



The Highlands

Highlands SAR Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message Mike Flood



I like to start off by introducing myself. I have been your Treasurer since the chapter was formed. I'm also your Newspaper Editor, Registrar, Web page Editor and Facebook Editor. The Facebook I would like someone that knows all about Facebook to assume it's control as I'm not a Facebook person. Please volunteer for this as it reaches more people than anything else.

I'm hoping that I can do as good a job that Woody our previous President has done. This will take much work and help by all of the members.

Our new officers that were elected are listed below. According to our By-Laws, we should have elected a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Two Members at Large. The duties of Officers are listed in the By-Laws of our Chapter under Article III. Please read the By-Laws and volunteer for one of the missing offices.

I, in my spare time, have redone the newsletter and asking for input by our members and especially the Recording Secretary about reporting what was accomplished at the meetings. This is very important as most of our members aren't able to attend our meetings and I wish to let them know what we are doing.

I have attached a flyer about Constitution Day the the SAR is sponsoring at the Circle Theater this Friday, September 23 at 1:00 PM. This is something new for us, hope it turns out to be worthwhile.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting.

Mike

Our Officers that were elected at our last Regular Meeting are:

President –
Michael Flood



Vice President –
George Frey



Secretary –
John Frey



Treasurer –
Ronald Yates



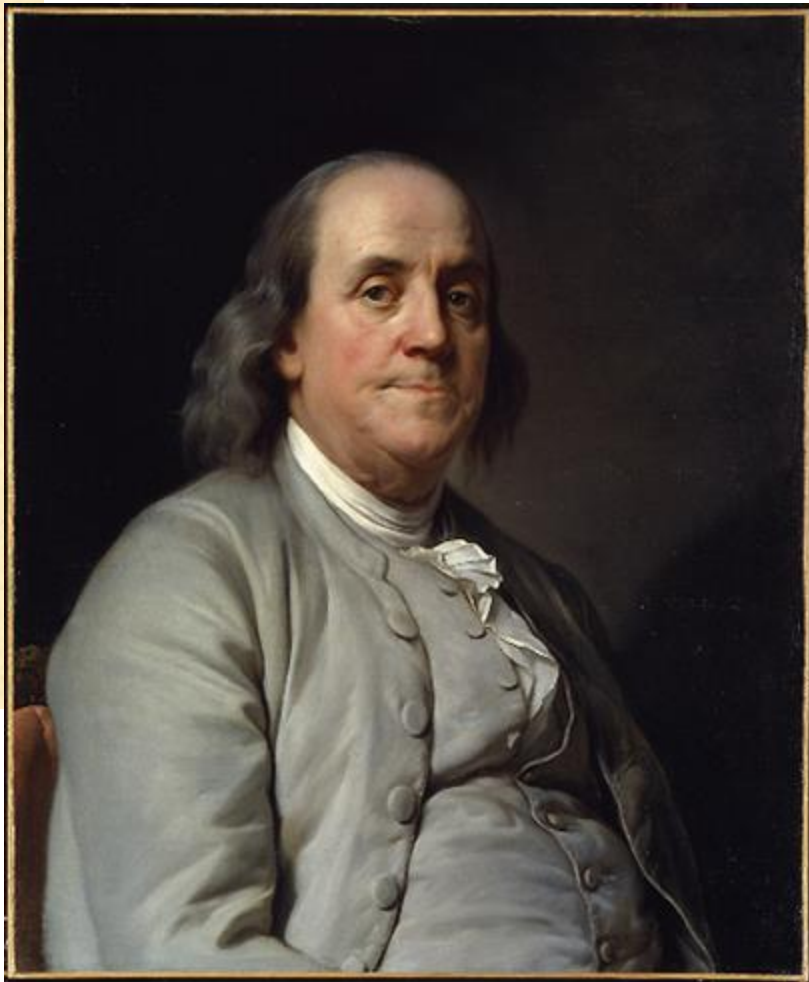
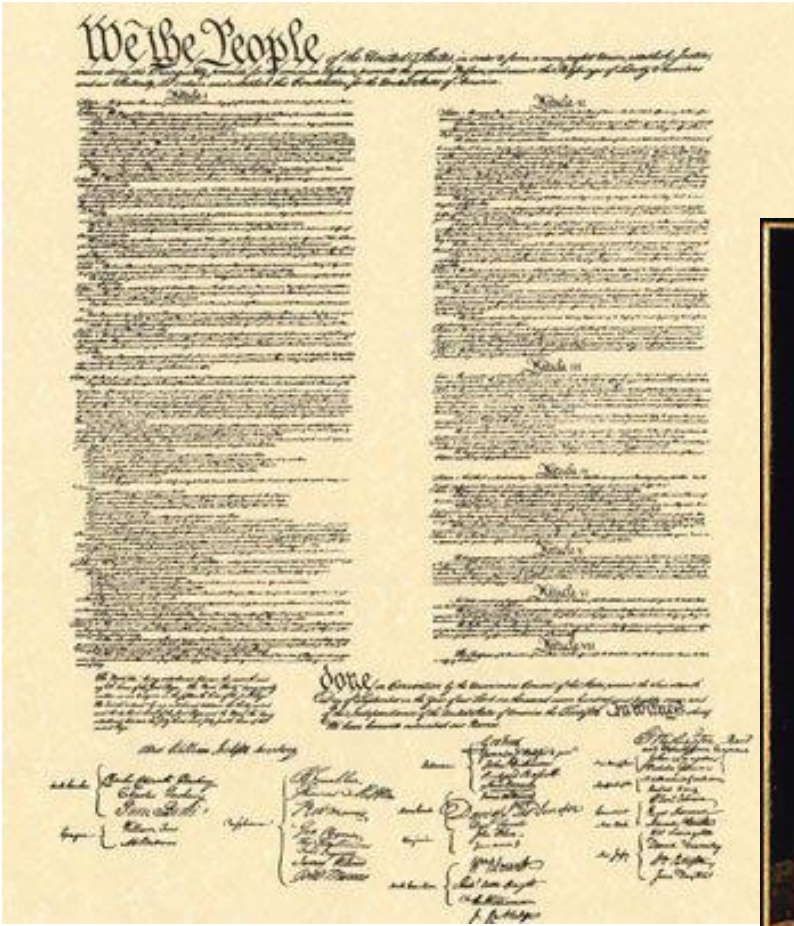
Chaplain –
O.W. “Woody” Woodard



Milton Krom, one of our members died this last July 24, 2016

Some Interesting facts about the U.S. Constitution

The U.S. Constitution has 4,400 words. It is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world. The entire original document takes up four pages, each one measuring about 29 by 24 inches (73 by 60 centimeters). With the signature section, there are 4,543 words, and including all of the amendments brings the total to 7,591.



Ben Franklin, commonly known as the “The First American,” was the oldest American to sign the Constitution at age 81. The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey (26). Ben Franklin is the only person to have signed these four documents: the Declaration of Independence (1776), the Treaty of Alliance, Amity, and Commerce with France (1778), the Treaty of Peace between England, France, and the United States (1782), and the Constitution (1787).

10 Fast Facts on the Constitution

1. The U.S. Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where George Washington received his commission as Commander of the Continental Army. Now called Independence Hall, the building still stands today on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, directly across from the National Constitution Center.
2. Written in 1787, the Constitution was signed on September 17th. But it wasn't until 1788 that it was ratified by the necessary nine states.
3. The U.S. Constitution was prepared in secret, behind locked doors that were guarded by sentries.
4. Some of the original framers and many delegates in the state ratifying conventions were very troubled that the original Constitution lacked a description of individual rights. In 1791, Americans added a list of rights to the Constitution. The first ten amendments became known as The Bill of Rights
5. Of the 55 delegates attending the Constitutional Convention, 39 signed and 3 delegates dissented. Two of America's "founding fathers" didn't sign the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was representing his country in France and John Adams was doing the same in Great Britain.
6. Established on November 26, 1789, the first national "Thanksgiving Day" was originally created by George Washington as a way of "giving thanks" for the Constitution.
7. Of the written national constitutions, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest.
8. At 81, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention and at 26, Jonathon Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest.
9. The original Constitution is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.
10. More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress. Thirty three have gone to the states to be ratified and twenty seven have received the necessary approval from the states to actually become amendments to the Constitution.



Welcome Richard Schmidt Woodruff

Richard's certificate was approved March 15, 2016 by SAR Richard's patriot was Benjamin Woodruff that was listed under service of CT men. Capt. Richard's wife was Hannah Baldwin.

FREE EVENT

*LET'S CELEBRATE THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 1:00 PM
CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN CIRCLE THEATRE
202 CIRCLE PARK DRIVE, SEBRING

COME AND ENJOY A TRIBUTE TO OUR LIBERTIES AND
OUR GREAT NATION

SPEAKERS:

REV. J. DAVID JULIANO-"OUR ENGLISH FOUNDATION"
J. NUNO NORBERTO-"COMING TO AMERICA"

MUSIC:

SEBRING HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR
DIRECTOR: ZACK THOMPSON

*PRESENTED BY THE HIGHLANDS CHAPTER
FLORIDA SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*



ROTC Report By George Frey

The Chapter was able to award Three outstanding cadets for 2016.

The first cadet was Cadet Austin R. Schneider who received his Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal and certificate this last March 23, 2016 by George J. Frey

Next was Cadet Lt. Col. Nixolas Thomas who received his Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal and certificate this last April 28, 2016 by John R Frey.

The third was Cadet Riley Hendry who received his Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal and certificate this last May 7, 2016 by John R Frey.

Congratulations to these fine Cadets.

The first regular formal meeting of the year for the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) will be held at Cowpoke's Watering Hole at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 17th. The SAR is a proud organization of active male descendants of those patriots who, during the American Revolution, rendered unwavering loyal service to the cause of winning our freedom from England. For more information on joining the Highlands Chapter of the SAR, please call Woody at 863-465-7345.

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Attached is one of my Patriot Ancestors that I have sent to SAR. Would like one of these articles for each of our newsletters. I know many of you have very interesting stories for your individual patriots, please share.

NSSAR Patriot Biography

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Samuel BOYD

Michael Flood

By:

Samuel Boyd was born in Craven County, South Carolina, May 20, 1763. He was of Scotch descent. His father, James Boyd, had previously emigrated thither from Virginia. The father and one son died in a Tory prison during the Revolutionary war; and Samuel, the subject of this sketch, came near losing his life by a ball from a Troy gun. He recovered, however, with the loss of his left eye, and served through the war, having enlisted at the age of 16. He was married, December 12, 1785, to Isabella Higgins, who also was of Scotch descent, and not a distant relative of Robert Burns, the poet. She did not forget, through life, that, when a young woman, she danced with Andrew Jackson.

In 1801, during the fame Kane Revival, in Kentucky, he made a profession of the Christian religion, and during the remainder of his life he labored faithfully, as a minister, for the salvation of others. During a missionary tour to the Indians, he again came near losing his life. An Indian boy thoughtlessly touched a burning brand to a keg of powder, blowing the rude hut to pieces, killing two children, and injuring Samuel Boyd, who was laid out as dead. He recovered, and for more than a score of years was an active laborer in the cause of his Master. He was a member of the Christian Church, then often termed 'Newlights'. As a public speaker he was earnest and animated, for one of so limited education advantages was an efficient Christian teacher. His wife lived to the age of 88 years, and died a Christian, 31 October 1852. They had ten children; all but one having lived to be married, and settled as farmers and farmer's wives, and all except one in Wayne County.

While residing in Ninety Six District, Samuel Boyd enlisted in the Spring 1780, served as a private in Captains Thomas' and Earle' companies, Colonels Roebuck's and Hays' regiments, was out in many scouting parties, was in an engagement on Bush River, where his "left eye was entirely shot out", was at the capture of Augusta, Georgia and the siege of Ninety Six, continued in the service until the spring of 1782 and that from spring until December 1782, he served in Captain Duvall's company and Colonel Pickens' regiment. Samuel Boyd moved from Ninety-Six District to Kentucky in 1787, where he lived until the year 1811, when he moved to Wayne County, Indiana.

The soldier, Samuel Boyd, was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, while resident of Wayne County, Indiana. He was pension by the State of South Carolina, on account of wounds received while in the service. Samuel died November 27, 1835. His widow, Isabella Boyd, was allowed pension on her application executed September 8, 1840, then seventy-six years of age and living in Wayne County, Indiana. She died October 31, 1852.

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- (2) Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution by B.G. Moss, page 90 W9737 A.A.672A
- (3) Revolutionary War Pensions - applicants who served from So. Carolina compiled by Sara Sullivan Ervin on page 10
- (4) Revolutionary War Pension Records. Samuel Boyd – W.9737