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Veterans' Day & The Liberty Tree



This past Sunday, the 11th of November, was a very active but rewarding day for the Gainesville Chapter. At 10:30 am, President Harry Hollien, 1st VP Henry Bariteau, and Treasurer George Knox placed an SAR memorial wreath at the monument to the deceased of the American Revolution at the Alachua County Veterans' Memorial at Kanapaha Park (see photo at left). Vice President Bariteau was attired in the garb of a Revolutionary War lieutenant honoring the patriots of our War for Independence. Other Gainesville Chapter compatriots were also present, either as participants in services honoring the veterans of other conflicts or as spectators – these included Secretary Vince Carnes and Compatriots Jerry Greene, Eric Hague, Bob McLendon, and Jack B. Wood.

In the afternoon, many of the Chapter Compatriots adjourned to special services at the Matheson Historical Center, 517 E. University Avenue, for the dedication of the "Liberty Tree" in the adjoining park, the Chapter's gift to the Center and a remembrance of the many liberty trees in the Colonies that served as rallying points prior to and during our American Revolution. (See copy of program on p. 3)

In addition to Chapter Pres. Hollien, 1stVP Bariteau, Secretary Carnes, Treasurer Knox, Genealogist Partin, Chaplain Rinek, and Chancellor Boone, thanks also go to Compa-



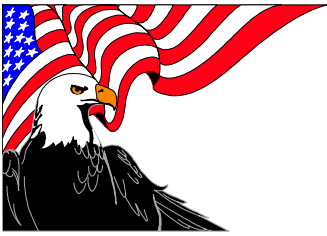
triotriots Wayne Blessing, Harold Fuller, Eric Hague, Keith Hollien, Kevin Hollien, Brian Lewis, Bob McLendon, Vernon Shaffer, Jack Wood, and others I may have overlooked. Thanks also to the many spouses who served as marshals or photographers, and the ladies of the DAR from both Gainesville and Ocala, and many other local historical, genealogical and patriot organizations who lent their support and brought refreshments for the post-ceremony gathering. We urge all SAR Compatriots to visit the Matheson Historical Center Park and visit the SAR's nutall oak "Liberty Tree," located to the immediate south of the Center!



Honorable Mention ~ 1992 NSSAR
Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award



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



America's Prayer for Peace

Received a very nice letter from Ms. Joan Lenne, thanking the Chapter for publishing her poem "God's Promise" in the last newsletter. She also enclosed another poem, written she said because, "I wanted to write something about the terrible tragedy of September 11th." Here's that poem:

America's Prayer for Peace

Terrorists struck our country the other day
Lives were lost and buildings fell
Our nation began to pray.

Oh, Lord, our God we seek your help
We don't know what to do.

Turmoil is all around us,
Our country has turned to you.

You said that good will come from bad
You can see it in our eyes
Even though the tears are falling
and we are very sad
Our nation has come together
We have gotten on our knees.
This is a time for spiritual renewal
A time to return to peace
People risked their lives to save one another,
Not thinking what might come
We're still the land of the free and the brave.
There's a job that has to be done
We will raise the flag of our nation
And stand firm in our beliefs
With your help, dear Lord in Heaven
We will bring them to their knees.

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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 Broadside*s and/or on reminder postcards.

Dec. 17th *Valley Forge Observance Dinner*
DINNER *1st VP Henry Bariteau speaking on "Washington's Trials & Tribulations"*

Jan. 21st ('02) *Program TBA*
Luncheon

Feb. 18th ('02) *Annual Meeting & George Washington Birthday Dinner*

Mar. 18th ('02) *Program TBA*
Luncheon

Apr. 15th ('02) *ROTC Awards Presentation*
Luncheon *BG Dave Kratzer, USAR*

SPECIAL REQUEST: *When you receive the postcard reminding you about the luncheon or dinner, PLEASE RSVP to the Chapter Secretary either by calling 332-6150 or e-mail to GainesvilleSAR@aol.com so that we might provide accurate attendance information to the*



SPECIAL RAFFLE ON DECEMBER 17TH

At the Chapter's meeting in October, held at the Gainesville Target Range, Inc., Compatriot Gordon Greenwood won a one-year membership to the range, a nearly \$175.00 value. He has very graciously offered to donate it to the Chapter, and we will be raffling the membership at the luncheon meeting on Monday, December 17th, so please plan on attending – get a "shot" at a great bargain and help support the Chapter as well!

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Camp Followers

The armies of the Revolution included large numbers of women camp followers, or “necessary women” as they were known officially to the British. Contrary to popular belief, most of these women were not prostitutes or drudges, but the wives of non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, and they performed vital duties for an eighteenth century army.

Both British and American armies lacked much in the way of support services. There were virtually no medical personnel, for example, attached to the armies and few other essential people like cooks or cleaners. The women camp followers took over most of these duties. They tended to the routinely ill, of which there were many during the war, especially in the unhealthy wetlands of the South and during the Northern winters, and gave almost the only medical assistance available to the wounded on the battlefield. The women also did the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning and similar chores.

In return, soldiers’ wives and other women camp followers were carried “on ration” by the armies and assigned a regular issuance of food. When the British troops moved by ship across the Atlantic, women were assigned space on the transports, and were entitled to stay with their husbands.

At least two married women camp followers on the American side attained renown during the war. When Mary Corbin and Mary Hays stepped forward in battle to take the places of their fallen husbands, they passed into legend as “Captain Molly” and “Molly Pitcher.”




There were doubtless some among the women camp followers who were less than virtuous, but records show that the majority were upright and recognized as vital parts of the army.

Somewhat ironically, given the romantic reputation of the French even in the eighteenth century, Rochambeau’s French forces that landed in 1780 was the only army in America that did not have women officially attached to it.

Liberty Tree Dedication

Dedication	Harry Hollien <i>President, Sons of the American Revolution</i>	
Declaration of Independence	W. V. Carnes, Sr. <i>Secretary, SAR</i>	
Pledge of Allegiance	Sam W. Boone, Jr. <i>Chancellor, SAR</i>	
Invocation	Charles Rinek <i>Chaplain, SAR</i>	
<i>Marshals</i>		
George Knox, <i>Treasurer</i> Wayne Blessing, <i>2nd Vice Pres</i> Patricia Boone, LAFSSAR, <i>Vice President</i> Patricia Hollien, LAFSSAR, <i>Treasurer</i>		
Video Photographer	Kevin Hollien, <i>Chapter</i> Gene Page, <i>Historian</i>	
<i>Color Guard</i>		
Henry A. Baritenu, III Eric Hague Sgt. Rick Miranda Keith Hollien	1 st Vice President Past Vice President USMC, UF ROTC Chapter	Commander Colors Colors Guard

Reproduction of the Program Insert
Dedication of the “Liberty Tree” ~ Matheson Historical Center
November 11, 2001



DUES

Please...please...if you have NOT already paid your SAR dues for the 2001 membership year – and as of November 24th, 23 of our 69 Compatriots have NOT paid – please send your \$60 (\$40 for SAR Life Members) check to arrive before December 7th, to:

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