



Central Florida  
SAR Chapter

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# The Minuteman

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## January Monthly Meeting

On January 8, 2022, our speaker will be Compatriot Bill Elder who will speak on George Washington.

This meeting will be held at the Museum of Military History located at 5210 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway. A time of socializing will begin at 11:00 AM with lunch being served at 11:30 AM. The cost of the lunch is **\$20.00**.

We will have lunch catered by Olive Garden. It will consist of a Pasta Bar with either meat sauce or Alfredo sauce with various choices of meat. Salad & breadsticks will also be included. Tea or lemonade is also served with the meal.

Please make your reservation to attend this meeting by 1/5/2022 by contacting Compatriot Jeff Sizemore via email at [swampfoxeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:swampfoxeditor@yahoo.com). Your participation is greatly appreciated in responding with your RSVP before the deadline date. Please plan to attend.

## Upcoming Events

Scottish Highlands Game Recruitment Table - January 15 & 16, 2022.

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, March 2022, Merritt Island, FL.

2022 National Congress  
July 2022, Hyatt Regency in Savannah, GA.

## From the Chapter President

Happy New Year Compatriots!

I hope this message finds you and your family members in good health. With the new year comes many new opportunities as we look forward in preparation for hosting the upcoming SAR National Congress. Held here in Orlando in the July of 2023, our chapter will have the chance to introduce ourselves to the rest of the country.

Thank you to all who donated their time on Saturday, December 18th volunteering for Wreaths Across America day. It was a beautiful event and for the third consecutive year the SAR was well represented at our local WAA cemeteries, thanks to being introduced to our chapter in 2019 by Harry Wilklow.

On January 15-16, 2022 the 44th  
Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

will take place at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. We are looking for volunteers to represent our chapter in 4-hour shifts at the SAR tent on both days. Hours: Saturday, January 15 from 9am-5pm & Sunday, January 16 from 12pm-5pm. Please see Scott Cook to schedule your time.

Our first meeting of 2022 will be held on Saturday, January 8 from 11am-1pm (meeting will begin at 11:30am) at the Museum of Military History, located at 5210 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway (Hwy 192), Kissimmee, FL 34746. Our lunch will be catered by Olive Garden. Please RSVP to Jeffrey Sizemore by January 5, 2022 and consider bringing a guest to attend our meeting and tour the museum afterwards.

For These We Strive,

**Philip Markoe**

## Annual Dues Notice

It that time of the year in which the Central Florida SAR Chapter request that all members consider renewing their membership in the Sons of American Revolution for the upcoming year. We would most appreciate receiving your dues before November 15, 2021 so that we can send them on time to SAR- National.

The Annual Dues breakdown is as follows:

Chapter Dues	= \$20.00
Florida Society Dues	= \$20.00
SAR - National Dues	= <u>\$35.00</u>
 Total	 = \$75.00

Please make out your check to "Central Florida SAR Chapter and send to Donald Lajoie, Chapter Treasurer at 1213 Eggleston Drive, Deland, FL 32724.

Your continued membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is greatly appreciated.

## Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is open to wives as well as female blood relatives (mothers, daughters, grand-daughters, aunts, nieces) of the SAR member. The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the SAR in its historical, patriotic and educational objectives. The Ladies' Auxiliary raises funds to award (on a smaller scale) the same students that the Florida Society SAR awards. Dues for the LAFLSSAR are \$5 per year; the application form is available at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/DOCS/LadyAuxDocs/LaAuxMemApp.pdf>. Please encourage the ladies in your life to join and support us in our efforts.

## Birthday Announcements

On behalf of the Central Florida SAR Chapter, we would like to wish the following individual a Happy and Enjoyable Birthday.

Jack Fox  
Nicholas D. Hoffman  
Jeffords D Miller  
Bret S. Oetting  
John K. Pittendreigh  
Kirk D. Riegle  
Bob Roe  
Paul Shaffer  
Nicholas A Yingling

Happy  
Birthday



## Patriot Ancestor Presentations

From time to time, the chapter has had members give a short talk on their Patriot Ancestors. Several will be given at our September meeting. We are looking at having other members that are willing to get up and talk about their ancestors. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Phil Markoe at [markoeviking-fan@aol.com](mailto:markoeviking-fan@aol.com).

## Flag Certificate

Issuing of a Flag Certificate is open to every compatriot of the SAR. The certificate is a good tool to introduce the individual to the SAR. If you are presenting a certificate, make sure you take an SAR trifold with you. If it is at a school take a Youth E Program Trifold with you. You may not be able to get into a classroom, until you introduce what the SAR provides.

The certificates fall under Patriot Activities Committee. They will be coming out with a count request soon. Don't forget we also include the Flag Retirement Certificate.

## Uniform Seamstress - Palm Coast, FL

If you are looking for a seamstress to make you a period uniform, you can contact Lesa Moore of SAR Seamstress. She lives in Palm Coast and seems to do really nice work.

Her email is [moorelesa747@gmail.com](mailto:moorelesa747@gmail.com) and can be reached by phone at 602-750-6449. Lesa has a website at, <https://moorealterations.com/>.

## Chaplain's Corner

By Michael J. Meyer

### Isaac Watts and the Battle of Springfield NJ

The hymn writer, Isaac Watts, died about three decades before the Revolutionary War started. However, the seeds of the revolution were being sown even while he was still alive. He was a minister like his father, who preached in a Dissenter/Nonconformist Congregational Church. While at that church, he became a prolific hymn writer. Writing such hymns as "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Joy to the World" just to name a couple. Even to this day his hymns are still being published in church hymnals around the world. His father, before him, even did some time in prison, twice, for not agreeing with the reigning monarchy. There was prejudice and intolerance for people who did not go along with the Church of England. He believed in freedom of religion and a government that did not force religion on its subjects. His anti-Anglican Church stance is one reason he would have fit right in with our patriotic struggle against the British.

Let us fast forward three decades to the Battle of Springfield, NJ in the spring of 1780. The goal for the British was to march through Springfield to get to Morristown where Washington's troops were believed to be bivouacked. The first wave were Hessian soldiers led by General Baron Wilhelm von Knyphasusen. This general was hoping for support from the locals who by now should be sick of war. He underestimated them. As the battle broke out, the Hessian and British forces outnumbered the Continental Army more than two to one. As the fighting grew more intense and the opposing forces pushed on into Springfield, our patriot sons started to run out of wadding for their guns. For those who may not know, wadding is a piece of cloth or paper that is used to create a seal around the musket ball as it is jammed, by a ram rod, into the barrel on top of the powder that has

already been poured. Without this wadding, misfires could occur, which could be benign or wreck terrible havoc on the shooter. Therefore, the wadding was very important for winning the fight.

On this particular day a Rev. Caldwell, of the First Presbyterian Church, was on the battlefield. He had lost his wife to British troops leading up to this battle a few days earlier. The Rev. had no love for the British. He joined the Colonial Regiment with much zeal. His church was right in the midst of the battle and when he noticed the wadding getting low he ran into his church and grabbed handfuls of Isaac Watts' hymnals. He came back, running onto the battlefield throwing hymnals at the soldiers and was heard yelling, "give 'em Watts boys, give 'em Watts." At Christmas time, when we sing "Joy to the World" I often wonder how much of that wadding with those words on them were used to gain our freedom. The irony does not escape me. Alas, the battle was lost and Springfield was burned to the ground. The remaining colonials retreated to Morristown, NJ to join Washington and his men there. However, in a way it was a success. It has even been called the "forgotten victory" because after the heavy fighting the Hessians and the British had had enough. The town folk did nothing to help them and they had lost both men and supplies which they were in need of if they were to pursue Washington. So, rather than pursue Washington the British and Hessians retreated all the way back to Staten Island. Allowing Washington to fight another day.

May the Lord continue to bless this land and may we never forget what our forefathers did to get us where we are today. From the little chapel in Springfield, NJ with the words of Isaac Watts being thrown at the British, quite literally, to the men who helped Washington fight on to freedom. We thank you Lord.

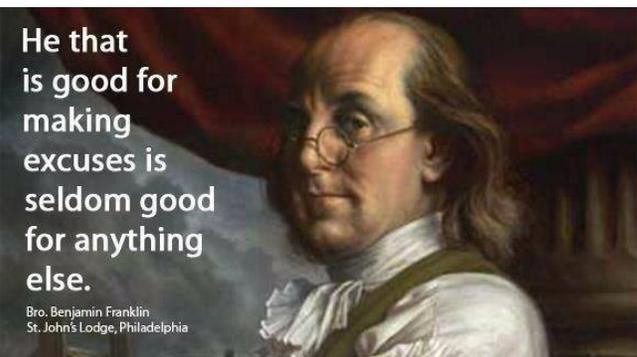
Amen

## George and Stella Knight Essay Contest

The essay contest should not be harmed by the pandemic. I have been very pleased with the number of contacts I have had from interested students. I put each of them in contact with their closest chapter in hopes they will follow through with an entry. I'm also hoping if that chapter had not run a contest that they will since they have at least one entrant. Keep in mind this doesn't have to be a "school" project. Also be mindful of the new scholarship limits from the Endowment Trust Fund of 75% reimbursement to the limits of \$100/50/25. And the medal is 100% reimbursed. There is also reimbursement if you invite the winner to a meal.

Students must submit an original 800 to 1,200 word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar, spelling and documentation.

Please contact me if you have any questions. FLSSAR Prizes: Medal, \$1,000/500/250 See SAR.ORG for complete details. Chapter Essay winner submission deadline March 20, 2022



## 133rd CONGRESS RAFFLE (2023)

Dedicated to the modern-day "Minutemen" who are keeping watch.

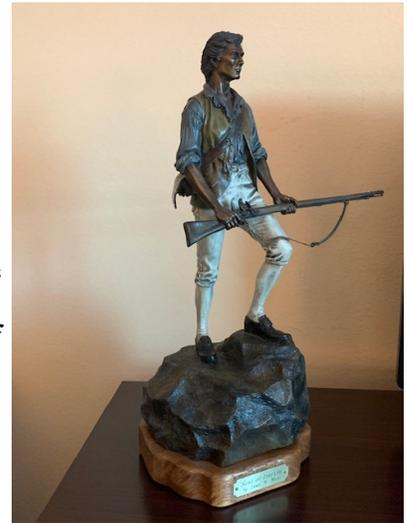
"The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance"

"God who gave thy fathers Freedom  
 God who made thy fathers brave;  
 What they built with love and labor  
 let thy children watch and save.  
 For thy fathers long before thee  
 armed with Freedom faced the deep;  
 What they won with love and anguish  
 let thy children watch and keep."

Anon.

### "Sons of Liberty-1775"

"Sons of Liberty-1775" by James N. Muir depicts a typical Colonial Militia citizen-soldier on that date, the original "Patriots' Day" of 19 April 1775. The sculpture is historically authentic in every regard as to arms, accoutrements, clothing and hair style. He is carrying a captured 42-inch barrel "Short Land" Model 1740 British Musket adopted in 1765 to replace the earlier 46-inch first model "Long Land" or "Brown Bess" (which is depicted in the maquettes of "Sons of Liberty-1775"). Powder and ball were carried either in a powder horn and pouch or preferably, as depicted, in the more military cartridge box in the form of pre-made paper or linen cartridges. A vent pick and frizzen brush hang handily from his vest.



This Limited Edition (#10/50) bronze sculpture will be raffled during the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL in 2023.

Twenty-five dollars per ticket, five for \$100.00

Send check(s) to: FLSSAR Host Chairman Bernard W. Wolff  
 21340 SW 94th Avenue, Cutler Bay, FL 33189  
 Checks are made out to FLSSAR Treasurer



## Last Naval Battle Reservation Form



BREVARD COUNTY'S SONS, DAUGHTERS AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITE YOUR GROUP TO MARCH WITH US AT OUR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THAT WAS FOUGHT OFF THE COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

**March 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center  
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a **"Wreath laying Ceremony"** for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 18, 2022. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.**

Instructions: To make your group's reservation, **Save** this PDF form to your computer, **open** from your computer, **fill out** the fields, then **Save** and **attach** the file to an e-mail message.

### Reservation for Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:

Group/Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in group attending: \_\_\_\_ How does the group want to be announced?

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### Wreath presentation:

If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting the wreath \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your completed form to: [emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com](mailto:emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com)**