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PLEASE JOIN US ON

**TUESDAY, October 20, 2015**  
**AT 12:00 noon**  
**THE EMBASSY SUITES**  
**1601 Belvedere Road,**  
**West Palm Beach**

**RICHARD “RICK” KAISER, MASTER CHIEF,**  
**NAVY SEAL MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Lunch is \$28.00 inclusive

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**Reservations must be made by Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Guests are always welcome!

**Please visit our Website: [www.sarpbchapter.org](http://www.sarpbchapter.org)**

### *President’s Message:*

As summer comes to a close, hopefully everyone had a safe and enjoyable one. Activity for your Chapter continues during the summer months. On Memorial Day, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Day to Remember” was held at Palm Beach Memorial Park in Lantana. Chapter members in attendance and assisting with the laying of the wreath were President Green, VP Lanman, FLSSAR SVP Ray Wess, Past President Ed Buckley and Chaplin Father Sears.

Two other early summer events were attended by President Green and VP Lanman. First, there was the preparation of the South Florida National Cemetery for Memorial Day by placing American Flags on the graves of veterans. Second, was

assistance in an American Flag retirement ceremony. This event was sponsored by the DAR Regent’s Council of the Palm Beaches.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was held in June in Louisville, KY. Members attending were Compatriots Green, Lanman, and Wess. Also attending, Talia Fradkin and her parents. Talia of course is our Rumbaugh Oration contestant who won at the State level and was in Louisville to compete with other state winners for the National prize. Unfortunately she did not prevail. What talent these young orators displayed. Talia is a winner and has a wonderful future ahead of her. Congratulations to Talia and her parents. A thank you note from Talia is included in this newsletter.

Finally, two Boy Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle received SAR Certificates in recognition for their accomplishment.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Chapter Registrar was busy during the summer. New members approved since May 2015 are:

Gilmer Heitman III	Adam Cross
Gilmer Heitman IV	Stephen Kinney
John Heitman	Stephen Kinney II
Robert Matyskiel	James Kinney
Robert Boggs	Christopher Fluder

We will have an induction ceremony for these new members at one of our upcoming meetings.

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**Duane Lewis**  
**James Kane**  
**Jack Miller**  
**John Curry**  
**Robert Rewey**  
**Ray Wess**  
**Alexander Dreyfoos Jr.**

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

In October begins our monthly Luncheons/Meeting at the Embassy Suites West Palm Beach. Date and times are 12 noon the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month of October thru May with the exception of December, which is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

For your planning purposes here are the dates:

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - The 1999 best seller **Black Hawk Down**, by Mark Bowden, chronicled the events of a 1993 raid in Somalia by the U.S. Military aimed at capturing faction terrorist leader Mohamed Farah Aidid and the ensuing disastrous **Battle of Mogadishu**.

**Master Chief Rick Kaiser**, SEAL Team 2 member and veteran of the battle of Mogadishu, is the featured guest speaker at the October 20 Chapter meeting.

Chief Kaiser will recount some of his experiences with SEAL Team 2 at this battle that left 19 American soldiers killed, and over 1,000 Somali militants and civilians dead. The battle also resulted in two Delta Force snipers, Gordon and Shughardt, receiving the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Chief Kaiser is the Executive Director of the **Navy SEAL Museum** in North Hutchinson Island, Florida. Master Chief Ken Corona, Assistant Executive Director, will also join him at the meeting. Compatriots and guests are cordially invited to this luncheon but encouraged to RSVP early for this popular speaker.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday. Special Guest, **The Kings Academy Vocal Ensemble**.

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**, Guest: **John Stewart** will give a Jeffersonian perspective of George Washington.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **3RD AND FINAL BOM OF THE YEAR.**

The next Board of Management (BOM) of the Florida Society will be held in Orlando on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Click for more information and registration form: [October BOM Information](#), [BOM Registration Form](#) or go to [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org)

The Southeast Region (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami) will host of the event. If any members would like more information on this event prior to registration, please contact President Green or Vice President Lanman.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

At our last meeting in May, we presented several members of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Numerous family

members and fellow members of the department were in attendance. Following the meeting we received the following email from Daniel Millstone, Chief of EMS for PBCFR:

*“On behalf of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, I want to thank your fine organization once again for allowing us to share in the recognition of our 3 exceptional award winners. We sincerely appreciate the Sons of the American Revolution taking the time, effort, and expense to host a great event that allowed us to show off the best and brightest we have to offer.*

*Respectfully, Dan”*

We also received a thank you note from Talia Fradkin, who competed in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest at the 125<sup>th</sup> Congress in Louisville in June. Her note:

*“Dear Members of the Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, It was an honor and a privilege to represent you at the Sons of the American Revolution National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Your warmth and support in the months leading up to the competition and in Louisville itself meant the world to me. I feel that this competition has helped me grow as a person, and I have learned a great deal. Although I did not win, I feel in my heart that I am a winner because I represented such a wonderful chapter and state and had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people along the way. I would especially like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wess for making me feel like part of their family and for all of their support. I could feel their good wishes while I was on the stage. Additionally, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Green as well as Mr. and Mrs. Lanman and every member of the Palm Beach Chapter. Everyone has been so friendly and supportive that I could not ask for anything more. Without you, my journey would not have been possible. I greatly enjoyed traveling to Kentucky as well as the competition itself. The Rumbaugh Oration Contest is truly a wonderful experience that I will remember forever. I am in the process of researching*

*topics for next year, and I will try my best to make you proud. Once again, thank you for everything.*

*With heartfelt appreciation and love, Talia Fradkin”*

### **NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2016**

We are now open for nomination of officers for 2016. The only way the Chapter continues to grow and be active and productive is with willingness of membership involvement in the leadership. Besides the Board, there are also Committees in need of a Chairman. If interested, please contact the Nomination Committee, Gary Green or Don Lanman. If you are contacted, please be open to serving.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals were mailed in September. Dues must be returned and paid by November 30<sup>th</sup>. In the words of Founding Father and 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson; *“Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.”*

*Gary T. Green*

*Palm Beach Chapter President*