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## Constitution Week Luncheon 2001

Another wonderful joint SAR-DAR observance of this, the 218<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, held as a luncheon on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the University Centre Hotel. Its success was in no small part due to the hard work by many of the Chapter's officers and compatriots, as well as the dedicated support by the ladies of the DAR, who turned out in their usual delightful numbers, many of whom had to forego or return early from a nearly simultaneously scheduled regional DAR meeting to attend. Thank you, ladies, for your continued encouragement! Some 82 SAR and DAR members, their guests and special invitees were in attendance.

The luncheon was opened by the Gainesville High School NJROTC color guard, under the overall guidance of MCPO Doug Smith (recipient of the SAR's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal not long ago), who worked their usual magic and precision in the presentation of the U.S. and S.A.R. colors under the usual adversity of a complex luncheon table layout!

This was followed by a presentation of the SAR Liberty Medal (oak leaf cluster) to Chapter Genealogist James D. Partin, who has recruited nearly a score of compatriots for the Gainesville Chapter (photo of Jim, above, accompanied by his son John, receiving the award certificate from President Hollien).



Our guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Ron Carpenter, Professor of English at UF, who spoke on the subject of "Write Well – Right Now!", complete with audience participation, "homework assignments," and a very

comprehensive handout! It was very well received and was of great interest in today's world of "political spin."



A special event was the recognition of veterans of the Korean Conflict on this, the 50th Anniversary observance period of that "forgotten war." Compatriot Wayne Blessing serves as the chairman of the Chapter's Korean War Observance committee, and the Chapter has been recognized by the Department of Defense as an official "Korean War Anniversary Community" – there will be many more such observances and recognitions at future SAR events.



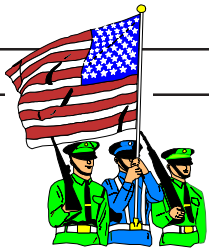
Compatriot Blessing assisted President Hollien in the presentation of special certificates designed for this occasion by the Chapter to four Korea War veterans, three of whom were able to attend the luncheon. Shown in the photo above are Wayne at the left, with veterans Doug Tanner, George Knox (Chapter Treasurer), and Mickey Cochran, with President Hollien officiating at the far right. Absent was veteran Donald Faircloth – he and other vets will be so honored later, and there will be a special Korean War commemorative program at Kanapaha Veterans Park on Veterans Day in November.

Finally, the DAR and the SAR collaborated in calling the roll of numerous historical, genealogical and patriotic societies to recognize those members in attendance.

Honorable Mention ~ 1992 NSSAR  
Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award



Winner of the 2001 FLSSAR "Poor Paul"  
Newsletter Award ~ "Best in Florida"



**COLOR GUARD  
COMMANDER'S  
CORNER Henry Bariteau**

I was watching the news lately, and I was oddly struck with a very sobering thought. The news anchor was talking about Chandra Levy, the Congressional intern who was missing for (at that time) just a few days, and all the controversy surrounding it, though this person was missing for just over a week.

I then thought about the Constitution Week luncheon we just had and its date – September 22<sup>nd</sup>. I looked at two separate calendars, and nothing. You might ask why this was so odd, not to say sobering?

I then pulled a little red aluminum band out of my jewelry box. It's really a simple band, but on it is engraved MAJ. LAWRENCE R. BOOTH USA 16 OCT 69 LAOS.

September 21<sup>st</sup> was National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and yet I have never seen anything to advertise or promote the fact that there remains almost 1,950 service members unaccounted for from Southeast Asia, 8,200 from Korea, and more than 18,000 from World War II! Imagine if the same press coverage given to a Congressional intern was devoted to the plight of missing servicemen from America's wars.

I further decided to do an experiment. I decided to wear that little red band. The results I got were quite disturbing. While a number of people had never seen one – save for those born prior to 1950, and even then it was a 50:50 proposition! – most people wouldn't believe that 30 years later there are still U.S. servicemen still unaccounted for. Even more distressing was the general attitude of, "Well, they are probably dead, so who cares."

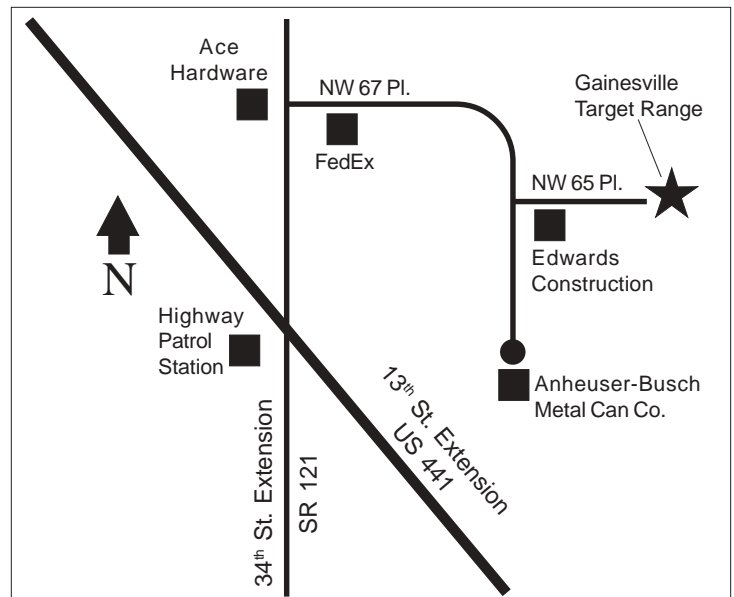
What bothers me most is that America will no doubt go to war in the future – this was written before the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy! – perhaps in some area we've never heard of. Who will be the sentinels of the missing and unaccounted for after our generation passes? I think to my own military experiences and I thank God that all of our service personnel of the Persian Gulf crisis were accounted for and that all military personnel in the former Yugoslavia remain accounted for, but when U.S. troops are deployed abroad that could rapidly change. What if I had deployed and became separated, only to become listed as M.I.A.? Would anyone care and would anyone keep the vigil to save hope that I would be returned?



**CHAPTER  
MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

This is the tentative agenda for meetings for the remainder of the calendar year (and into 2002). All will be on Mondays at the Sheraton Hotel unless otherwise noted. Changes will be published in subsequent *Gainesville Broadsides* and/or on reminder postcards.

- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Luncheon**      *Gainesville Target Range, Inc.  
Catering by David's B-B-Q  
(See map below)*
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Luncheon**      *Rick Mulligan  
Cox Cable's New Services*
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**      *Valley Forge Observance Dinner*
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> ('02)  
Luncheon**      *Program TBA*
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> ('02)**      *Annual Meeting & George  
Washington Birthday Dinner*
- Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> ('02)  
Luncheon**      *Program TBA*
- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> ('02)  
Luncheon**      *ROTC Awards Presentation  
BG Dave Kratzer, USAR*



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# CAR Update & Remembrances

from Gene Page, Chapter Historian

The first item concerns the Gainesville Children of the American Revolution Society and their first meeting, which will be held on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**, at Kanapaha Veterans' Park on Southwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Tower Road. It will be the official organizational meeting where officers will be installed by visiting state CAR officers and representatives from other CAR Societies. Future CAR meetings will be at the same location on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm: November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, and May 26th. Please note that the May 2002 meeting has been moved to the fourth Sunday of that month.

The second item is a poem written by a High Springs resident, Joan Lenne, who is publishing it in an upcoming book. She wrote that poem after seeing a photograph that my wife, Kim Bauldree, took this past summer while working for the *Gainesville Sun*. Kim was driving home after a long day on assignment and saw a large American flag on Main Street in Gainesville with a rainbow behind it. She took a photo, which was published by the *Gainesville Sun*. When Joan Lenne saw it in her newspaper, she was inspired to write the following poem, especially appropriate in light of September 11<sup>th</sup>:

### God's Promise

The storm came, the wind blew  
Lightning filled the sky  
When the wind subsided and the rain stopped  
Something caught my eye  
I looked up at the flag of our nation  
Blowing softly in the breeze  
And behind the flag was a rainbow  
Which put my heart to ease.  
I knew this was God's promise  
I knew that He is always there.  
I pray that our country will always be free  
This is my fervent prayer  
This flag and what it stands for  
Is for, not just a few.  
It shall fly forever in the breeze  
The red, the white and the blue.

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# His Contributions Finally Recognized

After the Revolution, American naval hero John Paul Jones bounced around Europe looking for work as an admiral-for-hire. He was fired from the Russian Navy by Catherine the Great, despite his defeat of the Turks in the Liman Estuary. Jones, 45 years of age, finished out his life in 1792 as a near-pauper living in a rented apartment in Paris. He was buried in a French cemetery with little notice or fanfare.

Legend holds that the American minister to France, Gouverneur Morris, was too busy hosting a dinner party to attend the funeral. The naval hero's remains would stay in France until disinterred in 1905 and placed in a crypt at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. This time, there was a fitting ceremony, with President Theodore Roosevelt presiding and hailing the determination and heroism of John Paul Jones. Incidentally, the Scots-born naval hero has been the subject of more than 30 biographies!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



For those between now and the end of the year. If I've omitted you, it's because I don't have the info – please contact me (332-6150 or GainesvilleSAR@aol.com).

- Harold W. Fuller ..... September 4th
- Charles L. Shaffer ..... September 11th
- Ray Davis, Jr. .... September 19th
- Jeffrey T. Carnes ..... September 21st
- Charles D. Rinek ..... September 22nd
- James D. Partin ..... September 25th
- William V. Carnes, Sr. .... October 13th
- Harry Jordan, Jr. .... October 21st
- Eric J. Hague ..... November 7th
- Fernie L. Spires ..... November 8th
- George W. Tate ..... November 18th
- Eric D. Flagg ..... November 30th
- Edward B. Eastwood ..... December 3rd
- Andrew Stevenson, Sr. .... December 5th
- Gerald R. Greene ..... December 25th
- Charles W. Rinek ..... December 25th