



# The Gainesville Broadside

*Gainesville Chapter ~ Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution*

*Gordon E Greenwood ~ Chapter President  
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## CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

### Save the Dates - Future Meetings

Break for Summer (June – August)

Next meeting is September 21, 2010 at Brown's Country Buffet, 14423 US Hwy 441 South, Alachua, FL

September 21 - Constitution week/Public Service "The U.S. Constitution: A Student Perspective" Patrick Harrington and Michael Kelley, Students UF Levin College of Law

October 19 - Betsy Ross enacted by Debbie Gallagher

### The next Naturalization Ceremony events are:

August 19, November 21 and December 16 at the downtown Gainesville courthouse. Ray Davis said that anyone wishing to attend a naturalization ceremony should be there by 10:00 AM.

### Treasurer's Report:

According to David Cromer, Chapter Treasurer, at the end of May, the amount of cash available to the Chapter was \$3,675.58

### Birthdays

#### JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> Ourn Brown

6<sup>th</sup> Vernon Van Arman

10<sup>th</sup> Brian Hollien

22<sup>nd</sup> Eric Hague



### Feedback Requested

Have you visited our website recently? If you have, you probably noticed that there have been a lot of changes recently. If not, why not check it out and give us some feedback. Our new webmaster, Raphael Brown, has spent a lot of time and effort redesigning and improving the site and wants to get feedback so that he can continue to improve it. Visit <http://www.gflssar.org> to see the changes. There is a link at the bottom of the home page that you can use to provide feedback.

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself . . . They deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

-- George Washington



*Honorable Mention ~ 1992 NSSAR  
Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award*



*Winner of 2001, '02 & '03 FLSSAR "Poor Paul"  
Newsletter Award ~ "Best in Florida"*

## Meet Your 2010 Executive Officers

**President Gordon Greenwood:** Gordon was High School teacher in Indiana and Michigan in his early years. After earning a PHD in Educational Psychology, he was at the University of Florida for 33 years, from 1967–2000 He joined SAR in 2000, served as President in 2005-06 and as Regional Vice President of the North Central FLSSAR Region in 2007-2009. Gordon and his second wife, Priscilla, have seven children, one of whom, Richard Greenwood, is a member of the Gainesville Chapter.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Roger Cox:** Roger graduated from the University of Florida in EE and was employed by RCA missile systems for 17 years in New Jersey. He then relocated to Florida with IBM-Boca, where he retired after 15 years. He was a Boy Scout. His hobbies were auto repair prior to computers, and then woodworking and woodcarving.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Michael Baker:** Michael graduated from the University of Illinois and moved to Las Vegas where he met his future wife, Cindy. They moved to St. Louis in 1997 and then from 2004-2007, they were missionaries in China. While living there, Cindy gave birth to their daughter, Audrey, in Thailand. In October 2007 Michael came to Gainesville and joined Merrill Lynch in partnership with his brother. He is a financial adviser with the Baker & Baker Wealth Management Team.

**Secretary/Treasurer David Cromer:** David is a retired naval officer whose service was in the Navy Supply Corps, “the business arm of the navy”. During active duty he was a Paymaster and supervised Navy Exchanges (PX). After retirement he was in commercial banking for 10 years. After a heart attack in 1988, David was advised to find non-stressful employment. He became a Tax Auditor for the State of Florida. David claims that clients may have been stressed but he was not. He retired from the State of Florida in 2003 and became active in SAR by transferring a dormant account to active status.

**Registrar/Genealogist Jim Partin:** see Patriot award section.

**Chaplain Charles Rinek:** Charles was born in Eastern Pennsylvania in 1922. His grandmother was a devout Quaker and during his service in the U. S. Army in WWII Charles reported “finding the Lord”, who remains with him “every moment of the day”. Charles served with the Army from “Ft. Wayne to Key West” He joined SAR in South Florida and has served as President, Vice President and many other offices during his 17 years with SAR.



Focus On: Past President Robert (Bob) Reeves

Bob graduated from Williams College and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy via the OCS program. He served on destroyers in Japan, California, Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. He also served on a swift boat in RVN and in the Pentagon. He attended the Army War College. His last assignment was as Professor of Naval Science at the University of Florida and Commanding Officer of the Naval ROTC unit. At the February meeting of our chapter, Bob was presented the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. This SAR award is presented to holders of the “Purple Heart.” While Bob was on patrol in August, 1966 as Officer in Charge of PFC 14, his boat came under attack and engaged in a firefight and Bob was wounded.



## Annual ROTC Awards Dinner Tuesday, April 16, 2010

The dinner meeting of the Chapter was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Past President Reeves, ROTC Chairman, at Turkey Creek Country Club, US Hwy 441, Alachua, Florida. Other officers present were President Greenwood, VP Cox, Secretary Cromer, Registrar Partin, Chaplain Rinek, Sergeant-at-Arms Brown, and member-at-large Davis. Eight other members of this Chapter were also present, total 16 members attending. Five members were accompanied by their spouse and one member was accompanied by his mother. She is a DAR member and also the grandmother of another attending member.

Bob Reeves and Ray Davis were in full Revolutionary War uniform. Most other members wore tri-corn hats.

The Toast to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ray Davis; the Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was recited and Chaplain Rinek delivered the Invocation. Chairman Reeves welcomed the members and introduced the guests.

Chairman Reeves and Chairman Davis presented the awards. The leader of each unit described the performances of the cadet receiving the medal and the medal was then presented to the cadet. The cumulative performances reported were inspiring and made one proud to be an SAR member supporting these youths.

The Sons of the American Revolution ROTC/JROTC Program awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. The award is presented to cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The Gainesville Chapter supports 3 university ROTC units and 11 area high school JROTC units.

After dinner at 5:45 PM, the meeting reconvened at 6:15 PM.

Compatriot Ray Davis introduced the Guest Speaker, Captain Bradley Williams, Ph. D.

Captain Williams is a combat veteran having served in Iraq and Afghanistan. His preparation for this service included some enlisted service and ROTC training. In addition he served five years as "Albert the Alligator" at the University of Florida.

Captain Williams delivered an inspiring message to the College and High School Cadets present for awards. He urged them to maintain high standards of personal conduct and leadership and to support the comrades whom they lead.

The following Leaders and Cadets were honored:

UF Army ROTC Captain Pemberton: Cadet Keyes

UF Air Force ROTC Major Heitzer: Cadet Hutto

Baker HS JROTC MSSGT Law-Wallace: Cadet Major Kuster

East-side HS JROTC CPO Phillippon: Cadet Letourneau

Gainesville HS JROTC Captain Prescott: Cadet SCPO Hooper



### Compatriot Reeves reviewed "This Day in History" and highlighted many events for April 19.

April 19, 1777: 700 British troops, on a mission to seize a Patriot arsenal, marched into Lexington, Mass. They were met by 77 armed minutemen under Captain John Parker, who issued the famous order: "Don't fire unless you see the white of their eyes". During the standoff, the "shot heard round the world" was fired from an unknown gun. Later that day, the British troops reached Concord, where they were encircled by minutemen. After destroying American military supplies, the British marched 16 miles back to Boston. Later that day, the British troops reached Concord, where they were encircled by minutemen.

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After destroying American military supplies, the British marched 16 miles back to Boston. They were beset the entire way by Patriot marksmen firing at them Indian-style from behind trees, rocks, and stone walls. By the time the British reached the safety of Boston, nearly 300 British soldiers had been killed, wounded, or missing in action. The Patriots suffered fewer than 100 casualties.

Reeves presented several other memorable events on April 19 in history.

### Lake City Re-Chartering

On March 13, 2010, the Lake City Chapter was officially re-chartered. The re-chartering ceremony was conducted at First Presbyterian Church in Lake City by William Stevenson, FLSSAR President, who was assisted by Scott Bushnell, RVP for the North Central Region, and Ron Toops, FLSSAR National Trustee. Since many of the new members of the Lake City Chapter were formerly members of the Gainesville Chapter, several members from Gainesville attended and participated in the ceremony including Gordon Greenwood, President, David Cromer, Secretary-Treasurer, and his wife Jackie, and Ray Davis, who is a member of the Gainesville Executive Committee. President Greenwood presented to the Lake City Chapter's President, Roy Martin, a check of \$230 for transfer of dues and a check of \$250 as a gift to the chapter treasury. An excellent buffet was enjoyed by all with food selections based on Martha Washington's cookbook.

The new Lake City officers that were installed by President Stevenson are as follows:

- President – Dr. Roy Martin
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – James Thrasher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Charles Kime
- Secretary-Treasurer – James Craig



### SAR Member Partin Honored by FLSSAR

Jim Partin, the Genealogist and Registrar for the Gainesville Chapter, was presented The Patriot Medal by the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution at their quarterly business meeting in Kissimmee, Florida on May 8, 2010. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society and is considered the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once.



*left to right, the men in the picture are:*

- Theodore M. DUAY III - Ft. Lauderdale Chapter
- James D. PARTIN - Gainesville Chapter
- David H. RAMSEUR - Jacksonville Chapter

It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution". The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to James Partin for Patriotic Service by the Florida Society SAR, May 8, 2010".

Jim's citation reads: "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution".

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James D. Partin has been awarded the Patriot Medal the highest award for exceptional services to the Florida Society.

The letter of nomination for Compatriot Jim Partin included these remarks::

“- - - besides being a full time employee of Publix Super Markets, and serving as Registrar / Genealogist for a number of other genealogical societies since 1996..



May 8, 2010

William R. Stevenson, President

Kevin A. Yarnell, Secretary

Jim, as Registrar/Genealogist of the Gainesville Chapter has over 101 men become Gainesville chapter members. In addition, since 2007, he has served as Registrar/Genealogist for the Ocala chapter and has helped them bring in 37 new members. Further, a group of men in Lake City were trying to get that former chapter re-charted, and Jim helped them bring in 28 members. The Lake City Chapter was re-charted in March 2010. Jim has unselfishly helped others become members of several Florida chapters and others join state or national societies - - - - -“

The writer noted that Jim has served his community in: the Order of DeMolay; the Kiwanis Club; Chambers of Commerce; the Florida National Guard Museum; the Matheson Historical Society and other organizations.

### **SAR Honors Dixie County Deputy Sherriff Capt. Reed.**

The Gainesville Chapter and the Live Oak Chapter, in a joint endeavor, presented the Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Medal to Ms. Holly Reed, widow of slain Dixie County Sheriff's Office Captain Chad Allen Reed, Sr. The medal was presented on May 20, 2010 at the Third Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Association meeting in Live Oak, Florida.



Captain Chad Reed was shot and killed in a shootout with a man wanted for murdering two elderly women and shooting two other women in Hernando County.

Following the shootings and murders, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office put out an alert for the suspect and his vehicle. The vehicle was spotted in Dixie County and deputies began to follow it with the intention of stopping it in a rural area once it passed through town. The driver of the vehicle suddenly pulled into a gas station and then opened fire on the deputies.

Captain Reed and the suspect were both wounded during the shooting. Both men were transported to Shands Hospital, where Captain Reed succumbed to his wounds.

Captain Reed had served with the Dixie County Sheriff's Office for 13 years and was a graduate of the 238th session of the FBI National Academy. He is survived by his wife and two children.

## Gainesville Chapter-Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

VP Roger Cox introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. William L. "Bill" Pounds. Bill is a 1971 graduate of Auburn University in Civil Engineering. His thirty five years in construction management include eleven years with the US Army Corps of Engineers and seventeen years involvement in building new American embassies around the world for the US Department of State.

Bill hones his interest in history by building and hunting with muzzle loading weapons; and he does historical reenacting; and he builds ship models. Early in his ship building career, Bill did some work on very old models for a well known nautical museum. This experience taught him how to obtain information on ship building.

Bill's talk today on "Ships of the Revolutionary Period" was highly enjoyable. He described the 2 classes of ships that were common. They were "commerce" ships and "fighting" ships. Each type was built to different standards and staffed with different types of men.

The cost to build a fighting ship for a legitimate Navy was expensive. Britain, France, and Spain had large standing Navies, and smaller countries did also. When the Revolution caused Americans to need a Navy, they used the common tactic of issuing a Letter of Marque to private ship owners. The Marque authorized the ship's Captain to attack vessels showing the flag of America's enemies. The owner's would convert a merchant ship into a fighting ship by adding guns, ammo, and trained fighting men. The ship would attack cargo vessels, seize them, and sell both cargo and the ship in a friendly port. The crew received part of the proceeds of the sale. This "share in the spoils" made the recruitment of sailors, trained and willing to man guns and sails, an easy task. Bill distributed prints of a 1700s ship's cross-section. This slide showed in graphic detail the locations of gunnery stations; below decks storage and ammo rooms; sick bay; and other compartments down to five decks. In addition, the masts and sails were displayed in great detail with crew at work. Bill described the evolution of various aspects of these ships and their designs over the years.

## Induction of New Members

The President conducted an Induction of New Members Ceremony for Raphael Brown, Raphael's son Ourn Brown, and Bernard "BJ" Varian. Raphael has been our Acting Webmaster and now will be appointed full time Webmaster. Ourn is a high school graduate who is waiting entering the College at Embry Riddle University Daytona Beach FL. "BJ" is currently a Graduate Student at UF.



The ceremony includes presentation of the SAR rosette to new members. The ceremony includes presentation of the SAR rosette to new members. The President had learned that one of our members did not receive a rosette when he was inducted at another Chapter. A SAR rosette was presented to Compatriot Charles Earnest in honor of him being the most tenured SAR member of our Chapter and the second oldest, in age, of our Chapter.



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