



The USS Constitution, "Old Ironside", and the HMS Guerriere engaged in battle
 August 19, 1812: "Old Ironside" defeated HMS Guerriere

LT. WILLIAM SHANNON CHAPTER USD 1812 NEWSLETTER August 2011

Your chapter president is so enthusiastic about 1812, the bicentennial, and her project to educate and preserve that she wants to share that enthusiasm with everyone. It is just such an exciting period in our history. Please don't let me start preaching!

This summer, our members are scattered across the country, literally scattered from "sea to shining sea." I do hope each of you is enjoying your summer wherever you may be. Isn't it wonderful that our ancestors fought 200 years ago for **their** rights and freedoms **and** that you and I still enjoy those rights and freedoms today! We are free to move about this country without a thought.

I would like to introduce the new parliamentarian and chapter committee chairman and to thank each of them for their willingness to serve.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Readie Cooper will be serving as our parliamentarian.

The executive board met in June and approved the following committee chairman:

STANDING COMMITTEES

American Merchant Marine Library Association
 Budget and Finance
 Correct Use of the Flag of the USA
 Flora Adams Darling Daughters
 Fort McHenry, Flag House, and Star Spangled
 Banner Museum

Mary Turner
 Annie Hellen Thomas
 Judy Creamer
 Rebecca Serio

 Judy Creamer

Insignia
Markers and Grave Locations of 1812 Service Personnel
Membership
National Defense
Public Relations/Webmaster
Schools
Veterans/Rehabilitation

Glenda Walton
Lila Sandstrom
Glenda Walton
Dixie Johnson
Jo Compton
Anne Schwanda
Dorie Dykstra

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Auditors
JROTC
Lunch Reservations

Nell Mussler and Dorie Dykstra
Glenda Walton
Annie Hellen Thomas

THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S PROJECT IS TO EDUCATE AND PRESERVE

To educate ourselves and others about Lt. William Shannon Chapter USD1812 and the War of 1812

To preserve 1812 Military War records through monetary donations

Look for our displays in many of Brevard County's Libraries during the next two years. We are not waiting until 2012 to start our bicentennial celebration! Now is the time to start celebrating! Judy Creamer has agreed to decorate the Suntree/Viera Library display case for the month of September. Please take a few minutes and go by the library; also tell others to visit it. Spread the word that we plan to "Ring the Bells for 1812" in celebration of our bicentennial.

Your president and her committee have been busy compiling a chapter brochure. Copies have been distributed to local libraries, historical societies, and the Liberty Bell Museum. I wish to thank all of you who contributed information and time, especially Glenda Walton, Nell Mussler, Diana Sheffield, Barbara Keller, and Janet Kemerait. I have attached a copy. Please print it out and pass it on to friends. Or better still...call me and I will mail you copies. Let's talk about the War of 1812 and United States Daughters of 1812. Let's increase our membership. I challenge each of you to bring in one new member next year. Invite your friends and relatives. Look beyond those close to you. Barbara Keller met a lady in her hair salon who is interested.

Did you know that our chapter was organized in 1972 and that we have organizing members in our chapter today? I know of two and if there are others please let me know so they may be recognized. Nell Mussler and Diana Sheffield were charter members. Diana's mother, Mrs. Lucille Berg, was the organizing vice president and Diana was the organizing secretary. Nell's mother, Mrs. Frances Holmes, was the organizing registrar. Congratulations to Nell and Diana for keeping the spirit alive and the chapter in good standing.

Nell's mother joined USD 1812 in 1937 when her mother, Mrs. Lucia Augusta Stanley Adams, was the organizing president of a chapter in Georgia. Mrs. Adams, Nell's grandmother, later served as the Georgia State President and on the national level as Curator General. We are blessed to have such a rich heritage in our chapter.

Please look at our chapter website that webmaster, Jo Compton, is managing. Thanks Jo, for doing a super job. www.ltwmshannon1812.org

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 02, 2011, when Lt. William Shannon Chapter will host the meeting at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club and provide the program. Our associate member, Bobbie Hoffmann, will portray First Lady Dolley Madison. I can hardly wait! Dolley is one of my favorite ladies.



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