

The Gainesville Broadside

Gainesville Chapter ~ Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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Gainesville Chapter Honors Local Officer with SAR Law Enforcement Award

The Gainesville Chapter honored Lt. Darren Baxley of the University of Florida Police Department with the SAR's Law Enforcement Award at the Chapters' Annual Constitution Dinner.

Lt. Baxley was recognized for his work on the William "Tank" Black athletic investigation, which led to a multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional task force. Baxley in the course of investigating another athletic agent uncovered the illegal deals of Black, revealing 2 separate illegal scams, plus a number of lesser illegal activities, together swindling victims out of over \$336 Million dollars. In addition the scope of the investigation broadened and it resulted in 17 defendants being charged with various violation of both state and federal laws, with restitution to the victims of \$215 Million dollars.

Lt. Baxley was joined at this presentation by the new Chief of Police for the University of Florida, Linda Stump, and Baxley's wife Christine.



Lt. Darren Baxley receives the SAR Law Enforcement Award from Committee Chairman James "Robbie" Robertson, while Chapter President Henry Bariteau III looks on. Seated to the left of Lt. Baxley is University of Florida Police Chief Linda Stump

Chapter Color Guard Participates in 9/11 event



Color Guard members Kevin Hollien, Stan Gordon, Jack Crawford, Harry Hollien and Charlie Rinek

Various members of the Chapters Color Guard joined other patriotic and Veterans groups participating in the 9/11 ceremony at Santa Fe Community College as part of their 9/11 dedication ceremony. The ceremony dedicated a portion of the property to current and past Veteran's as well as honoring 2 local individuals killed in the recent hostilities with Iraq.

From Your President



Compatriots,

I wish to thank all of you who have made our chapter and its programs a success this year. It is because of your efforts that we have impacted so many people in our community.

To the various committee chairmen, a "hats off" for the success we have had with all our different awards.

However there remain many different programs and challenges before us. If you would like to assist **your chapter** in the fulfillment of its various programs please contact me. We need volunteers to make our programs work, and I personally would be most appreciative to those members who would assist us in this endeavor.

Henry

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 this contract year. Unless otherwise denoted, all meetings will be on the third Monday of the month at the Paramount Resort and Conference Center, 2900 S.W. 13th Street, Gainesville. Luncheons start at noon, dinners at 6:30 pm. Guests and prospective members are always welcome!

Monday, October 20,2003	Lunch
Monday, November 17,2003	Lunch
Monday, December 15,2003	Dinner
Monday, January 19,2004	Lunch
Monday, February 16,2004	Dinner
Monday, March 15,2004	Lunch
Monday, April 19,2004	Dinner
Monday, May 17,2004	Lunch
Monday, June 21,2004	Lunch
Monday, July 19,2004	Dinner
Monday, August 16,2004	Lunch
Monday, September 20,2004	Lunch

Help Needed



The next Naturalization Ceremony for new United States Citizens will be held Thursday 16 October 2003 at 11:00 A.M at the Federal Courthouse downtown.

Compatriots interested in attending and assisting the chapter with this worthy endeavor are urged to contact the Chapter President so proper arrangements can be made with the appropriate officials.

Please contact President Bariteau at 335-0587 for additional details.

Upcoming meeting info

20 October 2003 - Joe Whittmer will join us and talk about the Mennonite and Amish. He will have a limited number of his book for sale as well

17 November 2003 - Debbie Gallagher will join us to talk about the current history and civics being taught in the Alachua County School System.

15 December 2003 - (Christmas Celebration meeting)
Dabney Davis will join us for this *dinner* and bring an extensive collection of Revolutionary War weaponry.

Reminders

Although October the chapter is contributing a check to Vetspace, the month of November is a donated item month. Compatriot Hollien wishes to remind the members of the following:

Contributions can be brought to Compatriot Hollien's anytime.

His address is 229 SW 43 Terrace.
Telephone :378-9771

Individual donations can be done one of three ways.

- 1) Request receipt for personal tax purposes.
- 2) Itemized list so we can compete personally for a Stark Memorial Award.
- *3) Itemized list so chapter can compete for a Stark Award.

As the Regional Vice President, Compatriot Hollien will check, record and forward points to FLSSAR.

Points range (for example) from 1 pt. (for each \$1.00 toward gift certificate, articles of clothing, decks of cards, toilet items) to 5 pts (for coats, dresses, crutch pads, ditty bags) to one third of original cost for WORKING electronic items (TV's radio's, VCR's, computers, etc.).

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Survey

In an effort to serve you better and make your chapter better, we are asking our members for their input. We ask that you please complete the following survey and return it to the **Interim Secretary Henry A. Bariteau III** 3605 S.W. 30th Terrace, Suite D Gainesville, Florida 32608 at your earliest convenience. All responses will be tabulated and presented to the body in order to make appropriate changes to serve the body better.

Thank you for your input and cooperation!

1. How many meetings of the Gainesville Chapter SAR have you attended during the last year? _____
2. If none, what is the biggest reason for not attending? _____
3. If you have attended, how would you rate the meeting? _____
4. Would a change in meeting day or time interest you in attending? _____
5. If so, what day or time would be most amenable to you? _____
6. On a scale of 1 to 10 (One being the least favorable, ten being the most favorable) please rate the following.
 - a. Our current venue (the Gainesville Paramount Resort and Conference Center) _____
 - b. Amenities at the meeting (food, guest facilities, rest rooms, parking) _____
 - c. Our guest speakers _____
 - d. Our award programs _____
 - e. Notice of upcoming meetings and information about the meeting _____
 - f. Any other comments about the meetings or venue _____
7. How would you rate the quality of your newsletter (The Broadside)
 - a. Content _____
 - b. Information about chapter activity _____
 - c. Information about upcoming event _____
 - d. Frequency of the publication _____
 - e. Suggestions for making your newsletter better _____

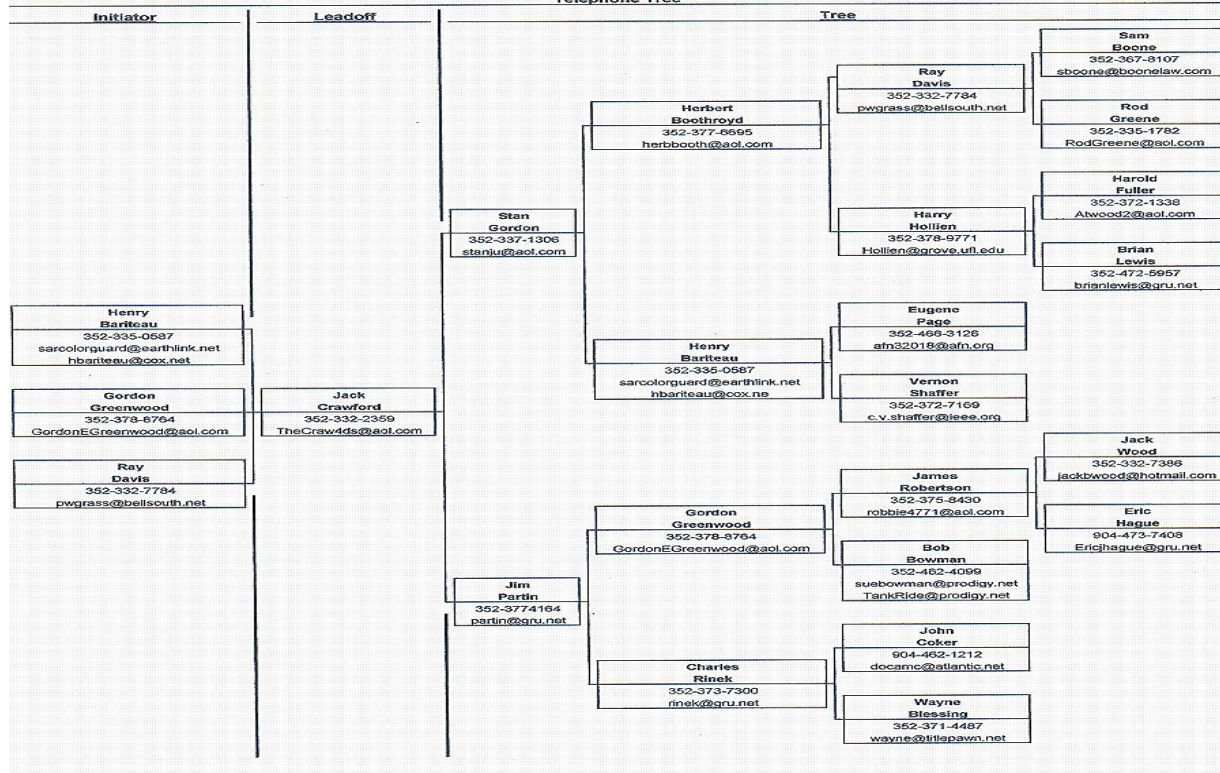
Thank you for your participation

The Gainesville SAR Phone and Communication Tree

September 21, 2003

Gainesville Chapter – Sons of the American Revolution
Communications Committee

Telephone Tree



Vetspace Wish List



Compatriot Hollien wishes to remind the members the following items are still needed for the November Vetspace collection. (See page 2)

1. Gift Certificates (especially for pizza, film development, fast foods and drug store items)
2. Clothes and Shoes (must be clean and in good condition) especially cardigan sweaters, sweatshirts, T shirts and hankys.
3. Radios, headsets, CD and Cassette tape players
4. Toothpaste, toothbrushes(new), kleenex, safety scissors, soap, and washclothes
5. Batteries (all sizes)
6. Pens, pencils, glue, art supplies, construction paper, magic markers, paint brushes
7. 35mm film, old functional cameras
8. shaving cream, safety razors, cologne
9. subscriptions to newspapers and magazines
10. tickets to ballgames, theater and movies
11. candy bars, especially suger free
12. gardening and lawn supplies
13. games
14. seasonal decorations

Morristown

When one thinks of a place that tested the spirit and souls of the Continental Army, one name seems to come to the forefront...Valley Forge. However the winter at Valley Forge pales in comparison to another, that of Morristown, New Jersey in 1779-1780.

George Washington carefully selected the area to winter his troops for the winter of 1779-1780. His winter encampment at Morristown was afforded protection from the surrounding hills, mountains, swamps, and heights. In addition to these natural barriers, this area gave Washington a place where he could readily observe British activities in nearby Manhattan, guard the roads connecting Philadelphia with New England, and move to any point swiftly.

What Washington did not plan on was the terrible winter, that would occur that year. It was a winter so terrible, that it was recorded that "New York Harbor froze solid with 8 foot of ice". It was the worst winter on record.

"No man could endure violence many minutes without danger of his life. Several marquees were torn asunder and blown down over the officers' heads in the night, and some of the soldiers were actually covered while in their tents and buried like sheep in the snow.... We are greatly favored in having a supply of straw for bedding. Over this we spread our blankets, and with our clothes and large fires at our feet, while four or five of us are crowded together, preserve ourselves from freezing. But the poor suffering of the poor soldiers can scarcely be described. While on duty they are unavoidably exposed to all the inclemencies of storms and severe cold. At night they have a bed of straw on the ground and a single blanket to each man. They are badly clad and some are destitute of shoes." Dr. James Thatcher, Continental Army Surgeon, January 1780.

An almost naked and starved Army survived here under the most cruel of conditions, before the great forest of Jockey Hollow gave way to a log hut city and some semblance of normalcy. The surrounding 600 acres were felled, roads were constructed and hospitable conditions soon followed, but for a general lack of food. Pvt. Joseph Plumb Martin of the 8th Connecticut regiment records himself, "Literally starved", and further extols, "For four days and nights I put not a single morsel of victuals (sic) in my mouth, except a little black birch bark which I gnawed off a stick of wood." At dark on the fourth day he received only a half pound of fresh beef and a gill of wheat to boil.

Washington was saddled by problems. Snow drifts of 5 to 6 foot were common place interrupting supply lines, his treasury was near empty, and what currency he did have was worthless because the Continental had been so devalued. When Congress failed to relieve his burden, he turned to the middle states, who also ignored him, and finally took the unprecedented measure of issuing promissory notes to local farmers for food and livestock.

With the immediate threats temporary averted, Washington faced a bigger threat. Many of the enlistments for the Army were set to expire the last day of December, and many refused to reenlist. (5700 to be exact). With a current force of 10,000 soldiers, naked, destitute, and near starvation, discipline was a constant problem. Some of the soldiers were eager to set their hardships and frustrations on the local citizenry in the area, and Washington heard frequent complaints about looting, drunkenness, plundering and soldiers spreading smallpox. This necessitated Washington ordering the entire army immunized against the disease, as well as any man caught off post after retreat "to receive 100 lashes" and robbing "500 lashes on the spot."

The severity of this winter did not let up for several months. Baron Johann de Kalb, a foreign volunteer wrote, "ink freezes in my pen while I am sitting close to the fire". The ability of Washington to keep the Army together during this most brutal of circumstances is a true testament to the greatness of the man.



Please remember our next meeting
October 20th at Noon
Gainesville Paramount Resort and Conference Center
Guest Speaker : Joe Whitmer - The Amish and Men-
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See you there !!!

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