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News Headlines during October of the Revolution

October 7, 1763 – King George issued The Royal Proclamation of 1763 which prohibited American colonists from settling west of the Appalachian Mountains.

October 19, 1765 – In answer to the Stamp Act, the congress met and upon mature deliberation, agreed to the declaration of the rights and grievances of the colonists in America.

October 13, 1775 – Congress establishes the U.S. Navy.

October 11, 1776 - Battle of Valcour Island, Lake Champlain

October 28, 1776 - Battle of White Plains, NY

October 4 1777 - Battle of Germantown, PA

October 7, 1777- Battle of Saratoga, NY (Bemis Heights)

October 17, 1777 - British surrender at Saratoga, NY

October 22, 1777 - Battle of Fort Mercer, NJ

October 23, 1779 - John Paul Jones and the USS *Bonhomme Richard* capture HMS *Serapis* near English coast

October 7, 1780 - Battle of Kings Mountain, SC

October 14, 1780 - Gen. Nathanael Greene named commander of the southern Continental Army

October 18, 1780 - British occupy Wilmington, NC

October 19, 1781 - General Cornwallis officially surrenders at Yorktown, VA

Richard Q. Fowler Newsletter Award for 2017

Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award for 2017-2018

1st Place for the Caloosa Patriot for both Florida Society and National Society



From the President

Greetings Compatriots and Friends,

We have started off the fall 2019 season with a flurry of activity following what turned out to be a rather busy summer “hiatus”. At our October 9th membership meeting we had a total of 49 members and guests in attendance including President General (2016-2017) Mike Tomme and First Lady Cilla. This included all local living past Chapter Presidents, five prospective members and three new transfer members (six of whom were first-time attendees), two compatriots from other chapters, and representatives from four DAR chapters. I was especially pleased to welcome back a total of six “Venerables”. These are gentlemen who are in their 80’s and 90’s! We inducted two new compatriots into the Caloosa Chapter: David Wagley and Ronald York. Welcome to all.

We presented awards to Compatriots Kennedy (Certificate of Patriotism) and Matson (Certificate of Appreciation). Significant recent events were re-capped including SAR Congress in Costa Mesa CA, Battle of Pensacola planning in Pensacola, DAR Constitution Week luncheon, DAR Fall Forum, SAR Leadership in Louisville KY, Compatriot Bittner Memorial Service, Honor Flight Welcome, and the fall BOM – all of which had Caloosa Chapter participation. All of this was before our “season” even began.

Looking forward, we will continue to be busy. Our color guard will participate in the reorganizing meeting of the Billy Bowlegs Society, C.A.R. on Nov. 2nd and an Honor Flight welcome at RSW that evening; Pride & Patriotism Awards on Nov. 7th; Caloosahatchee DAR posting colors on Nov. 8th; and Wreaths Across America on December 14th. We will also make another living history presentation at Gulf Middle School on October 24th. We will have our next member meeting on November 9th with Dr. Cindy Coiner providing a program on Virginia and the American Revolution, and on December 11th will have our Annual Meeting – the final meeting of 2019 (and the McGuire Administration).

The December Annual Meeting will include elections of officers for the 2020 term. There have been a number of interim personnel changes to fill positions for the remainder of this year, but in November a slate of nominees will be presented by the nominating committee to fill the Chapter’s leadership positions. We can only succeed as an organization if members are willing to take on these responsibilities. Contact Compatriots Lee Matson or Jim Stone for more information on positions that need qualified candidates. Yes, some time, effort, and (sometimes) expense may be involved but I assure you that it is a very rewarding activity.

Yours in Patriotism,

Robert W. McGuire, Jr., Caloosa Chapter President

**Caloosa Chapter Executive Committee Minutes, FLSSAR
Pinchers, The Marina at Edison Ford, Fort Myers, FL
October 1, 2019**

Attendance: President and Color Guard Commander Robert McGuire, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer Ray Dezendorf, Genealogist Chris Jenner, Past President and Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Lee Matson, Chaplain Dwight Elam, Chancellor Hank Hendry, Historian Wesley Higgins, Guests Hamp Allen and Jeff Brunelle, and Secretary James Stone.

The meeting was called to order at 11:23 am by President McGuire.

The Invocation was offered by Lee Matson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert McGuire.

President McGuire share several announcements of past activities from this summer and announced that the Board of Managers will meet this weekend at Kissimmee; the next SAR Congress will be July 11-15, 2020, in Richmond, VA; and that the Florida Society will host the 2023 National Congress in the Orlando area.

The Minutes of the April 30, 2019 ExCom were approved without objection.

A motion was approved without objection to authorize an expenditure of up to \$500 for Chapter web site development.

A motion was approved without objection to appoint Hamp Allen 2nd Vice President for the balance of the current term.

A motion was approved without objection to appoint Lewis Elliott as Member-at-large and Jeffrey Brunelle as Sergeant-at-Arms for the balance of the current term.

A motion was approved without objection to donate \$2000 to the Collier-Lee Honor Flight to fund expense for one veteran and one guardian.

A motion was approved without objection to authorize Chancellor Hendry to file the necessary documents to incorporate the Caloosa Chapter in the State of Florida.

A motion was approved without objection to appoint James Stone as Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term of Michael Buff.

A motion was approved without objection to authorize the Trust Fund Trustees to file the names of the Trustees with Vanguard.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Stone, Secretary

Caloosa Chapter Calendar

2019

Tuesday, October 29 EXCOM Meeting

11:30 am at Pinchers.

Saturday, November 9 Luncheon

Virginia and the American Revolution, Dr. Cindy Coiner, PhD
Turkey Dinner w/ stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce; pumpkin pie

Wednesday December 11 Luncheon

Annual Meeting/Elections – Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Orations contestant presentations
Coconut Crusted Mahi Mahi, Garlic Broccoli, Rice, Bread Pudding

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Wednesday, January 8 Luncheon

Installation of Officers – Lee Popham, President, Florida Society SAR
Chicken Parmesan, Caesar salad; Key Lime pie

Saturday, February 22 Washington's Birthday Evening Dinner

George & Martha Washington, a First-Person Perspective, Bill & Cara Elder
Smoked Bone-in Chicken, Lyonnais Potatoes, Zucchini, Cherry Pie

Wednesday, March 11 Luncheon

C.A.R. Happenings – Billy Bowlegs Chapter News, Teri Peterson
Spaghetti & Meatballs, House Salad, Cheese Cake

Saturday, April 11 Luncheon

Youth Programs, Scouting - Program TBD
Chicken Picatta, roasted rosemary red bliss potatoes, peas/carrots; Chocolate Mousse

Wednesday, May 13 Luncheon

First Responders Awards – Program TBD
Panko Crusted Pork Tenderloin, garlic mashed, steamed broccoli; cherry pie

Color Guard Calendar

- 1- {10a} Honor Flight Mission 21 Welcome – RSW Airport, Nov 2nd
{10b} C.A.R. Billy Bowlegs Chapter Re-chartering posting colors
- 2- Pride & Patriotism of Lee County, Ft. Myers – Nov 7th
- 3- Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR Colors & Flag Folding, Nov 8th
- 4- Wreaths Across America, Ft. Myers – Dec 14th
- 5- Edison Festival of Lights Parade, Ft. Myers – Feb 15th, 2020
- 6- Washington’s Birthday Banquet, Pinchers Ft. Myers – Feb 22nd, 2020
- 7- Last Naval Battle Celebration, Merritt Island – Mar 7th, 2020
- 8- Battle of Thomas Creek Celebration, Jacksonville – Mar 28th, 2020
- 9- JROTC Awards Presentation, Ft. Myers – May 6th, 2020
- 10- Battle of Pensacola Celebration, Pensacola – May 9th, 2020

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Trae Zipperer, a Compatriot of the Caloosa Chapter SAR, is embarked on a worthy project to improve conditions at local cemeteries. If you are willing to participate in training for cleaning headstones, then help do this work.

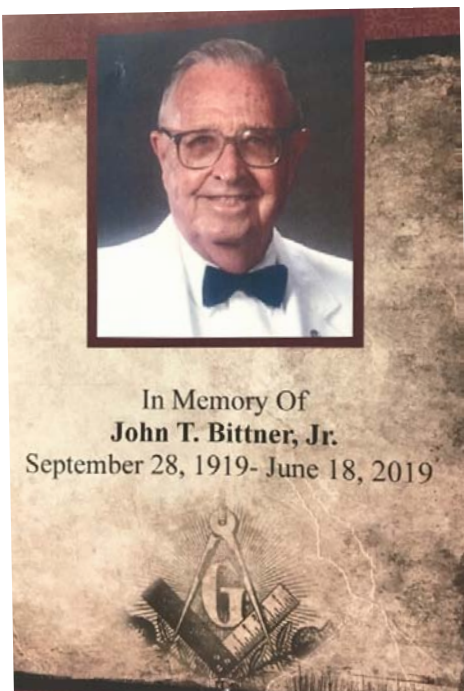
You may have seen his story in the Fort Myers News Press newspaper. For more information about this project contact Trae at the following:

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Compatriot Bittner Memorial Service

The Caloosa Chapter Color Guard was asked to participate in a Memorial Service for Compatriot John T. Bittner, Jr. that was held at his Masonic Lodge #115 F+AM in Punta Gorda Florida on September 28, 2019. Compatriot Bittner passed away on June 18, 2019 at the age of 99 years. Compatriot Bittner had joined the Florida Society SAR and the Charlotte Chapter in 1978, and had been Chaplain of the Charlotte Chapter for many years and until the time of his death. The Memorial Service took place on Compatriot Bittner's 100th Birthday on September 28, 2019.

The Caloosa Chapter Color Guard was honored to participate in this service, and was joined by members of the Charlotte Chapter Color Guard in rendering honors to Chaplain Bittner who also served more than 20 years in the US Army and retired as a Major. He will receive full military honors at a military service to be conducted on September 30, 2019 at the Sarasota National Cemetery.



Notes from the Editor

Good Day Compatriots,

As of this issue I am taking the reins back after several years of doing other things for the chapter and the Florida SAR. For the past few years I have had medical issues which prevented me from being more active than I had been in the past. I have agreed to take over the editorship of the Caloosa Patriot Newsletter to ease into doing more for the chapter. This letter is somewhat abbreviated and simple in style due to some late breaking medical issues and with my wife and self during the past couple of weeks, but I did want to get the October Newsletter to you before the end of the month. I hope to get the November letter out in a timelier manner.

Patriotically yours, John C. Jones, Editor

October 9, 2019 Caloosa Meeting



Call to order



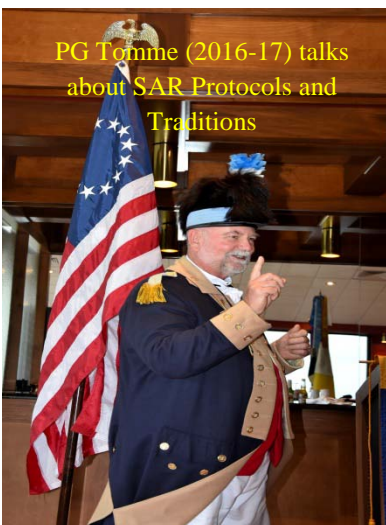
Induction & pinning of new members



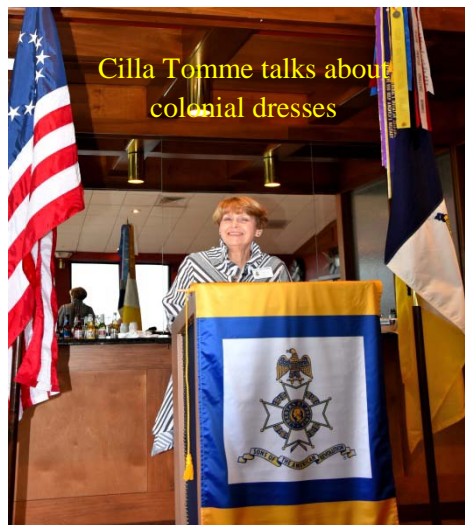
Certificate of Patriotism presented to Compatriot Kennedy



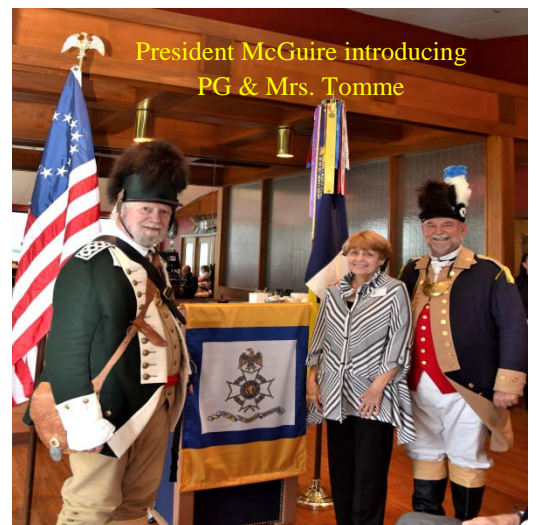
NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation presented to Past President Matson



PG Tomme (2016-17) talks about SAR Protocols and Traditions



Cilla Tomme talks about colonial dresses



President McGuire introducing PG & Mrs. Tomme

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Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.