

First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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The First Marine Amphibious Assault Landing Committee

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BACKGROUND

On 3-4 March 1776, our future nation's Continental Marines conducted the first amphibious assault landing on foreign soil

The offensive took place in two locations in the Bahamas on the island of New Providence--Forts Montagu and Ft Nassau

The fleet entered the Atlantic on February 17th under the command of Commander Esek Hopkins to disrupt the British offensive and obtain needed supplies and war material, including gunpowder, cannon balls, and cannons from these two forts

The landings were successful, and as a result, the British were forced to assign ships and troops in the Caribbean, which diluted their efforts on the mainland

The Capture of Fort Montagu



FLSSAR INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution became aware of this amphibious assault sometime ago, further, it was learned that the only known monument to the event is a small plaque in the Bahamas. Subsequently, it was decided it was appropriate to erect a memorial to commemorate this historic event.

Pompano Beach was chosen among other reasons as the closest logical location on the US mainland to the actual landing site in the Bahamas. The location currently receives approximately 280,000 visitors annually.

A committee was formed to plan, coordinate, raise funds, and erect a fitting monument. The committee has been engaged in these tasks for several months.



City of Pompano Beach Involvement

Heart of the Gold Coast

The City of Pompano Beach has worked tirelessly along with the FLSSAR to make this dream become a reality

- They have collaborated with our organization to provide a location at their newly rebuilt \$13.5 million fishing pier and \$15 million beach redevelopment area, now known as the Fishing Village. Pompano Beach attracts approximately 1 million tourists annually who choose it as their vacation destination.
- The Tourism Committee enthusiastically embraced the idea of constructing the monument in their city early in the process. The City Commission unanimously approved the establishment of the monument at the Fisher Family Pier.
- Broward City Commissioner and former Mayor Lamar Fisher of Pompano has consistently voiced strong support for this initiative, expressing his excitement about it being located at the Fisher Family Pier.

Pompano Beach is home to:

- Beautiful soft golden sand beaches
- The Fishing Village, which is a 6-acre beachfront destination with upscale & casual dining and hotel
- 52 parks
- Water Taxis
- Live coral reefs, popular with snorkeling and scuba divers
- Shops & Restaurants
- Harrah's Pompano Beach Casino
- Top Golf
- Open-air Amphitheater
- Sample-McDoogled House, a historic home built in 1916 with a museum, park and event venue

PLANNING STAGES

Please note that there are no confirmations at this time

The First Marine Amphibious Landing Committee is working with the city of Pompano Beach, the Tourism Committee, and local eateries to provide:

- Hotel Packages
- Restaurant discounts
- An event dinner
- A possible day cruise to Nassau, Bahamas to visit old Nassau & Fort Montague



NSSAR ANNUAL EVENTS

The FLSSAR plans to hold annual observances at the Monument to celebrate the First Amphibious Assault Landing on the closest Saturday to the March 3rd event

This event will be similar to the other National SAR Color Guard events that are held each year in Florida, including the following:

Last Naval Battle of the Revolution

Battle of Pensacola

Battle of Thomas Creek



250 for the 250th

This program was established to help raise funds at the grassroots level

For anyone who donates \$250 for the monument construction:

- Receive a limited-run commemorative coin, the first of a series of three. Side one has an image of the monument flanked by the American flag & the Marine Corps flag. The reverse displays our Florida society logo; the first time ever be displayed on a coin. Additionally, there are 6 five-pointed stars each representing a branch of our military.
- Name placed on the FLSSAR 250th Muster Roll that will be published each quarter in the Patriot Magazine for the next year

Note: you do not need to be a member of the SAR to donate or get your name on the Muster Roll



250 for the 250th

- Contributions to the Monument are tax deductible; the FLSSAR is a 501(c)(3) organization
- Checks should be made payable to FLSSAR; write “250 for the 250th “ in the memo section of your check
- Send your checks or money orders to the following address:
Robbie Robinson
20210 Moss Hill Way
Tampa, FL 33647



Current 250 Muster Roll

Jim Gaskins	Jacksonville	\$250	Bruce Angier	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Chuck Adams	Fort Lauderdale	\$1000	Jim Lohmeyer	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Steven DePaul	Fort Lauderdale	\$1000	Jim Blakeslee	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Pete Stevenson	Fort Lauderdale	\$1000	Kevin Shurte	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Gregory Elder	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Barry Moss	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Samuel Franklin Jr.	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Tod Roemer	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Mark Snider	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Scott Moore	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Al Evans	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Jason Milgram	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Jim Clark	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	David Nash	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Herb Gardner	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	David Nash	S. Shore Plumbing	\$250
Robert Bowling	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Jim McHugh	Fort Lauderdale	\$250
Mark Parker	Fort Lauderdale	\$250	Florida OFPA	State Society	\$1000

Current 250 Muster Roll (Cont)

Robbie Robinson	Tampa	\$250	Wayne Baller	Private Donor	\$250
Kathy Robinson	DeSoto DAR	\$250	Terry Delano	Clearwater	\$250
Walter Arnold	Clearwater	\$250	Tim Shaner	Clearwater	\$250
Joseph Carroll	Lake City	\$250	Rob Moore	Hawaii SAR Society	\$500
William Barron	South Shore	\$250	Doug Gibbens	Naples	\$250
Sheldon Ickes	South Shore	\$250			

Minutemen

If you would like to donate to the First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument project any amount is of great value to the mission, we will add your name to our Minuteman Roster, or if you choose to be anonymous, we will list you as such.

Anyone from any organization or private donor can become a Minuteman. You do not need to be a member of the SAR.

Please send your checks or money orders to our Monument Committee Secretary, Robbie Robinson (see earlier slide for address)

Minuteman Roll

Blair Collins	Fort Lauderdale	\$100
John Sauerwald	Fort Lauderdale	\$50

Paul Moore	Fort Lauderdale	\$100
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Corporate Donors (Labor & Materials)

Danto Builders	\$6,413
Peacock Architects	\$30,950
Speath Engineering	\$11,468
EF5 Builder & Consulting	\$13,200
DMF Industries	\$22,770
	\$84,801

MONUMENT CHAPTER CHALLENGE

FLSSAR chapters are invited to join the Chapter Challenge

Donations from each SAR Chapter will be recognized in the Patriot Magazine each quarter for the next year

So far, we have received donations from the following chapters:

Ft Lauderdale - \$3000 (\$10,700 total)

Miami - \$2500

Palm Beach - \$1050



LARGE CORPORATE SPONSORS, ORGANIZATIONS & LARGE PRIVATE DONORS



For larger organizations, we have established the following levels:

Platinum Level – for donations of \$20K or more

Gold Level – for donations of \$10K or more

Silver Level – for donations of \$5K or more

Bronze Level – for donations of \$2500 or more

Appropriate recognition will be given to donors and organizations of all four levels

**STATUS
of
LARGE CORPORATE SPONSORS, ORGANIZATIONS & LARGE PRIVATE DONORS**



Gold Level : - FLSSAR (\$10K)
 - Ft Lauderdale Chapter (\$10.7K)

Bronze Level : - Miami Chapter (\$2.5K)

NOTE: Contributions from SAR Chapters and their individual members can be aggregated for appropriate recognition

Projected Cost

Projected Costs to date \$202,000

In-Kind Donations to date \$ 84,800

Net Projected Cost \$117,200

FLSSAR Donation \$10,000

Chapter Challenge \$6,550

Compatriots & Outside Donors \$11,650

Total Cash Donations to Date \$29,200

To Go: **\$88,000**



Questions or Suggestions

Please get in touch with any of the members of the committee if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can reach our ultimate objective: erecting a suitable monument to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation by March 7th, 2026

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