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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

There is a lot happening between our October and November meetings. See "Upcoming Events" for specifics, but we have: Honor Flight South Florida #37 (Oct 25th), a Salute to Veterans (Nov 8th), and the Nininger Veterans Ceremony (Nov 11th). The Fort Lauderdale Color Guard will be at each of these events, and we encourage the additional participation and support by our other members, spouses, and friends.

My September appeal for prompt payment of 2026 dues and donations has been well responded to by the membership. At this time, we have 79 paid with 4 left to reply. These numbers do not include the 8 applicants in the NSSAR queue that are expected to be approved by the end of this year. It is difficult to understand why any Compatriot would not want their name on the 2026 SAR membership rolls as we celebrate the birth of the Nation on its 250th Anniversary. So, me speaking to those 4, help us out, renew and let's get this done!

I also previously messaged how critical additional donations to the Chapter are. Our non-member programs which fund Youth Recognition and Veterans Support is totally dependent on the additional annual donations we receive from membership. Our 2026 preliminary budget for these programs is \$3,800 needed from donations and, to date, we have received \$3,450. At this time, 37 of the 79 payees have made donations as well as 3 prospective members. From the combined total, 34 of the 40 have contributed the requested \$50 or more. We thank all those that have contributed. If you have not contributed or if you wish to contribute more, the new Zelle option is a quick and easy way to show your support for what we do to foster and promote the community outreach goals of SAR.

The October to November timeframe is also when the Executive Committee announces to membership the proposed slate of 2026 Chapter Elected Officers. The final elections will be conducted at the November General Membership Meeting. The complete details immediately follow this article.

To summarize our membership, we started the year with 80. The annual dues collection process is showing some reduction to the starting base which has been offset by current year new approvals. The results at this time are 79 renewals, 4 non-undetermined, and 8 applicants expected to be approved by December 31, 2025. My best guess is that we will end the year at 87 or 88.

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 - Oct 11, 2025
Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328
Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon.

FUTURE DATES:
Saturday, 11/22/2025

Wreaths Across America: 12/13/2025

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FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter Executive Committee conducted a Zoom meeting on September 28, 2025. The approved action item was the amending of the 2025 calendar to reschedule our last 2025 meeting to November 22, 2025. In accordance with our Bylaws, the ExCom members acting as the Nominations Committee approved the proposed slate of 2026 Chapter elected officers:

Proposed Slate of 2026 Chapter Elected Officers

- Chuck Adams President, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist
- Steve DePaul Vice-President
- Mark Snider Secretary
- Kevin Shurte Historian
- Tom Carpenter Jr. Chaplin
- Paul Moore Chancellor

The Proposed Slate of 2026 Chapter Officers will be announced at the October 11, 2025 meeting. Any member who may wish to be considered for one of the elected offices may announce his interests at the next meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may also be made when the 2026 Election of Chapter Officers is held at the Chapter meeting scheduled for November 22, 2025.



2025 ExCom, Left: Mark Snider, Chuck Adams Kevin Shurte; Tom Carpenter Jr.; Herb Gardner; and Steve DePaul. Not shown: Paul Moore who attended by phone.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

At our September 20, 2025 meeting we had 14 members and 9 guests for a total attendance of 23. Members (14): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tom Carpenter Jr ^{ca}, Chaplain; Bruce Angier; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Jason Milgram ^{ca}; Robert Reeder; Gerry Reeder; John Sauerwald; Pete Stevenson; and Bob Walsh. Prospective Members / Guests (9): Samuel Frankel Jr.; Brad Mueller; David Pinney; Jason Ramsey; Ronna Adams; Natalia Frankel; Shelley Gardner, Patrick Reeder; and Kathy Shurte. The superscript ^{ca} records compatriots and guests attending in colonial attire.



Color Guardsmen, led by Kevin Shurte, Tom Carpenter Jr., Mark Snider, and Jason Milgram posted the colors.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

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 reciting the SAR Mission Statement and SAR Pledge.

Jason Milgram gave this month's 250 Minute on the background and purpose of the DAR's Constitution Week recognized annually on September 17 by Presidential Proclamation as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.



Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest members and today's inductees, Dr. Robert L. Reeder and his son Gerry S. Reeder. Gerry's son, Robert T. Reeder has also been approved but lives out of the area. He next welcomed our newest applicant, Jason Ramsey. He said that other applicants that are here today in order of anticipated approval are: Bradley Mueller, David Pinney, and Samuel Frankel Jr. who is here with his wife Natalia. Those not here are Trent Prock, Dr. Robert Easton Jr., Robert Calamia, his father Joseph and son Nathan. In all, there are eight applications being processed by NSSAR and by our next meeting he expects the submission of three more, which in addition to Jason Ramsey will include Kevin Terry and Jeffrey Carswell. On overall membership, Chuck reported that we started the year with 80 members and we are now at net 87. He expects all eight of the additional applicants currently submitted to be approved by or before the end of December 2025. The other three approvals may slide into the beginning of January 2026.

Chuck Adams gave the Financial Status Report as of August 30, 2025. He also gave an update on the status of 2026 dues collection stating that there were still 38 members left to make payment.

Chuck Adams stated that the September 2025 Newsletter has been circulated. It includes the Member Profile of Samuel S. Frankel Jr. He said that the newsletter also lists all currently known remaining events of Chapter interest for 2025, and includes important first quarter 2026 events.

Steve DePaul provided an update on the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial (FAAM) Project. He said that the committee had applied for a Florida 250 America Grant but they did not receive approval. They continue to look for other public and corporate grant opportunities. A permit application has recently been submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He reported that in-kind contributions and funds collected to date amount to approximately \$171,564, which is about 79% of the \$225,000 fundraising goal. The planned dedication of the monument is scheduled for March 14, 2026.

Mark Snider reported that the Executive Committee met on August 14, 2025, and approved the Chapter's amended budget which in part authorizes the transfer of \$150.73 in T-Bill interest earnings to the Chapter's operating account. The 2025 calendar was also amended to change the September meeting date.

On veteran's support, Mark stated that we currently have 9,635 points toward the US Stark Memorial Award Contest. He said that he has submitted forms for five Chapter compatriots to be listed and memorialized on the Florida Society Veterans Battalion and the National Society Veteran Corps. Our submissions are for: James Clark, Jim Lohmeyer, Thomas Carpenter Jr., John Sauerwald, and Zack Snider. He has also submitted an additional form for his father, Robert M. Snider.

Mark provided an update on the Chapter Challenge given by the FLSSAR Patriot Activities Committee by which each Florida Chapter is asked to accomplish three activities in the areas of: Patriotic Education, Citizenship Naturalization, and Flag Display or Retirement. He said that Kevin Shurte has already been recognized as having accomplished the Patriotic Educational goal. Mark then said that he and Herb Gardner attended a Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony at the Broward County Courthouse on September 19, 2025. The Chapter will fully meet that FLSSAR Committees' challenge when Kevin Shurte presents the SAR Flag Display Certificate to the Ramblewood Middle School in the next week or two.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

Chuck Adams showed the framed SAR Flag Display Certificate for Ramblewood Middle School and gave it to Kevin Shurte to formally present to school officials.



Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *King George's Proclamation of Rebellion - August 23, 1775*, which is also published in the July 2025 Newsletter.

Kevin stated that he has SAR America 250 koozies for sale as a fundraiser for the Florida Society's Educational Outreach Committee.



Kevin Shurte showed a slide of the eight youth education contests promoted by SAR showing the current status for next year's program. He is working to either invite a candidate or school for those contests shown as "open".

For the Middle School Brochure and Video Contests, he currently has Ramblewood and Sawgrass Middle

Schools participating. For the High School Essay Contest, he has McFatter Technical and Taravella participating.

1. American History Teacher Contest:
 - Open – seeking a candidate
2. Elementary School Poster Contest:
 - Open for participation
3. Middle School Brochure Contest:
 - Ramblewood & Sawgrass Middle Schools
4. Middle & High School Video Contest:
 - Ramblewood & Sawgrass Middle Schools
5. High School Essay Contest:
 - McFatter Technical & Taravella
6. High School Oration Contest:
 - Open – seeking a candidate
7. Eagle Scout Essay Contest:
 - Chuck Adams to administer
8. JROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest:
 - Chuck Adams to administer

Chuck said that our winner of the American History Teacher should be made in November of this year, and that the Eagle School Essay Contest winner must be made by early January 2026. Kevin Shurte stated that the dates for selection of all of the Chapter contest winners must be scheduled prior to the date that each of the Chapter's first place entry must be submitted to the State for their contests.

Chuck Adams inducted Compatriots Dr. Robert L. Reeder and Gerry S. Reeder.



Ted Duay and Patrick Reeder presented them with the Rosette recognition lapel pin.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

Chuck Adams presented the SAR 250 Bronze Medal Certificate to Bob Walsh.



Chuck Adams presented Kevin Shurte with his third approved supplemental certificate for Patriot Lewis Shourt. He said that Compatriot Martin Hollick who moved earlier this year to Delaware, also received his third supplemental approval for Patriot Jonathan Heard.

Chuck Adams presented Kevin Shurte with a Certificate of Appreciation for accomplishing the Patriotic Educational and Flag Display Recognition goals on behalf of the Chapter. Chuck then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mark Snider and Herb Gardner for their recent attendance at a Citizen Naturalization Ceremony held at the Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse.



Chuck Adams explained that Fort Ticonderoga, which he recently visited, is celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the 1775 American capture of the fort by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold. He had 250th pins for our Color Guardsmen and Executive Committee Members who have been most active in representing the Chapter in our community outreach programs, including funding assistance. Chuck presented pins to: Tom Carpenter Jr., Steve DePaul, Herb Gardner, Jason Milgram, Kevin Shurte, Mark Snider and Pete Stevenson. He said he also has pins for Jim Clark and Braeden Shurte who are not present today.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)



Chuck Adams summarized the nationwide fundraising campaign for the First Amphibious Assault Memorial Monument. Those that contributed \$250 or more have or will receive a FAAM Challenge Coin. All contributors will receive a Florida Society Certificate of Appreciation. To date, donations from Chapter membership totals \$8,943 which is in addition to the Chapter's contribution of \$3,000. Steve DePaul presented certificates to all contributing chapter members present: Chuck Adams, Bruce Angier, Tom Carpenter Jr., Herb Gardner, Jason Milgram, Barry Moss, Samuel Frankel Jr., Kevin Shurte, Mark Snider, John Sauerwald, and Pete Stevenson.



Chuck Adams announced that the November meeting will change to November 22, 2025. This is to allow the Color Guard to present colors on November 8, 2025 for a Salute to Veterans event being sponsored by the Sample-McDougald House in Pompano Beach.

Tom Carpenter Jr., said that his son, Tom, is currently on assignment in Baghdad. Part of his consulate duties include teaching about the U.S. Constitution and its history to Baghdad officials who are eager to have a better understanding of our founding principles. He said that what the Chapter is doing in youth education is invaluable as the teaching of American history is being diminished in the Florida public school system.

Kevin Shurte announced that he raised \$78 from the koozie sale for the FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee and thanked all in attendance who contributed.



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 September 20, 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***Battle of Hampton, Virginia
October 26-27, 1775***

By Kevin Shurte

*18th Century British Warship Bombardment*

While war had been openly raging in the northern colonies since the shots fired at Lexington and Concord in April of 1775, the South had remained relatively calm with the conflict limited to political opposition and boycotts, minor skirmishes, and gunpowder seizures. A hurricane shattered that calm on September 2, 1775, when it ravaged Hampton, Virginia and beached the armed British sloop, *Liberty*.

Prior to the storm and *Liberty's* running aground, Hampton residents had already disputed with British sailors and with their self-exiled Royal Governor Lord Dunmore. Townspeople charged that British seamen had stolen their livestock and that Dunmore had harbored runaway slaves who had sought refuge aboard British naval vessels. These acts enraged the locals, and HMS *Liberty* became their target. The day after the storm had passed, Hampton residents stripped the vessel of its guns and supplies, took its six crewmen prisoners, and burned the *Liberty* "to a charred-out shell" (Herschthal) In retaliation, Lord Dunmore blockaded the port and demanded the return of the crew, armaments, and provisions. Although the prisoners were soon released, Dunmore ordered the town destroyed upon learning that villagers had requested support from Virginia regulars and county militia.

On October 26-27, 1775, Captain Matthew Squire of the *Otter* launched a squadron of six British naval vessels in a planned, full-scale attack against Hampton, Virginia. The assault commenced with a naval barrage of artillery and cannon fire. However, when the landing party attempted to come ashore,

the defending regulars, militiamen, and sailors who were armed with long rifles withstood the onslaught and repelled the amphibious assault, killing nine and driving the blockaders away without suffering a single casualty.

The Battle of Hampton marked the opening shots of America's War for Independence in the South. It was a minor engagement that lasted less than 24 hours, and its significance cannot be measured in the amount of blood that was shed, the lives that were lost, the forts that were captured, or the strategic objectives gained. Its significance lies in its effect on the Southern psyche and its role as a catalyst that transformed Virginia's halfhearted patriotism into a determination for independence.

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FIRST AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT MEMORIAL

As of October 1, 2025, \$182, 039 has been raised toward the goal of \$225,000. With \$42,961 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 THE NEWS

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 – HONOR FLIGHT
SOUTH FLORIDA #36**

On Saturday, September 6, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard (Chuck Adams, Jim Clark, Jason Milgram & Mark Snider) along with other Chapter Compatriots and friends attended the “welcome home” of 67 returning veterans from their day trip to Washington D.C. Also in attendance for the Chapter: Al Evans; Samuel Frankel Jr., Ronna Adams; Herb & Shelley Gardner and their daughter Peri Gardner; and Carmen Snider. Flying as guardians were Kevin & Kathy Shurte. New prospective member, Jason Ramsey, was part of the HFSF ground crew.



Left: Jim Clark; Mark & Carmen Snider; Shelley, Peri & Herb Gardner; Jason Milgram; Chuck & Ronna Adams. Not shown: Samuel Frankel Jr.; and photographer, Compatriot Al Evans.



Left Center: Guardians Kathy Shurte and Kevin Shurte with their returning veteran passengers.



Due to the unusual delay in arrival time, the after party shifted from our typical late dinner at La Bambas to Waxy O’Connors – both located on the 17th Street Causeway.

Participating at this event is a great way to honor veterans and be part of the Chapter. We encourage all Compatriots and their spouses to consider attending with us. The last HFSF for this year is # 37 scheduled for October 25, 2025. Join us!

HFSF # 36 Welcome Home – the parade of veterans and guardians is led by Bagpipers and Color Guard comprised of units from multiple police and fire agencies serving Broward County.



IN THE NEWS (cont'd)

FLSSAR PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

Earlier this year, the 2025-26 Chairman of the FLSSAR Patriotic Activities Committee challenged each of the 32 Florida Society Chapters to complete at least one presentation or appearance meeting each of three goals: Patriotic Educational, Citizen Naturalization, and Flag Display or Retirement. At that time, Kevin Shurte was credited with already having met the Patriotic Educational Goal. On September 19 and October 8, the Chapter met the other two goals.



September 19, 2025, Left: Mark Snider (in Continental Attire) & Herb Gardner attended a Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony at the Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse.



October 8, 2025, Right: Kevin Shurte presented the SAR Flag Display Certificate to Ramblewood Middle School Principal, Andrew Kirk.



Also on October 8, 2025, Left: Kevin Shurte presented a SAR Certificate of Recognition to six grader, Kaitlyn Khanpradie, for her consistently excellent delivery of the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 12, 2025 C.A.R (First Fall) Meeting
Hagen Ranch Rd Library
Delray Beach, FL
- 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
Boca Raton, FL
- Mar 28, 2026 42nd Annual Scottish Festival
Bergeron Rodeo Grounds
Davie, FL

**SAR MEMBER PROFILE –
DAVID ELWOOD PINNEY**

Interviewed by Chuck Adams



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

A. I was born in 1948 in Cincinnati, Ohio where I grew up. I graduated from Wilmington High School in Wilmington Ohio. I then attended the University of Cincinnati where I graduated with a BS in Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude). Graduate

work in quantitative analysis was also undertaken at the University of Cincinnati.

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

A. I served in the US Army for 1969 – 1972. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment from 1970 - 1971. I also served in the Army Reserves as a Computer Programmer. Medals awarded: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal.

Q. What is/was your occupation?

A. I am retired. My career was in public service for Federal and State government. From 1973-1974, I was a Service Representative for the Social Security Administration. From 1974-2007, I was an Analyst with the Internal Revenue Service with service at Cincinnati Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, and Washington D C. From 2011-2012, I was employed with the Ohio Department of Public Safety headquartered in Columbus Ohio.

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

A. I am an Ordained Elder at the Plantation Presbyterian Church. I serve as Chaplain for the Fort Lauderdale VFW Post 1966; and as Chaplain for the Plantation American Legion Post 180. I enjoy reading, and visiting parks with our rescue dog Missy. I help care for our grandson, Victor, on weekends and before and after school. I am still a member of Highland Masonic Lodge and would like to become active in a Masonic Lodge here in Florida.

Q. How about your family?

A. My wife, Pamela Anne Palmer, is also an Army Veteran. We met at a Christian Singles Retreat in 1988 and married 1989. Our children: 1) Timothy (Cindy

Schnepel) and grandson, Victor; 2) Catherine; 3) Rebecca (Stephen Scherzinger), granddaughter Sarah, and another expected in 2026; 4) Micah (Nicole) and grandson, Joseph.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is Martin Pinney (1747-1831). He was from Winsor, Connecticut and served as a sergeant in the 1st Regiment, 8th Company of the Connecticut Militia under the command of Captain Barber.

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. I want to become more involved in our community and to promote the idea of American Exceptionalism throughout our community. Before moving to Florida around 2019, I was involved with several veterans' organizations in Highland County, Ohio. I am interested in the Chapter's Color Guard. I previously was a member of the Highland County Veterans Honor Guard where I served as Chaplain and we performed ceremonies at schools and other community events, and provided Military Honors at graveside services.

Thanks, David, for sharing.

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