



## OCTOBER 2025

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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,**

We had a great start for our 2025-2026 year. Your Board of Governors met last week and decided to have our October Chapter Meeting at Regency Oaks Senior Living. Our meeting will be in the Regency Room. Directions to follow.

Last week was a busy week for our chapter. On Monday our BOG met at Regency Oaks and were very impressed with the facility, meeting room and the meal. There are some logistics to be addressed so stay tuned. Directions to follow. The meal cost will be \$25 and includes dessert!

We also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the DAR Historic Preservation Committee for our contribution to help preserve their 1855 schoolhouse located on the campus of the University of Tampa. We also received a Proclamation from the Clearwater City Council for Constitution Week. Those items as well as pictures are now on our website.

At our October 15 Chapter meeting, we will recognize Law Enforcement and Fire Department Officers. Our Nominating Committee will also be presenting a slate of officers for the 2025-2026 year. We will vote on those officer positions in November, and the elected officers will be installed in December.

In patriotic spirit,

**Dwight**

<b>Date and Time:</b>	9/17/2025 at 12:00 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	Dunedin Country Club
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Dwight McEntire
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	James Grayshaw
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Absent:</b>	

<b>Points Discussed</b>		
<b>Number</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
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.
2	Recognition	President McEntire recognized the members who had September 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 recognitions	Walter Arnold and Timothy Shaner have received the Gold 250 Anniversary medals and certificates.
5	250 moment	President McEntire combined his presentation as Speaker with the 250 Moment.

6	Speaker	Our guest speaker was President Dwight McEntire who spoke about the Battle at King's Mountain at the border of North and South Carolina 250 years ago. His Power Point presentation was excellent and was well received.
7	Announcements	President McEntire spoke about the Clearwater Museum which will sponsor the American Revolution Experience in January 2026. Tim Shaner spoke about our renovated website. Compatriot Robbie Robinson made a short presentation on the project to install a monument in Pompano Beach, Florida honoring the 1 <sup>st</sup> Amphibious Assault Landing of the Marines, and he awarded certificates and commemorative coins to those who have already donated.
8	New Member	
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.

# Photographs from September's Meeting



Attendees



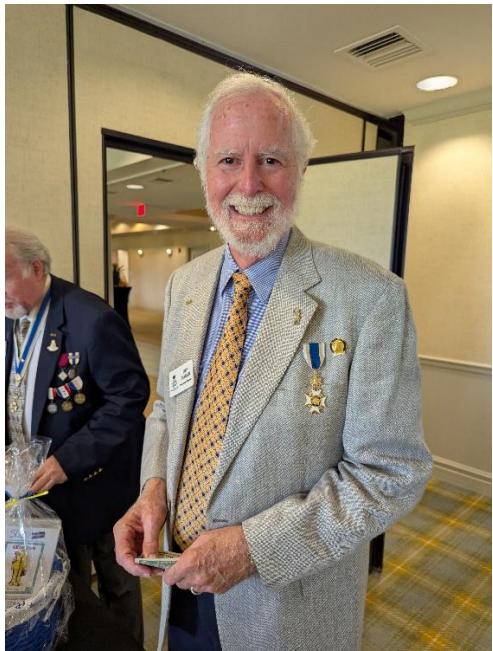
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Art Hays



Sara and Jim Stribling



**Dean Chatlain**



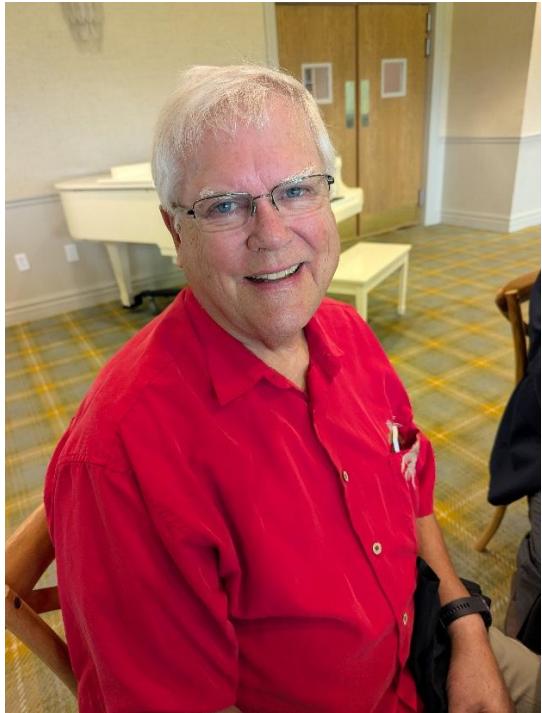
**Charles and Marjorie Wetherbee**



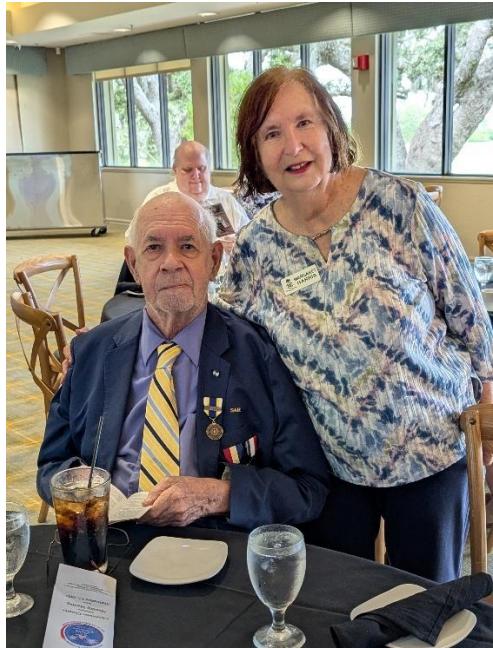
**Mark Santoro**



**Eugene Girardi**



**Terry Delano**



**Lew and Margaret Harris**



**Terry and Sharla Taylor**



**Russell Pebworth**



**Tim Shaner**



**Robbie Robinson**



**Dwight McEntire**



**Marcy and Rob Moore**



**Bob Yarnell**



**Dan Griffith**



**Connie Rogers and Jim Grayshaw**



**Tom Hancher**



**Tom Andrews**



**David Burgess**



**Pat Golding**



**Nick Conrad**



**Bob Cundiff**



**Jacob Heiden**

## **Links & Resources:**

**Our Chapter website:**

<http://clearwatersar.com/>

**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>

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## **OUR DAR PARTNERS**

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On September 18, 2025, at the Clearwater City Council meeting, Mayor Bruce Rector presented proclamations to the Clearwater Chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of the 238<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the

Constitution of the United States of America.  
Mayor Rector proclaimed September 17-23 as  
Constitution Week in Clearwater.

Photos by Arthur Hays



Left to right Tim Shaner, Robbie Robinson, and  
Dwight McEntire



On September 17, 2025, the Clearwater Chapter was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the DeSoto Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for our financial contribution to the historical preservation of the Old Schoolhouse at the University of Tampa, which is owned by the DAR. (L to R): Nathalie Tomczak, Immediate Past DeSoto DAR Regent; Dwight McEntire, President of the Clearwater SAR Chapter; Robbie Robinson, SAR Color Guard Commander and Robin Adair, Current DeSoto DAR Regent.



*Caladesi Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Requests the Pleasure of your company  
at the Luncheon Honoring  
Washington's Guns  
by David Bramley*

*Monday, October 20, 2025*

*North Dunedin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
1595 Michigan Road  
Dunedin, FL 34698*

*11:30 AM*

*Members, please bring a dish to share*

*Cost per person \$10.00 by 10-12-25*

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*Name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*Email \_\_\_\_\_*

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727-785-9208, email joanirus@gmail.com*

*Please enclose Check made out to "Caladesi Chapter NSDAR"*

# *Schedule of SAR Meetings*

## **2025**

*November 19*

*December 17*

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### **Bob Anderson** **1st Vice President**



Speakers for coming months are

**November**- Veteran Representative from  
Tampa Bay Veteran Association

**December**- Installation of Officers by State  
President Chris Washler



Chris Sands, NJSSAR President and Ed Glidden NJSSAR Color Guard Commander presenting the Silver Color Guard Medal to Bob Anderson

### **Art Hays** **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



## **Tom Hancher Treasurer**



## **Robbie Robinson Color Guard Commander**



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## **Walter Arnold Registrar/Genealogist**



Depicted in the photo (L to R) are Robbie Robinson, Tim Shaner, Will Wagner-Hart, Bill Swain and Dwight Hamborski.

On September 16, 2025, several members of the Color Guard from the Clearwater and Tampa SAR Chapters participated in the Welcome Home Celebration for

Honor Flight of West Central Florida – Mission 54. When the aircraft of 75 military veterans and the Ambassadors who accompanied them arrived at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, the SAR Color Guard led them through a long passage way lined with well-wishers to the baggage claim area. The patriotic crowd gathered to celebrate and honor these true American heroes and wish them an enthusiastic "Welcome Home" for their unwavering service and sacrifice.

# Passing of a Member's wife and mother

## Patricia Jane "Pat" Youstra nee Williams



Patricia Jane "Pat" Youstra (Williams), age 87, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2025, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. A devoted wife, loving mother, dedicated educator, and committed disciple of Jesus Christ, Pat lived a life marked by service, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Born on January 27, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan to Thomas and Edna Williams, Pat accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 14—a decision that would shape the course of her life. She pursued her passion for Christian education by earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Bob Jones University in 1959. That Fall, she was hired by the university to teach typing and shorthand, becoming one of the first graduates ever to be employed immediately upon graduation. The next year, Pat began teaching at Bob Jones Academy, where she continued for many years. In 1970, she earned a Master of Arts in Business Education from Michigan State University.

Pat's commitment to education extended beyond the classroom where she poured herself into the lives of her students with care and dedication. Her professional journey led her to the White House Office of Public Liaison in the Reagan Administration, serving as an Executive Assistant with grace and integrity. Later, she worked as an associate professor of business education at Clearwater Christian College.

Throughout her life, Pat remained deeply involved in Christian service. She ministered to people within her church and her community and was known as a devoted

prayer warrior and loyal friend. Her servant's heart touched countless lives through both word and deed.

An avid reader with a love for cross stitch and sewing, Pat found joy in creating beautiful things for those she loved. She delighted in baking apple cakes and Danish puffs during the holidays, lemon cakes for her hubby, cookies for students during exams, and birthday cakes for friends at Lenny's Restaurant.

Pat enjoyed cheering on the Chicago White Sox and Bears alongside the love of her life, George (despite being a Detroit fan). Above all else, Pat was the number one supporter of her children and grandchildren, always present with encouragement, wisdom, and unconditional love.

Pat leaves behind three children: George Youstra (Rose), Laurie Dennis (Phil), and Connie Braden (Bob); nine grandchildren: George, Phillip, Meghan, Rachael, Taylor, Micah, David, Kaitlyn, and Rachel; as well as nine great-grandchildren. She also is remembered by many whose lives were enriched by her friendship and mentorship.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Thomas Williams; an infant son; and her beloved husband George.

One of Pat's most enduring legacies is the collection of journals she kept for her children and grandchildren-pages filled with prayers, reflections, hopes, and heartfelt messages that will continue to inspire generations to come.

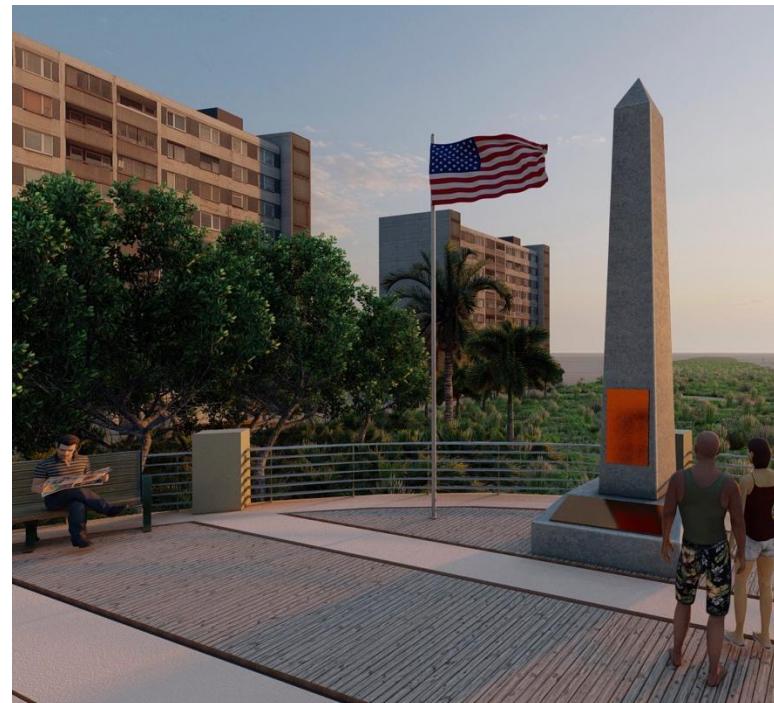
May Patricia Youstra's memory bring comfort to all who knew her, and may her legacy of faithfulness, loyalty, and generosity continue to shine through those she loved so dearly.

A Graveside Service was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, 2860 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater, Florida.

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### 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 fundraising 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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patriot victory of supreme importance that was fought during the course of the American Revolution. The victors of Kings Mountain were South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina Backcountry volunteers (including men from today's Tennessee) of a ghost army that suddenly materialized practically out of thin air from both sides of the Appalachian Mountains on its own and without authorization from the Continental Congress or Continental officers. To defend their farms and families and the land they loved, on October 7, 1780, this ad hoc force of Backcountry volunteers from remote settlements across the frontier suddenly descended upon a well-trained and well-equipped force of more than one thousand Royal Provincial and Loyalist troops, who defiantly made their last stand on the summit of Kings Mountain, after having been caught by surprise.

During one of the hardest fought and bloodiest battles of the American Revolution, this one-sided (the entire enemy force—the vital left wing of Lord Charles Cornwallis' Army—was killed, wounded, and captured) patriot victory at Kings Mountain was a major turning point of not only the war in the South, but also of the American Revolution.

Ironically, no battle of the American Revolution more forcefully demonstrated the lethal effectiveness of Southern militia and the future surreal horrors of America's first civil war. This decisive battle in northwest South Carolina was fought between fellow Americans, including not only neighbors but also relatives, even fathers and sons, nearly

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## Book about the American Revolution

### Kings Mountain: America's Most Forgotten Battle That Changed the Course of the American Revolution

by Phillip Thomas Tucker

- **Publisher :** Skyhorse
- **Publication date :** November 18, 2025
- **Print length :** 408 pages

The Battle of Kings Mountain was the most remarkable, unexpected, and unorthodox

three-quarters of a century before the Battles of First Manassas, Antietam, and Gettysburg, when young Americans once again slaughtered each other for what they believed was right.

When it appeared at the time that the war in South Carolina had been lost to the British, the patriots of Kings Mountain rose splendidly to the challenge to win an amazing success that best personified the essence and spirit of the revolution, which the victors kept alive during one of the darkest periods of the American Revolution. Most importantly, the dramatic patriot victory at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 helped to set the stage and pave the way for the surrender of Cornwallis' Army at Yorktown only a year later, which was an event that all but ended the war and ensured the independence of a new nation.

## 250 Years Ago

1775

**7 October:** Small British fleet operating out of Newport, Rhode Island, bombarded Bristol, Rhode Island until its inhabitants provided 40 sheep for British Army consumption. This was only the first of a series of marauding attacks on islands and shores of Narragansett Bay that led to the virtual extinction of loyalist support in the area.

**10 October:** General Howe replaced General Gage as Commander of the British Army forces in Boston.

**13 October:** BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. Congress directed the fitting out of two vessels to intercept ships carrying warlike stores and other supplies to British forces, and appointing "Marine Committee" to administer this action.

**18 October:** Governor William Tryon of New York took refuge on British warship Halifax in New York harbor.

**18 October:** Two British warships bombarded and burned West Falmouth (now Portland) Maine, destroying 400 of its 500 buildings, and burning and capturing 15 ships.

**19 October:** During siege of St. Johns, Canadian-American patriot force with some 9 pounders attacked thin-walled fortress at Chamblly, Canada, and forced surrender of its 88 British regulars and other inhabitants and seized quantities of powder and ordinance supplies. This action cut water escape from St Johns and expedited its surrender.

**24-25 October:** Lord Dunmore sent British naval captain and several small ships to bombard and destroy Hampton, Virginia. Militia riflemen drove off the landing party on the first day's bombardment, and with addition of another rifle company repelled second day's attack with heavy loss to British in men and ships

**30 October:** Congress authorized construction of four armed vessels "for the protection and defense of the United Colonies" – thus providing the first ships of the Continental Navy.

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## Compatriots of the Florida Society,

As you've probably heard me say multiple times already this year, I sincerely believe that the Sons of the American Revolution has a significant opportunity in front of us this year. The attention of the entire country is turning toward America's 250th Anniversary and the American Revolution, and that means that their attention is on US! We have a great opportunity to grow our society with nearly every age group that we serve. But to do that, we are going to have to be willing to go beyond the "tried and true" (or possibly the tired and true) ways that we have always done recruiting and retention of our members.

Our most significant growth potential right now is in the younger age demographics. Men who are still in the prime of their working years and have not yet reached the mid-century mark are showing an increased interest in the Revolutionary and Founding period of our country's history. We need to act now to capitalize on that interest!

To further that goal, I am pleased to announce that I am establishing a Younger Members Committee for the Florida Society. Under Article V of our bylaws, I have the authority to form ad hoc committees, so the Younger Members Committee will only be an ad hoc committee at this point. The Charter of the Committee is modeled on the NSSAR's Younger Members Committee:

**Purpose:** To foster a greater relationship between the Younger Members, the Florida State Society, and respective chapters.

**Members:** There shall be a chairman and at least four committee members appointed by the President of the Florida Society whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer. Membership is restricted to members 40 years old or younger with the exception of one advisory member who may be between 40 and 50 years of age.

**Functions:** To bring new, fresh, and innovative ideas for membership involvement that go beyond "traditional" SAR meetings and events. The Committee will help to promote recruitment and retention of younger members by serving as a resource of information on topics relevant to younger members of the Florida Society.

I will be looking to the members of this committee to bring forward fresh new ideas for attracting and retaining SAR compatriots in our younger age brackets. They will likely work closely with the existing Membership Promotion and Retention Committee, but I believe that their work will be complementary to each other and not redundant.

At this point, I have not appointed a chairman of this committee. Nor have I appointed any members. This is where I need your help!

If you are a compatriot who is 40 or younger (or if you know of a compatriot in your chapter who fits this requirement), and you have an interest in serving on this committee, please reach out directly to me. I would like to have this committee up and running before we get to the Fall Board of Managers Meeting, so time is of the essence!

I look forward to an "avalanche" of interest and to seeing what this committee does!

*Chris Washler*

President

# Birthdays

**108**

## October

<b>5</b>	Grover	Robert	Lawrence
<b>5</b>	Freeman	Barry	Lynn
<b>6</b>	Chatlain	Dean	Francis
<b>7</b>	Lewis	James	LeRoy
<b>14</b>	Taylor	Terry	Robert
<b>18</b>	Smillie	Robin	James
<b>27</b>	Honeywell	Alfred	Parks
<b>28</b>	Niemann	Patrick	Jay
<b>30</b>	Egger	Ronald	Leslie
<b>31</b>	Wetherbee	Charles	Dana
<b>31</b>	Harris	Lewis	Oliver

# OUR NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday October 15, 2025

Where: at The Regency Oaks, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, 2751 Regency Oaks Blvd., Clearwater, Florida 33759.

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

Menu: TBA; 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: \$25

Program: Public Service

Awards

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

