



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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### President's Message

Dear Compatriots,

Thank you to our Ft. Lauderdale members who attended our February meeting. Our March meeting will be held at the Outback Steakhouse on University Drive in Davie, Florida on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please contact Joe Motes and RSVP. Our members are always encouraged to bring a guest to our meetings.

We will be talking about upcoming events at SAR and how we may help out and get the word out to our communities, family and friends. Visit the SAR web page to see what is happening on the state and local level.

Enjoy your week. Hope to see you there.  
Sincerely,

David Lott, President  
Ft. Lauderdale Chapter, S.A.R.  
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### February 16th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

All Rise: Gavel in the meeting by President David Lott at 12:00

Members in attendance: (8) D. Lott, J. Lohmeyer, T. Shepherd, C. Adams, A. Manning, M. Snider, R. Callaway, M. Taussig

Invocation: Chaplain –Tom Shepherd  
Pledge of Allegiance- David Lott  
S.A.R. Pledge: David Lott

Officer's Report:  
Registrar – Jim Lohmeyer, Chuck Adams, assisting registration process with Mark Snider and Patrick Woolbert. Others have been contacted without response. Chuck Adams registration is submitted and awaiting final acceptance.

Secretary – Jim Lohmeyer; Minutes in the last newsletter were accepted and approved.

Treasurer/Historian/Editor/Sgt-At-Arms – Joe Motes not in attendance but has verified treasury amount of \$2,034.47; motion made and approval accepted for report from January.

Old Business: The next 4 meetings will be at the Outback Steakhouse in Davie, on University Blvd.

The gravesite plaque for George Dennis was received and will be placed on his marker when a time can be arranged with his family to be present. The new banking trustees will be as follows: David Lott, President; Jim Lohmeyer, Vice-President, Secretary and temporary Registrar; Tom Shepherd, Chaplain;  
Joe Motes, Treasurer/Historian/ Editor/ Sgt. At Arms

New Business: D.A.R. Luncheon- report by T. Shepherd who attended.

May is Law Enforcement month; We are seeking recommendations from members for awards for this purpose for our May meeting.

S.A.R. Recessional: David Lott

Benediction: T. Shepherd

Adjourned meeting at 1:30p



### **NEXT MEETING - March 16, 2019**

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

#### **Future Dates:**

Saturday, 04/20/2019

Saturday, 05/18/2019

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

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## The Battle of Bunker (Breeds) Hill

Continued from last month issue

When the British forces were firmly established on the ground at the base of the hill they proceeded to charge. The British just expected to march up the hill and just scare the colonists away. The British Regulars advanced with bayonets fixed; many of their muskets were not even loaded. The British troops, wearing their bright red wool jackets and weighed down by heavy equipment, marched up hill over farm fields and low stone walls hidden in the tall grass.

As the colonists saw this massive red line approach slowly and steadily, they remained calm and did not open fire. The fact they waited so long to commence an attack was that General Prescott has been assumed to have given the famous order, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." If this command was given it would have been to either help preserve their already low ammunition supplies, and to help keep the men from shooting out of their capable ranges. Once the British came within range, the colonists began firing, and the British soldiers started to fall rapidly. The British forces were driven back twice, but on their third and final thrust forward the British were able to break through the colonists' line, overrunning the tentative American fortifications, thus taking the hill. The colonists had run out of ammunition and supplies.

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Although the British technically won the battle because they took control of the hill, they suffered too many losses to fully benefit from it. The British had suffered more than one thousand casualties out of the 2,300 or so who fought. While the colonists only suffered 400 to 600 casualties from an estimated 2,500 to 4,000 men. Besides having fewer deaths than the British, the colonists believe they had won in other ways as well.

### Effects:

The Americans had proved to themselves, and the rest of the world that they could stand up to the British army in traditional warfare. And only a few days later, George Washington would lead a group of men up to Dorchester Heights, aiming their cannons at the British, and then watched the Red Coats retreat from the hill. So even though the British had won the battle, it was a short lived victory since the colonists took control of the hill again, but this time with more soldiers to defend it. The Battle of Bunker Hill was important for a variety of reasons. The first one being that it was the first battle of the Revolutionary War, and because of the fierce fighting that defined the battle it foreshadowed that it was going to be a long, close war. Another important event that came from the battle was that it allowed the American troops to know that the British army was not invincible, and that they could defeat the British in traditional warfare. The losses experienced on the British side also helped to bolster the colonists confidence. So it came to be that the Battle of Bunker Hill would be the foundation that the colonists would look back to for the many battles that occurred during the American Revolution. The first being that the British suffered heavy losses and would no longer be convinced of a victory when they went to battle the colonists.

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