



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

On Saturday, May 21st our guest speaker was Circuit Court Judge Michael Gates. He served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Navy Cross and received the Purple Heart. It was disappointing that only four members attended the meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 17, 2016 and it will also be special. Our guest speaker will be Sergeant First Class Tristen Grayson. He has been in the Army for 11 years active duty.

Our Chapter will be implementing the Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Commendation Medal with Certificate. This new project will give recognition of high risk community service members of Broward County. We would be supporting DLE, DOD and Fire Rescue. The medal is intended to recognize their exceptional service or accomplishments. The name and Department of the Award recipient is to be determined.

I look forward to seeing you there.
Allen Manning, President

May Minutes

Our meeting called to order by Vice President Jeffrey Greene.

The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was taken by all.

Do to time our speaker was first on the program and chapter business last.

Judge Michael Gates presented the progression to becoming a judge. He since childhood wanted to be an attorney. After he received his B.A. he went to the University of Miami. He practiced his profession and was noted for his outstanding trial work. The Bar Assoc. placed his name on a list to the Governor being considered for judgeship. He was selected by the governor and has spent a number of years serving on both civil and criminal cases. Judge Michael Gates related some interesting cases that have come before his bench.

Judge Michael Gates was presented a certification of appreciation.

Business meeting was short.

Joe Motes sent in Treasurer's report stating bank acct low but when reimbursed will be ok.

Jim Lohmeyer reported for VAVS, thanking all who gave books, i.e. Bob Dooley, David Kramer and Dr. Jacobson. Also received letter for Bill Bollinger who is unable to be with this past winter do to health.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, Approved

Vice President Jeffrey Greene closed with SAR recessional and Benediction by David Kramer.

Secretary Note. Need you to attend next meeting Sept. 17th.

Battles of the American Revolution The Battle of Brandywine

Continued from April issue

Greene's men held the Sandy Hollow area. Fighting under Greene was brigadier General, Peter Muhlenberg, a Lutheran minister who had once served in the Prussian army. As he rode along the defensive line rallying the Virginia troops, he was recognized by some Hessians who called him by his nickname, "Devil Pete." Though the Americans fought well they were forced back. An aide-de-camp to General Howe wrote, "By six o'clock our left wing still had not been able to advance. Here the rebels fought very bravely and did not retreat until they heard in their rear General Knyphausen's fire coming nearer....The Rebels found themselves between two fires. This probably caused them to leave their strong post and retreat from their right wing on the Road to Chester. After warring for nearly two hours the outnumbered Americans began to give way.

At about 7:30, some of General Weedon's men and North Carolina troops under Brigadier General Nash surprised Howe's troops and put a damper on the British victory party. They had come on in the rear and drew up in a semicircle just north and west o the Dilworth Crossroads.

NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

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

Future Dates:

Saturday, 10/15/16
Saturday, 11/19/16
Saturday, 01/21/17
Saturday, 02/18/17

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

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Here they surprised Howe's victorious troops who had just taken the field from Greene: "The heat of the Action fell chiefly on the 64th Regt who suffered considerably, enduring with the utmost steadiness a very heavy fire, which lasted till Dark, when the Rebels retreated in great Panick taking the road to Chester."

The American's last stand was supported by Casimir Pulaski who led a stunning cavalry charge. Pulaski had been present at Brandywine as an observer but received Washington's permission to organize a group of horsemen into an ad hoc unit. It was not enough and the Americans retreated toward Chester. This last American foray probably convinced Howe that it would be too dangerous to try and follow the Americans for a nighttime knockout. Besides which, the day had been exhausting. Howe's troops marched 17 miles in 11 hours, and had fought three pitched battles in the space of six hours. A British lieutenant pointedly summed up the rigors the British had been recently exposed to: "We had the Honour & with our Fire closed the Day. The Fatigue of the Day were excessive; some of our best Men were obliged to yield, one of the 33 dropped dead [of heat stroke] nor had we even Daylight, we could not make any thing of a pursuit. If you knew the weight a poor Soldier carries, the length of time he is obliged to be on foot for a train of Artillery to move 17 miles, the Duties he goes thro' when near an Enemy, that the whole night of the 9th we were marching, you would say we had done our Duty on the 11 to beat an Army strongly posted, numerous & unfatigued."

Major John Andre, in a businesslike manner, summed up the battle from the British point of view: "General Knyphausen, as was preconcerted, passed the ford upon hearing the column engaged, and the troops under him pushed the enemy with equal success. Night and the fatigue the soldiers had undergone prevented any pursuit. It is remarkable that after reconnoitering after the action, the right of General Howe's camp was found close on General Knyphausen's left, and nearly in a line, and in forming the general camp next day scarce any alteration was made."

Casualties at Brandywine were strewn across a 10-square mile area of the battlefield, making final determinations particularly difficult. General Howe in his official report to Parliament counted: 90

killed, 488 wounded and 6 missing in action. Howe, once again clearly underestimated casualty figures. Before the Battle of Germantown, an adjutant in the British army, reckoned British killed and wounded at 1,976. This is the exact same number arrived at by Jacob Hitzheimer, a civilian at Brandywine who recorded the number of British wounded in a diary entry. Some reports have the Queens Rangers losing 290 out of 480 men, while Ferguson's Riflemen suffered 46 casualties out of 80. The 2nd Light Infantry and 2nd British Guards who were involved in some of the fiercest fighting at Brandywine (including hand-to-hand combat) are listed as having lost 612 of 1,740 troops.

Major General Greene estimated American losses at 1,200 men. He also reported the loss of 10 irreplaceable cannon and a Howitzer. A Hessian officer listed the American casualty and captured rate at 1,300. An American officer under Brigadier General Nash reported British losses at 1,960 and the Americans at 700.

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards Report

My personal thanks go out to James Lohmeyer who helped make this year's presentations a great success again. This year we had 31 JROTC recipients.

We also presented 9 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to High Schools, two to Naval Sea Cadets and two to Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

This year we continued presenting the Good Citizenship Certificates to some of the JROTC units, 421 were presented.

The next 4 pages are pictures of our JROTC awards being presented at the different school ceremonies.

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South Plantation High School cadets receiving Good Citizenship certificates.

JROTC Awards for school year 2015-2016



Fort Lauderdale Naval Sea Cadets



Coral Glades High School



Cooper City High School



Coral Springs High School



Boyd Anderson High School



Cypress Bay High School



Coconut Creek High School



Hollywood Hills High School

JROTC Awards for school year 2015-2016



Flanagan High School



Hollywood Hills High School Academy



Flanagan High School



Hollywood Hills High School Academy



Flanagan High School



McArthur High School



Hallandale High School



Michael M Krop High School

JROTC Awards for school year 2015-2016



Monarch High School



South Broward High School



NOVA High School Good Citizenship certificates



South Plantation High School



NOVA High School Good Citizenship certificates



West Broward High School



NOVA High School Good Citizenship certificates



Western High School

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2017 Dues Notice

Greetings Compatriot !

Your SAR dues notice and membership card for 2016 are enclosed. Please mail your check no later than December 14th. This timing is required to meet the new deadlines established by the state and national organizations. If circumstances may delay your payment, call or e-mail the Treasurer (954-559-3202 or joemotes@aol.com

NOTE: Anyone who has not been heard from by 12/14/16 must be reported as dropped from Membership.

Reinstatement can be made at a later date but this will require processing a special application and the payment of \$5 in addition to the regular dues. These delays also may cause some issues of the newsletter and magazine to be missed. – Of course, it is hoped that everyone will renew but it also is very important that your response be timely.

CHAPTER TRUST FUND

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR Trust Fund was established in 1991 and has grown to its current balance of approx \$16,297.45. The stated purpose of this fund is to assist in the operation of the Chapter, including its projects and expenses. Only the earnings of the Trust may be utilized, never the principal.

Including extra dollars in your check for the trust fund will be very helpful and appreciated.

Thank you and have a happy holiday season.....

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Chapter President Allen Manning inducted new member David Lott during our April meeting.



President Allen Manning presents a certificate of appreciation Judge Michael Gates for his presentation at our May meeting.