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Presidents Message

Compatriots,

I am pleased to announce the NSSAR approval of our newest member, Seth MacCutcheon. Seth is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marines stationed in Hawaii. A special Zoom meeting will be scheduled to induct him. Also, since our last meeting, new prospective member, Jeffrey Watts and his sons, Joshua and Daniel, have submitted applications to NSSAR.

At our meeting held on March 19, 2022, the members present unanimously adopted our new Bylaws. These Bylaws are a complete and modernized set of governing procedures and Chapter policies designed to reflect current and best practices and serve the membership for many years to come.

The Executive Committee met by Zoom on April 3, 2022. We reviewed the terms of the 1991 Trust Agreement and reviewed investment alternatives. Among the actions taken, new trustees were appointed: Chuck Adams (3-year term); Peter Stevenson (2-year term); and Steve DePaul (1-year term). Of the \$20,250.02 in available trust monies, the Executive Committee, through its treasurer, and the Trustees approved the reclassification of undistributed Trust income (\$4,169.02) to unappropriated Chapter income. This money is now on deposit in the Chapter's new savings account along with the balance of trust monies (\$16,081.00) which will be invested over the next 30 – 60 days by the Trustees. The Executive Committee also approved the recommendation that future donation from members to the Chapter will be accepted as an unrestricted contribution to Chapter operations and not as a donation to the Trust. A report was also made by Pete Stevenson and Steve De Paul on the recommendations of the Program Review and Expansion Committee and that report will be presented to the membership on April 16, 2022.

Looking forward, over the next 90-days, we will formalize an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee so that the membership can be periodically informed and updated on the status of funds used in carrying out our programs. We also will review the Chapters use and accessibility on the internet and make improvements if deemed necessary.

In closing, I am all about member inclusion and participation in Chapter development and our interaction in the community. Please let me know if you would like to get more involved and what kind of ideas you would like to explore.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



During our March 19, 2022 meeting Peter Stevenson was presented a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate and Joe Motes was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his services rendered for the year of 2021.

NEXT MEETING - April 16, 2022

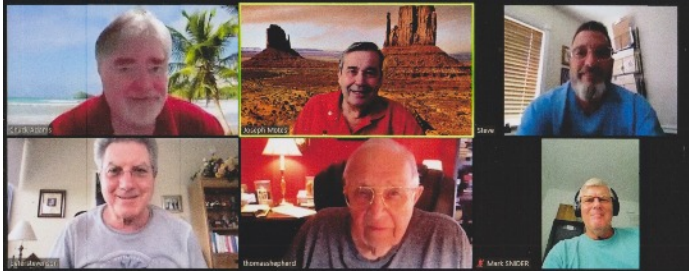
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Future Dates:

Saturday, 05/21/2022
Saturday, 06/18/2022
Saturday, 07/16/2022
August no meeting
Saturday, 09/17/2022
Saturday, 10/15/2022

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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Our April Chapter Officers held an E-Board meeting to plan this month's programing.



Our JROTC award presented to a cadet from Deerfield Beach High School.



Our JROTC award presented to a cadet from Boyd Anderson High School.

GENEALOGIST CORNER

By Chuck Adams

Most, but not all, of you build and preserve your family history in a database. Genealogy databases are available on-line through free or paid subscriptions, or by purchasing software that is installed on your computer. If you are a researcher and constantly improving or developing the many branches in your lineage, then Ancestry.com is currently without competition as an online database that searches and finds pertinent records associated with the individuals in your Ancestry tree. Twenty to twenty-five years ago, family historians would record their lineage in a genealogical software program loaded on their computer. They also might have uploaded the tree to a free or subscription service but considered the information in their software program to be their primary database. Researching on-line and updating your software program was and continues to be quite tedious.

This is because most information you find online cannot be downloaded into your tree and therefore must be transcribed. As the on-line services have gotten better, particularly Ancestry.com, many family historians are more and more content with just developing and preserving their lineage in the cloud. Why not? At Ancestry.com, you have your tree and perhaps multiple trees easily assessable. Records you find at Ancestry are transferable into your Ancestry tree. Vital events and places are linked to individuals and families, and you can click on those record icons in the profile of an individual and quickly see the details of the linked record. Life is good – what can be better?

The simple answer is that genealogical software gives you what none of the on-line subscription services do which is the ability to create multiple types of genealogical styled written reports and charts. Yes, Ancestry.com has limited capabilities to print a family group record for an individual and his family, but that is about it unless you want to pay them to create a book. If you are mostly a researcher then a cloud-based tree is probably fine. But, if you are a writer and you want to create reports that outline multiple generations in accepted genealogical styles, then you will want to also consider using a genealogy software program.

It has been possible for many years, if not from the beginning, to export the data in your Ancestry tree as well as most other online database services. This is done by saving the on-line tree to a separate GEDCOM file and downloading it to your computer. Then, in your software program, open a new file and import the GEDCOM. For Ancestry users, the problem with this is that the company doesn't allow you to include the gallery or linked record images to the GEDCOM. On the other hand, all linked records in your Ancestry tree where also sourced by Ancestry, and those source citations are exported to the GEDCOM and will appear in the source list of the newly created family file residing on your computer.

Over the last three or so years, two genealogical software companies, have received licenses from Ancestry so that you can quickly sync the on-line tree with the software residing on your computer. They are Family Tree Maker 2019 and Roots Magic 7.0 or the new 8.0. Both companies have at one time in their history been owned by Ancestry. Family Tree Maker 2019 is absolutely seamless. Any new, changed or deleted data in the on-line tree is quickly synced to the software residing on your computer. Likewise, if you made changes in the software, the on-line tree is updated when synced. All record images are also saved to both databases and viewable in the gallery of the software. Roots Magic 8.0 is similar but not as seamless. I find it best to rely on my Ancestry tree as my primary tree and when I want to work with it in Roots Magic to just create a new tree for the limited time and purpose intended. I find Family Tree Maker more difficult to navigate. Both programs have multiple report writing and charting capabilities. It is important to understand that creating an individual profile or a multi-lineage report, whether of ancestors or descendants, through any software program will result in a very static, overly complicated and awkward narrative. This is because it will have a sentence stating every fact that you have linked to the individual. However, once you convert the initial report to a word or rich text format, you then edit the report to make the narrative flow the way you want it to read, knowing that the geological style of the report will be correct and the sources of maintained record citations will be there to accept or to edit.

Ask yourself this – who other than you really looks at and cherishes all the work you have done to preserve your family lineage in your database? Would there be more interest if you had digital or hard copy files or scrapbooks full of written profiles, sketches and narrative reports? If you are only a researcher, stay in the cloud probably with Ancestry. If you want to write, add a genealogy software program to your tools; and, if you currently use Ancestry, get one of the programs that syncs with it. If this has been of interest to you but raises some questions – call or e-mail me.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMATION

Our meeting of **March 19th** was a busy and productive one. Those in attendance were Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer/ Historian/ Sergeant at Arms; Peter Stevenson, Secretary/Parliamentarian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; Steven DePaul; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; Dave Lohmeyer; Peter Moore; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider; and guest Shelley Gardner.

Chuck Adams reported on chapter **registration** activities: prospect Seth MacCutcheon was approved by NSSAR, and he will be inducted via Zoom since he is based in Hawaii in military service; prospect Rick Kidder approval is pending and is expected in June. Supplemental applications for Mark Snider and Martin Hollick are pending at NSSAR.

Presentation—Francis Scott Keys: Chuck Adams stated that Jim Lohmeyer has often recommended that members should take turns at presenting a patriotic subject of historical interests as an alternative to finding outside speakers. He has provided a CD on Francis Scott Key who is credited for writing the lyrics to our national anthem, The Star Spangle Banner. Before playing the CD, he outlined some pertinent facts about the War of 1812, the making of the flag, and the Battle of Baltimore. He concluded by outlining how the poem written by Key's was later put to music and named The Star Spangle Banner. The song was officially recognized as the national anthem by Executive Order in 1916 which was enacted into law in March 1931.

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates: Chuck Adams presented Joe Motes a certificate for his 2021 service as Treasurer/Historian & Editor and outlined his multiple years of service to the Chapter in various positions held over the last 26 years. Chuck Adams presented Pete Stevenson his SAR certificate for his first supplement recognizing his lineage to patriot Jesse Marsh. Pete's son, Michael Stevenson, was also approved and will be mailed his SAR certificate.

A motion to repeal the July 2014 **chapter bylaws** and adopt the executive committee recommended bylaws was made by Steve DePaul and seconded by Herb Gardner. The motion was passed unanimously by the members.

The **next chapter meeting** will be April 16th at 11:30 am at the Outback Steak House in Davie. The next Executive Committee meeting will be April 3rd at 1:30 pm via Zoom.



SAR MEMBER PROFILE

Steven De Paul

Q. Ok Steve, can you tell us a little bit about yourself.

A. I was born in Wichita, Kansas on McConnell AFB. We moved around quite a bit. I lived in Kansas, then Texas, and then the family moved east to Philadelphia where my father grew up. In my early teen years, we moved back to Kansas where I had many of my best years, working on my grandfather's ranch, hunting, fishing and riding. It also allowed me to study in Wichita. Later, looking for adventure,

I worked offshore laying pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico for Brown & Root. Then, I rejoined my family in South Florida where I eventually became an investigator and business owner with offices in several states -- a career that I enjoyed for nearly 23 years.

Q. How about your family.

A. I was married in my mid 20's for a brief time from which I have a beautiful daughter, Ashley. She is happily married and has given me two fantastic grandsons. They currently live in Virginia. I have been married to my current wife, Ritz, for twenty-seven wonderful years, from which I gained two wonderful stepchildren that we have raised together. The eldest, Nadia, who until recently was a grant officer at Nova Southeastern, lives in Hollywood. The youngest, Max, is a club manager and lives in Coconut Grove. I was blessed to learn two years ago that I have a son, Christian, from a relationship prior to meeting my current wife. He is a wonderful young man who aspires to becoming an EMT.

Q. Are you still working, and can you tell us about some of your interests?

A. Yes, I am business owner and Project Manager on some construction projects, have interest in some real-estate holdings, and I still do a little consulting on security issues. I also am the President of my homeowner's association which feels a whole lot like work. I enjoy hunting on occasion, going to the range and gun shows, horseback riding, fishing, and spending time with my wife & family. I also enjoy attending my SAR meetings.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. Well right now I would have to say my favorite is Stephan Mahoney because it is through him that I have become a SAR member, although, I am confident of several others to follow. Stephan Mahoney, an Ulster Scot & Protestant, arrived in the colonies from Northern Ireland with his father and brothers about 1760. He enrolled on the 27 July 1776 into the regiment of the famous "Flying Camp" as a Second Class Private and served in both Pennsylvania & Maryland militias. He fought through the entirety of the war. He was a land holder and raised a large family. His sons fought the British during the War of 1812. Stephan lived to be 87 years old, departing this world in 1839.

Q. Are you interested in Chapter development and interacting with other SAR members?

A. Absolutely without question.

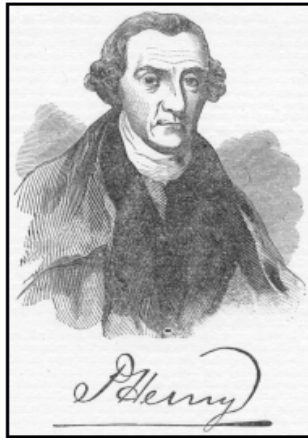
Thanks, Steve, for sharing.

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Patrick Henry

Virginia House of Burgesses

Born: May 29, 1736
Birthplace: Hanover County, Virginia
Education: (Lawyer, Politician)
Work: Elected to Virginia House of Burgesses, 1765; Admitted to the Bar of the General Court in Virginia, 1769; Elected to the Continental Congress, 1774; Virginia Militia Leader, 1775; Governor of Virginia, 1776-1778, 1784.
Died: June 6, 1799



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"Radical," is a title that few men can wear with ease. The name Patrick Henry, during the revolution and for some time after, was synonymous with that word in the minds of colonists and Empire alike. Henry's reputation as a passionate and fiery orator exceeded even that of Samuel Adams. His Stamp Act Resolutions were, arguably, the first shot fired in the Revolutionary War.

Patrick Henry's personality was a curious antidote to the stern honor of Washington, the refined logic of Jefferson, and the well-tempered industry of Franklin. Young Henry was an idler and by many accounts a delinquent; though everyone knew he was bright, he simply would not lift a finger except to his own pleasure. By the age of 10, his family knew that he would not be a farmer, and tried instead to train him toward academic studies, but he would not apply himself schoolwork either. He married at 18 and at age 21 his father set him up in a business that he quickly bankrupted. Finally the general public disgust in Hanover and pressure from his young family caused him to study for six weeks and take the bar exam, which he passed, and begin work as a lawyer.

In 1764 he moved to Louisa county, Virginia, where, as a lawyer, he argued in defense of broad voting rights (suffrage) before the House of Burgesses. The following year he was elected to the House and soon became its leading radical member. It was that year that he proposed the Virginia Stamp Act Resolutions. Few members of the Burgesses, as aristocratic a group of legislators as existed in the colonies, would argue openly for defiance of Great Britain. Henry argued with remarkable eloquence and fervor in favor of the five acts, which by most accounts amounted to a treason against the mother country. In 1774 he represented Virginia in the First Continental Congress where he continued in the role of firebrand. At the outbreak of the revolution, he returned to his native state and lead militia in defense of Virginia's gunpowder store, when the royal Governor spirited it aboard a British ship. Henry forced the Governor Lord Dunmore to pay for the powder at fair price.

In 1776, Henry was elected Governor of Virginia, and re-elected twice, serving three consecutive 1-year terms. In 1779 he was succeeded by Thomas Jefferson. He was again elected to the office in 1784. Patrick Henry was a strong critic of the constitution proposed in 1787. He was in favor of the strongest possible government for the individual states, and a weak federal government. He was also very critical of the fact that the convention was conducted in secret.

President Washington appointed him Secretary of State in 1795, but Henry declined the office. In 1799, President Adams appointed him envoy to France, but failing health required him to decline this office too. He died on June 6, 1799 at age of 63.

