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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots and Friends,

While our last 2024 general membership meeting for this calendar year will be held on November 23, 2024, there are still many Chapter events happening in December which we hope you will attend. See "Upcoming Events" for the current list. The November 23, 2024 meeting is also where your 2025 Chapter officers will be elected. See "Notice of 2025 Proposed Slate of Officers" for the list of candidates recommended by the Executive Committee.

At this writing, our collection process for 2025 dues and donations has ended. We started the year with 75 members. We grew the Chapter to 86 but as of November 15, 2024, we have 79 renewals or new approvals. The decline is due to two deaths, four non-renewals, and one transfer out-of-state. We also end the year with three applicants having applications being processed for approval by NSSAR, with potentially one of those that could be approved before December 31, 2024.

Our request to the membership to include additional funds for Chapter donations to the SAR Education Center and Museum, Wreaths Across America, and Honor Flight South Florida successfully brought in approximately \$2,671. This will allow us to contribute \$1,776 to the SAR Museum in January 2025, \$310 (plus \$200 from 2024 dues) for a total of \$510 to Wreaths Across America in December 2024, leaving approximately \$585 for the 2025 Honor Flight South Florida Program. The balance of \$415 needed for that program (budgeted at \$1,000 or more), will come from private corporate donations remaining in Chapter 2024 retained earnings. Should anyone wish to make an additional donation to the Chapter, it will be applied to the 2025 Honor Flight Program.

While we do not have a December 2024 meeting, for the last few years the Chapter has had an increased presence at the Pompano Beach Wreaths Across America Ceremony. This year the event will start at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2024 at the Forest Lawn Cemetery. Our Color Guard will post the colors and we encourage all other members to attend.

For links to archival information on previously published newsletters, meeting minutes and other Chapter documents, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President, Treasurer and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

NOTICE ! 2025 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

On October 6, 2024 as amended and restated on November 19, 2024, the Executive Committee met and unanimously approved the proposed slate of 2025 elected officers: Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Steve DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; and Tim McLane, Chaplain. The election of next year's Chapter officers will be held on November 23, 2024 at the General Membership Meeting. Nominations for additional candidates can be made at this meeting prior to the vote by the any member who is present.
Marc McGahey

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 05, 2024 Yuletide on Atlantic Parade, Pompano Beach, FL
- Dec 06-07, 2024 FLSSAR Fall BOM, Kissimmee, FL
- Dec 14, 2024 Wreaths Across America, Pompano Beach, FL

NEXT MEETING – January 11, 2025

Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

FUTURE DATES:

Wreaths Across America 12/14/2024
Saturday, 01/11/2025
Saturday, 02/15/2025

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY – OCTOBER 19, 2024

At our October 19, 2024 meeting we had 19 members and 7 guests for a total attendance of 26. Members (19): Chuck Adams ^{ca}, President, Treasurer, Registrar & Genealogist; Mark Snider ^{ca}, Secretary; Kevin Shurte ^{ca}, Historian; Tim McLane ^{ca}, Chaplain; Tom Carpenter Jr ^{ca}; Jim Clark ^{ca}; Ted Duay; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; James Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; Allen Manning; Jim McHugh; Jason Milgram; Paul Moore ^{ca}; Barry Moss; Lincoln Pero; Pete Stevenson; and Bob Walsh. Prospective Members / Guests (7): Al Evans; Ronna Adams; Liana Carpenter; Debbie Duay; Shelley Gardner; Ellen Higginbotham; and Michele Manning. The superscript ^{ca} records those attending in colonial attire.

Color Guardsmen Tom Carpenter Jr, Jim Clark, Tim McLane, Paul Moore, & Mark Snider led by Kevin Shurte presented the colors. The Invocation was given by Tim McLane, and Chuck Adams led the assembly in the SAR Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Snider gave this month's 250 Minute which reported on the Battle of Saratoga, fought on October 17, 1777.

Chuck Adams acknowledged the presence of our newest member, Jason Milgram, and our newest applicant, Al Evans. He, along with the previous submissions of Michael Ingram and Chris Wadsworth, made 3 applicants that are pending approval at NSSAR. Also, in NSSAR for approval, are the previously submitted supplementals from Kevin Shurte and Martin Hollick, and a memorial application submitted by Mark Snider for his grandfather, Robert D. Snider. As we continue with collections for 2025 membership renewal, we currently have 72 renewals, one death, and one non-renewal with 10 that still to renew. Our Chapter began 2024 with 75. It is likely that we will exceed that number when the remaining 10 respond, but it is not clear at this time what the final membership count will be by December 31, 2024.

Chuck Adams gave the financial status of funds reported as of September 30, 2024. He stated that the October 2024 Newsletter has been circulated. It includes the "In Memoriam" of Brien Stephan Sullivan who passed away on December 3, 2023, and was a former U.S. Marine injured in Vietnam.

In the absence of Steve DePaul, Chuck Adams reported that the Florida SAR's First Marine Amphibious Landing Monument proposal was brought before the Pompano Beach City Commission on September 24, 2024. The proposal is to erect an obelisk-type monument on property owned by Pompano Beach in order to commemorate the Revolutionary War naval battle and assault on Nassau occurring off the Florida shores in 1776. The action, which was unanimously approved by the City Commission, authorizes the City Manager to work with the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on an Obelisk to be installed at the Fisher Family Pier.

Mark Snider provided the status on Veteran Support and Recognition Activities as part of the annual Stark Awards

Program Report. He said that our total points to date is 9,395 for the Stark Report, and he recognized the Shurte's, who account for about 60% of the total.

Mark stated that the VA Centenarian Award is scheduled to be presented to Isabel Diamond at Nininger's Veterans Day ceremony, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on November 11th. Mark noted that their plans include a short parade for the residents in which our Color Guard will participate. All members are welcome to attend. Mark gave the dates and places for other Veterans Day parades scheduled in Broward County and asked if any member who attends to let him know so their participation can be recorded in the Stark Report.

Kevin Shurte reported that he will kick off the Middle School Brochure Contest in December 2024. He hopes to expand participation to include other middle schools, home schooled students and C.A.R. members. Chuck Adams said that during the 2024-25 school year, the Chapter will sponsor three youth contests. In addition to the Middle School Brochure Contest, we will also offer the Eagle Scout Essay Contest and the JROTC Enhanced Program & Essay Contest. The Chapter website has new pages with information and links on how eligible participants may apply.

Barry Moss gave the 250 Anniversary Recognition Report entitled, *The 250th Anniversary of the Taunton Massachusetts Flag*, which is also published in the October 2024 Newsletter.

Chuck Adams inducted Compatriot Jason Samuel Milgram and presented him with his membership certificate. Ted Duay presented his Rosette recognition lapel pin.

Chuck Adams presented the 250 Bronze Medal Certificate Award to Compatriots Ted Duay and Peter Stevenson. He stated that non-member, Kathy Shurte, has also qualified, and will be presented with her certificate at the next meeting. He announced that Paul Moore and Barry Moss as well as Kathy Shurte have qualified to apply for their 250 Anniversary Silver Medal Award.

Chuck Adams, assisted by Ted Duay, presented the Thirty Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin to Martin Hollick.

To read the complete set of the minutes of the general members meeting held on October 19, 2024, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archive's subpage for minutes and agendas which are maintained at the Chapter website: www.fortlauderdale.org.





October 19, 2024, Fort Lauderdale Color Guard, Left: Kevin Shurte, Paul Moore, Tim McLane, Tom Carpenter Jr, Mark Snider & Jim Clark



New Member Induction, Left: Chuck Adams, Jason Milgram (Inductee) & Ted Duay



250 Minute Report by Mark Snider



Bronze 250 Medal Certificate Award, Left: Ted Duay, Chuck Adams & Pete Stevenson



250 America Presentation by Barry Moss



Thirty-Year Member Anniversary Certificate and Pin, Left: Ted Duay, Martin Hollick & Chuck Adams

AMERICA 250**Battle of Fort Washington - November 16, 1776**

By: Kevin Shute

After losing the battles of Long Island, Kip's Bay, and White Plains, the final blow in General Washington's failed New York Campaign was the fall of Fort Washington itself on November 16, 1776. Constructed of earthworks and situated on the northern end of Manhattan Island, Fort Washington occupied the highest ground on the island, towering an imposing 300 feet above the Hudson River. Despite its formidability, the fort suffered numerous shortcomings. It had no barracks, no powder magazine, no outer defenses, and it was vulnerable to cannon barrage from the rear. Washington believed the post to be untenable and planned to evacuate the fort and withdraw his entire army to New Jersey.

On November 8, Washington issued a discretionary order to General Nathaniel Greene, who commanded both forts Washington, and Lee located on opposite banks of the Hudson River. In his directive, Washington recommended a full withdrawal from the New York garrison but allowed Greene his discretion as he was "on the spot" (Encyclopedia.com). Greene, convinced that the fort would stand, decided to stay and fight. As the mass of Washington's force crossed the Hudson to the relative safety of New Jersey, Colonel Robert Magaw, himself a native of New Jersey, remained behind at Fort Washington commanding a force of 3,000 men. Facing General Howe's combined British-Hessian force of 8,000, Magaw, the Continentals, and Fort Washington were destined to fall.

On the morning of November 16, Howe attacked. The bombardment commenced at 7 A.M., with a cannon barrage from the HMS Pearl offshore and batteries along the far bank of the Harlem River onshore. Four hours later, with a combined force of approximately 8,000 men, Howe commenced his land assault – Knyphausen from the north, Cornwallis, Mathews, and Stirling from the east, and Percy from the south.

While the Continental defenders on the northern wall managed to repel two Hessian attacks and inflicted heavy casualties, Magaw's defenses to the south and east soon collapsed. At one point during the battle, Washington, crossed over from New Jersey, evaluated the situation, and urged Magaw to hold out until nightfall while Washington and Greene recrossed the Hudson River to safety. Within in few hours, the British assault overwhelmed and enveloped the entirety of the Continental lines, forcing General Magaw to surrender his remaining force of 2,800 men at 3 P.M. that afternoon.

The defeat at Fort Washington marked the end of General Washington's New York Campaign and a low point in the war and troop morale. It marked the beginning of the British occupation of New York that would last throughout the war, and it marked the beginning of the Continental Army's general retreat across New Jersey.

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IN THE NEWS**SWAMP FOX SOCIETY C.A.R.**

The Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. held its first meeting for the 2024-25 school year on October 20, 2025. Representing the Chapter as senior advisors were Chuck (and Ronna) Adams and Kevin Shurte. Junior Chapter and C.A.R. members, Mason Primiano (1st Vice President) and Braeden Shurte (2nd Vice President), led the meeting at which time the Chapter's donation of \$350 was presented by Chuck Adams.



Left: Sarah Barnes, Braeden Shurte, Kevin Shurte
Chuck Adams & Mason Primiano



Left: Mason Primiano, Chuck Adams & Braeden Shurte,

IN THE NEWS (Cont'd)

HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH FLORIDA

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter Color Guard attended the October 26, 2024, homecoming for veterans on Flight #33 sponsored by Honor Flight South Florida. Representing the Chapter were Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Tim McLane and Jim Clark.



Left: Chuck Adams, Tim McLane & Jim Clark

75th ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE JOHN ALDEN COLONY, GSMD

The local chapter of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) is the John Alden Colony (JAC) which was founded in Fort Lauderdale on November 16, 1949. The 75th anniversary of JAC was celebrated at the Deer Creek Golf Club in Deerfield Beach, FL on Saturday, November 16, 2024. In attendance from the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR were JAC member: Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Jim (and Joyce) Blakeslee, Tom (and Liana) Carpenter Jr, Ted Duay, Barry Moss, and Lincoln Pero.



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA HONOR FLIGHT

The Shurte's, Kevin & Kathy, represented the Chapter at the November 2, 2024, homecoming for veterans on Flight #53 arriving at the Palm Beach International (PBI) Airport and sponsored by the Southeast Florida Honor Flight.



Center: Kevin Shurte (sitting) & Kathy Shurte (standing) with Palm Beach County DAR Members

NININGER NURSING HOME VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

On November 11, 2024, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard (Chuck Adams, Tim McLane, Paul Moore & Mark Snider) participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Nininger Nursing Home. Also representing the Chapter were Jim Blakeslee, Steve DePaul, Ed and Bebe Sisson, and Ronna Adams. The ceremony included remarks given by elected officials or their representatives and other community leaders. As part of the agenda, Mark Snider gave introductory remarks in the presentation of the VA's Centennial Award to Isabelle Diamond. He also provided brief service histories for SAR Wounded Warrior Coin recipients, James L. Stubbs and Marc P. McGahey, who were presented with their coin and certificate by Chuck Adams. In addition, Chuck and Mark gave SAR Veterans Committee challenge coins to VA representative Mernie Williams and Nininger Home manager, Jill Rutenberg.

PANTHERS VS DEVILS – MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Florida Panthers vs New Jersey Devils hockey game held on November 12, 2024, was well attended by close to 150 members of the Broward Chapters of the DAR, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR, and the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. In attendance for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter were: Chuck (and Ronna) Adams, Tom (and Liana) Carpenter Jr, Steve (and Ritz) DePaul, Herb (and Shelley) Gardner, John (and Dee) Sauerwald, Mark (and Carmen) Snider, and Pete (and Margarita) Stevenson. We, along with many guests, were there in recognition of "military appreciation night." While the game was a loss for the Panthers, it was a major accomplishment in promoting a joint outing for members of the DAR-SAR & C.A.R.



Left: Tim McLane, Chuck Adams, Paul Moore & Mark Snider



Compatriots Blakeslee, Adams, DePaul & Snider with Veterans Business Institute (VBI)



Compatriots McLane, DePaul, Adams & Moore with some fun biker guys



Left: Mark Snider, James L. Stubbs, Chuck Adams, Jill Rutenberg, Mernie Williams & Paul Moore



Left: Mark Snider & Marc P. McGahey

RECIPIENT OF THE VA CENTENNIAL AWARD - ISABEL DIAMOND

Isabel Getter Diamond was born on April 29, 1922, at 4 PM in Brooklyn, New York, to Russian immigrants. In 1943, Isabel enlisted in the US Navy as a member of the WAVES, requiring her parents' consent since she was not yet 21. Her responsibilities included tracking sailors' earnings and disbursing their pay. She was stationed in the Bronx, New York; Bloomington, IN; Sampson, NY; Manhattan; and Washington, D.C. She was discharged on August 24, 1946, after completing three years of service in the U.S. Navy. In 1949, Isabel married Morris Diamond, an Army veteran. Together, they started an electrical supply store in NYC and began a family. They spent the next 60 years together, eventually retiring in Pembroke Pines in 1988.

RECIPIENTS OF SAR WOUNDED WARRIOR COIN:

MASTER SERGEANT JAMES L. STUBBS

Master Sergeant Stubbs served in Korea and Vietnam. He was leading a group of young soldiers when they came under heavy fire. Some of his troops hesitated and froze in the face of the attack. Putting himself in great personal danger, Master Sergeant Stubbs ran through the fire and shoved them down to safety. In saving others, he was wounded.

MARC P. MCGAHEY

As a Green Beret in Vietnam, Marc McGahey observed a helicopter going down hard after being hit with a rocket. Marc ran into the burning helicopter and pulled five crew members to safety while sustaining injuries.

PALM BEACH CHAPTER SAR – NOVEMBER MEETING

In his capacity as FLSSAR S.E. Regional Vice President, Chuck Adams attended the November 19, 2024 meeting of the Palm Beach Chapter SAR. At that meeting, Senior President of the Swamp Fox C.A.R., Katy Peterson, gave a brief update on activities and projects being undertaken by our shared local C.A.R. She was then presented with a contribution of \$250 from the Palm Beach Chapter SAR. She also left with names of five prospective grandchildren (in various age groups) of Chapter members of which three of these children had just submitted applications for membership in the C.A.R.



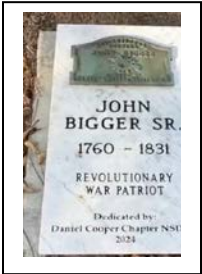
Left: Peter Johnson, Palm Beach Chapter President & Chuck Adams, S.E. Regional Vice President

SPECIAL REPORTS

**PATRIOT GRAVE MARKINGS –
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2024**

By Mark Snider

I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the color guard for two Patriot Grave Markings on my last visit to the Cincinnati area.



John Bigger Sr. - Pioneer Cemetery, Bellbrook, Ohio with the Richard Montgomery SAR Chapter and the Daniel Cooper America 250! Committee. DAR placed a new gravestone and re-dedicated a grave marker. "Born in 1760, John Bigger's journey from Ireland through Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, to finally Ohio embodies the typical American spirit." John Bigger served in the Pennsylvania 4th Battalion.



Rev. Sgt. Chichester Matthews – Sand Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Hebron Kentucky with the Simon Kenton SAR and the Boone County DAR Chapters. Chichester Mathews was born on June 7, 1756 and served as a Corporal attached to the Third Virginia Regiment. He fought in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. He later moved to what became Boone County Kentucky and was the first minister of the Sand Run Baptist Church until his death on September 7, 1828.



**MERCI BOXCAR 75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

By Kevin Shurte



In 1949, the Merci (or Gratitude) Train consisting of 49 boxcars arrived in New York Harbor. The boxcars were filled with thousands of gifts from an appreciative French people

and nation for the relief support Americans had rendered to their struggling nation in the prior year. Each of the 48 states at that time, plus the District of Columbia, received one boxcar. Over time, the Florida boxcar was abandoned, forgotten, and neglected until it was rescued and restored by the America Legion and the City of Holly Hill, Florida.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, the American Legion, in cooperation with the City of Holly Hill, held an event commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Merci Train's arrival. The commemoration was honored by the presentation of colors by the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Color Guard Brigade and speeches from the Mayor of Holly Hill, the Honorary Consul General of France, and the FSSDAR Regent. Following the event, DAR and SAR members joined veterans at American Legion Post 120 for a Veterans Day luncheon.

My wife, Kathy, and I were in attendance.



FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Color Guard Brigade –
November 11, 2024



SAR MEMBER PROFILE – MICHAEL J. INGRAM

Interviewed by Chuck Adams



Q. Ok Michael, tell us a little bit about yourself.

A. I was born in 1987 at North Miami, Florida. I graduated high school from Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, Florida. I received my bachelor's degree in economics from Florida Atlantic University and then I went on to attend Nova Southeastern University where I received

my Juris Doctorate in Law, with a concentration in intellectual property.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am an attorney, and I have been practicing law since 2019. I currently work as an attorney for UKG Inc. (formerly known as Ultimate Software) where my practice is focused on commercial contracts. We are a software/services company in the human capital management sector, which is a fancy way of saying HR/Payroll. I've been with UKG for almost 10 years now in a variety of capacities, but most recently as an attorney.

Q. Tell us about some of your recreational interests?

A. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my beautiful wife and three amazing children, lifting weights, working on my Corvette, making improvements to my home, and reading about politics and law.

Q. How about your family?

A. My wife, Marian, and I have been married since 2017. She and I have been together for a total of seventeen years, seven of those years being married. We have three children: Ryan (6), Alexander (4), and Emma (1).

Q. Who is your Patriot ancestor?

A. My Patriot ancestor is Abijah Butler (1750-1822). He was a life-long resident of Leominster, Massachusetts. He served with the Massachusetts Militia as early as 1775, and in 1780 appears on the list of Massachusetts Militia officers with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He is credited as being among the troops that marched to Saratoga in October 1777.

Q. Tell us about why you want to join SAR and whether you have plans on how you may want to get more involved with carrying out the mission and programs of the SAR.

A. I'm interested in joining SAR primarily to learn more about my patriot ancestors, as well as connect with other patriots in my community.

Thanks, Michael, for sharing.

JUNIOR MEMBER PROFILE – MASON REID PRIMIANO



Mason Primiano was born in 2010 at Dallas, Texas, and moved to Florida at the young age of two. His dad, Austin Primiano, is also a member of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR and his mother, Angela Carpenter Primiano, is a member of the Captain Alexander Quarrier Chapter DAR. Mason is now a freshman at Cypress Bay

High School in Weston, Florida. As an active participant in the Junior ROTC program, he quickly immersed himself in the leadership, discipline, and teamwork values that the program instills. Recently, he showcased these skills by competing in a county-wide competition as part of the JROTC Raiders team, an elite, physically demanding group that trains rigorously, building strength, resilience, and camaraderie.

Beyond school, Mason is engaged with organizations that honor America's heritage and patriotism. As a junior member of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR, he proudly carries on his family's legacy, connecting with the past through his Revolutionary War ancestors. Among his forebears are Nathaniel Carpenter, James Madden, and Thomas Reed, all of whom fought for the values that shaped the nation. This historical connection is a source of pride for Mason and serves as motivation in his activities.

In addition to SAR, he holds multiple offices within the Swamp Fox Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), where he further exemplifies leadership and service. His roles allow him to actively contribute to preserving and celebrating American history, a cause that resonates deeply with him.

When he's not engaged in school or community activities, Mason enjoys traveling and exploring the world with his family. Another passion that he shares with his grandfather, Thomas Carpenter Jr. -- who is also a Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR member -- is scuba diving. Together, they explore the depths of the ocean, bonding over their love for adventure and discovery.

After high school, Mason's plans will undoubtedly combine his love for history, adventure, and leadership. His dedication to patriotic service reflects his respect for his family's heritage and his own commitment to carrying it forward.



IN MEMORIAM – CARL K. HOFFMANN

Members of the Florida Society SAR were in attendance for the celebration of life and memorial service for Carl K. Hoffman held at Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 16, 2024 in St. Augustine, Florida. Representing the Chapter were Kevin (and Kathy) Shurte. Compatriot Hoffman is credited as being a founding member of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter which was formally chartered in December 1966. He went on to serve as both Florida Society President and President General of the National Society. A summary from his obituary published in the St. Augustine Record and posted online on September 13, 2024 is reprinted as follows:

**CARL K. HOFFMANN, JD
March 10, 1929 - August 15, 2024**

Carl Konrad Hoffmann, a Miami attorney for 32 years, passed away peacefully at his St. Augustine home on Aug. 15, 2024. He was 95. Born in Plant City, FL on March 10, 1929, Carl was the only child of Carl Konrad Hoffmann and Virginia Randolph Hoffmann.



Carl served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1946-47). He graduated from Northwestern University in 1951 with the assistance of the GI

Bill, earning a Navy commission through the NROTC. Carl continued his service to country as a Naval officer during the Korean War (1951-54). After his service, Carl was accepted to Yale Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1957. Carl was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Sydney, Australia, in 1958 and served as a historian for the Department of the Army in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1959. He returned to the United States to practice law, which led him to Jacksonville, FL.

After only three dates, Carl married the love of his life, Patricia Ray Shepard, on March 18, 1961, in Atlantic Beach, FL. Pat and Carl then moved to Miami (“Myama”), where Carl began practicing Transactional and Bankruptcy Law with Kimbrell & Hamann, PA, one of the oldest Miami law firms. He stayed with the firm for 32 years, retiring as a Senior Managing Partner in 1993. Over the course of his legal career, Carl was admitted to several state bars and federal courts, including the Fourth, Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A patriot and avid historian, Carl joined the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in 1950 and held many significant roles over his 74-year tenure with the organization, including Miami Chapter President, Florida Society President, and President General of the National Society – the highest SAR office. He also founded the Ladies Auxiliary, the permanent JROTC Committee, and the organization’s Ft. Lauderdale chapter. The SAR awarded Carl its prestigious Patriot and Minuteman medals in

recognition of his unsurpassed contributions. Throughout his life and many moves around the state, Carl always remained active in his local chapter and most recently continued to participate in the St. Augustine chapter. His dedication to the SAR was unwavering and his legacy will be remembered with great respect and admiration.

Carl was a faithful member of his church community throughout his life. He served as an elder in Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Miami and most recently was an active member of Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine.

Both native Floridians, Pat and Carl were blessed to live in several locales in the state after his retirement. These include: Atlantic Beach near Jacksonville for five years; Plantation Key near Islamorada in the Florida Keys for four years; Anna Maria Island on the Gulf Coast for twelve years; and then back to Northeast Florida, settling in St. Augustine.

Carl is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Debra Hoffmann Love and Sandra Hoffmann McNamee (Tim), sons David Fletcher Hoffmann and William Randolph Hoffmann, six grandchildren and one great-grandson. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carl’s memory may be made to the St. Augustine SAR chapter to be distributed to area JROTC programs.

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