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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

The 2025 fall quarter begins. We resume monthly meetings and we have plenty of scheduled events for those that wish to participate. September 1 also marks the kick-off for the annual collection of dues needed from each compatriot who wishes to remain an active member of the SAR in 2026. Our Chapter has been the first to get our report in for the last two years and with your help and quick response, we will be the first for 2025. Besides making payment by check or bill payment, you may now make payment by Zelle. See the invoice that you have already received for more details.

Now is the time for my urgent appeal! Especially for those of you who have been a member for two or more years – you know that the Fort Lauderdale Chapter has excelled in its participation and promotion of the core public educational and awareness programs encouraged by SAR. However, what you might not know is that the twenty dollars in annual local chapter dues that we collect goes to pay other annual recurring costs and almost none of it is available to fund the Chapter's Community Outreach Programs.

When making your payment, any additional amount included for the Chapter is greatly appreciated. But please understand our funding needs and know that a Chapter donation of \$50 or more will be applied to fund: 1) the \$3,000 estimated cash awards we will pay in 2026 for winners of the eight SAR Youth Education Contests; 2) the \$1,000 we will contribute to support four Honor Flight South Florida trips for veterans to visit the war memorials at Washington DC.; 3) the \$500 we will contribute to support the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. ; and 4) the \$500 we will use to buy wreaths to support our local Wreaths Across America Program honoring deceased veterans. There are actually a few more recurring

programs that we support adding an additional \$1,000 plus to the budget. These costs are offset by a \$2,500 grant we receive from the Florida Endowment Trust fund. Other than that, our Chapter's Community Outreach Programs are entirely dependent on the additional funding support that you provide. Thank you for your consideration.

Changing the subject, our Chapter membership continues to grow. Even better, the increase in numbers is also reflective of the strong turnouts we are seeing at our monthly lunch meetings. We started the year with 80 members. As of September 1st, we are net 87. Since the beginning of the year, we have had eight new member approvals, and we have seven applicants that should be approved by the end of this year. Sadly, these numbers reflect one death, but by the end of this year we are looking good to see a final membership count of 90 or more which has been my stated goal for the last several months.

For links to archival information on previously published newsletters, meeting minutes and other Chapter documents, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President, Treasurer and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

NEXT MEETING – Sept 20, 2025

Davie Outback Steak House

2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

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

FUTURE DATES:

Saturday, 10/11/2025

Saturday, 11/22/2025

Wreaths Across America: 12/13/2025

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUMMARY – JULY 19, 2025**

At our July 19, 2025 meeting we had 16 members and 7 guests for a total attendance of 23. Members (16): Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tom Carpenter Jr, Chaplain; Bruce Angier; Jim Blakeslee; Jim Clark ^{ca}; Greg Elder; Al Evans; Rick Kidder Jr; Jim McHugh; Dan McMurtrie; Jason Milgram ^{ca}; Scott Moore; and John Sauerwald. Prospective Members / Guests (7): Adam Levinson; Jim Wells; Ronna Adams; Joyce Blakeslee; Manny Mathew; Linda McMurtrie; and Lyne Moore. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots and guests attending in colonial attire.

reciting the SAR Mission Statement and SAR Pledge.

Jim Blakeslee gave this month's 250 Minute on the "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking up Arms" issued by Congress on July 6, 1775.



Chuck Adams introduced Adam Levinson saying that he is a Broward County resident and is a recognized expert on American Revolutionary Era law and history. He maintains a website called Statutes and Stories, and he is here today to give an update on 250 Anniversary events planned in February and March 2026 with Florida Atlantic University (FAU).

Color Guardsmen Jim Clark, Mark Snider, and Jason Milgram led by Kevin Shurte posted the colors.



Adam Levinson said that FAU has scheduled events occurring each week from February 11, 2026 to the end of the program on March 19, 2026. He proceeded to outline some of the major exhibits and activities being planned, and urged members to share this with others and attend some of the events of interest.

The Invocation was given by Tom Carpenter Jr. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then led the participants in

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Chuck Adams said that the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard has been asked to attend the closing ceremony and post the colors on March 19, 2026.

Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest member and today's inductee, Dan McMurtrie and his wife Linda. He said that Dr. Robert L. Reeder, his son Gerry and grandson Robert were all just approved. The names of applicants with submitted applications pending NSSAR approval are currently: Bradley Mueller, David Pinney, Samuel Frankel Jr, Trent Prock and Robert Easton Jr. On membership growth, Chuck reported that we started the year with 80 members and we are now at 87 members with five additional applicants expected to be approved by November 2025.

Chuck Adams gave the Financial Status Report as of June 30, 2025. He stated that the July 2025 Newsletter has been circulated. It includes the Member Profile of Bradley M. Mueller, whose application is pending approval by NSSAR. He said that the newsletter also lists all currently known remaining events of Chapter interest for 2025.

Chuck stated that the 2026 annual dues and donations collection will start on September 1st and will be completed by December 1st. He summarized payment methods and urged all members to help him out by getting their payment in promptly.

Jim Clark gave an update on the Liberty Tree Project planned for Tamarac saying that he has been working with the Mayor and City officials for a dedication in January 2026. He has gotten quotes from three companies ranging between \$830 and \$870 or more to do a bronze plaque which he will order shortly. The tree will be dedicated at the City of Tamarac's Veterans Park.

Steve DePaul provided an update on the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial (FAAM) Project. He reported that in-kind contributions and funds collected to date amount to approximately \$166,625 which is about 74% of the \$225,000 fundraising goal. Currently, the remainder needed is \$58,375. The Committee's targeted monthly fundraising goal is now \$11,700 for July through December. He then discussed various fundraising strategies and upcoming group presentations that are planned in order to keep the project on track for the dedication

of the monument scheduled for March 14, 2026.

Chuck Adams presented Steve DePaul with a check for \$750. The donation is made up from three \$250 contributions made first from Herb Gardner and Paul Moore, each having made earlier donations, and a new donation from Thomas Carpenter Jr. Chuck Adams asked Jim Wells, representing the Marine Corps League to join him in presenting Steve with their donation to the project of \$250. Steve DePaul presented the FAAM challenge coin to Jim McHugh, Thomas Carpenter Jr and Jim Wells.



Mark Snider reported that the Executive Committee met on July 15, 2025, and approved the Chapter's amended budget which in part authorizes \$900 for the plaque commemorating the Liberty Tree Dedication in the City of Tamarac.

On veteran's support, Mark stated that we currently have 6,749 points toward the US Stark Memorial Award which is about 85% ahead of where we were at this time last year. Mark said that he is in the process of submitting applications for five of our Veteran Compatriots for recognition in both the

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

Florida Veterans Battalion and the National Veteran Corps in order to memorialize their service.

Mark reported on the stated goal of the FLSSAR Patriot Activities Committee which has asked that each Florida Chapter accomplish three activities: 1) attend at least one naturalization ceremony; 2) deliver at least one presentation on a patriotic educational theme; and 3) present at least one certificate to a qualifying individual or company recognizing the proper display of the flag or the retirement of a flag. Mark said that the Chapter is on track with educational presentations, but is currently seeking opportunities to fulfill the other two objectives.

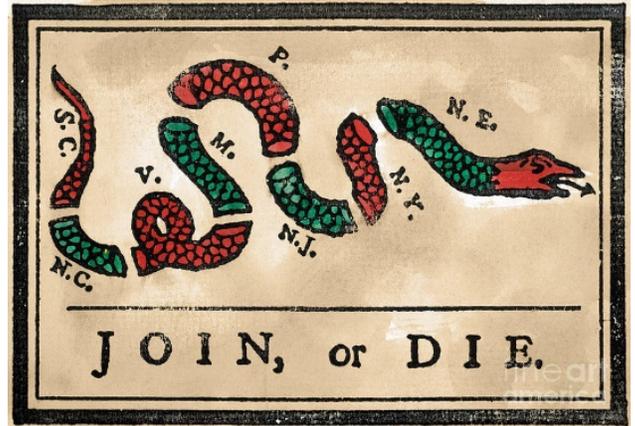
Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *British Capture of Fort Ticonderoga – July 6, 1777*, which is also published in the July 2025 Newsletter.



Youth Education Programs: Kevin Shurte reviewed PowerPoint slides showing the Chapter's significant progress in its participation in SAR Youth Education Programs. The Chapter has gone from no participation in 2023 to participation in one contest in 2024, to now in 2025 participating in six of the eight NSSAR contests. Kevin then reported on how our six first place contest winners were ranked at the State contests with the four first place winners competing in the National contests. He said that at National our American History Teacher, and the Brochure Contest winners came in second place; and our Video Contest winner, and JROTC Outstanding Cadet came in fourth place.

Kevin stated that our goal for 2026 is to participate

in all eight SAR Youth Education Contests. Chuck Adams said that the estimated costs to sponsor all of these programs is \$3,000. He emphasized that these programs are only made possible by member donations collected at the end of this year for next year's program.



Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot Daniel Edward McMurtrie. Steve DePaul presented him with the Rosette recognition lapel pin.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

Chuck Adams presented the SAR 250 Bronze Medal Certificate to Jim Blakeslee.



Chuck Adams said that at last month's meeting we presented Henry Knox Bronze Medals to Compatriot members of the JROTC/Sea Cadet Medal Awards Committee. Medals were awarded to members who over the last two years made presentations at three or more schools. Those that had made six presentations and previously received the medal were awarded bronze clusters. Chuck Adams asked that the qualifying members who were not present last month to come forward.

Chuck Adams presented the Henry Knox Bronze Medal to: Jim McHugh.



Chuck Adams then presented the SAR 250 Silver Medal Certificate to Jason Milgram and to non-member Ronna Cloyd-Adams.



Chuck then presented the bronze cluster to Kevin Shurte.



Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the SAR Recessional. The Benediction was given by Tom Carpenter Jr.

To read the complete set of the minutes of the general members meeting held on July 19, 2025, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archive's subpage for minutes and agendas which are maintained at the Chapter website: www.fortlauderdale-sar.org.

AMERICA 250**King George's Proclamation of Rebellion****August 23, 1775**

By Kevin Shurte



America's war for independence did not flare up overnight. Rather, it smoldered over time, fueled by a series of infamous acts and events. The Stamp, Townshend, and Tea acts, as well as Boston's Massacre, Tea Party, Port Bill, and Quartering Act, all kindled the revolutionary fervor

spreading across the North American Colonies. The final spark that ignited the inferno of rebellion were the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which galvanized American and British resolve and led directly to King George III's Proclamation of Rebellion.

On August 23, 1775, the king issued his 1200-word denouncement of the North American Colonies. The proclamation was his response to the unread Olive Branch Petition that the Second Continental Congress had passed as a final effort to avoid full-scale war with England. In his document, King George declared the American colonies and plantations to be in open conflict and rebellion against the Crown and his loyal subjects.

The king began his decree by blaming the insurrection on "dangerous and ill-designing men." According to the monarch, these men, whom he calls traitors, had forgotten their allegiance to king and country. They had forgotten the protection the Crown had afforded them and the power that had sustained the colonies. In doing so, they had committed disorderly acts that had caused public disturbance, disrupted commerce, oppressed the rights of the King's loyal subjects, and had ultimately levied "War against Us."

The declaration announced that all officers, both military and civil, were responsible for quelling the uprising. Officers were obliged to apply their utmost efforts to suppress the rebellion, while bringing the traitorous rebels to justice and restoring order.

In addition to requiring action from civil and military

authorities, the proclamation also assigned citizens the responsibility of restoring order within the colonies. While officers were charged with taking military and legal action, the King's loyal subjects were legally obligated to assist officers in suppressing the rebellion by disclosing all treasonous acts and conspiracies to which they were or may become privy. Reportable acts included writing or distributing seditious materials and aiding and abetting those who had taken up arms against England. The proclamation further forbade citizens from violating or neglecting this duty for cause of ignorance or doubt.

Reactions to the proclamation varied. Many in England supported it, claiming that it was overdue and that it would send "a clear message that rebellion would not be tolerated" (Bowman). Others believed the measures were overly harsh and would irreparably damage British-American relations. In America, the proclamation fanned the flames of revolutionary sentiment and fueled the conviction war was inevitable.

The 1775 Proclamation of Rebellion marks an incendiary moment in America's spreading conflict. With it, the king had hoped to extinguish the revolutionary embers kindling in his North American colonies. Instead, he doused the hopes of loyal colonists yearning for reconciliation while igniting a patriotic firestorm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 02 to
Oct 04, 2025 NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

- Oct 17 to
Oct 18, 2025 Fall BOM, Kissimmee, FL

- Oct 25, 2025 Honor Flight South Florida #37,
FLL International Airport

- Nov 08, 2025 Salute to Veterans
Fort Lauderdale Color Guard
Sample McDougald House
Pompano Beach, FL

- Nov 11, 2025 Veterans Day Ceremonies
Nininger Home,
Pembroke Pines, FL

- Dec 04, 2025 Yuletide on Atlantic Parade,
Pompano Beach, FL

- Dec 13, 2025 Wreaths Across America,
Pompano Beach, FL

- Jan 10, 2026 S.E. Regional Meeting

- Jan 31, 2026 Liberty Tree Dedication
Veterans Park, Tamarac, FL

- Mar 14, 2026 FAAM Monument Dedication
Pompano Beach, FL

- Mar 19, 2026 FAU 250 Anniversary
Fort Lauderdale Color Guard
Closing Ceremonies

FIRST AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT MEMORIAL

As of September 1, 2025, \$170,296 has been raised toward the goal of \$225,000. With \$54,704 still needed by early December 2025, if you haven't contributed or if you wish to contribute more, visit <https://1776landing.org>. Dedication of the monument will be a SAR National Event scheduled for March 14, 2026.



IN MEMORIAM



We regret to announce the passing on August 13, 2025 of Compatriot John Luke Wynkoop (1955 – 2025). Compatriot Wynkoop has been a registered member of the SAR since December 2, 2022. He was proud of his family history and his lineage to Patriot Gerardus Wynkoop. He was a native of New York City but had resided in Florida most of his adult life last residing in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The photo shows John at his induction on January 14, 2023 at our 2023 S.E. Regional Meeting.

FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - AUGUST 14, 2025

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter Executive Committee conducted a Zoom meeting on August 14, 2025. The approved action item was the amending of the 2025 calendar to reschedule the next meeting to September 20th. In addition, the 2025 Budget was amended to make miscellaneous adjustments including the transfer of \$150.73 in redeemed T-Bill investment earnings to the Chapter's operating account.



IN THE NEWS

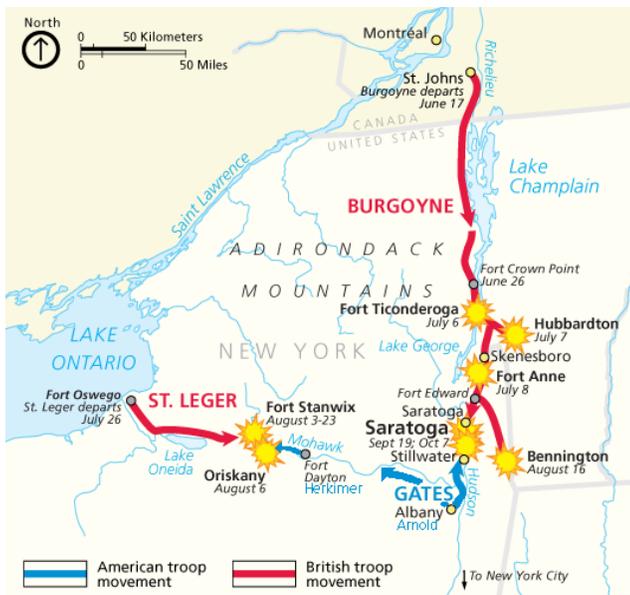
AUGUST 3 - 9, 2025 – FOLLOWING THE 1777 NORTHERN CAMPAIGN TO THE TURNING POINT

By Chuck Adams

Chuck and Ronna Adams took a trip to New York and Vermont with itineraries that followed part of the 1777 Northern Campaign. This is where British Lieutenant General Sir John Burgoyne led over an army of about 9,000 British and German regulars, Canadian and loyalist militias and Native American troops from Montreal, Canada tasked with taking Albany, New York. The plan called for him to be joined by an intersecting move of British forces. First, Lieutenant Colonel Barry St. Leger, who paralleled Burgoyne’s advance by coming down the Saint Lawrence to secure Lake Ontario and Central New York was to join Burgoyne from the west. But St. Leger was stopped at Fort Stanwick on August 26, 1777, and ultimately forced to return to Canada. Second, Burgoyne was to be joined by troops from New York City to be dispatched by Commander in Chief, General William Howe. This pincher type movement hoped to encircle and isolate the then hot spots for rebellion comprising the New England Colonies. However, General Howe’s first objective was the capture of Philadelphia which he ultimately did but not in time to then redeploy reinforcements to Burgoyne. His second in command, General Sir Henry Clinton, who had remained in New York City, attempted to come to Burgoyne’s aide but also could not get to him before the surrender.

We flew into the Albany Airport on August 3 and immediately drove to the Village of Lake George, NY to take a boat tour of Lake George. Then, on August 4th we toured the restored replica of Fort William Henry. This was the site of a key battle for control of the Lake and the waterways leading south to the Hudson River and Albany during the French and Indian War. The Fort which was built by the British in 1755 was put under siege by French General Louise-Joseph de Montcalm on August 3, 1757 and surrendered to him on August 9, 1757 by British Colonel George Monro. Some 2300 British regulars, Colonial militia and camp followers were allowed to leave but not until about 190 were killed and scalped by Native American Indians allied to the French who had been promised plunder and revenge on the English and would not honor the terms of surrender orchestrated by Montcalm. The Fort was burned and destroyed by the French. Montcalm’s advance to the south would be repelled forcing his return to Canada. He and opposing British General James Wolf would both die in the 1759 Battle of Quebec, but the British would be victorious. While fighting continued, this pivotal battle led to the ultimate capitulation of the French who would cede Canada and most of its territories in eastern North American to the British as ratified in the 1763 Treaty of Paris.

During the American Revolutionary War, the area was the site of a new Fort George built further south of the village. In 1776, the area housed a large Colonial field hospital to treat soldiers inflicted by the small box epidemic that was decimating the army. During Burgoyne’s 1777 Campaign, the area was re-occupied by the British to anchor his supply line extending back through Ticonderoga and Canada.



Replica of Fort William Henry 1755 – 1757

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Fort William Henry – Musket Fire Demonstration

Boston. Just under 60 canons of various types were chosen and turned over to General Henry Knox whose task was to get them to Boston which he did on March 17, 1776.



Fort Ti Parade Grounds Facing Officers Quarters



Fort William Henry Cannoneers



Fort Ti Drum & Fife Squad

On August 5th & 6th we were at Fort Ticonderoga, NY where all day on the 5th we toured the fort and the various events performed by staff reenactors. Built by the French in 1755 as Fort Carillon, it was captured by the British in 1759 during the French and Indian War. In 1775 it was garrisoned by British regulars. Then, on May 10, 1775 it was captured by militia forces comprised of the Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen joined also by then Colonel Benedict Arnold who was there representing Massachusetts. Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys had been contracted by the Connecticut Colonies to take the fort and capture its arms for redeployment to support Washington's encirclement of the British during the siege of



Fort Ti Musket Squad

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Fort Ti Cannon Squad

On the 6th we toured the waterways adjacent to the Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Independence where key landmarks pertinent to the defenses were pointed out. After going up to Mount Defiance, we left the area to take a ferry over to the Vermont side. Mount Defiance was particularly critical in the 1777 campaign as it commanded the high ground, and the Continental forces defending their fortification at Ticonderoga and Mount Independence had failed to secure this area.

During the American occupation and fortification of the area between 1775 and 1777 they had built a floating bridge passing from Ticonderoga to Mount Independence on the east side of the lake. When the Continentals defending Ticonderoga saw that the British had cannon emplacements on Mount Defiance, they evacuated their forces using the foot bridge and small boats to make their escape to the Vermont shores. This occurred on July 5 & 6, 1777.



Fort Ticonderoga from Mount Defiance

On the Vermont side we followed the initial route of Major General Arthur St Clair who having evacuated Ticonderoga was leading his retreating Colonial forces through western Vermont to join the Continental army gathering at Stillwater, NY to stop Burgoyne's advance on Albany. We passed the Hubbardton battlefield. This is where the Green Mountain Boys under the command of Colonel Seth Warner joined St. Clair's retreating rear guard and engaged the British troops under the command of Brigadier General Simon Frazier. The British sustained significant casualties and the Continentals were successful in slowing their advance. Technically, this was the only major battle fought in the New Hampshire Grants now called Vermont.



We stayed overnight at Rutland, VT. On August 7th, I spent the morning at the Town Clerk's Office in nearby Tinmouth, VT. Here I researched the early town records for proof that my sixth great grandfather held civil service positions for the town during the Revolution. Mission accomplished -- on the way out of town we visited

my sixth great grandparents, James and Sarah (Calander) Adams.

We left Tinmouth, VT for our B&B across the street from the Hudson River at Stillwater, NY. On the way we passed by the battlefield of Bennington. While we missed the main park entrance to view the monument, we ventured to a hilltop memorializing the headquarters of the opposing Hessian Troops. Bennington was significant because the town served as a storage center of food, livestock and armaments. Burgoyne had overextended his supply lines and was in desperate need of the foodstuffs and livestock stored at Bennington. He sent a regiment of Hessian troops later reinforced by another regiment of Hessians. They were met by General John Stark's militia army from New Hampshire reinforced by other militias of the Green Mountain Boys. The actual battle was fought on the New York side of the border at Walloomsac, New York, and was a resounding victory for the Patriots with most of the opposing forces killed, wounded, and captured on August 17, 1777.

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Our last full day was August 8th, where we drove a few miles paralleling the heights of Bemis and entered Saratoga National Historic Park. One could spend an entire day at the Visitor Center where the entire history of both the battle and significant events on a global scale leading to the Revolution and the forming of the new nation are laid out on display boards, exhibits and media presentations. The battles of Saratoga were fought in two principle engagements. The first, on Sept 19, 1777, was the Battle of Freeman's Farm which was fought to a draw with heavier casualties imposed on the British, the later claiming victory because they remained on the field at dusk when the Patriots chose to break off the engagement.

The armies then fought the Battle of Bemis Heights on Oct 7, 1777. Here General Benedict Arnold having been relieved of command due to his disputes over tactics with commanding Major General Horatio Gates, disobeyed his orders and coming out on the battlefield led the assault that overwhelmed the main redoubt protecting the British lines. This is when Arnold was shot in the same leg where he was similarly wounded in 1775 during the Quebec Expedition.



Monument To Arnold's Injured Leg – His Name Unmentioned

Also at this battle, Colonel Daniel Morgan's riflemen were positioned to engage advancing British regulars under the command of Brigadier General Simon Frazier during which Frazier was mortally wounded. British flanking efforts were soon repelled and with their defensive lines in disarray, the British disengage and fell back to their encampments. Burying Frazier on the battlefield, Burgoyne uses the

cover of night to withdraw to nearby Saratoga (this part now Schuylerville) in an attempt to escape back to Fort Ticonderoga. However, Gates combined forces joined by more reinforcements, including General John Stark, surrounded the British encampments resulting in Burgoyne's surrender. The Saratoga Peace Accord was entered into on Oct 17, 1777.



Battle of Saratoga Surrender Site



Saratoga Battle Monument

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The resulting impact of this overwhelming victory for the Patriot cause gave France the comfort it needed to formally declare war on Great Britain ultimately leading to the final surrender in 1781 by General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA. But the immediate affect was that the British were now seriously challenged in the north. British General William Howe who chose not to support Burgoyne resigned his command in late 1777 after which the duty of Commander-in-Chief of British land forces in America was bestowed on General Henry Clinton. In 1778, he was forced to withdraw from Philadelphia and consolidate the northern command in order to hold the port of New York while the most significant fighting shifted to the south.

AUGUST 16, 2025 – LIGHTHOUSE POINT CHAPTER DAR RECEPTION FOR INCOMING 2025-2027 STATE REGENT AND HER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On August 16, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard presented colors at the opening ceremony hosted by the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR for their incoming State Regent, Kim Zeman and her Executive Board, all starting their 3-year term of service for 2025-2027. Fort Lauderdale Color Guardsmen in attendance: Chuck Adams, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider. After the presentation of colors, Chuck Adams, as FLSSAR Regional Vice President gave welcoming remarks and discussed the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial Project.



Left: Chuck Adams, Mark Snider and Kevin Shurte.

AUGUST 20, 2025 - MIAMI SCOTTISH RITE - AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION

On August 20, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard joined the Miami Color Guard in presenting colors at the Miami Scottish Rite America 250 Celebration held at the Miami Valley Masonic Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Miami, Florida. Participating Fort Lauderdale Guardsmen: Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul and Mark Snider. Also representing the Chapter: Ronna Adams, Carmen Snider and daughter Diedra Snider, Herb and Shelley Gardner and daughter Peri Gardner.



Miami and Fort Lauderdale Guardsmen



Left: Mark Snider, Chuck Adams, Herb Gardner and Steve DePaul.

**SAR MEMBER PROFILE –
SAMUEL SOLOMON FRANKEL, JR.**

Interviewed by Chuck Adams



Q. Ok Sam, tell us a little bit about yourself.

A. I was born in 1973 in Hoboken, New Jersey, and raised in Edison. I attended high school in Metuchen, New Jersey. I then earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of South

Carolina. After that, I moved to South Florida for law school at St. Thomas University, where I received my J.D. and later a Master of Law in International Taxation.

Q. Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces?

A. At 17, I joined the Delayed Entry Program for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and went to boot camp at Parris Island after turning 18 and graduating high school. During college, I served in Company D, 8th Tank Battalion, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Later, in South Florida, I transferred to AT TOW Platoon/Tank Platoon, 8th Tank Battalion, in Miami. My enlistment ended in 1998. In 2005, I re-enlisted with 4th ANGLICO in West Palm Beach, Florida, and in 2008, I joined the U.S. Navy Reserve. I retired as a Petty Officer First Class in 2019 after 21 years of service, completing my final assignment at U.S. Southern Command in Miami.

Q. What is/was your occupation?

A. I have been an attorney in Fort Lauderdale since 1998, specializing in Longshore and Defense Base Act claims at a boutique plaintiff's law firm. I am also a retired veteran.

Q. Tell us about some of your recreational interests and/or hobbies.

A. My interests include lacrosse, fencing, equestrian lessons, firearms, ancient and military history, art and architecture (particularly Art Deco and Mid-Century Modern), reading, and spoken Latin. I am also a dedicated fan of the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Q. How about your family?

A. I married my wife, Natalia Maria Aristizabal, in New Jersey in 2023. We do not have any children.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is James Blanchard (1737-1793). He served as a town officer in the Patriot town of Woolwich, Maine (when a district of Massachusetts).

Q. Tell us about why you want to join SAR and whether you have plans on how you may want to get more involved with carrying out the mission and programs of the SAR.

A. My passion for history is something I inherited from my mother, and our family has a distinguished record of service in all major wars since the American Revolution, which we hold in the highest regard. I aim to advocate for American values of service and patriotism among future generations and honor those who served in the past. The Sons of the American Revolution is an exemplary organization to support those objectives.

Thanks, Sam, for sharing.

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