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Gainesville Chapter ~ Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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CHAPTER HONORS REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

This past Veterans' Day, several Compatriots from the Gainesville Chapter traveled to the Alachua Veterans' Memorial at Kanapaha Park and took part in ceremonies honoring the county's veterans of all wars, from the American Revolution to The Gulf War.

President Charles Rinek, 1st Vice President Eric Hague, Color Guard Commander Henry M. Bariteau III, Secretary William V. Carnes, Sr., and Compatriots Dr. Harry Hollien, Robert G. McLendon, Jr., James L. Wattenbarger, George Knox, and perhaps others who remained anonymous in the audience, ably represented the Chapter and Society.



However, this year it was a bit different, in that the Chapter presented its own special wreath, consisting of flowers in the traditional gold and white of the society, with a harmonizing blue ribbon to complete the official colors of the SAR. Coupled with a full-color emblem of the National Society, this was a very fitting honor for our fallen heroes of the American Revolution. Shown above, President Rinek places the wreath in position assisted by Compatriot Hollien, while Color Guard Commander Bariteau — in the uniform of a Revolutionary War officer, complete with spontoon common to his rank — serves as the guard of honor at the Revolutionary War monument. In the photo below, the Compatriots have completed their task and await the conclusion of services at the monuments to the nation's other conflicts.



This Veterans' Day service has become a regular labor of love for the Chapter, but this is the first time we have bestowed our very own wreath — embarrassingly enough, in years past a wreath was presented by a variety of other veterans' organizations. We thank them for their diligence and concern over the years, but are now proud to have our own recognition wreath and be a dynamic part of this celebration. Next year, we invite more Compatriots to attend in the traditional SAR civilian "uniform" shown above on President Rinek and Compatriot Hollien. Help us show the colors!

CHAPTER ELECTIONS AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Please make an effort to attend the all-important January meeting of the Chapter, to be held on the 18th, 12:00 noon, at the Holiday Inn West. This will be our biennial election of officers, who will serve the term from February 20th of this year thru the Annual Meeting in mid-February of the year 2001. We have 62 Compatriots on our rolls, and it's very important that a significant portion of our membership have a hand in the election of our officers. At the meeting on December 21st, the Chapter Nominating Committee presented its recommended slate of officers as follows:

President ~ James D. Partin
1st Vice President ~ Dr. Harry F. Hollien
2nd Vice President ~ Henry M. Bariteau III
Secretary-Treasurer ~ Charles W. Rinek
Genealogist ~ James D. Partin
Chaplain ~ Rev. Randolph F. Busby
Chancellor ~ Sam Boone, Jr.
Quartermaster**

** This is a new position, more than likely to be appointive this preliminary term, but the Chapter is soliciting volunteers who would be willing to hold onto the Chapter's inventory of flags, memorial wreath, signage, podium banner, charter and other artifacts and ensure their presence at special programs and events.

The slate of officers will be presented for election at the meeting on January 18th, but this is merely a recommendation and does not preclude the nomination of other candidates from the floor on that occasion. If you wish to be a candidate for one of these positions, please come to the meeting and place your candidacy before the Compatriots for consideration. Again, we look forward to seeing you at the election and again in February for the induction of the new officers.

1999 CHAPTER MEETINGS

Please remember to jot down reminders about our Chapter luncheon meetings, the **3rd Monday of each month except February (Annual Meeting on the 20th) and September (joint SAR-DAR Constitution Week Luncheon ~ date TBA)**. For the next several months, we have the following meetings and programs scheduled (thank you Dr. Harry Hollien for arranging these):

January 18th

*Dr. Ronald Carpenter ~ Prof. of English at UF
"MacArthur's Oratory on Behalf of Inchon ~ The
Speech That Saved the Marine Corps!"*

February 20th

Annual Meeting & Geo. Washington Dinner

March 15

*Dr. Camilo Martin
Head of the Chemical Abuse Program at the
VA Hospital ~ on "Theories of Addiction"*

PLEASE DON'T FORGET . . .

Chapter Challenge ~ Please let us know if you've done such things as participation in Veterans' Day or Memorial Day services, speaking to school or other civic or youth groups, parades, recruiting for the SAR and other activities are key items between January 1 and December 31, 1998. Send details to Secretary Carnes at 7711 S. W. 18th Place, Gainesville, FL 32607-3403, or e-mail to winikeneke@aol.com, before January 20, 1999.

SAR Furlong Flag Award ~ Sometime before March 31st, our Chapter needs to recognize a local citizen, company or organization for patriotic (rather than commercial) and correct display of the U.S. flag — doesn't need to be flown all the time, but on the proper occasions and reverently. Send names of nominee(s) to Secretary Carnes or call at 332-6150 or contact President Rinek at 373-7300. We need your nominations!

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1999 Geo. Washington Birthday Dinner & Annual Meeting



Our regular Chapter meeting in February will again be our traditional celebration of Geo. Washington's birthday and a brief annual meeting and awards ceremony. This year, it will take place on Saturday, February 20th, starting at 6:30 pm, at the Holiday Inn ~ West Conference Center, site of our regular monthly luncheon meetings. All Compatriots, their WOSARs, DAR and HODARs, guests and prospective members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Guest speaker for the occasion will hopefully be the Honorable Renaldo J. "Ron" Hamilton, currently the Senior Vice President of the FLSSAR, and undoubtedly the Florida Society's President for 1999-2000. We will also be inducting the new Chapter officers, presenting any appropriate compatriot awards and discussing other items of business as appropriate.

Attire for the occasion is Revolutionary War costume for men or ladies, or tuxedo (or dark suits) for men and evening dress for ladies. Please come and make this a very special occasion!

AGENDA FOR THE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL MEETING

- 6:30 PM Assembly ~ Social Hour
Pay-as-You-Go Bar Available
- 7:30 PM Dinner ~ Buffet to include:
*Baked Polynesian Ham
Coconut Crusted Mahi-Mahi
Rice Pilaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, etc.
Dessert Selection*
- 8:30 PM Guest Speaker
- 8:45 PM Induction of New Chapter Officers
- 8:50 PM Awards & Recognition
- 9:00 PM Adjourn

----- Detach & Return -----

Please accept my reservation(s) for the Gainesville Chapter's 1999 Geo. Washington Birthday Dinner and Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 1999, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn West. I would like to request _____ **chef's buffet dinners** at \$20.00 each, and have included a check (*pay to Gainesville Chapter SAR*) in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____

Guest(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

***Please detach and return on or before February 1, 1999 to
Secretary William V. Carnes, Sr., 7711 S. W. 18th Place, Gainesville, FL 32607-3403***