

# The Tampa Patriot



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**Next  
Chapter  
Meeting**

**14 Feb 2026  
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, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

## Tampa SAR

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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/Genealogist: Dick Young**

**Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell/Matt Cole**

**Color Guard Commander: Will Wagner-Hart**

**Newsletter Publisher: Will Wagner-Hart**

If anyone would like to submit something for the newsletter for publication, please get it to Will WH by the 20th of the month for consideration. Thank you.

## From the office of the Tampa President...

Hello Compatriots & Friends,

I want to thank Mr. Kent Gallamore on his excellent presentation on the Battle of Cowpens, SC at our January meeting. We have started having our meetings done virtually. This was done for our homebound and non-local members. If you know of a member that cannot attend, please let us know so we can share with them the link to log into our meeting.



I also want to extend a very big thank you to the DeSoto Chapter DAR for inviting the Tampa Chapter to ride on their float in the Gasparilla Children's Parade. It was a beautiful sunny day along Bayshore Blvd. for handing out and throwing beads. It was a fantastic time!

Here are the list of speakers for the next few months. All of them are not charging our chapter to speak. Please go out and visit their websites and consider making a purchase of their books as of way to thanking them. If you have a suggestion on a topic or know of a speaker, please let me know. We are still looking for a speaker for November.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Tom Hand, author of several books. He will be virtual. Please read his bio on p.11.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Andrew Och, author of several books, he will be discussing the roles of the First Ladies of the United States. He will be virtual from Washington, D.C.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Richard Sanchez, author of several books, he will be speaking at our meeting on Tampa Bay local history focusing on Egmont Key.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** Ms. Sarah Botstein is an American documentary film producer. She works with award winner Mr. Ken Burns and helped direct the six-part PBS miniseries *The American Revolution* that was released November 2025 on PBS. She will be discussing the series virtually and answering your questions.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** Tampa Chapter Compatriot David Whipkey will be speaking in person on "Why Did they Come to the Colonies, Why Did they Leave Their Homelands?" The reason why migration took place. He will be discussion several of his ancestors that came to America from 1730s to 1750s.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Steven W. Hill will be presenting virtually his book "Battle Flags of the Wars for North America, 1754-1783". His discussion will cover the regimental flags of the major combatants in the two major wars for North American in the eighteenth century—flags carried by regiments from Britain, France, Germany, and Spain. This has long been a subject surrounded by myth, legend, and inaccuracy; the last "standard" work is more than forty years old.

I want to thank Compatriot Terry Doan, our Flag Chairman for the Tampa Chapter; he presented American Flag Certificate & coin to the community organization the Tampa Rough Riders. The Rough Riders were formed to commemorate the memory and values of Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt and his famous regiment "The Rough Riders" through civic actions, patriotic activities, public service and fellowship events. Historically, The Rough Riders were an important part of America's and Tampa's contribution to the Spanish American War in 1898. Today they contribute to a wide variety of charitable and civic events. Please consider nominating a business or a homeowner that is properly displaying the American Flag.

Our 2nd Vice President Joe Dato is the Chapter 250th Liberty Tree Chairman. We are planning to do a dedication ceremony & party by the end of 2026. The Tampa Chapter is actively raising funds. Please consider making a donation in any amount so we can reach our goal.

At the January meeting, we held a Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony where Dick Young has officially retired his position and Will Wagner-Hart took command of the Chapter Color Guard. I want to extend a huge thank you to Compatriot Dick Young for his many years of dedicated service.

Dick Young, the West Central Regional Vice-President held has winter meeting for all the local SAR Chapter President's Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Arthenia Joyner Community Library. There were lots of good discussions and planning that took place. An update of these discussions will take place at our next chapter meeting in February.

Limited number sponsorships and tTickets are now on sale for The DeSoto Chapter DAR America 250th Ball taking place on Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Tampa Yacht & County Club. Details are listed in the newsletter. This is going to be the event of the year and you will not want to miss it.

Our Chapter has been invited to attend several 2026 Naturalization Ceremonies. There will be 60 new citizens getting sworn in at the morning and afternoon ceremonies. We will need volunteers to

attend and welcome/congratulate our new US citizens (July 17, Aug 28, Oct 23, Nov 6, Dec 18).

Our Chapter is starting a Mentorship program this year. The Chairman is our Chaplin Walter Oswald. He is actively recruiting members to become mentors. We are excited to start this program very soon.

We are always looking for new ideas for social activities for the Chapter in 2026. These activities could be tours, food/drinks events, trivia, etc. I am looking at putting together a trip to Boston or Washington, D.C. in September / October to attend some 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations. If you would like to help with this trip please let me know.

Please feel free to invite your friends and family to all our future meetings. Looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am to socialize prior to the meeting start at 11:30 am at the Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa, FL.

- Roger Roscoe, Tampa Chapter President

## New Members:

- **Nicholas Trusewitsch**      **14 Nov**
- **Mark Turner**                      **14 Nov**
- **Michael J Williams**              **19 Dec**
- 2026 —
- **Colin Brown**                          **16 Jan**
- **Matthew Rabone**                      **23 Jan**

## Applicants

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

- **David Lampman**                      • **Peter Maass**
- **Jeremy Davids**                        • **Michael Williams**
- **Dale Lampman**                        • **Leo Acosta**
- **Michael Thomas**                      • **Michael Dickinson**
- **Charles Andrews**                    • **Joel Enns**
- **Joshua Keck**                            • **Matthew Pickering**
- **Joseph Pickering**                    •

# January 2026 Chapter Meeting

President Roscoe getting our first meeting of the year opened up, and starting anew with a virtual aspect for our homebound members.

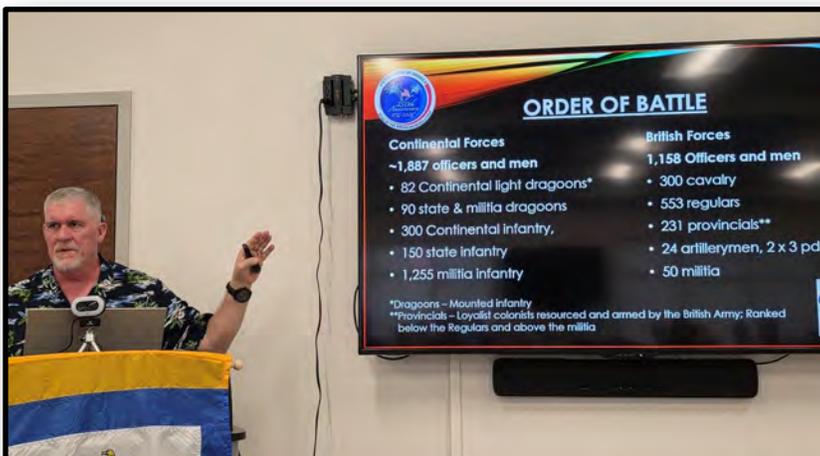


Past President & FAAM Secretary Robbie Robinson presenting Dick Young with his 250th FAAM Fellow Certificate.

US Naturalization Dates starting this summer

Date:	Time:	Location:	Attendee #1	Attendee #2	Attendee #3
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Fed Crtrse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom 17			
	1100				
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Fed Crtrse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom 10A			
	1100				
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0900	US CIS 5629 Hoover Blvd, Tampa			
	1100				
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Fed Crtrse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom 10B			
	1100				
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	0900	US Fed Crtrse 801 N FL Ave, courtroom 17			
	1100				

We were able to garner some dates with the Immigration Ceremonial Office for later this year. We have several slots available for those that can come out and support our newest citizens.



Kent Gallamore a former Battle of Cowpens re-enactor, gave us an in-depth briefing about the Battle of Cowpens. President Roscoe presented Kent with a chapter coin and Certificate of Appreciation.



# January 2026 Chapter Meeting

**Our Chapter's two newest Inductees: Michael Williams and Mark Turner. Congrats Gentlemen! (Right)**



**Our treasurer was a bit behind on his award receptance, and was presented his War Service Medal for Korea; his NSSAR Veteran's Corp Certificate; and for all of the community service to veteran's, the Good Citizenship Bronze Medal. Congrats to Greg Holder! (Below)**



**Our 2nd VP was presented with his Gold 250th Anniversary Medal by President Roscoe (Above Right); While President Roscoe presented Mark Turner with his SAR Military Service Medal (Right)**



# January 2026 Chapter Meeting

Sgt at Arms, Bill Swain & Asst Genealogist, Lisette Young were awarded the Bronze Henry Knox Achievement medals for their continuing service over the past year to the chapter. (Right)

1st VP was presented the SAR Bronze Distinguished Service Medal by Pres Roscoe for his hard work and dedication to the chapter. (Below)



## Color Guard Change of Command:

Officiated by Pres Roscoe; administered by Sgt at Arms Swain; out-going Commander D. Young relinquished command of the Guard to in-coming commander W. Wagner-Hart. (Above Right)

President Roscoe Presented out-going commander Dick Young with a folded Betsy Ross Flag and Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication to the color guard since 2013. (Right)



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

Date: January 10th, 2026

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, R. Robinson
  - ⇒ SAR Pledge & Mission Statement
  - ⇒ Introductions of those present
- ◆ Old Business
  - ⇒ November minutes were moved & Approved (Wagner-Hart / Young, Sr)
- ◆ Officer Reports
  - ⇒ Pres Informed members of the details of a formal Ball to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rev. being sponsored by the Desoto DAR to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Reminded the Chapter of the various events the National Society will be hosting in Philadelphia next summer; also mentioned obtaining dates to attend the US Naturalization ceremonies in the 2nd half of the year and asking for several volunteers to attend.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Reminded members of plans for a National POW/MIA museum in Jacksonville; Informed members of today's trial run for a virtual meeting; Anyone planning on marching at the FAAM dedication needs to let him know for planning purposes; Americanism & USS Stark reports have been submitted for 2025.

- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Reminded members of National's requirement that all members involved in youth activities needed to take the online youth protection training found on the national society's web page on then SAR university page. Continues to work on the plans for the chapter's Liberty Tree Dedication this fall and is looking for fundraising activities to help support this endeavor..
  - ⇒ Sec Updated the chapter on the ongoing efforts to get participants for the SAR youth contests. Mentioned he and 1st VP have been in contact with a possible brochure contest entrant.
  - ⇒ Treasurer The reported a overall balance of \$12,663.32.
  - ⇒ Registrar/Genealogist gave a rundown on the status of applications and supplements at national.
  - ⇒ Color Guard Reminded the members of upcoming events and to check the newsletter for the latest color guard
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opportunities / events **{See the schedule of events later in the newsletter}**

- ⇒ WC-VP: he announced there would be a meeting of chapter presidents and other interested members on 31 Jan at 1:15pm at the Arthenia L Joyner Library.
- ⇒ Chaplain made a brief presentation about the Mentorship program he's currently developing and still looking for assistance with.

## Other Committees:

- ⇒ Eagle Scout Comm: Dave Bryant (state chairman) announced he was in receipt of our chapter entry and wanted to thank Lawrence Capuder for his work in the program as he was stepping down as the chapter chairman.
- ⇒ J/ROTC: Will WH reported for Terry Doan that the time of year is approaching for the J/ROTC units to be submitting their names for the awards. He is hoping that he will still have members able to assist with awarding the cadets their medals. He was also wanting us to consider awarding the Enhanced/Outstanding Cadet winner's Supervisor the Good Citizenship award as well.

The Speaker **Kent Gallamore** was introduced. He gave an informative talk on the **Battle of Cowpens**, answering the questions why did it happen instead of not happening? Why did it happen the way it did, instead of some other way and why was it important.

After the speaker, there was the induction of new members and various awards were presented.

- New members inducted:
  - \* Mark Turner
  - \* Michael Williams.
- Military service awards—
  - \* War Service Medal to Greg Holder for service in Korea
  - \* Military Service Medal to Mark Turner
- NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificate-- Greg Holder.
- Good Citizenship Medal—Greg Holder
- Henry Knox Achievement Medal—
  - \* Lisette Young
  - \* William "Bill" Swain
- Distinguished Service Medal—Will Wagner-Hart
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gold Medal—Joe Dato

Following the awards, the formal change of command of the Color Guard ceremony took place. The Command of the Color Guard passed from Dick Young to Will Wagner-Hart. Outgoing Color Guard commander Dick Young was presented with a Betsy Ross Flag and certificate in recognition of his service to the color guard.

## New Business

Will Wagner-Hart proposed and moved that the chapter purchase a banner that we could display at the naturalization ceremonies

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# Other Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Our Chapter President—Roger Roscoe, 2nd VP (and Rough Rider)—Joe Dato, Flag Committee Chairman—Terry Doan, presented an SAR Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of the American Flag to the Tampa Rough Riders. (12 Jan 2026)



# Other Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Our Chapter President and 1st Lady, Roger and May Roscoe, Lisette Young & Katherine Nicholson, along with a couple of our color guard members—Robbie Robinson & Dwight Hamborsky, joined the ladies of the DeSoto Chapter DAR to honor the America 250th Anniversary at the 2026 Gasparilla Children's Parade. Pres. Roscoe gave a 250 Minute Briefing on Gen Knox's travel with the artillery from Fort Ticonderoga. (24 Jan 2026)





<b>Total Account Balance*:</b>	<b>\$ 13,011</b>
<b>Past 30 Day Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 555</b>
<b>Past 30 Day Credits:</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>
<b>Avail Gen Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 5,757</b>
<b>Liberty Tree Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,212</b>
<b>General Donation Fund</b>	<b>\$ 765</b>

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

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- \$ Application Dues / Fees transfers
- \$ 130 Reimbursement Costs

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

- \$ Application Dues / Fees transfers
- \$ 250 Liberty Tree Donation (T. Doan)

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members attend— approximate cost \$140. Motion made by Will, seconded by John Black following some brief discussion, motion carried.

Will proposed that we purchase a banner that could be carried by the color guard when marching in parades etc. that would identify the color guard as SAR \$40. Motion seconded by Joe Dato and approved by the membership

Will proposed we put a notice in the national magazine with our date/time/and place of meeting. Maximum cost \$36.00. Motion made by Will to try it for a year and see if it gets results. Seconded by Michael Williams. There was some discussion but motion was approved.

50/50 raffle won by Dale Lampman.

Recitation of the SAR recessional and benediction by Chaplain Walter Oswald concluded the meeting.

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## Donation Account QR Links



Liberty Tree  
Fund Donation



Color Guard  
Fund Donation



Fort Brooke C.A.R.  
Fund Donation



YPT  
QR Code

**All Members, please take a moment and complete the Youth Protection Training Module on the SAR.ORG website. Scan the QR code for ready-access. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## \*\* Virtual Meeting Details \*\*

We will continue to additionally host virtual meetings for those that are unable to attend the meetings in person. We would ask that if you are physically able to attend in-person that you please still do so. This is being set up for those that are either NOT LOCAL ANYMORE, but have maintained their Tampa membership; or are *physically—due to health reasons—unable to attend* the meetings in-person and would still like to be able to see and hear what's happening at our meetings. All will be sent this link: but for those using this option, there will be an email invitation to attend via a web-based Microsoft Teams Meeting invite. Once you join, I will be setting it up so that you won't hopefully have to wait for me to allow you to join. However, please MUTE your microphone, unless you would like to speak—but then please wait to be recognized before speaking so that we can announce that someone is wanting to speak. If possible let us see your smiling face and have your camera turned on.

Will Wagner-Hart invited you to a Microsoft Teams Meeting:

**Tampa Chapter SAR Meeting:** Saturday, February 14, 2026, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (EST)  
{\*\* You can click on this blue link below \*\*}

Meeting link: [Feb 2026 Tampa Chapter SAR Mtg | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)



February 14th  
Tom Hand

Tom Hand created *Americana Corner* in 2020 to share informative stories of the momentous events, significant documents and influential leaders that helped create and shape our country. Through compelling articles and captivating videos, Tom hopes to rekindle a spirit of patriotism in his fellow

Americans, and remind them of our nation's incredible past and why our founding era still matters today.

He is the author of a growing series of books that reflect his deep commitment to early American History:

- ⇒ *An American Triumph: America's Founding Era through the Lives of Ben Franklin, George Washington, and John Adams* — an engaging narrative that blends the personal experiences and historic milestones of three Founding Fathers enriched by 130 images and a dozen detailed maps.
- ⇒ *America Victorious: Lesser-Known Campaigns and Commanders That Helped Win American Independence* — a companion volume that highlights the lesser-known heroes who fought for our nation's independence across countless battlefields in the early republic.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point (Class of 1982), Tom went on to create the Gilman Cheese Corporation after leaving the military. Now retired from business, Tom devotes his time to *Americana Corner* and serves on the Board of Trustees for the American Battlefield Trust. He has the good fortune to be married to his best friend, Char, who reviews all his work and provides unending support. He enjoys reading books on American history, classic novels, and playing his guitar.

## 2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project

**The Tampa Chapter SAR is looking to Plant and Dedicate a New Liberty Tree**

Once we get the site approved, we are looking at a time-frame in Spring/Summer of 2026 as part of our 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

To get us there, we will need donations as the estimated costs that we're trying to lock down is going to be \$1,500—3,500 for the tree and the marker, more so depending on the marker. We will have a Live Oak tree professionally installed at the site and will have a bronze plaque or engraved stone commemorating the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our Color Guard will participate along with the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and Local Scout Troops for the dedication.

Donations can be made in cash to the chapter President

**Below Will Be the Sponsorship Categories, and We Will Welcome Your Generous Gifts:**

- Paul Revere—\$100
- Patrick Henry—\$250
- Benjamin Franklin—\$500
- George Washington—\$1,000

{Each category has a sponsorship gift and certificate. Obviously, if we surpass our monetary needs, any excess funds will be held in reserve for future Liberty Tree plantings.}

Roscoe, VP's Dato or Wagner-Hart, or the Treasurer, Compatriot Holder. Checks can be made out to "Tampa SAR, with memo annotated to "Liberty Tree" and mailed to: Greg Holder

5812 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33611

Zelle Bank transfer with memo to "Liberty Tree" to "tamapsar.tres@gmail.com"

Credit Card/Apple-Google Pay @ ["https://tampa-sar.square.site"](https://tampa-sar.square.site)



### The History of the Liberty Tree:

The Boston Liberty Tree was a famous American elm that served as a central meeting place and symbol for colonial resistance against British rule, particularly for the Sons of Liberty in the lead-up to the American Revolution. It was the site of key protests, including the 1765 Stamp Act demonstrations, where effigies were hung to express outrage. During the Siege of Boston in 1775, British soldiers cut down the original Liberty Tree to suppress the growing movement. News of the Boston Liberty Tree and its symbolism spread quickly to other colonies, leading to the establishment of similar "liberty trees" in towns across America. Where suitable trees were unavailable, large poles were erected to serve the same function—a place for posting official notices and staging political demonstrations.



## Is a person or event significant?

To answer that question, I would ask my students to answer these questions: Was it considered significant at the time? Is it considered significant now? Why or why not? Did it have far-reaching consequences? Let's consider an example from the Revolutionary War.

On Feb 7, 1778, General Sir William Howe, at his request, relinquished command of the British Army in North America and General Sir Henry Clinton took command. Did it make a difference? Why is this of importance to us? Let's jump ahead three and half years to October 1781.

British General Cornwallis was cornered at Yorktown, Virginia and, on the advice of the French and his own subordinates, Washington decided to move the American and French armies south to complete the defeat of Cornwallis. For many years historians were faced with the vexing problem of trying to understand why Clinton was unaware of the movements of Washington's army. In one of those instances of serendipity, the answer to the question was found, in, of all places, a dusty attic at the University of Michigan.

A newly arrived history professor, looking for something to work on, stumbled across the papers of Henry Clinton in an attic at Michigan. (How Henry Clinton's wartime papers ended up at Michigan is itself an interesting story.) While going through Clinton's papers, he discovered the answer to the question. During the time when Washington was moving his army, The Prince of Wales was visiting Clinton. Clinton's time was filled with parties and other events with the future King. Clinton also had acquired a mistress upon his arrival in North America. Between time spent with his mistress and time spent with the Prince of Wales, Clinton was oblivious to what was taking place militarily. While he was receiving some reports from front-line commanders expressing concerns that something was afoot, Clinton spent little or no time during this crucial period dealing with military matters.

So, why is the appointment of Clinton of importance to us? Quite simply it is that perhaps a different British commander may have been more aware of what was happening in October of 1781 and Washington might not have been able to close the trap on Cornwallis. It is sometimes little, mundane things in history that have the most interesting ramifications.

## **Sons of American Revolution May 2026 Program Honoring England and Bermuda**



## **London, Oxford, Cotswolds, and Bermuda**

### Included in 2026 SAR Trip to England and Bermuda

Hotel - 10 Nights – see included hotels

- 1 Night – Radisson Blu Heathrow – LHR Airport
- 2 Nights – Hatherly Manor – Gloucester, England
- 2 Nights – Randolph – Oxford, England
- 2 Nights – St Ermin – London, England
- 3 Nights – Grotto Bay Beach Resort and Spa - Bermuda

Breakfast Daily in hotel restaurants

- 4 Lunches
- 5 Dinners
- 3 Receptions

Daily touring with private coach, driver and expert, English speaking guides.

All entrance fee and charges for events included in the program

Transportation to London Airport  
Roundtrip Airport Transfer Bermuda

Price Per Person \$6,699.00  
based on two persons sharing double accommodations

Single Supplement \$1,899.00  
based on one person in single accommodations

<https://registration.socio.events/e/sar26gunpowder>

### Highlights of the Trip:

- SAR Private Meeting with The Honorable George Herbert, The 8th Earl of Carnarvon, in office 2001 to present and the Lady Carnarvon – Fiona Aitken
- Explore Gloucester, England.
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at Hatherly Manor honoring Button Gwinnett, signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- Tour Blenheim Palace
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at St Martin’s Church, Bladon, England honoring Sir Winston Churchill.
- Explore Oxford, England.
- SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at Sulgrave Manor, ancestral home of George Washington’s family with a manor tour.
- Tour the Ben Franklin house in London, followed by a SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of him.
- Tour of All Hallows Tower, followed by SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of William Penn born at Tower Hill.
- Private reenactment of the 1775 Gunpowder Plot in Bermuda, followed by a SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- Full Island Coach Tour



**T**he first amphibious landing is a little-known yet crucial event in the struggle for American independence. On 3–4 March 1776, the Continental Marines conducted the first amphibious assault on foreign soil in the Bahamas, seizing military supplies and making history as America's first overseas landing during the early days of the Revolutionary War. The FLSSAR and the FAAM Committee are committed to the mission statement of the NSSAR, which aims to honor our patriot ancestors, support our communities, and educate and inspire our youth about the founding principles of our nation.



*(artistic rendering)*



**They reached the \$\$ Goal!!**

## THE EVENT

### **An America 250 Celebration**

The dedication is scheduled for March 14, 2026, in Pompano Beach, Florida, at the Fisher Family Pier. Pompano Beach, Florida. Use the QR code or click: <https://visitpompanobeach.com/sons-of-the-american-revolution/> to visit the Hotel Reservation link for this event.

## Questions

Please get in touch with any of the members of the committee if you have any questions.

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## 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}



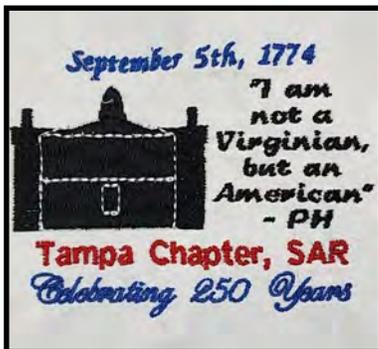
Short Sleeve  
Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



Long Sleeve  
Dress Twill  
Shirt



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



# TAMPA CHAPTER DONATION/MERCHANDISE 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>

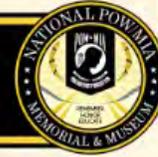


# Upcoming Community Events

Talk to your Congressman!  
Keep an eye out for  
a "form letter" type email  
otherwise to send to your  
congressman—coming  
soon!



## H.R.3057



The National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum needs your help.

On April 29th 2025, H.R.3057- National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act was introduced to the 119th Congress.

[Learn How You Can Help](#)

### Contact your Congressional Representative!

Ask them to support Bill **H.R.3057**. This bill is to erect the **National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum** in Jacksonville, FL. Apparently only 8 of 26 congressmen/women have signed up to sponsor this bill at this point. Please reach out to those **you** elected to support this bill! More info should be coming soon in an email.

*...from the 119th Congress 2025-26...*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 29, 2025

Mr. Bean of Florida (for himself, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Carson, Mrs. Luna, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Scott Franklin of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

#### A BILL

To designate the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, as the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act".

#### SEC. 2. Findings.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is a civic landmark and cultural institution being built as of the date of the enactment of this Act in Jacksonville, Florida, to honor, connect, inspire, and educate all people about the 142,000 members of the Armed Forces who have been captured as prisoners of war since World War II and the approximately 82,000 members of the Armed Forces who are currently missing in action or unaccounted for since World War II.
- (2) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is a unique and comprehensive project developed for the exclusive purpose of honoring former prisoners of war, those who were missing in action, those still missing and unaccounted for, and for providing a venue for families of these men and women to tell their stories.
- (3) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will publicize the stories of such individuals, showcase the history of the POW/MIA logo, the history of the Naval Air Station Cecil Field as a master jet base, and will serve as a reflective facility for all.
- (4) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will attract and educate a diverse group of people through visitor-centered, interactive, participatory exhibits, and will provide a place for educational programs, special events, and activities connecting all generations.

#### SEC. 3. National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum.

(a) Designation.—The memorial and museum that is, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, being constructed on an approximately 26-acre area on POW-MIA Memorial Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida, shall be designated as the "National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum".



# 2026 Tampa (& FLSSAR) Calendar of Events

- **Feb 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Feb 14th, 2026 F.S.C.A.R. State Conference**  
(Gainesville, FL)
- **Feb 27th, 2026 Genesis Prep School Washington Day Celebration**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(8100 Mitchell Ranch Rd, NPR, FL)
- **Mar 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Mar 14th, 2026 FLSSAR Event**  
**First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication**  
(Pompano Beach, FL)
- **Mar 21st, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event**  
**Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**  
(Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)
- **Mar 28, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event**  
**249th 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 21st, 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 8th, N/FLSSAR Event**  
**Battle of Pensacola**  
**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)
- **May 22nd, FL Orchestra**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Straz Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL)
- **May 23d, FL Orchestra**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(Straz Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL)
- **Jun 9th, Honor Flight #57**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Jun 20th, FLSSAR Event**  
**Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge**  
(Callahan, Florida)
- **Jul 17th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, \*\* Color Guard Assistance (?) \*\***  
(Fed Ct House—Tampa, FL)
- **Aug 28th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, \*\* Color Guard Assistance (?) \*\***  
(Fed Ct House #17—Tampa, FL)
- **Sep 12th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 16th / 17th, FLSSAR BOM**  
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **Oct 10th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Oct 20th, Honor Flight #59**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Oct 23rd, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, \*\* Color Guard Assistance (?) \*\***  
(USCIS—Tampa, FL)
- **Nov 6th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, \*\* Color Guard Assistance (?) \*\***  
(US Fed Ct House #10B—Tampa, FL)
- **Nov 14th, 2026 Chapter Meeting**  
(Joyner Library, 13619 N 22nd St, Tampa)
- **Nov 7/14th, Veteran's Day Parade**  
**\*\* Color Guard Event \*\***  
(James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)

# 2026—27+ National SAR / Color Guard Events

- Feb 27th, NCSSAR Event 250th Anniversary Battle of Moore's Creek, (Currie, NC)
- Feb 28th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication (Palaka, FL)
- Mar 14th, FLSSAR Event First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication (Pompano Beach, FL)
- Mar 21st, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication (Live Oak, FL)
- Mar 28th, FLSSAR Event 249th Anniversary Thomas Creek Battle (Jacksonville, FL)
- Apr 4th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication (Jacksonville, FL)
- Apr 17th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication (Clearwater, FL)
- April 19th, NSSAR Patriots Day
- May 18th, NSSAR Armed Forces Day
- May 26th, NSSAR National Memorial Day Parade (Washington, DC)
- Jun 14th, NSSAR Flag Day
- Jun 27th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication (Longwood, FL)
- Jul 2nd-6th, 2026 HSSAR, Declaration of Independence Annu. (Philadelphia, PA)

- Jul 4th, NSSAR Independence Day
- Jul 10th-16th, NSSAR 136th National Congress (Greensboro, NC)
- August 15th, KYSSAR 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks (Carlisle, KY)
- Dec 19th, N/FLSSAR Wreaths Across America (Nationwide)

**\*\* 2027 \*\***

- Jul 9th-15th, NSSAR 137th National Congress (New Orleans, LA)

**\*\* 2028 \*\***

- Jul 6th-12th, NSSAR 138th National Congress (Columbus, OH)



<https://america250fl.com/>

*2026 Upcoming ...*

## SAR National Event

### 250th Anniversary

of the

### Declaration

of

### Independence

Philadelphia, PA

*America's Birthplace—*

*"Ring It On"*

July 2-6, 2026

Make your hotel reservations today at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SONSOFTHEAMREVOLUTION2026>

Thursday July 2, 2026	Friday July 3, 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading of the Declaration SAR Public Event</li> <li>• Independence Hall Tour</li> <li>• SAR Evening Reception</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salute to Independence Parade</li> <li>• "Ring It On" SAR Public Event</li> <li>• SAR Gala Dinner</li> </ul>
Saturday July 4, 2026	Sunday July 5, 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAR 250 Celebration Public Event</li> <li>• SAR 250 Bench Dedication</li> <li>• Philadelphia 250 Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration</li> <li>• Museum of the American Revolution Tour</li> <li>• Social Dinner at Glory Beer Bar</li> </ul>



**Confirmed**  
**3/22/2026**



♠ RACING ♥ POKER ♣ GOLF ♦

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



**2026**

USS American Victory  
 Ship Museum  
 705 Channelside Dr, Tampa

**Confirmed**

SAVE THE DATE

THE DE SOTO CHAPTER  
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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

↓↓ See Next Page !! ↓↓

*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




*May 8, 2026—Tampa Yacht & Country Club,  
America 250 Ball Sponsorship Levels*



**\$20,000 – George Washington** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=LD98G7AN3D7AA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LD98G7AN3D7AA)

- 10 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$10,000 – John Adams** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=EBRAM6L8SB2HY](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=EBRAM6L8SB2HY)

- 8 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$5,000 – Thomas Jefferson** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=RK6P4QBUJMMW8](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RK6P4QBUJMMW8)

- 6 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$2,500 – Benjamin Franklin** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=2JT4T9997MY4N](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2JT4T9997MY4N)

- 4 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$1,000 – Alexander Hamilton** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=K9K39WLJT4WVC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=K9K39WLJT4WVC)

- 2 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$500 – James Madison** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=JP7GJEXL2GFKS](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=JP7GJEXL2GFKS)

- 2 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter



**\$250 – John Jay** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=M2ECC42EJYJJ](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=M2ECC42EJYJJ)

- 1 ticket to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition at De Soto Chapter DAR meetings; newsletter

**Individual Tickets: \$125** [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=9HEXB8R3FHVMA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9HEXB8R3FHVMA)

Name, Address, and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you wish it to appear on signage and promotional: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship level and total: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to De Soto Chapter DAR; Mail to 1716 W. Lemon Street, Tampa, FL 33606

\*\* Deadline for sponsorship to appear in initial invitation send out January 15, 2026



# Monthly Memorial Highlight

## **Robert Rabun Merck**

(Nat'l # 228380)

Patriot: Adam Gramlich, PS in SC



Robert Merck, 67, of Tampa, passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2025, after a prolonged battle with cancer. Born in Macon, GA, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend to many, and respected 43-year employee of Metlife.

He is survived by his loving wife Kelley; his son Tyler and daughter-in-law Gabby; his daughter Caroline and son-in-law John; and his three cherished grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Sally, and his brother, Jim.

He was preceded in death by his father, Erwin, and his brother, Bryan.

Robert will be remembered for his strength, kindness, and devotion to family. His wisdom, dry wit, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to LifePath Hospice or Moffitt Cancer Center made in his memory.

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

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
11/30/2025	<b>Merck, Robert Rabun</b>	6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr	11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"
10/22/2025	<b>Badger, Timothy Martin</b>	4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,	5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,
9/25/2025	<b>Bolen, Jack Charles</b>	12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,	8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,
6/25/2025	<b>Bradley, James Russell</b>	11/5/2004	Schabacker, George McRae,	6/24/1971	De Pury, Erwin Clark,
3/30/2024	Handly, James Caldwell, Jr	8/3/2004	Sumner, Robert Stanley,	9/20/1970	Richards, Robert Goodale,
4/28/2023	Ward, Ira John,	5/27/2004	Arter, Glenn Allan,	12/1/1969	Chambers, William Bass,
5/12/2022	Copeland, Charles Thomas,	7/19/2003	Mason, Herbert Preston, Jr	9/23/1967	MacFarlane, Howard Pettingill,
11/28/2020	Putney, Louis William,	9/6/2002	Prouty, Albert Leo,	5/1/1967	Baker, Wilson LeGrande,
10/23/2020	Sweeney, Thomas Robert,	8/16/2002	Halbert, Kirby Smith,	1/1/1964	Terry, Charles Edwin, Sr.
6/6/2020	Sessums, Thomas Terrell,	7/11/2002	McGee, Bennett Hiram,	11/26/1946	Knight, Peter Oliphant, Sr.
1/6/2020	Hackney, Harold Dean,	3/12/2002	Lillard, James Walker,	(Unknown)	Back, Allen Linthicum,
12/6/2019	Drew, Frederick Gardner,	11/13/2001	Hill, Robert Ray, Sr		
8/28/2019	Kelly, Leo Curtis, Jr	10/23/2001	Tyson, Leo Eugene, Jr		
7/6/2019	Garrison, Charles Pendleton,	6/2/2001	Wright, John Parke, 3rd		
5/2/2019	Leroy, Sr., Philip Neil,	3/27/2001	Gunter, John Stanley,		
2/13/2019	Denham, Robert Hampton,	3/10/2001	Hatcher, William Reed,		
9/26/2018	Alexander, Milton Judson,	12/22/2000	Stewart, Rufus Blulette,		
9/24/2018	Coats, Larry Gene,	5/15/2000	McWilliams, Robert Creighton,		
5/9/2018	Lane, Walter Wishart, Jr	4/29/2000	Stone, Willis Harold,		
1/18/2018	Guyer, James Talbot,	5/8/1999	Musgrove, Albert Francis,		
3/7/2017	Ledbetter, Billy James,	12/16/1998	<b>Wilson, William Sidney, Jr</b>		
7/15/2016	Clepper, Glenn Alan,	11/13/1998	Goodwin, Donald Edward,		
5/8/2016	Weaver, Paul Elwood,	10/30/1997	Kosch, Philip Cobe,		
2/18/2016	Denham, Robbins Hampton,	11/12/1996	White, John Morgan, 3rd		
12/9/2015	Tetrick, Dwight ,	10/8/1996	Seymour, John Jennings,		
1/30/2015	Miller, Martin Philip,	4/26/1996	Carleton, Daniel Erwin,		
1/1/2015	Hurley, Richard Lindsay,	1/5/1994	Stoner, Edmund Curtis, Jr		
12/8/2014	Patton, Freddie Hon,	6/21/1993	Smith, James Otis, Jr		
6/13/2014	Reese, Gray Earle, Jr	3/9/1992	Lane, Walter Wishart, Sr		
6/10/2014	Skillman, John Earle, 3rd	6/1/1990	McCleary, Edgar Thomas,		
4/22/2014	Frayn, Michael Timothy,	8/13/1989	Haverstock, Arthur Burton, Sr		
3/12/2013	Thrasher, Elwin Roland,	11/14/1988	Bradley, Frank Darlington, Jr		
1/11/2013	Rich, Gaius Barrett, 4th	9/11/1988	Showers, Austin Ellwood,		
10/20/2012	Hawn, Willard Warven,	3/7/1988	Felton, William Harrison,		
1/20/2012	Walker, Joseph Thomas, Jr	9/2/1987	Winfree, Woodson Clyde, Jr		
11/7/2010	Jenks, David McCreight,	8/11/1987	Thompson, Uldric , 3rd		
5/20/2010	Stebbins, Rodney Jerome,	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,		



## 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
Love and Terror in Havana	Mark Barie
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 Protesges	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 Hemingeses 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

A big thank you to one of our newest members, Michael Williams who has volunteered to be our chapter librarian and transport our books to and from our meetings for any / all to borrow to read at their leisure.

Thanks for stepping up Compatriot Williams!



## Committee Chairmen

250th Anniversary: Joe Dato

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

Veterans: Chris Meredith

Flag Display Recognition: Terry Doan

Mentorship: Walter Oswald

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

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

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

## 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>

## 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.

## 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.

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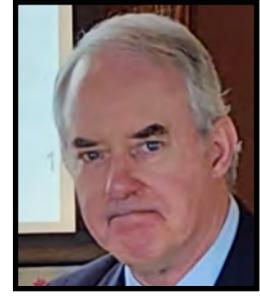
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