



Central Florida  
SAR Chapter

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# The Minuteman

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## Upcoming Monthly Events

For the month of November, the chapter will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. If you have a uniform, please let the chapter now whether you might be willing to join other chapter members in the downtown Orlando Veterans Day parade.

The 22nd Annual Veterans Day Parade in which the chapter color guard will match in this event will take place on November 13, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The parade will begin at Robinson St and Orange Ave, turning left on Central Blvd, then turning left on Rosalind & ending at Robinson St.

For the month of December, the chapter will be participating in the Wreaths Across American event that will take place in the Greenwood Cemetery. More details to come.

## National Events

2021 Fall Leadership  
September 23-25, 2021 Louisville KY

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

## From the Chapter President

Compatriots,

As we take the time to reflect on all that we are thankful for this holiday season, let us also remember the state of our country which still endows its citizens with certain inalienable rights. The rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, freedom to worship, and the freedom to a free and fair election. May we keep this obligation of our forefathers ever present in our hearts.

Thank you again to the DAR for inviting our SAR chapter members to participate in their Constitution Day luncheon celebration on October 2nd. It was a wonderful meeting and great opportunity for both our organizations to become reacquainted as we're hoping to become more involved with the DAR & CAR in future endeavors such as the Orlando Veteran's Day Parade on Nov 13th, Wreaths Across America on Dec 18th, and the Scottish-Highland Games on Jan 15-16, 2022.

Hope you and yours stay healthy over the upcoming months ahead!

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.

## Birthday Announcements

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

Garrett L. Gastfield  
Paul R. Hughes  
Michael J. R. Miller, Jr.  
Steven L. Petty

Michael D. Powers  
William D. van Hoose  
Elden R. Wade

## NOTICE

If you have moved, changed phone number, or have a new email address, please let me know right away by mail or email. It will keep your newsletters and magazines reaching you if they have changed.

Gary Smith, Chapter Secretary  
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## Chaplain's Message

By Michael J Meyer

This is November and our attention naturally turns to Thanksgiving. I think most of us are familiar with the “First Thanksgiving”. The Pilgrims, the Native Americans, and the fall feast. In the later part of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Thanksgiving was celebrated annually in New England. In 1777, the Continental Congress declared the “first national American Thanksgiving” following the Patriot victory at Saratoga. However, I would like to draw our attention to the other “First Thanksgiving” the one where we celebrated as a sovereign nation for the first time. (If anyone is counting that makes three “First Thanksgivings”)

The year was 1789 and President George Washington became the first president to proclaim a Thanksgiving holiday. It was at the urging of Congress that he proclaim a day of thanks. He chose November 26, a Thursday, as a day of national thanksgiving but what were we being thankful for?

Today most God-fearing Americans give thanks to God for our families, our great country, & our freedoms. So did our forefathers. In Washington's proclamation he declared that the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to

them in achieving independence, and help in establishing the constitutional government. Most of his proclamation reads like a prayer.

“I do recommend the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks--for His kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.” (This is an abbreviated version of his proclamation. For the proclamation in its entirety see <https://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/thanksgiving-proclamation-of-1789/> )

He goes on to ask the “great Lord and Ruler of Nations” to pardon our transgressions and render our government a blessing to all people. Finally, he gives thanks to all Sovereigns and Nations who showed us kindness during our struggle and blesses them with good government, peace, and concord.

This was a one-day event and did not become a national holiday until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln officially declared the last Thursday of November to be a day of Thanksgiving.

A little trivia for you all: As Governor of Virginia Thomas Jefferson proclaimed December 9, 1779, as a day of “Thanksgiving and Prayer” but as president he refused to make such a proclamation because he felt it was a religious exercise and did not fall under the purview of President of the United States.

## 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.

## 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 [markoevikingfan@aol.com](mailto:markoevikingfan@aol.com).

## Welcome! New Members

On behalf of the Central Florida SAR Chapter, we would like to welcome our new members. They are as follows:

John A. Jenkins  
James D. Sagan  
Robert W. Renard

## 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.

Lesla has a website at, <https://moorealalterations.com/>

## THE ORIGINAL THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

“LORD, We prayed for daily bread with every thrust of spade and planted seed. We begged deliverance from ills, our weakened Colony survived. Thy will was done. We asked for Guidance, You answered with the kindly Massasoit, who taught us the ways of wilderness, gave us seeds to sew. Our pleas for strength, You rewarded with determined minds and sinewed backs. We put our trust in Thee, You prospered us. Now with harvest bountiful we dare to bide in this free land, We ask Thy blessing on our native friends and on ourselves. With folded calloused hands, we give Thee thanks. Amen”

## THE ORIGINAL THANKSGIVING

as recorded by Edward Winslow

“Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors... many Indians coming among us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by

the goodness of God we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.”

## Chapter Photos from 1961 to 2021



**2021**

**133rd CONGRESS RAFFLE (2023)**

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

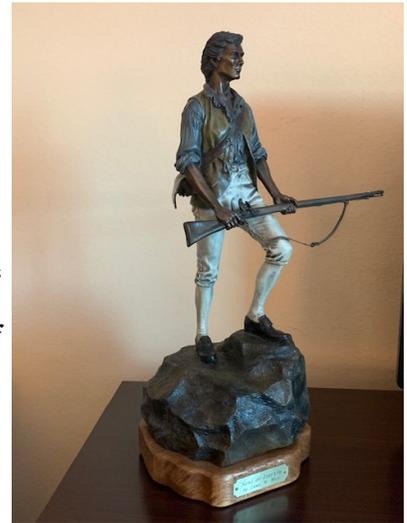
"The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance"

"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.



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