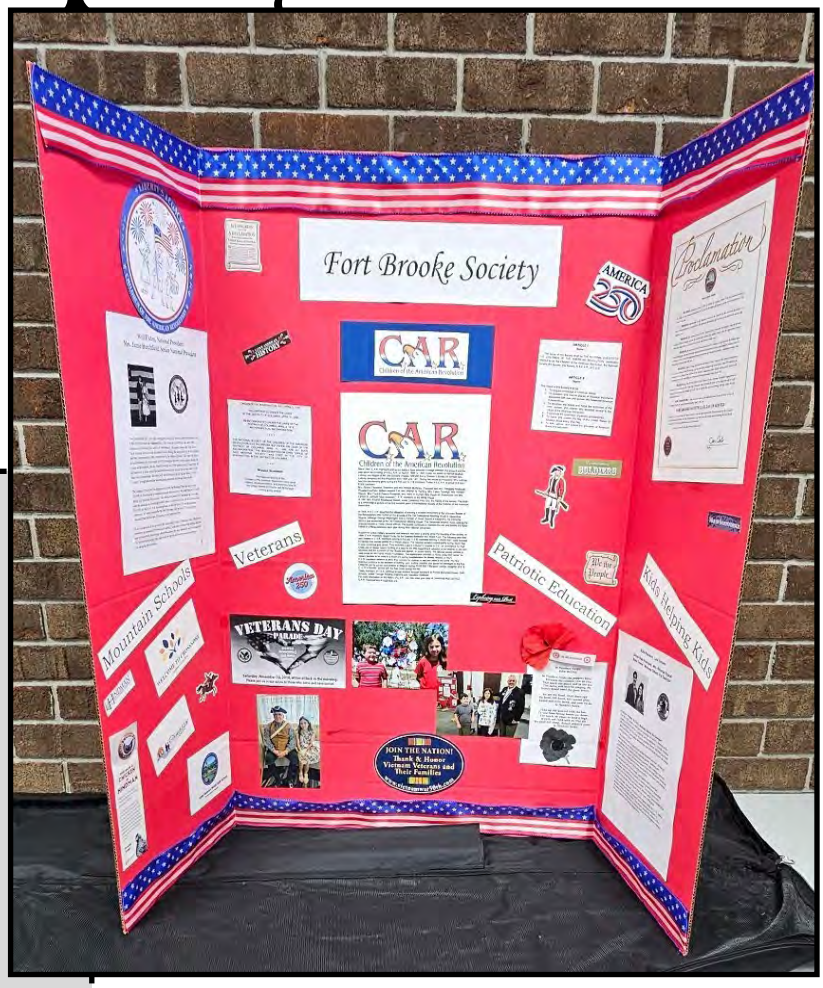
The Tampa Patriot

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Tampa Chapter
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New Location (one time only)

Next Chapter Meeting

10 Nov 2026
10:30 am

Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park

3602 US Hwy 301 , 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 — 2026 Officers

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 Williams

On the Cover: This years Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society Poster representing Children of the Revolutionary War.

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. Steven W. Hill who virtually presented his book "Battle Flags of the Wars for North America, 1754-1783" at our October meeting. I encourage you to go out to the website **thehistorylist.com** to purchase his book and get it autographed as a thank you for his generosity for speaking for free.

On **November 14th** we will be holding our Chapter meeting at Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park in Tampa starting at 10:30 am. We will be continuing to honor our public service officials, including a Federal Law Enforcement officer from ICE and one of our own, both whom on separate occasions had resuscitated a young child that had drowned in a swimming pool. We will be voting on the list of officer nominations that will be presented by chairman of the Nomination Committee, Dick Young.

Afterwards, we will be moving outside and dedicating our Liberty Tree & Memorial Bench at 12 noon and having a lunch reception immediately after the dedication. Please encourage your, friends, families, and other organizations

to attend this exciting event.

The Fall FLSSAR / State B.O.M took place on Friday October 16th & Saturday October 17th. I emailed out the proceedings book which listed all the business that took place and the action items that were approved.

We are asking now to please make your payment for your 2027 Chapter Dues and not wait till the middle of December deadline. You have several payment options available to you. Please help your Chapter out and make your payment sooner than later.

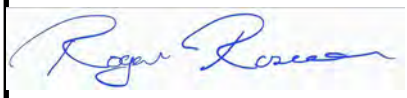
On **December 19th** the Chapter and Color Guard will be participating again this year with Wreath's Across America at the Tampa America Legion Post #5. We are looking for volunteers to help lay wreaths. We are planning on going out for lunch after the ceremony. This event is open to everyone.

January 9th, 2027, Chapter Officers Installation Banquet will be held at Maggiano's restaurant at Westshore mall at 11:00 am. Tickets are now on sale. Please make your purchase soon. This is open to everyone

Please remember all your meetings are open to the public, please invite your friends/family to attend. **The new spring meeting location will be at the Seminole Height Branch Library**, just west of I-275 near Hillsborough High School, between MLK Blvd and Hillsborough Avenue. Remember to bring cash for our 50/50 raffle and other SAR merchandise that is available for sale.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Saturday, November 14th at 10:30 am. at the Hillsborough Veteran's Memorial Park **Resource Center Bldg** for our Chapter Meeting.

Take care,



Roger Roscoe
Tampa Chapter President

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

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!

Member 2026 SAR Anniversary Dates

NAME	MONTH	YRS
◊ Charles Grant	Feb	5
◊ George Ridler	May	5
◊ Roger Quackenbush	May	20
◊ John Glass	May	10
◊ James Ledbetter	May	10
◊ Scott Danielson	Jun	5
◊ Matthew Glass	Jul	10
◊ Michael Mitcham	Aug	25
◊ John Spangler, Sr	Sep	15
◊ Will Wagner-Hart	Sep	5
◊ Tyler Bosco	Oct	10
◊ Mark Barie	Oct	5
◊ Bill Swain	Nov	15
◊ Matthew Balencie	Dec	5
◊ Oscar Westerfield	Dec	5

Members: Come to the monthly meeting of your anniversary (or shortly thereafter) and be recognized for your membership time to the SAR and receive your anniversary pin and certificate. While we would really like to recognize you for your continued commitment to the SAR, we'd ask that you please advise us if and when you're going to do so in order to prepare your certificate and pin. **Pins and certificates will not be prepared without prior notice.** Notice too can be emailed to: wawagnerhart@gmail.com

2026 Newest Members:

- **Jake Rees** 05 Jun
- **Stephen Willie** 22 Jun
- **Samuel Hillhouse** 24 Jun
- **Sean Lund** 30 Jun
- **Chase Middleton** 30 Jun
- **Sean Wolff** 12 Aug
- **Brian Black** 12 Aug
- **Roger A Shinholser** 28 Aug
- **James T Macek** 28 Aug
- **Austin J Selner** 28 Aug
- **Phillip A Smith** 18 Sep
- **Phillip G Smith** 18 Sep
- **Henry B Smith** 18 Sep
- **Joshua Preuter** 09 Oct
- **Floyd Devenbeck** 09 Oct
- **James Andrews** 09 Oct
- **Shane Hill** 23 Oct
- **Collin Hill** 23 Oct
- **Timothy Mouse** 30 Oct
- **Robt Oliver** 30 Oct
- **Christian Oliver** 30 Oct
- **Nolan Oliver** 30 Oct

Transfers-In

- **Michael Webb**
- **Gene Magrini**

Applicants

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

- Thomas C Hobbs
- Tal McElreath
- Clint McElreath
- Joshua Griffin
- Judah Griffin
- Noah Griffin
- Nathan Price



The Tampa Chapter October meeting had a great turnout. After the officer reports, we inducted 6 new members—4 in house and 2 virtually. Author Steven Hill gave an interesting briefing on the flags used by primarily the Spanish assistance during the southern campaigns of the American Revolution (pictured below).



Newly inducted Compatriots David W Lampman, Henry B Smith, Phillip A Smith, James A Macek with President Roger Roscoe.





Flags and Colours
in the
Southern Campaigns
of
the War of
Independence
1778-1781

General Bernardo Galvez treads on the captured colors of one German and two British regiments, circa 1784.



Pres Roscoe & 1st VP Wagner-Hart presented a SAR Life Saving Medal to Tampa Police Corporal Victor Gomez for his actions in saving 2 lives in the last 6 months (left). Compatriots David Lampman and Chase Middleton were awarded their FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Certificates signed by both FLSSAR Veterans committee Chairman, Mark Snider and President Jonathan Hunt (middle) . President Roscoe presented Compatriot David Lampman with his SAR War Service Medal for his tours in Iraq and Afghanistan (bottom left) and Compatriot Chase Middleton a SAR Military Service Medal for his active duty service as well (bottom right).















Flag Committee Chairman Terry Doan presents Compatriot John Black with his Flag Display Certificate (left). Pres Roscoe presents Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society President Lulu Nicholson with a CAR Bronze Medal of Appreciation (below, pictured with the Sr Society President Lisette Young, and Lulu's mother, Katherine Nicholson). Chapter Treasurer Greg Holder presented the Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society representatives with a $200 donation from the Tampa Chapter SAR (bottom right). Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society President Lulu Nicholson presents Pres Roscoe with a certificate of appreciation for support of the C.A.R. society (bottom left).







Summary of the Draft Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Date: Oct 10th, 2026

Place: Charles Fendig Library

Presiding: Pres. Roger Roscoe

Recording Sec.: Will WH *{pro tem}*

The October 2026 meeting of the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was called to order by Pres. Roger Roscoe at 10:40am on Sat the 10th.

Following the usual opening exercises, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, and the SAR Mission Statement,

President Roscoe introduced new members and several guests.

President Roscoe welcomed our special First Responder Guest(s), and 1st VP Will Wagner-Hart introduced and presented the SAR Life-Saving Medal to Tampa Police Dept Corporal Victor Gomez.

A motion to approve the minutes for the September meeting was made and carried.

Officer Reports

President Roscoe reminded everyone of the upcoming events & some items from past events:

- 14 Nov meeting followed by the Tree & Memorial Bench Dedication
- January Officer Induction Luncheon at Maggiano's
- Proclamations received from City of Tampa and the City of Temple Terrace, and Congressional officer from the past 2 liberty tree events.
- Recognized a note from Marilyn Gamber in reference to Cy Gamber's funeral
- Wreaths Across America

Old Business:

1st VP Will WH revisited the Chapter Challenge Coin Topic. Differences in coin makes / manufacturers / etc were discussed. As some members still wanted the original style coin, although the majority voted for the new, Will WH announced he would fund the new and make it available for purchase privately for anyone that wanted it, and that the original could still be purchased from the chapter.

Officer Reports (Cont'd)

The list of local naturalization ceremonies was put on the screen for those interested in attending one or more of them.

The spring meeting location would likely change to the Seminole Heights Brance Library, near Hillsborough High School which is a more central location for the chapter—and a bigger room. More information of that to come but keep an eye out for detail in upcoming emails and the newsletter.

2nd VP Joe Dato gave a brief update to say the last Liberty Tree & Memorial Bench Dedication is coming together.

Secretary, Bob Yarnell, no report.

Treasurers report, Greg Holder reported the Total funds $ 14,861.00. Funds available $ 8,057.00. 2027 Dues collection continues. He also informed everyone of a cemetery headstone cleaning day at Marti Colon Cemetery.

Registrar reported that we have 13 applications at National and several supplementals. Several others were at the state level, soon to be sent to National.

Members were reminded to check the newsletter for the color guard opportunities.

Chaplain, Walter Oswald reported on Bob Yarnell at the rehab center.

Sgt at Arms, Bill Swain, no report.

Terry Doan reported for Nominating Cmte the list of 2027-2029 slate of officers.

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Flag Committee Chairman, Terry Doan, presented a Flag Display Certificate to Compatriot John Black.

The guest speaker for the month, Steven Hill, who talked about the combat flags of the Southern Campaigns of the Revolution.

Awards & Certificate Presentations

David W Lampman, Phillip Smith, Henry Smith, George Smith (virtually), James Macek, and Sean Lund (virtually) were inducted into the membership and given the opportunity to speak of their patriot ancestors.

1st VP Will WH spoke about timing of the dues Collection.

Pres Roscoe presented Liberty Tree COA certificates to Phillip Smith.

Chase Middleton was awarded the SAR Military Service Medal. David Lampman and Stephen Willie were awarded the SAR War Service Medal. All 3 received their FLSSAR Veterans Battalion certificates as well.

Pres Roscoe presented Lulu Nicholson with a C.A.R. Bronze Medal of Appreciation.

Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. President Lulu Nicholson presented Tampa Chapter President Roger Roscoe a Certificate of Appreciation for the Tampa Chapter's continued support of the C.A.R.

C.A.R. Senior Society President, Lisette Young introduced this year's poster for the Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society on Children of the Revolution.

The Chapter approved a motion by Will WH to donate $200 to the Fort Brooke C.A.R. Society.

The 50/50 netted $ 36 for the Chapter.

Following the SAR Recessional, Chaplain Oswald gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

- John Black, scribe.



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is an occasion for the American people to honor the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in defense of our nation's freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, from the Patriots of the American Revolution to the servicemen and women of today, generations of Americans have answered the call to defend liberty and uphold the principles upon which this Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honors the legacy of those who secured our independence and recognizes the continued service and sacrifice of those who have defended our nation throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence, we recognize our responsibility to honor our veterans and preserve the freedoms for which they have served;

Now, therefore, I, W. Allen Greenly, President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2026, as Veterans Day throughout our Society.

I call upon all compatriots, chapters, and state societies to honor America's veterans, participate in local observances, and express our gratitude to those who have served our nation.

May we never take their service for granted and remain committed to preserving the principles of liberty and patriotism for future generations.

Issued November 2026, in the 250th year of the independence of the United States.

W. Allen Greenly
President General

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We encourage SAR members, chapters, and the public to incorporate the proclamation into their Veterans Day commemorations and ceremonies as we recognize and honor America's veterans.

2026 Tampa Liberty Tree Project Update

There's so many updates folks! Remember, we're not stopping at 1 tree! Take a look at the **Yellow Boxed News Flashes**!
First let's take a moment to still recognize those that have and continue to donate. Let's recognize Compatriot Phillip Smith for his donation. (below)
Thank you everyone for continuing to contribute to our cause.







**** Final News Flash for the Year !! ****

The Liberty Tree & Bench Project is Set!

The check has been written with some assistance from the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Trust Fund.
Dedication: **14 Nov 2026** at 12 noon (after the chapter mtg) at the Veteran's Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa.

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

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

While the original concept has been funded (i.e. News Flash #1), more trees are still in the works and are being planned, so donations are still being accepted. America's 250th Anniversary is not just this year, but continues through 2033 **

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: Joe Dato, P.O. Box 320382, Tampa, FL 33629, or Zelle Bank transfer with memo to "Liberty Tree" to "tampasar.tres@gmail.com".

$ Treasury Notes $

Total Account Balance*:	$ 16,570
Past 30 Day Expenditures:	$ 914
Past 30 Day Credits:	$ 4,743

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



The past 30 Day Expenditures included:

- C.A.R. Donation
- NSSAR Merchandise purchases

The past 30 Day Credits were from:

- 2027 Dues Deposits
- Merchandise sales
- ETF Reimbursements

On Oct 10, 2026, in accordance with Tampa Chapter SAR By-Laws, Article V, Section B, (6) to be presented to the Editor and published in the chapter newsletter prior to the elections held at the general meeting in November, the 2027 Nominating Committee consisting of compatriots Terry Doan and John Black, headed by W. Richard Young Sr, submitted this slate of nominees for the 2027 to 2029 calendar years to the membership.

2027-2029 Nomination Slate of Officers	
President	Will Wagner-Hart
1st Vice-President	Joseph Dato
Secretary-Treasurer	Gregory Holder
Recording Secretary	Oscar Westerfield
Chaplain	Walter Oswald
Registrar	W. Richard Young, Sr
Sgt-at-Arms	Michael Willams
Members-at-Large	Gilbert "Terry" Doan
	John Black

2027 DUES SCHEDULE

- ☐ **Regular Membership**: $ 95.00
  {NSSAR $50 + FLSSAR $20 + TPASAR $25}
- ☐ **Dual Membership**
  - ☐ In-State & Tampa is **primary** chapter : $ 95.00
    {NSSAR $ 50 + FLSSAR $ 20 + TPASAR $ 25}
  - ☐ Out-Of-State, Tampa is NOT primary : $ 45.00
    {NSSAR $ 0 + FLSSAR $ 20 + TPASAR $ 25}
  - ☐ In-State, Tampa is NOT primary chapter:$ 25.00
    {NSSAR $ 0 + FLSSAR $ 0 + TPASAR $ 25}
- ☐ **Jr Member** : { NSSAR $ 5 + FL / TPA $ 0} $ 5.00
- ☐ **Life Mbr** : {NSSAR $0 + FL $20 + TPA $25}: $ 45.00
- ☐ **Act/Duty Mil** : {NSSAR $50 + FL $0 + TPA $0} $ 50.00
- ☐ **Additional Donations**
  - ☐ General Chapter Fund $ _____
  - ☐ Non-SAR/Charity Fund $ _____
  - ☐ Color Guard $ _____
  - ☐ Liberty Tree $ _____

Payment methods:

⇒ Cash or Check made out to : "**Tampa Sar**"

⇒ **Zelle** bank transfer: **tampasar.tres@gmail.com**

⇒ Credit card, Apple/Google pay:
https://tampa-sar.square.site

Hillsborough River Camp, Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard welcomed back the veterans of Honor Flight #59 on Oct 20th, along with members from the Samuel Adams Camp, along with associate members from the South Shore Chapter SAR.



Color Guard Members: Dick Young, Walter Arnold, Tim Shaner, Will Wagner-Hart, Robbie Robinson, Mike Williams, Dwight Hamborsky, Bill Swain, Dave Bryant





The last flight of the year… but always an honor.

Color Guard Uniform Options:

Dirtybillyshats.com : While he started as a civil war reenactor and clothing maker, he's expanded to many eras to include headgear for the 18th Century. He has about 85 versions of hats to include many variations of tricorns, all handmade to suit your needs, and more reasonably priced than most places. Check out his website and contact him.

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20 Baltimore St.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

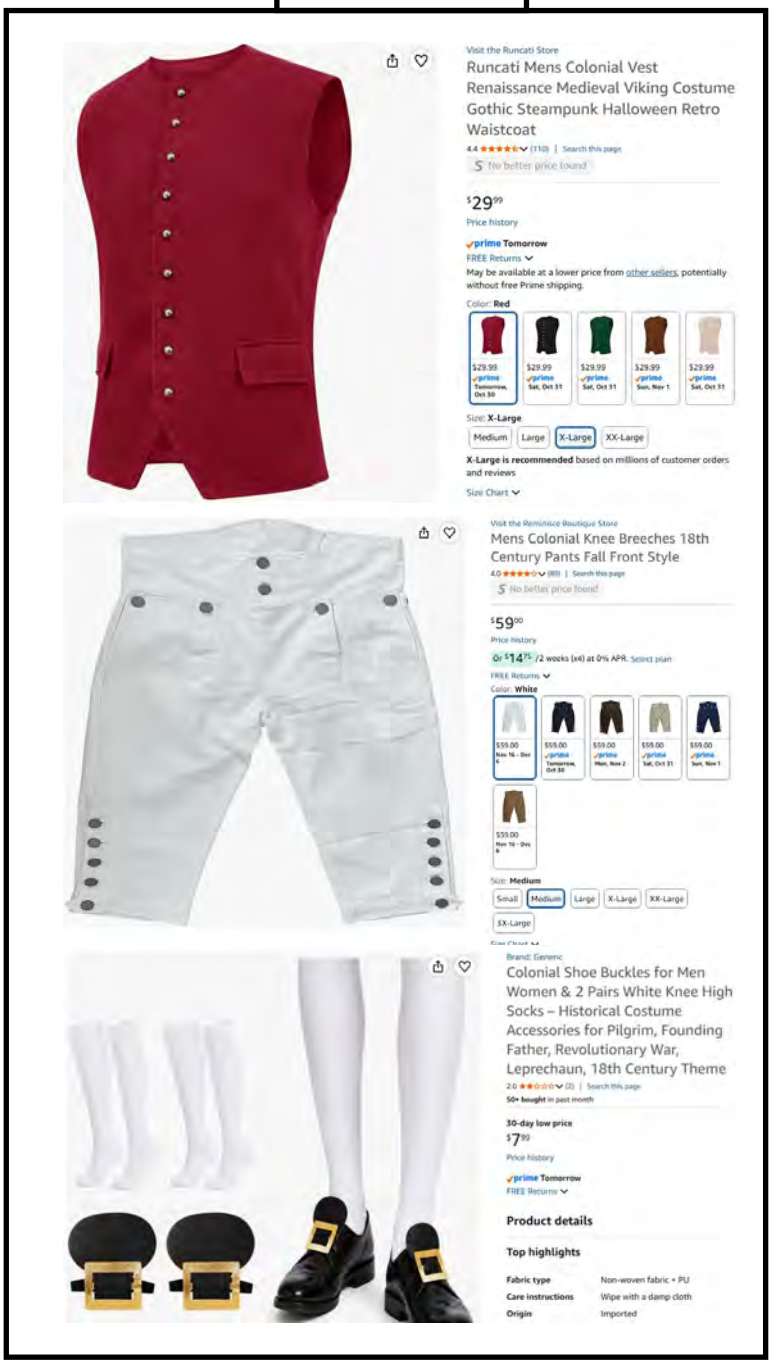
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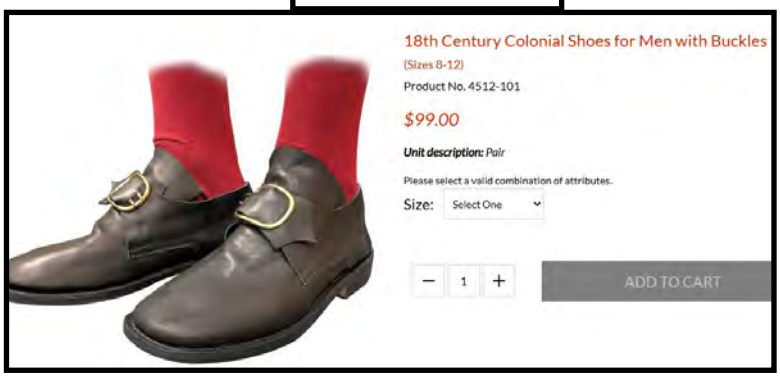
samsonhistorical.com



Amazon.com



crazycrow.com



2026 Color Guard Schedule

- **Nov 7th, Veteran's Day Parade**
  (James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- **Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event**
  (Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- **Nov 13th, Veteran's Commemoration Event**
  (Lachoochee Elementary School, Dade City)
- **Nov 14th, Tampa Liberty Tree & Bench Dedication (after the Tampa Chapter Mtg)**
  (Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301 S, Tampa, FL) ~ 11 am- 12
- **Dec 11th, DeSoto NSDAR Christmas Luncheon**
  (Tampa Yacht Club, Tampa, FL) 11 am–12
- **Dec 19th, 2026 N/FLSSAR Event**
  Wreaths Across America
  (American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)

Links to the **Color Guardsman Magazine** editions can be found at the bottom of the Color Guard Committee page: https://www.sar.org/committees/Color-Guard-Committee/

** Most other things Color Guard related can be found on that same website page **

Donations to the Color Guard can be made at "https://tampa-sar.square.site"

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:

www.townsends.us
www.samsonhistorical.com
www.crazycrow.com
www.dirtybillyshats.com



Children of the American Revolution
Fort Brooke Society

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



On Oct 23th, 2026, Terry Doan, South Shore President, Sheldon Ickes (lower-right) went to represent the Tampa Chapter SAR in congratulating the newest U.S. citizens as they took their US Customs & Immigration Center in Tampa, FL. There were approximate 121 new citizens total. There's still some slots available to attend —please consider attending. Contact 1st VP Will WH



US Oath of Allegiance:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform non-combatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

Date	Time(s)	Location	Attendee #1	Attendee #2	Attendee #3
Oct 23	9:00 am 11:00 am	US CIS, 5629 Hoover Blvd, TPA	Sheldon Ickes	Terry Doan	Dick Young
Nov 6	9:00 am 11:00 am	US Fed CtHs, 801 FLA Ave 10B, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	
Dec 18	9:00 am 11:00 am	US Fed CtHs, 801 FLA Ave 10A, TPA	Will WH	Terry Doan	(open)

January 2027 Officer Induction Luncheon
January 9th, 2027 @ 11am

Menu

Appetizer: Crispy Fried Mozzarella w/ Marinara
Tomato Brushetta

Salad: Maggiano Salad

Entrees: Spaghetti & Meatballs
Chicken Parmesan
Shrimp Scampi

Dessert: Warm Apple Crostada & Cream

This will be served family-style, all you can eat.
Bread, coffee, tea, sodas are included.

MAGGIANO'S
LITTLE ITALY



203 Westshore Plaza,
Tampa, Florida 33609.

Please RSVP with payment:
$53 per person (incl. gratuity)
Cash, check ("Tampa SAR"),
Zelle: **tampasar.tres@gmail.com**
https://tampa-sar.square.site

RSVP Deadline:

10 Dec 2026



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.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Click here to join the meeting **Meeting ID**: 939 534 320 280 6 **Passcode**: P6UJ6b

Download Teams | Join on the web

The spring meeting location—to start in February 2027—

are planned to be at the **Seminole Heights Branch Library, 4711 North Central Avenue, Tampa FL**. It's about 2x the size of the room at the Joyner Library we were using in north Tampa, and plenty of parking. There are entrances on the front and the rear of the building for easy access from the parking lot.

Unfortunately, the Charles Fendig Library in south Tampa was just a temporary location and a bit too small as the Seminole Heights branch library was getting new floors this fall and we would have had to move to a different location for one of the meetings anyway and I didn't want to confuse people for 3 meetings in 3 different locations. So keep this in mind come February 2027. Same start time of 10:30 (fingers crossed given setup time), and it's fairly centrally located just off the Interstate 275 and between Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd and Hillsborough Avenue. We're going to look around for a place(s) to meet afterwards for a bite to eat and call ahead for planning purposes as well.



The Battle of Saratoga

The Turning Point: The Battles of Saratoga and the Salvation of the American Revolution

The Battles of Saratoga, fought in September and October 1777, represent the definitive turning point of the American Revolutionary War. Comprising two distinct engagements—the Battle of Freeman's Farm on September 19 and the Battle of Bemis Heights on October 7—the campaign culminated in the historic surrender of an entire British army. This decisive American victory shattered Great Britain's grand strategy to partition the rebellious colonies, restored flagging Patriot morale, and crucially secured the formal military alliance of France, fundamentally altering the trajectory of the war from a domestic rebellion to a global conflict.

Strategic Context and the British Plan

In 1777, the British War Office approved an ambitious campaign orchestrated by Major General John Burgoyne. The objective was to isolate New England—the hotbed of the rebellion—from the rest of the American colonies. Burgoyne planned a multi-pronged assault: he would lead a force of approximately 8,000 British regulars, Hessian mercenaries, and Native American allies south from Canada via Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. Simultaneously, Lieutenant Colonel Barry St. Leger would push east through the Mohawk Valley, and General William Howe would march north from New York City. The three forces were to converge at Albany, establishing complete British control over the Hudson River.

However, the plan suffered from catastrophic logistical failures and a lack of coordination. General Howe chose instead to launch a campaign against the rebel capital of Philadelphia, leaving Burgoyne to advance alone. Meanwhile, St. Leger's force was checked at the Siege of Fort Stanwix and forced to retreat. As Burgoyne moved south, his supply lines stretched dangerously thin, and his progress slowed to a crawl through the dense wilderness, allowing the American Continental Army and local militias time to mobilize.

The Tactical Engagements

The American forces, commanded by Major General Horatio Gates, established strongly fortified positions on Bemis Heights, a steep bluff overlooking the Hudson River and the road to Albany. The defensive works were engineered by the Polish military engineer Thaddeus Kościuszko, creating a formidable bottleneck that Burgoyne could not bypass.

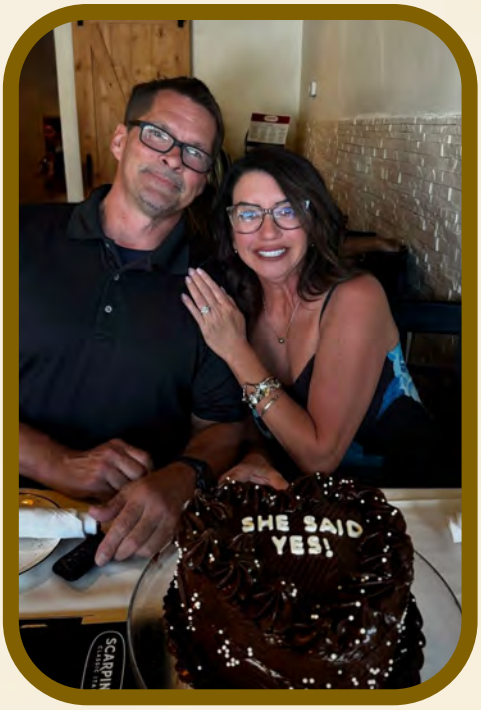
The Battle of Freeman's Farm (September 19): Burgoyne attempted to outflank the American fortifications. Anticipating this, American Colonel Daniel Morgan and his elite riflemen, supported by troops under Major General Benedict Arnold, intercepted the British at an open clearing known as Freeman's Farm. The battle was a fierce, bloody, and uncoordinated slugfest. While the British technically held the field at the end of the day due to late-arriving Hessian reinforcements, they suffered twice as many casualties as the Americans, severely depleting Burgoyne's offensive capabilities.

The Battle of Bemis Heights (October 7): Trapped, running critically low on rations, and receiving no aid from New York City, Burgoyne launched a desperate reconnaissance-in-force to probe the American left flank. The American lines held firm, and a fierce counterattack ensued. Defying direct orders from Gates to remain in camp following a bitter command dispute, Benedict Arnold galloped onto the battlefield, rallied the American troops, and led a daring assault that captured key British redoubts. Arnold was severely wounded in the leg, but his tactical brilliance broke the British lines and forced Burgoyne into a full retreat.

Surrender and Historical Significance

Retreating north to Saratoga (modern-day Schuylerville, New York), Burgoyne's exhausted, frozen, and starving army found itself entirely surrounded by a rapidly swelling American force of over 15,000 regulars and militia. Realizing the futility of his position, Major General John Burgoyne surrendered his entire army of nearly 6,000 men to General Horatio Gates on October 17, 1777.

The political and strategic consequences of the surrender were monumental. Prior to Saratoga, European powers viewed the American rebellion with sympathy but deep skepticism regarding the Continental Army's ability to defeat the British military in a conventional campaign. The total capitulation of a British field army provided Benjamin Franklin and the American diplomatic mission in Paris with the leverage they needed. In February 1778, France officially signed the Treaty of Alliance, providing the United States with vital naval power, funds, troops, and military supplies. Spain and the Dutch Republic soon followed suit, forcing Great Britain to divert its military resources to defend its global empire. Ultimately, the seeds of the final British defeat at Yorktown were sown in the woods of Saratoga.



Two Hearts, One Journey

Together with their families,

Don Becker &
Amy Romano

are thrilled to announce their Halloween wedding nuptials!

Congratulations to the Happy Couple!

An Applicant's Perspective

by Josh Griffin

I wanted to share a few pictures from my time at the SAR headquarters and library in Louisville, KY!

I had a work meeting in Louisville this week and thankfully I had a few hours to spare yesterday afternoon so I visited the SAR HQ and library. I was greeted by a sons of liberty statue outside of the front door which was awesome!

As I entered, a sweet receptionist was very kind and loved that I came all the way from FL to Kentucky to visit the library. I even got to peep into the museum!

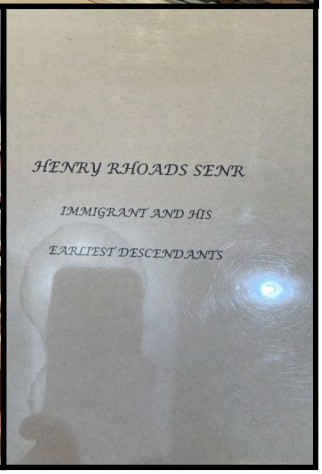
As soon as you enter the library, you're met by a gigantic bust of George Washington appearing to welcome each visitor. The walls were lined with family lineage history, state history, county history, revolutionary war history and much more.

To top my visit off, I was able to find an entire genealogical record of my 7th Great Grandfather, Henry Rhoads, who immigrated to PA with his wife Caterina. They are the parents of my Patriot, my 6th Great Grandfather, Daniel Rhoads! After reading for more than two hours, I learned an incredible amount of family history and have several warm leads to follow up on.









250th Anniversary Shirts & Patches

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.





Short Sleeve Pique Polo Shirt



Short Sleeve Dress Twill Shirt



Long Sleeve Dress Twill Shirt

Donation Amounts:
Polo ..... $ 40.00
Dress Shirt (ss/ls) .. $ 50.00
{Shipping not included}

Available Colors
Polo or Dress



Donation Amounts:
Personalized Patriot Patch $ 36.00
250th Anniversary Patches $ 20.00
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PH-Give Me Liberty



Washington Crossing Delaware

Payment can be made by:

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Personalized Patriot Patch
(Patriot Name & Lifespan)

There's an assortment of designs on the website! Be sure to check them all out. They're available for iron-on patch or shirts.

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

- Nov 6th, 9am/11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, (US Fed Ct House #10B–Tampa, FL)
- Nov 7th, Veteran's Day Parade (James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa)
- Nov 11th, Veteran's Day Event (Mission BBQ, W Water Ave, Tampa)
- Nov 14th, Tampa Liberty Tree & Bench Dedication–12 Noon (after the Tampa Chapter Mtg) (Hillsborough Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy 301, Tampa, FL)
- Dec 18th, 9am/11am, US Naturalization Ceremony, (US Fed Ct House #17–Tampa, FL)
- Dec 19th, 2026 Wreaths Across America (American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL)

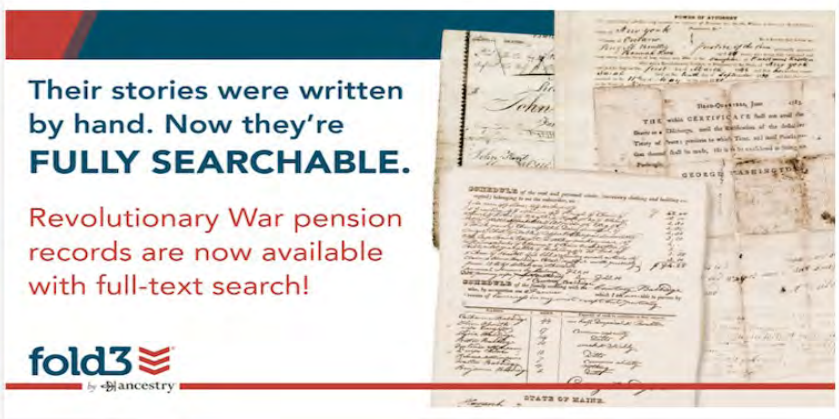
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Revolutionary War Pension Files: Now Available Through Full-Text Search

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- **Nov 11th, (Nationwide) Veteran's Day**
- **Nov 25th, (Midway, CT) Siege of Fort Morris**
- **Dec 9th, (Norfolk, VA) Battle of Great Bridge**
- **Dec 19th, (Nationwide) Wreaths Across America**
- **Dec 26th, (Princeton, NJ) Ten Crucial Days**

**** 2027 ****

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

**** 2028 ****

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

137th Annual Congress

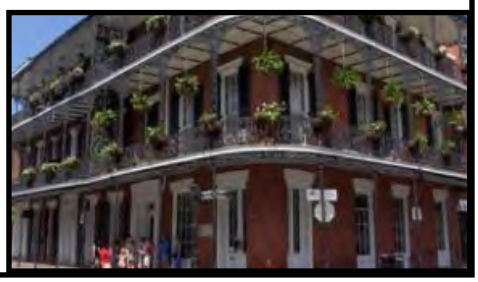
July 9 - July 15, 2027
New Orleans, Louisiana
www.2027Congress.com

The Southern District states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee will host the 2027 Congress at the New Orleans Marriott located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130



It's time to consider making your plans to attend 2027 Congress in "The Big Easy" (New Orleans). Whether you are passionate about food, jazz, fishing, history, or the SAR… New Orleans has it all. From July 9 – July 15, 2027, the Southern District is proud to welcome you to one of the most intriguing cities in the United States. Come and explore the swamps, plantations, music, "Old Man River", and the Hospitality of the Deep South as The Sons of the American Revolution all gather together for our 137th National Congress. In easy walking distance of our host hotel, the New Orleans Marriott, is the famous French Quarter, Jackson Square, the Mississippi River levee, World War II Museum, the Audubon Aquarium and the famous street cars of St. Charles Avenue just to name a few.

This promises to be an incredible experience for all who attend with numerous long and short tour options available including: the Baton Rouge Charter of Freedoms Time Capsule dedication and Houmas House, Jackson Barracks Dedication and Chalmette Battlefield, Louisiana Swamp Tours, City Tours, and the National World War II Museum with Grave Markings in the famous St. Louis #1 Cemetery. For more information on the 2027 Congress, please visit 2027Congress.com. On the website you can find information on Grave Markings, merchandise, plaque naming opportunities at Jackson Barracks (only 30 slots remaining), and much more. For the best viewing of this website, go to the upper right corner of your browser, select the three horizontal lines, then select the Zoom option and adjust to 60%. The Southern District hopes to see you in New Orleans in 2027.





Monthly Memorial Highlight

Thomas Robert Sweeney
(Nat'l # 210142)
Patriot: Jacob Broduck, Pvt in NY



26 Nov 1940 — 23 Oct 2020

Thomas Robert Sweeney, a gentle soul has passed away and will be missed by his sister, Kay Spence, brother-in-law and best friend Ken Spence, two nieces Karri Shelton (Mark) Kathy Tremmel (Eric) two great-nephews, John Collins (Mary) Spence Tremmel and one great-niece, Taylor Tremmel.

Tom graduated from Everett High School in Lansing Michigan. Received his bachelor degree from Michigan State University and his Masters Degree from Western Michigan. Tom taught school for thirty years in Florida and owned several businesses in the Orlando area. After retiring and traveling the world he spent the last two years with his family creating memories we will cherish.

Tom was a veteran of the Air National Guard And A Proud Member Of The Sons Of The American Revolution.

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

Date of Death	Name
7/15/2026	**Cyril Paul Gamber**
2/19/2026	**Nicholas George Trusewitsch**
11/30/2025	**Merck, Robert Rabun**
10/22/2025	**Badger, Timothy Martin**
9/25/2025	**Bolen, Jack Charles**
6/25/2025	**Bradley, James Russell**
3/30/2024	**Handly, James Caldwell, Jr**
4/28/2023	**Ward, Ira John,**
5/12/2022	**Copeland, Charles Thomas,**
11/28/2020	**Putney, Louis William,**
10/23/2020	**Sweeney, Thomas Robert**,
6/6/2020	Sessums, Thomas Terrell,
1/6/2020	Hackney, Harold Dean,
12/6/2019	Drew, Frederick Gardner,
8/28/2019	Kelly, Leo Curtis, Jr
7/6/2019	Garrison, Charles Pendleton,
5/2/2019	Leroy, Sr., Philip Neil,
2/13/2019	Denham, Robert Hampton,
9/26/2018	Alexander, Milton Judson,
9/24/2018	Coats, Larry Gene,
5/9/2018	Lane, Walter Wishart, Jr
1/18/2018	Guyer, James Talbot,
3/7/2017	Ledbetter, Billy James,
7/15/2016	Clepper, Glenn Alan,
5/8/2016	Weaver, Paul Elwood,
2/18/2016	Denham, Robbins Hampton,
12/9/2015	Tetrick, Dwight ,
1/30/2015	Miller, Martin Philip,
1/1/2015	Hurley, Richard Lindsay,
12/8/2014	Patton, Freddie Hon,
6/13/2014	Reese, Gray Earle, Jr
6/10/2014	Skillman, John Earle, 3rd
4/22/2014	Frayn, Michael Timothy,
3/12/2013	Thrasher, Elwin Roland,
1/11/2013	Rich, Gaius Barrett, 4th
10/20/2012	Hawn, Willard Warven,
1/20/2012	Walker, Joseph Thomas, Jr
11/7/2010	Jenks, David McCreight,
5/20/2010	Stebbins, Rodney Jerome,
6/6/2009	Dickerson, Theodore Vance, Jr
1/10/2009	Dickson, John Butts,
2/24/2008	Chambers, James Augustus, Sr.
9/29/2007	Pacheco, John , Jr

Date of Death	Name
1/5/2007	Huntley, Larry (nmi),
11/18/2006	Moore, Julius Bruce,
6/9/2005	Staples, Willard Irving, Jr
4/28/2005	McGinnis, Charles Edward,
12/3/2004	Washburn, James Edgar,
11/5/2004	Schabacker, George McRae,
8/3/2004	Sumner, Robert Stanley,
5/27/2004	Arter, Glenn Allan,
7/19/2003	Mason, Herbert Preston, Jr
9/6/2002	Prouty, Albert Leo,
8/16/2002	Halbert, Kirby Smith,
7/11/2002	McGee, Bennett Hiram,
3/12/2002	Lillard, James Walker,
11/13/2001	Hill, Robert Ray, Sr
10/23/2001	Tyson, Leo Eugene, Jr
6/2/2001	Wright, John Parke, 3rd
3/27/2001	Gunter, John Stanley,
3/10/2001	Hatcher, William Reed,
12/22/2000	Stewart, Rufus Bluette,
5/15/2000	McWilliams, Robert Creighton,
4/29/2000	Stone, Willis Harold,
5/8/1999	Musgrove, Albert Francis,
12/16/1998	**Wilson, William Sidney, Jr**
11/13/1998	Goodwin, Donald Edward,
10/30/1997	Kosch, Philip Cobe,
11/12/1996	White, John Morgan, 3rd
10/8/1996	Seymour, John Jennings,
4/26/1996	Carleton, Daniel Erwin,
1/5/1994	Stoner, Edmund Curtis, Jr
6/21/1993	Smith, James Otis, Jr
3/9/1992	Lane, Walter Wishart, Sr
6/1/1990	McCleary, Edgar Thomas,
8/13/1989	Haverstock, Arthur Burton, Sr
11/14/1988	Bradley, Frank Darlington, Jr
9/11/1988	Showers, Austin Ellwood,
3/7/1988	Felton, William Harrison,
9/2/1987	Winfree, Woodson Clyde, Jr
8/11/1987	Thompson, Uldric , 3rd
11/25/1980	Hiers, James Lawrence,
4/23/1979	Elliot, Malachi Leo, 3rd
1/28/1979	McCollum, Harvey Darling,
1/16/1979	Gale, Edward Hinsdale,
4/6/1978	Collins, Thomas Julian,

Date of Death	Name
1/29/1975	Harrison, John Norton, Jr
9/25/1973	Richie, Claude Griffith,
11/19/1972	Forbes, Emerson Browning "Jack"
5/3/1972	Worley, Marion Daniel,
8/2/1971	Getzen, Thompson Hart,
6/24/1971	De Pury, Erwin Clark,
9/20/1970	Richards, Robert Goodale,
12/1/1969	Chambers, William Bass,
9/23/1967	MacFarlane, Howard Pettingill,
5/1/1967	Baker, Wilson LeGrande,
1/1/1964	Terry, Charles Edwin, Sr.
11/26/1946	Knight, Peter Oliphant, Sr.
(Unknown)	Back, Allen Linthicum,



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

Grave-marking: Will Wagner-Hart

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Flag Recognition: Terry Doan

Mentorship: Walter Oswald

Webmaster: Kevin Yarnell / Matt Cole

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

- 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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