



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

Since last month, we have added Jim Blakeslee to our roster as a dual member. Jim's primary affiliation is with the Delaware Society SAR, Ceasar Rodney Chapter where he serves as Treasurer. He has recently retired and has completed his permanent move to Hallandale Beach. Jim is also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and I first met him last month at the local colony's lunch meeting.

We began 2024 with 75 members. Since then we are now at 80 having added three new member approvals, one reinstatement, and one dual member approval. At last month's lunch meeting we also had Bob Walsh attend who is the current Chancellor for the New Hampshire Society SAR. Bob also is in the process of completing his permanent move to South Florida and may at some time wish to become formally associated with our Chapter. In the interim, we welcome him continuing as a guest at our Chapter gatherings. In the SAR pipeline, is a junior member application for Matthew David Scott. Soon to be submitted will be another junior member application for Braeden Shurte. Braeden is a recently approved member of the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. and is pictured in this newsletter with grandfather, Kevin Shurte, when they both attended the February 2024 annual conference of the Florida C.A.R.

At our February 17, 2024, lunch meeting I pointed out that the SAR Patriot Graves and Biographies Program is an activity open to all SAR members (and non-members). This is a great opportunity for our members to preserve the contribution of your patriot(s) in establishing the new republic through the preparation and submission of a biographical sketch. There are rules and submissions should be supported by documentable facts (not internet hearsay); but I hear that the Chapter's genealogist is willing to help members in the drafting and sourcing of approvable submissions. I will tell you also that one of our compatriots has also expressed an interest to me in helping other members with their submission. In this newsletter is our first example prepared by Compatriot Martin Hollick. A draft of his biographical sketch on Hopley Yeaton (1739 – 1812) is included as an example. Hopley Yeaton is recognized as the father of the modern U.S. Coast Guard so this is a unique first start.

Back in March 2022, I initiated the "Member Profile" column that has since been a standard feature in every subsequent newsletter to date. Would it not also be appropriate to have a standard or frequent column recognizing a "patriot ancestor" of one of our Chapter compatriots? Let me know of your interest.

This month's Member Profile introduces Paul R. Moore. Paul received approval from SAR on February 9, 2024, recognizing his lineage to patriot, William Ward. Paul is a regular participant at our lunch meetings and will be inducted at the upcoming meeting on March 16, 2024.

Paul is also an active member of the Samuel Nicholas Camp #23 Color Guard having participated in every Chapter event since November 2024.

For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at [www.fortlauderdale-sar.org](http://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



Fort Lauderdale Executive Committee Members Present - February 11, 2024 ZOOM Meeting.

### NEXT MEETING - March 15, 2024

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

#### Future Dates:

- Saturday, 04/20/2024
- Saturday, 05/25/2024
- Saturday, 06/15/2024
- Saturday, 07/20/2024

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

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

At our February 17, 2024, meeting we had 17 members and 3 guests for a total attendance of 20. Members (17): Chuck Adams ca, President, Treasurer & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve DePaul ca, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider ca, Secretary; Tim McLane ca, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr ca; Jim Clark; Ted Duay; Martin Hollick; James Lohmeyer; Dave Lohmeyer; Jim McHugh; Paul Moore ca; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; Ed Sisson; Ken Williams; and Konnor Williams. Prospective Members / Guests (3): Bob Walsh, New Hampshire Society (NHS) SAR, Ellen Higginbotham; and Sharon Hollick. The superscript ca records compatriots attending in colonial attire and participating in the Color Guard.

Color Guardsmen Tom Carpenter Jr, Steve DePaul, Tim McLane, Paul Moore, & 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 approved members Ken Williams, his son, Konnor Williams, and Pual Moore. He also welcomed our guest from the New Hampshire Society, Compatriot Bob Walsh. He said that he just received notice that our reinstatement, David Scott, has just been approved by SAR which brings our 2024 year-to-date membership from 75 to 79.

Officer and Committee Chairmen Appointments. Chuck Adams summarized the Chapter Bylaws as related to appointed officers and ad hoc committees, and he announced the following appointments:

- \* Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve DePaul
- \* Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Ken Williams
- \* 250 Recognition Program - Chuck Adams & Kevin Shurte, Co-Chairmen
- \* Liberty Tree Dedication Program - Steve DePaul, Chairman
- \* Veterans Support & US Stark Awards Program - Mark Snider, Chairman
- \* JROTC / Sea Cadets Awards Program - Joe Motes & Mark Snider, Co-Chairmen
- \* Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scout Recognition Program - Chuck Adams, Chairman
- \* Youth Program Education Contests & Awards Program - Kevin Shurte, Chairman
- \* First Responder and Law Enforcement Awards Program – Ken Williams, Chairman
- \* C.A.R. & DAR Relations - Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Joe Motes & Kevin Shurte, no chair.

Chuck Adams stated that he along with Steve DePaul and Kevin Shurte will attend the Fall BOM being held May 17-18, 2024 at Kissimmee, Florida.

Steve DePaul reported on the Liberty Tree Dedication Project. Currently, plans are being finalized for a 2024 dedication in the City of Dania Beach, and for a 2025 dedication in the City of Pompano Beach. Discussions are planned to start for a future dedication in the City of Tamarac.

Mark Snider stated that the Executive Committee met on February 11, 2024, with a quorum present. As provided by the Chapter Bylaws, it adopted the 2024 Chapter Budget.

Mark Snider stated that 6,109 were accumulated by the Chapter for the 2023 Stark Awards Program and that the report was recently submitted. Mark stated that he was working on ideas for the 2024 program, including the wounded warrior medal. Tom Carpenter Jr said that he could help on possible candidates. Mark asked Ellen Higginbotham to provide an update on the Honor Flights South Florida. Ellen Higginbotham provided the dates for the next two flights scheduled for Fort Lauderdale - April 19 and June 1, 2024. She discussed ways that those interested can volunteer, whether to accompany veterans on a flight or in other ways. She also identified a few upcoming special events supporting the Honor Flights Program:

Chuck Adams summarized the newly adopted 2024 Chapter Budget and gave the Status of Fund Report as of January 31, 2024. He stated that the February 2024 Newsletter includes the Member Profiles for Ken Williams and Konnor Williams who will be inducted later today.

On 2024 youth programs, Chuck Adams stated that Kevin Shurte has been instrumental in organizing the SAR Middle School Brochure Contest. He outlined the judging criteria and the role proposed for the Chapter in making the final selection by the Executive Committee and any other Compatriot who wish to participate. No other member present volunteered to participate.

In the absence of Kevin Shurte, Ed Sisson presented the 250 Anniversary Recognition Program Report. This month he summarized the report on The Franco-America Alliance – February 6, 1778, which is also published in the February 2024 Newsletter.

Chuck Adams, assisted by Ted Duay, inducted Compatriots Kenneth G. Williams II and Konnor Williams. Ted Duay presented recently approved supplemental ancestor certificates to Martin Hollick for his 2nd and Chuck Adams for his 9th SAR approval.

Chuck Adams presented 250 Anniversary Program Recognition Bronze Certificates to Tim McLane and Paul Moore.

Chuck Adams recognized and named the Chapter's prior year officers. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each prior year officer present: Chuck Adams, Jim Lohmeyer, Tim McLane, and Mark Snider.

To read the complete set of the minutes of general members meeting held on the February 17, 2024, 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](http://www.fortlauderdale.sar.org) .





Inductions. Left: Ted Duay, Konnor Williams, Ken Williams & Chuck Adams



Inductions. Left: Konnor Williams, Ken Williams & Chuck Adams



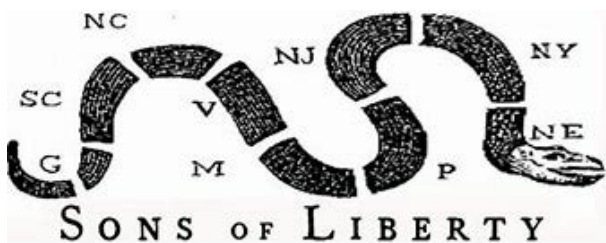
Supplemental Certificates. Left: Martin Hollick, Chuck Adams & Ted Duay.



250 Bronze Certificates. Left: Paul Moore, Chuck Adams & Tim McLane



2023 Past Officers Present. Left: Jim Lohmeyer, Tim McLane, Mark Snider & Chuck Adams



**AMERICA 250**  
**BOSTON MASSACRE - MARCH 5, 1770**  
 By Kevin Shurte



*The Bloody Massacre Perpetrated in King Street, Boston, on  
 Mar. 5, 1770*  
 Source: National Archives

On the evening of March 5, 1770, British soldiers and American colonists clashed in a cardinal event that has come to be known as the “Boston Massacre” – an event upon which “the foundation of American independence was laid” (Adams, John).

In direct contrast to their long-standing policy of salutary neglect, under which Parliament fundamentally adopted a laissez-faire policy toward commerce and governance in the American colonies, beginning in 1765 with the Stamp Act and followed by the Townshend Acts of 1767 and 1768, British Parliament had begun levying taxes upon the colonies to recoup the massive cash outlay resulting from the French and Indian War. Boston colonists vehemently opposed these taxes decrying them as “taxation without representation.” They boycotted and vandalized shops that imported British goods, while harassing the shopkeepers and their customers. The Sons of Liberty went as far as to hang signs on loyalist shops derogatorily labeling them as “importers.”

To quell this civil disobedience, in 1768, King George III dispatched two regiments of British troops to Boston – approximately 2,000 troops to police a city of 16,000 residents. However, this tactic had the opposite effect and increased hostilities between the troops and citizens, who saw the British soldiers as an occupying force. Clashes between soldiers and civilians became commonplace. Citizens would regularly taunt soldiers on patrol, launching verbal indignities, and sometimes engaging in fisticuffs. By 1770, the tension in Boston had reached critical mass.

In late February, a Boston Customs officer by the name of Ebenezer Richardson, attempted to remove an “importer” sign from a neighbor’s shop. On seeing this, an assemblage of patriotic youths began attacking the store and Richardson, forcing him to his home under a hail of stones. Richardson emerged with a musket and fired at the boys gathered in his yard, killing 11-year-old Christopher Seider.

Just 10 days after Seider’s death, another conflict erupted in the city. On March 2 through March 4, 1770, British soldiers brawled with local rope makers in Boston’s South End while searching for a missing sergeant whom they believed murdered.

On the night of March 5, Boston was ready for a fight. Rumors circulated that British soldiers were plotting to chop down the Liberty Tree located in South Boston and that they had promised in a handbill to defend themselves if provoked. An angry mob of patriots roved Boston streets looking for an antagonist. They found it in Private Hugh White with the 29th Regiment of Foot who stood sentry alone outside the Custom House.

The antagonism started with a young wigmaker’s apprentice reproaching Private White about an unpaid bill. Reproach escalated to bickering and culminated in White’s striking the youth on the head with his musket. Shocking news travels fast, as did news of this incident to the roving mob.

Private White soon found himself surrounded by a growing throng of angered patriots who began hurling insults. Their insults turned to injury when they exchanged words for snowballs, ice, and rocks. Outnumbered and desperate, White retaliated against the mob, striking at least one assailant with his bayonet before falling to the ground and calling for reinforcements.

Reinforcements soon arrived under the command of Captain Thomas Preston. With fixed bayonets, Preston’s grenadiers positioned themselves in a defensive semi-circle at the front of the Custom House.

At the same time, church bells were ringing throughout the city summoning 300 to 400 patriots to the tumultuous scene.

## Boston Massacre, continued

As the crowd swelled, the heckling grew louder, and the enraged mob sent a barrage of “rocks, paddles, and snowballs” upon the troop (American Battlefield Trust). Concerned colonists pleaded for the soldiers’ restraint; others prodded them further, daring them to fire on the crowd shouting, “Come on you rascals, you bloody backs, you lobster scoundrels; fire if you dare” (Preston, Thomas). At this point, someone among the melee allegedly shouted, “Fire.”

While it remains unclear who gave the order to fire, or if the firing of the musket was intentional, after falling to the ground, Private Montgomery did fire, and others followed. Crispus Attucks, an African American was the first colonist to perish – the first to fall in the cause of liberty. Grenadiers mortally wounded four patriots that night including James Caldwell, Patrick Carr, Samuel Gray, and Samuel Maverick. Six others received non-life-threatening wounds.

Attempting to alleviate tensions in the city, within hours of the engagement, Massachusetts Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson ordered the arrest of Captain Preston and his men. He further ordered the British forces quartered in the city to remove themselves to Fort William. The arrest and removal had the desired effect over the next seven months as Captain Preston and his men awaited trial for murder in a Boston court.

In an ironic twist, patriot barrister John Adams agreed to represent the defendants to ensure they would receive a fair trial and to show the world that, regardless of the turbulent circumstances, equitable justice would prevail in the Massachusetts colony. In his pursuit, Adams petitioned and persuaded the presiding judge to field jurists who were not citizens of Boston.

In the first trial, the jury cleared Captain Preston of all charges. In the trial that followed, jurors found six of the eight grenadiers innocent of all charges while they convicted Privates Hugh Montgomery and Matthew Kilroy of manslaughter – their thumbs branded “M” for murder as first offenders under English law.

The Boston Massacre proved to be a pivotal event in British-Colonial relations. It further exacerbated the ties that once bound the American colonies with Britain, pushing them further away from reconciliation and ever closer toward open warfare. Fifty years following the massacre, John Adams reflected, “How slightly however, historians, may have passed over this event, the blood of the Martyrs, right, or wrong, proved to be the seeds of the Congregation.”



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### 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FLORIDA C.A.R. STATE CONFERENCE

The following is an abbreviated summation of a report made by Kevin Shurte. The full report was e-mailed to all members on February 27, 2024.

“Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth” (George Washington). Liberty is deeply rooted in the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution (F.S.C.A.R.), as evidenced in the character of its leaders and members attending the 93rd F.S.C.A.R. Conference held at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne, Florida on February 16-18, 2024.

The weekend began on Friday evening with an old-fashioned ice cream social. Attendees enjoyed two specialized rounds of bingo that highlighted vocabulary from the national and state C.A.R. projects – Cultivating Tomorrow’s Leaders and Conservation Right Whale. Friday came to a close following a few more rounds of fun, games, and prizes.

Saturday proved to be a full day of patriotism, service, and fun. Color bearers, pages, and aides mustered downstairs at 7:45 A.M. to prepare for the business meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. which commenced on time with the call to order by Senior State President Dr. Holly Hamilton. From that point on, the youths ran the show, with 12-year-old State President Sydney Wagnstrom presiding. The combined girls and boys F.S.C.A.R. color bearers proudly and respectfully presented the silks followed by the invocation, pledge of allegiance, and singing of our national anthem. Next came the recitation of the American’s Creed, C.A.R. Creed, C.A.R. Motto, and the Preamble to the Constitution. Finally, it was time to conclude old business from the 2023 conference, introduce the current officers, and hear their reports.

Pertinent to Fort Lauderdale, Kyle Peterson, Senior President of the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R., reported that in 2023, their chapter had partnered with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR. Members of the combined organizations visited and donated \$500.00 to Tomorrow’s Rainbow, a Broward County charitable organization that provides equine therapy and counseling to youths who have suffered from trauma or loss. Peterson further shared that Swamp Fox had supported the F.S.C.A.R. State President Project, “Project Conservation Right Whale.” With the help of Fort Lauderdale SAR’s \$400.00 contribution, the F.S.C.A.R. raised a total of \$2900.00 toward realizing their conservation goal.

Following a brief recess, it was time for the 2024 F.S.C.A.R. elections. After the candidates’ speeches, votes were cast and counted, and the newly elected state officers were announced. At this point, the session began winding down, and State Chaplain Jaelyn Tillman eloquently closed the business meeting just past noon with her solemn benediction.

Activities resumed at 1 P.M. at the Green Gables House situated on the Indian River Lagoon in Melbourne. The Green Gables House, also known as the Wells House, was built as a winter home by William T. Wells and his wife Nora Stanford Wells in 1886. An example of Queen Anne style architecture, Green Gables was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on May 18, 2016. The F.S.C.A.R. designated Green Gables as the focus of its 2024 Conference service project. While there, participants assisted with various beautification efforts including weeding, raking, and planting. As a bonus, volunteers feasted on Chick-Fil-A box lunches and toured the house guided by knowledgeable docents. By 4 P.M., the service project and tour concluded.

The formal banquet commenced at 6 P.M. Showing its support for the F.S.C.A.R., the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade posted colors with a combined force of 13 SAR and C.A.R. members. Marching in his first SAR Color Guard event was 13-year-old C.A.R. member (and soon to become Junior SAR member) Braeden Shurte, grandson of SAR member Kevin Shurte who also marched.

Following the buffet, President Wagnstrom resumed administration of the event. She presided over the presentation of state awards for the various youth contests. She also presented membership pins and made presentations of pages, aides, and flag bearers. During the awards and recognitions portion of the event, Florida SAR President Steven Fields presented C.A.R./ SAR dual members with pins recognizing their commitment to our patriotic cause. Next came the installation of the newly elected 2024-2025 slate officers who are to assume office in April. Shortly thereafter, the formal event closed when Ms. Tillman again offered her benediction, and the color guard retired the colors.

Sunday morning everyone gathered downstairs once again for a 9 A.M. memorial service. This year’s annual service was dedicated to the memories of several C.A.R., DAR, and SAR members lost in 2023, including Billee Brock (wife of former NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock) and NSSAR Chaplain Dwight Elam. Following the memorial, members, senior officers, and guests bid farewell anxiously anticipating their next C.A.R. event.



Left to Right Kneeling: Kevin Shurte (Ft. Lauderdale), Steve Field Fields (Saramana), Phil Markoe (Central Florida); Left to Right Standing: Brian Jenson (Brevard), Hans Hunt (Brevard), Landon Alexander (Florida flag), Scott Cook (Central Florida), Eli Maddox (SAR 250th flag), Braeden Shurte (CAR flag), Dick Young (Tampa), James Hamilton (American flag), Harry L Rinker (Central Florida, FLSSAR Adjutant). Missing from this photo: Rich Sanders (Jacksonville).



Left to Right: Braeden Shurte & Kevin Shurte



Left to Right: Kyle Peterson & Braeden Shurte

## HOPLEY YEATON 1739-1812 - FATHER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD By Martin E. Hollick



Hopley Yeaton was born in 1739, (based on his age given when witnessing a will in 1760), probably at Somersworth, New Hampshire, son of John Yeaton and Elizabeth Drew. He was orphaned by the time of his 8th birthday. He was likely raised by his stepmother Mary. By 1760 he was living in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and had begun a life on the sea.

From the onset of the American Revolution, Hopley Yeaton is proved to be a fervent patriot. Before hostilities broke out, he was a member of the Sons of Liberty at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In September 1776 he joined the Continental Navy with tours of duty aboard the frigates - *Raleigh* and the *Deane*. He served on the *Raleigh* as 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant from 1776 - 1778. In August 1778, he was a private in the light horse volunteer company commanded by Capt. John Langdon on the expedition to Rhode Island. Back in Portsmouth, he was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and served aboard the *Deane* from 1779 - about 1783. During his maritime service, he sailed to France to deliver messages to Thomas Jefferson as evidenced by Jefferson's letters. Following the peace, he used his own ship, the *Jack*, and worked as the harbor pilot at Portsmouth. In November 1789, on a visit of recently elected, President George Washington, Yeaton piloted the vessel carrying Washington on a tour of Portsmouth's harbor.

At the beginning of the new republic, in 1791 Hopley Yeaton was the first commissioned officer of the Revenue Marine (later the Revenue Cutter Service) serving New Hampshire and Maine. Initially, he captained the revenue cutter *Scammel*, and he later commanded the *New Hampshire*. He patrolled the waters off the east coast of New England enforcing maritime law against smugglers trying to avoid paying U.S. tariffs and duties on cargo they were transporting. Due to party affiliations, he was dismissed in 1798 by the Adams administration but reappointed in 1802 by Thomas Jefferson after which he held that post until 1809 when he retired. He ended his days on his farm in Lubec, Maine where he died on 12 May 1812. Today, he is remembered for his strong advocacy for establishing a formal training program for men entering the coastal service.

In 1915 the U.S. Congress merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the U.S. Lifesaving Service and created the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1975 Hopley Yeaton's body was reinterred from Lubec to the chapel at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut. A memorial slab at his tomb, lists his patriotic service, extensive maritime career, and noteworthy accomplishments.

Hopley Yeaton married, first, Comfort Marshall, on 15 November 1766 at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the daughter of George and Thankful (Weeks) Marshall. She was born about 1745 and died at Portsmouth on 29 June 1788, age 43. He had seven children by her all born at Portsmouth, Maine: John bp. 1769, d. at sea 1791; Mary bp. 1772, d. 1852; Hopley Jr bp 1775, d. 1776; Hopley Jr bp 1777, d. 1827; George bp 1779, d. 1803; Samuel bp. 1782, d. 1783; and Samuel bp. 1784, d. 1824. Hopley married, second, Elizabeth Gerrish on 26 September 1789 at Portsmouth. Elizabeth Gerrish, who survived him, was born in 1749 and died at Lubec, Maine in May 1819.

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*Note 1: Hopley's mother, Elizabeth Drew, was the elder half-sister of Jonathan Pinkham who is one of the patriot ancestors of Martin E. Hollick.*

*Note 2: The transcribed inscription on the memorial slab at the tomb of Hopley Yeaton, located on the grounds of the USCGA, reads as follows:*

**Captain Hopley Yeaton**  
 of  
 Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
 1740 - 1812  
 A Patriot of 1776  
 In the War of American Independence  
 Captain Yeaton was active with the  
 Sons of Liberty  
 As an officer he served with distinction  
 in the Continental Frigates  
 Raleigh and Deane  
 In 1778 he joined the forces of  
 General John Sullivan  
 in the land campaign against the  
 British in Rhode Island



President George Washington  
 in 1791, appointed  
 Captain Hopley Yeaton  
 First Commissioned Sea-going Officer of the  
 United States  
 Captain Yeaton commanded cutters  
 Scammel - New Hampshire - Governor Gilman  
 of the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service  
 Successfully enforced maritime law along  
 the sea border with Canada -  
 Sponsored first lighthouse at West Quoddy  
 Head near Eastport, Maine -  
 First to propose formal training of young  
 men for service aboard cutters -  
 Active in Mason Lodges of  
 Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
 and Eastport, Maine -  
 No joys domestic or love of ease  
 could cool his patriotic zeal in War or Peace  
 ORIGINAL BURIAL SITE, NORTH LUBEC, MAINE  
 REINTERRED 1975

**SAR MEMBER PROFILE Paul R. Moore**  
Interview by Chuck Adams



Q. Ok Paul, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in North Kansas City, Missouri in 1966. My father was a chemical engineer and worked for Dow Chemical and Standard Oil of Indiana for most of his career. As a result, we moved quite a bit and I was raised in Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin, and Michigan, but ended up back in Missouri. I attended

undergraduate and law school in Missouri at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Most of my career has been as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). I worked in offices located in Boston, MA. and Alexandria, VA., and I also worked directly for the U.S. Attorney General at the DOJ headquarters in Washington, D.C. After DOJ, I served as General Counsel for a defense contractor (supporting the Special Forces of the U.S. and U.K.), and then I served as Chief Investigative Counsel at the U.S. Department of Education, before leaving to work as Senior Counsel for a non-profit organization with an emphasis on federal regulatory matters.

Currently, I work on federal regulatory matters and related investigations. I occasionally publish op-eds regarding my work and recently testified before the U.S. Congress regarding undisclosed foreign financial involvements at U.S. colleges and universities.

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

A. I occasionally participate in sprint triathlons and enjoy camping with my dog. I read a great deal, particularly American history and biographies of historical figures. I've served as an usher and reader for my church and as a server at its weekly dinners for homeless people. I've also volunteered for prisoner "re-entry" programs to assist prisoners who are attempting to turn the page in life.

Q. How about your family?

A. I have never married. I'm very close with my family and extended family.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is William Ward, who served as a private in the Maryland Militia.

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

A. I look forward to contributing and helping the Chapter in any way that is helpful. Without being political, I think it's very important to be proud of and highlight the efforts of our ancestors and what their commitment and sacrifices have meant for successive generations and the world.

Thanks, Paul, for sharing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 29 to Mar 2, 2024	SAR 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 7, 2024	Swamp Fox Society C.A.R., Boca Raton, FL
Apr 13, 2024	Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
May 8, 2024	Battle of Pensacola Commemoration, Pensacola, FL
May 17-18, 2024	Spring BOM, Kissimmee, FL
Jun 1, 2024	Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
Jun 29, 2024	Battle of Alligator Creek, Callahan, FL
Jul 10-16, 2024	134 <sup>th</sup> National Congress, Lancaster, PA
Sep 7, 2024	Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
Oct 11-12, 2024	Fall BOM, Kissimmee, FL
Oct 26, 2024	Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
Dec 17, 2024	Wreaths Across America, Pompano Beach, FL



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