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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

In addition to everything else that is going on – see “Upcoming Events” and “In the News” – this is the time when we focus on some essential administrative details.

First, as provided by our Bylaws (Article IX, Paragraphs c & d), the Executive Committee met on October 6, 2024, to approve the recommended slate of elected officers for the 2025 calendar year. With all members present, the committee unanimous approved the following slate: Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Joe Motes, Editor; and Tim McLane, Chaplin. This recommended slate will also be announced at the next General Membership Meeting to be held on October 19, 2024. The actual election of 2025 Chapter Officers will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting to be held on November 23, 2024. Any alternative candidates may be nominated on the floor before the election is held.

Your eyes do not deceive – the 2025 proposed slate are the same Compatriots holding the same officer positions in 2024. I am sure most agree that this has been a good team, and the Chapter is fortunate that all have agreed to continue in 2025 -- with your concurrence. While nobody else reached out to me expressing a desire to hold an elected position, as a Chapter we must find ways to get more of our active membership involved. The starting point is through work and assistance on our current committees or on a new one that can be created for any member that has an idea that supports SAR values which they may wish to pursue. Just let me know of your interest.

Second, since our last meeting, our collection process for 2025 dues and donations has been vigorously pursued with snail-mail notification, e-mail follow-up, and phone call outreach. At this time, we have responses from 76% of the Chapter membership with only one member electing not to renew. Sadly, we also learned that one member had passed away – see the In Memoriam for Brien S. Sullivan. We are down to twenty members who have not sent their check in. If you are one of those, please help us on this time consuming but essential administrative duty and renew today.

When paying your dues, please consider making an additional donation to the Chapter. The approximate \$1,500 we collect in annual dues is almost entirely spent on recurring costs. About \$500 of the total collected is used as the Chapter match to secure \$2,500 in State grant reimbursement for our core work in the community. To expand our programs without overdrawing on our limited savings, we must have additional donations. As 2024 examples: only funds from donations allow us to contribute \$1,776 to the SAR Museum, \$1,000 to the Honor Flight South Florida, and \$300 in addition to our recurring commitment to Wreaths Across America. Help us continue these efforts in 2025 with your generous contribution.

As of October 7th, our 2024 Chapter membership is a net 83 having started the year with 75 members. Since last month, Jason Samuel Milgram has been approved and will be inducted on October 19, 2024 – see the July 2024 Newsletter for his Member Profile. We also have David Earl Bricker joining our ranks as a reinstatement and transfer originally from Port St. Lucie. Our net number adjusts for the two recent member deaths. Further adjustments for 2025 non-renewals will be reported at the end of the year. The new member application for Michael Ingram may be approved by the end of this calendar year, and the application for Christopher W.T. Wadsworth is expected to be approved by or before January 2025. The application for Alfred Evans will be submitted shortly and approval is expected in early 2025.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 11-12, 2024 FLSSAR Fall BOM, Kissimmee, FL
- Oct 26, 2024 Honor Flight South Florida, FLL Intl Airport
- Nov 11, 2024 Florida Merci Train, Holly Hill, FL
- Nov 11, 2024 Nininger Veterans Home Parade, Pembroke Pines, FL
- Dec 05 or 12, 2024 Fort Lauderdale Yuletide Parade
- Dec 21, 2024 Wreaths Across America, Pompano Beach, FL
- Jan 11, 2025 FTLSAR Chapter Hosts Annual S.E. Regional Meeting

NEXT MEETING - October 19, 2024

Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

FUTURE DATES:

- Saturday, 11/23/2024
- Wreaths Across America 12/21/2024
- Saturday, 01/11/2025
- Saturday, 02/15/2025

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

At our September 21, 2024, meeting we had 14 members and 4 guests for a total attendance of 18. Members (14): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Ted Duay; James Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; John Sauerwald; Braeden Shurte ^{ca}; and Pete Stevenson. Prospective Members / Guests (4): Jason Milgram; Ronna Adams; Kathy Shurte ^{ca}; and Ceta McDonald. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard

Color Guardsmen Tim McLane, Braeden Shurte & Mark Snider led by Kevin Shurte presented the colors with Chuck Adams leading the assembly in the SAR Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Moore gave this month's 250 Minute which reported on the Battle of Kip's Bay, fought on September 15, 1776. Tim McLane led the Chapter in the POW – MIA Missing Man Table Ceremony. Mark Snider conducted the Memorial Roll Call, reading a list of deceased Chapter members.

Chuck Adams reported that since the last meeting, he completed and submitted the application for Chris Wadsworth. His, along with, the previous submissions of Jason Milgram and Michael Ingram make 3 that are pending approval at NSSAR. He stated that by October 2024, he will complete and submit the application of Al Evans. Also, in NSSAR for approval, are the previously submitted supplementals from Kevin Shurte and Martin Hollick, and a recently completed memorial application for Robert D. Snider, the grandfather of Mark Snider. Most recently the transfer and reinstatement of Compatriot David E. Bricker has been sent into NSSAR. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75 members and we are currently at 83. This count includes our new reinstatement, two dual members, and three junior members.

Chuck Adams gave the financial status of funds reported as of August 31, 2024. He stated that the September 2024 Newsletter has been circulated. It includes the Member Profile of Braeden R. Shurte, who is our newest junior member. It also includes the "In Memoriam" of Thomas C. Shepherd. He acknowledged the Compatriots who attended Tom's Celebration of Life held on September 14, 2024: Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Steve DePaul, Martin Hollick, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider.

Mark Snider provided the status on Veteran Support and Recognition Activities as part of the annual Stark Awards Program Report. He said that our total points to date is 7,916 for the Stark Report. Mark stated that our candidate was approved for the VA's Centenarian Recognition Award. Ms. Isabel Diamond is a 101 year young Navy Veteran that resides at the Nininger Home, and we plan to present her award as part of the November 11 parade and program at the Nininger Home. Our Color Guard will participate in the parade and all members are invited to attend.

Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriots John Sauerwald, Lincoln Pero, and Braeden Shurte.

Chuck Adams presented Compatriots Paul Moore and Braeden Shurte with their membership certificate to the Samuel Nicholas Camp # 23 Color Guard. He noted that both have participated in color guard events before their date of SAR registration.

Chuck Adams presented Five Year Membership Certificates to himself and Mark Snider. He along with Ted Duay then presented the Twenty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin to Jim Lohmeyer. He reported that Joe Motes has been sent his Thirty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin.

Chuck Adams discussed the 2025 annual dues and donations collection status and asked all members present to get their payments into him as soon as possible.

To read the complete set of the minutes of the general members meeting held on September 21, 2024, 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.



September 21, 2024, Fort Lauderdale SAR Lunch Group



250 Minute Presentation by Paul Moore



Member Induction: Braeden Shurte (left);
Chuck Adams presenting



Member Induction, Left: Chuck Adams, Kevin Shurte,
Braeden Shurte, Kathy Shurte & Ted Duay



Bronze 250 Medal Certificate Award from left: John Sauerwald, Lincoln Pero, Braeden Shurte & Chuck Adams.



5 Year Anniversaries, Left: Mark Snider & Chuck Adams



Bronze 250 Medal present to Braeden Shurte (center), by Chuck Adams (left) and Kevin Shurte (right)



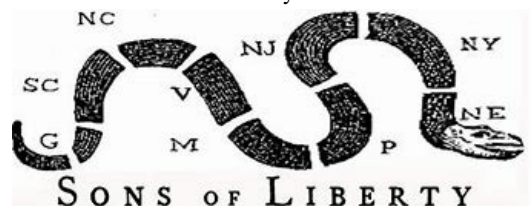
20 Year Anniversary: Jim Lohmeyer (center) with Ted Duay (left) and Chuck Adams (right)



Chapter Color Guard Membership Certificates: Paul Moore & Braeden Shurte (center) by Chuck Adams (left) & Kevin Shurte (right)



30 Year Anniversary – Joe Motes



AMERICA 250

250th ANNIVERSARY OF TAUNTON MASSACHUSETTS FLAG – OCTOBER 1774

By Bary Moss

Fellow Fort Lauderdale chapter members, Lincoln Pero and I are natives of Taunton, Massachusetts. Taunton was settled in 1636 and was a part of Plymouth Colony. At the time of the Revolutionary War, Taunton was an established community that was 138 years old and had a population of approximately 3,000. It is the shire town of Bristol County and is located about 40 miles south of Boston.

On October 20, 1774, news of what was happening with the Continental Congress in Philadelphia was published in the Massachusetts Gazette and read by the citizens of Taunton. Tauntonians were already "riled up" by the restrictions imposed upon them by the new Royal Governor, General Thomas Gage. These restrictions were a result of the Boston Tea Party and other acts of protest in Boston and other nearby communities. Loyalists in Taunton had already been driven from the town, and on September 28th and 29th delegates from the towns in Bristol County gathered at the courthouse in Taunton to protest the restrictions placed upon them as citizens. On the 20th of October news reached Taunton that the Continental Congress had voted to support Massachusetts in its grievances against the Crown. The following day, the residents of Taunton erected a 112 foot tall "liberty pole" and raised the Red Ensign with the words "liberty and union" sewn onto it. This flag was one of the first used within the thirteen colonies to express grievances against the Crown.

On October 24, 1774, the Boston Post reported as follows: "We have just received the following Intelligence from Taunton, that on Friday last a Liberty Pole of 112 Feet long was raised there, on which is a Vane and a Union Flag flying, with the Words LIBERTY and UNION thereon:--to the Pole is fixed the following Lines:

"Be it known to the present
And to all future generations,
That the Sons of Liberty in TAUNTON
Fired with Zeal for the Preservation of
Their Rights as Men, and as
American Englishmen
And prompted by a just Resentment of
The Wrongs and Injuries offered to the
English Colonies in general, and to
This Province in particular,
Through the unjust Claims of
A British Parliament, and the
Machiavellian Policy of a British Ministry
Have erected this Monument of Liberty-Standard
As a Testimony of their fixed Resolution
To preserve sacred and inviolate
Their Birth-Rights and Charter-Rights
And to resist, even unto Blood,
All attempts for their Subversions or Abridgement.
Born to be free, we spurn the Knaves who dare
For us the Chains of Slavery to prepare.
Steadfast, in Freedom's Cause, we'll live and die,
Unawed by Statesmen; Foes to Tyranny,
But if Oppression brings us to our Graves,
and marks us dead, she ne'er shall mark us Slaves."

The flag was adopted as the official flag of Taunton and proudly flies over Taunton Green to this very day.



A large celebration will be held this month (October 19, 2024) by the citizens of Taunton to celebrate the 250th anniversary of this historic and significant act of American patriotism.

Source: Old Colony Historical Museum, liberty and union search, (History Happens Here. Old Colony History Museum : accessed October 3, 2024).

IN MEMORIAM – COMPATRIOT BRIEN STEPHEN SULLIVAN

Compatriot Brien Sullivan passed away on December 3, 2023. He became a member of SAR, through the Fort Lauderdale Chapter, on May 22, 1989. His service in the USMC included a tour of duty in Vietnam where he sustained lasting injuries. He was the younger brother of Colonel Edward Delano Sullivan (1932-2020) who served as Fort Lauderdale Chapter President in 1989 and thereafter as the Chapter's Chancellor for many years. Both were members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The obituary for Brien, published on January 11, 2024, in the Connecticut Post, is re-printed verbatim below.



"Brien Stephen Sullivan aged 70 (3-6-53 to 12-3-23), USMC, beloved brother, son, uncle, and friend, passed away on December 3, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He succumbed to injuries sustained in an October car accident to the sorrow of his many relatives and friends. Brien attended the neighborhood grammar school, Thomas Hooker in Bridgeport, CT, along with a bevy of relatives, St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull, CT, where he excelled in sports, including the swim team and track. Brien graduated from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, CT, with a Bachelor's in Recreation in 1975 and the Marine Corp Officer Training School in Quantico, Virginia, the same year.

In the late 1970s, Brien became a U.S. Forest Service Ranger, in Everglades National Park. Brien entered the real estate field in the Fort Lauderdale area, buying, selling and renting various properties for over 40 years. He had a kind heart and often would overlook a late payment for a person in dire straits.

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Brien is survived by his sister, Joan (Sullivan) Kelly of Boca Raton, FL; brothers, Joseph and Lenore Sullivan of Monroe, CT, Daniel and Lucille Sullivan of Milford, CT and John (Jack) Sullivan of Riverside, Rhode Island; sister-in-law, Betty Sullivan; his long-time companion, Deb Jennings; and 20 nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews; and many cousins. He was predeceased by parents, Joseph D. and Eugenia (McCallum) Sullivan; and older brother, Edward D. Sullivan; brother-in-law, Dick (Harry R.) Kelly, all of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Bridgeport, CT localities.

Brien was much-loved and practiced a positive outlook on life. Brien was always ready with a joke to lift people's spirits. Throughout life's ups and downs, Brien always helped other people and shared what he had. Brien played the cards fate dealt him well and with an amicable attitude. Brien's kind heart, generosity, and positive outlook will be sorely missed by us all."

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IN THE NEWS

HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH FLORIDA

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter was well represented on September 7, 2024, for the homecoming of Flight #32 sponsored by Honor Flight South Florida. Kevin Shurte went on the flight as a volunteer sweep responsible for making sure that everyone got on and off safely.



Braeden Shurte; Kathy Shurte; Paul Moore; Chuck Adams; Mark Snider & Steve DePaul. Not shown: Ronna Adams; Amanda Barnes; Herb & Shelley Gardner.

Kevin Shurte, returning on Flight #32

**FORT LAUDERDALE MISSION BBQ
9-11 REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT**

On September 11, 2024, Mission BBQ, Store #137, located at 1781 E. Commercial Blvd, in Fort Lauderdale, FL, held a 9-11 Remembrance Day Event. Steve DePaul represented the Chapter. Steve DePaul presented the Mission BBQ Community Ambassador, Kerri Gordon, the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional good citizenship evidenced by her outstanding support of veterans and to organizations serving veterans in Broward County. As the representative for Mission BBQ, Store #137, Steve DePaul also presented the company with the SAR Certificate of Commendation in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE – THOMAS C. SHEPHERD

The celebration of life for Compatriot Thomas C. Shepherd was held on September 14, 2024. Attending for the Chapter: Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Steve DePaul, Martin Hollick, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider.



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA HONOR FLIGHT

On September 21, 2024, members of the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard and Chapter friends ventured to the Palm Beach International (PBI) Airport to participate in the homecoming of Flight #51 sponsored by Southeast Florida Honor Flight. Among the returning veterans were three having service during World War II.



Left: friend, Joseph Barnes; Guardsmen, Kevin Shurte; Braeden Shurte; Tim McLane; and Mark Snider. Not shown: Kathy Shurte.

**FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
OCTOBER 6, 2024**



See the "President's Message" for the complete report.



IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

FORT MONTAGU, NASSAU, NEW PROVIDENCE

Chuck and Ronna Adams were on a five day cruise in late September, and on September 24, 2024, they were at Nassau, New Providence. There they visited Fort Montagu which overlooks -- and in earlier times guarded -- the island's east harbor. Originally constructed in 1743, it is the site when on March 3, 1776, the newly formed Continental Marines disembarked from the *Alfred*, commanded by Commodore Ezek Hopkins, and marauded the island for munitions and stores. Led by then Captain Samuel Nicholas (1744-1790), who had been commissioned on November 28, 1775, by the Second Continental Congress to form and train two Continental marine battalions, the Battle of Nassau is known as the "first amphibious landing" of the now United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. Samuel Nicholas continued his service with the marines until retirement in 1783 and is known as the first commandant of the United States Marine Corps. The Fort Lauderdale's Color Guard Camp #23 is named after him in commemoration of this battle and his work in building the Marine Corps as a branch of the now United States Navy.



Fort Montagu Battle of Nassau Presentation Board which reads as follows:

“Commodore Ezek Hopkins landed over 200 soldiers at the eastern end of New Providence on 3rd March 1776. They had come to capture the munitions stored at Nassau. The Governor ordered that 3 shots be fired from Ft. Montagu as his soldiers retreated to Fort Nassau. Upon surrender by the Governor, The Americans hoisted their flag.

The attack was foiled, as only the day before most of the munitions were shipped to Boston. The Americans carried what was left, 100 guns and the Governor held hostage.”

Steve DePaul, in his capacity as FLSSAR Chairman of the First Amphibious Assault Memorial Committee, continues to work with Pompano Beach city and tourism officials in finalizing the conceptual feasibility for the construction of an obelisk type monument commemorating this raid on the British Port at Nassau fought about 190 miles off of the Florida southeast shores. On September 24, 2024, the Pompano Beach City Commission gave approval for the location of the proposed monument at the Pompano Beach city park near Fisher Family Pier. Compatriot Barry Moss, who sits as a Pompano Beach City Commissioner, was very supportive in voicing his approval of the proposal.



There is much work to be done before this proposed project can be determined feasible and actively promoted for fundraising purposes and construction. However, Steve's work to date, and that of his state committee, is to be commended as we await further developments on how we may all assist in seeing the fruition of this project.

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