



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

The last four to six weeks has been both busy and eventful as chronicled in this newsletter. Our General Membership Lunch Meeting held on February 8, 2025 was well attended by 19 members and guests. On February 22, 2025, Steve DePaul and I attended the Miami Chapter's Annual Presidents' Day Luncheon at which I officiated the installation of their 2025 officers, and Steve presented the First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project to the Miami membership. Kevin Shurte and I have individually and collectively been administering the Chapter's Youth Education Program. I, along with Miami's Lee Popham, selected the winners of the South Florida Council BSA's Eagle Scout Essay Contest. making the awards on February 22, 2025. Kevin Shurte along with Steve DePaul and Mark Snider, selected the winners of the Youth Video Contest, and Kevin and I presented the winners with their awards on February 26, 2025. On February 27, 2025, Steve DePaul attended the 2025 Spring Leadership Conference at Louisville, KY where he and other Florida Society representatives were able to pitch the funding needs of the First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project. On March 1, 2025, the Chapter sponsored an information and recruiting booth at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Florida Scottish Festival. We were joined by representatives of two Broward DAR chapters. At this event, we took inquiries from passersby interested in either SAR, DAR or C.A.R. Meanwhile, March 3, 2025 marked the deadline for submission of entries in the 1) Middle School Brochure Contest being administered by Kevin, and 2) JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest being administered by myself. Kevin received 709 entries - almost double the entries from 2024. I received 4 nominations for JROTC Outstanding Cadet and note that this is the first time

the chapter has offered this contest in many years. For both contests, judges will meet over the next few weeks to select winners with first place winners then submitted for competition at FLSSAR's May 2025 Board of Management Meeting (BOM).

On new membership, we started 2025 with 80 members of which 78 are primary members and two are dual. Since last month's report, we are net neutral. Martin Hollick, who moved to Lewis County, DE at the beginning of the year, submitted his application to transfer out-of-state to a chapter near him. We are happy that he wants to continue his membership with SAR. On the other hand, Al Evans' new member application was approved by NSSAR on March 7, 2025. His Member Profile was published in the February 2025 Newsletter. Congratulations to Al whom we will induct on April 19, 2025. We also have three new member applications awaiting NSSAR approval -- Bruce Angier, Greg Elder, and Jeff Little. Finally, I am working with seven other applicants all who have provable lineage.

For links to archival information on previously published newsletters, meeting minutes and other Chapter documents, 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

NEXT MEETING - March 22, 2025  
**Davie Outback Steak House**  
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328  
Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon.

FUTURE DATES:  
Saturday, 04/19/2025  
Saturday, 05/24/2025  
Saturday, 06/21/2025

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-345-6276

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY –  
FEBRUARY 8, 2025**

At our February 8, 2025 meeting we had 12 members and 7 guests for a total attendance of 19. Members (12): Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider <sup>ca</sup>, Secretary; Kevin Shurte <sup>ca</sup>, Historian; Tom Carpenter, Chaplain; Jim Clark <sup>ca</sup>, Herb Gardner; Ronald Goodale, Paul Moore <sup>ca</sup>; Barry Moss, John Sauerwald; and Braeden Shurte <sup>ca</sup>. Prospective Members / Guests (7): Bruce Angier, Jeff Little, Liana Carpenter; Shelley Gardner; Amanda Barnes, Sarah Barnes, and Kathy Shurte. The superscript <sup>ca</sup> records compatriots attending in colonial attire.

Color Guardsmen Jim Clark, Paul Moore, Braeden Shurte & Mark Snider led by Kevin Shurte posted the colors. The Invocation was given by Tom Carpenter Jr. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. He then led the participants in reciting the SAR Mission Statement. Braeden Shurte gave this month's 250 Minute on the Battle of Kettle Creek fought on February 14, 1779 in Georgia.

Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of applicants Bruce Angier, and Jeff Little. He said that he is currently working on finalizing applications from Dr. Robert Easton, and Gerry Reeder and his father, Dr. Robert Reeder. He said that we began 2025 with 80 members which includes two dual and three junior members. Based on current new member activity we should see another seven added to our rolls by September 2025.

Chuck Adams stated that the currently adopted budget is shown on the second page of the agenda. A schedule that gives a more detailed breakdown of the operating account is published in the February Newsletter. Chuck Adams then gave the financial status of funds reported as of January 31, 2025, and concluded by giving a summation of the adopted 2025 Budget.

Chuck Adams said that the February 2025 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profile of new applicant Al Evans who is expected to be approved later this month by NSSAR.

Upcoming Events: Chuck Adams stated that the February 2025 Newsletter has a list of all currently known 2025 events of Chapter interest.

Steve DePaul provided an update on the FLSSAR First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project. He said this is a state project and that the overall budget is a little over \$200,000. Currently, he has commitments of in-kind donations of a little under \$100,000. The additional \$100,000 needs to come from cash contributions and, currently, \$20,000 has been raised. Steve said that there will be an increased emphasis on fundraising throughout the year with the launching of various campaigns that are being developed. The unveiling and dedication of the monument is planned for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 7, 2026. The monument will be an obelisk design standing approximately 20 feet and located at the Fisher family pier in Pompano Beach. It commemorates the Battle of Nassau and the first amphibious assault landing of the newly formed Continental Marines that captured supplies, weapons and ammunition on its raid and brief occupation of the Island which began on March 3, 1775. Chuck Adams stated that the Chapter raised \$3,000 through its funds on hand and he presented Steve with that check for deposit with FLSSAR. Additional Chapter fundraising through member contributions will be solicited later in the year.

Mark Snider reported that the Executive Committee met on January 9, 2025 and approved the annual calendar and the final amended 2024 Budget. He said that the Executive Committee then met on February 5, 2025, and approved the 2025 Budget.

Mark Snider reported that the US Stark Memorial Report was submitted. Our total points for 2024 were 16,605, and this nearly tripled our 2023 point total of 6,109. At the State level, 20 chapters submitted 2024 Stark Reports so Florida will qualify this year for recognition at July 2025 National Congress. Last year Florida fell about two chapters short of the requirement to have 50% of its chapters reporting. He said that we currently have 260 points for 2025. He urged all members that assist veterans or donate to a veteran organization to report time, miles driven and amounts to him for inclusion in the 2025 report.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)**

Mark said that he and Chuck Adams attended the CDCE / VAVS Quarterly Zoom Meeting held on January 31, 2025, but that there was nothing significant pertaining to Broward County to report.

Kevin Shurte gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *Benjamin Franklin, "An Imaginary Speech" - February 7, 1775*, which is also published in the February 2025 Newsletter.

Youth Education Programs: Kevin Shurte reported on the status of several contests that the Chapter is participating in:

- American History Teacher Award. Our winner, Hannah Lea Levitt, also was the first-place winner at State and her application has been submitted for the National Contest.
- Middle School Brochure Contest. Students mostly from Ramblewood Middle School and Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. have until March 3, 2025 to submit their brochure to Kevin who will then select 25 for final judging.
- Video Contest. Kevin, along with judges Steve DePaul and Mark Snider reviewed entries and determined the winners on January 14, 2025. The first-place winner was the video entitled "America the Underdog" by Dana Anduquia. The second-place winner was the video entitled "American Revolution - Not the Tea!" submitted by a team of three students. The third-place winner was the video entitled "The American Revolution: Boston Tea Party - 'King George's Dilemma'" submitted by a team of six students.
- Eagle Scout Essay Contest. Chuck Adams stated that in partnership with the Miami Chapter, our South Florida Council BSA first-place winner is Michael Perez. He will be presented with his award at the Miami Chapter meeting being held on February 22, 2025. He said that Michael Perez was also selected as the State's third place winner.
- JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest. Chuck Adams reported that applications for this essay contest are due by March 3, 2025 and it appears that we will have several submissions. The Chapter has not sponsored this contest for many years. He then gave an update on the separate JROTC / Sea Cadet / Civil Air Patrol medal awards programs. More volunteers are needed to attend the various schools from April to June and make the presentation to the winning recipient.

Chuck Adams stated that Tim McLane has resigned as Chaplain. To succeed him, on December 29, 2024, he and the Executive Committee appointed Tom Carpenter Jr. as Chaplain subject to membership approval at this meeting. He said that he had also appointed Paul Moore to the non-elected position of Chancellor. The Executive Committee agreed at its meeting of December 29, 2024, to make this an elected officer for 2025 subject to membership approval at this meeting. The members present unanimously approved Tom Carpenter Jr as Chaplain for 2025, and Paul Moore as Chancellor for 2025.

Kevin Shurte stated that he had previously explained the purpose of the new SAR Video Contest, and the three winners in our Chapter contest from 19 submissions. Kevin then played the video entitled "America the Underdog" by Dana Anduquia.

Chuck Adams presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to prior year Chapter Officers and Executive Committee Members. In addition to himself, recipients present included: Steve DePaul, Mark Snider, Kevin Shurte and Paul Moore.

Chuck Adams presented Compatriot Kevin Shurte with his 2<sup>nd</sup> approved supplemental certificate for Patriot George Hobson. Chuck Adams presented Compatriot Mark Snider with his memorial certificate for his grandfather, Robert D. Snider, through Patriot John McFeely.

Steve DePaul 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 February 8, 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](http://www.fortlauderdale.sar.org).



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)**



Left: Steve DePaul Receiving Chapter Donation from Chuck Adams for First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project



Braeden Shurte Giving the 250 Minute



Left: Steve DePaul, Mark Snider, Chuck Adams, Paul Moore & Kevin Shurte Receiving 2024 Officer's & ExCom Member Certificates of Appreciation

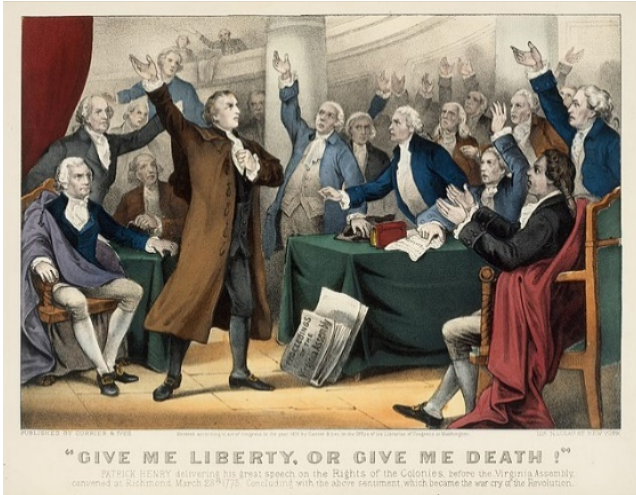


Kevin Shurte Giving the America 250 Report



Mark Snider (Left) Receiving a SAR Memorial Certificate & Kevin Shurte(Right) Receiving a SAR Supplemental Certificate From Chuck Adams (Center)

**AMERICA 250**  
**Patrick Henry, “Liberty or Death” –**  
**March 23, 1775**  
 By Kevin Shurte



*Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death*  
 by Currier and Ives 1876

Born in Virginia, British America in 1736, Patrick Henry became an iconic figure in Virginia politics and a powerful orator in the fight for American liberty.

A series of failures marked Henry's early life. Henry struggled as a student, shopkeeper, and tobacco farmer. After his farmhouse burned, he and his first wife Sarah Shelton moved into her parents' home in Hanover. While managing his father-in-law's tavern, Henry decided to pursue a career in law. After just six weeks of self-study, Henry passed the bar exam and opened a successful law practice in 1760.

In 1765, Louisa County voters elected Henry to the Virginia House of Burgesses. The same year, the British Parliament passed the controversial Stamp Act, that had been met with strong resistance in the American Colonies. From the outset, Henry became an outspoken opponent of British taxation. Nine days into his first term, he presented his controversial Virginia Stamp Acts Resolutions, which asserted that only elected "colonial assemblies had to the right to impose taxes on their constituents" (U-S-History.com). Henry went further declaring that George III might suffer the fate of Julius Caesar if he continued to deny American Colonists their liberty. This motion drew accusations of treason from several burgesses to which Henry responded, "If this be treason, make the most of it."

Henry continued serving in the House of Burgesses through 1775. From March 20 to March 27 of that year, Virginia's Second Convention convened in Richmond's Saint John's Church. In the wake of the Boston Tea Party and Britain's implementation of the Intolerable Acts – which threatened to cripple Boston's economy and dissolve local governance – Virginia's delegates sought a path forward by which to navigate their province through these turbulent times and a strategy that might allow Virginians to avoid the misfortunes suffered by their Massachusetts' cousins. Many delegates still held hope that peace and normalized relations with the Crown might be restored. Others, like Patrick Henry, believed that the time for peace had passed and war was inevitable.

On March 23, 1775, Henry delivered his most famous speech. He began his oration by respectfully acknowledging the "worthy gentlemen" who had spoken before him in advocacy of peace. However, Henry argued that one can only judge the future based on the past and that Britain's actions over the past 10 years offered no promise of peaceful relations in the future. Henry pointed out Britain's massive naval and military presence in the colonies and asserted that the King intended to subjugate the American Colonies into submission – this being the last resort of monarchs. Further supporting his position, Henry emphasized the peaceful efforts of America's colonial leaders "to avert the storm which is now coming on" but concluded that the only way to secure was to fight. In his powerful closing remarks that solidified him as one of the most influential voices of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry questioned whether peace was worth the cost of enslavement declaring, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

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**AFTERWARD – AMERICA 250 EVENT**

Historic Saint John's Church in Richmond, Virginia is commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Patrick Henry's famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech with a reenactment @ 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 23, 2025. The event is scheduled to be livestreamed at the website below. For additional information visit the St. John's Church website @ <https://www.historicstjohnschurch.org/> .



**2025 UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 15, 2025 Last Naval Battle Ceremony, Merrit Island, FL
- Mar 08, 2025 FSDAR Annual Conference Banquet, Orlando, FL
- Mar 29, 2025 Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony, Jacksonville, FL
- Mar 29, 2005 Fontenada DAR 250 Plaque Dedication, Pompano Beach, FL
- Apr 05, 2025 Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
- Apr 20, 2025 Heritage Festival, Fort Basinger, FL
- May 09, 2025 Battle of Pensacola / Galvez Day, Pensacola, FL
- May 16 to May 17, 2025 Spring BOM, Kissimmee, FL
- May 17, 2025 Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
- Jul 12 to Jul18, 2025 135<sup>th</sup> National Congress, Uncasville, CT
- Sep 06, 2025 Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
- Oct 02 to Oct 04, 2025 NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY
- Oct 17 to Oct 18, 2025 Fall BOM, Kissimmee, FL
- Oct 25, 2025 Honor Flights of South Florida, FLL International Airport
- Dec 13, 2025 Wreaths Across America, Pompano Beach, FL



**IN THE NEWS**

**2025 FSCAR STATE CONFERENCE-  
February 14-16, 2025**

By Kevin Shurte

February 14 to 16, 2025, the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution (FSCAR) held its 94th annual state conference at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne, Florida. Among those in attendance were NSCAR President Emerson Sites-Byers and National Senior President Jeffrey Voris, along with FLSSAR President Jim Gaskins and FSSDAR Regent Cindy Addison. The Swamp Fox Society was represented by Amanda Barnes, Sarah Barnes, Kyle Peterson, Betty Schultz, Braeden Shurte, Kathy Shurte, and Kevin Shurte.



Left: Sarah Barnes, Amanda Barnes, Betty Schultz, Kevin Shurte & Kathy Shurte.

During the three-day event, state committees reviewed entries for the FSCAR annual society contests. The Swamp Fox Society earned several awards, including first, second, and third place, as well as recognition for the State Historian's Best Overall Program, the State Membership Contest, and the Lindsey Cook Brock Award for Best CAR/SAR Relations.



At the business meeting, Kyle Peterson and Braeden Shurte served as flag bearers for the Saturday opening procession, while Sarah Barnes, attending her first FSCAR conference, served as a page.

Kyle Peterson played an active role in the event, delivering the Swamp Fox Society's annual report. During the meeting, the state society held its annual

elections and selected Braeden Shurte to serve as State Corresponding Secretary for the 2025-2026 term.

The event culminated on Saturday with the Awards Banquet. FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge led 12 guardsmen in presenting and posting the colors.



Florida Sons of Liberty Color Guard

Outgoing FSCAR President Caleb Golden presided over the banquet, where state awards and pins were presented, 2025-2026 state officers were installed, and the colors were retired.



Left: James Hamilton, William Tims, Kyle Peterson & Braeden Shurte.

Incoming FSCAR State President Jaelyn Tillman invited all attendees to join her at next year's 95th State Conference.



**IN THE NEWS (cont'd)**

**MIAMI CHAPTER SAR  
2025 ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY LUNCHEON**

On February 22, 2025, the Miami Chapter SAR conducted its Annual Awards and Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers Ceremony. S.E. Regional Vice President, Chuck Adams, officiated over the installation of the 2025 Officers of the Miami Chapter



**Right: Chuck Adams S.E. RVP; Benjamin E. Groff Jr, President & Chaplain; Mathew S. Bunch, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; George K Wysong III, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Immediate Past President; Wm Lee Popham Sr, Treasurer & Registrar; William R. Wicks III, Secretary & Recording Secretary; and Robert A. Sileo, Genealogist. Not present: William S. Replogle, Historian; and David B. Mitchell, Esq, Color Guard Commander.**

During the event certificates and awards were given to Compatriots being recognized for 2024 service to the Chapter and SAR.



**Left: Chapter President, George Wysong, Presenting The SAR Certificate of Appreciation to S.E. RVP, Chuck Adams For Officiating at the Event**

Youth awards were also made at the luncheon. The first place winner of Miami's Knight Essay Contest read her essay and was presented with her certificate and cash award.

The Miami Chapter partnered with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter in making the first place award to the winner within the South Florida Council BSA of the King Eagle Scout Essay Contest. Eagle Scout Michael Perez read his essay on Alexander Hamilton and was presented with two checks from each chapter totaling \$500. Michael also placed third in the FLSSAR contest.



**Chuck Adams (left) and Wm Lee Popham (right) congratulating Michael Perez (center)**

Steve DePaul took the opportunity to explain the First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project to the Miami Chapter membership and showed the rendering of the proposed monument. The Miami Chapter's commitment to donate \$2,500 was made at the January 11, 2025 S.E. Regional Meeting. After the Presidents' Day Luncheon, Wm Lee Popham presented Steve DePaul the Miami Chapter's donation to the project.



**IN THE NEWS (cont'd)**

**2025 YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST AWARDS**

On February 26, 2025, Kevin Shurte and Chuck Adams presented the first, second and third place winners of the Chapter's 2025 Youth Video Contest with their certificates of commendations and cash awards. Selected on January 14, 2025 from 19 entries, the three top scoring entries were all exceptional. Congratulations to first place winner, Dana Anduquia, whose video entitled "America the Underdog" also won first place in the FLSSAR State contest and has been submitted to NSSAR for the national contest.



**Left: Principal, Andrew Kirk, Kevin Shurte, First Place Winner, Dana Anduquia, Chuck Adams, and Video Class Instructor, Paul Paradis**



**Left from Chuck Adams: Second Place Winners Mason Froyd, Jacob Stegman, and Haley Seal; and Third Place Winners Cameron Krasiejko, Yoksi Pavon, and Izabella Oliveras with Paul Paradis on right end.**

The second-place winner was the video entitled "American Revolution - Not the Tea!" submitted by a team of three students: Mason Froyd, Haley Seal, and Jacob Stegman. The third-place winner was the video entitled "The American Revolution: Boston Tea Party - 'King George's Dilemma'" submitted by a team of six students. The three shown in the photo are: Cameron Krasiejko, Yoksi Pavon, and Izabella Oliveras.

**2025 NSSAR SPRING LEADERSHIP**

Steve DePaul attended the Spring Leadership Meeting held at NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY from February 27 to March 1, 2025.



**Steve DePaul at National Headquarters Overlooking the SAR Education Center and Library**

Steve reports that he, along with Florida Society Senior Vice President, Chris Washler and Florida Society President Jim Gaskins took the opportunity to meet with several committees and senior officials to discuss the First Marine Amphibious Landing Memorial Project and the funding needs of the monument planned to be constructed and dedicated in early March 2026. Steve feels that a sizeable grant may be forthcoming from the trustees of the George Washington Endowment Trust Fund.



**IN THE NEWS (cont'd)**

**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL -  
March 1, 2025**

By Chuck Adams



The 41<sup>st</sup> Southeast Florida Annual Scottish Festival was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Plantation Heritage Park, Plantation Florida. Representing the Chapter were Color Guardsmen: Chuck Adams, Braeden

Shurte, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider. Compatriot Herb Gardner attended along with Shelley Gardner, Ronna Adams, and Kathy Shurte. This was also a collaborative effort with the DAR which included Sarah (Mike) Moran, Fontenada Chapter DAR, and Nancy Wyman, Ann (Jason) Ramsey, and Elizabeth Dos Santos all from the Major William Lauderdale DAR Chapter. Congratulations also to Shelley Gardner who had just been approved that day as a new member of the Major William Lauderdale Chapter DAR.

The Welcoming Ceremony was a parade of the Clans, the various groups of bag pipers, and genealogy / lineage societies. The Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR banner was carried by DAR period dressed, Sarah Moran and Elizabeth Dos Santos. The Color Guard was led by Commander Kevin Shurte. Kathy Shurte, who also was in period dress, led with the Betsy Ross flag followed by Chuck Adams (SAR flag), Braeden Shurte (C.A.R. flag) and Mark Snider (250 flag).



Participation by the Chapter at this event was proposed and coordinated by Kevin Shurte as a membership recruitment event. The new FLSSAR-owned SAR framed canopy was put to work at the location of our booth where our group took turns in answering questions on the purpose of the SAR as well as the DAR and the C.A.R. Over the course of the day we had over 15 individuals sign-up for more SAR membership information, and there was similar response recorded on the DAR inquiry sheet. Kevin displayed his replica rifle and Chuck displayed his replica musket. Throughout the day several young men asked to hold one of the arms for a photo op which was happily obliged.



This was a well-attended, all day event consisting of live music, various performances, highland games, and other athletic contests scheduled throughout the day at four different stages or fields. The food and drink vendors did not disappoint, and there were numerous other vendors with apparel, goods and wares for purchase.



**SAR MEMBER PROFILE –  
BRUCE D. ANGIER**

Interviewed by Chuck Adams



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

A. I was born in 1966 in Delaware County, Pennsylvania where I lived until I was eleven. My family moved to Ocean City, Maryland in 1978, where I attended

public schools, and graduated from Stephan Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland in 1985. Following my move to South Florida in 1986, I graduated from Palm Beach Community College (AS) in 1995, Barry University (BPA) in 1998, and Lynn University (MS) in 2013. I currently reside in downtown Fort Lauderdale, where I have lived for the past nine years. I am divorced with no children.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I have been employed in the professional fire service since January of 1988. Starting as an entry level Firefighter/EMT at the City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue Department, I retired from that department as a Battalion Chief in June of 2014. Two weeks after my retirement from the City of Boca Raton, I began a second career as a District Fire Chief at Broward Sheriff's Office, Department of Fire Rescue (BSOFR) in the City of Weston. My current rank/assignment at BSOFR is a Division Fire Chief responsible for the Logistics and Support Division. I have also been a certified Paramedic since 1992.

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

A. I enjoy boating and saltwater fishing. Although I do not have a boat currently, I have owned several vessels in the past. I am also a former Coast Guard licensed Captain and enjoyed traveling to the Bahamas by boat. Additional recreation activities I enjoy include traveling, attending live sporting events (go Dolphins), and attending concerts.

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is John Miller (1755-1838). He was a soldier in the Pennsylvania Militia, achieving the final rank of Sergeant. Much is known of his extensive military service during the American

Revolution from his approved pension file S.5757. He was at the battles of Trenton (1776) and Brandywine (1777). He was taken prisoner in 1778 but exchanged later in that year. His application states that he served in almost every major campaign involving the Pennsylvania Militia.

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

A. My reasoning for joining SAR is twofold. First, I would like to join in to honor my late mother, Virginia Russell. She was a member of DAR and was very proud of her family's Revolutionary War history. She always encouraged me and my sister to join SAR and DAR. Secondly, I have felt a strong desire to do *something* patriotic in recent times. My desire is being fueled by the unparalleled divisiveness displayed by Americans today, as well as what I view as movement away from the constitutional values embodied by this great organization.

Thanks, Bruce, for sharing.

Editor's Note: The membership application for Bruce Angier is anticipated to be approved by NSSAR in April 2025.

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