



President's Salvo

Greetings Compatriots,
I sincerely hope that each one of you and your loved ones are well. These past several months have been, to say the least, trying for many of us, myself included. If any of you need assistance please let us know, we will do what we can.

October 3d was our first meeting since March due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic.

We have 53 Regular members that are considered local; their home address is within 30 miles of our current meeting location at American Legion Post 318 in Port St Lucie. A total of 14 members were present at the October meeting, approximately 25% of our membership. About the average pre Covid attendance. We want to improve our attendance and I would like to ask you for your ideas and recommendations.

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Past President Chuck Berger swears in three of the 2020/2022 Chapter Officers. (L to R) President Robert E Beasley Sr., Secretary John Auld, and 2d Vice President and Registrar Bill Sander. Newly elected 1st Vice President William Cassada was unable to attend the meeting due to an unexpected emergency. Treasurer Hall Riediger was attending the Florida Society BOM.



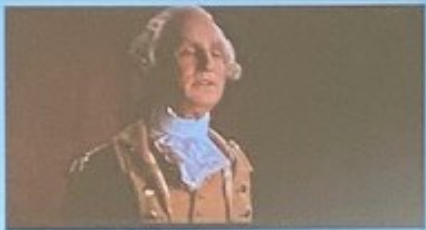
Chapter President Robert E Beasley, Sr



Guest Speaker

Dr. Mark Malham, Coordinator of Social Studies, Martin County,

General Washington's Newburgh Speech



- Considered one of his greatest military speeches
- Petitions by officers and soldiers to abandon the colonies and move west, leaving the colonies to the British; or overthrow the Continental Congress
- Served to quell a mutiny that would have ended the American experiment in democracy before it even started



ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER,

Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes

October 4, 2020

President Robert Beasley convened the meeting at 11:00 AM at American Legion Post 318, 1008 Savanna Club Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL. This was the first regular chapter meeting since March 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge were recited by the members.

In lieu of the Invocation a Moment of Silence was observed by all present.

Members and Guest Present: John Auld, Susan Auld, George Bartley, Robert Beasley, Chuck Berger, William Hammond, Bob Hess, Bob Howard, Jim Linn, Michael Linn, Mark Malham (Speaker), Marvin Riddle, Joanne Riddle, Bill Sander, Johnny Sherman, Roger Sherman, and William Wood.

Secretary John Auld introduced the speaker: Dr. Mark Malham, Coordinator of Social Studies at Martin County Schools. Using General Washington as the center piece, Dr. Malham demonstrated how Washington encouraged and directed diminishing violent slaughters of enemies. Washington did not seek or encourage barbaric attacks and demonstrated humanity when possible in a bloody 7-year war. Post war, he drove the country into a republic, and helped deliver a congress. This presentation by Dr. Malham was a fascinating and unique approach to the Revolutionary War and encouraged members to raise questions and discuss the issues.

At noon lunch was made available at \$15 including sandwiches, drinks, and salad. (Not mandatory.)

A brief business meeting followed.

1. Past president Chuck Berger swore in elected officials for two years: Robert Beasley, Sr, President, John Auld, Secretary, William Sander, 2d Vice President and Registrar.
2. At the November 7 regular meeting, Hall Riediger as Treasurer and Bill Cassada as 1st Vice President will be sworn in for their respective terms (Both were unable to attend).
3. The 50/50 winner received \$25.00.
4. Past President Chuck Berger presented the Roger Sherman Bronze Award to President Robert Beasley, 2d Vice President Bill Sander; Secretary John Auld received a device for his Roger Sherman Medal indicating more than one award.

Chapter President Beasley encouraged all members to visit the Chapter website at www.slrc-sar.org and our Facebook page to get the most up to date information pertaining to upcoming events and other Chapter activities.

All members were asked to check their email often for information pertaining to the Chapter. Members were also requested to RSVP if they are attending Chapter meetings.

Members were encouraged to present a brief presentation pertaining to their Patriot Ancestor.

After a moment of silence and the reciting of the SAR Recessional the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, John Auld, Secretary



Annual Dues: Annual membership dues are to be paid between October 1 and January 1. If dues are not paid by January 1, membership will be dropped and will require a reinstatement form to be signed by the member and submitted to State and National. Dues are as follows: \$70 for Regular, \$5 for a Junior, and \$35 if you are a Life Member (Chapter and State dues)

Chapter Meetings

Just a reminder for those that have not attended a meeting since we relocated. In an effort to be more centrally located and in response to the results of the Survey last year the monthly meetings are at American Legion Post 318, 1000 Savannah Club Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952 United States [+ Google Map](#)

Meeting begin at 11:00 AM

Saturday November 7, 2020

The Fort Pierce Central US Army JROTC Fife and Drum Corps will present a 10 to 15 minute performance.

Compatriot Hall Riediger will give a report on the recent Florida Society Board of Management meeting in Orlando.

Saturday December 5, 2020

Professor Walter Judd, Indian River State College will once again be the guest speaker. The Revolutionary War topic will be posted on our website.

Saturday January 2, 2021

Speaker and topic will be posted on our website as the information becomes available.

Saturday February 6, 2021

Speaker and topic will be posted on our website as the information becomes available.

Saturday March 6, 2021

Speaker and topic will be posted on our website as the information becomes available.

Saturday April 3, 2021

Speaker and topic will be posted on our website as the information becomes available.

Saturday May 1, 2021

Speaker and topic will be posted on our website as the information becomes available.

Last meeting prior to the summer break.

*****IMPORTANT*****

American Legion Post 318 requires that I give them a "headcount" several days prior to the meeting so that they can arrange for staffing and food. Please RSVP when an email is sent to you if you are attending (non-attendance reply is not necessary) , your food choice (not required to eat/pay for the meal but that information is needed). Meal cost is \$15.00 and again you are not required to purchase a meal.



Veterans Day November 11, 2020

Indian River County—The Veterans Council of Indian River County Veterans Day Ceremony Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 9:00 am Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach’s Riverside Park. This event is free to the public.

Martin County— Nothing posted on County website

St Lucie County—No live event, Virtual only.

Americans Defeat the British at Yorktown

October, 19, 1781

(Article is from History.com)

Hopelessly trapped at [Yorktown, Virginia](#), British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders 8,000 British soldiers and seamen to a larger Franco-American force, effectively bringing an end to the [American Revolution](#).

Lord Cornwallis was one of the most capable British generals of the American Revolution. In 1776, he drove General [George Washington](#)’s Patriots forces out of [New Jersey](#), and in 1780 he won a stunning victory over General Horatio Gates’ Patriot army at Camden, [South Carolina](#). Cornwallis’ subsequent invasion of [North Carolina](#) was less successful, however, and in April 1781 he led his weary and battered troops toward the Virginia coast, where he could maintain seaborne lines of communication with the large British army of General Henry Clinton in New York City. After conducting a series of raids against towns and plantations in Virginia, Cornwallis settled in the tidewater town of Yorktown in August. The British immediately began fortifying the town and the adjacent promontory of Gloucester Point across the York River.

General George Washington instructed the Marquis de Lafayette, who was in Virginia with an American army of around 5,000 men, to block Cornwallis’ escape from Yorktown by land. In the meantime, Washington’s 2,500 troops in New York were joined by a [French army](#) of 4,000 men under the Count de Rochambeau. Washington and Rochambeau made plans to attack Cornwallis with the assistance of a large French fleet under the Count de Grasse, and on August 21 they crossed the Hudson River to march south to Yorktown. Covering 200 miles in 15 days, the allied force reached the head of Chesapeake Bay in early September.

Meanwhile, a British fleet under Admiral Thomas Graves failed to break French naval superiority at the Battle of Virginia Capes on September 5, denying Cornwallis his expected reinforcements. Beginning September 14, de Grasse transported Washington and Rochambeau’s men down the Chesapeake to Virginia, where they joined Lafayette and completed the encirclement of Yorktown on September 28. De Grasse landed another 3,000 French troops carried by his fleet. During the first two weeks of October, the 14,000 Franco-American troops gradually overcame the fortified British positions with the aid of de Grasse’s warships. A large British fleet carrying 7,000 men set out to rescue Cornwallis, but it was too late.

On October 19, General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships. Pleading illness, he did not attend the surrender ceremony, but his second-in-command, General Charles O’Hara, carried Cornwallis’ sword to the American and French commanders. As the British and Hessian troops marched out to surrender, the British bands played the song “The World Turned Upside Down.”

Although the war persisted on the high seas and in other theaters, the Patriot victory at Yorktown effectively ended fighting in the American colonies. Peace negotiations began in 1782, and on September 3, 1783, the [Treaty of Paris](#) was signed, formally recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/victory-at-yorktown> <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/victory-at-yorktown>