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Presidents Message

Compatriots and Friends,

JULY is the month in which we commemorate the signing and release of our Declaration of Independence done 246 years ago on July 4, 1776. Thanks to the generous donation made by Immediate Past President, Tom Shepherd, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter conveyed "Happy 4th of July" greetings to all Broward County and other readers of the Sun Sentinel. Our full page announcement was published on Sunday, July 3, 2022, and is also shown on page 2 that follows. I happened to be in Boston just before July 4th and saw a lot of the historic landmarks. One of particular interest was the "Old State House" which on its balcony was the site where the Declaration of Independence was read to the gathered Bostonians on July 18, 1776. A brief write-up and photo extracted from Wikipedia follows.

At our meeting of June 18, 2022, we inducted Jim Harn Jr. and Rick Kidder Jr., and we welcome these new SAR members into the Fort Lauderdale Chapter. I also have continued to work with new prospective applicant Tomas Gannt and more recently Michael Ingram and Barry Moss.

Our newly formed ad hoc Public Service Medals Award Committee met on June 21, 2022. We discussed trying to develop a list of public safety agencies and contacts in Broward County so that we can systematically reach out for nominations and possibly make four awards starting in 2023, with one presented each quarter. However, as of this writing, there are still unresolved issues and practical considerations. More work needs to be done if this is to evolve into a workable and standard approach in offering these types of recognition for community service.

As our Chapter grows, I continue to ask our officers, senior members and new members to complete a draft member profile and provide a portrait photo to be published in a future Newsletter. Also, consider honoring your patriot ancestor by composing and submitting a brief biography to the Patriot Graves and Biographies Report Committee. I will post information on our website linking you to the submission form and instructions.

Our last membership lunch meeting before the summer break will be held on July 16, 2022, with regular monthly meetings resuming on September 17, 2022. Since the launch of the new Chapter website on May 16, 2022, we have had as of July 10, 2022, a total of 93 separate visitors out of the 130 total views of the site. Visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

Have a great summer.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

BOSTON'S OLD STATE HOUSE



The Old State House - one of the landmarks on Boston's Freedom Trail - is the oldest surviving public building in Boston and one of the oldest in the United States. It is located at the intersection of Washington and State Streets. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and a Boston Landmark by the Boston Landmarks Commission in 1994.

Built in 1713, it was the seat of the Massachusetts General Court until 1798. It now serves as a history museum. On July 18, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed from the east side balcony to jubilant crowds by Col. Thomas Crafts (one of the Sons of Liberty). At one o'clock Crafts rose in the Council Chamber and read it to the members. Then, fellow patriot Sheriff William Greenleaf attempted to read it from the balcony, but he could only muster a whisper. Crafts then stood next to the sheriff and read it from the balcony in a stentorian tone. For most people, it was a festive occasion, as about two-thirds of Boston residents supported the revolution.

NEXT MEETING - July 16, 2022



Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

Future Dates:

August no meeting
Saturday, 09/17/2022
Saturday, 10/15/2022
Saturday, 11/19/2022

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


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246 years ago, 56 men pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. 9 died of wounds in the war, 5 were captured or imprisoned. 12 signers' houses were burned to the ground. Some lost wives and children. 17 lost everything they owned. Not one signer defected. Their honor, like their nation, remained in-tact.

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY AMERICA!
July 4, 2022

FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER SAR

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was incorporated on January 17, 1890. A congressional charter was granted on June 9, 1906, and we are a 501c 3 non-political organization. SAR is the largest male lineage organization in the United States and consists of 50 state-level societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies, and over 33,000 members.

At all levels, our members carryout our mission to promote the principles upon which our nation was founded through "patriot", "historic" and "educational" programs. At the local level, we excel in recognizing individuals for their public service to the community as law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets, and midshipmen.

We wish all readers a Happy July 4th 2022 as we remember our proud history and heritage in forging this new Nation, as first set forth 246 years ago in the Declaration of Independence.

For more information about SAR and the Fort Lauderdale Chapter serving all of Broward County, please visit us at: www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY - JUNE 18, 2022

At our June 18, 2022, meeting we had a great turn-out with sixteen members and five guests present. **Members:** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Allen Manning, Vice President; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steve DePaul; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Jim Harn; Rick Kidder; John Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer Jr; Tommy Lohmeyer; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider. **Guests:** Ronna Adams (via Zoom); Tomas Gantt; Kailey Gullickson; Melissa Lohmeyer; Maxine Lohmeyer; and Michele Manning.

Officer and Committee Reports were given by Chuck Adams, Pete Stevenson, and Joe Motes. Chuck discussed the status of new prospects and applications to NSSAR that are under review. Pete reported on actions taken at the June 14, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Among Executive Committee actions were recommendations for a speaker to be invited to our lunch meeting of July 16, 2022. He also announced the submission of a Chapter Update that will be published in the Florida Society Patriot Magazine and in the National SAR Magazine. Joe reported the status of funds in the Chapter bank accounts. Significant discussion focused on the status and history of recognizing law enforcement, fire and emergency medical personnel through presentations of SAR public safety medals. Chuck Adams formed an ad hoc Public Service Certificates and Medal Awards Committee. Members are: Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Jim Harn, Rick Kidder and Joe Motes.

At this meeting, Jim Harn Jr and Rick Kidder Jr. were inducted. Joe Motes was presented the Florida Society "FLSSAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal" for his dedicated service through the years to SAR. Chuck Adams was presented his SAR certificate for his fourth approved supplemental patriot.

New business focused on a proposal by Tom Shepherd to publish an announcement in the Sun Sentinel wishing readers a "Happy 4th of July". Tom Shepherd agreed to pay the full cost, and Mark Snider agreed to coordinate placement with the paper. Rick Kidder suggested that social media was a free platform to get our message out, and it was agreed that members would be given a copy of the announcement so they could post it on their social media accounts.

To read the complete set of minutes of the June 18, 2022 members meeting, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archives subpage for minutes and agendas maintained at the Chapter website: www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.





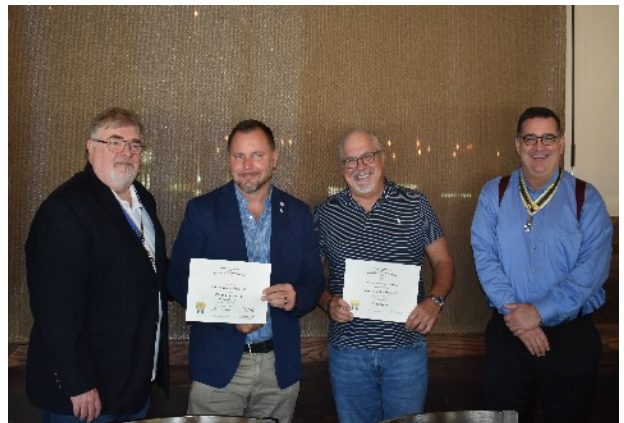
During our June 18th Chapter meeting, President Chuck Adams installed two new members, Richard Kidder, Jr. and James Harn, Jr.



Past State President Ted Duay awarded Chapter President Chuck Adams with another Supplemental Ancestry Certificate.



Past State and Past Chapter President Ted Duay pins the SAR Rosette on our two new members, Richard Kidder, Jr. And James Harn, Jr.



President Chuck Adams presented certificates of membership to both members.



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President Chuck Adams presented Joe Motes the State Society's Silver Roger Sherman Medal.



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SAR MEMBER PROFILE – MARTIN HOLLICK

Interviewed by Chuck Adams

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

A. I was born in New York, New York and raised in Pompton Plains, New Jersey. I graduated from Bowdoin College in 1985 with an AB in Economics and German. I received my master's from Simmons College in 1995 in Library and Information Science.

Q. What is or was your occupation, and can you tell us about some of your other interests?

A. I have worked in academic, public, and corporate libraries but spent the majority of my career at Harvard University. Presently, I am retired. My main hobby has always been genealogy. I am the author of over 30 scholarly articles on genealogy and the compiler of one book. My other passion is travel. I have been to all 50 states, and to six continents and nearly 50 countries.

Q. How about your family?

A. I'm married to Michael Berrigan Clark, a retired high school teacher. No children.

Q. Who is your favorite Patriot ancestor?

A. I have eleven patriot ancestors all through my great-grandfather Pinkham who was born in 1881 at Dover, New Hampshire. I can prove only four of them adequately for the SAR. My favorite is probably Thomas Pinkham 1752-1820. He fought at the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga and then helped move the captured cannons to Dorchester Heights. His widow applied for a pension and included a copy of the family Bible with her submission. His father Jonathan Pinkham signed the Association Test and was my first approved patriot. Thomas is my first currently submitted supplemental.

Q. What ideas can you contribute to help the Chapter develop, retain and attract members, or recognize others consistent with SAR programs?

A. I have been a member of SA since 1994, but I am still new to the Fort Lauderdale chapter and am seeing where I can best fit in. Certainly, I'm willing to help people with genealogical research if called upon.

Thanks, Martin, for sharing.