



October 2026

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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



As we begin the month of October, I want to take a moment to reflect on more of the summer months than I did last month.

This summer we had numerous Color Guard Activities. The Color Guard also welcomed home another Honor Flight in September, which recognized the 4,000th veteran who had participated in the Honor Flight of West Central Florida. They have also supported DAR activities as well.

The Patriot Walk was a meaningful opportunity for our Chapter to join with the City of Clearwater to honor the men and women who made the founding of our nation possible. This exhibit demonstrates the Clearwater Chapter's continued support to preserving and promoting the ideals and sacrifices of our American ancestors. Events such as the Liberty Tree and Patriot Walk remind us that the Sons of the American Revolution is more than an organization – it is a commitment to remembering our heritage and passing that heritage on to future generations.

Our commitment to honor our ancestors, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution is even more necessary today in light of groups wishing to tear down our founding documents. Let us continue to work on supporting our founders and what they accomplished. It's extremely important that you vote in November.

As we move into the fall, I encourage each of you to be active in our Chapter. Your involvement, whether through Chapter meetings, patriotic events, historical programs, Color Guard events, flag certificates, DAR activities, other community events, helps strengthen our Chapter and our mission.

Tim Shaner, Jim Grayshaw and Walter Arnold are the nominating committee members. They are soliciting you for officer positions in our chapter. Please consider volunteering. I have served as an officer for the past four years and the experience has been an honor. Tim and Walter have also

been selected by me to be our financial review committee.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Clearwater Chapter.

Dwight McEntire

Date and Time:	September 16, 2026
Location:	Regency Oaks Retirement Center
Facilitator:	Dwight McEntire
Minutes Prepared By:	Warren Wilson
Attendees:	37
Absent:	

Points Discussed		
Number	Topic	Highlights
1	Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President McEntire followed by the invocation given by Mr. McEntire. The Pledge of Allegiance and SAR pledge were recited along with the singing of God Bless America. President McEntire noted the September birthdays, and new member, Russell Ames was inducted. Meeting was then recessed for lunch at 12:07 PM.
2	Reconvened	President McEntire reconvened the meeting at 12:35 and introduced notable

		attendees including visiting members of the DAR and the chapter's Ladies Auxiliary. He invited those members who have not had the opportunity to visit the chapter's History Walk exhibit to do so. It will be at Coachman Park in Clearwater until Veterans Day in November.
3	Program	Our guest presenter, David McCallister, was introduced. Mr. McCallister gave a talk on the Lee family of Virginia from the immigration of Richard, family patriarch, to his descendants who participated in the American War for Independence, including "Light Horse" Harry Lee and other relatives who were members of the Continental Congress. Mr. McCallister was given a certificate of appreciation and an SAR 250 pin by President McEntire.
4	General Information	After the talk by Mr. McCallister, President McEntire reminded the assembly that this and all past meetings could be viewed on our website, clearwatersar.com . He reminded the members

		that they were authorized to award a Flag Certificate to anyone whom they noticed fly's the American Flag on a regular basis and to contact him if anyone would like to give that award. President McEntire reminded all members that dues for 2027 were currently being collected and to contact the chapter Secretary.
5	50/50 and basket	50/50 and basket drawings were held
6	Benediction	Closing benediction was given by Dwight McEntire and SAR recessional was recited by all members.
7	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM
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Warren Wilson Secretary



Photographs from September's Meeting



David McCallister spoke to the membership about the Lee families in Colonial Virginia.

Next Meeting			
Date	Location	Time	Objectives
Oct 21, 20 26	Regency Oaks Conferen ce Center	11:30 AM	



David McCallister is given a Certificate of Appreciation by President McEntire



New member, Russell Ames, with his certificate of membership



New member, Russell Ames, was inducted by President McEntire

Attendees



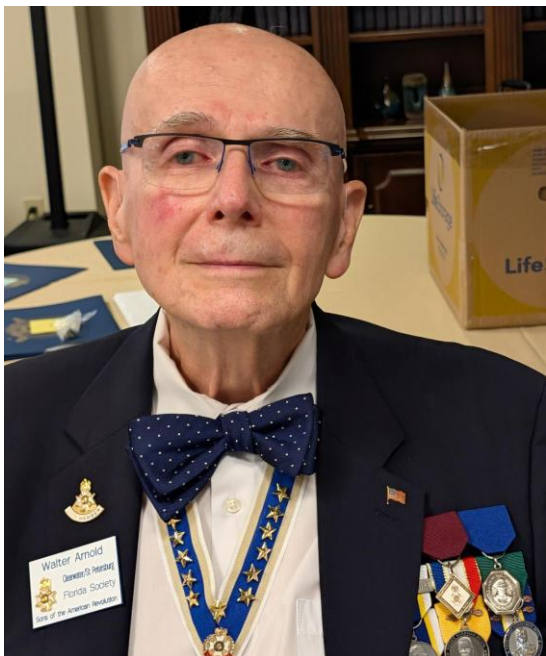
David McCallister



Tim Shaner



Melody and Jerry Duncan



Walter Arnold



Eugene Girardi



Cheryl Renneckar



Kurt Koltz



Russell Ames and Cindy Christensen-Barker



Robbie Robinson



Warren Wilson



Alan Cheever



Candace and Art Hays



Russell Pebworth



Dwight McEntire



Terry and Sharla Taylor



Jim Grayshaw and Connie Rogers



Mark Santoro



Tom and Jean Hancher



Rob Moore



Kurt Spehr



Gary Abernathy

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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Schedule of SAR Meetings

2026

November 18

December 16

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Art Hays 1st Vice President



Speakers for coming months are:

Oct. 21 – Public Service Award Recognition- Clearwater Police. The October Public Service Award meeting will recognize Detective Daniel Bieber of the Clearwater Police Department.

Nov. 18 – Pamela Cheever, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret), PhD, Veterans' Appreciation

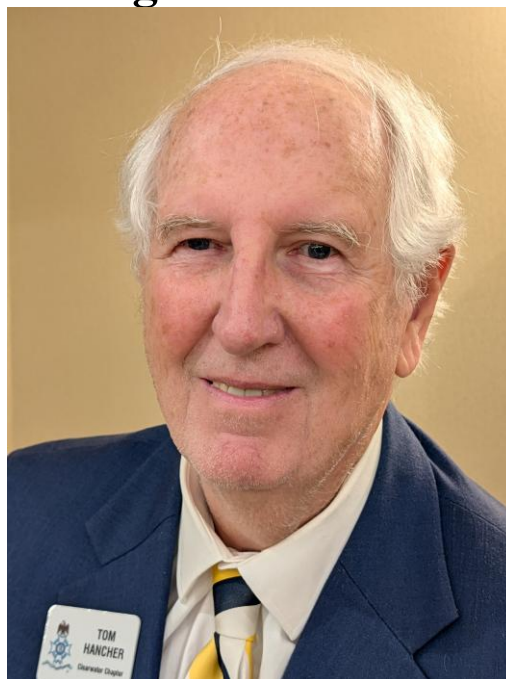
Dec. 16 – Officer Installation



Kurt Spehr
2nd Vice President



Tom Hancher
Acting Treasurer



City Council meeting, Clearwater (FL) Mayor Bruce Rector presented a Constitution Week Proclamation to SAR President Dwight McEntire and the Clearwater Chapter. L to R Warren Wilson, Dwight McEntire, and Art Hays



Walter Arnold Registrar/Genealogist



On September 15, 2026, Color Guard members from the Clearwater, Tampa and South Shore SAR Chapters welcomed Honor Flight of West Central Florida Mission 58 upon their return to the St. Petersburg / Clearwater Airport. This group included the 4,000th Veteran to the Honor Flight of West Central Florida family. The Clearwater SAR Color Guard members included Robbie Robinson, Tim Shaner and Warren Wilson.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you for being a part our amazing Welcome Home volunteer team!

Your time, energy, enthusiasm, and genuine love for our Veterans made Tuesday evening so incredibly special. From the moment you arrived and took your places until our last Veteran made their way home, you helped create an atmosphere filled with excitement, pride, and heartfelt appreciation.

As you witnessed, it was more than just a Welcome Home—it was a celebration of service, sacrifice, and respect.

The smiles, handshakes, hugs, cheers, salutes, and words of gratitude meant so much to our

Robbie Robinson Color Guard Commander



returning Veterans and their families. Every one of you played an important part in making them feel seen, honored, loved, and respected.

Your willingness to give your time so generously is what makes this event possible.

Thank you for showing our Veterans just how much their service and sacrifices mean to all of us.

Our final mission/flight for 2026 is on Oct 20. So mark your calendars.....

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With gratitude,
Karen Maex
Director
Honor Flight of West Central Florida
<https://www.honorflightwcf.org/>

Activities with our DAR partners



On September 19, 2026, the Clearwater SAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the monthly meeting of the Clearwater DAR Chapter at the Belleair Country Club in Belleair, Florida. Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson gave a presentation

regarding the issues leading to the departure of a group of people from England on the Mayflower, and their life in the New World leading up to the American Revolution. UDC Regent Sharon Jank's presentation was on the Constitution. Pictured left to right: Sharon Jank, Tim Shaner, Robbie Robinson, Warren Wilson and Dwight McEntire.



*Caladesí Chapter
Daughters of the American
Revolution
Requests the Pleasure of your
company
at the Luncheon Honoring
"Forgotten Ladies of the
Revolutionary War"
By
Hirrihigua Chapter DAR*

*Monday, October 19, 2026
North Dunedin Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1595 Michigan Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698*

11:30AM

Members, please bring a dish to share

Cost per person \$10.00 by 10-12-26

*Name*_____

- *Phone*_____

- *Email*_____

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Springs, FL 34689*

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*Please make check out to "Caladesi
Chapter NSDAR"*

Books about the American Revolution

**Rage and the Republic: The
Unfinished Story of the
American Revolution by
Jonathan Turley**

- **Publisher** : Simon & Schuster
- **Publication date** : February 3, 2026
- **Print length** : 448 pages

On the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, law professor, legal analyst, and bestselling author of *The Indispensable* Right Jonathan Turley explores how the unique origins of American democracy set it apart from other revolutions, whether it can survive and thrive in the 21st century, and how the unfinished story of the revolution will play out in a rapidly changing world.

This is a book about revolutions. Most countries are the progeny of revolution. At the birth of this nation, the Founding Fathers faced the quintessential question of self-governance: how do you keep democracy from devolving into violent anarchy or brutal despotism? Drawing on little-known facts from the founding, Jonathan Turley reveals how the United States escaped the cycles of violence and instability that plagued other democratic movements, from ancient Athens to 19th-century France.

As the nation approaches a new era marked by artificial intelligence, robotics, and profound economic shifts, America must again withstand the pressure of radical forces that seek to curtail our natural liberties under the guise of popular reform. In this crisis of faith, many politicians and pundits are questioning the very principles of American democracy, and some law professors are even calling for scrapping the Constitution.

Synthesizing sources from history to philosophy to the arts, Turley offers a hopeful account of how the lessons of the past can guide us through today's "crisis of faith" in democracy and see us into the future. He notes: "From redcoats to robots, our challenges have changed. Yet, we have remained. Our greatest danger is not forgetting the history detailed in this book, but forgetting who we were in that history."

The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear-Guard Action that Saved America by Bruce M. Venter

- **Publisher** : The History Press
- **Publication date** : April 6, 2015
- **Print length** : 144 pages

British and German troops ran into stubborn rebel resistance at Hubbardton, Vermont, on July 7, 1777. The day would ultimately turn the tide for the Patriot cause. After capturing Fort Ticonderoga, the British, under Lieutenant General John Burgoyne, pursued a retreating Continental army under Major General Arthur St. Clair. In the fields and hills around Hubbardton, a tenacious American rear guard of about 1,200 derailed the British general's plan for a quick march

to Albany. The British won a tactical victory, but they suffered precious losses. Patriots, under Colonel Seth Warner, Colonel Ebenezer Francis and Colonel Nathan Hale, left the British and Germans bloodied while also saving untold casualties from their own army. Burgoyne and his weakened force ultimately surrendered at Saratoga on October 17, 1777, paving the way for a French alliance with the colonies and American independence.



250 Years Ago

1776

October 11, 1776: The Battle of Valcour Island took place on Lake Champlain, where British forces defeated Brigadier-General Benedict Arnold's fledgling American fleet, though the delayed American defense successfully stalled the British invasion from Canada for the year.

October 12, 1776: British brigades began guarding Throgg's Neck in the Bronx, New York, as part of an attempt to encircle and trap the Continental Army.

October 18, 1776: The Battle of Pelham occurred in Westchester County, New York, where Colonel John Glover and his Marblehead Regiment delayed a larger British advance.

October 18, 1776: Tadeusz Kościuszko received his official commission from the U.S. Congress as a colonel of engineers in the Continental Army, bolstering American fortification efforts.

October 26, 1776: Benjamin Franklin departed for France on a vital diplomatic mission to secure financial and military support from the French government.

October 28, 1776: The Battle of White Plains commenced when British and Hessian forces engaged George Washington's army, forcing a strategic American retreat and the eventual evacuation of Manhattan

Birthdays

October

5	Freeman	Barry	Lynn
14	Taylor	Terry	Robert
18	Smillie	Robin	James
27	Honeywell	Alfred	Parks
28	Niemann	Patrick	Jay
30	Egger	Ronald	Leslie
31	Harris	Lewis	Oliver

OUR NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday October 21, 2026

Where: at The Regency Oaks, The South Building, 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 Award
Recognition- Clearwater Police
Detective Daniel Bieber

For reservations contact Tom
Hancher at
Boydthancher@gmail.com
678-603-8121

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.