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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

Minutes Feb. 17, 2018

Invocation by Chaplin David Kramer.

Salute to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge to S.A.R repeated by all..

Our President David Lott is in the hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Joe Motes unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts. He sends the following: Bank balance \$1,274.76 all bills being paid. Joe will be attending the C.A.R. meeting and presenting them with a check for #300.00 We know about the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High Schools. Joe has sent for Hero medals to be given at some future date.

Jim Lohmeyer reported over 1,000 wings were served and in addition there was cake, cookies and punch. Veterans Veterans Day and President Day was huge success. The Hooter Girls, a group of South Broward JROTC cadets, the Panther Cheerleaders helped. Connie Francis signed photos and gave words of cheer. Joe Motes saw one of her shows when he was in Vietnam. They exchange greetings.

Speaker: David Monaco Esq.

Graduate of Hofstra University 1980
Brooklyn Law School with a Juris Doctorate 1984
Contributed to the book " Teaching Lincoln" 2013
James Madison Fellow 2015
Presently teaching school.

Mr. Monaco presented there maybe some confusion about some of the beliefs of Washington, Madison Jefferson and others in our history. In order to sort out some beliefs as indicated in our history books we must read what they wrote . We may have been lead in another direction if these men had their way. This is not a bad thing just a little different We all can live and learn. Getting the correct facts is important in order make good decisions. It is difficult to relate to all Mr. Monaco said, he had some interesting thoughts. Very good program.

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mr. Monaco by Past Presidents Bob Dooley, Esq. and Jim Lohmeyer.

Concluded with Chaplin David Kramer giving the Benediction all joined in the SAR recessional.

Dear Compatriots,

I hope this finds all of you and your families in good health and doing well. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We are currently discussing how best to honor the fallen victims and their families as well as those individuals who displayed acts of heroism during and after this terrible tragedy.

We are reaching out to our old and new SAR members to encourage them to participate in our Ft Lauderdale society. Please feel free to bring a guest, enjoy lunch and join our discussion sessions.

If anyone knows someone that they feel would be interested in being a Guest speaker at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at 954-294-2501 or e-mail me at dndlott@bellsouth.net. Our speaker for March's monthly meeting will be Mark Fearer. Mark is the President of the Genealogy Society of Broward County. This should be a very interesting and informative presentation for all.

I encourage all of our members to attend, bring a guest and enjoy lunch and Marks presentation.

Have a safe month. See you all at our meeting.

Best Regards,
David Lott



NEXT MEETING - MARCH 17, 2018

Colony West Golf Club
6800 NW 88th Ave , Tamarac, FL 33321

Future Dates:

Saturday, 04/21/18
Saturday, 05/19/18
Saturday, 09/15/18
Saturday, 10/20/18

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

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At our February meeting, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to our guest speaker David Monaco Esq. for his presentation by Past President Bob Dooley and James Lohmeyer.



Joe Motes was a guest at the Children of the American Revolution Swamp Fox Chapter to present a for \$350, the children each gave a historical background on their ancestors.



SIGNER OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Facts on James Madison

- Did you know **James Madison** stood only 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed only 100 pounds?
- Did you know **President James Madison** fled Washington DC when the British invaded in 1812 and burned the city?
- Did you know **James Madison** was the first President of the United States to wear long pants instead of knee breaches?
- Did you know **James Madison** was introduced to his future wife Dolley by the infamous Aaron Burr, the man who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel?
- Did you know **James Madison** had epilepsy and chronic arthritis?



At the Sunrise V.A. O.P.C. on February 13 was Veterans Appreciation Day, with the Hooters girls and 1000 wings, the Panther Cheerleaders and their mascot, and singer Connie Francis. Participating members were James Lohmeyer and Joe Motes. This is an annual function that is supported by our Chapter.

Facts about Benjamin Franklin

- Did you know **Benjamin Franklin** knew Dr. Guillotin, the man after whom the killing device, the "guillotine," used so prominently in the French Revolution, was named?
- Did you know **Benjamin Franklin** was once injured while trying to electrocute a turkey?
- Did you know **Benjamin Franklin** played Sudoku?
- Did you know **Benjamin Franklin** helped start the first public hospital in the United States, as well as the first volunteer firefighters association and the first lending library?
- Did you know that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote a piece specifically for the "glass armonica," an instrument created by **Benjamin Franklin**?

Samuel Adams Facts

- Did you know **Samuel Adams** was fired by future delegate to the Continental Congress Thomas Cushing because he wasn't any good at business?
- Did you know that **Samuel Adams** is sometimes called "The Father of the American Revolution?"
- Did you know that **Samuel Adams** had six children, but only two survived to adulthood?
- Did you know **Samuel Adams** was the second cousin of President John Adams?
- Did you know **Samuel Adams** was one of only two siblings out of 12 that survived past the age of 3?

John Adams Facts

- Did you know **John Adams** was chased by British warships as he sailed the Atlantic on the way to complete his diplomatic mission to France?
- Did you know that **John Adams** was nicknamed "His Rotundity" by opposing members in Congress while he was Vice-President?
- Did you know that **John Adams** was accused of planning to marry his daughter Nabby off to King George III to start a new monarchy?
- Did you know **John Adams** wrote the longest lasting and still surviving Constitution in the world?

Did you know **John Adams** lived longer than any former President until Ronald Reagan?

Facts on Paul Revere

- Did you know **Paul Revere** had sixteen children?
- Did you know **Paul Revere** was a famous church bell manufacturer?
- Did you know **Paul Revere** was captured by British soldiers on the night of his famous midnight ride?

- Did you know the copper works started by **Paul Revere** for the Continental Congress during the American Revolution still exists today?
- Did you know **Paul Revere** was elected by the people of Boston to write to Martha Washington to ask for a lock of George Washington's hair after he died? They received the lock of hair and **Paul Revere** made a golden urn to store it in!

John Hancock Facts

- Did you know **John Hancock** was one of the richest men in the colonies at the age of 27?
- Did you know **John Hancock's** signature was the *ONLY* one on the *FIRST* Declaration of Independence?
- Did you know **John Hancock** was elected Governor of Massachusetts nine times?
- Did you know **John Hancock** and Samuel Adams escaped from British soldiers on their way to Lexington after being warned by Paul Revere on the night of his famous midnight ride?
- Did you know **John Hancock**, in his role as President of the Continental Congress, signed George Washington's commission as Commander of the Continental Army?

Betsy Ross Facts

- Did you know **Betsy Ross** lost *two* husbands to the Revolutionary War?
- Did you know **Betsy Ross** was kicked out of church because she married the wrong guy?
- Did you know **Betsy Ross** was nicknamed the "Little Rebel" by British soldiers who forcibly occupied her house during the occupation of Philadelphia?
- Did you know **Betsy Ross** married the man who brought her news of her husband's death?
- Did you know **Betsy Ross** sat in the pew next to George Washington's pew at church? This may provide circumstantial evidence to prove the Betsy Ross Flag story since it proves they knew one another and this association may have been the reason Washington allegedly approached her to make the "first flag of the United States."

Nicknames and Pseudonyms

- **The Little Rebel** - **Betsy Ross** was called this name by British soldiers who occupied her house in the winter of 1777-78 because of her strongly patriotic views.

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Betsy Ross Facts - Betsy Ross Education

- Quakers believed strongly in the equality of women with men. Being a Quaker, Betsy went to a Quaker public school known as the **Rebecca Jones School for Quakers**, a school chartered by Pennsylvania founder **William Penn**. There she learned reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and history. The Quaker children were also instructed in a trade which they worked on for four hours a day. Betsy probably sewed, a skill she had learned from her great-aunt **Sarah Elizabeth Ann Griscom**. Betsy made quilts and other needlework with complicated designs, a skill for which Betsy won many local prizes.

Betsy Ross Facts - Religious Views

- **Betsy Ross** was a long time member of the Quaker church. Her great-grandfather, **Andrew Griscom** moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania to join **William Penn's** "Holy Experiment," an attempt to govern a colony based on Quaker beliefs taken from the Bible. Betsy grew up in the Quaker church and remained there until she married **John Ross**.

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John Ross was the son of an assistant rector of the Episcopalian **Christ Church**, the most prominent church in Philadelphia. Betsy was ex-communicated from the Quaker church and disowned by her family after marrying Ross because the Quaker group she was a part of did not approve of intermarrying with those of other Christian denominations. **Betsy Ross** then became a member of **Christ Church** where she met many prominent citizens of Philadelphia, including **George** and **Martha Washington**. After John's untimely death in a gunpowder accident during the war, Betsy returned to the Quakers, but this time joined the "Free" Quaker church. The traditional Quaker church held to a pacifist view that war was wrong in all circumstances. Consequently, some Quakers who wanted to support the war effort broke off from the main group to form their own churches, known as the "free" or "fighting" Quakers. Betsy joined this group and was an active member for the rest of her life. Her signature can be found regularly in the attendance records of the **Free Quaker Meeting House**. Betsy attended this church for many years with her third husband **John Claypoole** who came from a Quaker family that was close friends of **William Penn**. In 1834, **Betsy Ross** and **John Price Wetherill** were the only two remaining Free Quakers attending church at the Meeting House. They decided it was time to close the church for good and the two of them saw the doors closed and locked for the last time. Betsy had attended the church for over 50 years. This **Free Quaker House Meeting** building, was built in 1783 and still stands today only a few blocks from the **Betsy Ross House** in Philadelphia. You can see **Betsy Ross'** Bible on display at the **Betsy Ross House** as well.

Betsy Ross Facts - First Occupation

- When **Betsy Ross** finished school as a teenager, her father had her enrolled in an apprenticeship with a local upholsterer named **William Webster**. This is where she met her husband **John Ross**, who was also an apprentice. The two married and began their own upholstery business, making such things as furniture coverings, clothing and household items such as curtains, bedspreads, pillow, embroidery, etc. It was common during the Revolutionary War for upholsterers to take on extra business for the army and navy, including making tents, blankets, uniforms, powder bags and... flags.

Trips abroad

- **Betsy Ross** never traveled away from the colonies during her lifetime.

