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Our Inspiration is from the Past,
Our Duty is in the Present,
Our Hope is in the Future.

SAR Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

From the President



Compatriots,

If you missed our March Chapter meeting, you missed an outstanding presentation by Lori Coffey on women's responsibilities during the Revolutionary

Period. Lori is the DAR Regent of the Caladesi Chapter.

A reminder about our SAR picnic at John Chestnut Park on Saturday, April 19th, starting at 11AM at Shelter 10. This is meant to be held as close to Patriot's Day as possible yet on a Saturday. Patriot's Day is a day commemorating the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. The cost is \$5. Hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments provided. DAR will bring Salads, iced tea and lemonade. Bring bug spray as mosquitoes can also attend at no cost (except for small amounts of blood). FYI, I had never heard of the battle of Menotomy. It is a battle where patriots caught the British on their way back to Boston from Lexington and Concord. Menotomy is now Arlington, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1775 was the 250th Anniversary of Patrick Henry's "give me liberty or death speech" given to the Second Virginia Convention. The Virginia House of Burgesses had been dissolved by the Governor of Virginia, Lord Dunmore, due to its Revolutionary leanings. I presented some selections ending with the famous line "give me liberty or death."

Please be on the lookout for people who are eligible and might be interested in becoming a member of the SAR. If you find one, please refer him to our genealogist Walter Arnold at warnold.sar@gmail.com.

Dwight McEntire

Minutes of March's Meeting

Prepared by our Secretary
Warren Wilson



Date and Time:	3/19/2024 at 12:00 P.M.
Location:	Dunedin Country Club
Facilitator:	Dwight McEntire
Minutes Prepared By:	Warren Wilson

Attendees:	
Absent:	

Points Discussed		
Number	Topic	Highlights
1	Call to Order	Meeting called to order by President McEntire at 12:00 noon followed by the invocation given by our chapter chaplain, Dr. Robert Cundiff. Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge and singing of God Bless America. Meeting was then recessed for lunch.
2	Recognition	President McEntire recognized the members who had March birthdays then recessed for lunch.
3	Reconvened	Meeting was reconvened at 12:33 P.M. Attending dignitaries, members of the DAR, guests and Board members were recognized.
4	250 recognition	2nd Vice President, Art Hays and Chaplain Dr. Robert Cundiff were awarded the Bronze 250 medals and certificates.
5	250 moment	President McEntire made a short presentation on Patrick Henry for the monthly 250 moment.
6	Speaker	Our guest speaker, Lori Coffey, Regent of the Caladesi chapter of DAR gave

		a presentation on the lives of and responsibilities of women during the time of the American war for Independence.
7	Announcements	Compatriot Robbie Robinson made a short presentation on the project to install a monument in Pompano Beach, Fl. Honoring the 1 st Amphibious Assault Landing of the Marines. Compatriot Tim Shaner spoke on the SAR picnic at John Chestnut Park scheduled for Saturday, April 19 th from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. He reminded everyone that the cost per member is \$5.00, that DAR members were welcome at no cost, and that people were welcome to bring side dishes and desserts.
8	New Member	Dean Dunwody was inducted into our chapter and the SAR by President McEntire.
9	50/50	50/50 drawing was held followed by the closing benediction given by Dr. Cundiff and the SAR recessional.
10	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Next Meeting			
Date	Location	Time	Objectives
4/16/2025	Dunedin Country Club	11:30 A.M.	

Photographs from March's Meeting



DAR Caladesi Chapter Regent Lori Coffey addressed the Clearwater Chapter about A Day in the Life of a Revolutionary Woman



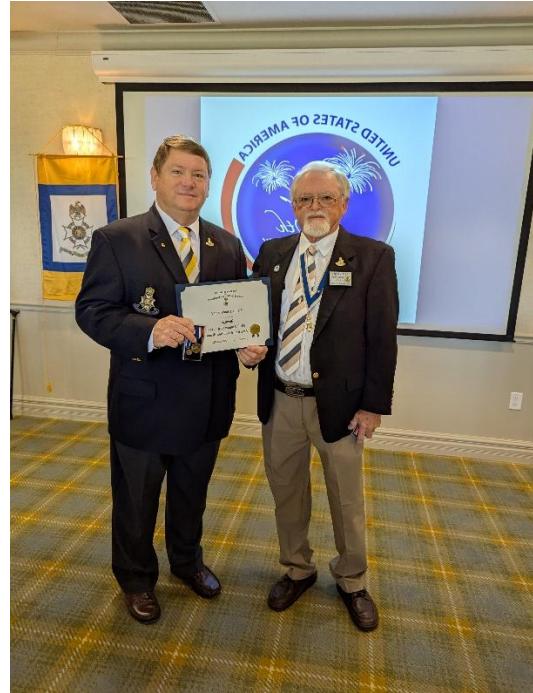
1st VP Bob Anderson presents speaker Lori Coffey with Certificate of Appreciation



President McEntire presents Past President and current Chaplain Dr Bob Cundiff with a Bronze 250 Medal



Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson explains planned memorial

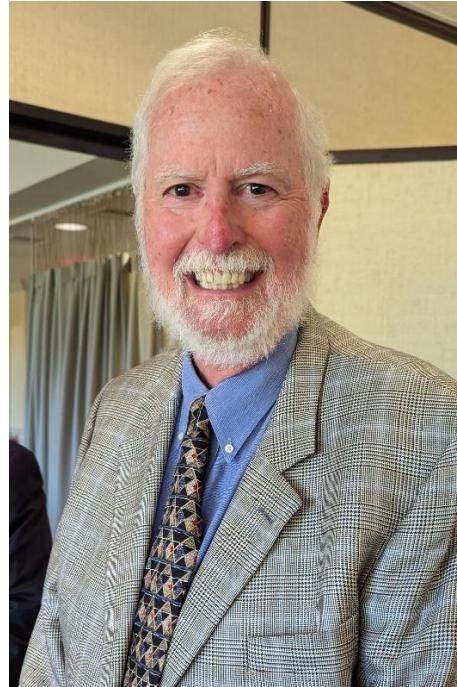


President McEntire presents 2nd VP Art Hays with Bronze 250 medal.

Attendees



President McEntire inducted Dean Dunwody as a member of the Clearwater Chapter



Dean Chatlain



Past President Tim Shaner telling the membership about the Annual picnic in April



John Sagert



Mark Santoro



Eugene Girardi



Warren and Denise Wilson



Marilyn (Micky) Halstead and Parks Honeywell



Dory Nussbaum



Lori Coffey



John Schaeffer



Dr Donald Green



Bob Anderson



Terry and Sharla Taylor



Terry Delano



Art Hays



Margaret Harris



Jim and Lillian Koontz



Russell Pebworth



Tim Shaner



Dwight McEntire



Marcy and Rob Moore



Robbie Robinson



Steve Hollis



Bob Cundiff



Jim Grayshaw



Bob Yarnell



Connie Rogers



Dan Griffith



Jean and Tom Hancher



Majorie and Charles Wetherbee



Alan Cheever

Links & Resources:

Our Chapter website:

<http://clearwatersar.org/>

Our Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SARClearwater/>

SAR National website :

<https://www.sar.org/>

SAR Florida website:

<http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabs.asp>

NEW MEMBER



Dean Dunwody

OUR DAR PARTNERS

Margaret Harris wants us to know that there is an article in the March/April Yankee magazine, page 80, entitled Silent Witness about the Bunker Hill Monument. Written by Howard Mansfield, the article seeks to remind us that it holds national memories that run deep.

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday April 19th

11am – 3pm

John Chesnut Sr. Park

2200 East Lake Road Palm Harbor

Shelter #10

\$5.00 (free for DAR members)

Hamburgers, hot dogs and water will be provided.

Iced tea and lemonade will be provided by DAR.

Please consider bringing a side dish to share.

Notify Tim at: trs68@verizon.net

Please bring fees to April's chapter meetings

Timothy R. Shaner

Past President

Schedule of SAR Meetings 2025

April 16

May 21

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

Bob Anderson
1st Vice President



Speakers for coming months are
May James Grayshaw- American Military
Leaders of the War
September- Dwight McEntire- Battle of
Kings Mountain

I received this message from Clark
McCullough <clarkcw03@yahoo.com>

SAR in New Jersey and thought I
would share it with you:

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In U.S. History, we remember that famous ride that would warn the colonies that the British were coming. The Colonel needed someone he could trust, someone brave enough, someone who could ride a long distance, through the darkness, From 9 p.m. To dawn, someone who could fight off enemy combatants, to alert the Colonial militia to the approach of British forces. So, the Colonel chose the "best man for the job." He chose Sybil Ludington, his 16-year-old daughter. Sybil Ludington was born on April 5, 1761.

On April 26, 1777, her father asked his young daughter to take the dangerous ride.

On the night of April 18, 1775. Revere made his famous ride and history remembers him well, because of the famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who would tell the tale, saying:

"Listen my children and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere .

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But many people do not know about the four other riders, who warned

their communities of the approach and movement of the British forces.

The five heroes (including Paul Revere) were Samuel Prescott, Israel Bissell, William Dawes, and, the one who I am dedicating this post to, Sybil Ludington, who at that time was only 16 years old.

On the night of April 26, 1777, Colonel Henry Ludington chose his daughter to take that famous ride in history.

Sybil set out at 9 p.m. That night in the rain to warn the colonists at Danbury, Connecticut of the approach of the British.

She would make a journey double to that of Revere (totaling 40 miles), riding through Kent to Farmers Mills and then returning back home again. During her famous ride, she gathered her father's troops, knocked on doors and warned the countryside of the British troops' incoming attack - and she fought off a highwayman with a long stick.

By dawn, she was exhausted, damp from the rain, but had accomplished her mission warning the colonists and bringing together 400 soldiers ready to march and drive the enemy troops from the area.

She would later be commended by George Washington for her heroism.

Each April since 1979, the Sybil Ludington 50-kilometer footrace has been held in Carmel, New York. The course of this hilly road race approximates Sybil's historic ride, and finishes near the statue which was erected in her honor on the shore of Lake Gleneida, Carmel, New York.

So, when you hear the tale of Paul Revere this month, remember about the other riders, one of which was the courageous Sybil Ludington.

Art Hays 2nd Vice President



Tom Hancher Treasurer



Robbie Robinson Color Guard Commander



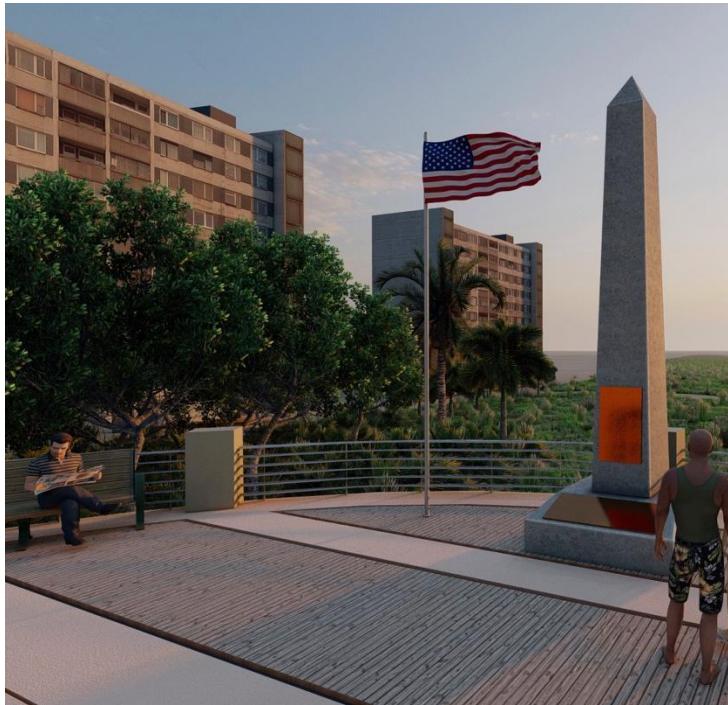
Walter Arnold Registrar/Genealogist



WANTED: Drummer who can be part of the SAR Clearwater Color Guard. Need to be able to march and has, or will get, a revolutionary uniform. No experience necessary. Current drummer unable to march now, but will teach you free. Great gig- be part of the band (currently a band of one), chick magnet (always the drummer), and having fun. See Rob Moore

FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument

**"250 for the 250th"
ANSWER THE CALL!**



If you have attended a recent FLSSAR Board of Management meeting in Orlando, you probably heard about the First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument. Unfortunately, if you have not attended a BOM, you most likely have not heard about this monument or why we intend to have one constructed here in the state of Florida.

As a bit of history, on 3-4 March 1776, Continental marines and sailors landed in the Bahamas to attack British forts in order to obtain gunpowder and cannons to be used by fellow patriots as part of the Revolutionary War effort. This was the very first time US Marines landed on foreign soil. As a result of this assault, the British were forced to keep some of their naval and land forces in the Caribbean to protect their colonies from being attacked in the

future. This diluted their military resources that could be used against the American patriots.

Unfortunately, there is no monument to memorialize this significant event. That is why the FLSSAR made the decision to construct a monument in Florida that will support the SAR mission of promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring our future generations about the founding principles of our country. We have decided on having the monument erected near the shore in Pompano Beach, FL, which is the closest logical location in America to the actual assault landing by the Continental Marines on foreign lands. It is a vibrant location full of activity, with a reported 280,000 visitors annually. Our plan is to have the monument constructed by 7 March 2026, one year from now. We envision the ribbon cutting ceremony will be part of the State of Florida's planned 250th Anniversary celebrations.

A committee has been formed to work on the project and there have been some significant accomplishments so far. However, as it is with any project of significance, funding is always a challenge, and that is where you can help.

The Assault Monument Committee has a subcommittee focused on fund-raising activities, but everyone is encouraged to be a fundraiser--we need all hands-on deck. We commend those chapters such as Palm Beach (\$1050), Miami (\$2500) and Fort Lauderdale (\$3000) that have already answered the call and provided donations for the monument, but we still have a long way to go in order to ensure we have the monument built in time for the 250th anniversary ribbon-cutting ceremony on 7 March 2026. If you are willing to donate, please do so.

We have set up a new campaign called "250 for the 250th." Here is how you can help. As a compatriot, a donation of \$250 will put you on the FLSSAR "250

Muster Roll." The benefits include the following: 1) you can claim a tax-deductible donation to a most worthy cause, 2) your name will be included in the "250 Muster Roll" that will be printed in each of the FLSSAR Patriot magazines for the next year, on Facebook, and other venues, and 3) you will receive a limited-edition commemorative First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument coin that lets everyone know you supported a once-in-a-lifetime event.

If you know of a company or organization that may be interested in contributing, please let us know and our financial subcommittee will be glad to provide donors any information they may request about the monument and how to donate to this highly worthwhile project. We are looking at ways we can recognize large contributions and will provide more details later.

As you can see from the artist's rendition, this will be a monument that will be a lasting reminder to our current and future generations about the efforts and sacrifices made by our patriot ancestors. This will be a monument that each and every compatriot in the FLSSAR can take pride in supporting and may inspire those who may or may have not have otherwise heard of the SAR to explore our organization.

For more information about the monument or how to contribute, please contact one of the Assault Landing Committee members listed below. Mail your "250 for the 250th" checks to Robbie Robinson at the address below, payable to FLSSAR.

Thank You,
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Book about the American Revolution

George Washington Dealmaker-In-Chief: The Story of How the Father of Our Country Unleashed the Entrepreneurial Spirit in America by Cyrus A Ansary

- **Publisher** : Lambert Publications, LLC (February 14, 2019)
- **Hardcover** : 476 pages

Drawing on substantial new material, Cyrus A. Ansary gives a riveting account of how George Washington sought to put in place in America an economic system that was the antithesis of what had existed in the colonies under British rule. The entrepreneurial economy – which nurtures and rewards innovation and inventiveness – did not sprout into being in the United States by sheer happenstance. It was put in place by our first President. He painstakingly laid the foundation for it, but it did not take root without a struggle. He needed

extraordinary tenacity to overcome fierce opposition to his program, President Washington's economic initiatives are the least well understood facets of Washington's busy and productive life. They enlarged the dreams and opportunities of Americans, led to a flourishing entrepreneurial climate, and are an inspiring tale for our time.

Our 1st Vice President, Robert Anderson, is currently reading and enjoying this book. If you ask him, I am sure he would be happy to share his thoughts about the book and its point of view. At last discussion, he told me he was enjoying the book very much. —

Editor

The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America

by Kostya Kennedy

- **Publisher** : St. Martin's Press (March 25, 2025)
- **Hardcover** : 304 pages

Timed for the 250th anniversary of one of America's most famous founding events: Paul Revere's heroic ride, newly told with fresh research into little-known aspects of the story Americans have heard since childhood but hardly understood

On April 18, 1775, a Boston-based silversmith, engraver, and anti-British political operative named Paul Revere set out on a borrowed horse to fulfill a dangerous but crucial mission: to alert American colonists of advancing British troops, which would seek to crush their nascent revolt.

Revere was not the only rider that night, and indeed, he had completed at least 18 previous rides across New England and other colonies, disseminating intelligence about British movements. But this ride was like no other, and its consequences in the months and years to come—as the American Revolution morphed from isolated skirmishes to a full-fledged war—became one of our founding legends.

In *The Ride*, Kostya Kennedy presents a dramatic new

narrative of the events of April 18 and 19, 1775, informed by fresh primary and secondary source research into archives, family letters and diaries, contemporary accounts, and more. Kennedy reveals Revere's ride to be more complex than it is usually portrayed—a loosely coordinated series of rides by numerous men, near-disaster, capture by British forces, and finally success. While Revere was central to the ride and its plotting, Kennedy reveals the other men (and, perhaps, a woman with information about the movement of British forces) who helped to set in motion the events that would lead to America's independence.

Thrillingly written in a dramatic, unstoppable narrative, *The Ride* re-tells an essential American story for a new generation of readers.

Birthdays

April

3 Grayshaw James Raymond

4 Honeywell James Parks

5 Branscum Cleveland Earl

10 Fuller Harry Wade

11 Ziegler Harold Julian

13 Koontz James Emory

15 Green Donald Edward

17 Anderson Robert John

30 George David Robert

OUR NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday April 16, 2025

Where: Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, Florida 34698

Time: 11:30 A.M. for in person dining only.

Menu: Accompaniments: Rolls/ Iced Tea/coffee- Regular and Decaf

Note: If you have any dietary restrictions (such as gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, etc.), or questions, be sure to mention them when you make your reservation

Cost: \$27

Program: Kurt Spehr
-Battle of Lexington

For reservations contact Tom
Hancher at 678-683-8121 or
Bob Anderson at 727-221-4701
or Randerson2441@gmail.com.

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational and patriotic non-profit, United States 501 (c) 3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend (1) the institution of American freedom, (2) an appreciation for true patriotism, (3) a respect for our national symbols, (4) the value of American citizenship, and (5) the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation, and one people. We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedom on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

