



# Florida Society

Sons of the American Revolution

September 16, 2024

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Commission,

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is committed to celebrating America's 250th Anniversary and highlighting Florida's role in the fight for independence. We propose establishing a permanent memorial in Pompano Beach to honor the 1776 amphibious landing and Battle of Nassau, marking the first Marine amphibious assault and the American flag's first appearance on foreign soil.

We envision a monument near the Fisher Family Pier featuring an obelisk with bronze plaques, accompanied by flag poles for the American Flag and the Marine Corps Flag. This memorial, serving as an educational tool, will not only drive tourism and commerce through annual observances, but also foster a sense of patriotism and community, enlightening visitors about our rich history.

Our organization is prepared to fund the project and assist the City Engineer, Dr. Tammy Good, with the construction. Our target unveiling would be March 2026, the 250th anniversary of the event. We will also engage local veterans and educators, ensuring broad community involvement and ongoing recognition.

We'd like to ask for your approval to proceed with this project and deeply appreciate your consideration. We eagerly look forward to your response.

Yours in patriotic service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Y. Gaskins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Y. Gaskins, CDR USN (ret.)

President, Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution