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Sons of the American Revolution**
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President's Message

Good morning compatriots,

I hope all of you had a pleasant summer wether you traveled by car or boat or plane, or stayed at home like we did and enjoyed the heat.... Our Chapter's project "The Liberty Tree" arranged by John Dye, will be dedicated this fall in Plantation, FL. We had some very interesting guest speakers and plan to have more this fall.

Speaking of speakers, I have arranged for Sarah Nohe, the Outreach Coordinator for Florida Public Archaeology Network at Florida Atlantic University. She will be telling us about her studies and finds at Ft Jefferson on the Dry Tortugas Island. This should be a very informative program, attend and be smarter. See you on the 17th.

Ken Loomis, President



President Ken Loomis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our May Luncheon's guest speaker, Mr. Michael Kennedy.

**Fort Lauderdale Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Minutes of Meeting on May 21 2011
Held at Colony West Country Club in
Tamarac, Florida**

The meeting was opened at 1215 hours by President Ken Loomis with 12 members and guests in attendance. The President opened the meeting by leading the SAR Pledge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the national flag. These were followed by an invocation offered by Jim Lohmeyer.

The President called for officer's reports, which proceeded as follows:

- Vice President: Charles Crowell read an article originally published in the "Massachusetts Spy or Worcester Gazette", dated April 31 1796, concerning an escaped slave.

There was a break for lunch, following which:

- The Secretary stated that the minutes for the April meeting had been distributed electronically in the newsletter. He asked for corrections or additions, and there being none Jim Lohmeyer moved, and Ted Duay seconded, that the minutes be approved. There was no dissent and they were approved.

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NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

Colony West Country Club
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac

Future Dates:

October 15, 2011
November 19, 2011
December 17, 2011
January 21, 2012
February 18, 2012
March 17, 2012

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon
Buffet Luncheon - \$15.00
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-441-8735
or e-mail Joe Motes at: joemotes@aol.com

• Treasurer: Joe Motes provided a printed copy of the treasurer's report showing that the operating fund had a balance of \$2716.99 as of April 30, 2011 and the trust fund balance was \$15,569.65 as of January 1, 2011. He detailed the expenditures made during the month, including the payment of \$1050.00 to the City of Plantation for the planting of a tree and dedicatory plaque that was authorized by the Chapter at the previous meeting. A portion of this will probably be reimbursed to the Chapter by the State of Florida SAR once the work has been completed. He noted that the Chapter normally donates \$200 to the Civil Air Patrol Cadets as well as the Swamp Fox Chapter of the CAR. There was a short discussion concerning the fact that the State of Florida SAR would reimburse the Chapter 75% of the funds provided these organizations up to a maximum of \$350. Jack Dye moved that the Chapter increase the donations for these two organizations to \$350, seconded by Jim Lohmeyer, which was agreed to without additional discussion. Ted Duay will provide the necessary contacts and access to forms used to contact the State organization for reimbursement. Jack Dye moved, seconded by Ted Duay, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The report was accepted without dissent. Separately, Jim Lohmeyer moved, seconded by Ted Duay, that the Chapter reimburse Joe Motes \$300 for local travel in connection with the JROTC and Sea Cadet programs. This was approved without dissent.

• Chapter Genealogist: The Chapter Genealogist noted that two new members, father and son, had been approved by the national organization. They were notified of this and invited to the current meeting. However, a prior commitment precluded their attendance and they will be formally inducted at the Chapter's next scheduled meeting.

New Business: Joe Motes and Jack Dye attended the rehearsal of the Broward County high schools' JROTC units final ceremony for the year, the Superintendent's Pass in Review held at Lockhart Stadium. At a break in the rehearsal, the American Legion provides hot dogs, sandwiches, drinks, chips, and deserts to the approximately 1,200 participants. The hot dogs and sandwiches are prepared shortly before the break, and the 1,200 cadets are fed in about 1/2 hour, no mean feat.

The President introduced Mr. Michael Kennedy of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society who provided an overview of the origins of the geological formation of the Florida peninsula; early inhabitants of what is now Broward County, and some details of the Seminole Wars.

There being no further business before the Chapter the President concluded the meeting with a Benediction delivered by Jim Lohmeyer and the SAR Recessional.

Respectfully Submitted,
John M. Dye

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards Report

My personal thanks go out to Allen Manning who helped make this year's presentations a great success. This year we had 28 JROTC recipients.

We also presented 9 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to 5 High Schools, two Navy Sea Cadet and two Civil Air Patrol Cadets. This year we continued presenting the Good Citizenship Certificates to some of the below units, 315 were presented.

Below are all our recipients for the past year:

Blanche Ely High	Christopher Rocks
Boyd Anderson	Christopher McCray
Charles Flanagan High	John Rivera
Coconut Creek High	Abdon Mariano
Cooper City High	Lee Thorton Davis
Coral Glades High	Richard Schaefer
Coral Springs High	Brandon Daza
Cypress Bay High	David Castro
Deerfield Beach High	Abbie Chavez
Dillard High	Brittany Drakeford
Everglades High	Gianni Scioscia
Fort Lauderdale	Tyal Williams
Hallandale High	Mecklenburg Remy
Hollywood Hills High	Thomas Hazzrd
McArthur High	Luis Dejesus
Miramar High	Samolia Moss
Monarch High	Mario L. Feliciano
Northeast High	Jennifer Garcia
NOVA High	Matthew Osborne
Piper High	James Barrus
Plantation High	Faina Lacroix
Pompano Beach High	Carlos Ceballo
South Plantation High	Kazeen Castrillo-Jenin
Stoneman Douglas High	Anthony Cociffi
Stranahan High	Melonie Jordan
J. P. Taravella High	Michael Niedzwiedzki
West Broward High	Roxanne Ghezzi
Western High	Chris Gallagher

Receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were:

Charles Flanagan High	Esteban Gallego
Cypress Bay High	Bryce Fielding
Everglades High	Rarina Vasquez
Hollywood Hills High	Joshua Rios-Perez
West Broward High	Raquel Romer
Ft Laud Navy Sea Cadets	Wayman Peguero
Ft Laud Navy Sea Cadets	Jordan Williams
Boca Raton CAP	Hudson Rickard
Crystal Lakes CAP	Rodger Drake
Pembroke Pines CAP	Justin Marrero

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2010 - 2011



Blanche Ely High School



Coconut Creek High School



Boyd Anderson High School



Cypress Bay High School



Coral Springs High School



Deerfield Beach High School



Cooper City High School



Everglades High School

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2010 - 2011



Dillard High School



Fort Lauderdale High School



Dillard High School certificates



Hallandale High School



Charles Flanagan High School



Hollywood Hills High School



Charles Flanagan High School certificates



Miramar High School

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Monarch High School



Stranahan High School



Northeast High School



J.P. Taravella High School



NOVA High School



Western High School



Piper High School



West Broward High School

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South Plantation High School Good Citizenship certificates



Pompano Beach High School



Crystal Lakes Civil Air Patrol



Boca Raton Civil Air Patrol



Boca Raton Civil Air Patrol certificates

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The Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to two cadet, the father of one of the cadets received it for his son. Joseph Motes presented a \$200 check to Commander Alan Starr.

Commanders From The American Revolution

For the next several issues, we will be presenting the different Commander of the Revolution.

Major John Pitcairn

Born 12/28/1722 in Unknown

Died 6/17/1775 in Bunker Hill Massachusetts

John Pitcairn (December 28, 1722 – June 17, 1775) was a British Marine who was stationed in Boston, Massachusetts at the start of the American Revolutionary War.

Pitcairn was born in late 1722 in Dysart, a port town in Fife, Scotland. His parents were the Reverend David and Katherine (Hamilton) Pitcairn. He entered the Marines and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1746. He served in Canada during the French and Indian War as a Captain, and was promoted to Major in 1771. In 1774 he arrived in Boston, Massachusetts in command of 600 Marines to support the occupation.

Major Pitcairn was respected by the citizens in Boston as one of the more reasonable officers in the occupying force. Nevertheless, he was in command of the advance party when the first shots were fired at Lexington, Massachusetts on April 19, 1775 starting the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Although villainized by some American accounts, his behavior that day was honorable and valiant. He had a horse shot out from under him, and even lost a pair of matched pistols when the column's baggage was abandoned. American leader Israel Putnam carried them through the rest of the war.

Trumbull's Battle of Bunker Hill. At the Battle of Bunker Hill Pitcairn commanded a reserve force of about 300 Marines. They landed at the south end of the Charlestown peninsula. When the first assaults failed, he led his men up the hill toward the American position, only to fall

to a musket shot, said to have been fired by a black former slave named Peter Salem. One of Pitcairn's sons, William, also a Royal Marine, was present when his father was mortally wounded. Major Pitcairn was carried back to Boston, and died of his wound within hours. He is buried at the Old North Church in Boston.

John Trumbull's famous painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill depicts his death. However, it contains several errors and anachronisms. No known picture of Major Pitcairn survives. Another son, Dr. David Pitcairn was used as a model by Trumbull. The uniform depicted was not adopted by the Marines until the 1780s. Pitcairn is shown lying at the bunker at its capture from the American force, but he was shot while starting the ascent of the hill. Pitcairn is also depicted in the scene of the Battle of Lexington in the U.S. Capital rotunda.

Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific (known chiefly for its part in the mutiny on the Bounty) was named for another son, Robert, who was a midshipman in the British navy. While on watch on a voyage led by Captain Philip Carteret, he was the first to sight the unknown island on July 3, 1767.

A daughter, Catherine, married Charles Cochrane, a son of the 8th Earl of Dundonald and a first cousin of Admiral Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald.

The character, Major Pitcairn, appears in April Morning, a 1961 novel by Howard Fast depicting the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Lieutenant-General Hugh Percy

Born 08/14/1742 in Unknown

Died 07/10/1817 in Bunker Hill Massachusetts

Lieutenant-General Hugh Percy, 2nd Duke of Northumberland, FRS (14 August 1742 – 10 July 1817), born Hugh Smithson, was the eldest son of the 1st Duke of Northumberland. He assumed the surname of

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Percy by Act of Parliament along with his father in 1750 and was styled Lord Warkworth from 1750 until 1766.

In 1759, he joined the British Army as a teenager and was a captain of the 85th Regiment of Foot by age 17, an achievement that demonstrated the power of wealth and family standing. He was, nonetheless, a good soldier and fought with distinction in 1762 at the battles of Bergen and Minden. Afterwards he married Lady Anne Crichton-Stuart, daughter of Lord Bute, in 1764. In 1766, his father was granted a dukedom and he was styled Earl Percy.

As a Member of Parliament and the son-in-law of Lord Bute, Percy was promoted to full colonel and appointed an aide-de-camp to the king in 1764, having barely reached his majority. In 1774, he was sent to Boston with the local rank of Brigadier General, Colonel of the 5th Regiment of Foot and commanded the relief column that saved the retreating British forces at the Battle of Lexington and Concord by skillfully using limited artillery rounds to prevent a failed expedition from becoming a major defeat.

He was absent from the field during the Battle of Bunker Hill, perhaps due to a quarrel with General Howe, a man with whom Percy could not get along.

The following year, Percy commanded a division during the Battle of Long Island and led the storming of Fort Washington. By 1777, he achieved the rank of Lieutenant General but grew so disgusted with the conduct of the war by General Howe that he resigned his command and left America in 1777 after a dispute over a quantity of hay.

Percy was granted a divorce in Parliament from Lady Anne in 1779 on the grounds of her adultery and immediately married Frances Julia Burrell, with whom he had three daughters and two sons. In 1786 he acceded to the title upon his father's death and continued his father's agricultural improvements. For example, when corn prices fell after 1815, he reduced his rents by twenty-five percent. He held twice-weekly gatherings at Alnwick Castle, inviting tenants and local tradespeople. He also assumed command of the Percy Yeomanry Regiment in 1798 and as Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards in 1806. Notorious for a bad temper as well as for being one of the richest men in England, the second Duke of Northumberland died suddenly "of rheumatic gout" in July 1817.

He was succeeded by his son Hugh Percy, 3rd Duke of Northumberland. His half brother was James Smithson whose bequest founded the Smithsonian Institution.

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The Chapter recently donated a Liberty Tree for Plantation's Liberty Tree Park. A dedicatory ceremony is planned for the Fall.