



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## BREVARD BEACON

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### President's Message



Happy New Year Compatriots!

We can now say next year will be the big event 250 years in the making.

Between the years of 1775 and 1783 nearly a quarter of a million men volunteered to fight for the ideals of Liberty and Freedom. These early heroes were under-supplied, under-

equipped, under-trained, and under-paid; yet, they endured. A standing Army was just taking form and initially there wasn't even a Navy. The Air Force and Space Force couldn't even be dreamed of at the time. Over time, a professional fighting force would emerge and dominate every domain. From the original cold, wind-swept encampments to the launch pads that take us to the final frontiers, the American fighting spirit continues. While we won our Freedom on the battlefield it was the idea of America that won the hearts and allows us to continue. Our chapter takes that ideal into our neighborhoods.

Our chapter's goal is threefold; to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our community and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country. We accomplish this, with your help, by our youth outreach through the JROTC program, Eagle Scout recognition, donating Revolutionary War themed books to local schools and many common acts of patriotism. Our most visible activity is coming up shortly, The commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. This event will take place March 15 at the VMC on Merrit Island. If you can please help with the many details that make this event a success year after year. We will hold organizational meetings at 11 AM on 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14 (how romantic!), and 2/28. Please come out. Many hands make light work.

The SAR has a medal in recognition of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration. It comes in three degrees; bronze, silver, and gold. To earn it, you have to gather points. Points can be gained by participating in chapter meetings, Last Naval Battle prep or anywhere that you promote the anniversary. My goal is to have everyone earn their 250<sup>th</sup> medal during the run up to the big day. You get a medal and the public learns about the anniversary. Everybody wins. Huzzah.

In Patriotism,  
Christopher  
President, Brevard Chapter SAR, 2024-25

## Next Meeting

11 January 2025

At Tides Collocated Club

1001 Florida A1A

Patrick SFB, FL 32925

Social at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts 12:00

Pan seared chicken

Or

Greek Quinoa

&

Chocolate cake

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# Brevard

## chapter

Our 2025 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

**January** 11, 2025 — Tides: Price \$25;

Panned Seared Chicken

or Greek Quinoa

and Chocolate Cake

**February** 8, 2025 (Joint SAR/DAR Mtg) — Tides: Price \$25;

Spinach Salad

or Blackened Salmon

and Key Lime Pie

**April** 12, 2025 — Tides: Price \$25;

Penne Pasta

or BBQ Flank Steak

and Grilled Pound Cake w/strawberry sauce

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's meeting schedule

**SOCIAL 11:00 AM** - Meetings are at The Tides Collocated Club. Socials start at 11:00, Meetings begin 11:30 sharp unless otherwise noted.

*Pay by check to*

*Mark Russell  
275 Woodridge Drive  
Geneva, FL 32732*

*mark.russell@earthlink.net*

*Or pay at meeting with cash or check*

*Coming in the Next Issue*

More History, Updates on chapter's activities, pictures, and events.

*National and State Events*

## National Events

**Battle of Kettle Creek – 7 Feb**

**Lincolnton, GA**

**Battle of Thomas Creek — 29 Mar**

**Jacksonville, FL**

**NSSAR 2025 Annual Congress—10**

**Jul to 18 Jul — Uncasville, CT**

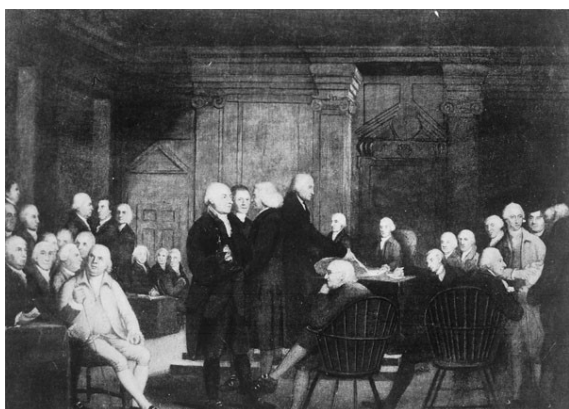
## State Events

**Last Naval Battle Observance at  
the VMC — 15 Mar**

**FLSSAR BOM — 16-17 May**

## *New or Reinstated Members 2024*

Member	Patriot
Richard Dexter	Ephraim Dexter—MA Pvt
Stanley Kuhns	Andrew Schnabel—PA PS
Seth Kenney	John Glascock—VA PS
Frank Kenny	John Glascock—VA PS
Mark Kenney	John Glascock—VA PS
John Lowe	John Glascock—VA PS
Gerald Kenney	John Glascock—VA PS



If you have anyone who is interested and you wish to help them or are working on their application, report their name and information to the Registrar so that we can assist when needed and to ensure that the application is completed correctly. National Genealogists report that there are sloppy applications being submitted by persons not familiar with the SAR application process

Regular	104
Junior	10
Life	7
E-1	1
Active Duty/Military	1
Dual	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

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### The 2024 Stark Report is due!!!

Doug Bisset will pull together information for the report, and consolidate, and with help from James Ward, submit the report, as required to the Florida SAR Veterans Committee by January 15. They in turn submit it to the National SAR Committee Chairman by February 1.

Those wishing to contribute please begin to review and document the activities you were involved in and donations, etc. If you know what you will do in the rest of the year, list it. Full instructions are on the National SAR website (login and search STARK REPORT). There is a computer tracking report format available.

There are 11 Report Sections (paraphrased below):

- 1.) Chapter members appointed to VA Hospital Voluntary Service or Center for Development and Civic Engagement committees (VAVS/CDCE).
- 2.) Each hour served in VA Hospital Voluntary Services.
- 3.) Each SAR member visiting a veteran or on an outing.
- 4.) Each gift (personal care item) donated to Veterans in a VA state hospital or State Veterans nursing home, etc.
- 5.) Each dollar donated to a VAVS/CDCE state Veterans hospital, etc.
- 6.) Each publication donated to Veterans in a VAVS/CDCE or state Veterans hospital or nursing home, etc.
- 7.) Participation in the SAR Wounded Warriors program.
- 8.) Activities recognizing or supporting Veterans in cooperation with other organizations.
- 9.) Decorating Veterans graves and attendance at funerals.
- 10.) New or used men's and women's clothing donations.
- 11.) new and used but working items, such as TV's, computers, etc. donations.

Recall it is important to identify if your hours at a Veteran/SAR event were wearing "period attire", say so. And if reasonable distances traveled, identify the mileage.

Submit to: [docbisset@gmail.com](mailto:docbisset@gmail.com)

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# BECOME A GUARDS- MEN

We are looking for volunteers to join Commodore John Barry Camp #3 of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

It is preferred to have the same type of uniform or clothing in which your Patriot ancestor would have worn during the Revolution.

Continental Army, Navy, or Marine Uniform, is the traditional dress in a unit, however Militia personnel wore everyday clothes of the era.

Militia clothing consists of:

- Hat round or tricorn
- Shirt (White)
- Britches and Footwear

### Uniform Reimbursement Fund:

Please remember that the chapter will reimburse any member obtaining a Color Guard uniform/costume. It does NOT have to be a Military Uniform. The rate of reimbursement is:

- \$100.00 for a complete set — Hat to shoes.
- \$50.00 for 1/2 of the above set.

Contact the Color Guard Commander for information.

Thank you, Color Guard Members for your participation in past events. You helped us to Honor our Country, Military, Citizens, Patriots and Forefathers. I would like to extend a welcome to those of you who are new members. As you consider how you wish to participate in SAR, please consider joining the Color Guard. The events can be enjoyable and can be another outlet to meet with other Patriotic Americans. The Necessities for Color Guard uniform is a Colonial outfit and a Tricorn Hat. The outfit can be purchased or it can be made or modified from existing wear. There is also a refund for a part of the purchase price that can be issued. However you choose to participate, I hope you will enjoy your participation as well as the Fellowship of our members.

## Chapter Color Guard 2025

### Calendar of Local Events

February 8—Merritt Island Pioneer Day Festival

February 14-16—C.A.R. State Conference in Melbourne  
February 14-16 Awards Banquet  
February 15

March 6-9—DAR Spring Conference

March 15 - LNB at the VMC

July 4 - Parade Merritt Island



## Award Spotlight

### 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program

The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution.

A compatriot may earn this award at the bronze, silver, or gold-level. Awards are based on activity and points are awarded for each activity.

# September Meeting

(Sorry—no pictures)

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# No October Meeting

(Cancelled due to weather)

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**Thanks to the MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter Good Deeds Foundation for their generous support to Brevard SAR to stage the 2025 Last Naval Battle Commemoration in March in the amount of \$1500.**

# November Meeting



**Stanley Kuhns receives new member certificate**



**Patrick Langan receives Southwest Asia Veterans Corps medal**



**Past Chapter President Joel Etherton receives appreciation certificates from Brevard and Florida**



**Brian Jensen receives appreciation certificate**

# December Meeting



Annual Ornament Exchange

# In Memorium

## George Bowles, Sr.



Born: 19 Oct 1939 Miami, Florida Died: 31 Jul 2024

### Brevard No One Veteran Left Behind (BNOVLB)



25 September—pictures courtesy of Brian Jensen





# Veterans Upcoming Events

28 Jan - BVMC Library Discussion Series 1800 - 1930 - VMC

1 Feb - County wide JROTC Air Rifle Run and Shoot Competition—VMC

2 Feb - Annual Ceremony to Commemorate the Immortal Four Chaplains of WWII. VMC Plaza 1400-1500.

15 Feb - Annual Commemoration of the WWII Bataan Death March at VMC Park 0700-1100

22 Feb - JROTC District Drill Meet at VMC Park 0700-1200

15 Mar - Annual Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War Celebration/ Commemoration at VMC Plaza

29 Mar - JROTC District Championship Drill Meet at VMC Park 0700-1300

4 May - Back Brevard Hero Fest VMC Plaza 1000-1600

For additional details and other events and updates see:

<https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/>



**Brevard Veterans Memorial Center**  
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island



# Brevard chapter

## 2024-2025 Officers

President - Christopher Ratzel  
1st VP - Nic Mahora  
2nd VP - Hans Hunt  
Secretary - Jeff Sizemore  
Recording Secretary - Vacant  
(Charles Pierce acting)  
Treasurer - Mark Russell  
Member-at-large: Doug Bisset  
Member-at-large: Donn Weaver

### *Committee Chairs:*

Registrar - Brian Jensen  
CG Commander - Nic Mihora  
Genealogist - Ray Norman  
Membership - Jeff Sizemore  
Webmaster - Robbie Carlisle  
Parliamentarian - Dale Bottom  
Editor/Publisher - Carl Oehmann  
ROTC / Youth - Jerry Scarpate  
Veteran's Affair - Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver  
Flag Committee - Nic Mihora

If you would like to volunteer for a Committee position contact  
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