

The Tampa Patriot



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**Next
Chapter
Meeting**

**14 Mar 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

- President: Roger Roscoe**
- 1st Vice-President: Will Wagner-Hart**
- 2nd 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 Cmdr: Will Wagner-Hart**
- Newsletter Editor: Will Wagner-Hart**
- Librarian: Michael Thomas**

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. Tom Hand, our Feb speaker for his insightful discussion about his books on the American Revolution.



Our 2nd VP Joe Dato has been hard at work as the 250th Anniversary Chairman with our chapter Liberty Tree Project. We are planning to have a dedication ceremony & party by the end of 2026. We are looking at several locations in Hillsborough County. The Tampa Chapter is actively raising funds. We are currently at \$1800. We need to raise another \$2500 minimally. Please consider making a personal or professional donation in any amount so we can reach our goal as soon as possible.

We are very excited that our Chapter has started a Mentorship program. Our Chaplain Walter Oswald is the chairman. We have several members who have agreed to be part of this exciting new program. He is actively recruiting members to become mentors. I look at everyone in the Tampa Chapter as a mentor. We all remember what it is was like to be the "new guy." Please don't be shy and step up to help make this chapter & program successful.

This is the list of speakers for the rest of the year. 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 thank them. If you have a suggestion on a topic or know of a speaker, please let me know.

March 14th 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. Please visit his website at www.firstladiesman.com

April 11th Mr. Richard Sanchez, author of several books. He will be speaking at our meeting on Tampa Bay local history focusing on Egmont Key.

May 9th 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 12th 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 discussing why several of his ancestors came to America from 1730s to 1750s.

October 10th 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.

We are doing another "Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs on Sunday March 22 at 11:00 am. The is a wonderful day to spend with your chapter friends, enjoy wonderful food, maybe even win a few dollars. There are a few tickets left. Please contact our Events Chairman Rick Gray (727) 249-5106 to reserve your spot.

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. If you hear about any America 250 events in the Tampa Bay area, please let us know.

Don't forget that our chapter has been invited to attend several 2026 Naturalization Ceremonies. There are still slots available to attend. Please see any of the officers to sign up for these slots.

Please feel free to invite your friends and family to all our future meetings. Looking forward to seeing all of you next year on Saturday, March 14th 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

2025/26 Newest Members:

- **Mark Hammer** 19 Sep
- **Alan Powell** 10 Oct
- **Donald Becker** 10 Oct
- **Nicholas Trusewitsch** 14 Nov
- **Mark Turner** 14 Nov
- **Michael J Williams** 19 Dec
- **Colin Brown** 16 Jan
- **Matthew Rabone** 23 Jan
- **Leo Acosta** 06 Feb
- **Peter Maass** 06 Feb
- **Michael Thomas** 06 Feb

New Dual / Transfers-In:

- **Conner Farrell** T-In from IL

Applicants

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

- **Jeremy Davids**
- **Richard Matthews**
- **Matthew A Pickering**
- **Michael Williams**
- **Matthew P Pickering**
- **Robert Collins**
- **Joe A Pickering**
- **Michael Dickinson**
- **Charles Andrews**
- **Joel Enns**
- **Joshua Keck**
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Tampa Chapter February 2026 Meeting



We had special guest, a time travelling Abe Lincoln pictured with Joe & Greg. (above)
Our newest inductee, Matthew Rabone (below).



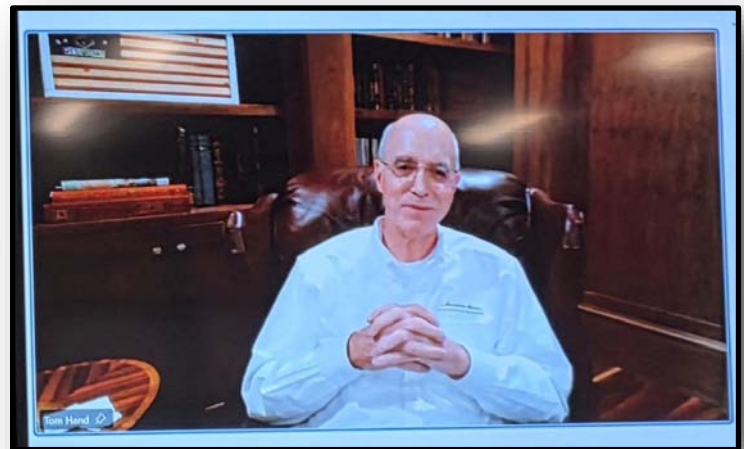
Pres. Roscoe presented Compatriots Doan and Hamborsky with their Gold 250th Anniversary certificates. (above)
Flag Cmte Chair Terry Doan presented compatriot Greg Holder a Flag Display certificate. (below)



Tampa Chapter February 2026 Meeting



Pres. Roscoe presented Bill Hart a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for being helpful in setting up and photographing the meetings. (left)
Pres. Roscoe also presented Compatriot Rick Gray a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for organizing some of the assorted social events over the past year to build the chapter camaraderie. (lower left)
Our speaker, Tom Hand gave us an overview on his book series being produced about the American Revolution. (below)



Pres. Roscoe presented Steven Greene, Donald Becker, and Dwight Hamborsky with the National / FLSSAR Veteran Corps Certificates. (lower left)
For all of his support with free sandwich cards, etc, GM Mark Bosley of Mission BBQ/Bruce B Downs was awarded an SAR Certificate of Appreciation by Pres. Roscoe. (below)



Tampa Chapter February 2026 Meeting

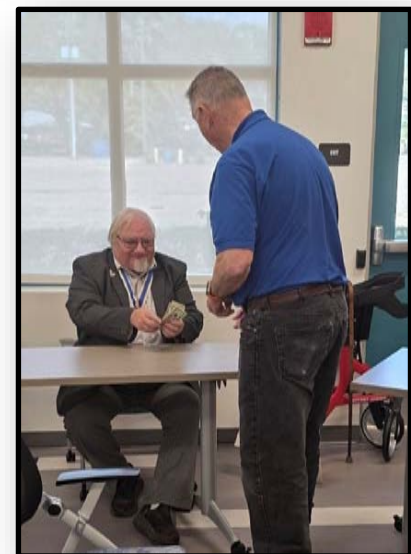


250th Anniversary Chairman, Joe Dato, presented Liberty Tree Project Sponsorship certificates and tokens of appreciation to Bill Hart and Compatriots Roscoe, Westerfield, Doan, and Foley for their monetary support in getting the project off to a good start. (right & below).



How lucky can you get?

Our Recording Secretary, Bob Yarnell, won the day's 50/50 raffle! Presented by Treasurer Greg Holder. (right)



Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: February 14th, 2026

Place: Arthenia L. Joyner Comm. Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Bob Yarnell

The Feb. 2026 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by Pres. Roger Roscoe at 11:30am on Sat the 14th.

Following the usual opening exercises, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, Pres. Roscoe introduced guests.

The Jan meeting minutes were approved (motion made by Terry Doan, 2nd by Robbie Robinson).

Pres. Roscoe with an assist from Robbie Robinson, first, updated the membership on status of the First Amphibious Assault Memorial; and then, as well as reviewing the naturalization ceremony dates for members interested in attending. Information about the DAR America 250 Ball was reviewed as well.

First VP Will Wagner-Hart gave an update on the acquisition of the banners for the chapter. There was some discussion and suggestions concerning wording and whether there should be a pale American flag background. Will said he would take the suggestions under advisement and revise.

2nd VP Joe Dato updated the plans for planting a Liberty Tree in the fall. There was some discussion about location. Joe said he would check out some of the suggestions.

Greg Holder gave the treasurers report. Total Funds \$13,007. Available Funds \$8,007.

Sec Bob Yarnell had no report but did report that the Chapter will have an entrant for the middle school brochure contest.

Chaplain Walter Oswald reported on the membership mentor program he is beginning to help new members get acquainted with the SAR.

Pres. Roscoe introduced the speaker, Author/historian Tom Hand who discussed some of the fascinating stories he has uncovered in the research for his books on the Revolution. In response to questions, he mentioned the story of Benedict Arnold, the importance of what George Rogers Clark did in what became the Old Northwest and the often-overlooked contribution Spain made to help the American colonies.

Pres. Roscoe presided over the giving out this month's awards.

Matthew Rabone was inducted as a new member.

Steven Greene, Don Becker, and Dwight Hamborsky received National Society

Veterans Corps certificates. Steven Greene also received a FI Society Veteran's Battalion certificate. 250th Gold Anniversary awards were given to Terry Doan and Dwight Hamborsky.

Joe Dato awarded certificates and patches for contributions to the Liberty Tree project to Bill Hart, Roger Roscoe, Terry Doan, Oscar Westerfield and Mike Foley.

Robbie Robinson gave Charlie Michaels his certificate for contributing to the First Amphibious Assault Memorial.

President Roscoe gave Bill Hart a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the chapter with helping set up for meetings and taking pictures. President Roscoe also gave Rick Gray a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the chapter with organizing some of the chapter's social events to induce chapter camaraderie.

President Roscoe reminded the members that the March meeting would be on March 14th.

There being no new business, the meeting concluded with the 50/50 drawing, recessional, and benediction.



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!

Other Happenings of the Tampa Chapter SAR



Flag Committee Chairman, Terry Doan, presented the American Legion Post # 139 with a SAR Flag Display Certificate in recognition of properly displaying the American Flag. Thank you for your obvious show of patriotism. (left).

1st VP Will WH, while in Arkansas visited and attended the Jordan Milam Chapter SAR meeting. He met their president Patrick Flenniken (right), along with the rest of their attending members.

What a great productive group of compatriots.



Honor Flights for the West Central FL Chapter start up again in April! Come out to the St. Pete / Clearwater Airport and help welcome back America's Veteran's after a day visiting our Nation's Capitol.

**** Flights usually return about 8pm ****
Parking is free.

These are not just Color Guard events; all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **Apr 14th, Honor Flight #56 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**
- **Jun 9th, Honor Flight #57 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**
- **Sept 15th, Honor Flight #58 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**
- **Oct 20th, Honor Flight #59 (St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)**

** Virtual Meeting Details **

We are hosting 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, March 14th, 2026, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (EST)

Meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 936 942 388 661 9 Passcode: ig9sW7



March 14th

Andrew Och

Andrew Och is the FIRST LADIES MAN and author of “Unusual for Their Time: On the Road with America’s First Ladies” Vol1&2. He is an award-winning television and multimedia producer who has traveled the world with his pen, paper and camera in search of remarkable people and stories. A Radio/Television and Film graduate from the University of Maryland, Andrew has been a storyteller, musician and entertainer from a young age. He enjoys the art of communication, and will go anywhere in the world for more knowledge, greater understanding and amazing stories. He is a true documentarian of life.

Andrew spent over a year traveling to nearly every location that helped tell the stories of every First Lady of the United States of America as a Series Producer for the

C-SPAN/White House Historical Association television series – **“First Ladies: Influence and Image.”** He has studied Martha Washington right on through to Dr. Jill Biden and visited with people and places across the country. From Colonial Williamsburg to Stanford University, he was given an ALL ACCESS – BACKSTAGE PASS to some of the nation’s most treasured collections and historical landmarks.

He spent time in libraries and museums - homes and schools - birthplaces and cemeteries - train stations and churches. No stone was left unturned, nor door left unlocked, in his amazing and historical journey to learn everything he could about these women before, during and after their time in the White House. To this day, the FIRST LADIES MAN continues his research, journey and travels as they apply to this remarkable group of women who have been partners in leadership from the very beginning of our great country.

Historians, archivists, educators agree – Och’s travels, books, research and First Ladies Man project put him in a small and rare group of people. He is responsible for one of the most vast and complete collections of material and information about this unique sorority of women ever assembled. He IS the FIRST LADIES MAN, and he is excited to share the stories of his adventures.

Andrew Och is also proud to be on the Board of Directors for the National First Ladies Day Commission.

2021 – Ella Dickey Literacy Award Winner – for contributions in the preservation of history.

2018 – “In the Spirit of Thomas Paine” Award Recipient from the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association for excellence in writing and communication to bring history to the masses in a new and unique way.



Total Account Balance*: \$ 12,994
 Past 30 Day Expenditures: \$ 410
 Past 30 Day Credits: \$ 421

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

The past 30 Day **Expenditures** included:

- NSSAR Store certificates & merch
- Banners

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

- Dues refund/overpayment from FLSSAR
- NSSAR refund for merchandise return
- Liberty Tree Sponsorship/donation

Donation Account QR Links



Liberty Tree
Fund Donation



Color Guard
Fund Donation



Fort Brooke C.A.R.
Fund Donation

We can never have enough Color Guardsmen. If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard, please contact Will Wagner-Hart, 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.townsend.us>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com>

<https://www.crazycrow.com>

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 250th Anniversary Celebration.

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



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.}

Scout Troops for the dedication.

Donations can be made in cash to the chapter President 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 "tamparas.tres@gmail.com"

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.



The British Politico

This month we turn our attention to British politics during the war. On March 20, 1782, on the heels of the British defeat at Yorktown and just prior to a no confidence vote being taken, Lord North resigned as Prime Minister. Most Americans, quite rightly, associate Lord North with the Tea Act and the Intolerable Acts. However, to be fair to Lord North, there are a few other details that should be mentioned about his career to give a more complete picture. Lord North was appointed Prime Minister in 1770 after both the Stamp Act and the Townsend Duties had been repealed. He knew England needed money to pay off the debts of the French and Indian War but also realized that trying to get it from the American colonist was not working. So, for the next three years he kept hands off the colonist's wallets and came up with several creative ways (among them instituting a lottery) to increase the revenue of the crown without raising taxes on the people of England and without risking further confrontation with the colonists.

However, economic woes in England soon caught up with him. One of the unintended results of the Townsend Duties was a recession in Britain. As the American boycott took hold, English companies were hit by the lack of income. Among the companies hardest hit was the British East India Company. To avoid the bankruptcy of the largest company in England, Lord North agreed to a bail out of the company by having Parliament pass the Tea Act. Then, in the first of his two biggest mistakes, he decided to sneak a one penny tax onto the tea assuming the Americans would not mind it since even with the tax, the tea would be less expensive than before. Following the Boston Tea Party he authorized the Intolerable Acts and the rest, as they say, is history.

On balance, Lord North had a good political career and did steer England through the recession of the early 1770's, but for the colonists and for Americans today he will always be associated with the straws that broke the camel's back (Tea Act and Intolerable Acts) which led to the outbreak of hostilities and the American War for Independence.



Children of the American Revolution

Fort Brooke Society

Fort Brooke Society 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.

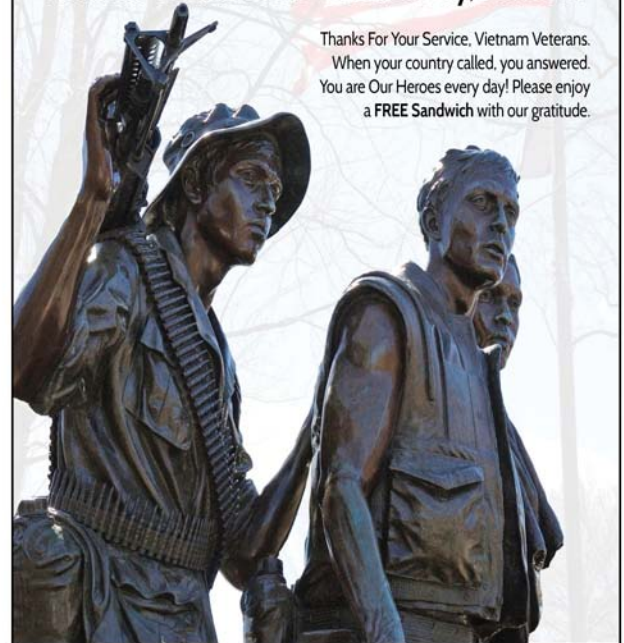
Care to Donate to the Fort Brooke C.A.R.? Scan the QR code ->



FREE CHOW FOR VIETNAM VETS

National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29

Thanks For Your Service, Vietnam Veterans.
When your country called, you answered.
You are Our Heroes every day! Please enjoy
a FREE Sandwich with our gratitude.



Know a Vietnam Veteran or a Vietnam Era Veteran?
Bring them in for a FREE sandwich






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 or Suggestions

Please get in touch with any of the members of the committee if you have any questions or suggestions about the monument .

Steve DePaul, Chairman westernborn1@gmail.com	Steven Fields, Vice Chair sarasotasteve@hotmail.com
Robbie Robinson, Secretary robbierobinson56@yahoo.com	Matt Mathews emathewsjr@comcast.net
Chris Washler cwashler@outlook.com	Dick Young dyoung22@aol.com

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}



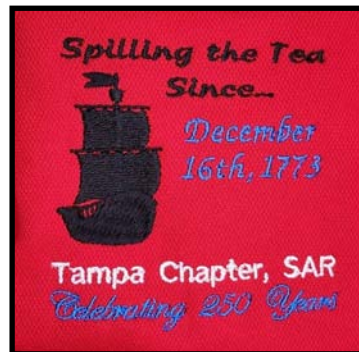
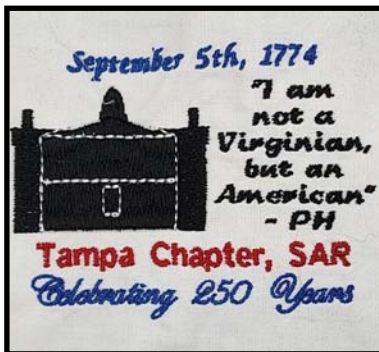
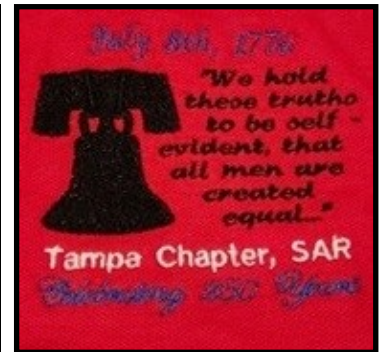
Short Sleeve
Pique Polo Shirt



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

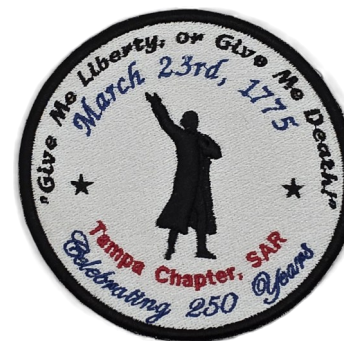


Washington Crossing Delaware



250th Anniversary Pins are in-stock and available.

\$ 5.00 each



PH-Give Me Liberty



Ticonderoga to Boston

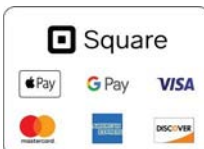
Payment can be made by:

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

- **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 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 14th, Honor Flight #56**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(St. Pete / Clearwater Airport)
- **Apr 17th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication**
(Clearwater, FL)
- **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 15th / 16th, FLSSAR BOM**
(Kissimmee, FL)
- **May 16th, Tampa DAR "1776" Meeting**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(Columbia Restaurant, FL)
- **May 25th, Memorial Day N/FLSSAR Event**
**** 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)

- **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)
- **Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event**
**** Color Guard Event ****
(Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- **Dec 18th, 9am & 11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, ** Color Guard Assistance (?) ****
(US Fed Ct House #17—Tampa, FL)
- **Dec 19th, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event**
Wreaths Across America
**** Color Guard Event ****
(American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)

2026—27+ National SAR / Color Guard Events

- **Mar 14th, FLSSAR Event First Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication** (Pompano Beach, FL)
- **Mar 21st, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Live Oak, FL)
- **Mar 21st, 2026 N/ FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution** (Merritt Island / Cape Canaveral, Florida)
- **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 20th, FLSSAR Event Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge** (Callahan, Florida)
- **Jun 27th, FLSSAR Event Liberty Tree Dedication** (Longwood, FL)

- **Jul 2nd-6th, 2026 NSSAR, Declaration of Independence Anniv.** (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)

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

2026
TAMPA BAY
DOWNNS

♠ RACING ♥ POKER ♣ GOLF ♦

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

2026



FOR VICTORY
V

AMERICAN VICTORY
 TAMPA BAY

USS American Victory
 Ship Museum
 705 Channelside Dr, Tampa

Confirmed

SAVE THE DATE
 THE DESOTO 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

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

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!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

- 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

- 8 tickets to the America 250 Ball
- Recognition on event signage and promotional material
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\$5,000 – Thomas Jefferson https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=RK6P4QBUJMMW8

- 6 tickets to the America 250 Ball
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\$2,500 – Benjamin Franklin https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2JT4T9997MY4N

- 4 tickets to the America 250 Ball
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\$1,000 – Alexander Hamilton https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=K9K39WLJT4WVC

- 2 tickets to the America 250 Ball
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\$500 – James Madison 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=M2ECC42EJYYJJ

- 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

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

Nicholas George Trusewitsch

(Nat'l # 235975)

Patriot: Isaiah Keeler Jr , Pvt in NY



19 Jun 1959 — 19 Feb 2026

Nicholas George Trusewitsch, 66, of Tampa, Florida, passed away February 19th, 2026.

Born on June 19, 1959, in Keems Canyon, Arizona, he was the son of Dr. Leo Trusewitsch and Evelyn Trusewitsch, both of whom predeceased him.

Nick was a lifelong resident of Tampa, an Eagle Scout, and graduate of the University of Florida. He was devoted to his family and is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Cohill, her husband, and their three daughters: Katherine Rhodes, her husband and son of Chesapeake, Virginia; Megan Cohill of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Ashlyn Gennaro and her husband of Frederick, Maryland.

Nick will be remembered as a great son and brother, for his warmth, loyalty, and kind-hearted nature. He touched the lives of those who knew him and will be deeply missed.

A visitation will be held at Blount & Curry Funeral Home-MacDill Avenue, located at 605 S MacDill Ave, Tampa, Florida, 33609, on February 26, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

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

Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death	Name
2/19/2026	Nicholas George Trusewitsch	11/18/2006	Moore, Julius Bruce,	9/25/1973	Richie, Claude Griffith,
11/30/2025	Merck, Robert Rabun	6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr	11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"
10/22/2025	Badger, Timothy Martin	4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,	5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,
9/25/2025	Bolen, Jack Charles	12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,	8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,
6/25/2025	Bradley, James Russell	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	Wilson, William Sidney, Jr		
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		



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 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

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!



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250th Anniversary: Joe Dato

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- J/ROTC: Terry Doan
- Eagle Scout: Chris Meredith
- 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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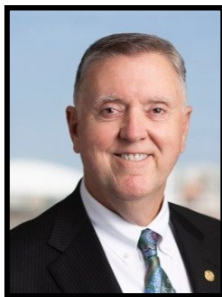
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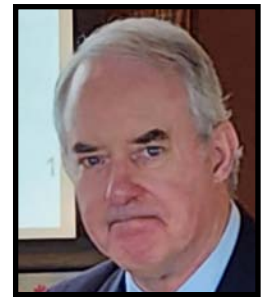
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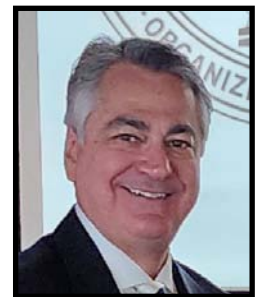
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