transfers-In:

- Dakota Clabaugh T-I from MD
- Kevin Hackett Dual from MI
- Mark Barie Dual in FL
- Conner Farrell T-I from IL

## Applicants & Prospective Members

- Donald Becker
- Robert Collins
- Robert Oliver
- Reginald Hayes
- Mark Turner
- Michael Williams
- Jack Cahill
- Mark Hammer
- Alan Powell
- Matt Rabone
- Daniel Weldon

Let's be sure to greet them when you see them at a meeting and make them feel welcome.

# September 13th, 2025—Chapter Meeting



President Roger Roscoe called the first of the fall meetings to order (above left). We had a nice turnout of compatriots, guests, & applicants (above right). 2nd VP Joe Dato spoke of the importance of completing the Youth Protection Training certification on the SAR University page when we have interactions with the youth in the community for such things as awards programs, etc. (right)



President Roger Roscoe was proud to induct 2 of our newest compatriot members Steven Greene for his patriot ancestor Thomas Chandler (left) and Charles Michaels for his patriot ancestor Casper Durst (right)



# September 13th, 2025—Chapter Meeting

Several of our compatriots were awarded FLSSAR State Level Awards. Both Father Kevin Yarnell and Dick Young were awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medals (3rd and 2ns Oak leaf Clusters respectively) & Charles Klug a Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal for service to the FLSSAR. (below)



David Whipkey (below) was awarded his SAR 250th Anniversary Bronze Medal for achieving at least 25 points. He also was awarded his FL Veterans Battalion Membership certificate for military service, as well as received his latest (7th) approved supplemental patriot certificate!

Dick Young and Charles Klug (above) and David Byrant (below) were also awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the FLSSAR.



Above President Roger Roscoe presented (right to left) David Bryant, Greg Holder, Bill Swain, and Oscar Westerfield their FL Veteran's Battalion Membership Certificates for their military service to our nation.

# September 13th, 2025—Chapter Meeting



Over the past year, Robbie Robinson had attended the Battle of Blue Licks commemoration in Kentucky with compatriot Matt Balencie, and had brought back a banner to attach to our SAR flagpole. (below left) Robbie also presented the chapter with placing 3rd in the FLSSAR Americanism Report Chapter Challenge. (Below right)

Robbie Robinson, Secretary for the FL 1st Amphibious Assault Memorial gave us an update on the funding status of the project. He also awarded several certificates to our chapter donors for their generosity (above).



Neal H Walters gave a great background presentation on the George Washington Foundation. Pres Roger Roscoe presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and chapter coin. (below).



2nd VP Joe Dato gave a 250 Briefing Minute on Gen Francis Marion, "the Swamp Fox" (above)



## Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: September 13th, 2025

Place: Arthenia L. Joyner Comm. Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Bob Yarnell

- ◆ Opening exercises
  - ⇒ Meeting called to order at 11:30am by President Roger Roscoe
  - ⇒ Invocation by Chaplain W. Oswald
  - ⇒ Pledge of Allegiance
  - ⇒ SAR Pledge & Mission Statement
  - ⇒ Introductions of those present
- ◆ Officer Reports
  - ⇒ Pres Roger reported on the upcoming 250th Anniversary and other social events in the works. He also mentioned the (re)dedication of the old schoolhouse at the University of Tampa on 9/17 hosted by the DeSoto DAR.
  - ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> VP Will reported on the upcoming State BOM; the status of the chapter donation/fundraiser; SAR University courses available at the SAR.ORG website
  - ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joe informed everyone about the SAR's Youth Protection Training Program and its importance
  - ⇒ Sec Bob nothing to report
  - ⇒ Treasurer Greg reported a balance of \$12,380 ; and that 2026 Dues Collection has started.
  - ⇒ Registrar/Genealogist New apps/ interests are coming in.
  - ⇒ Color Guard Announcements were made concerning upcoming Honor Flight event and various Veteran's Day events. **{See the schedule of events later in the newsletter}**

- ⇒ Other Darren Acosta brought up the Yorktown commemoration coming up.
- ⇒ FAAM Update: Robbie Robinson awarded several certificates and coins to chapter members for their donations to the monument fund.

- ◆ Awards and/or Membership Inductions
  - ⇒ Steven Greene & Charles Michaels were inducted into membership.
  - ⇒ D. Whipkey awarded his 7th Supp Cert
  - ⇒ FLSSAR awards to K. Yarnell & D. Young (S/RS-3rd/2nd OLC resp); C. Klug (S/HK); C. Klug, D Young, D. Bryant (COAs)
  - ⇒ 250th Anniversary Bronze: D. Whipkey
  - ⇒ Military Service Medal: S. Greene
  - ⇒ FL Vet Batt Certs: D Bryant, G Holder, B Swain, O. Westerfield, D. Whipkey
- ◆ 250th Briefing Minute: Joe Dato gave a briefing on Gen Francis Marion, "the Swamp Fox"
- ◆ Program
  - DAR DeSoto member and past George Washington Foundation Regent Neal Higgins Walters gave a presentation on the background history of the foundation and its importance.
- ◆ Misc announcements:
  - ⇒ Next meeting Oct 11th, 2025
- ◆ Closing exercises
  - ⇒ Recessional
  - ⇒ Benediction
  - ⇒ Adjournment

## Mark Barie

Mark Barie is an award-winning author, originally from Upstate New York.

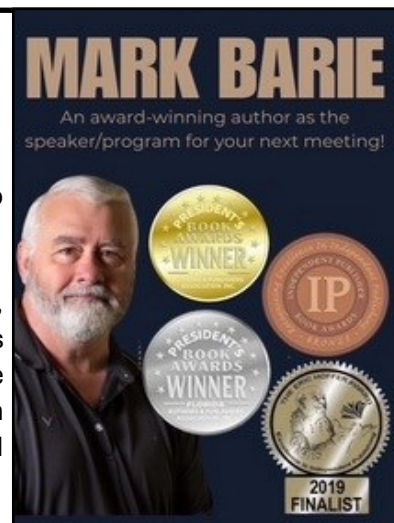
After authoring several local history books, he transitioned to historical romance novels when he moved to Florida, year-round, in 2015.

His first novel, a Civil War love story, was inspired by his wife, Christine. She is an expert genealogist and discovered that Mark's ancestors fought in the Civil War. Mark's ancestors also fought in the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The result was an award-winning trilogy on love and war that has garnered state, national, and international recognition.

Most recently, Mark published a love story involving the mysterious destruction of the USS Maine, which led to the Spanish American War. The novel made headlines for its ground-breaking research into who and what caused the explosion. In September of last year, Barie published the fifth novel in his series on love and war, **"For King, Country, and Love"**, a riveting World War I love story about a nurse and her many patients.

Barie is an accomplished public speaker, making dozens of presentations each year, on America's earliest wars, to historical societies, service organizations, and genealogical groups across the State of Florida.

**His books are available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. For signed copies, visit the author's website at: [markbarie.com](http://markbarie.com), or contact the author at: [authormarkbarie@gmail.com](mailto:authormarkbarie@gmail.com)**



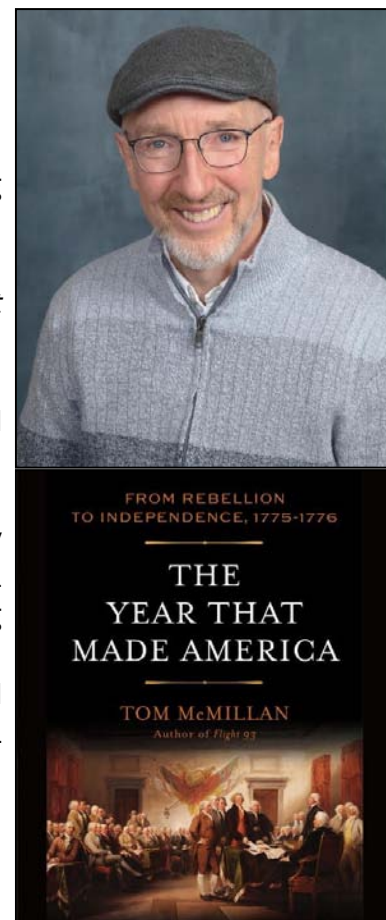
## Tom McMillan

Tom McMillan recently retired after a 43-year career in sports media and marketing, including 25 years as VP/Communications for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League. Now he spends his time studying and writing about his true passion: history

Tom is the author of five books on American history, including *The Year That Made America*, which recounts the intense political battle that led to the Declaration of Independence. He has also written two books on the Battle of Gettysburg and one each on September 11 and the Star-Spangled Banner from Fort McHenry.

He has served on the board of trustees of Pittsburgh's Heinz History Center, on the board of directors of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, on the marketing committee of the Gettysburg Foundation, and as a tour guide at the Civil War room at Carnegie Library. Tom currently serves as co-host of the "Antietam and Beyond" podcast and is a facilitator of the Adams County Historical Society's battlefield leadership program in Gettysburg. He has a journalism degree from Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

Tom and his wife, Colleen, split their time between Pittsburgh and Gettysburg.





## 2026 Membership

### Dues:

Dues can be paid :

- In person at a chapter meeting, with cash or check
- By mail with a check or money order, payable to "Tampa SAR", sent to: **Greg Holder, Treasurer**  
**5812 Bayshore Blvd,**  
**Tampa, FL 33611**
- Bank transfer / Zelle, using the email: [tampasar.tres@gmail.com](mailto:tampasar.tres@gmail.com)
- By credit card, Apple pay, etc on our merchandise store:  
<https://tampa-sar.square.site>  
( ~ 3% service fees will apply)  
This is the same fee schedule as FLSSAR's Club Express system.
- Dues Deadline: **10 Dec 2025**

## FEE SCHEDULE

- ☐ **Regular Membership:** \$ 95.00  
{NSSAR \$50 + FLSSAR \$20 + TPASAR \$25}
- ☐ **Dual Membership**
  - ☐ In-State & Tampa is **primary** chapter : \$ 95.00  
{NSSAR \$ 50 + FLSSAR \$ 20 + TPASAR \$ 25}
  - ☐ Out-Of-State, & Tampa is **NOT** primary : \$ 45.00  
{NSSAR \$ 0 + FLSSAR \$ 20 + TPASAR \$ 25}
  - ☐ In-State & Tampa is **NOT** primary chapter: \$ 25.00  
{NSSAR \$ 0 + FLSSAR \$ 0 + TPASAR \$ 25}
- ☐ **Junior Membership:** { NSSAR \$ 5 + FL \$ 0 + TPA \$ 0} \$ 5.00
- ☐ **Life Membership:** {NSSAR \$0 + FL \$20 + TPA \$25} \$ 45.00
- ☐ **Active Duty Military:** {NSSAR \$50 + FL \$0 + TPA \$0} \$ 50.00
- ☐ **FL Patriot Magazine (Hardcopy):** add \$ 12.00
- ☐ **Additional Donations**
  - ☐ General Chapter Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Non-SAR/Charity Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Color Guard \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Account Balance\*: \$ 13,186

Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 392

Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 1,996

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

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- \$260—Fall Award purchases from NSSAR
- \$12—Postage

The past 90 Day **Credits** were from:

- \$ 1,946 Collected in Dues (26 ppl thus far)
- \$ 10 Embroidery Fundraiser
- \$175 Application Fees

## The Philadelphia Campaign

August—December 1777, Part 1

Washington and the Continental Army spent the late winter of 1776-1777 camped near Morristown, NJ. Howe's British Army wintered near New Brunswick, NJ. During the spring of 1777 both sides engaged in patrolling and foraging<sup>1</sup> while the respective commanders planned the summer campaign.

Washington watched and waited, not sure if Howe would move north to assist Burgoyne or whether Howe would move on Philadelphia. And, if he moved on Philadelphia, would he go by land and force a crossing of the Delaware River or go by sea, via the Chesapeake Bay and land south of Philadelphia.

In several letters to the Government in London, Howe laid out his plan to capture Philadelphia by moving his army up the Chesapeake. While the authorities in London approved Howe's plan, they held out hope that Howe could accomplish his goal quickly and then be able to send troops north to assist Burgoyne.

From April to July Howe maneuvered in central NJ in the hope of drawing Washington out of his position and forcing a battle that would enable Howe to destroy the Continental Army. Washington refused to take the bait, and in August Howe embarked his army on transports and sailed up the Chesapeake. He landed in Maryland

about 55 miles south of Philadelphia.

When Washington finally had a clear idea of Howe's plan, he moved the Continental Army and placed it in defensive positions along Brandywine Creek. When Howe arrived, he met with several Loyalist sympathizers who informed him that the Americans had left several fords across the creek unguarded.

On Sept. 11, 1777, Howe sent Cornwallis with a strong column to flank the Americans. Cornwallis and his men completed the march and were in position to attack by mid-afternoon. Cornwallis' flank attack forced the Americans to respond by shifting troops from the center of the line to the right. Seeing this, the British made a frontal assault on the now weakened American center.

Although Washington allowed himself to get flanked as he had a year earlier on Long Island, after the initial shock of the flank attack and what looked to be the beginning of a rout, the American right steadied. But with the collapse of the American center, the Continental Army withdrew from the field. It was bloodied and chased from the field, but it was not routed or destroyed.

Next month: the British take Philadelphia and the Battle of Germantown.

<sup>1</sup> See the May 2023 newsletter for a column on the spring 1777 "forage war" between the two armies.

# Tampa Chapter SAR Hillsborough River Camp Color Guard

The Tampa SAR HRCCG escorted returning veterans and carried the Colors at the 54<sup>th</sup> WC Honor Flight - Leo Acosta pictured w/ members. (16 Sep 2025).



The flight had 75 Veterans this trip.



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. You can easily get started with a militia "uniform" for much less cost, than a full Continental uniform. Some websites that carry uniform parts:

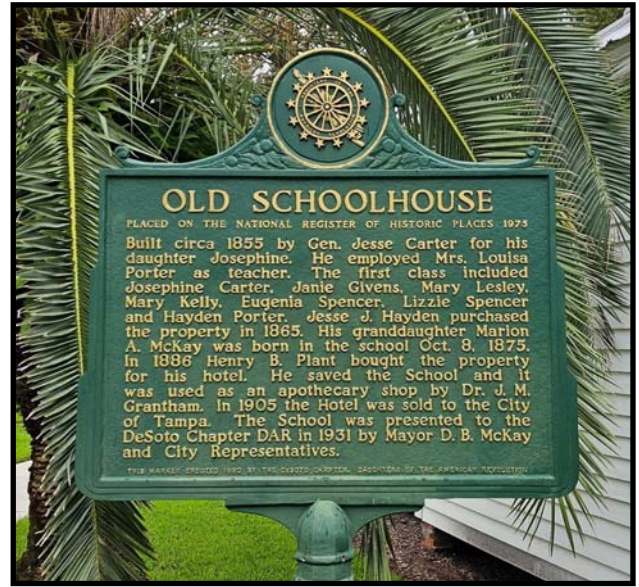
<https://www.townsends.us>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com>

<https://www.crazycrow.com>



# Other Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR



Award certificates for Excellence in Historic Preservation were presented to the Tampa, Clearwater, & St. Petersburg Chapter SAR s by Nathalie Tomczak of the DeSoto Chapter DAR for their donations to help with the restoration of the Old Schoolhouse at the University of Tampa on Constitution Day—Sept 17th.



## Patriot Research System

(PRS) Monthly Notes

### Application / Supplemental Formatting Notes ...

By W. Wagner-Hart

I think I've hit the highlights over the last few newsletters for some formatting tips / tricks / aspects of your applications and supplementals. I will just again refer you to the application handbook for information.

I will also mention that if anyone has any free time and would like to assist in transcribing records into the PRS, please reach out to Jamie Callendar ([jamiecallender55@gmail.com](mailto:jamiecallender55@gmail.com)) and let him know. It's not difficult, and the training material is really straight-forward. It doesn't take long to get the hang of it. While there's not many FL records to do anymore, you can always request (as I did) to go outside the state to assist other states that have literally hundreds of applications and supplementals that need to be transcribed still. All you need is a computer and access to the internet to be able to pull up the records, look at what's typed out on the old record and type it into the blocks of the digital form.

Volunteering in this way can also earn you a SAR Lafayette medal for so many service hours as well, plus it's a great way to assist the SAR in a non-monetary way. At this point in time, I've transcribed over 1600 records, and Bill Leroy—another of our members has done over 1700 records.

SAR Application  
Guide Handbook



<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/APG.pdf>

SAR Application  
Proof Form



[https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/Analysis\\_Fillable\\_Form-updated\\_Oct\\_2024.pdf](https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/Analysis_Fillable_Form-updated_Oct_2024.pdf)



**Honor Flight**  
**Fall 2025**

JOIN US IN  
WELCOMING HOME  
OUR VETERANS

SAVE THE DATE

**MISSION 54 - TUESDAY, SEP 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**MISSION 55 - TUESDAY, OCT 21<sup>ST</sup>**

ST PETE-CLEARWATER AIRPORT

ETA: 8:00PM

# TAMPA CHAPTER SAR STORE

## NEW!! 250th Anniversary Shirts

Making a listed donation amount to the chapter will allow you to choose from a selection of items to choose from in our chapter "store".

Several logos to choose from already. Get a round iron-on patch version, or the logo in a "flat" layout on a short or long-sleeve shirt or polo. Several colors to choose from as well. Shirt sizes are fairly true to size. Note: some logo colors may be adjusted due to shirt color. Make a donation to the chapter and receive a shirt or patch of your choice, based on the chart below. Credit card Donations will need to be processed with a 3.5% service fee. Also available via the QR code below.

Available Colors  
Polo or Dress



### Donation Amounts:

Polo ..... \$ 40.00  
Dress Shirt (ss/lS) .. \$ 50.00  
{Shipping not included}



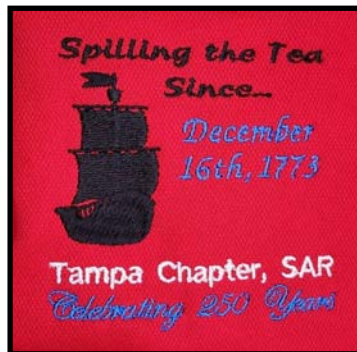
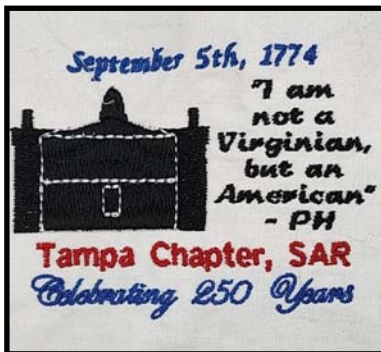
Short Sleeve  
Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



Long Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



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# TAMPA CHAPTER SAR STORE

**NEW!!**

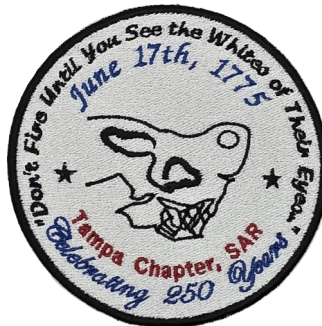
**250th Anniversary**  
Iron-On  
**Patches**



Personalized Patriot Patch  
(Patriot Name & Lifespan)



Boston Tea Party



Bunker Hill



1st Continental Congress



2nd Continental Congress



Reading Declar of Independence



Shot Heard 'Round the World



Tampa Chapter Challenge Coins are in-stock and available. \$ 10.00 each



Midnight Riders



Washington Crossing Delaware



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each



PH-Give Me Liberty



Ticonderoga to Boston

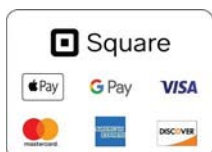
**Payment can be made by:**

**Cash**



tampasar.tres@gmail.com

**Check**



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

**Donation Amounts:**

Personalized Patriot Patch \$ 36.00  
250th Anniversary Patches \$ 18.00  
{Shipping not included}

<https://tampa-sar.square.site/merchandise>



# First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing Information

## 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.



## Project Costs vs Funding

Total Projected Costs	\$146,725
Individual Donors	\$35,730
Organizations	\$28,000
Chapter Challenge	\$10,550
Corporate Donors	\$12,500
Total Cash Donations to Date	<b>\$86,780 (59%)</b>
To Go:	<b>\$59,945</b>

Note: These numbers include pledges from individuals and chapters.



## 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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# 2025 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- ~~Jun 14th, AUSA US Army 250th Banquet  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(Downtown Tampa Hilton, FL)~~
- ~~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, FL)~~
- ~~Aug 09th, Tampa ExCom Meeting  
(Tampa, FL)~~
- ~~Aug 23rd, WC RVP, President's Meeting  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)~~
- ~~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  
\*\* Color Guard Event @ banquet\*\*  
(Kissimmee, FL)**
- **Oct 21st, Honor Flight #55  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**
- **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, W Water Ave, Tampa)**
- **Nov 12th, F-DOT Event  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(11201 N McKinley Dr, Tampa)**
- **Dec 12th, DeSoto DAR Christmas Meeting  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(Tampa Yacht Club, FL)**
- **Dec 13th, Wreaths Across America  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\* / Chapter Social  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)**

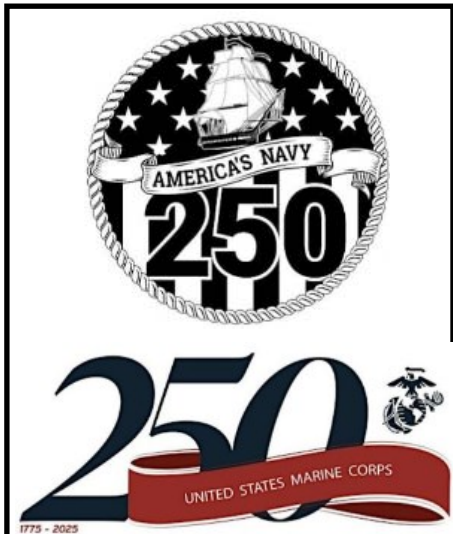
- **Jan 10th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Feb 14th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Feb 20th, Genesis Prep School  
Washington Day Celebration  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(8100 Mitchell Ranch Rd, NPR, FL )**
- **Mar 14th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Mar TBD, N/FLSSAR Event  
Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle  
of the American Revolution  
(Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)**
- **Mar TBD, 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 11th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Apr (TBD), Honor Flight #56  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**
- **May 08th, DeSoto DAR 250th Banquet  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(Tampa Yacht Club, FL)**
- **May 09th, Chapter Meeting (2026)**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **May TBD, N/FLSSAR Event  
Galvez Day Celebration  
(Pensacola, Florida)**
- **May 15th / 16th, FLSSAR BOM  
(Kissimmee, FL)**
- **May 16th, Tampa DAR "1776" Meeting  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(Columbia Restaurant, FL)**
- **May 25th, Memorial Day  
\*\* Color Guard Event \*\*  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)**
- **Jun 10th, National Congress  
(Greensboro, NC)**

# 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, MOSSAR  
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



## 250th Anniversary Celebration of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps

Join us for a historic 3-day celebration honoring 250 years of service and sacrifice by the United States Navy and Marine Corps. This event will take place from **October 11-13, 2025**, with a variety of ceremonies, commemorations, and activities in Philadelphia, PA, including grave markings, a Navy-Marines ceremony, a special dinner, a battle commemoration, a parade, and a group tour of the Museum of the American Revolution. Don't miss this opportunity to honor the legacy of these two great military branches.  
PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL  
CHAPTER SAR

SAVE THE DATE  
 TAMPA DISTRICT CO-CHAPTER  
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Confirmed**

## AMERICA ★250 Ball

FRIDAY, THE EIGHTH OF MAY  
 TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX  
 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

TAMPA YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB  
 TAMPA, FLORIDA  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Horse Soldier Tasting  
 at the  
 St. Pete Distillery  
 2232 5th Ave South,  
 St. Petersburg  
**Oct 4th,**  
**2025**  
**4-7pm**

**Confirmed**  
**Full**

## TAMPA BAY DOWNS

♠ RACING ♥ POKER ♣ GOLF ♦

Looking for Another Day at the  
 Races...  
 Keep an eye out for email  
 updates if the event can get  
 organized!



Hoping to  
 coordinate a  
 holiday social in  
 December for  
 those that don't  
 have plans  
 otherwise! If  
 you're still in  
 town, come on  
 'round! Keep an  
 eye out for  
 details and  
 emails!



USS American Victory  
 Ship Museum  
 705 Channelside Dr, Tampa

*Party with the Founding Fathers*  
*As we celebrate the writing of the Declaration of Independence*  
 1776 Attire Encouraged



## !SAVE THE DATE!

250 years later, please join us at Independence Hall on  
**May 16, 2026, 11:00 am, at the Columbia Restaurant**  
 2117 E. 7th Ave., Tampa

Hosted by the Tampa Chapter NSDAR  
 Don't miss out on being a Delegate to the 2nd Continental Congress

Special appearances by Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton,  
 Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, The Marquis de Lafayette, and  
 State Regent Kim Zeman



## Committee Chairmen

250th Anniversary: Joe Dato

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

Veterans: Chris Meredith

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

Youth Awards: (W. Wagner-Hart, Coordinator)

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

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.

## 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>, and the National SAR website is <http://www.sar.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.

# 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.

# In Memoriam... Let us not forget our past compatriots

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
3/30/2024	Handly, James Caldwell, Jr	11/5/2004	Schabacker, George McRae,	6/24/1971	De Pury, Erwin Clark,
4/28/2023	Ward, Ira John,	8/3/2004	Sumner, Robert Stanley,	9/20/1970	Richards, Robert Goodale,
5/12/2022	Copeland, Charles Thomas,	5/27/2004	Arter, Glenn Allan,	12/1/1969	Chambers, William Bass,
11/28/2020	Putney, Louis William,	7/19/2003	Mason, Herbert Preston, Jr	9/23/1967	MacFarlane, Howard Pettingill,
10/23/2020	Sweeney, Thomas Robert,	9/6/2002	Prouty, Albert Leo,	5/1/1967	Baker, Wilson LeGrande,
6/6/2020	Sessums, Thomas Terrell,	8/16/2002	Halbert, Kirby Smith,	1/1/1964	Terry, Charles Edwin, Sr.
1/6/2020	Hackney, Harold Dean,	7/11/2002	McGee, Bennett Hiram,	11/26/1946	Knight, Peter Oliphant, Sr.
12/6/2019	Drew, Frederick Gardner,	3/12/2002	Lillard, James Walker,	(Unknown)	Back, Allen Linthicum,
8/28/2019	Kelly, Leo Curtis, Jr	11/13/2001	Hill, Robert Ray, Sr		
7/6/2019	Garrison, Charles Pendleton,	10/23/2001	Tyson, Leo Eugene, Jr		
5/2/2019	Leroy, Sr., Philip Neil, Sr.	6/2/2001	Wright, John Parke, 3rd		
2/13/2019	Denham, Robert Hampton,	3/27/2001	Gunter, John Stanley,		
9/26/2018	Alexander, Milton Judson,	3/10/2001	Hatcher, William Reed,		
9/24/2018	Coats, Larry Gene,	12/22/2000	Stewart, Rufus Bluette,		
5/9/2018	Lane, Walter Wishart, Jr	5/15/2000	McWilliams, Robert Creighton,		
1/18/2018	Guyer, James Talbot,	4/29/2000	Stone, Willis Harold,		
3/7/2017	Ledbetter, Billy James,	5/8/1999	Musgrove, Albert Francis,		
7/15/2016	Clepper, Glenn Alan,	12/16/1998	<b>Wilson, William Sidney, Jr</b>		
5/8/2016	Weaver, Paul Elwood,	11/13/1998	Goodwin, Donald Edward,		
2/18/2016	Denham, Robbins Hampton,	10/30/1997	Kosch, Philip Cobe,		
12/9/2015	Tetrick, Dwight ,	11/12/1996	White, John Morgan, 3rd		
1/30/2015	Miller, Martin Philip,	10/8/1996	Seymour, John Jennings,		
1/1/2015	Hurley, Richard Lindsay,	4/26/1996	Carleton, Daniel Erwin,		
12/8/2014	Patton, Freddie Hon,	1/5/1994	Stoner, Edmund Curtis, Jr		
6/13/2014	Reese, Gray Earle, Jr	6/21/1993	Smith, James Otis, Jr		
6/10/2014	Skillman, John Earle, 3rd	3/9/1992	Lane, Walter Wishart, Sr		
4/22/2014	Frayn, Michael Timothy,	6/1/1990	McCleary, Edgar Thomas,		
3/12/2013	Thrasher, Elwin Roland,	8/13/1989	Haverstock, Arthur Burton, Sr		
1/11/2013	Rich, Gaius Barrett, 4th	11/14/1988	Bradley, Frank Darlington, Jr		
10/20/2012	Hawn, Willard Warven,	9/11/1988	Showers, Austin Ellwood,		
1/20/2012	Walker, Joseph Thomas, Jr	3/7/1988	Felton, William Harrison,		
11/7/2010	Jenks, David McCreight,	9/2/1987	Winfree, Woodson Clyde, Jr		
5/20/2010	Stebbins, Rodney Jerome,	8/11/1987	Thompson, Uldric , 3rd		
1/20/2010	Handly, James Caldwell, Jr	11/25/1980	Hiers, James Lawrence,		
6/6/2009	Dickerson, Theodore Vance, Jr	4/23/1979	Elliot, Malachi Leo, 3rd		
1/10/2009	Dickson, John Butts,	1/28/1979	McCollum, Harvey Darling,		
2/24/2008	Chambers, James Augustus, Sr.	1/16/1979	Gale, Edward Hinsdale,		
9/29/2007	Pacheco, John , Jr	4/6/1978	Collins, Thomas Julian,		
1/5/2007	Huntley, Larry (nmi),	1/29/1975	Harrison, John Norton, Jr		
11/18/2006	Moore, Julius Bruce,	9/25/1973	Richie, Claude Griffith,		
6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr	11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"		
4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,	5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,		
12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,	8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,		

## Monthly Memorial Highlight



**William Sidney Wilson, Jr.**  
 (Nat'l # 29916)  
 Patriot: William Wilson, Capt in VA  
**14 Jan 1897 — 16 Dec 1998**  
**Interred at Dothan City Cemetery,**  
**Dothan, AL**

William Sidney Wilson II was born on 14 January 1897, in Houston county, Alabama. He married Caroline Wynn on 28 September 1921, in Marianna, FL. They were the parents of 1 daughter. He lived in Dothan, Alabama, He died on 16 Dec 1998, at the age of 101, and was buried in Dothan City Cemetery, Dothan, AL.

Army Air Corps in World War from 1918 to 1919. He then became an active member of the Army Reserves from 1919 to 1924. Wilson was one of five pilots who made the first night formation flight. The flight, from Langley Field to New York and back, was completed with no guidance beam or radar to assist them. The mission would be a prelude to the night bombing so essential to victory in World War II.

Wilson attended the University of Alabama and completed a law degree at the University of Florida. He began practicing in 1925 but always remained involved and interested in aviation-related matters. Wilson received the Hearst Bombing trophy in 1924. He was inducted into the Alabama Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997, sealing his place in military flight history.

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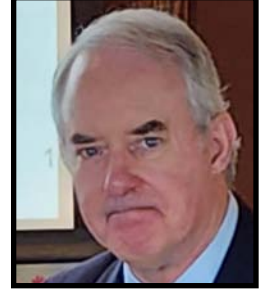
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