



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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### President's Message

Everyone is using the term "American Revolution" these days. Actually Chevrolet has been using it for a few years, claiming they are leading "An American Revolution". Nice try. If our founding fathers ran the Revolution the way GM has been run, we'd still be speaking with a British accent.

The Tea Party movement is becoming known as a "Second America Revolution", or at least that's the way some see it. Maybe the movement will live up to some of the hype. Only time will tell. But I doubt we're talking about a true revolution. Even if the movement is 100% successful in its goals, it will still just be a political realignment.

The truth is (in my opinion), we don't need a full blown revolution today. We just need to return to the principles we picked up from the original Revolution.

My point is, we live in an era where we use sensational words to describe not-so sensational occurrences. Words like remarkable, outstanding, awesome, incredible and astonishing have worked their way into our everyday vocabulary and are used to describe the most ordinary situations. Wasn't too long ago these words, and others like them, were reserved for only the most extraordinary circumstances.

And yes, everything today is a revolution, particularly in the world of marketing. It seems every product is billed as revolutionary. Did you know we are in the middle of a "shaving revolution"? We've been shaving for thousands of years, but now, suddenly, in 2010, we are having a shaving revolution. Well, it's too bad that we overuse the word "revolution". Wasn't too long ago the "American Revolution" was simply "The Revolution". Every school child knew what was meant by "The Revolution". But with so many other revolutions going on these days, we've had to become more specific.

So we have undermined the importance of even the word revolution. We no longer associate it with the pain and suffering our forefathers endured, the risk of their fortunes, and the risk of their lives. Now it's just a marketing catchphrase with a terribly diluted meaning.

We have a very special meeting set up for this Saturday. We will be giving out the Law Enforcement Awards to two area officers who will be bringing family members along. The media might be there to cover the event.

We will also present the History Teacher Award and we still have one more War Service Medal to present. This will be our last meeting until September so I hope you will join us and help make the meeting a success.



### This Month's Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for Saturday's meeting will be William Ballenger (our SAR History Teacher Award winner). William is a teacher at St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton and he came to our attention when we learned he had already won the History Teacher Award from the DAR. He has been teaching U.S. and European history for 11 years with great enthusiasm, is an avid traveler, long-distance cyclist and is the kind of person who could probably speak to us on any of hundreds of topics.

However, his talk will be on how General George Washington squashed the threat of mutiny at Newburg, New York during the Revolution.

Again, I hope you will join us for this important meeting.

NEXT MEETING - MAY 15, 2010

Colony West Country Club  
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac

Future Dates:

TBA - next meeting is in September

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon  
Buffet Luncheon - \$15.00

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**Fort Lauderdale Chapter  
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Minutes of Meeting on April 17, 2010  
Held at Colony West Country Club in  
Tamarac, Florida**

The meeting was opened at 12:00 PM by President Charles Crowell with 19 members and guests present. The invocation was offered by Chaplin Robert Joynt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge, each led by the President.

The President asked each of the members and guests present to introduce themselves.

The President then asked the officers of the Chapter to report with the following results:

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: The Secretary noted that the minutes had been distributed with the newsletter and asked that they be approved. This was moved by Joe Motes, seconded by Paul Blackinton, and approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer/Newsletter: Treasurer and Publisher of the Chapter Newsletter Joe Motes presented the treasurers report that indicated a current balance in the operating account of \$3966.50 and \$14,573.12 in the Trust Fund. There was a short discussion on the fact that the Chapter would be reimbursed by the State SAR for certain medals and awards that the Chapter had purchased and presented to JROTC students, which would increase the operating account slightly. John Dye moved and Ted Duay seconded that the report be accepted, and it was accepted by voice vote.

Genealogist/Registrar: Ted Duay stated that there was nothing new to report on the one application pending at the national headquarters that he had mentioned at the last meeting and reiterated that it took approximately 3 to 3.5 months for approval. He also reported that he and his wife, Debbie, had been guests of the Tennessee State SAR at their meeting and that Debbie had presented a genealogy workshop that was well attended. He stated that there were several pictures taken during the meeting with various individuals and that he would furnish these to Joe Motes for use in an upcoming newsletter.

President asked John Dye (Chapter Secretary) to briefly discuss the status of the chapter roster. The Secretary stated that he now had two rosters, an abbreviated one with names, street addresses, telephone numbers, and E-mail addresses for members and some past members, and one that had a great deal more information, such as spouses names, birth-dates, military service, and so on. There was a brief discussion on just what could be provided because of individual privacy concerns, and it was agreed that the abbreviated roster would not run afoul of privacy rights and could be provided to anyone in the Chapter. The Secretary had brought sufficient copies of this roster for Chapter officers and will provide it, either electronically or hard copy, to any other member that asks for one.

- The President mentioned that copies had been made of the SAR book containing prayers to be utilized at meetings, and that he and the Chaplin had these and that the Chaplin was using it.

- The President stated that there were 11 Chapter members eligible for length of membership lapel pins and that these would be ordered and hopefully be received in time to be presented at the May meeting.

- Jim Lohmyer brought up the fact that the publisher of the newsletter had to buy new software for his new computer as the previous software used for Chapter business would not run on the new operating system. There was a short discussion followed by Jim moving and Paul Blackinton seconding and the Chapter approved payment of \$145 to Joe Motes for software.

- Paul Blackinton reported that the Broward County Sheriff's Office had nominated two individuals to be recognized as outstanding law enforcement officers. The Chapter has extended an invitation to these individuals to be present at our next meeting to be presented with their awards. It was also decided that the Chapter would extend the invitation to their wives if they desire to witness the presentation. It was mentioned that the Sheriff may also attend as the guest of the Chapter. Paul stated that he would try to generate publicity, either through one of the TV stations or the Sun-Sentinel.

- The President presented SAR Military Service medals to George Dennis and Jim Lohmeyer in recognition of their service to the country. George served during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and Jim during the Korean War.

- The President asked Ted Duay to provide the membership oath to John Tomlinson III, the newest member of our Chapter. John, whose father is also a member of the Chapter, is a student at the University of Miami’s Law School.

- The President brought up the subject of the State SAR Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee during May and the fact that the Tri-County SAR Chapters were acting as hosts to ensure members get to where they are supposed to be and to ensure that the hospitality suite is operating on schedule. He and Jim Lohmeyer are attending and representing the Chapter and he invited any other member that desired to do so to join them. Ted Duay indicated that he and his wife will also be attending and that she will present a genealogy workshop

Following a break for lunch the President introduced the Honorable Jerry Pollock, Esq., a retired Broward County Circuit Court Judge in the Civil Division who addressed the Chapter, speaking of his experiences as a Judge, some of the requirements for the mental disposition of a judge, and various recollections of his work as a Judge. Following this the President presented him with a certificate from the Chapter expressing appreciation for the time he spent with us.

The meeting was concluded at 13:40 with a benediction delivered by Robert Joynt and the SAR Recessional led by the President.

Respectfully Submitted

John Dye, Secretary

Note: The winner of the 50/50 raffle held after the meeting was David Padgett.



**Chapter Registrar Ted Duay (far left) inducts Trey Tomlinson into the Chapter as his father, Compatriot John Tomlinson, looks on.**



**Compatriot John Tomlinson pins the SAR member rosette on his son and newest Chapter Compatriot, Trey Tomlinson.**



**Compatriot Trey Tomlinson displays his SAR certificate to the Chapter.**

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(From left to right): Rick Hollis, TNSSAR President; Timothy E. Massey, Commander-in Chief of Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge; Terry L. Davenport, SR General President; Ted Duay, FLSSAR State Genealogist; John Glynn, Jr., 1st Vice President of Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

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FLSSAR State Genealogist Ted Duay and his wife, FSDAR State Lineage Research Chairman Dr. Debbie Duay were guests of the Tennessee Society SAR at their Annual Meeting held in Chattanooga on April 9-10. Debbie presented a Genealogy Workshop to the Tennessee Society that was attended by over 80 people and well received.



Chapter President Charlie Crowell (far right) presents certificates and medals to Compatriots George Dennis (far left) and Jim Lohmeyer in honor of their past military service to the United States.



Chapter President Charlie Crowell presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Judge Jerry Pollock for speaking to the Chapter about his experiences serving as a Judge in our court system.