



# CALOOSA PATRIOT

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## He got his way, and Lee County got Estero Bay



On February 4, 2013, the Fort Myers News-Press published a feature article entitled “He got his way, and Lee County got Estero Bay” written by Amy Bennett Williams. The article is about Compatriot Bill Mellor. The article was written in honor of Bill Mellor’s battle through the years of his effort to keep Estero Bay in a pristine natural condition rather than being turned over for development. The article and a short video can be seen at the following link.

The embedded article is used with permission of the Fort Myers News-Press and author Amy Bennett Williams.

<http://www.news-press.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201302040110/VOLUNTEERING/302040023>

Last September Compatriot Mellor was also honored with a resolution approved by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for his work on Estero Bay.

Congratulations go to Compatriot Bill Mellor for his achievements.



## Calling All Compatriots

No the British are not coming, but we hope you are. We are holding our March meeting next Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This was set up so our junior members could attend a meeting and those who work when we normally meet might be able to come on Saturday. We are interested in your thoughts and ideas for our Chapter. Look for details on page 3 of this newsletter.

**SEE YOU ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

## From the President



Greetings Compatriots

It was with great pride that I watched your chapter Color Guard present the colors at the Iwo Jima Memorial Anniversary on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. All the local TV stations were present and had pieces on the evening news. This was a great way to promote the Sons of the American Revolution to our community. I have started collecting video of the color guard and hope to produce a DVD of the group for future promotion of our chapter. Any of our members, including junior members, who would like to become a part of this group, contact Color Guard Commandeer Randy Moody. Your interest and participation is most welcome.

I am looking forward to our March meeting on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Your Executive Committee has discussed how to get better member participation in our meetings and chapter activities. It was decided to try a Saturday meeting to attract more members who normally work during the week and junior members who cannot attend because of school. We are looking forward to seeing faces that seldom have the opportunity to attend. We have a great program planned with some surprise presentations.

At our last EXCOM meeting, it was decided to eliminate the hard copies in the Registrar's storage. For some time we have been making digital copies of all applications and storing them on flash drives. There are three such drives which allow for redundancy. Compatriots Moody, Jones and myself have the flash drives. We are following the example that the State Society is doing in digitizing many of their historical documents. If any member would like to receive their file, please let me know and I will get it to you. I will not start destroying these files until after our last meeting for this season.

I would like to ask for all members, especially those normally unable to attend meetings, to email to me and members of the EXCOM ideas and suggestions for the chapter to better engage all members in its activities. We are especially interested in the meeting day for the chapter. Traditionally, it has been the second Wednesday of the month.

Would you be interested in becoming an understudy for one of the officer positions? I currently am holding the position of Registrar and would like to see a member come forward and be an understudy and eventually assume this position.

Our Secretary, Compatriot John Jones, is currently the Chapter Newsletter Editor. He has his hands full as Secretary and would appreciate some member becoming the Editor. This might be one of our junior members who have the computer skills to do this. If interested, contact Compatriot Jones and see what is required.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing many faces at our March 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday meeting that normally are unable to make it.

Compatriot Lee Matson, President



## Calendar of Events

**NOTE: NEW DAY**

Regular Meeting **Saturday** March 16, 2013 11:30 am

Hilton Garden Inn (near Edison College)  
12600 University Dr.  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Guest Speaker will be Bethany Namour  
our winner of the Rumaugh Orations Contest held in December 2012

*and* Compatriot Nathan Hemingway will also be giving a presentation

***Please RSVP for meetings to: Compatriot Earl Kennedy - 8381 Arborfield Ct.  
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### Chapter Facebook Page

Caloosa Chapter has a Facebook page where many photos of our events can be viewed. The following link to the page can be entered into your web browser's navigation bar (some recipients of the newsletter may be able to click on the link).

<https://facebook.com/CaloosaChapteroftheSAR>

### Iwo Jima Memorial Service



The Color Guard participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima Anniversary Commemoration in Cape Coral on Feb. 23. Guardsmen participating were Earl Kennedy, Earl Kennedy II, Philip Moody, and Randy Moody. Several Chapter members attended the ceremony. The Next Color Guard

event will be April 27 for the Lee County Pioneers Club Picnic at the Lee County Civic Center Pavilions.

Philip Moody and Randy Moody participated with the FLSSAR Color Guard at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Commemoration on March 9 at Cape Canaveral.



## February Meeting Notes



At our February meeting Chaplain General Randy Moody gave an interesting look at the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War.

Most people believe the War was over on October 19, 1781 with Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown, Virginia. The naval battle in question occurred on March 10, 1783, almost 17 months after his surrender.

The battle occurred off the coast of what is now known as Cape Canaveral. Commodore John Barry, known as the father of the United States Navy, was in command of the U.S. ship Alliance. He was attacked by the HMS ship Sybil and with brilliant tactics overcame the Sybil and sank her.



Chaplain General Randy Moody and Vice President Philip Moody were participants in the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that battle at Cape Canaveral this past Saturday.

Vice President Philip Moody was presented the approval of a supplemental Patriot Ancestor by President Lee Matson from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

## Pictures from February



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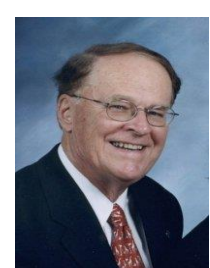
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