



The Gainesville Broadside

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Gainesville Chapter Honors Outstanding ROTC Cadets

The Gainesville chapter recently honored 3 Outstanding Cadets from the University of Florida and 5 from the Junior programs in area High Schools during their Annual Defense Awards Dinner held 21 April 2003 at the Gainesville Sheraton Hotel. The event included “the Toast to the Flag” given by our own 2nd V.P. and President of Chapter 537 National Sojourners Raymond Davis. The guest speaker for the event was Col. Mayer Littman U.S.A.F. (Ret.) who gave a stirring and heartfelt speech on “Attitude” and how it pertained to these young men and women and their careers ahead of them.



Many thanks go out to Chairman Gerry “Rod” Greene and the individual Compatriots who took time out of their schedules to “Re-present” these awards at the various Graduation Ceremonies and Military Balls in the area.

Newest Patriot Award Winner



Compatriot Harry F. Hollien is the Florida Society’s newest Patriot Wards winner as announced at the recent Annual Meeting / Board of Management meeting in Sarasota. Compatriot Hollien is a former President of the Gainesville Chapter and functions as the current North Central Florida Regional Vice President.

The award is considered to be the Societies highest being awarded 1 for every 500 members for outstanding service to the Chapter or State Society.

CAR President appreciates Gainesville Chapter Endorsement



The Gainesville Chapters’ endorsement of Jillian Michele Cahoon along with other chapters assisted her in becoming the newest President of the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution.

Jillian was sworn in Easter Sunday, 20 April 2003 at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Jillian is the daughter of Emerald Coast Chapter Compatriot John Cahoon.

Honorable Mention ~ 1992 NSSAR
Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award



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



CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule of Chapter meetings through midway this calendar year. Unless otherwise denoted, all meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at the Gainesville Sheraton Hotel, 2900 S.W. 13th Street, Gainesville. Luncheons start at noon, dinners at 6:30 pm. Guests and prospective members are always welcome!

June 16th Dr. Kirby Stewart
LUNCHEON Hill 223- The Making of an American Hero (Sgt. York)

July 14th Korean War Commemorative Meeting
DINNER Dick Dewey

August 18 Dr. Ron Carpenter
LUNCHEON McArthur saved the Marine Corps

September 15 Dr. Elizabeth Dale
DINNER (Constitution Week Dinner)

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



Any individual wishing to represent the chapter at the annual county Memorial Day event is requested to present themselves at the Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center 26 May 2002 before 10:00 A.M.

This years event will focus upon the 2 local servicemen killed in the recent war with Iraq, as well as honoring WWI and WWII Nurses.

There will be a reception following the VAMC event at the VFW post on Waldo Road.

For further event information, please contact President Bariteau.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Compatriots are still needed to assist in the Naturalization Program for new citizens on 22 May 2003 at 11:00 A.M. at the Federal Courthouse.

This program represents a great collaboration with our sisters from the DAR and a chance to show the newest American citizens who we are.

If you can assist the chapter with this worthy endeavor, please contact Compatriot Rinek or President Bariteau for additional details.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Interim Secretary Henry Bariteau is issuing another plea to the membership to fill the Chapter Secretary position. He assures the individual that it takes but a few hours a month and requires no special computer or word processing skills. Should an individual be willing to assist the chapter, please see him.

Compatriot Partin requests the assistance of members in his quest to update the database and records of the Gainesville Chapter. Included in Compatriot Partins base will be the entire SAR C.V. of each member.

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TICONDEROGA

Perhaps under appreciated and little understood Fort Ticonderoga was a crucial linchpin in the American Revolution.

The Fort was built by the French from 1755-1758 as 'Fort Carillon' located above the narrow choke-point between Lake Champlain and Lake George, which controlled the major north-south inland water "highway" during the 18th century. Prior to this Crown Point played the significant role only to be abandoned as were many of the frontier forts. This Fort was considered the "key to the continent" as the French and the British contested for empire in North America. On July 8, 1758 the Fort was successfully defended by French forces under the command of the Marquis de Montcalm despite overwhelming British forces led by General Abercromby. This was France's greatest victory in the French and Indian War and a humiliating and devastating defeat for the British. The following year, the British defeated the French at Fort Carillon under General Amherst.

At the outset of the American Revolution just a half-company of British soldiers manned the Fort. On May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, the Green Mountain Boys, and an irregular militia force from the Hampshire Grants crossed Lake Champlain from Vermont under cover of darkness. At dawn they surprised the sleeping garrison so much so that Lt. Jocelyn Feltham is still holding his breeches. Ethan Allen "in the name of great Jehovah and the Continental Congress" demanded the surrender of the garrison from Capt. William De la Place (another report has Allen saying, "Come out of there you sons of British whores, or I'll smoke you out"). With the capture of the fort much needed cannon for Artemas Wards troops in Boston is secured. The bounty of the day is 50 prisoners, 2 officers, 100 cannon and related stores.

In 1776 Col. Henry Knox traverses upper New York State bringing 50 of the captured cannon from Ft. Ticonderoga to be placed near Dorchester Heights, forcing the evacuation of Boston by the British.

Between May 1775 to July 1777, Fort Ticonderoga served as an important staging area for the American army while fortifying Mount Independence in Vermont and building extensive defensive works within a 10-mile radius.

The Fort also has the distinction of being the home to the first Continental Navy. This fleet, under the command of Benedict Arnold, fought the Battle of Valcour Island on Lake Champlain in 1776. Although the American fleet was utterly defeated, the fight stalled the British on their march south. This event delayed the march southward of Gen. Burgoyne to Albany, and caused the action at Saratoga the following year.

In July 1777 the British commander, General Burgoyne, managed to place cannon under Col. Harris on Mount Defiance which was thought impossible due to grade and elevation required. This forced the Fort's American commander, General Arthur St. Clair to evacuate the Fort on July 6th. The Americans in September 1777 attempted to retake the Fort and failed.

The Fort eventually fell into ruin and in 1820 was purchased by William Pell and somewhat restored. Pell constructed a hotel near the site for visitors and in 1908 Stephen and Sarah Gibbs Thompson Pell undertook extensive restoration of the fort and grounds. In 1909 it was opened to the public and in 1931 Fort Ticonderoga was designated a private not-for-profit educational historic site managed by the Fort Ticonderoga Association.

Visitors today can see the restored fort in its splendor as it would have appeared in its glory days of the 1770's. Inside the barracks are various artifacts and pieces telling the history of the fort, with various pieces of artillery still within the ramparts.



**Remember...
Our Next Meeting
Monday, May 19 th !
Luncheon with
Colene Conrad
Sheraton Hotel G'ville**

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