

## Central Florida Chapter's Patriot Dinner 2011

Central Florida SAR Chapter held its Annual Patriot Commemoration Dinner in the Standish room of the Mayflower Retirement Center on the evening of April 9, 2011. First Vice President Michael Danforth chaired the meeting due to previous commitments of President



Jeffrey Sizemore. Compatriot Dabney Davis offered the invocation and benediction. There were twenty-seven adults and one very young person in attendance. This "young lad" was son of Michael and Linda Danforth and was truly the standout of the evening. He almost stole the show from our guest speaker, Lauren Rowe the outstanding news anchorwoman from Local 6 News.

Compatriot Norman Myers introduced Lauren by describing her exceptional background that has covered some of the biggest stories in Florida's history. She was on the news anchor desk after the Shuttle Columbia disaster and during the record setting 2004 Hurricane Season. She has been Chairman for the MWS Walk, past c-chairman of the Lisa Merlin House Board of Directors and is currently on the board of directors for "Heart to Heart" a program that provides homeless shelter where women and their children live together while recovering from various forms of abuse.



Lauren devoted her remarks to describing her special philosophy in delivering the news and her desire to give her audience the "total truth" in her community stories especially those causes that affect women and children. She is compassionate about getting out in the community to give a close first-hand view into those topics which she is providing to her viewing public. Her presentation also allowed a good amount of time to answering questions from the audience which was appreciated by all the attendees.

Lauren joined the WKMG-CBS News Team in January 2001. Her husband Michael, a writer accompanied her to this function and he made himself very comfortable as he conversed with many of the attendees. Lauren and Mike live in downtown Orlando with their two daughters.

On behalf of the Central Florida Chapter we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Lauren for taking this evening away from her family to be with the SAR Compatriots and their guests.