

General Benedict Arnold appears at September Meeting!

Guest Speaker at September Chapter Meeting

Our guest presenter at our August meeting was Mr. Barry Corlew who spoke about Gen. Benedict Arnold prior to his treasonous acts. He was accompanied by "Molly".

At the SAR meeting, Corlew portrayed patriot Benedict Arnold — before he turned traitor. Corlew portrayed Gen. Arnold and presented as though he was addressing townspeople and informing them of battles with the British Army. The Battle of Valcour Island was a crucial early naval engagement of the American Revolutionary War where Gen. Benedict Arnold commanded a makeshift American fleet against a superior British naval force on Lake Champlain.

Corlew's partner, Bonnie Williams, was also part of the presentation as the owner of the Finch and Chubb inn where Gen. Arnold was speaking.

A Villager since 2009, Corlew has worked with M&M Productions, VTC, VMT, Lake Miona, Melon Patch, Musicals in Concert and Smash Productions, and is the artistic director for Broadway & Beyond Entertainment. Corlew recently played the part of Benjamin Franklin in the musical "1776" at The Savannah Center.



Top right Mr. Barry Corlew portrays Gen Benedict Arnold.

Bottom right is Mr. Corlew and Ms. Bonnie Williams receive a Certificate of Appreciation from The Villages Chapter SAR.

September Chapter Meeting

The Villages Chapter of SAR met in the Captiva Recreation Center on Saturday, September 12, 2026, and the meeting was called to order by President Pat Taylor. We had sixty people in attendance.

The Pledge to the US flag was led by VP Don Hansen, as was the SAR pledge. Treasurer Lee Duff gave treasurer's report, and noted that we now have 128 members with 25 applications in process. The Villages is currently the second largest Chapter in Florida and still growing! Lee also stated he had just received a check for \$2,100.00 from the America 250 Event held at The Savannah Center July 3 & 4, 2026. The event was sponsored by the DAR, SAR, and the Tri-County Women's Veterans Organization.

Sergeant at Arms Chuck Opferman told about Revolutionary War events for September in 1776, including the Battle of Kip's Bay and the execution of Nathan Hale as a spy for the Continental Army.

Our guest presenter was Mr. Barry Corlew accompanied by Ms. Bonnie Williams. Corlew spoke about Gen. Benedict Arnold prior to him betraying his country and turning to the British side. President Pat Taylor presented Mr. Corlew with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Chapter President Pat Taylor present a Certificate of Appreciation to Barry Corlew and Bonnie Williams.



President Pat Taylor inducts William Barton into The Villages Chapter SAR. Beverly Barton is pictured as William receives his Certificate of Membership

**Next Meeting of The Villages Chapter SAR will be
October 10, 2026 at Captiva Rec Center 10:00 am
658 Pinellas Place, The Villages, Florida**



Membership Dues

Its that time of year again when membership dues are due! Treasurer Lee Duff has made it easier than ever to pay your dues. Using the Zelle feature allows Compatriots to send the membership dues directly from their bank account instead of the hassle of writing a check. More information will be coming from Lee on the process.

Get Involved!

The Villages Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Needs You!
Discover how you can support our committees dedicated to our mission. By volunteering your time and talents, you can help preserve our nation's history and honor the sacrifices of our Patriot ancestors.

See any Chapter Officer for more information on how you can help.

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.