November 2026

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

SAR
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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

Honoring our Heritage, Honoring our Veterans

Compatriots,

November is a particularly meaningful month for us as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is a time to reflect upon our nation's founding, honor those who defend our freedom, and give thanks for the blessings of American citizenship.

On November 10, we celebrate the birthday of the United States Marine Corps, established in 1775. Just three weeks later, on November 13, we recognize the birthday of the United States Navy. Both services were born during the American Revolution, when our forefathers took up the difficult (some said impossible) task of securing independence from Great Britain.

Those early Marines and sailors shared a purpose with the patriots we honor through our SAR membership: the defense of liberty and the establishment of a nation founded upon the principle of freedom and self-government.

On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor all the men and women who have served in our nations armed forces. From the soldiers who fought at Lexington and Concord to the Americans who have served in conflicts around the world, each generation has answered the call to defend freedom and our country. To those who serve today around the world. Their service reminds us that freedom is never something to take for granted. At the Korean war memorial in DC the inscription reads "Freedom isn't free."

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude. Our Revolutionary ancestors faced tremendous hardships and uncertainty, yet they persevered in pursuit of a better future. We enjoy the fruits of their sacrifices today. As Compatriots, we have a special responsivity. We preserve the memory of our patriot ancestors, educate future generations about the founding of our nation, and

encourage a continuing appreciation for the principles that made America possible.

This November, let us honor our military, remember our veterans, celebrate our Revolutionary heritage, and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.

As I conclude. Let us give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings upon our nation. May we never take for granted the liberty we enjoy, the faith that has sustained us, or the privilege of carrying forward the legacy of those who founded our great nation. May God continue to guide us and this great nation.

God Bless America!!!!

Dwight McEntire

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2027

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Minutes of the October Meeting Prepared by 1st Vice President Art Hays

Meeting called to order at approximately 12:00 pm by President Dwight McEntire, followed by the invocation by Dr. Bob Cundiff, the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. Dr. Cundiff led the members in singing God Bless America.

President McEntire announced there were no inductions for this month; followed by reading members who had October birthdays. He announced that Detective Dan Bieber of the Robbery/Homicide Unit with the Clearwater Police Department was the recipient of the Public Service Award; and he recognized the DAR member in attendance. Terry Delano was recognized for presenting several Flag Certificates this past winter and spring and President McEntire encouraged members to present Flag Certificates to neighbors and friends who fly the flag.

Robbie Robinson attended the recent FLSSAR BOM meeting in Orlando and returned with several certificates, one of which was for the St. Petersburg Chapter for participating in the Wreaths Across America project (that Chapter was not present at the BOM to receive their certificate). The Clearwater Chapter received a certificate for participating the three different events: Partners in Patriotism, Honor Guard and Wreaths Across America.

Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Walter Arnold and Tim Shaner, each of whom had attended 43 Color Guard events over the past three years. Robbie mentioned that the Color Guard interfaces with local communities and provides a positive exposure for the SAR. President McEntire encouraged all present to visit the Patriot Walk at Coachman Park. The 250 Minute was a Revolutionary War Rarities video titled “Promises, promises,” regarding James Robinson, a black patriot who fought in the American Revolution.

President McEntire began our Public Service Award presentation by asking Major Mike Hasty of the Clearwater Police Department to come forward and introduce the recipient, Detective Daniel Bieber of the Robbery/Homicide Unit. Major Hasty spoke of Det. Bieber’s professionalism, commitment, dedication and compassion involved with his handling of complex investigations, one of which took a year to resolve. President McEntire presented Detective Bieber with the Public Service Medal and Certificate. It was noted that Detective Beiber’s peers in the Robbery/Homicide Unit were in attendance for the presentation, after which a group photo was taken.

Members were reminded that Chapter meetings are filmed by Kurt Klotz and can be viewed on our Chapter webpage at http://clearwatersar.com/ .

The 50/50 and basket drawings were held.

The closing benediction was given by Dr. Bob Cundiff.

The recessional was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Photographs from October’s Meeting

L to R - Det. Daniel Bieber, Robbery/Homicide Unit of the Clearwater Police Department, President Dwight McEntire, and Major Mike Hasty,

On October 21, 2026, Detective Daniel Bieber of the Clearwater Police Department was presented with the Public Service Award by the Clearwater SAR Chapter. Det. Bieber's supervisor, Major Mike Hasty, introduced him to the members of the Clearwater Chapter and spoke highly of his attributes and accomplishments. Det. Bieber is a 10-year-law enforcement veteran, the last five of which have been with the Clearwater Police Department. He currently works in the Robbery/ Homicide Unit. His co-workers were on hand at the presentation ceremony and subsequently joined him for a group photo. The Clearwater Chapter extends our congratulations to Det. Bieber!

Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson presented Tim Shaner and Walter Arnold with Bronze Color Guard Medals.

Color Guard Commander Robbie Robinson presented an award from Florida Society for Clearwater Chapter's Partners in Patriotism, participation in Honor Flights, and Wreaths Across America from recent BOG in Orlando

Robert Anderson

Attendees

Art Hays

Matthew Anderson

Julius Zochau

Marcy and Rob Moore

Sharla and Terry Taylor

Bob Anderson

Tim Shaner

Jerry Duncan

Walter Arnold

Eugene Girardi

Russell Ames

Robbie Robinson

Kurt Koltz

Bob Cundiff

Parks and Mickey Honeywell

Dwight McEntire

Alan Cheever

Major Mike Hasty and Terry Delano

Tom Hancher

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

Schedule of SAR Meetings

2026

November 18

December 16

Art Hays
1st Vice President

Speakers for coming months are:

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

Dec. 16 – Officer Installation

Kurt Spehr
2nd Vice President

Robbie Robinson
Color Guard Commander

Walter Arnold
Treasurer/
Registrar/Genealogist

October 20, 2026 - Mission 59 Honor Flight from West Central Florida included SAR Clearwater Chapter President Dwight McEntire, a former USAF veteran! The veterans on the Honor Flight were met with a rousing return at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport! The Clearwater and Tampa SAR Color Guards were there to welcome the veterans home. The flight included a 103-year-old WWII veteran!

Activities with our DAR partners

L to R Eugene Girardi, Alan Cheever, and Bob Anderson attended the Caladesi Chapter DAR meeting and Annual Birthday Party on October 19, 2026.

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Books about the American Revolution

Propaganda Wars of the American Revolution: From the Boston Patriots to George Washington

by George Goodwin

- **Publisher** : Yale University Press

- **Publication date :** June 16, 2026
- **Print length :** 416 pages

The American Revolution was not only fought on bloody battlefields.

It was waged with the ink of pen and print. George Goodwin shows how the leaders of the American Revolution brilliantly weaponized information and propaganda through correspondence and newspapers, shaping public perception, mobilizing support, and swaying the colonies toward open rebellion. Once the war began, George Washington’s tireless ability to deploy the pen and press as a weapon of war helped to unite and sustain very different colonies and colonists during the eight long years before victory.

Drawing on a wealth of contemporary accounts, letters, and publications, Goodwin demonstrates how liberty and authority were contested through ideas, images, and rhetoric at the time of America’s birth—and how, 250 years on, the Revolution can be seen as America’s first great media war.

250 Years Ago

1776

In November 1776, the American Revolution was at a critical low point as General George Washington's Continental Army suffered major losses in New York and began a desperate retreat across New Jersey.

Key Events of November 1776

- **November 16, 1776 – Fall of Fort Washington:** British and Hessian forces under General William Howe captured Fort Washington in New York, forcing Patriot Colonel Robert Magaw to surrender nearly 3,000 American troops as prisoners of war (about one-third of Washington’s remaining army).

- **November 19, 1776 – Abandonment of Fort Lee:** Following the loss of Fort Washington across the river, U.S. forces were ordered to abandon Fort Lee in New Jersey, beginning a grueling retreat across the state pursued by the British.
- **Late November 1776 – Retreat Across New Jersey:** Washington's shrinking and demoralized army retreated through New Jersey toward the Delaware River and into Pennsylvania, setting the stage for the crisis that inspired Thomas Paine's *The American Crisis* ("these are the times that try men's souls").

For additional information on the retreat of Washington and the Continental army I would recommend two good books on this subject - **The Winter Soldiers** by Richard M Ketchum and **1776** by David McCullough

Birthdays

November

1	McEntire	James	Dwight
5	Moore	Robert	Patrick
6	Lewis	Eric	James
10	Gay	Oscar	Martin
21	Miller	Brett	Thomas
22	Jamieson	Harry	Bruce
23	Abney	Gary	Lynn
25	Scott	Allwood	Stevenson

OUR NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday November 18, 2026
Where: at The Regency Oaks, 2nd 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
Pamela Cheever, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret), PhD, Veterans' Appreciation

For reservations contact Tom Hancher at
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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.