



September 2025

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Chaplain: Dr. Bob Cundiff
Historian/Publicist: Harry Fuller
Governors -at- Large: Bob Yarnell and James Grayshaw
Color Guard Commander-Robbie Robinson
Newsletter Editor- James Grayshaw -

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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,

Since our last meeting there have been many activities.

First, your dues statements for 2026 are being readied for mailing. We hope to have those statements in your hands by the September Chapter Meeting. Please send your checks to Warren Wilson and update your information. If you prefer, bring your dues to our

September meeting. It would be greatly appreciated if you could include an amount to help cover the cost of our Liberty Tree dedication (more to follow).

Secondly, we now have a functioning Web Site. Over the summer the chapter website committee has worked to re-established our chapter website, it is <https://clearwatersar.com>. Please take a look at it. Under the various headings you will find drop down menus. Under "Our Chapter" there are several everyone might be interested in including photos, announcements and our current roster. The website is available to anyone who wants to view it but the roster is restricted to members of the chapter only and requires a simple password. "Membersonly" with a capital "M". If you have any questions about the new site, you can contact the committee members through Warren Wilson, Chapter Secretary.

Finally, our Liberty Tree dedication has a date - April 17, 2026, and location - The Veterans Memorial area at Crest Lake Park. Coordination has been started with Clearwater City officials. A Tree has been designated and coordination has begun with a marker company. This is a one time, 250-year event, and your support is needed and appreciated. If everyone in the chapter could give \$15 towards this event, all costs would be covered. One of the ways we keep our chapter dues so low is by the generosity of our members that support special events.

The program in September will be the story of one of the significant battles in the South of the Revolutionary War - the battle of Kings Mountain. One of my ancestors Captain Thomas Hemphill, under the command of Colonel Charles McDowell, participated in that battle.

Yours

Dwight McEntire

Secretary's Report



Minutes of May's Meeting

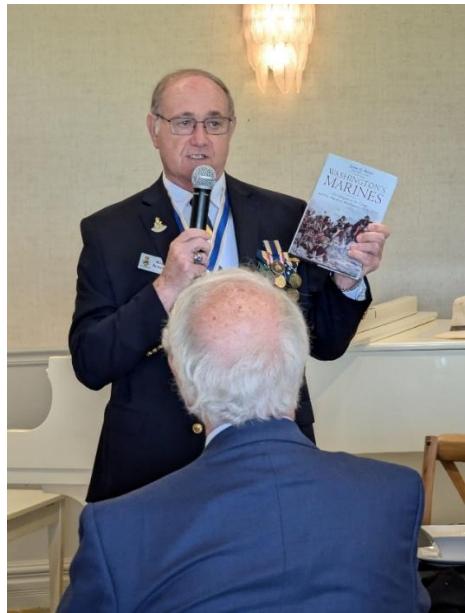
Date and Time:	5/21/2025 at 12:00 PM
Location:	Dunedin Country Club
Facilitator:	Dwight McEntire
Minutes Prepared By:	Warren Wilson
Attendees:	All members
Absent:	

Points Discussed		
Number	Topic	Highlights
1	Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President McEntire at noon followed by the invocation given by Compatriot Tim Shaner. The Pledge of Allegiance and SAR pledge were recited

		along with the singing of God Bless America.
2	Birthdays and Awards	Compatriots having May birthdays were mentioned and it was announced that Compatriot Walter Arnold has been awarded the Gold 250 medal and certificate.
3	Lunch	Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:05 PM and reconvened at 12:27.
4	Introductions	President McEntire took a few minutes to note attending BOG current and past officers as well as guests attending the meeting. He also welcomed visiting DAR members.
5	250 moment	President McEntire talked about the battles of Lexington and Concord.
6	Speaker	Compatriot James Grayshaw made an excellent presentation on the Generals who served under General George Washington and their contributions to the war effort.
7	Announcements	Compatriot Rob Moore talked about the 250 Commission; Robbie Robinson discussed the current level of contributions to the 1 st Assault Landing memorial effort. Compatriot Kurt Spehr was given a five-year membership award. The current effort to get a chapter website up and running was discussed and Secretary Wilson was noted as being the facilitator in accomplishing this.
8	New Member	Compatriot Anthony Stone was welcomed to the chapter as a transfer.

9	50/50 drawing	50/50 drawing was held followed by the closing benediction from Tim Shaner. SAR recessional was recited.
10	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next Meeting			
Date	Location	Time	Objectives
9/17/2026	Dunedin Country Club	11:30 AM	



Photographs from May's Meeting



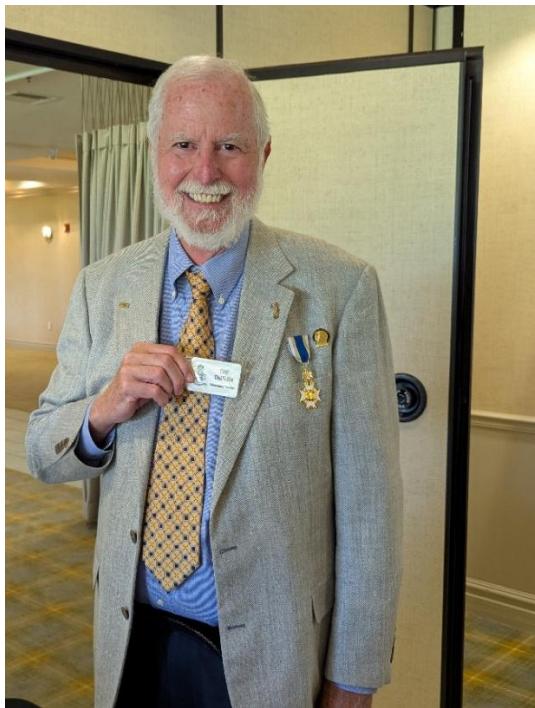
President McEntire presents a five year membership award to Kurt Spehr

Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson discussed the current level of contributions to the 1st Assault Landing memorial effort.

Attendees



Kurt Spehr



Chip Chatlain



Warren Wilson



Mark Santoro



Eugene Girardi



Marilyn (Micky) Halstead and Parks Honeywell



Candace and Art Hays



Terry and Sharla Taylor



Margaret Harris



Russell Pebworth



Marcy and Rob Moore



Tim Shaner



Jim and Lillian Koontz



Robbie Robinson



Marjorie and Charles Wetherbee



Bob Yarnell



Connie Rogers and Jim Grayshaw



Tom Hancher



Dwight McEntire



Walter Arnold



Anthony Stone

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>

Passing of a member

Freeman Stalions



Freeman was born in Carrier Mills, Illinois on September 30, 1937, passed away April 25, 2025, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Freeman is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Norma. He is also survived by a daughter, Dr. Kimberly Hill (Scott) of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a granddaughter, Amie Jones (Brad) of San Antonio, Texas; grandsons, Kyle Pierce (Leah) of Alpharetta, Georgia, and Justin Pierce of Valparaiso, Indiana; two great-grandsons, Miles and Asa. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael and his parents, Oscar and Roena Stalions.

Freeman served in the Marine Corps. He was a police officer in Pontiac, Michigan for 28 years, retiring as a Captain in 1987. He then taught at Oakland Community College, was personnel director for Concord Drug, and managed a small business. He retired to Palm Harbor, Florida, where he lived for 25 years.

He was a member of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a lifetime member of both the Fraternal Order of the Elks

and the Fraternal Order of Police. His great loves were travel, golf and reading. He and his wife visited every state and 86 countries. He volunteered for 12 years at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida. He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Tarpon Springs, Florida. A memorial service and Mass will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church 1700 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida at a later date.

Passing of a member

George D. Youstra



Dr. George David Youstra, 88, passed away peacefully with his beloved wife, Pat, at his side on June 12, 2025, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. A devoted husband, loving father, dedicated educator, and steadfast follower of Jesus Christ, George leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and scholarship that touched countless lives.

Born on May 23, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, George was the son of George Youstra and Mildred Philbin. From an early age, he exhibited a deep love for learning and a strong sense of

duty—qualities that would define his life's work both in the classroom and beyond.

George proudly served his country as a reservist in the United States Marine Corps. His commitment to service continued throughout his professional life as he pursued a distinguished career in education. A 1959 graduate of Bob Jones University, George was awarded Master of Arts degrees from Bob Jones University and Michigan State University and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Michigan State University. He completed post-doctoral work in political theory at the University of Scranton and in school law at the College of William and Mary.

George's diverse educational background included positions as high school teacher, college professor, high school principal, chairman of graduate studies, and academic dean. He inspired generations of students with his passion for Christian education, social studies, and educational leadership and strived to instill a thirst for knowledge and unwavering principles in his students, faculty, and staff. His leadership extended to national service, working in various capacities in the Reagan Administration, including the appointment as special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Education. Later, George served as president and president emeritus of Clearwater Christian College, where his vision and dedication helped shape the institution's mission and impact.

A past president of the General Andrew Pickens Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), George also served for many years as Chaplain for the Clearwater Chapter.

He was president of the American Association of Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AACCS). George was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, University Professors for Academic Order (UPAO), and has authored two books and numerous articles. A former member of the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party, he was twice elected an alternate delegate to GOP National Conventions and served as a political consultant to the Reagan election committee in 1980.

A man deeply rooted in his faith, George was a longtime member of Hillsdale Baptist Church. He enjoyed singing baritone in the choir and taught adult Bible study. His love for Christ guided every aspect of his life—from his family relationships to his professional endeavors—and he remained a strong defender of the faith throughout his lifetime.

George cherished time with his family. He is survived by his “girlfriend” Patricia (Williams); their children, George Youstra (Rose), Laurie Dennis (Phil), and Connie Braden (Bob); nine grandchildren, George, Phillip, Meghan, Rachael, Taylor, Micah, David, Kaitlyn, and Rachel; nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, Greggory Youstra and Sonnet Madara. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by an infant son and his in-laws, Thomas and Edna Williams, who were second parents to him.

Outside of work and ministry, George found joy in simple pleasures, like reading one book a week, watching war movies, and cheering on Michigan State and the Chicago Bears and White Sox. In later years, he enjoyed meals and the fellowship of friends at Lenny’s Restaurant in Clearwater, Florida. These hobbies reflected

both his intellectual curiosity and enduring loyalty to the people and places he loved.

Newly elected FLSSAR President Chris Washler 2025-2026



Schedule of Clearwater Chapter SAR Meetings

2025

October 15

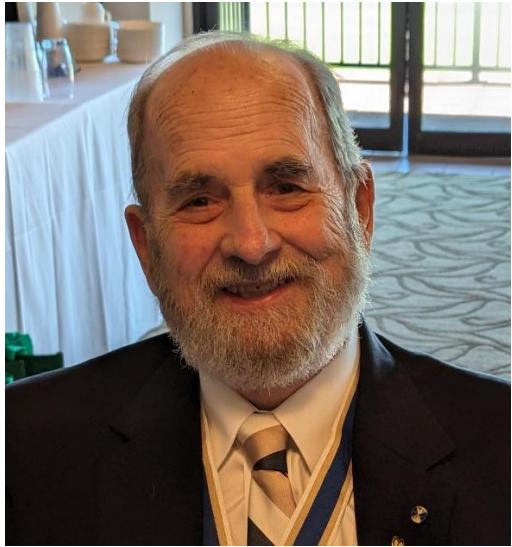
November 19

December 17

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Bob Anderson

1st Vice President



Speakers for coming months are
September- Dwight McEntire- Battle of
Kings Mountain
October- Law Enforcement Recognition
November- Veterans, Elections of Officers
December- Installation of Officers

My Summer Travels



On June 14, 2025, the New Jersey State Color Guard presented a wreath at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield to mark the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.



On Saturday June 7, 2025 I attended the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers meeting as a member of the State Color Guard. The meeting was held aboard the Battleship New Jersey at the invitation of Captain John Baker who has served as Executive Officer on the New Jersey BB62, and has applied for membership in the SAR.



The New Jersey State Color Guard in Short Hills June 25, 2025



Left to Right, Sam Davis as General Washington, Richard, South Chapter NJSAR, Robert Meyer, National Color Guard Commander, Frank Hadley, President, Rosenkrantz Chapter, Robert Anderson, at Perth Amboy, NJ July 4, 2025

Center, Chris Sands, State President NJSAR, Robert Anderson, with 5 members of Maryland National Guard, Representing the Maryland 400 at Brooklyn Stone House, August 23, 2025



Robert Anderson with Clearwater Chapter flag FLSSAR and Frank Hadley, President of Col John Rosenkrantz Chapter, NJSSAR, at Monmouth Battlefield June 28, 2025



Art Hays 2nd Vice President



On April 30, 2025, Art Hays presented a Good Citizenship Award to Matthew Billiris of Countryside High School in Clearwater.

These awards were presented by the Clearwater Chapter in 2025

Good Citizenship Awards

**Feb 6, 2025 Civil Air Patrol
Matthew Spence**

**April 25, 2025 Hudson HS
Aaliyah Levasseur**

**April 22, 2025 Palm Harbor University HS
Zacharian Palm**

**April 30, 2025 Countryside High School
Matthew Billiris**

**May 1, 2025 River Ridge HS
Cadet Lt Jason Pasconi**

**May 7, 2025 Tarpon Springs HS
Charles Grayson-Smith**

**May 15, 2025 River Ridge HS
Terry Pixler**

**May 16, 2025 Calvary Christian HS
Jack Skubin**

**May 20, 2025 East Lake HS
Payton Lord**

**May 20, 2025 Anclote HS
Cadet Cpl Evinn Mullholand**

Outstanding Cadet Awards

**Feb 6, 2025 Civil Air Patrol
Cadet Robert Madden**

**Feb 23, 2025 Sea Cadet
Cadet PO2 Marchaud**

**April 16, 2025 J W Mitchell HS
Cadet Carter Volker**

**Apr 25, 2025 Hudson High School
Cadet Isaiah Rosario**

**Apr 28, 2025 River Ridge HS
Cadet Logan Muller**

**May 1, 2025 Fivay HS
Cadet Elijah Simms**

**May 2, 2025 Clearwater HS
Cadet Edward Yackel**

**May 7, 2025 Gulf HS
Cadey Starlyn Mansfield**

**May 7, 2025 Dunedin High School
Cadet Lt Jr Grade Emmanuel Larkins**

**May 20, 2025 Anclote HS
Cadet Capt Wyatt Taylor**

My summer travels



Normandy, France - where we are standing is the spot where Candy's uncle, Glen Feagan, and his unit (Co. E, 117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, US Army) landed 5 days after D-Day. Omaha Beach is

4 1/2 miles long and is bordered by elevated ground (cliffs and hills) all along the beach, which is why Omaha Beach suffered the most casualties on D-Day from the German defenders.



Utah Beach is the other beach assaulted by US troops. A relatively flat area 16 miles long, this suffered the fewest casualties.

Tom Hancher Treasurer

Gain \$ 329.14



Enclosed find Regions and Morgan Stanley
Statements for July 2025
the following summarizes bank statement:

Beginning Bal \$9,802.19

Ending Bal \$11,134.69

Gain \$1,332.50

Deposits

- \$1332.50 Trust Funds (\$500.00; \$457.50; and \$375.00)

Withdrawals

- \$0.00

Morgan Stanley

- Beginning Bal \$33,955.81
- Ending Bal \$34,284.95

Clearwater Operating Fund Report									
Beginning Cash Balance as of			June 1, 2025		\$10,972.09		Beginning Balance Bank Statement		
Number	Acct	Enter Data	Enter Date Month Day Year	1	2	Comment/Check #	2025 YTD Actual	2025 Budget	Variance
501	NSSAR Dues			\$0.00	3		\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00
502	FLSAR Dues			\$0.00	4		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
503	Clearwater Dues			\$0.00		Reinstmnt - Stone	\$1,290.00	\$1,110.00	\$180.00
504	New Member Dues			\$20.00		Besore & Dunwoody	\$29.68	\$80.00	(\$50.32)
505	New Member Appln Fee			\$20.00			\$20.00	\$80.00	(\$60.00)
506	Color Guard Fund			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
507	Website Fund			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	JROTC Fund			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$350.00)
509	High School Fund			\$0.00			\$100.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)
510	Eagle Scout Fund			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
511	Law Enf. EMT & Fire			\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
512	Other Funds (Vets, Knight, 4/5 Grd, Parks, Picnic)			\$0.00		First Amphibious Mem	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
513	Life Members Funds Transfer: Nat'l, State & Chp			\$0.00		Transfer funds from Morgan Stanley Life Fund	\$0.00	\$360.00	(\$360.00)
515	Meals Sold	\$27.00	28	\$756.00			\$4,871.00	\$8,991.00	(\$4,120.00)
516	50/50 Raffle			\$20.00			\$142.00	\$250.00	(\$108.00)
517	Miscellaneous/Other			\$700.00		GW Gala & Marlin Award	\$894.00	\$250.00	\$644.00
518	Reimbursement (ETF)								
	Good Citizenship						\$0.00		
	ETF; Reimbursement State						\$0.00		
	Other					Fraud Recovery	\$44.55	\$1,248.00	(\$1,248.00)
	Total Donations & Reimbursement						\$44.55		\$44.55
520	Merchandise Sold:								
	Ties Reg/Bow	\$40.00	0	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$80.00	(\$80.00)
	SAR License Plate Holder	\$20.00	0	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Member Names Tags	\$15.00	1	\$15.00			\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
	SAR Patch	\$30.00	0	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Other	\$10.00	0	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$30.00	(\$30.00)
	Total Merchandise Sold ...			\$15.00			\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
525	Total Cash Receipts/Deposits	\$1,531.00	5				\$13,420.78	\$13,229.00	\$102.68
	Total Deposits from Bank Stmt	\$1,531.00	6						
	Difference	\$0.00	7						
1000	Total Cash Expenses	\$4,626.22	8						
	Surplus/(Short Fall) Cash	(\$3,095.22)	9						
	Ending Cash from Bank Statement	\$9,802.19	10						
	Ending Cash from Operating Report	\$7,876.87	11						
	Difference	\$1,925.32	12						
	Difference should be "Zero"								
	Beginning Balance; Jan. 2025	\$18,380.77							
	YTD Deposits	\$6,486.23							
	YTD Expenses	\$15,064.81							
	Current Month Ending Cash	\$9,802.19							
	Difference	\$0.00							
	These are "Formulas" do NOT change!								

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Acct	Number	Acct Description:	Current Month		Comment/Check #	2025 YTD Actual	2025 Budget	Variance
			Total	Dues				
600		Expenses:						
601		Dues National, SAR	\$0.00	13		\$5,750.00	17	\$5,750.00
602		Dues State, SAR	\$0.00			\$20.00		\$20.00
603		Clearwater Life, National Life	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
604		Clearwater Life, State Dues	\$0.00			\$240.00	(\$240.00)	\$240.00
605		Clearwater Life, Chapter Dues	\$0.00			\$120.00	(\$120.00)	\$120.00
700		Lunch Meals, Paid	\$27.05			\$4,645.39	\$9,126.00	(\$4,480.61)
700-1		Rental from Country Club				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Fund Awards:						
701		Color Guard Fund				\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
702		Website Fund				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703		JROTC Fund				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
704		High School Fund	\$0.00			\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
705		Eagle Scout Fund				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
706		Law Enf, EMT & Fire				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
707		Other Fund Awards	\$2,200.00			\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Medals & Certificates:						
708		JROTC Medals & Certificates	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$288.00	(\$288.00)
709		Good Citizenship Medals & Certificates	\$499.00			\$499.00	\$540.00	(\$41.00)
710		Eagle Scout Medals & Certificates	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
711		Law Enforcement, EMT & Fire	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
712		SAR Officers & Others	\$0.00			\$153.00	\$972.00	(\$819.00)
		Committee Awards						
715		Veterans				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
716		Habitat				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
717		Merchandise Bought:						
		Units	Item	Cost Each				
		Polo Shirt				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Ties: Reg/Bow				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Name Badge				\$38.58	\$38.58	\$38.58
		Other				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total				\$38.58		
		General Operating Expenses						
811		Medals & Certificates: Speaker	\$0.00			\$54.00	(\$54.00)	\$0.00
812		Annual Picnic	\$0.00			\$300.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
813		Postage	\$94.90			\$103.72	\$200.00	(\$96.28)
814		Roster	\$0.00			\$156.80	\$300.00	(\$143.20)
815		Miscellaneous Supplies/Fees	\$0.00			\$91.34	\$100.00	(\$8.66)
816		Zoom	\$0.00			\$31.98	\$192.00	(\$160.02)
817		NASSAR Magazine Ad	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
818		Website	\$1,075.00			\$1,075.00	\$185.00	\$890.00
819		Treasurer	\$0.00			\$200.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
820		Registrar/Genalogist	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
821		Wreaths Across American	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
822		Bank Adjustment	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
823		Publicity & History	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$20.00	(\$20.00)
824		BOM Meeting, Spring & Fall	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
		Total Cash Expenses				\$4,626.22		
		Total Cash Expenses, from Bank (Cks + W/Draws)				\$4,626.22	14	
		Difference				\$0.00	15	

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Clearwater Operating Fund Report

Clearwater Balance Sheet as of		30-Jun-25
Ending Cash from Bank		\$9,802.19
Saving Account, Club Express		\$0.00
Cash in Lunch Box		\$200.00
Club Express		\$25.00
Restricted Cash:		
Color Guard		\$1,355.00
Website		\$0.00
JROTC		\$1,412.00
High School, Good Citizen		\$920.00
Eagle Scout		\$623.00
Law Enf, EMT & Fire		\$315.00
Veteran & Youth Programs		\$810.00
Liberty Tree Program		\$0.00
Parks/Yustra Dues Fund		\$720.00
Non Restricted Cash		\$6,155.00
		Total of Restricted Cash
		\$3,847.19
Other Assets:	Cost	Location
Muskets (2)	\$1,500.00	TS
Medals/Certificates	\$2,699.00	TS, DM
Flags/Drum	\$450.00	RP, WA, RR & DM
Other Assets Total.....		\$4,649.00
Clearwater Life	\$19,957.32	
Distributions	(\$16,317.32)	\$3,640.00
Patriot Fund	\$19,740.36	
Distributions	\$0.00	\$19,740.36
Total Non-Adjusted Market Value	\$23,380.36	
Market Value (+/-)	\$10,575.45	Note 19
Total Ending Value	\$33,955.81	
Total Assets		\$48,432.00
Liabilities:		
First Amphibious Memorial	\$200.00	
NSSAR Dues, Payable	\$0.00	0
FLSAR Dues, Dues Payable	\$0.00	0
Chapter Dues 2025	\$0.00	0
Clearwater Life, Present Value	\$3,640.00	
Chapter Equity		\$44,792.00
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$48,432.00

Next "Proof of Life" is July 2026.

Next PV should be the earlier of Member passing/no proof of life or Sept 2026.

Walter Arnold Registrar/Genealogist



Robbie Robinson Color Guard Commander



Join us as we celebrate and honor true American heroes.

Let's give them the Welcome Home they truly deserve for their unwavering service and sacrifice.

When: Tuesday Sept 16, 2025

Where: St Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport

Time: 7:30pm (ETA of Allegiant Charter Flight #TBD is 8:15pm)

Invite your friends and families to be part of this powerful moment. Help us cheer their return and show them how much they mean to our community!

👉 Spread the word — we welcome cheerleaders, scouts, school groups, social clubs, civic organizations, and everyone who wants to say “thank you.”

🇺🇸 Bring your American flag

👕 Wear red, white, or blue

🚩 Make a welcome home sign

❤️ Bring your pride, your voice, and your gratitude

AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR VETERANS - NO BEADS OR LEIS!

SEATING AT THE AIRPORT IS LIMITED SO PLEASE BRING A CHAIR. (Baggage claim area only. No chairs are allowed in the hallway)

Dinner is available at The District Pub which will be open from 5:00 - 8:00 pm before the Veterans arrive. It is in the pre-security area located on the 2nd floor between Ticketing A and B at the airport. ETA of Allegiant Flight is 8:00 - 8:15pm.

A few items to note:

1. St Pete - Clearwater International Airport (PIE) is the host of this event. We are their guests and are thankful for our partnership with them. Please show respect to the PIE personnel. Should you have any questions, please come and see an HF Board member.
2. Parking in the short and long term will be complimentary. Even if you have to take a ticket upon entering, the gates will be open after the event.
3. Seating for the general public is very limited so bring a chair for the baggage claim area only. Make sure to bring a bottle of water too.
4. There is "Reserved" seating for our Ambassadors, those Veterans who have flown with us on an honor flight. If you are accompanying a Veteran please bring a chair since we only have a certain number of chairs.
5. Groups that are lining up in the hallway - we have been asked by PIE to remind you that you can only be one deep and only on one side of the hallway. And no chairs or strollers are allowed in the hallway. This is for the safety of our Veterans and also the guardians. **Please do not put anything on the art display cases.**
6. Please remain in place until the last

Veteran has made his/her way down the hallway and into the baggage claim area. Some of our Veterans take some time when they deplane and then use the restroom. You will know it is the last Veteran when you see the color guards and flags following the last Veteran. We want EVERY Veteran to feel your love and respect for all he/she has done for us.

God bless you and God bless America

With gratitude,

Karen Maex

Director

Honor Flight of West Central Florida

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

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



L to R. Art Hays, Warren Wilson, Walter Arnold, Tim Shanner, Parks Honeywell, and Micky Halstead

On Memorial Day 2025, the Color Guard for the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the flag dedication at Gulf Harbors Neighborhood Park in New Port Richey, FL. Compatriot Parks Honeywell presented Skip Geiger, President of the Gulf Harbors Neighborhood Coalition, with a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of the Flag of the United States of America. The SAR Color Guard raised the 5'x7' flag that was previously flown over our Nation's Capital and provided by Representative Gus Bilirakis. The flag was hoisted up a flagpole donated by other residents of the neighborhood and subsequently erected in the park.

The Gulf Harbors Neighborhood is comprised of 1,881 homes located on a series of canals

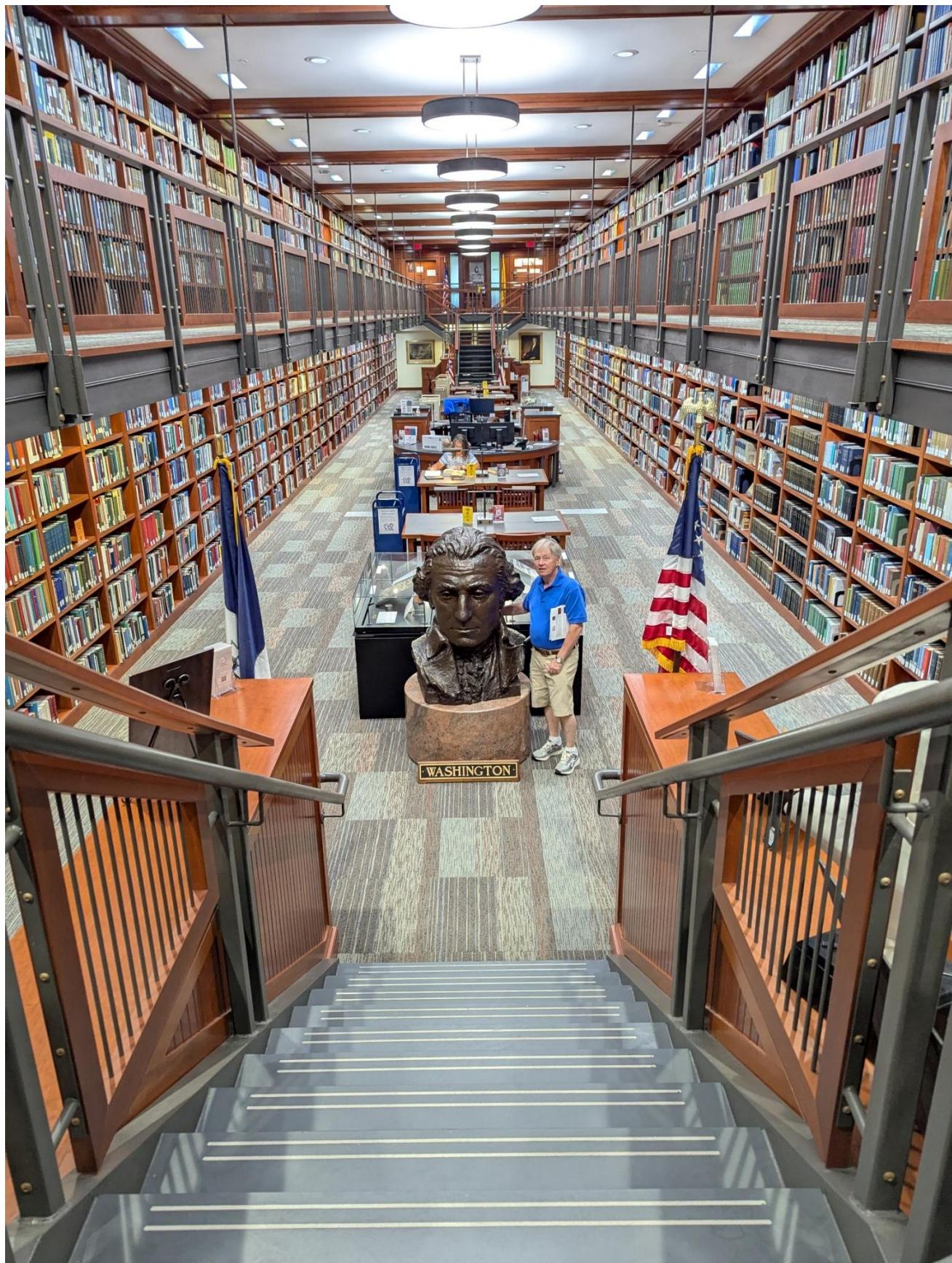
next to the Gulf of Mexico. On September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene severely impacted the neighborhood, causing damage to every home in the neighborhood. Neighbors pitched in and helped one another as they began the long recovery back to normal. The dedication of the flag and flagpole in their park was a testament to their patriotic spirit and neighborly camaraderie.

Books Wanted

From the Editor:

Does anyone have any books of local history or family genealogy that they no longer need? I will be happy to add them to a few I have and mail them to the NSSAR library in Louisville Kentucky. While I was very impressed by the collection they have, I realized that they need many other books. Perhaps you ordered books while doing your genealogy that proved less than helpful. The library can use them, and they may prove helpful to someone else.

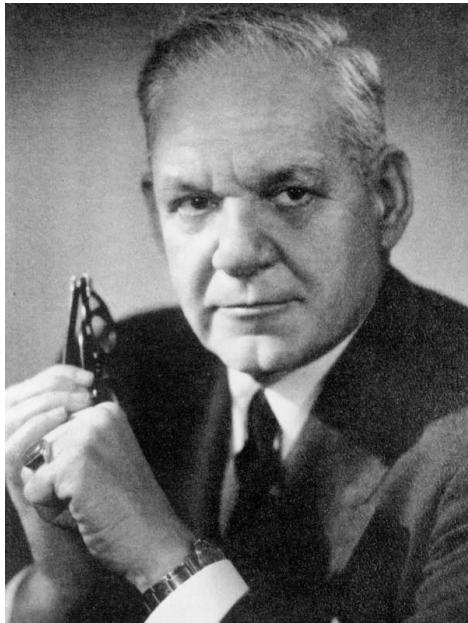
Jim Grayshaw at the NSSAR Library in Louisville Kentucky June 2025



Past Member Profile-

Courtney Warren Campbell

Courtney Warren Campbell first joined the William C. Sessions Chapter the Sons of the American Revolution, and then transferred to the Clearwater Chapter. His name appears in the Clearwater Chapter Directory of 1965. To the best of my research, he never served as an officer of our Chapter, but if anyone knows differently, I would love to learn about it.



Campbell served as the assistant attorney general of Florida and from 1941 to 1946 was a member of the Florida War Labor relations Board. From 1942 to 1947, he was a member of the Florida State Road Board.

In 1948, the Davis Causeway across Tampa Bay was renamed the Courtney Campbell Causeway in his honor. Campbell had spearheaded efforts to ensure repairs and beautification of the causeway.

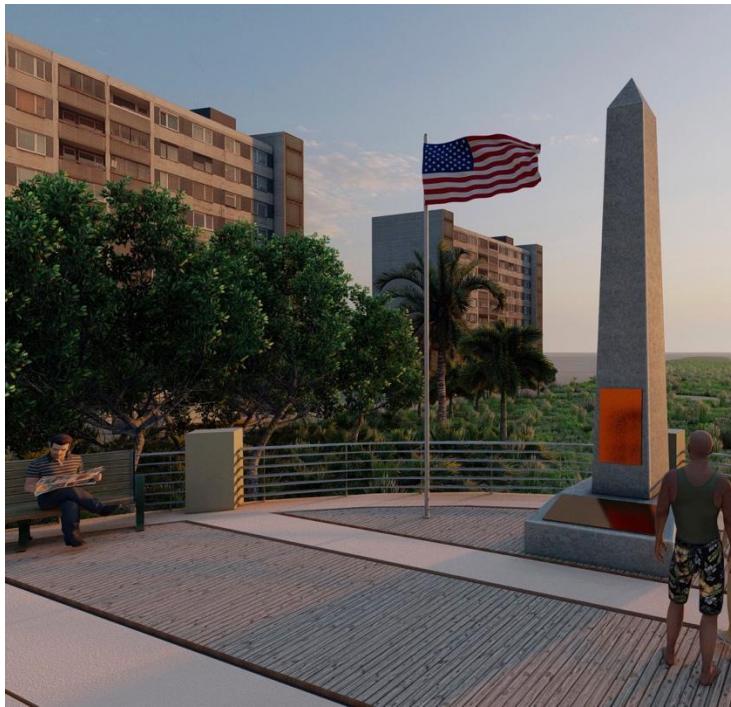
In 1952, he was elected to the 83rd Congress and served one term from 1953 to 1955. He was an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1954, losing a close race to William C. Cramer, whom Campbell had defeated in 1952.

After his single term in Congress, Campbell returned to his extensive business and civic interests and resided in Clearwater, Florida. He died in Dunedin, Florida, and is interred at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park in Clearwater.

I think about him every time I cross the Causeway. It is my favorite causeway in the Tampa Bay area.

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.

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From the NSSAR Surgeon General

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) affects approximately 37 million Americans, with adults over 65 representing the fastest-growing group diagnosed. Often called a "silent disease," CKD can progress for years without noticeable symptoms, making awareness and early detection crucial for preserving kidney function and overall health.

Compatriots

Enclosed is Surgeon General's Notebook, Volume XX: Understanding Chronic Kidney Disease. As always, this is intended for informational purposes only and not to diagnose any specific disease or patient. I hope to be able to publish at least one more issue prior to Congress.

Stay healthy and safe travel to all of those who are coming to Connecticut.

**John Turley MD
NSSAR Surgeon General 2024—2025.**

Understanding Chronic Kidney Disease: A Guide for Older Adults



What Is Chronic Kidney Disease?

Chronic kidney disease occurs when the kidneys gradually lose their ability to filter waste products and excess fluid from the blood. Unlike acute kidney injury, which happens suddenly and can be quickly corrected, CKD develops slowly over months or years and is generally not reversible. The kidneys perform several vital functions beyond filtration, including regulating blood pressure, supporting production of red blood cells, and maintaining the body's chemical balance. When kidney function declines, these processes become compromised, leading to serious health complications if left untreated.

The disease progresses through five stages, from mild kidney damage with normal filtration to complete kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplantation. Understanding this progression helps patients and healthcare providers make

informed decisions about treatment and lifestyle modifications.

Risk Factors: Who's Most Vulnerable?

Several factors significantly increase the risk of developing CKD, with diabetes and high blood pressure being the leading causes and accounting for nearly two-thirds of all cases.

Type 2 diabetes, which affects over 11% of the U.S. population, damages the small blood vessels in the kidneys impairing their filtering capacity. Kidneys also play a role in glucose management by clearing insulin from the body. As kidney function declines, insulin stays in the system longer reducing circulating glucose levels.

Hypertension creates a destructive cycle of progressive kidney disease. It damages kidney blood vessels, reducing their effectiveness, causing the kidneys to struggle to regulate blood pressure, creating further blood pressure elevation, leading to greater damage. This relationship makes blood pressure control essential for both prevention and treatment.

Age itself is a significant risk factor. After age 40, kidney function naturally declines by approximately 1% per year. However, this normal aging process can accelerate in the presence of other risk factors. Family history also plays a role, particularly for conditions like polycystic kidney disease and certain genetic disorders affecting kidney function.

Other risk factors include cardiovascular disease, obesity, smoking, and prolonged use of certain medications, particularly nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID—aspirin, ibuprofen, etc) and some prescription medications. African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans face higher risks due to genetic predisposition and higher rates of diabetes and hypertension. As with all chronic medical conditions, **the detrimental effect of smoking cannot be overstated**.

Recognizing the Signs: Symptoms of CKD

The insidious nature of CKD means symptoms often don't appear until after significant kidney damage has occurred. **Early-stage CKD may produce no symptoms at all, which is why routine screening for at-risk individuals is so important.**

As the disease progresses, symptoms may include persistent fatigue and weakness which are often dismissed as normal aging. Patients may have trouble concentrating, sleep problems, decreased appetite and persistent nausea. Swelling in the feet, ankles, or around the eyes can indicate fluid retention due to impaired kidney function. Changes in urination patterns may occur, including increased frequency, especially at night, or decreased urine output. The urine may appear foamy, indicating protein spillage, or may be darker in color. Some patients experience persistent itching due to waste product buildup in the blood. More advanced CKD can cause severe nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, and shortness of breath. High blood pressure may develop or worsen, and patients might experience chest pain or irregular heartbeats. These symptoms warrant immediate medical attention.

Diagnostic Testing: Identifying CKD

Early detection relies on simple, routine blood and urine tests that can identify kidney problems before symptoms appear. Your doctor will order blood tests and urine tests, and possibly imaging tests such as ultrasounds to evaluate your risk for kidney disease. Frequently these tests will check for many other things such as anemia, high cholesterol or diabetes. All of these can contribute to chronic kidney disease.

Treatment Approaches: Managing CKD

While CKD cannot be cured, proper treatment can significantly slow progression and manage complications. The primary goals include treating underlying causes, slowing decline of kidney function, and managing associated health problems. Blood pressure control is paramount, with target levels typically below 130/80 mmHg for most CKD patients. ACE inhibitors and ARBs (angiotensin

receptor blockers) are preferred medications as they provide additional kidney protection beyond blood pressure reduction.

Diabetes management requires maintaining hemoglobin A1c levels below 7% for most patients. Newer medications like SGLT2 inhibitors show promise in protecting kidney function while controlling blood sugar.

Dietary modifications play a crucial role in CKD management. Reducing sodium intake helps control blood pressure and fluid retention. Protein restriction may be recommended in advanced stages to reduce kidney workload, though this requires careful monitoring to prevent malnutrition. Managing complications becomes increasingly important as CKD progresses. This includes treating anemia with iron supplements or erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, managing bone and mineral disorders with vitamin D supplements and phosphate binders, and addressing cardiovascular risk factors.

For end-stage kidney disease, renal replacement therapy through dialysis or kidney transplantation becomes necessary. Early planning for these treatments improves outcomes and quality of life.

Prevention Strategies: Protecting Your Kidneys

Prevention remains the most effective approach to CKD. Maintaining healthy blood pressure through regular exercise, weight management, sodium reduction, and medication compliance are the foundations of kidney protection.

Diabetes prevention and management through lifestyle modifications and appropriate medical care significantly reduces CKD risk. Regular monitoring of blood sugar, blood pressure, and kidney function allows for early intervention when problems arise. Avoiding nephrotoxic substances, including excessive NSAID use, staying hydrated, and not smoking all contribute to kidney health. Regular

medical check-ups enable early detection and treatment of conditions that could lead to CKD. Understanding chronic kidney disease empowers older adults to take proactive steps in prevention and to look for appropriate care when needed. With proper management, early detection, and comprehensive care, many people with CKD can maintain a good quality of life and slow disease progression.

John Turley MD
NSSAR Surgeon General 2024–2025

Books about the American Revolution

A Perfect Frenzy: A Royal Governor, His Black Allies, and the Crisis That Spurred the American Revolution

by Andrew Lawler

- **Publisher:** Atlantic Monthly Press (January 28, 2025)
- **Hardcover:** 544 pages

As the American Revolution broke out in New England in the spring of 1775, dramatic events unfolded in Virginia that proved every bit as decisive as the battles of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill in uniting the colonies against Britain. Virginia, the largest,

wealthiest, and most populous province in British North America, was led by Lord Dunmore. But the Scottish Earl lacked troops, so when patriots imperiled the capital of Williamsburg, he threatened to free and arm enslaved Africans—who then comprised two of every five Virginians—to fight for the Crown. Other Royal Governors had threatened to do so, but Dunmore issued such a decree.

Virginia's tobacco elite was reluctant to go to war with Britain but outraged at this threat to their human property. Dunmore fled the capital to build a stronghold in the colony's largest city, the port of Norfolk. As enslaved people flocked to his camp, skirmishes broke out. "Lord Dunmore has commenced hostilities in Virginia," wrote Thomas Jefferson. "It has raised our countrymen into a perfect frenzy." With a patriot army marching on Norfolk, the royal governor freed those enslaved and sent them into battle against their former owners. In retribution, and with Jefferson's encouragement, furious rebels burned Norfolk to the ground on January 1, 1776, blaming the crime on Dunmore.

The port's destruction and Dunmore's emancipation prompted Virginia's patriot leaders to urge the Continental Congress to split from Britain,

breaking the deadlock among the colonies and leading to adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Days later, Dunmore and his Black allies withdrew from Virginia.

A Perfect Frenzy offers a striking perspective on the American Revolution that reorients our understanding of its causes, highlights the radically different motivations between patriots in the North and South, and reveals the seeds of the nation's racial divide.

From the Editor- Several years ago I published a review of *Dunmore's War* by Glenn F. Williams. I believe it to be an excellent history of Lord Dunmore and his actions as the last Royal Governor of Virginia. General Washington stated that he considered Governor Dunmore to be a great threat to the success of the American rebels.

I also recommend *1775, A Good Year for Revolution* by Kevin Phillips for a good summary of the actions of Lord Dunmore in 1775.

Lawler seems to attributed more of an actual black response to Dunmore's decree than do Williams and Phillips, although all agree that of all the Royal governors in the various colonies, only

Dunmore carried through with the threat of freeing enslaved blacks who fought for the British.

Bullet Strikes From the First Day of the American Revolution by Joel Bohy and Douglas Scott

Publisher : Andrew Mowbray Inc., Publishers

- **Publication date :** February 5, 2025
- **Print length Paperback:** 160 pages

This new and fascinating book invites you to come along on a tour down Battle Road to discover the "Shots Heard 'Round the World..." Using forensic techniques straight out of CSI, the authors have located the surviving bullet holes and bullet-struck artifacts from the battle that started the American Revolution. Learn what these violent scars of conflict and patriotism can tell us about what really happened on that fateful day when the redcoats marched on Lexington and Concord. The whole route back to Boston, as the British fled their defeat at North Bridge, was riddled with musket fire. Dramatic scenes unfolded in places like Concord, Lincoln, Lexington, and Arlington that can still be visited today. The fighting turns out to have been much fiercer than had

previously been thought, and this colorful new book tells the whole exciting story. 8x10; 180 color photos/illustrations.

Color Guard Commanders and Chapter Presidents,

The FLSSAR is currently in the process for procuring insurance that will cover all members of the FLSSAR for liability, including the firing of muskets. We hope to have this finalized in the next few months. I don't have all the specifics yet, but there are some key points.

- 1) Each participant firing a musket will need be trained by a certified Black Power Instructor. Training through the NRA or NPS will be accepted. Each participant will need have a copy of their training certificate available. Full guidelines will be out soon.
- 2) There will be **NO** musket firing by any Chapter or group of individuals representing the Chapter, the FLSSAR, or SAR until the FLSSAR have secured insurance and individuals have been trained. There are no exceptions.
- 3) There will be **NO** musket firing by any Chapter or group of individuals representing the Chapter, the FLSSAR, or SAR without written permission by the FLSSAR Color Guard Commander or an Adjutant, or the FLSSAR State President. There are no exceptions.

The purpose of this is to protect State and Local Officers from liability or other lawsuits. When you represent the FLSSAR or our Chapter, you are representing the FLSSAR and NSSAR. If an incident were to occur, we must ensure everyone is protected.

This is from the Past NSSAR Color Guard Commander; *"With no insurance and no training they are not to fire muskets. To do so, would be at minimum an ethics violation and/or could result in having their charter pulled."*

Every Chapter in SAR is linked to NSSAR by their 501c3. We must adhere to National's Color Guard Policy and directives from the National Commander.

I appreciate your understanding. I will keep you updated as to our progress and will have more information at the BOM.

Jeffrey Brunelle
Commander - Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard
President - Caloosa Chapter FLSSAR
Trustee - FLSSAR Endowment Trust Funds

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Our DAR Partners

Save the dates.

Daughters of the American Revolution

★ CONSTITUTION SUNDAY ★

Date: September 21st, 2025

Time: 10 A.M.

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd
639 Edgewater Drive
Dunedin, FL 34698

Sunday Brunch
11:45 IHOP Restaurant-order off the menu
30200 US HWY 19
Clearwater, FL 33761

Please reserve by 9-18-25
Jane Turner 727-734-5870



Monday, **January 19, 2026** DAR
Salad Luncheon, Caladesi Chapter
Guest Speaker Tiffany Bodgen,
Valor for Dogs. Trains dogs for
Veterans
North Dunedin Baptist Church
Sign-in 11:00am
Meeting starts 11:30am

All SAR members and their guests
are welcome

Special salads made by DAR
members

Margaret Harris

Caladesi DAR Birthday Luncheon
Monday, October 20, 2025
North Dunedin Baptist Church
Sign-in at 11:00am
Meeting starts 11:30
guest speaker David Bramley,
author of the book, "Washington's
Guns"

All SAR members and their guests
are welcome

Special decorations and birthday
cake

Birthdays

September

2	Garrity	John	McCullough
9	Verville	Blake	Joseph
9	Mingione	Joseph	William
10	Bass	Steven	Harrison
13	Leisner	Anthony	Baker
15	Arnold	Walter	Boyer
18	Garrity	John	McCullough
19	Marble	Peter	Aaron
22	Griffith	Daniel	Thomas
27	Osgood	Ronald	William
28	Wilcoxon	Joseph	Kelly

OUR NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday September 17, 2025

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

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

Menu: Herb Roasted Chicken; 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: Dwight McEntire
The Battle for King's
Mountain

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.

