



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

As we venture into the 2023 holidays, our last meeting for this year will be held on Veterans Day, November 11th, at our regular meeting time and place. This is also the last newsletter for this year. In observance of our 250th Recognition Program, this newsletter reports on page 4 both a key anniversary event occurring on November 13, 1775, with the Capture of Montreal, and the Boston Tea Party that occurred on December 16, 1773. November is also the month when we elect our new Chapter officers for the next year (see column 2 for the list of 2024 Proposed Chapter Officers).

We recently received approval of three applicants - brothers, Blair and Newton Collins, and Eric P. Knott. A member profile for Eric appears on page 6. Their inductions will be scheduled for January 20, 2024. We also have in the mail the newly submitted applications for Kenneth Williams and his son Konnor. Due to the SAR office remodeling work occurring at headquarters, approval of these applications may slip to January 2024. Since starting the year with 59, we are now at 79 active members. However, we also are nearly complete with the 2024 membership renewal process, and it appears that we will end the year with 75 active members after adjusting for three drops and one transfer to another state.

As our calendar year comes to an end, we can reflect back on our many accomplishments as a Chapter. We truly have done a lot which are notable, and these are listed in the article that follows on page 2.

For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



2024 PROPOSED CHAPTER OFFICERS

As provided by our Bylaws, Article IX (c) & (d), the Executive Committee met on October 9, 2023, and approved the recommended slate of 2024 Chapter Officers to be considered by the General Membership when election of officers are conducted on November 11, 2023. The recommended slate:

Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist;
Steve DePaul, Vice President;
Mark Snider, Secretary;
Joe Motes, Editor;
Kevin Shurte, Historian; &
Tim McLane, Chaplain.

The above listed nominees are presently running unopposed. Should any member in good standing wish to be considered for a Chapter elected office, additional nominations may be considered that receive a majority vote of the members present before the actual election is conducted on November 11, 2023.



NEXT MEETING - November 11, 2023

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

Future Dates:

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, 12/16/2023
Saturday, 01/20/2024
Saturday, 02/17/2024
Saturday, 03/16/2024
Saturday, 04/20/2024

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

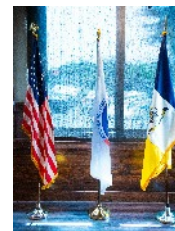
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2023 CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Chuck Adams

The following lists the Chapter's major accomplishment during 2023:

1. We hosted the Jan 2023 S.E. Regional meeting at which we recognized the Honorable Judge Bertila Sota with the Bronze Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.
2. Throughout 2023, we inducted 17 new members (five approved in late 2022), and we received approval of 15 new members in 2023.
3. Throughout the year, we took time to recognize the membership anniversaries of our members with certificates awarded in five-year increments. We also recognized the contributions of three compatriots to the Chapter: Bronze Distinguished Service Medal, Compatriot Chuck Adams (Feb 2023); Bronze Meritorious Service Medal, Compatriot James Lohmeyer (Jun 2023); and Bronze Meritorious Service Medal, Compatriot Joe Motes (Jul 2023).
4. In Feb 2023, we donated \$210 to the Broward Outreach Centers to aid in their Easter feeding program for the homeless.
5. In Mar 2023, we made our first contribution of \$1,776 to support the SAR Education Center and Museum to which we are committed to annually support in like amounts until at least 2026. Our initiative was recognized by SAR at the 133rd Congress where the Chapter received the SAR 1776 Signer Level Certificate of Appreciation.
6. Between mostly Apr and Jun 2023, we awarded 32 Bronze JROTC Medals to qualifying cadets and 8 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to qualifying Sea Cadets. We also contributed \$50 to the American Legion to help fund the 2023 Pass and Review Ceremony for participating JROTC units in the Broward County School District.
7. On May 19, 2023, our Chapter's first Color Guard was accepted into the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade as Samuel Nicholas Camp #23. Founding members are Guardsman: Adams, Carpenter Jr, DePaul, McLane, Shurte and Snider. Since Jun 2023, the Chapter's Color Guard presents the colors at each Chapter meeting. Several of its members have participated in various State and National events since its May 2023 inception.
8. In May and Oct 2023, three Chapter representatives (Compatriots Adams, DePaul & Shurte) attended the State Board of Management meeting. In Jul 2023, these same Compatriots also attended the 133rd National Congress with Compatriot Snider attending for the first couple of days.
9. In Jun 2023, we initiated the Chapter's monthly America 250 Recognition Program. Each month an article is published in the Chapter Newsletter on a Revolutionary War Era (1764-1783) event or person, and a presentation on that topic is given at that month's general membership meeting.
10. On Jun 24, 2023, we donated over \$550 in equipment that the Chapter purchased for the Alexander Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home.
11. On Jun 30, 2023, we presented to representatives of the H.S. White Corporation a SAR Flag Display Certificate of Commendation. This is the first time in many years that we have had a Chapter Compatriot propose a qualifying entity to receive this recognition.
12. In Jul 2023 we recognized all of our corporate donors to date. Initiated by Compatriot DePaul, three companies contributed a total of \$3,000 to help fund our charitable and community service programs – Danto Builders, LLC; T&R Painting Specialist, Inc; and Arrow Asphalt & Engineering, Inc. This was followed up by Compatriot Shurte who obtained a \$750 donation from the H.S. White Corporation. This is the first time in our known history that the Chapter has been supported by private corporate donations to further our programs targeted to serve the community and promote the SAR mission.
13. In late Aug / early Sep 2023, Compatriot Shurte received permission to conduct a Middle School Poster Contest at Ramblewood Middle School in Coral Springs, FL. There are potentially 600 contestants who will submit their project for judging early in 2024. The Chapter has not attempted to sponsor or promote this educational program since the early 2000's so it is quite significant that we are able to reinstate it and potentially expand on it in the years to come.
14. Throughout the year we donated \$650 to Honor Flights of South Florida, and we plan to increase this funding commitment in 2024, making quarterly contributions.
15. Throughout the year we contributed \$950 to the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars of this support has been earmarked by the C.A.R. for a donation to Tomorrow's Rainbow of Broward County that will also receive an additional \$250 contribution from the Chapter for the work they do in providing grief and trauma counseling to children. We also contributed \$400 to the Florida Society C.A.R. for their President's Project to aid in the preservation and protection of the Florida Right Whales.
16. Throughout the year, we recognized newly approved Eagle Scouts in Broward County having issued 19 certificates. We also contributed \$100 in support of Boy Scout Troop 224.
17. We will end the year with our participation in Dec 2023 at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Pompano Beach at which the Chapter has contributed ten wreaths to honor gravesites of interned veterans at Forest Lawn North Memorial Gardens.
18. But as we end the year, we are hard at work coordinating with officials at both Dania Beach and Pompano Beach for the dedication of a Liberty Tree at a public space in each city - potentially both in 2024. The liberty trees of the revolutionary war era were an early symbol of the rising spirit of protest and desire for independence and freedom.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY—OCTOBER 14, 2023

At our October 14, 2023, meeting we had 15 members and 4 guests for a total attendance of 19. Members (15): Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider,^{ca} Secretary; Kevin Shurte,^{ca} Historian; Tim McLane,^{ca} Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Ronald Goodale; James Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Pete Stevenson. Prospective Members / Guests (4): Gary Van Sciver, Prospect; Kenneth Williams, Prospect; Konnor Williams, Prospect; and Nena McHugh. The subscript^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

Color Guardsmen Tim McLane, Kevin Shurte, & Mark Snider presented the colors with Chuck Adams leading the assembly in the SAR Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Adams recognized the presence of our newest member Jim McHugh and his wife, Nena. He also welcomed our newest applicants, Kenneth Williams and his son Konnor, and one of our prospects, Gary Van Sciver. He said that year to date, our membership has increased from 59 to a net 76, and that all but six have renewed their membership for 2024. Chuck Adams stated that he along with Steve DePaul and Kevin Shurte will attend the Fall BOM being held October 20 – 21, 2023 at Kissimmee, Florida.

Steve DePaul reported on the Liberty Tree Dedication Project. He stated that he has met with Dania Beach officials and they are eager to have us dedicate a tree at a site in their City Hall parking area that is being converted to green space. Additional meetings are planned to work out the details. He is also reaching out to other public entities and has had discussions with Barry Moss concerning Pompano Beach. Mark Snider reported on his efforts to have the site of the Chapter's 2012 Liberty Tree, dedicated at the Rae Carole Armstrong Park in Plantation, recognized on the National War Memorial Registry operated by The Memorial Day Foundation, Inc.

Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on October 9, 2023. It adopted the amended budget as of September 30, 2023. It also approved the recommended slate of 2024 Chapter Officers to be considered by the General Membership when election of officers are conducted on November 11, 2023. The recommended slate: Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Joe Motes, Editor; & Tim McLane, Chaplain.

Mark Snider stated that 3,340 points have been accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program. He reported that the last 2023 South Florida Honor Flights trip is scheduled for October 28, 2023, and will depart from and return to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Chapter Compatriots are encouraged to participate at the Welcome Home on the return of the flight. Chapter Compatriots are also encouraged to attend the 2023 Wreaths Across America Celebration to be held on the morning of December 16, 2023.

Chuck Adams gave the Status of Fund Report as of September 30, 2023. He stated that the October 2023 Newsletter includes the Member Profile of H. Lincoln Pero who was inducted at the meeting held on September 16, 2023. On 2023 youth programs, Chuck Adams reported that on October 8, 2023, he and Kevin Shurte attended the first meeting for the 2023-24 program year of the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. The C.A.R. accepted our additional donation of \$250 to be matched by \$250 from the Chapter. The total of \$500 will be donated to Tomorrow's Rainbow of Broward County which provides grief counseling to children who have experienced a recent loss of a loved one or other trauma.

Kevin Shurte presented the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report. This month he summarized his report on *Nathanel Greene, Commander of the Southern Continental Army*, which is also published in the October 2023 Newsletter.

Chuck Adams, assisted by Steve DePaul, inducted Compatriot R. James McHugh. Jim's wife, Nena, was also present for the induction.

To read the complete set of the minutes of general members meeting held on the October 14, 2023, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archives subpage for minutes and agendas which are maintained at the Chapter website: www.fortlauderdale-sar.org.



Caption for first three photos: Left: Chuck Adams, Jim McHugh & Steve DePaul at October 14, 2023 Induction Ceremony



Left: Chuck Adams, Jim McHugh, Nena McHugh & Steve DePaul at October 14, 2023 Induction Ceremony



Fort Lauderdale Chapter Compatriots at the October 14, 2024 General Membership Meeting

AMERICA 250

PATRIOTS CAPTURE MONTREAL – NOVEMBER 13, 1775

By Kevin Shurte

Basking in the aftermath of colonial victories at the Battles of Lexington and Concord where Massachusetts militiamen outmaneuvered and outfought their “lobster-back” foe, the Continental Congress set its eyes on the British province of Quebec. Since the First Continental Congress in 1774, colonial leaders had anticipated that Canadians, especially French Canadians, would be eager to join the 13 American colonies in revolt against their British overlords. Although Canadians had shown little interest in, or support for, the conflict, America’s founders felt confident that once Continental forces began their incursion into Quebec their northern neighbors would arm themselves and join in the cause of liberty.

On May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen, and a small force of Green Mountain Boys, together with Benedict Arnold, captured Fort Ticonderoga and its cache of vital artillery in a surprise dawn attack with American forces suffering no deaths and only one casualty. After the battle, Allen and Arnold temporarily assumed co-command of the fort until June 1775 when Colonel Benjamin Hinman and 1,000 Connecticut patriots abruptly relieved them of their command. In anger, Arnold resigned his commission and returned to New York while Allen petitioned the Continental Congress to authorize the invasion of Quebec. Congress agreed with Allen’s proposal, but the invasion would lead to his eventual capture by the British on September 25, 1775, during his poorly planned and ill-fated attempt to capture Montreal.

Congress had approved the Northern Campaign of 1775-1776 on June 27, 1775, appointing General Philip Schuyler as commander of the Northern Department of the Continental Army and ordering him to capture Montreal and Quebec City. However, Schuyler was hesitant to act, and his inaction led to his replacement by Brigadier General Richard Montgomery, an Irish-born immigrant whose father had been a member of Parliament.

Montgomery had the reputation of being an aggressive commander and swiftly put his 2,000-man army in motion. On September 17, 1775, Montgomery’s troops began a 45-day siege on Fort Saint John, the primary defensive position of Montreal. Finally, on November 3rd, British forces under Major Charles Preston surrendered the fort leaving Montreal indefensible. Given the battered and depleted state of the British forces, British commander Guy Carleton abandoned Montreal without a fight, and the continentals captured the town on November 13, 1775.

Unfortunately for Montgomery and his troops, their success was short-lived. Carleton retreated to the British stronghold of Quebec City, 150 miles down the Saint Lawrence River, where British forces had had 45 days to muster their ranks and harden the city’s fortifications during the siege of Fort Saint John. There the armies would clash again the following month in the decisive Battle of Quebec where Montgomery would fall and so too would the hopes of a victorious American invasion.

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AMERICA 250

THE BOSTON TEA PARTY – DECEMBER 16, 1773

By Kevin Shurte

Still reeling from the financial setback of the French and Indian War, in 1767, the British Parliament passed the Townshend Acts. These parliamentary acts imposed taxes on British goods imported to the American colonies, including “china, paint, paper, glass, lead, and tea” (History Channel). Because the colonies had no representation in Parliament, many colonists viewed these acts as an abuse of power and an abuse on their natural rights as Englishmen. In time, Parliament would repeal all these taxes except for the lucrative tax on tea.

In May 1773, Parliament passed the Tea Act which effectively granted the British East India Company a duty-free monopoly on all tea imports to the American colonies, thus eliminating all competition. In response, colonial merchants began smuggling Dutch tea into the American colonies. Although the cost of the smuggled tea eventually outstripped that of the taxed East India tea, successful Yankee tea smugglers John Hancock and Samuel Adams managed to muster and maintain colonial opposition to the tax as matter of principle and profit.

Across the colonies, tea agents in Charleston, New York, and Philadelphia declined and canceled orders for British tea refusing shipments into their cities. However, Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson resolved to uphold British law and allow incoming East India tea shipments into the Port of Boston aboard the ships *Dartmouth*, *Beaver*, and *Eleanor*.

On the morning of December 16, 1773, with the three tea-laden ships at mooring, thousands of colonists gathered in protest at Boston’s Old South Meeting House. There, Samuel Adams and other patriot leaders organized a supra-town meeting to decide the cargo’s fate. Whereas Governor Hutchinson, the tea consignees, and the ships’ owners refused to send the ships away and ordered them offloaded and the tax paid, Boston patriots voted to neither permit the tea to be offloaded nor to pay the tax. The parties had reached an impasse which led to the first major act of defiance by American colonists to British rule.

That evening around seven o’clock, a group of 30 to 60 American colonists, including members of the Sons of Liberty, crudely disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians and marched on Griffin’s Wharf. Followed by an enthusiastic and supportive mob, the patriots armed themselves with tomahawks, and boarded the tea-laden *Dartmouth*, *Beaver*, and *Eleanor*. Over the course of three hours, the patriots hacked open 342 chests, containing more than forty-five tons of East India tea, tossing them overboard and into Boston Harbor.

Cleanup and aftermath follow every epic party, and Boston’s Tea party was no exception. Always civil and well-mannered, the Yankee marauders, having had their fun, graciously swept clean the ships’ decks that they had soiled and returned everything to its proper place, excepting the tea. Upon hearing news of the party, patriots from New York to Philadelphia celebrated Boston’s opposition to British tyranny. But not everyone was pleased with the Bostonians’ nighttime antics. Publicly, George Washington declared Boston’s cause as America’s cause, but he was privately appalled by the willful destruction of private property. Benjamin Franklin too objected to the property violation and offered to reimburse the British East India Company for its losses. King George III and British Parliament were angered most of all. In the party’s aftermath, Parliament passed the Coercive Acts of 1774 which included the Boston Port Act, effectively closing Boston Harbor and suspending the legal rights of the Massachusetts Bay colonists.

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2023 FALL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Florida Society held its 2023 Fall Board of Management Meeting on October 20 & 21 in Kissimmee, Florida. Representing the Chapter were: President, Chuck Adams; Vice President, Steve DePaul; and Historian, Kevin Shurte. Each of our representatives are also Color Guardsmen who participated in the Presentation of Colors for the opening ceremony of the Awards Banquet held on October 21st. Our Chapter has been absent from participating for many years until Steve DePaul attended over a year ago in October 2022. For Compatriots who want to evolve and feel more connected to the SAR as an organization with a mission – attendance at these semi-annual meetings is the best, most economical way for you to get more involved, knowledgeable, and inspired. Here are some key takeaways:

1. The session workshops were well done, organized and informative. Chuck Adams, as a member of the Florida Society C.A.R. and SAR Junior Member Liaison Committee, learned that there is an annual C.A.R. Activity Report to be submitted in order to qualify the Chapter's efforts for an annual recognition award or flag streamer.
2. The business meeting ran smoothly and without controversy or drama. Kevin Shurte, as Florida Society Educational Outreach Committee Chair was able to recruit four or five additional members to his committee which he reported at the business meeting.
3. At the business meeting, the members approved that delegates to the 134th Congress being held in July 2024 at Lancaster, PA will support the unopposed candidates to National office. For the position of Treasurer General, Florida Society delegates to the 134th Congress will support the candidacy of our own Wm. Lee Popham.
4. Florida Society President, Steve Fields, urged Chapters and members to embrace the newly simplified SAR Mission Statement and promote it whenever practicable and appropriate. The Florida Chapter has immediately heeded this request by adding the SAR Mission Statement as an embedded footer to its monthly meeting agenda.
5. Florida Society President, Steve Fields, reminded all Chapter and members of their obligation to have members participating in certain SAR programs to complete the SAR Youth Training Program and submit their certificate of completion to the Chapter President and the Florida Society Secretary. This SAR requirement applies to all members who are actively involved with youth education and awards programs, and the C.A.R. It also applies to all members of the Color Guard. The actual online training program takes less than 30 minutes to complete and the certification is good for two years.
6. At the Awards Banquet, we learned of an annual award given to chapters who participate in the Partners of Patriotism Program through chapter activities in direct participation with patriotic organizations such as the Veterans Administration as well as patriotic programs such as Wreaths Across America. Qualifying activities are now to be reported on the annually submitted US Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet.
7. At the awards ceremony: a) Chuck Adams received his second bonze cluster and Liberty Tree Medal Certificate awarded at the July 2023 133rd Congress; b) Kevin Shurte received one of two Certificates of Appreciation given by the Florida Sons of Liberty Color Guard Commander for his assistance and help with the Color Guard at the July 2023 Congress; c) Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider each received a certificate for the Silver, 250th Anniversary Medal in recognition of their efforts in supporting the American 250 SAR Program; d) Kevin Shurte received his certificate for the Gold, 250th Anniversary Medal in recognition of his efforts in supporting the American 250 SAR Program; and e) Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Kevin and Kathy Shurte received the Sam Adam's Congress Appreciation Award in recognition of exemplary service performed at the 133rd Congress.

In closing, it is important to note that Kevin Shurte is only the second Florida Society member to receive a Gold 250 Medal. In addition, Steve DePaul is to be congratulated for his work on behalf of Florida Society President, Steve Fields, in designing the new Florida Society logo displayed below.



BOM Awards Banquet, Left Photo: Kevin Shurte; and Right Photo: Steve DePaul (back row) and Chuck Adams (front row)



BOM Awards Banquet, Left Photo: Kevin Shurte; and Right Photo: Chuck Adams



250th LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM

SAR MEMBER PROFILE – ERIC P. KNOTT
Interviewed by Chuck Adams

As Chairman of the Liberty Tree Dedication Program Committee, Vice President, Steve DePaul has provided the following update:

“The goal is to place a liberty tree in as many cities in Broward as possible leading up to our anniversary.

Tuesday October 24th, 2023, I met with our Compatriot, Barry Moss, who is the Vice Mayor of Pompano Beach, along with Pompano Beach City Manager, Greg Harrison, and Pompano Beach Assistant City Manager, Earl Bosworth. We discussed our desire to place a "Liberty Tree" in a prominent place at city hall as a memorial to those men and women who supported the cause of liberty, and for it to be a gathering place for the people of Pompano Beach. I expressed a desire to include the people of Pompano Beach, its school children, scouts, our SAR color guard & membership, and all other interested groups to mark the occasion. I further suggested a time capsule where all parties could leave a little something. This will also give us an opportunity to introduce lesson plans to the local teachers to develop some sort of contest if they like. Pompano Beach City Hall currently has a large oak tree in the circle as you come up the drive in front of city hall, and we may want to consider dedicating it. Further, it was offered by the City Manager that I make my pitch at the Broward County City Managers Associations meeting, which I intend to do when I am given the date. This should save on some shoe leather!

Thursday, October 26, 2023, I received a phone call from Dania Beach Mayor A.J. Ryan. We had a very enjoyable phone call which lasted about 30 minutes. We geeked out on history and he expressed his excitement on the veterans park they are building that will recognize American war veterans from 1776 to the present, and he loves that our war of independence will be leading. We also spoke of a time capsule, dates, city & citizen involvement as well as all the other organizations. It was determined that our Chapter will set a date to plant a tree and plaque. And later when the park is ready, we will return, perhaps rededicate the tree and plaque along with a permanent monument/time capsule. The Mayor invited me to attend his State of the City Address on Nov 9, 2023, and then come and speak to the entire City Commission at their November 13, 2023, City Commission meeting to officially introduce our organization.”

Editor’s note. The original Boston Liberty Tree and those that followed throughout the 13 colonies were early symbols of protest of colonial opposition to the various acts being passed by the British Parliament exacting taxes on the colonies for revenues to help pay the debt for the French and Indian War (1756 - 1763). The first Liberty Tree was located in Boston at Washington and Essex streets. It was a 120 year old elm tree when it was used on the morning of August 14, 1765, to hang an effigy of a local tax collector for the Crown. The tree was used for similar purposes, including the posting of various protest notices and as a gathering place for protestors to meet or form. In August 1765, the Boston Sons of Liberty tried to dial down the violence but also promote the trees’ allure by attaching a copper plate to it – “Tree of Liberty”. The idea of the use of a designated liberty tree as a focal point for local protest spread and was incorporated in localities throughout the 13 colonies. The symbol of the Liberty Tree was used in early flags of the revolutionaries. The original tree in Boston was clearly understood by British officials to serve as a symbol of opposition to the Crown and the British Army, in its occupation of Boston, cut the tree down in August 1775. After the British were forced to abandon Boston, the revolutionary Bostonians erected a liberty pole on the site of the original tree and dedicated it on August 14, 1776 – eleven years to the day of the first major protest they had instigated against the Crown.



Q. OK Eric, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in Washington D.C. in 1987 while my parents were attending school there. We moved to Miami soon afterward because both of their families were already living in South Florida. Since then, most of my life, including all my schooling – undergraduate and medical school – were in Florida, with the exception of a brief stint away at Emory University, for residency, before returning home to work at Jackson Memorial/University of Miami/Miami VA. I currently live in Parkland, with my wife, Katryna, and our five-year old mini-aussie, Watson.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a physician, specialized in Pulmonary medicine as well as Critical Care/Intensive Care medicine. These days, I mostly focus on the post-operative care of lung and heart transplant recipients at Jackson Memorial Hospital, but I also work at the Miami VA ICU and Pulmonology clinics. In addition, I devote some time to scientific research for improving lung cancer outcomes in veterans, at the Miami VA.

Q. Can you tell us about some of your recreational interests?

A. I am a long-distance runner, with my focus being the half-marathon. I have run the Miami Half-Marathon every year for the last 5 years or so and will do it again this year. I used to do quite a bit of SCUBA diving and would love to get back to that in the future. And most recently, genealogy has become quite a fun hobby that I have stumbled into.

Q. How about your family?

A. My wife is Katryna Lim. She is a primary care physician that has clinics at Coral Springs, Tamarac, and Lighthouse Point. She and I met in medical school and we have been married for five years. We do not have children yet, but with any luck, that is on the horizon.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is Charles Thomas Philpott. He was born on Nov 20, 1753, in Charles County, MD. In 1776, at the age of 23, he first served for five months as part of the volunteer militia for Frederick County, MD. Later, in Dec 1776, he formally enlisted and served for three years in Maryland’s 7th Regiment. His Revolutionary War Pension File (S.5924) documents several battles and engagements that he fought in. He achieved the rank of Sergeant before being discharged in Dec 1779.

Q. Do you plan to contribute to and help with Chapter develop, retain and attract members, or recognize others consistent with SAR programs?

A. Absolutely, would love to.

Thanks, Eric, for sharing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 16, 2023. Wreaths Across America in Broward County, Forest Lawn North Memorial Cemetery, Pompano Beach, FL.
- Feb 29, Mar 1-2, 2024. Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY.
- Mar 16, 2024. Last Naval Battle Ceremony, Merrit Island, FL
- Mar 23, 2024. Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony, Jacksonville, FL
- Apr 2024 TBA. Honors Flights of South Florida, Probably at Fort Lauderdale – Hollywood International Airport.
- May 8, 2024. Battle of Pensacola Commemoration, Pensacola, FL.
- Jul 10-16, 2024. 134th National Congress, Lancaster, PA. (hotel block almost gone).

ANNIVERSARIES

This month the following Compatriots with uninterrupted SAR membership will be recognized at the November 11, 2023, General Membership Meeting:

- 5 Years – Thomas Charles Shepherd, Compatriot since 02 Nov 2018.
- 10 Years – Stuart Diaz Galup, Compatriot since 27 Nov 2013.

2023 CHAPTER OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT - CHUCK ADAMS**
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KEY EVENTS IN UNITED STATES MILITARY HISTORY

- Nov 10, 1775 – Marine Corps Founding - The United States Marine Corps was founded to serve aboard naval vessels and was responsible for the security of the ship and its crew by conducting offensive and defensive combat during boarding actions and defending the ship’s officers from mutiny.
- Dec 13, 1636 – National Guard Founding (The Militia) - The National Guard of the United States was founded as State Militias and is the oldest component of the Armed Forces. Today, it is a joint activity of the United States Department of Defense consisting of the Army and the Air National Guard
- Dec 20, 2019 – Space Force Founding - The United States Space Force is the first new armed service since 1947 established 1 September 1982 with responsibility for space warfare operations.



Group: Attendees at C.A.R. 11/05/2023 Meeting at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton. SAR Senior Leaders Chuck Adams (left) and Kevin Shurte (right)



2023-24 Officers Installation, Left: Kevin Shurte with Katy Peterson administering oath to: Kali Potts, Braeden Shurte, Camden Potts, Kyle Peterson & Mason Primiano