The Clearwater Chapter of the Florida Society SAR held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the Dunedin Golf Club beginning at 12:00 p.m., President Jim Gibson presided. There were 37 in attendance.

The President called the meeting to order and the Invocation was given by Chaplain Bill Bosbyshell. Compatriot George Pratt led the members in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America followed by Compatriot John Sagert leading the Pledge to the SAR. Sergeant at Arms Nelson Jantzen then led the group in the singing of “God Bless America”.

President Gibson informed the Chapter of the passing of the wife of Compatriot Bob Cundiff. A card was passed for signatures and was mailed to Bob.

President Gibson then introduced the Head Table which consisted of 1st Vice President Phillips, our guest Bob Patee, Bill Bosbyshell and himself. He then introduced Past State Presidents, Past Chapter Presidents, members of the Ladies Auxiliary, members of the DAR, visiting SAR members, prospective members, and guests. President Gibson recessed the meeting for lunch.

Following lunch, First Vice President Jim Phillips introduced Bob Patee who spoke on the Bill of Rights. VP Phillips presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob for his excellent speech.

RVP Dan Hooper presented a Liberty Medal Certificate and Oak Leaf Cluster to Parks Honeywell for his continued recruitment of new members. To date Parks has recruited more than 80 new members. RVP Hooper then presented President Gibson with a Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Chapter’s work with other organizations.

President Gibson formally inducted Ray Luxenberger and James Roesch into the Chapter. He was assisted by Dan Hooper, who sponsored both members.
President Gibson presented a Supplemental Certificate to Vern Freeman for his ancestor, John Freeman.

President Gibson presented War Service Certificates to Compatriots Nathan Adams and Ed Clark.

President Gibson presented Chris Hippner with the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding work on the Chapter Newsletter.

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50/50 was won by George Youstra.

The Benediction by Chaplain Bill Bosbyshell and the reciting of the SAR Recessional led by Compatriot John Sagert.

The Clearwater Chapter normally meets every third Wednesday, noon, at the Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd., Dunedin, FL. There are no meetings in June, July and August. The next meeting is December 11, 2013.

A social period will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. After lunch, there will be a program and business meeting. Cost is $20 a person in advance or $24 at the door. December menu is Ham with Sweet Potatoes, Ham and Bean Soup, Cake. Suggested attire is sport coat and tie. Wives and guests are encouraged to attend. Send your check to Dan Hooper, 2431 Canadian Way #37, Clearwater, FL 33763-3719 by Friday before the meeting.

**Member Birthdays for December**
- Greg Mandigo December 10
- John Haynes December 11
- Thomas Cardene December 14
- Carle A. Forster December 19
- Christian Hippner December 20
- Vernon D. Freeman December 21
- Thomas Raup December 23
- John Osgood December 27
- Victor R. Warren December 29
- Edward W. Clark December 29
- Raymond Mandigo December 31
- Charles E. Brinnon December 31

**Clearwater Chapter Luncheon**
12 noon December 11, 2013
Dunedin Golf Club

The price of supplementals is scheduled to increase next year, so get them in now to avoid the increase. Parks is ready to help.
Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest are encouraged to call Parks Honeywell at 372-4641.

The Clearwater Chapter serves the communities of Northern Pinellas and Pasco counties. Activities include a variety of programs that promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

2014 Dues are now payable to the “Clearwater Chapter SAR”. Dues need to be paid by December 1 so payment can be made to State and National by the deadline.

Support the Ladies Auxiliary

It is once again time to support the Ladies Auxiliary by bringing items for the baskets to be raffled at the January BOM. We will have two more meetings to respond to this request. Holiday Season is the theme for the basket.

We have three meetings between now and the Winter Meeting on January 24-25, 2014. If you are attending the December 11 meeting, please consider bringing an item to help fill a basket to be raffled at the Annual meeting. This is the Auxiliaries main fund raiser and we should support them as much as possible. If you would rather give a donation of money, give it to Mary Kitchen.

Jim Gibson
President
Clearwater Chapter

2014 Winter BOM Florida Society SAR Orlando, FL

Date: January 24-25, 2014
Place: Florida Hotel
1500 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32809

This is a meeting of the Board of Management where all things SAR are discussed and decided. It is a good fellowship event.

Sick Call
As of this writing, Hugh Clark, David Kitchen, need our thoughts and prayers. Any member who goes to the hospital or becomes ill, please let one of the Officers know so we can show our concerns about you.

New Members Inducted
Ray Luxenberger and James Roesch
DUNEDIN – As part of the state’s Viva Florida 500 celebration, on Nov. 18 the Caladesi Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a historic marker on Caladesi Island. The chapter was doing its part to further the mission of the DAR to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. The marker describes the history of the island from prehistoric times to the present and can be seen on the path leading from the ferry to the beach. The area has a long history of Native Americans, fishing rancheros, plume hunters and even a little girl who grew up on Caladesi and rowed to the mainland to school every day.

The ceremony began with the blowing of a conch shell and the invocation. This was followed by the Clearwater Chapter of the SAR presenting the colors in Revolutionary War uniforms led by a soldier drummer with a bloody bandage on his head. The DAR state historian led the pledge, and Peter Krulder, park manager, then welcomed the crowd.

Regent Jeri Antozzi introduced special guests and then the speakers. They are Elizabeth Neily as Maria Velasquez, who accompanied her husband, a Spanish conquistador, to Florida; Jim Schnur, president of the Pinellas County Historical Society; and Terry Fortner, whose family homesteaded the island.

There also was a posthumous appearance by the early Dunedin naturalist, Dr. Blatchely, thanks to City Commissioner Ron Barnette. Before the formal unveiling of the marker, Carol Allen honorary regent and chairman of the marker committee, told how the idea of the marker came into being. Jim Schnur is an archivist and has posted his comments on “Early Fishing Rancheros and Coastal Living before the Arrival of the Railroad: A History of Caladesi” online. The program and images of the dedication also can be seen on the Digital Archive of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg: dspace.nelson.usf.edu/xmlui/handle/10806/8729 which will permanently honor this moment in our history. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation’s children.

VETERANS PROJECT

A special thanks to Cary Martin for recently donating 158 paperback books to the Veterans Project. Cary, who is a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force, was pleased to contribute the paperback books for our cause. We will continue to gather reading material, preferably paperback books and magazines, for placement with the local VA facilities. Please consider donating any paperback books or magazines that you may be ready to discard. All mailing labels or other personal identification information will be removed prior to placing these items with the VA. Contact Compatriot Art Hays at (727) 781-2664 or shoofly@tampabay.rr.com should you have any items to contribute to our veterans project.

The Clearwater Drummer

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Sergeant-at-Arms: Nelson Jantzen
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Eagle Scout: Arthur Hays
Flag Certificate: Arthur Hays

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Chapter Officers to be Installed for 2014

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2nd VP– Robert Cundiff
Secretary-Dan Hooper
Treasurer-Dan Hooper
Registrar-Parks Honeywell
Chaplain-William Bosbyshell
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The above Compatriots were elected at the November meeting by a unanimous vote.
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December Events of the Revolutionary War

1773  December 1773 Patriots protest British Taxes by throwing 340 chests of tea into Boston Harbor, in what is known as the Boston Tea Party.

1775  December 9, 1775 Battle of Great Bridge, Virginia. December 13, 1775 Congress appoints Silas Deane, John Langdon, and Christopher Gadsden, to fit out two vessels of war (November 25) orders thirteen vessels of war built and appoints Esek Hopkins commander. December, 1775 British vessels driven from Charleston Harbor, by artillery company under Colonel Moultrie, stationed on Haddrell's Point. December 31, 1775 American forces united under Montgomery and Arnold repulsed at Quebec; Montgomery killed.

1776  December 8, 1776 Washington with his forces crosses the Delaware into Pennsylvania. December 8, 1776 Sir Peter Parker takes possession of Rhode Island, and blockades the American fleet at Providence. December 12, 1776 Major General Charles Lee captured by British at Baskingridge, N. J. December 26, 1776 Battle of Trenton, New Jersey. December 30, 1776 Congress resolves to send commissioners to the courts of Vienna, Spain, Prussia, and Tuscany.

1777  December 4, 1777 Howe leaves Philadelphia with 14,000 men to drive Washington from his position at Whitemarsh, but does not attack. December 8, 1777 Howe hurriedly returns to Philadelphia. December 18, 1777 American army goes into winter quarters at Valley Forge, on the Schuylkill. December, 1777 General Charles Lee released in exchange for General Prescott.

1778  December 29, 1778 British troops under Howe capture Savannah; the Americans retreat across the Savannah River.

1778-79 Northern American army huddled in cantonments from Danbury, Conn., to Elizabethtown, N. J., for the winter.

1779  December, 1779 American army winters at Morristown. December 26, 1779 General Clinton sails from New York against Charleston.

1780  Dec., 1780 Colonel John Laurens appointed a special minister to France to secure a loan.

1781  December 13, 1781 Benjamin Lincoln appointed Secretary of War by Congress October 30, Day of public thanksgiving and prayer observed throughout the United States. December 31, 1781 Henry Laurens released from imprisonment in the Tower of London.

1782  December 14, 1782 British evacuate Charleston, S. C. December 24, 1782 French army embarks from Boston for San Domingo, having been in the United States two years five months and fourteen days.

1783  December 4, 1783 General Washington bids farewell to his officers at Fraunce's tavern, corner Pearl and Broad Streets, New York City. December 4, 1783 British evacuate Long Island and Staten Island (withdrawing their last armed man sent for the purpose of reducing the colonies to subjection) December 23, 1783 Washington resigns his commission as commander-in-chief at the State-house, Annapolis, Md., and retires to Mount Vernon.

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