



May 2020

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From the President



I have not heard of any compatriot or family member who has been stricken by the coronavirus. In this case, no news is indeed good news. May it continue to be so.

Yours in patriotism,

Bob Anderson

Compatriots,

These are challenging and uncertain times. We try to continue our activities as best we can, but under new guidelines and social restrictions, which are a necessity today.

On Monday May 4, 2020, the Clearwater Chapter of SAR will hold our Board of Governors meeting at 10 AM via zoom.

We have also arranged for our May 20, 2020 monthly meeting to be hosted by our Treasurer, Kevin MacFarland, at 12:00 PM via zoom. Please accept our invitation to join us which you will receive via email. Call me, or Kevin, before the meeting date if you have need of assistance downloading the Zoom application. Pull up a chair, make yourself a sandwich, and enjoy seeing your friends again.

I have invited FLSSAR Senior Vice President David Bussone to join us. I am sure he will speak about how the State Society is dealing with the Covid-19 crisis. I hope you are able to join us. It will be a pleasure to see you again, even if only via Zoom.



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Announcements:

Ladies Auxiliary

Florida Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Congress Fund Raiser Our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fund-raising project for the 2023 Congress has arrived. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities. We will not use any of the Youth Awards Fund for Congress.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company has made fifty-one beautiful, 50"x60" made in the USA (North Carolina), 100% cotton, prewashed for

softness, custom throws with fringe all the way around. They have helped us with our concept and woven our Minuteman into the design. They are available NOW and are “flying off the shelf.”

Your throw can be reserved by ordering now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus shipping if you would like it sent to you. We will have several available at the February Leadership in Louisville to preview. If we are able to sell all 51 Throws quickly, we can order again and have them at the BoM in May, if you miss the Leadership meeting.

Orders may be sent to: Laura Zavalía, Treasurer LAFSSAR, 1648 Jupiter Cove Drive, #411, Jupiter, FL 33469. Checks may be made out to LAFLSSAR for \$70.00 to reserve one and pick it up at the BoM in May. Add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an address in Florida or \$20.00 for addresses outside of Florida, for each Throw ordered. Please make the **Notation: 2023 Congress** on your check.

Thank you for your interest and we appreciate your support. Donations are welcomed. If you have questions contact me at: amcguire@slxv.com . Sincerely, Anne McGuire, LAFLSSAR President F

The Ladies Auxiliary gift baskets will have themes for 2020:

- September - welcome back from summer
- October - fall and Halloween
- November - Thanksgiving days
- December - holiday decorations

Donations are accepted for the gift baskets. Empty gift baskets can be donated - we will do the

decorations. Mary Kitchen will accept money donations and she can shop to buy items for the gift baskets. Thanks for supporting the Clearwater SAR Ladies. If you have any questions please see Margaret Harris.

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Schedule of Meetings

April’s meetings are cancelled. The Board of Governors will meet online using ZOOM on May 4th at 10 AM

May 4	Zoom
May 20	Zoom
September 14	(C)
September 16	(M)
October 19	(C)
October 21	(M)
November 16	(C)
November 18	(M)
December 14	(C)
December 16	(M)

2020 Meeting Schedule Clearwater Chapter, SAR

Board of Governors	(C)
Membership Meeting	(M)

(M) Membership Luncheon Meetings at 11:30 a.m. Dunedin Country Club, Palm Blvd, Dunedin (meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month or as noted above)

Board of Governors meetings at 10:00 a.m.

Countryside Library (C)
2642 Sabal Springs Drive
Clearwater, FL
(meetings are on the Monday before the Luncheon meeting or as noted above)

Links & Resources:

Our Chapter website:

<http://clearwatersar.org/>

Our Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SARClearwater/>

SAR National website :

<https://www.sar.org/>

SAR Florida website:

<http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabs.asp>

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1st Vice President Robert Brotherton



Report from Bob Brotherton:

April has been a very unusual month for everyone. It is very difficult to plan for anything with the uncertainty and lack of the ability to operate as normal. The April BOG meeting was held on Zoom and this worked well with a few people having technical difficulty logging into the system. We plan for a May 4 BOG meeting to also be held using the Zoom system on-line.

All speakers have been put on notice concerning the change of schedule for speaking. It is anticipated that there will be no speaker for the May meeting which is the last meeting scheduled before the three months of summer. The month of September is "Constitution Month" and I have a speaker lined up to speak on the Constitution and its associated documents. I also hope to have something special planned for this meeting in September that will be announced in the future.

To my knowledge, everyone, and their family, in our SAR Clearwater Chapter are in good health as of mid-April. Stay healthy and hopefully, we will be back to a more normal meeting schedule by September.



Parks Honeywell shows off the result of his latest diet. (Skin and bones)

Donations for Veterans

Thanks to everyone who has donated magazines, calendars, and books for the veterans. Lew and Margaret Harris are still collecting magazines and books now. Our car is full of your donations. Keep sending them to us or save them until we see you in person. As soon as it is safe, we will deliver the magazines and books to the Palm Harbor VA CBOC on US 19 North. There are two big waiting rooms with six end tables in each room. Usually we deliver the magazines and books on Friday afternoons. We will continue to deliver when it is safe to do so. Thanks again and stay safe.

Lew and Margaret Harris

2nd Vice President James Koontz



The Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution acknowledged the following students by sending them certificates and medals in April and May 2020.

Bronze JROTC

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant
Brody Simmons
River Ridge High School

Cadet
Anthony Drake
Hudson High School

Cadet Cpl.
Louis Hernandez
Anclote High School

Cadet
Kenneth Richards
Fivay High School

Cadet PO1
Brandon Buzzell,
Dunedin High School,

Bronze Good Citizenship

Blake Budd
Palm Harbor High School

Clayton Fowler
Pinellas Park High School

Cadet India Gall
Hudson High School

Mitchell Mussler
Dunedin High School

Andrew O'Harrow
Calvary Christian High School

Charles Barry Phillips II
Largo High School

Jalea Reedy
Osceola High School

Astin Thomas
Tarpon Springs High School

James Welch
Indian Rocks High School

Dylan Anderson
East Lake High School

Cadet Cpt Hunter T. King
Anclote High School

David Sellas
Countryside HS

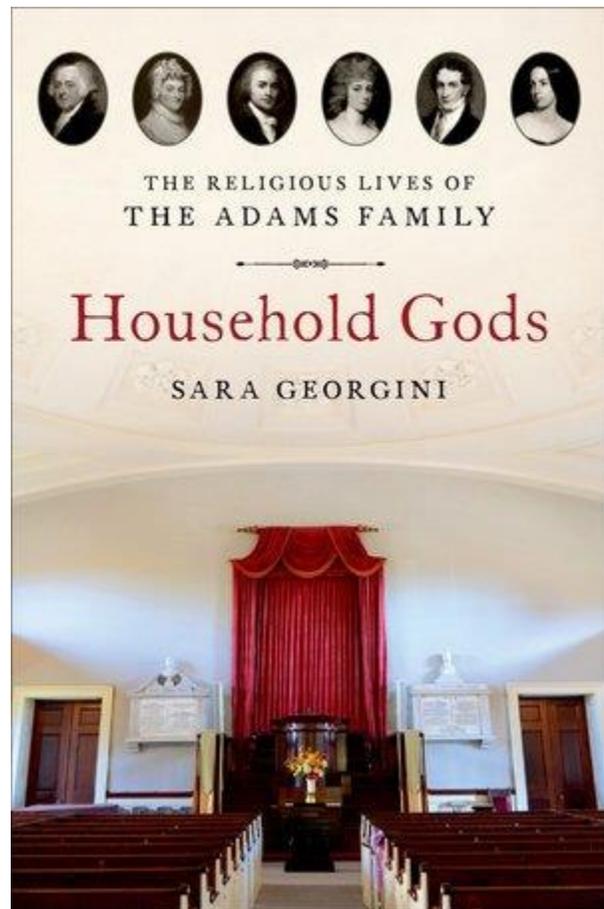
Committee Members

James Koontz, 2nd V.P.
Daniel Griffith, Asst to 2nd V.P.
Larry Patterson, Secretary
Col. Pat Niemann, Governor
Bob Anderson, President

Future Speakers

TBA

Book about the Revolution



- **Print Length:** 296 pages
- **Publisher:** Oxford University Press (January 16, 2019)

Reflecting on his past, President John Adams mused that it was religion that had shaped his family's fortunes and young America's future.

For the nineteenth century's first family, the Adamses of Massachusetts, the history of how they lived religion was dynamic and well-documented. Christianity supplied the language that Abigail used to interpret husband John's political setbacks. Scripture armed their son John Quincy to act as father, statesman, and antislavery advocate. Unitarianism gave Abigail's Victorian grandson, Charles Francis, the religious confidence to persevere in political battles on the Civil War home front. By contrast, his son Henry found religion hollow and repellent compared to the purity of modern science. A renewal of faith led Abigail's great-grandson Brooks, a Gilded Age critic of capitalism, to prophesy two world wars.

Globetrotters who chronicled their religious journeys extensively, the Adamses ultimately developed a cosmopolitan Christianity that blended discovery and criticism, faith and doubt. Drawing from their rich archive, Sara Georgini, series editor for *The Papers of John Adams*, demonstrates how pivotal Christianity--as the different generations understood it--was in shaping the family's decisions, great and small. Spanning three centuries of faith from Puritan New England to the Jazz Age, *Household Gods* tells a new story of American religion, as the Adams family lived it.

Events in the War of the American Revolution

10 May 1781

The Spanish under Bernardo de Galvez captured British post of Pensacola, Florida, after siege that began on 9 March; and with Pensacola all of West Florida was surrendered to Spain.

During the siege attacking forces which reached 7,000 in strength, had 227 casualties in killed and wounded; defenders had about 200 casualties, and 1,113 British prisoners were taken.

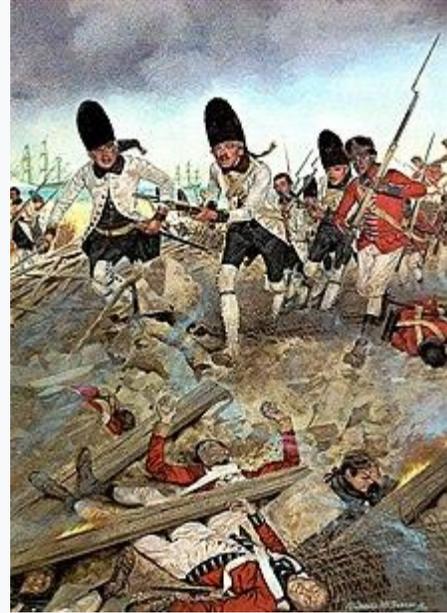
In December 1776, King Charles III of Spain decided that covert assistance to the United States would be strategically useful, but Spain did not enter into a formal alliance with the U.S. In 1777, José de Gálvez, newly appointed as minister of the Council of the Indies, sent his nephew, Bernardo de Gálvez, to New Orleans as governor of *Luisiana* with instructions to secure the friendship of the United States. On 20 February 1777, the Spanish king's ministers in Madrid secretly instructed Gálvez to sell the Americans desperately needed supplies. The British had blockaded the colonial ports of the Thirteen Colonies, and consequently the route from New Orleans up the Mississippi River was an effective alternative. Gálvez worked with Oliver Pollock, an American patriot, to ship gunpowder, muskets, uniforms, medicine, and other supplies to the American rebels.

Although Spain had not yet joined the American cause, when an American raiding expedition led by James Willing showed up in New Orleans with booty and several captured British ships taken as prizes, Gálvez refused to turn the Americans over to the British. In 1779, Spanish forces commanded by Gálvez seized the province of West Florida, later known as the Florida Parishes, from the British.¹ Spain's motive was the chance both to recover territories lost to the British, particularly Florida, and to remove the ongoing British threat.

On 21 June 1779, Spain formally declared war on Great Britain. On 25 June, a letter from London, marked secret and confidential, went to General John Campbell at Pensacola

from King George III and Lord George Germain.^[41] Campbell was instructed that it was the object of greatest importance to organize an attack upon New Orleans. If Campbell thought it was possible to reduce the Spanish fort at New Orleans, he was ordered to make preparations immediately. These included securing from Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Parker as many fighting ships as the fleet at Jamaica could spare, gathering all forces in the province that could be assembled, recruiting as many loyal Indians as the Superintendent could provide, and drawing on His Majesty's Treasury through the Lords Commissioners to pay expenses. As an unfortunate twist of fate for Campbell, upon which his whole career was decided, the secret communication fell into the hands of Gálvez. After reading the communication from King George III and Germain, Gálvez, Governor of Louisiana, swiftly and secretly organized Louisiana and New Orleans for war.

Gálvez carried out a masterful military campaign and defeated the British colonial forces at Fort Bute, Baton Rouge, and Natchez in 1779. The Battle of Baton Rouge, on 21 September 1779, freed the lower Mississippi Valley of British forces and relieved the threat to the capital of Louisiana, New Orleans. In March, 1780, he recaptured Mobile from the British at the Battle of Fort Charlotte.



Spanish troops storm the British positions at the [Siege of Pensacola](#) (1781)

Gálvez's most important military victory over the British forces occurred 8 May 1781, when he attacked and took by land and by sea Pensacola, the British (and formerly, Spanish) capital of West Florida from General John Campbell of Strachur. The loss of Mobile and Pensacola left the British with no bases along the Gulf coast. In 1782, forces under Gálvez's overall command captured the British naval base at Nassau on New Providence Island in the Bahamas. He was angry that the operation had proceeded against his orders to cancel, and ordered the arrest and imprisonment of Francisco de Miranda, aide-de-camp of Juan Manuel Cajigal, the commander of the expedition. Miranda later ascribed this action on the part of Gálvez to jealousy of Cajigal's success.

Gálvez received many honors from Spain for his military victories against the British, including promotion to lieutenant general and field marshal, governor and captain general of Louisiana and Florida (now separated from Cuba), the command of the Spanish

expeditionary army in America, and the titles of viscount of Gálveztown and count of Gálvez.

The American Revolutionary War ended while Gálvez was preparing a new campaign to take Jamaica. The importance of Gálvez's campaign from the American perspective was that he denied the British the opportunity of encircling the American rebels from the south, and kept open a vital conduit for supplies. Gálvez also assisted the American revolutionaries with supplies and soldiers, much of it through Oliver Pollock, from whom he received military intelligence concerning the British in West Florida. Gálvez found it convenient for France and Spain to advance the cause of the American revolutionaries; his military success led to the inclusion of provisions in the Peace of Paris (1783) that officially returned Florida, now divided into two provinces, East and West Florida, to Spain. The treaty recognized the political independence of the former British colonies to the north, and its signing ended their war with the British.

Lesser known story of the Revolution

“Listen my children and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of...”

Sybil Ludington
1761-1839



A young American patriot, Sybil Ludington was just 16 years old when she made a night-time ride rallying Patriot soldiers.

Born in New York in 1761, Ludington was the eldest of Henry and Abigail's twelve children. In addition to working as a farmer, Ludington's father was a gristmill owner who served in the military for over sixty years, including during the French and Indian War. He was loyal to the British crown until 1773, when he switched sides and joined the Patriots in the American Revolution. He was promoted to Colonel of his local regiment. His land was along a route between Connecticut and the coast of Long Island Sound that was vulnerable to British attack.

On April 26, 1777, Colonel Ludington received word from a rider that the

nearby town of Danbury was under attack by British troops and needed help. At the time, Ludington's regiment had disbanded for planting season, and his men were miles apart at their respective farms. With the rider too tired to continue and Colonel Ludington focused on preparing for battle, young Sybil rose to the cause. Some accounts say she volunteered; others that her father asked for her service, but either way, she rode through the night alerting the Colonel's men of the danger and urging them to return to the fight. She rode all night through dark woods and in the rain, covering anywhere from 20 to 40 miles (estimates vary). By the time she returned home, hundreds of soldiers were gathering to fight the British. Ludington's troops arrived too late to win the battle, though they did fight with departing British soldiers.

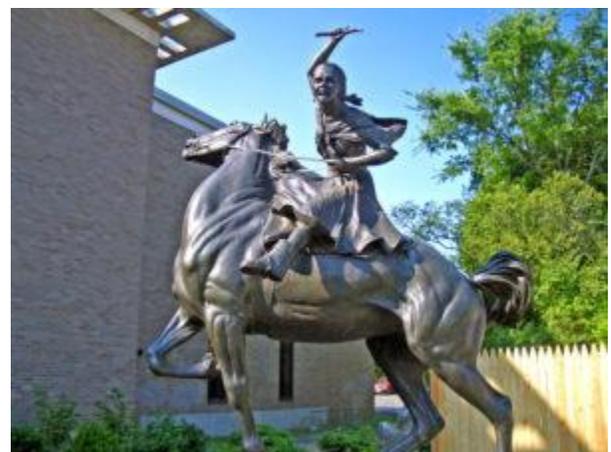
After the war, Ludington married in 1784, at age 23, when she met Edward Ogden. The couple had one son, Henry, and lived in Catskill, New York. Ludington's husband died of yellow fever in 1799. Four years later, she bought a tavern and helped her son become a lawyer. When she sold the tavern, she earned a tidy profit, three times what she paid for the land, and purchased a home for her son and his

family, where she also resided. After her son died in 1838, Ludington applied for a Revolutionary War pension, since her husband had served in the military. Her pension was denied, claiming insufficient proof of marriage. At age seventy-seven, Ludington died in poverty.

Ludington was honored with a stamp by the Postal Service in 1975.



There is a statue of her by Lake Gleneida in Carmel, New York and there are historical markers tracing the route of her ride through Putnam County.



BIRTHDAYS

May

William	Bolin, Sr	May 7
Damon S.	Hostetler	May 8
Lee J.	Harrer	May 12
Michael	Centorino	May 17
Harmon	Wright	May 21
John	Sagert	May 22
George D.	Youstra	May 23
William	Bosbyshell, Jr	May 23
Kent	Stevens	May 29

OUR NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at
12 Noon on Zoom.**

**An invitation with instructions will be sent to you by
email.**

**Guest Speaker will be
FLSSAR Senior VP
David Bussone**

For those of you who have never used Zoom, first thing you need to do is relax. It is a very user-friendly format. We will try to give you some guidance here, and if you still need help call either Bob Anderson at 727-726-9590 or Kevin MacFarland at kevinmacsr@gmail.com or 813-777-1345 for personal assistance

Kevin MacFarland will be inviting you to the scheduled Zoom meeting on May 20th. You will get an email invitation to join the meeting about a week before the meeting.

If you go to www.Zoom.com now you can download the software in advance. You will need to set up a free account that will allow you to attend and host meetings of your own. Don't panic. We know you have no plans to host a meeting, but as part of the registration process you can do both. The registration process is quite simple. Kevin has used this software for Sea Cadet meetings and has also used it to keep in touch with family. Your Board of Governors has been holding their Board meetings using this platform since April as we cannot meet in person at this time.

Note - the security issues identified in the media about Zoom have been addressed but with technology anything can happen.

Below you see a portion of the message that says

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83455928800?pwd=WnZtMmhSUEtmMnUzdnBnS0lIS3FrZz09>

If you are using a computer with a camera and microphone built in, after you are registered with Zoom, all you have to do is click on the hyperlink. That is all you need to do. That tells the host (Kevin) you want to be part of the meeting, and he will permit you in. Then you may need to click for video so others can see your face. Also, on the upper right-hand corner of the screen is a “galley setting” that you may wish to click. That will present the faces similar to the old TV show Hollywood Squares format. That is all you need to do. You may wish to be in a quiet space as background noise will be heard. Kevin, as host can mute your sound if it is too much.

Right now, Kevin plans to automatically mute all persons entering, so the speaker has no distractions. The meeting id and password will be listed in your invitation.

If you are using a smart phone you will have a slightly different process. Again, you will need to download the Zoom app onto your phone. Then you go to your email and find the invitation. Click on it. Then you will be prompted to join a meeting in progress. After you click the invitation, the host will permit you into the meeting. You will have to click both audio and visual to be seen and heard.

To make sure you have understood these instructions, you may email or call Bob Anderson on Tuesday May 19th between 10 AM and noon, and he will make sure that you are set up properly by a trial run. That way, on May 20th, you will have the confidence that you can do it and be part of the meeting.

Also, you may reach out to Kevin at kevinmacsr@gmail.com with any questions.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Password: 004081

March 2020 Operating Fund

	Beginning Balance	March 1, 2020	\$11,269.34
500	INCOME		
501	Total Dues Collected \$65.00		\$0.00
502	Total New Apps \$160.00		\$0.00
503	Total Supplementals \$70.00		\$0.00
504	Other Dues & Life Members from Permanent Fund		\$0.00
506	Meals Sold		\$0.00
507	50/50 Raffle		\$0.00
508	Miscellaneous		\$0.00
509	Permanent Fund Donations		\$0.00
510	Center For Advancing American Heritage Donations		\$0.00
511	History Fair Donations		\$0.00
512	Clearwater Chapter Scholarship Fund Donations		\$0.00
513	Eagle Scout Recognition Awards Donations		\$0.00
514	JROTC Recognition Awards Donations		\$0.00
515	Chapter High School Annual Book Gifting Program Donations		\$0.00
516	4th/5th Grade Revolutionary War Poster Contest Donations		\$0.00
517	Endowment Trust Fund Reimbursements		\$0.00
518	Endowment Trust Fund Donations		\$0.00
519	Veterans Medals Purchases or Donations		\$0.00
520	Ladies Auxiliary Donations		\$0.00
521	Merchandise Sold		\$0.00
522	Knight Essay Donations		\$0.00
525	Total Income		\$0.00

Respectfully submitted
06-APR-2020

Kevin D. MacFarland, Sr.
Treasurer SAR Clearwater Chapter

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Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational and patriotic non-profit, United States 501 (c) 3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend (1) the institution of American freedom, (2) an appreciation for true patriotism, (3) a respect for our national symbols, (4) the value of American citizenship, and (5) the unifying force of e pluribus unam that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation, and one people. We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedom on the battlefield and in our public institutions.