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Greetings Compatriots and Happy New Year!

My wish for each of you is that you have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2016.

Welcome to the first edition of the South Shore Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter. Our newsletter will be published every other month and distributed via email. Printed copies will be available at our monthly meetings. A special

thanks to Compatriot Bill Bolin for serving as the Editor of our newsletter. Each issue will feature a section on our patriot ancestors. If you would like to share information on your patriot ancestor please contact Bill Bolin via email at ebbolin83@verizon.net.

The year 2015 closed with six new members having joined the South Shore



MARK DEAN

Chapter of the SAR. Two of our charter members, Chuck Hawley and Bill Dolph, lost their battles with long term illnesses. Our current chapter membership stands at 33 members. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Sons of the American Revolution, please contact our Registrar, Bill Love, at soshsar@gmail.com.

We still have two vacant positions that are open: the *Sergeant-at-Arms* is responsible for the setting up of our meeting room and the *Historian* is responsible for maintaining an ongoing history of the events and activities of our chapter. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve in either of these positions.

I hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on February 13th.

In the spirit of our founders,
Mark Dean

NEXT MEETING -- FEB. 13, 2015

Join us and your fellow Compatriots at Plaza Club for fellowship, information and education. Featured speaker will be announced soon.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new member Jack Dorsey to the South Shore Chapter.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NEW YEARS DAY	2
3 1777- The Battle of Princeton	4	5 BOG MEETING	6	7	8	9 SSSAR LUNCHEON 11:30 PLAZA CLUB, SUN CITY CENTER 1776-Thomas Paine's pamphlet Common Sense is in the Continental Congress.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 1781- Battle of Cowpens	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 birthday: Charles Marcus Dean II	28	29	30
31						
FEBRUARY 2016						
	1 1781- Skirmish at Tarrant's Tavern (NC) Colonel Banastre Tarleton engages a group Patriot militia commanded by William Lee Davidson	2 1776-King George confers exclusive command over naval operations in North America to Admiral Richard Howe.	3	4 1783- George III issues Cornwall's Proclamation of Cessation of Hostilities (essentially ending the American Revolution).	5	6 1778-Treaty of Amity and Commerce with France
7	8	9 BOG MEETING	10	11	12	13 SSSAR LUNCHEON 11:30 PLAZA CLUB, SUN CITY CENTER 1776 - Congress elects Patrick Henry colonel of the first Virginia battalion.
14 1779 - Battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia A local militia force led by Colonel Andrew Pickens defeats a larger force of Loyalists	15	16	17 1776 - The eight-vessel American navy sails today on its first "ocean-going cruise."	18	19	20
21	22	23 1778 - Freidrich Von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge	24	25 SAR SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING, LOUISVILLE, KY	26	27 1776 - Battle of Moores Creek Bridge (NC)
28	29					
MARCH 2016						
		1 1781 - Articles of Confederation Are Ratified	2	3	4	5 1776 - A British Council of War decides to evacuate from Boston.
6	7	8 BOG MEETING 1777 - American troops under the command of Brigadier General William Maxwell defeat the British at Amboy, New Jersey.	9	10	11	12 SSSAR LUNCHEON 11:30 PLAZA CLUB, SUN CITY CENTER

for more Revolutionary War events by year and date visit: http://www.nps.gov/revwar/about_the_revolution/revolution_day_by_day.html



NEW OFFICERS BEING SWORN IN: from left to right: Luke Lloyd, Member at Large, John Glynn, Member at Large; Jeff Brooks, Chaplain; Bill Love, Registrar, Don Gunn, Vice President; Chip Churchill, Secretary. Missing from Photo Mark Dean, President.

DECEMBER MEETING -- DEC. 12, 2015

•The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot Charles “Chip” Churchill for his hard work, dedicated service and faithfulness as Secretary and Publicity chairman of the chapter during the period 2014-2015.



•Compatriot Bill Love also received the Meritorious Service Medal in December for his exemplary service as chapter registrar and his dedication to helping new members through the process of joining the Sons of the American Revolution



•Patrick Niemann, West Central Regional Vice President of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was on hand to install our new officers for the 2016 calendar year (see photo above). He also shared information with members and guests about state society news and activities.

• Compatriot Mark Johnson announced that his grandfather was stationed with his family in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1941. His father William was a young boy when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7th. An article appeared in the magazine *Reminisce*, (December 2015 issue) published by *Readers Digest* under the title: “Pearl Harbor Through the Eyes of a

Child”. The article was edited slightly for size to fit a single page.

JANUARY MEETING -- JAN. 9, 2016

•Featured speaker Lt. Col.(Ret) US Army, Donald Gunn, vice president of the South Shore Chapter Sons of the American Revolution gave a fabulous overview of early Florida history entitled, “East and West Florida, The King’s Loyal Colonies”. Before retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel, Gunn spent

over 20 years as a Regular Army officer. He served combat tours in the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Achievement Medal, two Awards of the Army Achievement Medal and the Air



Assault Badge. He holds an MBA from the University of Florida, a BS in Business Management from the University of Tampa and a graduate certificate in entrepreneurship from the University of South Florida.



ANCESTOR PROFILE

EVAN SHELBY

- submitted by Bill Bolin

Born in October of 1719 in Tregaron, Cardiganshire, Wales, Evan Shelby (Jr.) immigrated with his parents to the colonies as a 15-year old where they settled in what is now Franklin County, PA. Five years later they moved to Prince George's County (now Frederick County) MD where Evan managed to acquire some 24,000 acres of land where he raised cattle. He married Letitia Cox in 1744 and the two had at least seven children.

He became involved in the fur trade as far away as Green Bay (WI) and served in Braddock's Campaign (1755) and helped lay out the road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland. In 1758, under the command of General John Forbes, he led a group of scouts across the Ohio River in a daring reconnoiter of Fort Duquesne before the successful attack and taking of the fort from the French. During Pontiac's Rebellion in the early '60's Evan lost most of his fur trade and was forced to sell his properties to pay off his debts. His family then moved

to Sapling Grove, Fincastle County, VA (now Bristol, Sullivan County, TN) where they erected a trading post/stockade called Shelby's Station around 1773. Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clark were known to frequent the post as were many other pioneers headed west. A year later he commanded the Fincastle Company in Dunmore's War, and



support of the First Continental Congress' protests of the "Intolerable Acts". In 1776 Virginia Governor Patrick Henry appointed Evan a Major in the troops led by Colonel William Christian against the Cherokees, and later was made a Colonel.

fought at Point Pleasant on October 10.

On January 20, 1775 Evan and twelve others signed the "Fincastle Resolutions", the first adopted statement by the colonists which promised resistance to the death to preserve political liberties. These resolutions were signed in

Letitia died in September 1777 and Evan married Isabella Elliot shortly thereafter; the two of them had three children together, bringing the total known offspring of Evan Shelby to ten.

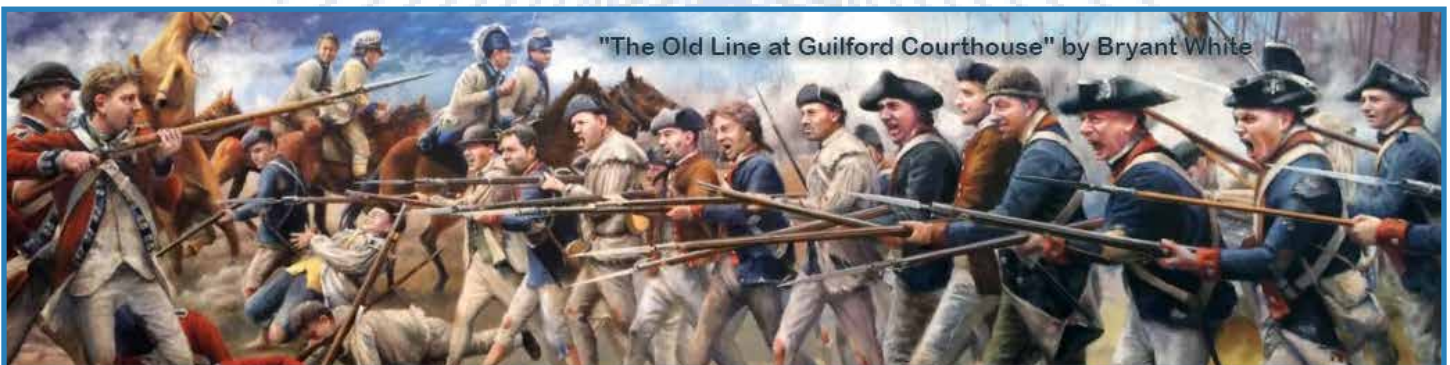
In October 1780 he helped organize a volunteer militia under the leadership of his son, Colonel Isaac Shelby (future first Governor of Kentucky) and together with two more of his sons, (Captain) Moses and Evan Jr., the three Shelby's joined up with other militias as they made their way to King's Mountain. The one hour battle on October 6 became known as the turning point of the war in the south.

A short time later it was found that Shelby's Fort was now part of North Carolina. He was elected to the NC senate in 1781 and was named a Brigadier General by the NC General Assembly in 1787. Although elected as the Governor of the rogue "State of Franklin" in 1787 he declined, and retreated from public service on October 29, 1787. He died December 4, 1794 in Sapling Grove at the age of 75.

In each issue of the Newsletter we'd like to feature a profile of one of our members' Revolutionary War ancestors. 500 words or less.

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ABOUT US:

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