

# The Tampa Patriot



Re-Est'd 1985



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**Next Chapter Meeting**

**13 Sept 2025  
11:30 am**

Arthenia L Joyner  
Community Library

13619 N 22nd St, Tampa

\*\* 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.

## 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,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and we are starting back up our meetings. I hope you and your families had the opportunity to do some traveling, catch up on your reading, or just relaxing. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.



I held officers board meeting on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We discussed lots of topics, future social chapter activities, speakers, working with other DARs, SAR University Trainings, and our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. We are hoping to do several Liberty Trees and a Liberty Bench dedication in 2026. Everyone's support is always requested and appreciated.

I am very excited to announce our September 13<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Neal Walters. She will be discussing the George Washington Foundation. I want to thank former Tampa Chapter First Lady Kathy Robinson for recommending Neal.

October 11<sup>th</sup> the speaker will be our very own dual member and award-winning author of five books Mark Barie. ([www.markbarie.com](http://www.markbarie.com))

November 8<sup>th</sup> the speaker will be Tom McMillan "Zooming-in" from Pittsburgh, PA. He is the author of five books and will be discussing his latest release, "The Year that Made America." ([www.authortommcmillan.com](http://www.authortommcmillan.com))

I want to try and start something new at our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. I would like to have our Chapter give back to our communities in different ways. Each month we will have a different organization or group-type that the chapter will recognize and will be making a donation of some kind. The donations might be our time working with that organization or a physical donation such as school supplies, canned goods, etc. If you have organization, charity, etc. that you would like to have considered please let me know.

# Summer Happenings 2025

For September I am asking each of you to please bring school/teacher supplies that the Chapter will be donating to a worthy school. The supplies can be backpacks, pens, paper, markers, spiral notebooks, lunch boxes. Ideas can be found at local websites such as: [Hillsborough County SCH Dist, 2025-2026 School Supply Lists | TeacherLists](#) or [Hillsborough High School - School Supplies List 2025-2026 | My School Supply Lists](#). If you would like to donate a gift card that can be used to make purchases of supplies that is another option for you to consider.

I am very excited for the future for what our Tampa Chapter can be doing & making a difference in our community & by helping individuals/families. I know I can count on all of you to join this charge and fulfill our SAR Mission.

Remember, our meetings are always open to your friends and family, please encourage them to attend. The next meeting will be on **Saturday, Sept 13th 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**

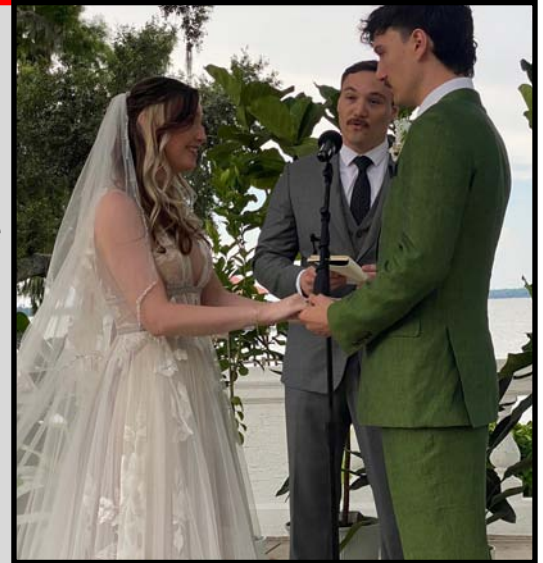
**- Roger Roscoe, President**

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

1<sup>st</sup> VP Will WH spent some time with Compatriot Jack Spangler, Sr catching up and was able to deliver to him both his NSSAR Veteran's Corps certificate and his Wounded Warrior Certificate & coin. (below).



Over the summer, the Bryant family was busy with Ben getting married, which his brother Sam officiated.



(above right) And Sam was sworn in as an Assistant State Attorney for the 10th Circuit Court, prosecuting cases in Polk County. (right)



## Chaplain's Notes:

- **UPDATE:** On our distant Member, Matt Balencie's sister Jean Webb..., unfortunately, Jean passed away May 27th, 2025 in Alabama. Our prayers and sympathies were sent out to him and his family.
- **UPDATE:** Our own Dick Young seems to be getting better each day. He's out of the rehab center, and was able to attend the CAR conference in Orlando July 8th.

# Summer "Vacation" Pictures



Rick Gray found several "things" along his summer ventures to include his patriot ancestor's gravesite. (above middle).



Mark Barie with his son-in-law (dressed as French Canadian soldier) and grandkids at Fort Chambly, Quebec, Canada (1666). (left)

The Westerfield's vacationed out west from Denver to Portland. (below).



# Summer "Vacation" Pictures

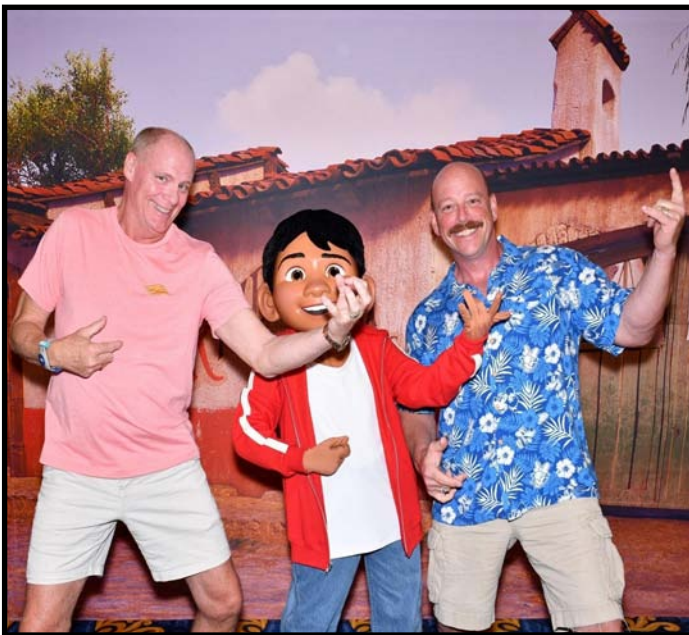


Father Kevin Yarnell spent a week of his summer serving as the chaplain at a youth camp in north Georgia for almost 300 high school students. What a great outreach! (above).

The Darren Acosta and family took a mini-vacay to Fort Lauderdale and had a blast on the beach for a great get-away. (below)



Matthew & Karen Cole travelled to Barbados for vacation and were able to go by the house that George Washington stayed at when he and his brother were there in 1751. (below).



Will Wagner-Hart & Bill Hart decided to rock it out with Miguel (from Disney's / Pixar **Coco** movie) on the Disney DREAM cruise through the Western Caribbean. (above)



## Neal Higgins Walters

Neal moved to Tampa in 2020 after retiring from a 40 year career in Commercial Real Estate Investment and Asset Management for several private equity investment firms. She hold a BA from Wheaton College in Norton MA and a Masters in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of California Los Angeles. She was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii but through her work, she has traveled throughout the US. She loves to travel, both in the US and Internationally and she and her husband have been to every continent a couple of times, except Antarctica. Not on the list to do yet.... It is just too cold!

She has been an active volunteer and served on several board positions with the Junior Leage of Ann Arbor and the Junior League of Houston. She was also on the Board of Trustees of Barton Hills Country Club in Michigan. However, the most important interest and passion has been with American History, Historic Preservation, and learning more and supporting the Legacy of American Patriots. She is a board member of The Mayflower Society; Colonial Dames of America; and The Daughters of the American Revolution, DeSoto Chapter. She is a Member of The Chiselers, Inc., a women's nonprofit organization founded to restore, preserve and maintain The Henry B. Plant Hall on the University of Tampa Campus. It was once The Tampa Bay Hotel built in 1891 by Mr. Plant and has several iconic Minarets that have been beautifully restored. The building unique architecture has become a landmark to Tampa's rich historic heritage.

Neal's most important work, after raising two wonderful children- Benjamin and Hayley, was joining 36 years ago The Kenmore Association, which became The George Washington Foundation located in Fredericksburg, VA. It is the GW Foundation that she will be speaking about in September.

## Mark Barie

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

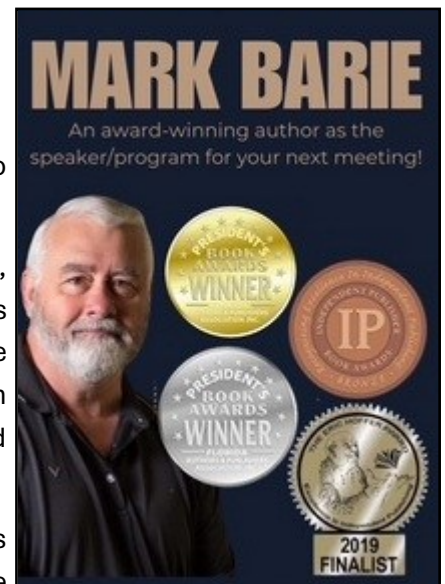
After authoring several local history books, he transitioned to historical romance novels when he moved to Florida, year-round, in 2015.

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)**



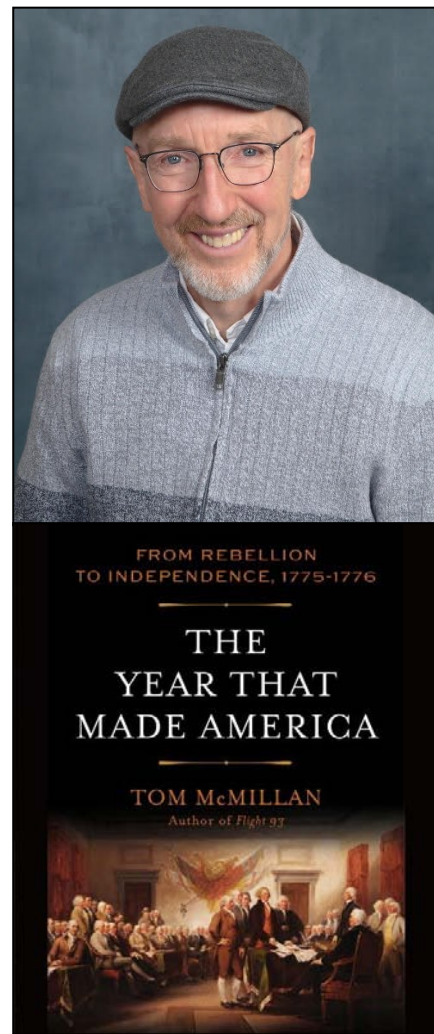
## Tom McMillan

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.



Account Balance\*: \$ 11,250

Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 1,253

Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 752

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

The past 90 Day **Expenditures** included:

- \$1,000 - First Amphibious Assault Amount Matching Donation
- \$253—Fall Award purchases from NSSAR

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

- \$ 752 ETF Reimbursement Checks

# Patriot Research System

## (PRS) Monthly Notes

### Application / Supplemental Formatting Notes ...

For this month, I would like to highlight an item that has popped up when I've tried to save some time in checking on previously filed applications on parents / grandparents, etc, to save some time in re-typing in some of the same information.

*As just a suggestion*, when it comes to being re-married / 2nd marriages and all, unless you have children to 2nd, 3rd, etc marriages, you MAY just want to list the mother of the children you have that may follow in your footsteps as members of the SAR. Now I'm not saying you can not list your most current spouse, but for lineage purposes, the biological parents are what is going to be needed, no matter whether you like the mother of your children any more or not. (Please see this with a little bit of humor.) Now if you have had more than one spouse with children to each of them, then list whichever you may want. For SAR purposes, you may want to list the spouse that produced any male heirs as that could be more immediately applicable (i.e. you had a boy with one spouse; and a girl with a different spouse); but obviously, the daughter may have male heirs down the road too. Personal preferences, but just thoughts to consider. Remember, for first marriages, you don't need to list a "1" for first spouses; 2nd, 3rd, etc spouses are listed in parenthesis as "(2)", "(3)", etc in the prefix block. Also, if your spouse had been previously married, you list "Mrs" in the prefix block, and then for the last name, put her maiden name first, a space, and

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then her previous married name. Some spouses will revert to their maiden names upon divorce; but widows typically don't. Just understand the format should any of the above circumstances apply to you when filling out your application form. {see below}

(prefix)	(first)	(middle)	(last)	(suffix)
	<b>John</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Sr</b>
<b>Mrs</b>	<b>Jane</b>	<b>Ann</b>	<b>Doe Rogers</b>	

(2) **Beulah May Hamilton**

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

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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 Hillsborough River Camp Color Guard

*Prior to the Honor Flight Return, Tampa Chapter President, Roger Roscoe presented the West Central Honor Flight Organization with a \$500 donation to assist their efforts for veterans.*

**The Tampa SAR HRCCG** escorted returning veterans and carried the Colors at the 53<sup>rd</sup> WC Honor Flight. (10 Jun 2025).



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, you can get started with a militia "uniform" for much less cost.



# Tampa Chapter SAR Hillsborough River Camp Color Guard

**The Tampa SAR HRCCG** presented the Colors for the DeSoto Chapter Flag Day Luncheon at the Tampa Yacht Club (13 Jun 2025).



**The Tampa SAR HRCCG** jointly with the Clearwater SAR Samuel Adams Camp CG walked the Colors at the Safety Harbour 4th of July Parade with the Florida Military Vehicle Heritage Group. (4 Jul 2025).



# Tampa Chapter SAR Hillsborough River Camp Color Guard

The Tampa SAR HRCCG was invited by the AUSA Suncoast chapter to join their US Army Color Guard to present the Colors for their US Army 250th Birthday Ball at the Downtown Tampa Hilton Hotel (14 Jun 2025).



**AUSA**  
ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY



# Tampa Chapter SAR Hillsborough River Camp Color

Members of the **Tampa SAR HRCCG** participated along with members of other **FLSSAR Color Guard** units to carry and present the Colors at the FLSCAR Conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort Hotel. (8 Jul 2025).



## **George Washington— The Man Who Could Not Die**

George Washington might easily have lost his life on a half-dozen different occasions.

For example, in 1757, he contracted small pox while in Barbados. Unlike like many of his counterparts during the Revolutionary War, he survived to talk about it.

At the battle of Monongahela, during the French and Indian War in July 1775, his escape from death was much more dramatic. Washington's horse was shot out from under him not once but twice. When the battle ended, he also discovered four bullet holes in his coat. He wrote his wife, Martha, and credited "the all-powerful dispensations of Providence" for saving his life.

In June 1776, a member of Washington's body guard plotted the Commander in Chief's assassination. Thomas Hickey conspired with a kitchen worker at Washington's favorite eatery, Francis' Tavern in New York City. The plan was to poison a dish of fresh peas, a vegetable which Washington coveted. The owner of the restaurant exposed the plot, Hickey was eventually executed, and the future first president of the United States, escaped unharmed.

Two months later, at the battle of Long Island, Washington's defeated army accomplished the impossible. They escaped certain capture by the British while the enemy lay in wait, just yards away. A sudden and unusual dense fog blanketed the entire area. The Americans marched quietly to the river's edge, muffled the oars on their boats, and slipped away in the dead of night. The British would not discover Washington's absence until the next morning. This miraculous "disappearance" of hundreds of American soldiers allowed Washington's army to regroup and continue their fight for independence. Years later, historians would attribute the unexpected assistance of

mother nature to Divine Providence.

On Christmas day, 1776, in the dead of night and with below freezing temperatures, Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware, catching Hessian troops by surprise and inflicting a humiliating defeat on the British Army. Despite the icy river, its dangerous ice flows, and the strong currents, George Washington survived yet another brush with death.

At the battle of Princeton in Jan 1777, Washington once again dared the Prince of Death to strike him down but the devil missed his chance. When a friend of George Washington, General Hugh Mercer, was bayoneted by the British, almost to death, an angry Goerge Washington immediately took command. Washington charged forward astride his magnificent white horse, plunging into a hail storm of cannon fire and musket balls. At one point Washington was 30 yards from the British line. The American troops, awestruck and inspired, surged forward. The British were soundly defeated and, miraculously, Washington emerged from the bloody battle, unscathed. John Fitzgerald, an American officer and eyewitness to Washington's death-defying actions, admitted to pulling pulled his hat over his eyes at one point during combat, convinced that his Commander in Chief would be struck down and killed.

But Washington did not die. Years later, a North American Indian and acknowledged marksman, who shot at Washington more than ten times during the battle at Monongahela, refused to admit that he might simply have missed his target. Instead, he announced that Washington was no doubt protected by the "Great Spirit" and could not die.

George Washington died of course but history suggests that the "Great Spirit" managed to postpone the inevitable until the Father of our country accomplished his very noble cause.

# NEW!!

## 250th Anniversary

# Shirts

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:

Patches ..... \$ 18.00  
 Polo ..... \$ 40.00  
 Dress Shirt (ss/lS) .. \$ 50.00  
 {Shipping not included}



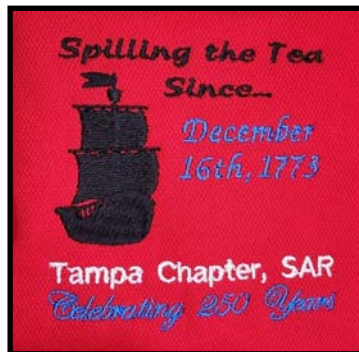
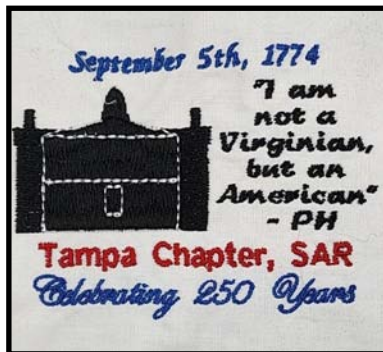
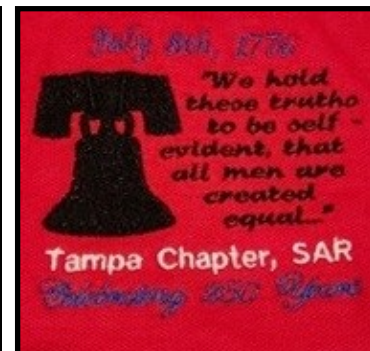
Short Sleeve  
Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



Long Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



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



## NEW!! 250th Anniversary Patches



Boston Tea Party



2nd Continental Congress



Bunker Hill



1st 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

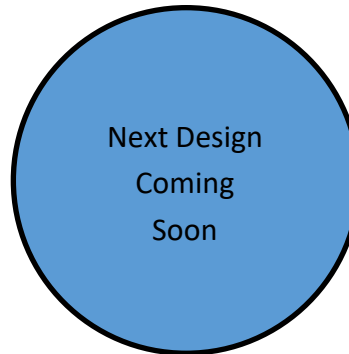


Washington Crossing Delaware



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each



Ticonderoga to Boston

**Payment can be made by:**

**Cash**



tampasar.tres@gmail.com

**Check**



**Square**



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

**Donation Amounts:**

Patches ..... \$ 18.00  
Polo ..... \$ 40.00  
Dress Shirt (ss/l) .. \$ 50.00  
{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.



## 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:	\$91,000



## 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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# Upcoming Social Events

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



# 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 \*\***  
(Columbia Restaurant, Tampa, FL)
- **May 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM**  
(Kissimmee, FL)

- **May 26th, Memorial Day**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)
- **Jun 10th, Honor Flight #53**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Jun 13th, DAR Flag Day Event**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Tampa Yacht Club, FL)
- **Jun 14th, 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)
- **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, Tampa, FL)

# 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

## Committee Chairmen

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

Veterans: Chris Meredith

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

Youth Awards:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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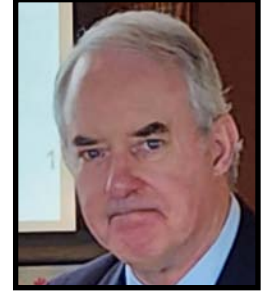
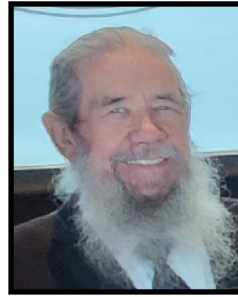
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