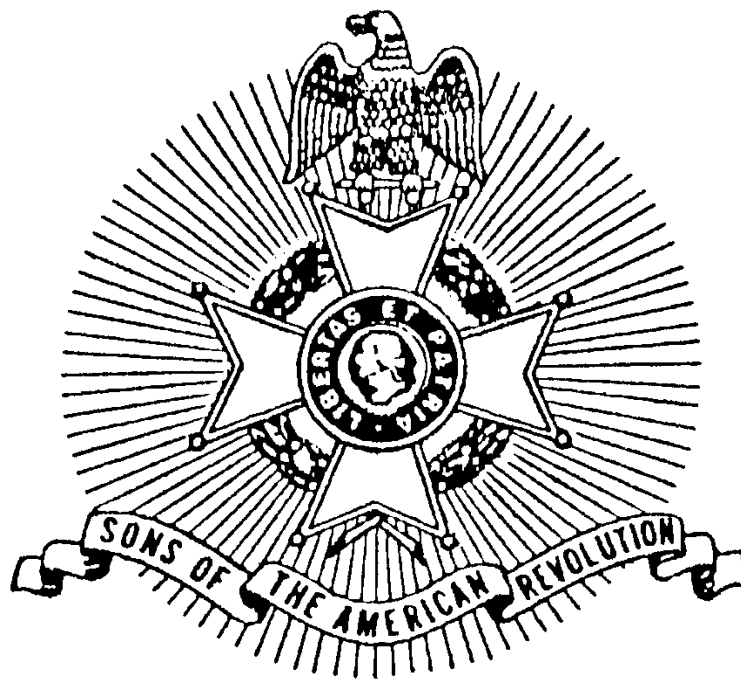


Spring Board of Management
& Annual Meeting
Proceedings

Orlando, Florida

May 10-11, 2019



The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

The SAR Pledge

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

Constitutional Republic

A Constitutional Republic is a state where the officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern according to an existing constitutional law that limits the government's power over its citizens. In the case of the United States Constitution, the body of the Document defines the three separate and distinct parts of government; executive, legislative and judicial, in addition it defines the duties and the obligations each branch must perform. The Bill of Rights and the Amendments define the rights of the individual and are there to prevent tyranny by both the government and the majority.

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those, who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

Meeting Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
SAR Pledge
Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes
Reports of National and State Officers

National Trustee
President
Senior Vice President
Executive Administrator
ExComm Member-at-Large
Northwestern Regional Vice President
North Central Regional Vice President
Northeastern Regional Vice President
East Central Regional Vice President
West Central Regional Vice President
Southeast Regional Vice President
Southwest Regional Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Chaplain
Recording Secretary
Chancellor
Parliamentarian
Genealogist
Sergeant at Arms
Historian
Editor, *The Florida Patriot*
Webmaster

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit
Executive
Finance
Medals and Awards
Nominating
Patriot Medal

NSSAR Affairs

Education Center & Museum
NSSAR Library

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives
Chapter Challenge & Americanism
Documents
Ethics
Genealogy
Meeting Arrangements - BOM
Membership Promotion & Retention
New Chapter Development
Newsletters and Periodicals
Strategic Planning
Technology Advisory
Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Liaisons

CAR & SAR Junior Members Aide
DAR
Ladies Auxiliary

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites
Battle of Pensacola
Battle of Thomas Creek
Last Naval Battle

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster & Brochure
Eagle Scout Scholarship
George S. & Stella Knight Essay
Good Citizenship
History Fairs
Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations
JROTC/ROTC

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award
Habitat For Humanity
Operation Ancestor Search
Patriotic Activities
Public Service and Heroism
Publicity
Veterans Affairs
Veteran's Recognition

Trust Funds

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements
Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget
Trust Funds

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Florida Society Board of Management Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2018
Embassy Suites, Kissimmee FL

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Niemann. Opening Ritual accomplished.
Included in these minutes are general topics of discussion and proposed Motions and the action(s) taken on those motions.

Motion to accept previous minutes. After corrections accepted, motion **passed**.

Motion Bob Folk, Second Lindsey Brock, "Endorse all unopposed general officer candidates by acclamation."
Passed

Motion Dick Young, Second Lee Popham: "To change the name of the check signer in the minutes from Patrick Niemann to Hall Riediger." **Passed**

Motion from Finance Committee, no second required: To approve Florida Society Budget for 2019." **Passed**.

Motion from Executive Committee: "To bid for the 2023 National Congress, New Committee: Lee Popham, Chair, members - Steve Fields, Dick Young, David Ramseur, Hall Riediger, Bernard Wolff, Ron Groves, Lindsey Brock, Rick Morrow and Jon Erb. **Passed**

Motion from Executive Committee: Motion: "That the Executive Committee be authorized to buy audio system(s) not to exceed than \$1,500.00 \$1,000.00." Amendment to motion: to replace \$1,000.00 with \$1,500.00. No objections offered to the amendment; original motion modified. **Passed**

Motion by Lee Matson, Sec. Bob McGuire presented to modify the scheduling Winter BOM meeting(s): "Motion: That the Winter BOM meeting be canceled and that in its place Regional Meetings be conducted by the RVP's. and the meetings be attended by representatives of the ExComm" **Passed**

Motion for this Trust Fund Trustee election. "Motion: That Lee Popham be elected as Trustee for the 3 year terms for the Operating Trust Fund and Endowment Trust Fund beginning January 1 2019." Moved David Kelsey, Carl Hoffman 2nd. **Passed**.

Motion by Randy Moody second by Carl Hoffman in reference to the proposed changes in the ETFD form requirements: "Red Line for Document Changes- Winter BOM"; **Passed**.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Trustee	Robert Folk	rfolksr@gmail.com
Alternate Trustee	Robert McGuire	rmcguire@slvx.com

Spring Leadership Feb 28 - Mar 3 2019

- GRS Committee posted on share file for review and comments.
- Risk management deals mostly with proper use of muskets.
- Conflict of interest forms should be used in all State Societies.
- Financial audit was in good shape.
- Gary Green NCS was awarded Color Guardsman of the year.
- 129th Congress is in Costa Mesa, CA and registration for congress was available May 1st.
- Florida Society was selected for the 133rd Congress in 2023.
- Eagle Scout winner to be announced at Congress.
- It was recommended state societies track all medals.
- All State Societies participating in the Rumbaugh Otation to receive a streamer.
- All of the data bases are being combined into ONE system and will be available after debugging.

President

Patrick J. Niemann niemannpat@gmail.com

Since the Winter Board of Management Meeting I was able to visit the following chapters for officer installation and other activities:

Naples, Saramana, Miami, Caloosa, Palm Beach and Central Florida.

I also was able to participate in The Last Naval Battle ceremony sponsored by the Brevard Chapter. I represented the FLSSAR at the FLSSDAR Spring Conference and presented the Martha Washington Award to State Regent Dawn Lemongello.

Additionally, I attended the South Atlantic District Meeting and the South Carolina Society Annual Meeting in Georgetown, SC. The following week I was a guest of the North Carolina Society at their Annual Meeting in Raleigh, NC.

Serving as the State President for the last year has indeed been an honor as well as enjoyable and rewarding. I have met new friends throughout the state and had the opportunity to work with outstanding compatriots at the chapter, region and state levels. My sincere appreciation and thanks to all who supported and assisted me in my journey, especially the committee chairmen and state officers. You helped lighten the load and I will forever be grateful.

I look forward to continuing working and supporting our Society at all levels.

Senior Vice President

Wm Lee Popham popham@earthlink.net

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Senior Vice President of the Florida SAR this year. The time between each Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting has literally flown by, with quite a bit accomplished in each of these very active time periods. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership.

During the period 1 January to 8 May 2019, I attended:

- 08 January – I was the featured speaker at the January monthly meeting of the Coral Gables DAR. The meeting and luncheon was held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove. While there, I initiated application submittals for three new potential SAR Compatriots, whose applications are currently in the hands of the Genealogy folks in Louisville.
- 11 January – Participated in SAR & Oasis Consulting teleconference to discuss the SAR accounting and general ledger system, with online presentations for four alternate systems with e-commerce online capabilities.
- 11-12 January – Drove to Panama City to attend and officiate at Annual Officer Installation Luncheon of the **William Dunaway Chapter**. Over 40 attendees at this post-Hurricane Irma-ravaged community, with several attendees from the Dunaway family, and quite a few residents of nearby Georgia Society Chapters.
- 17-19 January – Drove to Spartanburg SC to attend SAR South Atlantic District Meeting with President Pat Niemann, and to attend the **Battle of Cowpens** Memorial celebration.
 - President Niemann presented a wreath on behalf of the Florida SAR, and I presented an additional wreath from the Miami Chapter SAR – we each received SAR Flag Streamers commemorating our participation.
- 18 January – Submitted my written update report to the Miami VA Hospital Volunteer Service (VAVS), since I was out of town for the quarterly meeting at the Miami VA Hospital.
- 23 January – Attended the SAR Executive Committee Go-To-Meeting Webinar Teleconference, and gave the report of the SAR Budget Committee (I am Chairman).
- 27 January – Attended the Tequesta Society C.A.R. (Miami) meeting as Senior (Adult) Vice President, together with two of my children, who are also members and officers of this Society. I have been successful in sponsoring SIX new members into this Society in the past year – my two youngest sons, and my four grandchildren.
- 01-03 February - Attended the 2018 FLSSAR Fall BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista in Orlando,
 - Chaired the Regional Vice Presidents meeting as Senior Vice President
 - Attended the Executive Committee meeting, and Chaired the Documents Committee meeting
 - As Chairman of 2023 NSSAR Congress Proposal Task Force, submitted the first Draft of the Florida Proposal.
 - Served in the Color Guard for the flag ceremonies.
- 06 February – Participated in Treasurer General Conference Call to assist in drafting of recommendations for enhancement of existing accounting and general ledger system, rather than going to the time and expense necessary to implement a new system.
- 12 February – Participated in Color Guard Opening Ceremony for Coral Gables DAR Annual Meeting at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove.

- 13 February - Participated in final Treasurer General Conference Call to assist in drafting of Report to the Trustees and recommendations for enhancement of existing accounting and general ledger system, rather than going to the time and expense necessary to implement a new system. Report to be presented at the upcoming Trustee's meeting at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville.
- 16 February – Welcoming dinner for President Pat Niemann in Miami. Pat will be the Installing Officer at the 17 February Miami Chapter SAR Annual Presidents' Luncheon.
- 17 February – Attended Miami Chapter SAR Annual Presidents' Luncheon and Installation of 2019 Officers.
 - Compatriot Patrick R. Niemann, FLSSAR President, was our featured installing officer for our Annual Luncheon and Washington's Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton – Miami International Airport on Sunday, 17 February 2019.
 - The luncheon was attended by Forty Compatriots and their family members, including the Senior President of the Tequesta Society of the C.A.R., the Registrar of the Coral Gables DAR, and the Immediate Past President of the Florida Keys DAR.
 - In addition, **President Thomas Jefferson**, ably assisted by Compatriot John Stewart, gave a rousing presentation on Jefferson's relationship with President George Washington.
- 27 February – 2 March - The 2019 SAR Spring Leadership Conference Meetings held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville Kentucky, where I participated in several Committee meetings, Color Guard Activities, and the Trustees meeting.
 - Served in the Color Guard;
 - Participated in the following Committee Meetings:
 - Executive (non-voting invitee); Budget (Chairman); Finance (Vice Chairman); Investments (non-voting); Strategic Planning (Vice Chairman); SAR Implementation; Eagle Scout; and 250th Revolutionary War Anniversary Celebrations.
 - Was appointed 2018-2019 Chairman of the National Budget Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 15 March – Attended Miami Chapter SAR monthly meeting
- 20 March – Participated in SAR e-commerce webinar teleconference to evaluate recommended online merchandise sales software
- 28 March – Attended Miami Marlins baseball team Opening Day (gotta have some fun, too).
- 29-31 March - Attended the **Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial Ceremony** in the Jacksonville Fla. area during the weekend.
 - Brought Greetings from the Florida Society on behalf of President Pat Niemann, who was away attending the South Atlantic District meeting and Battle of Kettle Creek Memorial Celebration on the same dates.
 - Participated in the Color Guard.
 - Placed the FLSSAR wreath, and the Florida Ladies Auxiliary wreath, as well as the Miami Chapter wreath at the ceremony.
- Three Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings and three Miami Chapter Board meetings.
- 18 April – attended quarterly meeting at the Miami VA Hospital, as SAR Representative to the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS).
- 23 April - Attended the SAR Executive Committee Go-To-Meeting Webinar Teleconference, and gave the report of the SAR Budget Committee (I am Chairman).
- 25 April – Attended Annual Miami VA Hospital Recognition Luncheon with Minuteman Compatriot Richard E. Friberg, who was recognized with a plaque for his many thousands of Volunteer Hours to the Miami VA Hospital through the VA Volunteer Service (VAVS).
- 26 April – Presented JROTC Medal and Certificate at Coral Gables Sr. High School to Cadet Clinton Johnson dressed in Colonial Uniform.
- 03 May - Presented JROTC Medal and Certificate at Dr. Michael M. Krop Sr. High School to Cadet Brian Cardona dressed in Colonial Uniform.

In addition to the attendance and participation at various functions and events across the State of Florida, two projects in process deserve special mention:

Patriot Research System (PRS):

The Patriot Research System is alive and functioning on the National website (sar.org). During the past year, several volunteer Compatriots have been manually entering the Record Copy information of our Compatriots into a searchable database, thereby making it easier to document our Patriot Ancestors and the approved lineages that previous Membership Applications and Supplementals have established.

The PRS was discussed at length at the most recent South Atlantic District Meeting in Spartanburg SC, and volunteers are being solicited from all Chapters to load their Record Copies into the database. The Lafayette Volunteer Service medal can be earned by those Volunteers.

Compatriot Gary Green will be attending our 2019 Spring BOM, and conducting a seminar / workshop on the PRS System, and signing up volunteers.

2023 National Congress – Florida SAR Proposal Task Force:

Our Proposal to host the 2023 SAR Congress was successful, and we will be hosting the Congress in Orlando. There are lots of preparations to be made, and a meeting of this Task Force will take place during the BOM. All persons interested in participating and supporting our efforts are welcome to attend this organizing meeting.

Once again, THANK YOU for your tremendous support during this past year – we couldn't have done it without you!

Executive Administrator

Steven Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Late reports are to be emailed as a **WORD**.doc or text file (New Times Roman font, 10pt, and single line spacing) to me on/before 5/20/2019.

Please note:

Submission of Officer and committee reports are **always** due on/before the Saturday (a week before) the BOM.

Submission of chapter reports are to be to the RVP

Submission of Color Guard Camp reports are to be to the State Color Guard Command structure – Commander and/or Vice-commander.

The BOM Registration form is a PDF fill-able form that you **can** open and fill out using **Adobe Reader**.

Executive Committee Member-at-Large

Don Lanman DLanman258@aol.com

1. Since the last BOM, the Member @ Large Officer sent 2 email communications to all chapter presidents asking for their feedback and input. The overall response to the emails was poor with less than 10 responding. Feedback on questions:
 - a. Email #1 asked presidents to provide feedback on their most pressing chapter issues and motivation suggestions to increase BOM attendance.
 - i. Most pressing chapter issue included: meeting attendance, recruiting, retention, and lack of FLSSAR direction, chapter management support and general educational support.
 - ii. How to increase BOM Attendance: Better Pre-Event Promotion, Schedule Interesting Break Out Sessions, Guest Speakers, Less parliamentary proceedings/issues, more civic/community service discussions.
 - iii. Biggest issue, however, was the overall expense averaging \$400+ including hotel/travel. Some suggestions: Consider Regional BOMs, i.e. North, Central, South, that could allow more members to attend.
 - b. Email #2 reminded chapter presidents of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and NSSAR Veterans Corp membership opportunity and easy application process to apply, with the turnaround time for review and acceptance for the FLSSAR VB @ just 24 hours by the current VB Chairman.

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Earl F Mathews emathewsjr@embarqmail.com

Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

Visits: 0 visits to any chapters due to hurricane Michael recovery, conflicting dates and times.

No Regional BOM meeting.

2 Feb 2019 BOM and attended all assigned committee meetings.

10 Mar 2019 attended Last Naval Battle at Merritt's Island, FL

30 Mar 2019 attended Battle at Thomas Creek at Jacksonville, FL

13 Apr 2019 attended grave marking of Pvt. Joseph Anderson at Metcalf, GA

Summary of chapter meeting in region:

Total chapter meetings chapters: 9, hurricane curtailed complete activity for Panama City chapter.
Membership Activity:
Prospective: 18
Pending: 3
New: 2

Deceased: 1
Total Attending Members: 55
Total Attending Guests: 21
Total Speakers: 5
Chapters reported following:

Aaron Snowden Chapter;

4 meetings, 1 new member inducted, 1 medal, 7 avg members attending, 0 guests, Jan presented Poster Contest awards a school w/talk of founding documents. Feb presented Poster Contest Awards at Elementary schools

Emerald Coast Chapter;

3 meetings, 1 new member, 7 avg. members attending, 2 guests

Panama City Chapter;

No meetings conducted due to hurricane Michael, members have scattered or not reporting in. Meeting places have been destroyed or in process of rebuilding.

Pensacola Chapter;

No monthly reports submitted

Tallahassee Chapter;

No meetings conducted, no reports

William Dunaway Chapter;

3 meetings, 3 speakers, 6 average attendance of members, total of 21 guests attended, Annual meeting in Jan with speaker Judge Anna Garcia, presented w/Certificate of Appreciation and a framed copy of the U.S. Constitution. State Senior VP William L. Popham from the Miami, FL chapter was in attendance, Chapter Wreath presented at Last Naval Battle, Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial, Pvt. Joseph Anderson grave marking in Metcalf, GA

North Central Regional Vice President

David Bussone MApatriot@flsar.com

The Villages Chapter

FEBRUARY - The Villages Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Captiva Recreation Center on Saturday, February 9, 2019. After opening and introduction of the Chapter Registrar, John Moore, the induction of two new members was performed. Thomas Chapin was assisted by his wife, Tamara and Jerry Byers was assisted by his wife, Barbara. After the induction ceremony, Barbara Byers made an announcement about a "Spring Fling" luncheon sponsored by the John Bartram DAR chapter. The presentation will be about wedding gowns from the 1860's to the present. Following a few more announcements, the speaker was presented.

Leo Champagne is a WW2 Marine veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Leo gave a step by step description of his over 30 days on the island and the incredible sacrifices that our soldier made and how the island was secured. The audience was spell bound and gave Leo a standing ovation at the end of his talk.

Other business included founding president David Bussone speaking on our 2018 tax filing, Chris Hermann on the placement of Memorial Day Flags at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery. The meeting was then closed.

MARCH - The Villages Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Moyer Recreation Center on Saturday, March 9, 2019. After opening there was a brief business meeting. Registrar John Moore was introduced, newest member Charles Crowell was introduced with his final paper work pending, Volunteers were requested for the May 26th placement of the Flag at graves at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida for Memorial Day.

An unexpected and overflow crowd of just over 260 persons were present to hear the presentation of Villages resident Gene Klein. Gene is a Holocaust and Auschwitz survivor who blessed those present with a 90-minute presentation about his life, and the horrors he faced, reminding those present that we can never let this occur again. After a question and answer period, Gene and his daughter Jill from Australia, stayed to talk, take pictures, and sign the book written about his life story.

Chapter leaders met together over the next couple weeks discussing where our Chapter is now and where we want to go. Exactly what our mission is and how to accomplish that mission.

APRIL - The Villages Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Prior to the official start of the meeting, a twenty minute mixer was used to get members and guests to know each other better. The chapter was honored to have the Regent, the Regent elect, and a number of members of the Puc Puggy chapter of the DAR in attendance. Pastries were served.

After opening ceremonies, new member Don DeWolfe was inducted with the assistance of his wife, Carol. The morning's presentation was by John Stewart, AKA Thomas Jefferson who gave a fascinating presentation on Jefferson and the Barbary Pirates. This was followed by announcements:

Next month's speaker will be Brigadier General John Grueser (ret) of the U.S. Air Force speaking on his trip to the South Pole. Chris Herman discussed the placing of Flags at the National Cemetery on Memorial day. John Moore, Registrar, spoke on assistance available to join the SAR. After adjournment, members and guests had an unofficial general discussion about areas that the chapter could serve our community. We also discussed a very special speaker for the month of September: 17 year old Benjamin Mack-Jackson from Clermont, Florida, who has started a foundation to record the life story of our WW2 Veterans.

Withlacoochee Chapter

During the past period our compatriots have kept busy. Color Guard commander Russ Gibson and Guards attended several functions and parades.

Mr. Gibson is chairman for presentations to the JROTC programs and they will be making the presentations in the near future.

They have plans to attend many other outings during the summer months.

Our Genealogist/Registrar, Steven Brown with the help of his wife Vicki have brought our membership to 76 and has 5 prospective new members and 6 supplemental being processed.

Several medals and certificates have been issued to member for Veterans, years of service, active Chapter service and related earned awards.

Our Publicity Chairman Norman Fryer has obtained numerous entries in the local Newspapers and magazine.

Mr. Fryer as Chairman for the Poster Contest has worked with the schools and the chapter selected the poster for the upcoming BOM.

Robert Folk has headed the program for Habitat for Humanity and presented flags to the homes that were selected.

Charles Day has continued to remain a strong member in support of the Eagle Scout Program.

With his commitment the chapter selected Caleb Sheppard who has won the Knights Essay Contest for the Florida SAR and the National SAR awards. We are very proud of the selection.

The chapter has had speakers Brian Barrett, Color Guard Commander from Wisconsin, he spoke on Eastern Battles of the Revolution, Charles Donley, PT, who spoke on "Don't give Up" and we honored Caleb and Rachel Sheppard and Linda and Lathan Dixon.

We continue to be an active Chapter and strive to excel in all that we do.

Gainesville Chapter

January 2019

1/13 the passing of Compatriot Robert Reeves

1 /18 Ray Davis Naturalization Ceremony ; monthly meeting new member sworn in Logan Maya Weidenbenner

2/13 David Thomas DAR meeting; Sean Tonnelier DAR meeting

2/19 monthly meeting; swore in 2019 officers, by George Washington

David Thomas President

Ray Davis 2ad vice president

Randy Highsmith secretary / treasure

Roger Cox immediate past president

Sean Tonnelier member at large / sargent at arms

awards presented

Ray Davis & Roger Cox Chapter Distinguished Service

Randy Highsmith Bronze Roger Sherman

Pam Ellis (Gainesville Fl. DAR Regent) SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation

Cathy Thomas LAFSSAR Lydia Darragh

2/21 Ray Davis Naturalization Ceremony; Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony

3/2 Ray Davis JROTC Awards Bell Fl.

3/9 Sean Tonnelier LNB in uniform; David Thomas LNB in colonial attire

3/13 Sean Tonnelier DAR meeting

3/14 Ray Davis Naturalization Ceremony; Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony

3/30 David Thomas Thomas Creek In colonial attire dedicated wreath; Sean Tonnelier Thomas Creek in uniform

Marched with color guard

4/10 David Thomas DAR meeting; Sean Tonnelier DAR meeting

4/13 Sean Tonnelier at Patriots day at St. Simons Inland in uniform , in color guard and wreath presenter.

4/19 Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony in uniform

Lake City Chapter

The Lake City Chapter now has 13 members, with three prospective members completing their applications.

The newly elected officers of the Chapter are as follows:

President.....Charles Kime

Secretary..... Bob Whitmer

Treasurer.....Larry Royal

Assistant Treasurer..... Ray Millican

The Chapter meets every month and our programs have been informative. The following members have presented programs:

1. Charles Kime spoke of the Patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence and the hardships they were subjected to during the Revolution.

2. Conny Bossard told of the hardships his family encountered after immigrating from Germany to Pennsylvania.

3. Bob Whitmer continued this theme; speaking about his ancestor's trials during their immigration.

4. In April, our Chapter will have a joint meeting with the Lake City DAR Chapter, who will dedicate a marker at the gravesite of Pvt. Theophilus Weeks who is the only known Revolutionary Soldier buried in Lake City. The SAR Color Guard will participate in the ceremony.

5. The May Program will be a presentation of Eagle Scout medals and certificates to two new Eagle Scouts from the First Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop 85.

6. From March until May the Lake City Chapter members participated in the presentations of awards and certificates to the local JROTC organizations. We expect to present awards in seven county high schools.

Ocala Chapter

January meeting on the third Wednesday on the 16th at the Elk's Club of Ocala. Discussion of Marion County School History Contest judging for February 27th by three volunteers, Alan Clark, Wayne Curtis, and Paul Belter with Tevis Fitzpatrick den mother. Also Robert Andrews and Maurice Hitt Jr and families helped

with laying of wreaths across America. Joe Voge, brother of Brian gave warm up talk about the Ma Barker home in Marion County now owned and run by the county.

February meeting on the 20th had a talk by Jamie Jones about the life of a Seminole Indian woman. Seminole means people who chose to be free, while Ocala meant middle of Florida. Maurice Hitt Jr, chapter genealogist has 5 applications at National and 4 others in progress.

March meeting on the 20th Maurice Hitt Jr. was presented with certificate of recognition for participation in the Vietnam War from the National Society of the American Revolution by Ocala president, Wayne Curtis. Richard Pearce gave a brief talk on the 10 Causes of the Southern Secession. Jim Phillips held members spell bound with his recounting of his experiences in the Navy as a young lad of 17 to maturity at 21 in the water off Okinawa during World War II. His destroyer having been sunk by kamikaze attack.

April meeting the 17th had a real Sioux Indian, Dave Trzeciak give an extensive talk on the traditions, dances, and history of the tribe from North Carolina region to the bad lands of the Dakotas. His father helped repair the radios of the code talkers during World War II and Korea. They also operated during the Vietnam War. Wayne Curtis has given several JROTC medals and Eagle Scout medals with the help of Maurice Hitt Jr. There are 28 active members of the chapter and several new prospects.

Lake/Sumter Chapter

In January 2019, Chapter President Allan Lane gave a history presentation on the Southern Campaign of the Revolution to the Tomoka Chapter of the DAR in Clermont, FL. Approximately 25 DAR members and guests attended.

January 17, 2019: L-S was represented by four members at a DAR commemorative ceremony at Leesburg Airport. The Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter of the DAR sponsored the placing of a commemorative plaque at the airport memorializing it as an important Army Air Force training base during WWII. The four members present were Chapter President Allan Lane, First VP Bob Beightol, Tom Wilcox and Charles Johnson. About 75 members of the community were present, and an opportunity for fellowship among those present was afforded.

On January 23, 2019 Chapter President Lane was interviewed at his home by West Orange Times feature writer Amy Quesinberry. Purpose of the interview concerned general information about the SAR, how Lane came to join the organization, and history presentations he makes through his chapter's Speakers Bureau. Presentations concerning the Regulator War, 1768-1771, the Southern Campaign and Battle of the Waxhaws during the Revolution, and civil war presentations concerning Gettysburg and General Sherman were discussed in some detail. The article was published in the January 30, 2019 edition of the West Orange Times.

The February 2, 2019 general membership meeting saw a total of 53 attendees. Four members of the L-S color guard presented the flag. The guest speaker was Patricia Charpentier, a professional writer and genealogist, who presented on how to write the story of your own life and ancestry. Her presentation was well received. A Leesburg police officer, Trevonte Kitchen, was presented with a Law Enforcement Officer award for distinguished service in his community. A representative of his command staff also attended. A military service award was presented. Scouting Committee Chair Bill Hayes reported that seven Eagle scouts have been awarded certificates.

Two L-S members, Immediate Past President Jerry Hardwich and Treasurer Ron Grove attended the BOM in Orlando on February 2nd. The L-S entry in the Rumbaugh Oration contest, Matthew Karen, was awarded second place, which includes a \$600 prize.

Georgefest Parade: On February 23, 2019 Lake-Sumter fielded an entry in the "Georgefest" Parade in downtown Eustis, celebrating George Washington's birthday. Nine chapter members participated, some in uniform, bearing our Lake-Sumter banner, the US and SAR flags, and two period flags including the George Washington Lifeguard flag. Candy was distributed to the crowd. A decorated golf cart was provided by Glenn Langston. Members participating were: Glenn Langston, Al Lane, Terry Oldham, Tim Donihi, John Moore, George Chaffee, Bob Beightol, Jim Carl and Ron Toops.

March 2, 2019: By invitation of the Lake County School Board Ron Grove attended a Lake County School Board History Fair in Tavares. Ron served as a judge and conducted liaison with Lake County School Board officials.

March 2, 2019: A general membership meeting was held and attended by a total of 31 members and guests. One new member, Peter Knapp, was inducted. Guest speaker was Brian Barrett, Commander of the Wisconsin SSAR Color Guard, who furnished a presentation concerning performance of the militia during the Revolution. Brian also participated with four L-S chapter members in color guard ceremonies at the meeting.

Ron Toops coordinated entries during March 2019 by three JROTC students at Eustis High Schools for awards under the Enhanced JROTC program. Essays and resumes were judged by members Al Lane, Bob Beightol and George Chaffee. A winner was selected for submission to state competition.

Compatriot Ron Grove during March and April 2019 obtained nine poster contest entries from three schools: Montverde Academy, Groveland Elementary, and Lake Preparatory. The posters will be judged at the chapter's May 4th meeting, and the winner will be submitted to statewide competition at the May BOM.

Allan Lane gave an interview on April 2, 2019 to James Burns, a Boy Scout in Clermont, FL, to assist him in earning his genealogy badge. Purpose of the interview concerned the history of the SAR, how to become a member, the SAR's missions, and current SAR activities.

April 6, 2019: A general membership meeting was held with a total of 20 members and guests. Four members of the Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented the colors. The guest speaker was Bruce Smith, who gave a presentation on the history and operation of the flintlock rifle, and on the Appleseed Project, a private program intended to foster safety and marksmanship for civilians.

Compatriot Glenn Langston, a WWII veteran, took part in the Villages Honor Flight Program on April 17, 2019. The program is a national one in which veterans are furnished an all expenses paid trip to Washington DC where they participate in escorted visits to the nation's war memorials. Compatriot Langston will give the chapter a brief summary of his experiences at the May chapter meeting.

April 18, 2019: A flag presentation was made by Allan Lane to a disabled veteran, Ike Fretz, at Umatilla, FL, in a ceremony to mark the presentation of Fretz' new home by Habitat for Humanity. A total of 25 were in attendance. Fretz indicated one of his great grandfathers was a quartermaster in General Washington's army, and he would like to explore membership in the SAR. Our chapter Registrar, John Moore, has contacted Fretz to begin the process.

During the period April 24-May 19, 2019, SAR awards and medals were or will be presented to Air Force, Navy and Army JROTC cadets six different high schools in Lake County. Presenters are compatriots Glenn Langston, Bill Hayes, Ron Toops, Ron Grove and Scott Bushnell. An award for a Sea Cadets nominee sponsored by the American Legion post in Fruitland Park was also scheduled for May 19th. The presenter for that award will be compatriot Bill Hayes.

Northeastern Regional Vice President

James Y. Gaskins jgaskins0152@comcast.net

The North East Region of the FLSSAR consists of four Chapters, i.e., Jacksonville, St Augustine, Flagler and Daytona.

We are pleased to welcome President Charles Hayes, (Flagler) and President Rick Morrow (Daytona). Kudos and best wishes to Past Presidents Randy Morris (Flagler) and Newt White (Daytona). Each Chapter has been actively supporting the mission and stated goals of the SAR throughout the year as evidenced by healthy growth in some and steady community involvement in all. Their individual reports are attached.

The Regional Chapters met in Orange Park, FL on Saturday, January 12, 2019. FLSSAR President Pat Niemann addressed the group and left more fully informed and prepared for the upcoming District Meeting. The primary focus of agenda items submitted was largely on improving communications between the local, state and NSSAR Registrars and on the most effective employment of our Color Guards.

Future events discussed included:

- FLSSAR Winter BOM;
- Last Naval Battle (Merritt Island) March 9;
- Battle of Thomas Creek (Jacksonville) March 30;
- FLSSAR Spring BOM May 10-11;
- SAR Congress(California) July 5-10;
- Veterans Day Nov 11;
- Wreaths Across America Dec 14.

FLSSAR Past President Dave Ramseur earned kudos for orchestrating another well-organized and successful observation of the Battle of Thomas Creek again this year. His tireless effort to secure the property, coordinate with private and public resources place him at the head of the class for tenacity and RESULTS. Well done, sir.

I had the pleasure to present to Richard McEarlean, III a World War II Commemorative Medal and 29th Division shoulder patch at a recent meeting of the Kan Yuk sa Chapter of the DAR in Jacksonville. Youth McEarlean is a native of Switzerland and, at age 11 led the way in memorializing and sacrifices of the Allied forces on Omaha Beach on D-Day. In his Project Vigil, he donned the battle dress of an American

paratrooper and was recorded standing at parade rest and holding the American flag looking out over the open water that joins Omaha Beach. The Jacksonville Chapter provided the color guard for the ceremony. Project Vigil can be viewed on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8k9Si28k0Fk>

Flagler Chapter

23 Jan 2019; Flagler Chapter regular meeting at Palm Coast Library Conference Room. Elections were held and then installation of the Officers for 2019-2021 (two years). New officers that were required went to local bank and signed account cards etc.

Chapter Officers 2019-2021

President: Charles Robert Hayes
1st VP: Randall Scott Morris
2nd VP: Paul Clement Pritchard
Secretary: David John Kelsey, Sr.
Treasurer: Samuel Jordan Mills II
Registrar: Randall Scott Morris
Genealogist: Randall Scott Morris
Sergeant-at-Arms: Donald Dimmitt Gingles
Chaplain: Donald Dimmitt Gingles
Member-at-Large: John William Thomas Jr.
Member-at-Large: Open
Historian: Open

2 Feb 2019; Four chapter compatriots attended The FLSSAR Winter BOM in Orlando for training and education. One compatriot was in uniform.

3 Feb 2019; Chapter President Charles Hayes and Sergeant-At Arms Donald Gingles participated in the American Legion Post 115, Four Chaplains Ceremony. Chapter had a total of three compatriots at the ceremony with the Chapter Colors being in unit parade. One member was in uniform

27 Feb 2019; Flagler Chapter regular meeting at Palm Coast Library Conference Room. A change to Chapter By-laws was approved and the Chapter Budget for 2019-2020 was approved.

9 Mar 2019; Four members of Chapter attended the Last Naval Battle of Revolution at Merritt Island. Presented a wreath, participated in ceremony, one member in uniform.

23 Mar 2019; Regular Chapter meeting. Chapter member and Compatriot Rick Havens and wife wore period clothing (uniforms) and had many male and female clothing samples on display. Very interesting historical presentation, civilian visitors came in to participate. Several compatriots are considering obtaining uniforms.

Jacksonville Chapter

Chapter Officers for 2018-2019:

President:	William. J. Ziegenfus
1st Vice President:	Dennis L. Carpenter
2nd Vice President:	Claude S. Farmer
Secretary:	M. Scott Breckenridge
Treasurer:	Kenneth G. Norwood
Registrar:	J. Gray Chandler
Chaplain:	David H. Ramseur
Historian/Genealogist:	Richard B. Cardell
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Ryan B. Doane

Membership:

The Chapter began the year with 165 members and currently has 190 members at the time of this report.

Meeting Programs:

January: Scott Grant, 4/10/1944 sinking of the SS Gulfamerica off Jacksonville Beach.

February: Flag Retirement Ceremony.

March: Laurie Carpenter, The Traveling Trunk.

April: Connie Bradshaw, The use of Y-DNA in genealogical research.

May: Installation of New Officers, Chapter Awards & Recognitions, & Memorial Service.

Color Guard:

02 Feb 2019 Black Creek Eagle Scout recognition dinner
10 Feb 2019 Flag Retirement ceremony
16 Feb 2019 DAR Regents Council of Northeast Florida George Washington Luncheon.
09 Mar 2019 Last Naval Battle
30 Mar 2019 Thomas Creek Commemoration
10 Apr 2019 DAR Marker Dedication
13 Apr 2019 Pvt Joseph Anderson grave marking
13 Apr 2019 Patriots Day, St Simons GA
27 Apr 2019 Beaches Habitat for Humanity celebration
04 May 2019 Kan Yuk Sa DAR meeting

Americanism:

Habitat for Humanity:

15 Feb 2019 Habitat for Humanity Clay county homeowner dedication.
02 Mar 2019 Habitat for Humanity Beaches 7-unit homeowner dedication.

Flag Retirement Ceremony was held 10 February 2019 2:00 PM at the Mandarin Community Center
Compatriots from our chapter attended every monthly Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court
Middle District of Florida and welcomed an average of 50 new citizens from 30 countries each month.

On Saturday March 30 2019, the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated in
Jacksonville, Florida at Seaton Creek Historic Park with over 100 attending. There was participation from
the City of Jacksonville, National Park Service, local Boy Scouts, Florida and Georgia SAR Chapters, and
DAR and C.A.R. Chapters. Dr. Roger Smith was the keynote speaker. There was a 15-man Color Guard of
SAR Compatriots, and a live black powder musket salute.

On April 13, 2019, Compatriot Ernie Anderson, in cooperation with the Joe Early Chapter GASSAR, placed an SAR
marker on the grave of his ancestor Pvt Joseph Anderson.

Public Service Recognitions:

Law Enforcement Commendation Awards:

- Lt Hank Martinez, Nassau Co Sheriffs Office
- Ofcr Christopher Schirbock, Florida Wildlife Commission
- Det. Margaret Rhatigan, Jacksonville Sheriffs Office
- Det. Glenn Warkentien, JSO
- Sgt. Freddie Peake, Fernandina Beach PD
- Ofcr. Tricia Anderson, Atlantic Beach PD

Fire Safety Commendations:

- Lt. Clint Gaudons, Clay County Public Safety

EMS Commendation Medal:

- Thomas H. Cavender, Fernandina Beach Fire Rescue.

Youth Programs:

ROTC and JROTC

- Presented Silver ROTC Medals to 3 cadets at University of North Florida and Jacksonville University.
- Presented Bronze ROTC Medals to 23 cadets Duval, Clay, and Nassau country high schools.

Eagle Scout Recognition

- Presented Eagle Scout certificates to 52 new Eagle Scouts.
- 16 May 2019 Chapter Presentation of the Arthur M. and Berenda King Eagle Scout Essay
- Contest Award to Joshua Hebert.

George S & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

16 May 2019 Chapter Presentation of the George S & Stella Knight Essay Contest Award to Assata Davis.

SAR Brochure Contest

Eighth Grade teacher Ms Cindy Cheatwood at First Baptist High School invited her students to participate
in the contest. Our Chapter awarded 1st Place to Cathleen P. Kivett-Smith.

Children of the American Revolution:

Provided support for the Vaughn-Latham Chapter CAR Society of Amelia Island and the Princess Malee
Chapter CAR Society of Jacksonville.

St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President

No Report Submitted

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

Chapter Officers:

President: Rick E. Morrow
Secretary/Treasurer: M. Scott Breckenridge
Registrar: Richard M. Lyon, Jr.

Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 41. The annual report and dues payment was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

Meetings:

Monthly chapter meetings are underway, on the third Thursday of each month. We are hopeful of getting attendance up so that we can start having formal meetings with guest speakers.

Communications:

Regular communications of National, State, and Chapter news are occurring via email and a chapter newsletter.

Americanism:

Habitat for Humanity:

- 29 May 2018 Habitat for Humanity homeowner dedication ceremony.

ROTC and JROTC

Silver ROTC Medal Presentations:

- 11 Apr 2019, Cadet James Cramer, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Army ROTC)

Bronze ROTC Medal Presentations:

- 18 Apr 2019, Cadet Brian Kramer, Spruce Creek High School
- 24 Apr 2019, Cadet Sebastian Grinsted, Mainland High School
- 26 Apr 2019, Cadet Luis Vega, DeLand High School

East Central Regional Vice President

Charles Berger

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Brevard Chapter

January

- We received three transfers; one from Missouri and two from the former St. Lucie Chapter.
- Attended services for two fallen compatriots Benjamin DuBose and Robert Kercher.
- Three new members were inducted: Elliot Briton Jones Sr., Elliot Briton Jones Jr., Trenton James Minear
- Stand Down for Homeless Veterans took place at the Cocoa Armory.
- President General Lindsey Brock presented two certificates from state:
 - “Blue Flight Honorable Mention” Compatriot Norm Desmarais accepted the Certificate.
 - “Service as Chapter President” was awarded to Past Chapter President Barry Eller.
- Speaker Sheriff Wayne Ivey. Sheriff Ivey presented us with proactive measures the department is taking to cut down on crime within the county. Measures taken to give inmates access to OSHA training, so they are able to get into the workforce within the construction industry within the area.

February

- One transfer from Mississippi Steve Smith
- Four new members were inducted: James Douglas Burnett, James Edward Dempsey, Paul Edward Dempsey, David Edward Dempsey
- Speaker: Compatriot Donn Weaver. Donn gave a presentation on the Stand Down which took place at the Cocoa Armory.

Youth Programs:

- A silver ROTC Metal was presented at the Florida Institute of Technology, a Silver Good Citizenship Metal was presented at Eastern Florida State College. For 2019 we are planning on giving out 22 awards including two for the Scouts of America BSA.

Tuskegee Airman Flight Officer Edwin Cowan who passed away in 2009. Edwin and his wife Theda's remains were buried at a church in Merritt Island. Compatriot Ray Norman and Bill Kowalczyk found their urns by using metal poles at Theda's mothers gravesite. Edwin and Theda was laid to rest at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery Thursday 07 Feb 2019.

March

- Last Naval Battle took place on March 09, 2019.

- LMB – Great turnout! 190 people attended the event. Received numerous positive feed-back on the way it was run this year. Most of the credit needs to go to Veterans Memorial Center and Donn Weaver. Without them we would not have a podium, bleachers, chairs, media coverage....
- The following people were part of our LNB committee who committed time and effort in putting this together. The LNB monument and canon was accessible during the event, construction is underway to rebuild the decking along the river's edge from hurricane damage. We had media coverage from The Happenings Port St John/Canaveral Groves newspaper, Hometown news put two articles in their newspaper and Senior Scene Magazine published one article in their April issue. 2020 LNB will take place on March 07.
- Three new members were inducted: Robert Uhler, Brian Uhler, Zacharias John Forsythe
- Speaker: Mr. Paul Thompson of the Cherokee Nation who spoke about his Ancestors including Nancy Ward who has a DAR chapter named after her.
- Compatriot Jensen attended Thomas Creek Services.

April

- Two applicants attended with their wives; Paul Tilson was submitting his final application documents, Malcolm McRoberts is in the process of establishing lineage.
- Compatriot David Ralston was given a Supplemental Certificate.
- Compatriot Robbie Carlisle will be taking over as webmaster and Compatriot Brian Jensen will be taking over the Newsletter. Compatriot Steven Williams has been filling both capacities while residing out of state.
- Speaker: Vice President James Ward gave a presentation of his 11th Great Uncle Artemas Ward who served as a Major General during the Revolutionary War and later became a Congressman for Massachusetts.
- ROTC awards are in the process of being presented to their recipient Cadets.

Central Florida Chapter

12 JANUARY 2019

At our January meeting, we hosted Dr. Patrick Blythe, History Professor at Seminole State College. Dr. Blythe spoke of the role that technology played in shaping the American Revolution.

9 FEBRUARY 2019

At our February meeting, our own Donald Green portrayed Benjamin Franklin for a lively historical presentation to members in attendance.

9 MARCH 2019

Rick Haven, Owner of Just Two Tailors spoke to our members about the details of Revolutionary War period clothing and the significance of fashion of the times.

New Members Inducted – 09/01/2018 – 03/31/2019

Ryan Matthew Pries, Jimmy Dale Perry, David Lawrence Dysart, William Underly, John Poulson, Peter Joseph Gulden III

St Lucie River Chapter

The spring report is a good one. Our registrar, Steve Laster, was present at our April meeting. We were all surprised and glad to see him. Steve is recovering from chemo therapy and is looking good. He told everyone "I can grow my hair back now" Steve resigned when he first became sick but he continued to help out with applications as he was needed. Some guys just can't be kept down.

We have added 3 new members. 2 of which received the War Service medal. One of these men, Chris Bryant is on active duty in Germany.

We also have enrolled 4 of our vets in the Veterans Battalion.

Our new meeting restaurant is working fine after a few hic-cups.

Hopefully we will be needing a new one soon.

Hopefully, we will be starting a new recruiting program soon and hope it works

Okeechobee

We have a new member since the first of the year His name is James Nathan Pippin which gives our chapter a total of 15 Regular members and one duel (sic) member. We have had a regular meeting

in February, March, and April. In Lew (sic) of our January meeting we held a yard sale and raised over a \$1000.00 for our operating fund.

Our Officers have remained the same Gary P. Miles President, James W. Pippin 1st Vice President, Philip J Avant 2nd vice President, James E Kirk Treasure (sic), Dowling R Watford Secretary. Our last meeting for the summer will be in May then we will resume in October.

West Central Regional Vice President

W. Richard Young dyoung22@aol.com

Clearwater Chapter

Activities since January 1, 2019 to April 31, 2019

January

- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Bernice Roback
- Presented a Sea Cadet Good Citizenship Medal and certificate to PO2 Serena Hesser

February

- Presented 3 Flags to Habitat of Humanity Families – Owens, Elliott and Walker
- Presented 2 Eagle Scout Certificates
- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Brian Barrett
- Presented Colors at a DAR Seminar

March

- Presented Eagle Scout Scholarship to Stuart Case
- Inducted 6 new members
- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Michael Deeb
- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Pam & Rich Case for their years of support to the Eagle Scout Program
- Presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Arren Swift for his Teacher of the Year Award
- Presented Flag Certificate to Town of Indian Shores

APRIL

- Presented 2 Outstanding Pin and Certificates to Gold Award recipients
- Presented 2 certificates of appreciation – John Stewart, Rand Scholet
- Presented 2 war Service Medal Certificates – Michael LaVean, Frank Zebert
- Presented 2 Military Service Medal Certificates - David Weatherby, Robert Farrer
- Presented 5 ROTC Medal to Hudson High School, Clearwater High School, River Ridge H.S., Dunedin H.S., Mitchell H.S.
- Presented 3 Good Citizenship Medal to Hudson H.S., EastLake H.S., Pinellas Park H.s.,
- Inducted 3 new members

South Shore Chapter

No report submitted prior to deadline

St. Petersburg Chapter

February 2019

Pinellas County School Superintendent Michael Grego was presented with the Silver Good Citizenship medal by Chairman Butler.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Grego began his career as a teacher in Hillsborough County, and was the superintendent for Osceola County before reaching his current position. He appreciates and encourages our involvement in the support of teaching history in our high schools. He cited numerous examples of the progress being made in our schools:

Graduation rates are up significantly in recent years, including for minorities.

The IB program at St. Petersburg High School was the first in the southeast, and had a 100% diploma rate last year. School safety programs have increased. Over the past five years the number of AP exams taken grew by 57%, with 51% achieving a qualifying score of 3 or higher. College credits

earned yield over \$12 million in annual savings for parents. Career and technical programs have produced over 13 thousand certifications, with a 96% graduation rate.

Professor Phillip Leto gave a lively presentation on the presidents, the Constitution, and the growth of the country. After the ratification in 1789, 12 amendments were proposed in 1791, but two did not pass. The founders wisely required amendments to pass with a 2/3 majority in each house of Congress, and then to be approved by 75% of the state legislatures. One of the failed amendments involved reapportionment, and the second would allow Congress to increase their own salaries. The latter was not approved until 1992.

March 2019

Officer Reports & Presentations

FLSSAR Regional VP Dick Young told the chapter about the “partners in patriotism” program, which supports the honor flights, wreath ceremonies and similar events. Our chapter currently participates in these events. He is also the FLSSAR CAR liaison. Compatriot Young said that NSSAR is working on a patriot research system for online use. Florida will host the 2023 National SAR Congress meeting, likely in Orlando. John Stewart stated that this year’s essay contest winner will be attending the May meeting, and receive his award. John was a judge for the recent Pinellas County “national history day.” There were over 200 exhibits but none qualified for our award, which is based on events surrounding the founding of our country.

Guest Speaker

Lori Coffey’s presentation topic was “the women of 1620.” She spoke at length about each of the four women who survived the first year at Plymouth. There were 102 people on the Mayflower, but only the men were named in the ship’s log: “John Smith and wife and son.” The pilgrims were of two factions – the “saints” who sought religious freedom, and the “strangers” who sought prosperity. The women had no rights then, as widows were forced to remarry, and sign their assets over to their husbands. Everyone became a farmer in Plymouth by necessity, as they couldn’t own land back in England.

April 2019

Officer Reports & Presentations

John Stewart presented our chapter with a streamer for our participation in a ceremony commemorating the battle of Thomas Creek in northeast Florida, in which militia members were attacked in 1777 by Loyalists, British soldiers, and Creek Indians. It is considered the only Revolutionary War battle in Florida.

Charles Butler updated the members on our Education Initiative. We are working with the Tampa chapter, with support from several DAR chapters. The initial meeting will be on April 26. Our September 14 meeting will include a presentation by Joseph Hardesty, the NSSAR library director, on the US census and family research.

Guest Speakers

After introductory comments by SSgt. Johnson, Sgt. Defoore spoke about their role as Marine recruiters in Pinellas County. Their challenge is “finding our replacements.” Many millennials are ill-informed about the military and the careers available, as only 20% of the jobs in the Corps are combat-related. There are 360 different job classifications, including photography, technology, medical, and legal. The public is focused on warfare, and often overlooks the benefit of four years of paid college. He also noted that some high schools are more “open” to military recruiting visits than others.

Tampa Chapter

Membership Report 1st quarter 2019

Jan- on Jan 5th we had our officer installation at the Rusty Pelican. All of the officers from 2018 were re-elected. Anniversary certificates were presented to compatriots who had reached their milestone years.

Feb- On Feb 16th we had a lunch meeting at the Golden Coral in Tampa. We received news that Clearwater compatriot David Chestnut passed away. Several members attended his funeral.

March- On March 16th we met again at the Golden Coral.

April - On April 13 we held our annual JROTC recognition luncheon including the presentation of the Chapter Enhanced JROTC Medallion to Cadet Victoria App of Middleton HS.

The Tampa Chapter membership now stands at 73.

William Devane Chapter

President David Knox presented the JROTC medal and certificate to a Plant City High School student on April 16, 2019.

Plans are being made for a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for a local high school student in May. Also, we will be presenting a wreath at our Annual Memorial Day Service at the American Legion Post 26, Plant City, May 27.

Our annual dinner meeting was held on April 25 at Buddy Freddy's Restaurant, Plant City. RVP Dick Young was our guest speaker and he installed our new officers.

President	Dr. James Armitage, PhD
Vice-President	Jon Courson, Jr.
Secretary/Treas	Dr. Donald Humphrey, OD.
Immediate Past Pres & Chaplain	W. David Knox

Lakeland Chapter

JANUARY-

An update was presented by our Regional VP- Dick Young, RVP, Florida SAR.

Our speaker was JJ Long who spoke about his time as a biological weapons officer- "US Army- First Lieutenant in the 1960's".

FERUARY-

Our speaker was Compatriot James Olds who gave an interesting program on "U.S. Army Chemical Officer and SME". Genealogist Alvie Davidson inducted new Compatriot James "Rusty" Franklin.

MARCH-

Our speaker Allan Stone was in character as THE GENERAL, Robert E. Lee.

APRIL-

Our speakers were- The "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion by Compatriot Jarrell Burchett.

And- Killing Washington! The Plot to End the Revolution! by Tom Williamson (from our State Newsletter)

Southeast Regional Vice President

Bernard William Wolff

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Ft. Lauderdale Chapter

January 19th

Our chapter received certificates for the following: National Society for participation for Wreaths Across America for 2016-2017 The Wreaths Across America meeting was at the Pompano Beach Cemetery. The meeting /event was attended by Joe Motes, Jim Lohmeyer and David Lott.

Tom Shepard was inducted to the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter.

DAR has a program with grade schools that provides constitution booklets in the memory of veterans. Our chapter sponsored two classrooms.

Membership Certificates were handed out to Joe Motes, Jim Lohmeyer, and David Lott.

February 16th

Chuck Adams registration is submitted and awaiting final acceptance.

The new banking trustees will be: David Lott, Jim Lohmeyer, and Tom Shepard.

DAR Luncheon report by Tom Shepard.

We are seeking recommendations from members for awards to local Law Enforcement in May.

March 16th

Discussion regarding applications waiting for approval.

Ted Duay was present to explain the process of transferring funds into a new trust account.

Discussion as to the creation of a new Web Site for the Ft. Lauderdale chapter.

Joe Motes requesting volunteers to present JROTC awards to local high schools.

Miami Chapter

Yet, again, I hold the office of the Miami Chapter SAR President and the role of the Southeast Regional Vice President. Activity from these two reporting positions will be conjoined in this report.

Since the last reporting cycle, I have chaired two Miami SAR Board of Directors meetings and filled the role of Treasurer and Editor for two others. I have also attended four Miami SAR monthly luncheons. However, the February Luncheon was also the Annual Meeting and President's Installation for the Miami Chapter SAR where leadership changed hands.

I presented several decorations and certificates to many outstanding members at this well-attended event. The Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff presented the Distinguished Service Award to Color Guard Commander and Past President David Mitchell for his organizational knowledge, skills, and aptitude in ensuring our Colonial presence within the community.

FLSSAR President Pat Niemann attended to greet us, induct new members, and recognize Delores Wolff, outgoing President of the Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary with the Martha Washington Medal. Delores also received the Molly Pitcher Award for her constant and continual support of the Color Guard at local, state, and national meetings. As an aside, the Coral Gables Chapter of the DAR elected her as the incoming Treasurer for the group.

The Ladies Auxiliary conducted a 50/50 drawing which generated proceeds for their upcoming gift to our veterans. They also raised money during a silent auction which added to their coffers.

The highlight of the afternoon luncheon involved the installation of our new Miami Chapter SAR President William Wicks, III, Esq. and a bevy of new officers for the coming year. At this meeting, Delores Wolff turned over the reigns as Ladies Auxiliary President to the new First Lady, Kerry Wicks, spouse of the incoming President.

As the Chair of the FLSSAR Financial Review Committee, I conducted a meeting with committee members to plan our way forward concerning our duties and obligations of our responsibility. The work has been completed as of this report and has been submitted to the FLSSAR President.

Additionally, I attended the 2019 Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I participated in many meetings, including those for which I hold responsibilities. I also sat in on other meetings concerning genealogy and the Trustees' Meeting, among others.

Veterans Support

The Ladies Auxiliary have undertaken a project to support our veterans at the Miami VA Hospital Pathways project. This is an outpatient service that supports veterans with coping disabilities. A grant from the Miami SAR assists the Ladies Auxiliary to provide coffee, snacks, art supplies, and a monthly birthday cake for those veteran's being served by this laudable project. Compatriot Bernard Wolff visits the Miami VA Hospital two to three times per month to visit Pathways and bring cheer to all he meets.

Chapter Activity

Several members of the Miami SAR Chapter attended the final Winter BOM convened in Kissimmee, Florida. A Regional Meeting will replace this annual meeting for a more localized program and, hopefully, a larger turn-out will ensue.

We conducted two Board of Director meetings at the home of the current Miami Chapter President. Additionally, the monthly luncheons have been moved to the third Saturday of the month. Already, we have been addressed by a speaker who related the contribution of Blacks to the Revolutionary War effort and the following month by a Compatriot, adept at financial planning, who, among other items, spoke about financially supporting the SAR in our wills and other financial planning instruments.

President Wicks planned and organized our first Miami Chapter SAR social at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables, Florida. The positive result included new applications and the return of a lapsed member. A future social is planned for late June at Nancy's, a Revolutionary War themed lounge in Miami.

The Miami SAR Chapter entertains an on-going activity of digitizing all our records. The Historian has received a second batch of records to render into electronic format.

Recruitment/Retention

We added 10 additional members to our rolls this period and recognized two of our members with one supplemental each authorizing the wear of a star. The Genealogist/Registrar reported at our April BOD that we have 51 applications that are currently being processed. Our membership tally exceeds 100 with a promise of more to come by the publication of this report.

Awards & Recognition

President Wicks presented the March luncheon speaker with a commemorative coin, depicting the 125th anniversary of the Miami Chapter SAR. Numerous awards, certificates, and decorations were given to many recipients at the annual luncheon. Additional details can be seen in the Chapter Newsletter: The American.

Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard

Elements of the Thomas Paine Brigade, Miami SAR Color Guard attended a planning meeting to assist the Coral Gables Parks and Recreation Department who will be including our color guard in the Memorial Day ceremony for 2019. Don Slesnick, past president of the Chapter, chairs the committee and Compatriot Bernard Wolff represented the Color Guard Commander at this important meeting. Local press and television is expected to provide coverage to the area.

The Thomas Paine Brigade also participated in a celebration of life for a deceased member of the SAR. Commander David Mitchell, Compatriot Bernard Wolff, and Compatriot Kiefer Barrett presented the Colors and retired them at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Miami SAR Chapter Newsletter

We continue to publish a monthly newsletter under the editorship of Compatriot Bernard Wolff and began our third volume in January 2019. Additionally, Compatriot Wolff also published a website at miamisar.org. It continues to be under development.

I continue to serve as the chairman for the FLSSAR Financial Review Committee which will terminate with the new state administration and serve on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Silver Good Citizenship Committee, the 2023 Congress planning committee, among other positions. I also continue to work with the NSSAR Strategic Planning Committee, the Internal and Independent Audit Committee, the Eagle Scout Committee, the Newspaper/Publication Committee, the Color Guard Committee, the American History Teacher of the Year Award, the Germany Society, and have an application pending for the France Society, etc

Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter Membership:

Palm Beach Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including working with DAR-CAR chapters, Genealogical organizations outreach, educational institutions, civic events and various Veterans organizations. Membership continues to grow with an additional 11 applicants approved at Nationals. The Chapter has an additional 19 applications and prospects actively in process for 2019. During 1st Quarter meeting 11 new compatriots were inducted into the Chapter.

The Chapter delivered a special SAR Memorial Services in honor of Kenneth Ray La Voy Jr during its February 2019 meeting and William Arthur Adams Jr during the March meeting.

A primary Chapter goal in the coming year will once again be membership development and the mentoring of new members. Our Officers and compatriots are encouraged to help grow membership by recruiting civic-minded individuals interested in honoring our patriot ancestors and enjoying good fellowship.

Chapter Activities & Events:

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, The Last Naval Battle ceremony and the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek, county & state DAR meetings, and events, and Genealogical Society membership recruiting events. Former Presidents Donald Lanman, Gary Green and Benjamin F. Tidwell, along with Chapter President Robert Boggs attended as many of the DAR Chapter meetings as time permits, encouraging the DAR Daughters to submit husbands and children/grandchildren as perspective candidates for SAR membership.

Our January meeting featured the induction of 2019 Officers including, President Robert Boggs, Vice President Thomas Hayes, Secretary Gary Green, Treasurer Peter Johnston, Registrar Peter Miller, Chaplain Father Sanford Sears, Historian Samuel "Buddy" Miller, Sgt. @ Arms Greg Parkinson.

The February meeting included a visit from President Thomas Jefferson, (a.k.a. compatriot John Stewart) who presented a wonderful presentation on the Louisiana Purchase. Additionally, the Chapter conducted its first Interstate Compatriot (Mason Brothen) Induction using Facetime. The March meeting was highlighted by Dr. Donald Gladney's, Dean Palm Beach State College – Cyber Security Department, presentation "Cyber Security & You". President Robert Boggs presented Dr. Gladney a Certificate of Appreciation and a Chapter Scholarship for \$1,000 to support students of this great College.

We are continuing to promote the President General's membership development program, the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, Chapter's "Widow's Brigade" for surviving windows of deceased Compatriots and DAR outreach.

Chapter Recognition & Awards:

Don Lanman, former Chapter president was presented with the State Society, Sons of the American Revolution Veteran Service Medal at the February SAR State Board of Management meeting. During our January meeting President Ben Tidwell presented the Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Metal to Robert Boggs.

Southwest Regional Vice President

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February, attended the BoM in Orlando with my wife Jill and participated with the color guard. It was great to have so many representatives of the SW Region in attendance. We were at the February Saramana luncheon commemorating George Washington's birthday. President Pat Niemann was in attendance to present the enhanced JROTC awards and scholarship. Pastor William "Bill" Hild gave a fantastic presentation on the role of religion and the clergy during the American Revolution. Immediately after the lunch, Jill and I drove down to Ft. Myers to march with the Caloosa Chapter color guard in the Edison / Festival of Lights Parade.

Attended Saramana March Luncheon and presented public service and lifesaving awards to eight fire and EMS personnel. Led a genealogical research workshop for the Genealogical Society of Sarasota on how to break through brick walls. Attended the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Merrit Island, FL with my wife Lady Jill Fields and marched in the color guard with Saramana President Doug Erb, Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Panissidi, and Compatriot Craig Paige. Attended the Caloosa Chapter Liberty Tree dedication, gave greetings on behalf of President Niemann and the Florida Society, and attended the social afterwards.

In April, I attended the funeral of Compatriot and WWII veteran Richard Kraft Kichlline along with Saramana President Doug Erb and Past President Vic McMurry. A memorial certificate was presented at the service and the SAR were all dressed in colonial uniform. Presented an NSSAR Flag Certificate to the Sunnyside Village Resident's Association. At the April Saramana luncheon, I made the presentation of the Robert E. Burt Scouting Volunteer Award to compatriot Judge Gilbert Smith. Jill and I just attended the funeral of WWII veteran and compatriot Jim Crandall at Sarasota National Cemetery and presented a memorial certificate to the family.

My wife Jill and I will be attending the Florida Society Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL May 10-11. We are hoping to visit both Naples and Highlands this month as well. Other upcoming activities are the Honor Flight return with the Caloosa Chapter on May 4th, the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade on May 27, the Sara De Soto DAR Regent's Council Flag Day Luncheon on June 15th. Sunday June 30th is Allegiance Sunday. I will be attending an Independence Day observance at First Sarasota Church.

Caloosa Chapter

The Caloosa Chapter continued its 2019 winter/spring season of meetings and programs in February and, as usual, had a very active calendar of activities.

February

The Caloosa Chapter had a total of nine members and spouses attending the Board of Management Meeting on February 2nd, a very good showing indeed and one in which our Chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest (Jason Puwalski) placed third in the State competition. We marched again in the Edison Festival of Lights Parade on February 16th, one of the largest night time parades in the State of Florida. This time we were happily joined by color guard members and Ladies Auxiliary from the Saramana Chapter. We posted colors at the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter meeting which was attended by DAR State Regent Dawn Lemongello where we also awarded the State Regent with the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her support to the Caloosa Chapter during her term of office.

On Washington's Birthday, we held a black-tie banquet in the evening where we also enjoyed a visit from State President COL Pat Niemann. We also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary in recognition of their continuing support (fund-raising and otherwise) to the Caloosa Chapter and the FLSSAR.

March

On March 9th, Caloosa compatriot and Chapter/State Chaplain Rev. Dwight Elam participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island, and four of our color guard marched in the parade and rendered honors to our sailors in that battle of Cape Canaveral. We held our monthly Chapter meeting on March 13th and heard an interesting program presented by Judge Andrew Swett who has established a Veterans Court diversion program in Lee County.

On March 23rd several of our members joined with other compatriots from around the State in staffing the information table at the DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando. Participating in these twice a year DAR State meetings continues a long-term practice of attending (mostly in Colonial uniform) and recruiting new SAR members from families of DAR Daughters. It provides added benefits of enhancing relationships between the SAR and DAR, and is an opportunity for compatriots from various Chapters around the State to collaborate informally.

On March 30th, the Caloosa Chapter dedicated its 4th Liberty Tree in Lee County (and 39th in Florida) with a great turnout and celebration that included colorguardsmen from Naples and Saramana Chapters. The program included a Massing of Colors with Boy Scouts and 6 DAR Chapters participating. Also joining us that day was PG Mike Tomme, RVP Steve Fields, Scout Executive James Laughlin, City Councilman Johnny Streets, and Lee County Commissioner Compatriot Frank Mann.

April

April is one of the two months each season when we generally meet on a Saturday instead of the usual 2nd Wednesday luncheons. It is a chance for compatriots who may have difficulty (such as work or school schedules) taking a couple of hours in the middle of the day and the middle of the week to attend meetings and be a part of Chapter activities. We typically feature scouting and youth programs at these meetings. This time the winner of the King Eagle Scout Essay contest (Eagle Scout Jacob Peters) read his essay, and Naval Sea Cadet Anna Langford was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Award.

May

By the time of the BOM, the Caloosa Chapter will have presented 15 Bronze ROTC Medals to Outstanding Cadets at the Annual Army JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 1st. Presenters from the Caloosa Chapter in Colonial uniform from the Caloosa Chapters join with dozens of other veteran and patriotic organizations in this event at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena in Ft. Myers is attended by hundreds of cadets and a total of well over a thousand people. On May 4th, three Caloosa members will serve as Guardians and one member as a Veteran Honoree in the Collier-Lee Honor Flight Mission #19. After a day in DC visiting the monuments, a welcome reception will be held at RSW airport which will include the Caloosa Color Guard which is expected to be augmented by Saramana and Naples units along with DAR Chapter representatives from the area.

Charlotte Chapter Report

January

- Jan 5 - President Allen represented the Chapter at the 45th anniversary celebration of the Myakka Chapter NSDAR in Sarasota.
- Jan 11 – Chapter meeting with 12 members, 1 prospective, and 8 guests/ spouses which included our FLSSAR State President Col Pat Niemann and our FLSSAR Southwest Region Vice President Steve Fields and his wife Jill. President Allen conducted a brief Memorial Service in remembrance of Compatriot Marvin Phillips, a former Chapter member, who had recently passed away. State President Niemann assisted President Allen in the presentation of several SAR medals to members of the Chapter. The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Chaplain John Bittner for his long and distinguished service to the Chapter. The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Compatriots Ren Cushing, Frank Walton, Robert Haff, and Norman Ashworth for their service as Chapter Officers for several years. President Allen presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot James Schmidt for his service as Secretary/Treasurer for the past year. State President Col Pat Niemann then installed the new Chapter Officers for the upcoming year.
- Jan 22 – President Allen presented a presentation on the US Flag to Boy Scout Troop 351. The program consisted of a history of the US Flag and some of the important events surrounding the US Flag throughout our history. He also discussed the proper display and respect for the Flag. Handout were given to each of the scouts reflecting the history, display, and procedures for the proper handling of the Flag when it was being raised or lower.
- Jan 26 – President Allen presented Eagle Scout with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Pilgrim Church of Christ in Port Charlotte.
- Jan 29 – President Allen and Vice President Ren Cushing joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR and the Myakka Chapter NSDAR for a joint membership drive at the North Port Public Library. President Allen presented a brief program on the application process for SAR membership and encourage the prospective members of the DAR to submit SAR applications for their male children once their applications had been approved by the DAR.

February

- Feb 2 – President Allen and Secretary/Treasurer Jim Schmidt attended the Winter BOM in Kissimmee. It was the first BOM for Compatriot Schmidt.
- Feb 6 – President Allen joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR in colonial uniform for the opening of the new Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda.
- Feb 7 – President Allen again joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR to man and information booth at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center during their annual Business Expo. Information was passed out to visitors for both the DAR and the SAR. A number of Vietnam Veteran lapel pins and certificates were also presented to veterans attending the expo.
- Feb 8 – The chapter held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting with 10 members and 3 guests in attendance. South Port Square was presented with the SAR Flag Certificate for their patriotism in the proper display of our US Flag. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to the South Port Square Gables East dining staff for their outstanding support of our chapter. Compatriot Rob Sprague presented a “Tribute to General George Washington”
- Feb 17 – President Allen represented the Chapter at a fund-raising event for the Charlotte Bay Chapter NSDAR in Punta Gorda which featured a presentation by “Abigail Adams.”
- Feb 19 – President Allen joined with the Caloosa Chapter Color Guard for the presentation of the Colors at the monthly meeting of the Lawrence Kearny Chapter in Cape Coral, FL. FL DAR State Regent Dawn Lemongello was the special guest for the meeting.
- Feb 23 – President Allen joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR for their quarterly cemetery cleanup at the historic Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Punta Gorda, FL.
- March
- Mar 9 – President Allen joined with the Caloosa Chapter Color Guard along with a number of other SAR/DAR Chapters, military and other patriotic units to celebrate the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Merritt Island FL.
- Mar 11 – President Allen represented the Chapter at a dedication ceremony hosted by the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR and a local Girl Scout Unit at the Hickory Bluff Cemetery where the girl scouts installed a bird house at the cemetery.
- Mar 14 – Seven members of the Charlotte Chapter along with their spouses joined the Hickory Bluff Chapter for a joint DAR/SAR meeting. SAR compatriot John Stewart (AKA Thomas Jefferson) was the guest speaker for the meeting.
- Mar 21-24 – President Allen attended the FL DAR Spring Conference where he joined numerous SAR Compatriots from around the State in manning the DAR/SAR information table at the conference on Mar 22 and 23rd.
- Mar 29 – President Allen joined the Hickory Bluff Chapter at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda for their Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home celebration. Numerous Vietnam veterans and/or their widows were honored at this event.
- Mar 30 – President Allen joined with the Caloosa Color Guard and other SAR members from various chapters in the area for a Liberty Tree Dedication at the Boy Scout Headquarters in Ft Myers. The SAR Color Guard was joined by representatives from most of the DAR Chapters in the Great South West Regions Council and the Boy Scout Color Guard for this event as well.

Naples Chapter

First Quarter 2019 Naples Chapter Report (February - April)

On February 2, 2019, President Leonard Crame, Chancellor Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. and Chapter Color Guard Commander Donald B. Cahill attended the Winter BOM in Kissimmee, FL. Rumbaugh Oration Chapter Winner Armand Procacci placed First in the State competition and will represent the Florida Society at the July 2019 SAR National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA.

On Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. FLSSAR President COL Pat Niemann (USA Ret.) was our special guest for our JROTC Program. COL Niemann presented the Molly Pitcher Award and certificate to NSDAR's Jeanne Fehrenbaker which was approved by NSSAR. Compatriot Thomas Philbrick received his 25-Year service pin and certificate. JROTC Bronze medals and certificates were presented to top Junior Cadets from seven public high schools in Collier County. Their JROTC Instructors also attended. Three Cadets participated in the Enhanced JROTC Program and Cadet Patrycia Antoniak of Naples High School was selected as our Chapter Winner. Cadet Patrycia Antoniak was awarded the Silver JROTC Outstanding Cadet medal, certificate and \$200 check. Cadet Patrycia

Antoniak could not attend due to an illness and her JROTC Instructor, LTC Paul Garrah, accepted on her behalf. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm. There were 57 attendees including 4 NSDAR members. A JROTC Program article with a group photo was submitted to SAR Magazine and accepted for the next magazine issue.

- On Thursday, March 14, 2019, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. Compatriot Christopher Acosta was inducted by Registrar Ed Lary and nine SAR service pins and certificates (5-25/yr) were presented to Chapter compatriots or their family representatives. Naples Chapter Knight Essay Contest Winner Jessica Swiderski of St. John Neumann Catholic High School in Naples presented her essay and was awarded the SAR Knight Essay Chapter Winner certificate and a \$200 check. New Chapter officers were then elected and installed which included; Leonard W. Crame (President), Philip R. Thieler (1st Vice-President), Thomas B. Woodruff (2nd Vice-President), Anthony J. Meerpohl (Treasurer), Michael D. Lyster (Secretary) and Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. (Chancellor). Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. swore in the new officers except for himself which was performed by Past President Michael E. Garey. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm. There were 39 attendees including 5 NSDAR members.
- On Saturday, March 30, 2019, Naples Chapter compatriots Leonard Crame, Donald Cahill, John McCullough and Jim Meerpohl participated in the Florida Brigade Color Guard at the Caloosa Chapter Liberty Tree Dedication Ceremony at SW Florida Boy Scout Headquarters in Fort Myers. Compatriot Phillip Thieler also attended and photographed the event.
- On Thursday, April 11, 2019, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with 1st Vice-President Phillip Thieler presiding. Chapter President Leonard Crame was hospitalized on April 10 and was recovering from a heart attack. Compatriot Richard Hazen received his 15-yr. SAR service pin and certificate. Mark Strain, Chairman of the Collier County Planning Commission, presented "Looking Ahead; Numbers, Updates and Trends for 2019". The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm. There were 37 attendees including 6 NSDAR members. Attendance was slightly down due to last-minute illnesses.
- The Chapter re-presented medals and certificates to winning cadets at Palmetto Ridge High school on April 18, 2019 and Naples High School on April 25, 2019 during JROTC Awards Programs.
- On April 25, 2019, a Flag Certificate was presented to the management of Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at 3585 Gateway Lane, Naples, FL. The presentation was made during the April Naples Chapter Board meeting.

Saramana Chapter Report

Saramana Chapter remains a very active entity within the S.A.R. We seek out ways to blend recognition of who we are, along with what we do in the community. We support the youth in our area by actively promoting contests such as the Knight Essay Contest, Eagle Scout Recognition Awards and Enhanced JROTC Awards. This year State President Pat Niemann conducted our JROTC ceremony. Again, we were present at the Youth Genealogy Project, an event sponsored by the C.A.R., and yes, in Colonial Attire where you will find us helping young people trace their roots back in time. We also have one of the best programs anywhere in which we honor those who serve our community in the best possible way. During two of our yearly luncheons we honor both Fire and Police Departments. Awards are given for Safety, EMS, Lifesaving and Heroism. We have as many as fifteen different departments represented from both Fire and Police Departments throughout our two counties.

Our Color Guard is present all of our luncheons which are once a month on Saturdays. Along with our meetings the Guard tries to stay as visible as possible. So far this year our Color Guard has participated in the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Merritt Island, the Edison Festival of Lights in Fort Myers, the Liberty Tree Dedication in Fort Myers, a funeral at the National Cemetery in Sarasota for Compatriot Richard Kichline, and four members attended the February Board of Management meeting in Orlando. When a JROTC award is made at a local school at least one of the members attend - and yes, in colonial attire! At the various schools in our area we award Good Citizenship certificates with over 200 deserving children selected. We have special recognitions as well. We try to make sure all of our own members who served are presented either Military or War Service Medals along with Certificates of Patriotism from the NSSAR Veteran's Recognition Committee. We were also honored to present of our own chapter members, Judge Gilbert A. Smith, Jr., with The Robert Burt Medal for his outstanding service to scouting.

This year we are blessed with a very pro-active Board of Governors. We look forward to expanding our programs and increasing our membership. We have recently inducted eight new members and presented three supplementals. Sadly Saramana has had three compatriots pass.

Highlands Chapter

No Report Submitted

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The membership at this time is excellent with a total in all categories on May 4th of 2355, this is very good, much better than past years, we did better in retention and we have had a banner year in reinstatements and they are still coming in. The smallest chapter is the newly formed Okeechobee Chapter which has added 3 members since its inception in October and is now at 14 and the largest is Jacksonville which is now at 193 and suspect soon to be over 200. This can be attributed to the marvelous work of Gray Chandler the Jacksonville Registrar, who doesn't let a lead get by him and the Secretary Scott Breckenridge, who has done a marvelous job getting the dues in for 2019. But a lot of the credit goes to the Jacksonville Color Guard, who have been out in uniform showing the colors and creating interest, the color guards are one of the best ways we can get our message out to the general public.

I also believe that we should begin now to consider new ways of getting old members to continue paying their dues and new members from falling through the cracks and not renewing for the first time, I see a lot of those that come in during the year but do not renew, we need to look into this.

Another thought is the possibility that we accept credit card payments, this a major step but I think it would aid our retention problems. We need to look into this for the future.

Finally I collect the payments for the Patriot Subscriptions, we had a total of 10 this is not enough to continue publishing a hard copy of the Patriot, and I believe that we need to take steps to increase this and I am adding all new members to the e-mail lists and not creating any further additions to the hard copy mailing lists so there are many new members that will not receive any patriot. It may require us to eliminate all the hard copy mailing list but I need some direction in this decision.

Treasurer

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Since the Fall BOM, your Treasurer has:

- Participated, as part of the Florida SAR State Color Guard at the commemorations of the Last Naval Battle (March 9) and the Battle of Thomas Creek (March 30)
- Represented the Florida SAR at the Annual Conference of the Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution (February 22-24)
- Filed the necessary IRS Forms 1099 for those award winners who received more than \$600 from the Florida SAR.

The IRS Form 990 EZ is due on May 15 and will be filed on or before the due date. If completed and filed prior to this BOM, a copy will be available for your inspection. A copy of the IRS 990, as filed, will also be posted under the Members section on the Florida SAR website.

Liability Insurance

Since the Fall of 2017, I have been seeking information and quotes on General Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance for the Florida Society. The impetus for the coverage was two-fold: 1) recent events (at the time) within FLSSAR where a member was threatening lawsuit, 2) insured protection from cost of litigation for allegations of sexual misconduct by an SAR member on SAR business. I worked with two different brokers in the Tampa area that I had worked with previously and I found a third carrier that serves only non-profit organizations. Over time all three of these possibilities either declined to quote or could not find a quote for less than \$10,000/year. It was our discussion of black powder salutes at SAR events that caused their reluctance to provide coverage. I am now asking if anyone with the BOM is in the insurance business and can provide some assistance. The National SAR Color Guard is looking into insurance coverage for National Color Guard events as a "reenactment" organization. I will attempt to pursue that possibility as well, to obtain coverage for Florida SAR Color Guard events and related black powder salutes.

EACH CHAPTER IS REMINDED TO FILE ITS OWN 990N OR 990EZ AND TO FILE ON TIME

As always, if you have any questions about the finances of the Florida SAR or your own Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Registrar

Ray Lantz

FLSSAR Application Stats 03 Feb 2019 – 26 Apr 2019

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	71	22	0	19	112
Approved* By NSSAR	57	27	0	14	98
Pended* By NSSAR	3	1	0	0	4
Pended By FSSAR	15	6	0	2	23
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date	2018 = 52 and 2019 = 3				

* Approved and Pended by NSSAR stats are generally not related to the Submitted to NSSAR stats, as the majority of the stats apply to applications reported as submitted on the previous report period.

NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

- DAR RC referenced on app and no physical copy was submitted.
- No acceptable proof names initials as given census.
Unofficial transcript(s) of will(s) submitted instead of required legible copies of court recorded or original will.
- Proof documents are too poor quality to be fully legible.
- Proof documents are not a copy of the entire page. Page snippets cannot be used alone there must also be a legible full page copy of the page the snippet was taken from.
- Proof document title page and copyright page not submitted for one or more documents.
- No proof submitted for one or more generations to connect lineage from one generation to the next.
- Incorrect check amount required for NSSAR and/or FLSSAR fees and dues.
- Lineage names do not match the submitted proof documents such as middle name or initial missing or given names shorted such as “Frank” instead of “Franklin.”
- Word(s) miss spelled in all areas of application.
- Lineage section locations do not conform to required format which is “City/County/State” such as commas used instead of “/” or “/” not used even if city and/or county not known.
- Lineage section dates not properly formatted full known date should be 2 digit numeric day (i.e. 02), 3 character month (i.e. Sep) and 4 digit year (i.e. 2001). (i.e. 02 Sep 2001)
- Proof document missing, listed on application but not sent with the application.
- Unproven/unaccepted information used on application from a previous SAR, DAR and/or CAR application record copy.
- Service reference section left blank on application form.
- Chapter Name and State section left blank on application form.
- Lineage not correct for one or more generations.
- One or more required application signatures are missing on the application.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- The SAR embraces and has approved four membership application forms: MS/Word version; PDF version; SARApAid by Cox Software; and My Applications, the online application system. Links to the current updated version of each of these four forms is available from the SAR website by clicking on <https://sar.org/application>. Revised versions of the four forms have been acceptable since they were first approved by the Trustees in March 2017 but outdated versions of these forms, in particular the MS Word, the PDF, and the SARApAid forms, continue to be received at Headquarters. Now, the Trustees have set an effective date after which outdated versions of the forms cannot be used. At the 2018 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, the Trustees approved October 31, 2018, as the effective date for use of only the current versions of these application forms. The new application forms have several important changes: removal of the spaces for listing of the applicant’s children, a revision to the applicant’s signed

certification, and addition of a space for signature of the Genealogist General. The current version date for each form type is:

- MS Word version: “adopted Feb 2017 SAR Application Form 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
- PDF version: “Rev. Mar 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
- SARApAid by Cox Software: “Appaid Ver. 5.03... Feb 21 2018” found on the bottom of the application form.
- My Applications (the online application system): This format does not have a revision date but any application printed after May 7, 2018 will automatically contain the required changes.

Only application forms with these, or more recent revision dates, will be accepted as of October 31, 2018. While leeway is certainly due those whose applications were in process at the time we reach the deadline, we need for this deadline to be respected and we request those who assist with application process – sponsors, genealogists, registrars, secretaries, and others – to assist our applicants in using the right application form and in avoiding the disappointment of having their form returned because of use of the wrong form. Bob Fish, Chairman NSSAR Genealogy Committee Jim Faulkinbury, Genealogist General

- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSSAR Chapter Registrars regarding the change in NSSAR policy regarding unproven information contained on submitted applications. Unproven information can no longer be submitted on applications. Likewise any applicable information contained on document submitted with an application must be annotated on the application in the appropriate places when applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a pended application.
- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. This does not apply to multiple supplemental applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.
- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page, but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

Notes of Interest:

- **New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals**
New versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.
- NSDAR/NSCAR Record Copy Acceptance Criteria Change 2011-06, Applications from other lineage organizations. SAR will now accept an official record or chapter copy of a DAR or C.A.R. application

approved after 1 January 1985 as evidence of lineage and related fact except where DAR, C.A.R. or SAR has determined that the facts have been determined to be incorrect. In other words, **center checks on applications approved after 1 January 1985 no longer prevent a DAR application from being accepted in lieu of other documents.** Applications approved before this date are acceptable for corresponding facts marked as individually-verified on DAR and C.A.R. applications. The subcommittee acknowledged that there were arguments on both sides of the issue and what it proposed was a middle ground that it deemed in the overall interest of the organization. No review process is perfect, but the overall DAR review process is an excellent one that includes a number of checks and balances. The old policy was clearly confusing to many applicants, chapter registrars, and state registrars, and the genealogy staff was spending a great deal of time requesting further information relating to DAR applications. Compatriot Peterman made a point in discussion I think all of us share: we do prefer copies of the documents themselves. Acceptance date for NSSAR record copies is 01 Jan 1074 and after.

- Current FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Application Fees can be found at <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/FeesDues.pdf> all chapter registrars should download and/or print this document for to ensure correct fees and dues are submitted with applications.

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Fall BOM Minutes presented herein.

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Nothing to report

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Many people are not aware that a motion to approve minutes is an unnecessary motion. The proper way to approve minutes is for the chair to state, "Are there any corrections to the minutes?" after the minutes are read. When minutes are distributed in advance of the meeting, they are not read aloud at the meeting. If there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed or presented. If corrections are offered, they are usually handled by unanimous consent.

"A formal motion to approve the minutes is not necessary, although such a motion is not out of order." RONR (11th ed.), p. 354, ll. 23-24

Genealogist

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As an active member of two local genealogical societies, a local historical society, and several other organizations that involve family research, I have contact with many people actively involved in family research. Many of the older ones are learning how to use computers, make use of DNA, etc., but complain that some of the people new to research look for fast, easy answers. Furthermore, they often do not see the difference between evidence and proof.

One area of research worries me - accessibility of public records. There appears to be efforts of some government agencies to make research more difficult. I can imagine the frustration of younger applicants trying to find birth records of ancestors less than 100 years old. People are living longer. I notice that some people show living persons as dead (false dates) on their family trees so they can publish information on-line. It seems

inconsistent that we worry about identity theft while posting all kinds of personal information on social media, like Facebook. Actually, Facebook is one of the few tools I can use to communicate with my younger relatives (They might use cell phones to text messages, but don't expect letters (exception - letters or cards in response to gifts! Of course, it is their parents that usually have to urge responses.)

Another tool I use to locate names of living relatives is to use "Fine-a-Grave" which often contains copies of obits which include surviving children, in-laws and grandchildren.

I have sometimes complained about some aspects of DNA as it applies to family research, but I must admit that it is becoming more useful and accurate as its data base increases and users understand its limitations. It has certainly helped me find many 4th cousins, including people I have known for years, but not realizing that we were related!

Like many of you, I have been to too many funerals lately! A common theme heard in funeral speeches is that the purpose is not only to honor and remember the dead, but to remember what that person's life has meant to us, so we , ourselves can have a better future. This can also apply to the aims and purposes of SAR - we can appreciate the sacrifices our patriot ancestors made so that we can enjoy the blessings of Freedom.

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Starting in 2019, there are two ways to receive SAR-Florida magazine called The Florida Patriot. Please consider which option you and your chapter membership wants for the coming year.

For a printed issue that will be mailed out four (4) times a year, there will be a subscription cost of \$12.00 per year that will need to be paid to SAR – Florida at the time that the membership dues are paid. Note that part of the printed issue will be in black and white. Send in your subscriptions and check to the Florida Society Secretary.

The other option is the digital issue that will be uploaded onto the SAR-Florida Website and an email notice will be sent out. The digital issue will be in color throughout. There will not be any additional cost for this option.

The deadline for submitting articles, reports, and announcements for consideration into the upcoming issues of the magazine are as follows:

Summer 2019 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 6, 2019
Fall 2019 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= August 6, 2019
Winter 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= November 15, 2019

Please send in pictures that are focused and are of high-resolution. The quality of such pictures has a bearing on how they will look in the magazine. All articles need to also be sent in MS Word format. The email addresses that can be used to submit your material for the magazine are as follows:

swampfoxsar@gmail.com or swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

On another note, the FLSSAR is looking at compiling articles and pictures to be included in the NSSAR magazine. Historical themed articles are most appreciated as they help set the theme of the magazine.

If you would like us to promote your event in this submittal, please forward it to my attention. Note that your submittal should be in a MS Word format file. Pictures are to be sent as jpeg files.

Webmaster

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Nothing to report

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

Bernard William Wolff

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Pursuant to Florida Society SAR Governing Documents, Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Financial Review Committee (revision date: 10/16/2016), the FLSSAR Executive Committee (EXCOM) under the leadership of FLSSAR President Pat Niemann commissioned a Financial Review Committee led by the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff to conduct an analysis of the 2018-2019 financial activity of the Florida State organization. Each year an ad hoc committee is formed to review the record and insure all financial activity corresponds to the expectations of the membership.

The Financial Review Committee, acting as an independent agency within the FLSSAR, received explicit instructions that informed our activity in several areas of interest:

- **Review the Treasurer's Annual Report.**

1. A simplified, end of the year assets accounting indicates a sum of \$94,013.90 (checking account balance plus surplus) which is under 10 times the annual expenditures of \$139,018 which appears to obviate against any potential tax liability.
2. The Meeks Fund is currently up-to-date with all outstanding contributions being deposited per the Treasurer's end of year report (January, 2019).

- **Review the previous audit report.**

1. The Documents Committee should review the Financial Review Committee charter [revision 10/16/2016, recommended in the 2016 Financial Review] and delete references to an Audit Committee.
RESPONSE: This action appears not to be completed. References were noted to indicate the word "Audit" can still be found, including in the instructions found within this set of instructions.
2. Authorized check signers for the Society need to be updated and remove those individuals who are deceased or otherwise no longer authorized by the Florida Society.

RESPONSE: The committee finds that the all previously authorized check signers for accounts held at Wells Fargo Bank have been deleted except for: Compatriot Richard Young, FLSSAR Treasurer; Compatriot Hall Riediger, FLSSAR Secretary; and, Compatriot Kevin Yarnell, all of whom are members of the FLSSAR Finance Committee.

- **Review the people and procedural controls for access to the funds before deposit.**

1. Three people have access to the accounts at Wells Fargo Bank: the Registrar deposits monies collected for application fees; the Secretary deposits reinstatement fees and annual dues; the Treasurer deposits registration fees and all other checks mailed to the FLSSAR.
2. The Registrar and Secretary both send scanned copies of their deposit slips to the Treasurer which are matched to the bank statement.
3. The Treasurer makes any and all deposits to the Wells Fargo Money Market Account.

- **Review all financial assets, the people authorized to access them, and documentation of transactions.**

1. Wells Fargo checking account: the three abovementioned personnel are authorized signers to the account: Registrar; Secretary; and, Treasurer. The Treasurer has the only checkbook for the account.
2. Wells Fargo Money Market account: there are two signers for the account. No activity was reported in the end of year statement from Wells Fargo other than addition of some account interest. No checks were written, according to the December 31, 2018 statement recapitulation.
3. The Secretary and Treasurer are the only authorized users of the two credit card accounts from Wells Fargo Bank.
4. Treasurer card: as the statement dates falls on the 17th of the month, the January 2019 statement was analyzed which indicated an outstanding balance \$1, 014.99 (due in January 2019) with a credit limit of \$9,000.
5. Secretary card: An outstanding balance of \$14.99 was due in January, 2019.
6. A check balance of \$ 84,068.04 on the Wells Fargo Bank statement dated December 31, 2018 indicates a discrepancy with the cash assets stated in the checkbook of the Society for the same date. The difference of \$1365.10 was due to outstanding checks that had been cleared by the bank but not received for inclusion in order to balance the checkbook by the end of the year. The Registrar, Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized depositors for the checking account with confirmation of deposits by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has the only checkbook and has signed all checks during fiscal year 2018. There are other authorized check signers. There are no authorized co-signers. There are no other checking accounts. There is one Money Market Account at Wells Fargo valued at \$57,358.72 on December 31, 2018.

A past two-cent addition error was addressed by the Treasurer and the appropriate entry made to balance the checkbook.

- **Review the people and procedural controls for making payments for asset disposal.**
 1. Monies are dispensed by the Treasurer when invoiced for budgeted committee or event related expenses, it is usually the Committee Chair or Event Leader sending an invoice or asking for reimbursement. If a bill is sent directly to the Treasurer, even though in the Budget, the Treasurer forwards the invoice to the committee or event leadership for his approval prior to sending a check.
 2. The Treasurer relies on good sense with some bills and determines a threshold amount that, if exceeded, encourages him to seek approval (usually via email for an expeditious outlay) from the EXCOM (\$200-\$300) or possibly the BOM (\$500+) to gain approval of the expenditure. A solicitation for an off-budget payment from the BOM would be accompanied by an expected amendment to the budget. However, at times it is possible that a small, off-budget request would be honored if it appertained to FLSSAR interests (e.g., color guard). It is a judgment call for the Treasurer. A complete list of all budget line items and receipts/expenditures is provided on a year-to-date basis at each BOM for transparency.
- **Audit the documentation filed to substantiate expenditures.**

Ninety-seven checks were written in 2018 (numbers 1741-1838). Since this volume of checks written exceeded 55 checks, a random number equaling one-tenth were randomly selected to review. This is the suggested number for analysis directed by the supplied worksheet. A random number was generated by a tool found in the Excel spreadsheet. No discrepancies were reported by the committee.
- **Write an Audit Summary letter to the president or chair (see below).**

On February 2, 2019 the Financial Review Committee of the FLSSAR met with the Treasurer to perform the annual non-certified review of the Society's financial books and reports for the fiscal year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. In response to the Financial Review Committee's request, we received from the Treasurer sufficient financial records and specifically requested documents to perform the annual noncertified financial review for fiscal year 2018.

We concluded that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the monetary transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

The cash balance of \$84,068.04 from the Wells Fargo Bank checking account accurately represents the assets of the Society on deposit. The current value of the Wells Fargo Bank money market account reflects an accurate amount of \$61,362.79 as of December 31, 2018.

Both credit cards carry only current balances which are discharged at the next billing cycle.

Suggestions for Improvement:

- We suggest that a tickler file be established to assist as a reminder for the disbursement of funds to satisfy outstanding obligations.
- A reconciliation of the checking account should be made every two months to keep account values and activity clearly in mind.
- As in past recommendations, the word "audit" should be changed to "financial review" to accurately assess the function of the Committee, including the verbiage leading to and including the Summary Letter. In the case of the current Summary, the wording has been changed to indicate the change. This should be accomplished by tasking the Documents Committee to review the current Financial Review Committee charter (revision 10/16/2016).

Executive

Presented during session

Finance

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Included in the Appendix to these Proceedings is a summary of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements for the 2019 calendar year-to-date through April, listed by budget line item.

At April 30, the Florida SAR held approximately \$168,000 in its two accounts: Checking \$104,000 & Money Market \$64,000.

As we are only one-third of the way through 2019 and we have not yet presented all of the awards for the Youth Programs, it is difficult to say much about Cash Receipts & Disbursements other than there are not yet any significant surprises. Dues collections are complete and came in somewhat higher than expected; however, I will need to work with the

Secretary to identify and break out any *Patriot Magazine* annual subscriptions. At last report there were very few of these; accordingly, I do not expect to see a significant change in the Dues amount. Both Registrar Receipts (application fees) and Secretary Receipts (reinstatements) are running ahead of expected trend. These trends then result in higher than budgeted disbursements in NSSAR Dues, Reinstatement Dues and expenses of the Registrar and Secretary, which is mostly postage. Deposits were made to the Embassy Suites Hotel for future meetings. Deposits are not budgeted as they are eventually absorbed into BOM Expenses. The \$263 of Miscellaneous Costs are the last expenditures for the audio equipment approved by the BOM and budgeted in 2018. This BOM will be our first at the Embassy without the need for their audio equipment. Hall Riediger has secured storage space for the new audio equipment in the Orlando area. This is an unbudgeted expense for 2019; however, we should see a reduction in BOM Expenses as we discontinue use of rented equipment. Everything else spent to date seems to be in line with expectations.

As always, if you have any questions about the finances of the Florida SAR or your own Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Medals and Awards

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It has been the Florida Society's privilege to award upon request from Senior JROTC Instructors at schools in the Caribbean Islands, the Bronze JROTC Medals to qualified Cadets. Following the hurricanes which devastated Puerto Rico and other Caribbean Islands, we have had no requests for awards until recently. On April 27, 2019, the Florida Society was pleased to award Cadet Major Ian Benitez at the Antilles High School, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, the Bronze JROTC Medal.

At the 2019 Annual Florida Society Awards Banquet, and Youth Luncheon, over one hundred and twenty Awards will be presented to Florida Society Compatriots and Contest winners. Chapter Officers are reminded to post in the appropriate Florida Society database, the awards presented to compatriots by their chapters.

Nominating

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The nominating committee recommends the following Compatriots for election at the Annual meeting May 11, 2019:

President - Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
S V Pres. - David Bussone
Treasurer - W. Richard Young
Secretary - H. Hall Riediger
Member At Large - Donald Lanman
Recording Secretary - Scott Breckenridge
Registrar - Ray Lantz
Sgt. At Arms - Chuck Farmer
Chaplain - Dwight Elam
Chancellor - Carl Hoffmann
Genealogist - Richard B. Cardell
Historian - Robert McGuire

Editor - Jeff Sizemore
Webmaster - Scott Bushnell
RVP NE - Jim Gaskins
RVP NW - Earl "Matt" Mathews
RVP NC - Jerry Harwich
RVP EC - Charles Berger
RVP WC - John B. Goolsby
RVP SW - Steven Fields
RVP SE - Bernard W. Wolff

National Trustee - Patrick J Niemann
Alternate Trustee - Robert McGuire

Patriot Medal

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The Patriot Medal Committee has selected 4 Compatriots to receive the Medal at the 2019 Annual Meeting. I want to thank all the members of the committee for their help in this selection process.

NSSAR Affairs

SAR Education Center & Museum Committee

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The plan and specific objectives for The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) have been further expanded, defined and the concept renamed The SAR Education Center and Museum which is under the governance and an integral part of the SAR Foundation. These entities are physically located at our headquarters facility located at 809 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202. Some previous specific campaigns for the CAAH have closed, however the 1776 donor campaign and other SAR Foundation donor opportunities are available. Compatriots are requested to visit <https://www.sarfoundation.org> for specific donor details.

The Advancing America's Heritage Committee recommends that the committee charter be revised to reflect and incorporate the objectives of The SAR Education Center and Museum.

.NSSAR Library

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Please renew your Friends of the Library (FOL) membership or consider becoming a member by completing the enrollment form found at the link: FOL-2015-12-16.pdf or login in to SAR.org and access the Library on the SAR homepage menu. Sixty percent (60%) of the membership dues from the FOL is distributed to the Library Endowment fund and forty percent (40%) is distributed to the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund. Income from these funds is used to purchase non-budgeted items such as books, manuscripts, microforms, supplies and new equipment.

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

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Nothing to report at this time

Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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The Chapter Challenge, was judged and the same results that were seen as with the Publicity Contest, only 8 chapters participated and I wonder what would it have been like if all 34 had sent in their activities for the year, This year also resulted in a very poor showing in the Florida Society's in its submission to National for the Society Contest, only a little better the 40,000 points, this is the lowest I have submitted since I began doing the Americanism and President General submissions. The Results are as follows, Red Division 1st Flagler Chapter, White Division 1st Withlacoochee, 2nd Lake Sumter, 3rd Caloosa Chapter Honorable mention St, Petersburg Chapter and 2nd Honorable Mention St. Lucie River, and finally Blue Division 1st Saramana Chapter and 2nd Clearwater Chapter

Documents

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The following proposed Bylaw and/or Charter changes have been received for review by the committee and will be reported at the Winter BOM as required by the FLSSAR Bylaws. Any additional proposed Bylaw or Charter changes should be delivered to the Documents Committee.

Spring 2019 BOM Action and Discussion Items:

Endowment Trust Fund (ETF)

The following discussions and ETF Reimbursements Proposal and Motion, together with Revised Instructions not reproduced here, were reported by the ETF Trustees and voted on at the Fall 2018 BOM. They were re-introduced and voted a second time at the Winter BOM in February, but without a second publication in the Florida Patriot 30 days prior to the BOM. They are being re-presented here, after the required publication and prior notice to the Compatriots, in order for the BOM Delegates to cast their vote.

Endowment Trust Fund Proposals:

C. 3. Meal for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, and Eagle Scout winners; two per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Proposed change – Meals for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, Americanism Poster contest and Eagle Scout winners (Limit \$40.00 per award)

Justification – these being youth awards, typically both parents would accompany their child, so that

means 3 meals. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered.

The Americanism Poster contest should be included.

C. 4. Medals for Law Enforcement, Fire-Safety, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Bronze Good Citizenship awards and two meals per recipient. Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and two meals per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Proposed change - Medals for Law Enforcement, Fire-Safety, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Bronze Good Citizenship awards. Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Meals limited to \$40.00 per recipient.

Justification – in the case of public service personnel a spouse and commanding officer would accompany the Recipient. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered.

C. 5. Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$20.00 per porch/mailbox flag kit with a maximum of 15 in a calendar year. Chapters must report the name of each recipient, and the date of each dedication.

Proposed change - Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$300.00 per year.

Justification – Large chapters in large cities may have more than 15 homes in a year. If they purchase the cheaper kits they can accommodate more homes and the chapters with fewer homes can purchase a higher quality flag kit.

C. 13. Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$5.00 per award.

Proposed change - Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$10.00 per award.

Justification – SAR charges \$10 to engrave a medal. A local jeweler I use charges \$10.

Proposed additions:

C. 16. Support to Boy Scout Councils (Limit \$100)

C. 17. Support to JROTC units (Limit \$100)

Propose that these changes become effective Nov. 1, the beginning of the new claim year

2023 Florida Congress Task Force

The 2023 Florida Congress Task Force was established by President Pat Niemann at the 2018 Fall BOM, and a Proposal was successfully submitted and presented at the 2019 SAR Spring Leadership Conference at the Brown Hotel in Louisville Kentucky. Florida – and Orlando – were selected by the SAR Trustees on 2 March 2019.

The 2023 Florida Congress Task Force will meet formally at the 2019 FLSSAR Spring BOM. Now that Florida has been selected, the Task Force has asked for full Committee status. If granted, a Committee Charter is expected to be developed, and notice of same published, in time for approval of full Committee status at the 2019 FLSSAR Fall BOM in October.

Education Outreach

A group of Compatriots, led by Compatriot John Stewart, have asked for the formation of an FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee. In connection therewith, they have submitted the proposed Charter:

Charter Date: 5/10/2019

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6. c.

Type: Special ("ad hoc")

Purpose: To administer the Florida Society portion of NSSAR Educational Outreach program of the Education Committee.

Membership Assignment: A Chairman and additional Members, normally four, as the President, Florida Society may appoint and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Assigned Members:

Functions:

- Co-ordinate with the Educational Outreach Committee of NSSAR [EOC] and others as directed to function as the "state-level society Education Outreach Coordinator" requested by the EOC.
- Work to establish an Education Outreach team leader at each chapter whose duties include:
 - Implementing Youth Protection training, currently offered by the Boy Scouts of America, for compatriots involved in Educational Outreach programs.
 - Preparing Presenter Data Sheets for each presentation as proscribed by national and sending a copy to this Committee.
 - Reporting quarterly to this Committee the name and number of presentations done by team members and the status of YPT program compliance.
- Report as directed to EOC of the state activity of presentations.
- Advocate for SAR educational, patriotic and historical goals.
- Monitor and advise any chapter level imitative regarding advocating for educational outreach.
- Take other action as authorized by the Board of Management

Ethics Committee

Chairman: Steve Williams

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No actions or submissions from January to arch 31st.

Genealogy

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With the popularity of TV Genealogy programs like "Finding Your Roots" and commercials for Ancestra.com, the general public is becoming more interested in learning about their family history, especially if they think that DNA technology will make it easier. I have four points to make a:

1. When family or friends mention DNA, Ancestry.com, etc. use the opportunity to talk about your membership in the SAR or your mate's participation in the DAR. Share with them your good experiences in the organization, Let them know that searching for ancestors can be FUN!
2. Urge your people to share their interest and enthusiasm with their children. Urge them to involve the kids in the research. If they take family vacations urge them to take the kids to meet their relatives, take the time to visit family cemeteries, give them memories that they will be part of their heritage.
3. Follow-up is important. Show interest in your people's research. Be available to help (Not do it for them, but guide them in the right direction). Sometimes a prospective member limits his search to only one person who may be well known or even famous - but can't make the connection. Encourage them to look for other ancestors who may have served. Remind them that one rule of Genealogy is to work from what you know - yourself, parents, etc. , NOT from the ancestor down to you. Unless you can find a family tree that contains adequate evidence and proofs.
4. I may be old-fashioned, but I don't think that I am the only one who does not like the SAR's system of on-line applications!

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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The Florida SAR will continue to meet at the Embassy Suites Orlando– Lake Buena Vista South Hotel at least the next year, having extended our contracts through May 2020.

Special room rates are available before and after the BOM dates, for those who may wish to take advantage of all the many attractions in the Orlando area.

Our Spring 2019 BOM and Annual Meeting will be held beginning Friday. The morning is filled with seminars, workshops, and Committee meetings, and the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon and meeting starting at noontime. There will be seminars and Committee Meetings on Friday, the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon and meeting starting at noontime, and a complimentary reception followed by the President's Awards Dinner on Friday evening. The Annual Youth Awards Luncheon will take place on Saturday at Noon, and the 2019-2020 Officer Installation Reception and Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, with SAR President General Warren Alter conducting the Officer Installation ceremonies. Both the Spring 2019 BOM and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday.

All hotel guests will be welcomed to a complimentary all-you-can-eat hot breakfast with omelet station every morning, and a complimentary cocktail reception every evening. In addition, the Florida Society SAR will be hosting a Hospitality Suite in Room 107 throughout the weekend, with complimentary snacks and beverage service.

We have already negotiated our meetings for the 2019-2020 year with the Embassy Suites Hotel, after having investigated several hotel facilities in the Orlando and surrounding areas. Our two 2019-2020 meeting dates are 4-6 October 2019, and 1-3 May 2020.

The schedules for BOM meetings can be found on the www.flssar.org website using the BOM Meetings button. BOM Registration Forms and Meeting Schedules can be found online at this same site.

The Florida SAR was selected to the host Society for the 2023 SAR Annual Congress, which will be held in Orlando. The Meeting Arrangements Committee will be working closely with the 2023 Florida Congress Task Force over the next several years.

Please note that our contracts with the venue have deadlines for room reservations and for meal reservations. Our block of rooms is priced significantly lower than the retail quoted rates, and the deadlines for these advance reservations at the lower rates is controlled by the hotel, and not by the Florida SAR. The costs of the Meeting Rooms and audio-visual support are covered by a Registration Fee, which also includes the cost of producing and distributing this Proceedings Book and all distribution materials.

Please NOTE that you can cancel your room reservations and meal reservation up to 48 hours before the beginning day of the BOM.

Membership Promotion and Retention

Gerald Hardwich

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The activities of the committee consisted of two meetings held during the past year:

- Discussion about best practices for recruiting, retention, and reactivation during the FLSSAR NC Regional Meeting in September, 2018.
- Discussion about best practices for recruiting, retention, and reactivation during the FLSSAR BOM Meeting in October, 2018.

After these meetings, two documents were prepared and distributed to FLSSAR State Officers, Regional Vice Presidents, and Chapter Officers. The documents consisted of:

- Membership Promotion and Retention Document consisting of the following areas:
 - Chapter Recruiting Methods
 - Chapter Member Continuation and Renewal Methods
 - Chapter Reactivation Methods
- Power Point FLSSAR Membership Promotion and Retention document that may be used in a variety of ways, such as:
 - Making recruiting presentations to prospective members
 - Presentations to the general public
 - Recruiting presentations to DAR chapters to secure potential spouses or relatives as members

New Chapter Development

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No inquiries have been received recently for this committee to mentor and help set up a new chapter in the SAR – Florida Society

Newsletters and Periodicals

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Thirteen chapters submitted newsletters for consideration. The winning chapter's score was 191.5 of 200 possible points as graded by the judges. Second place newsletter was scored at 176 points; third place was a virtual photo finish with two chapters scoring 169.5 and 169.33 points. Those chapters will split the third place monetary award. Not all chapters submitted their newsletter issue to National for the contest at that level. Once again a Florida Chapter will return as the winner at National– just not the same one that won last year.

Strategic Planning

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No Report Submitted

Technology Advisory Committee

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Nothing to report

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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First and probably most important for our Guard members is that all members keep up their activities for their Bronze Color Guard Medal, and if you have received your Bronze and then your activities for the Silver Color Guard Medal, none of the Guard officers keep track of your involvement so if you don't then there is no record.

I will be stepping down as the Commander of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, I wish to thank all the members of the Brigade for putting up with me for these last two years, especially Dick Young and Steve Fields. I have enjoyed the comraderie of the Brigade and will still participate in Brigade activities.

Two notes, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Guard Manual is located on the Florida Society web site, and all activity reports are listed by Camp name, if there is no report then I did not receive one from your chapter.

1. George Washington Camp #1 Dick Cardell - Color Guard Commander,

The Chapter has at least a dozen active guardsmen, some with multiple uniforms. Plus we have several older guardsmen who are physically unable to march in parades but can ride in a vehicle or trailer. A number of our guardsmen have received Bronze and Silver Guardsmen Medals. New members have expressed interest in obtaining uniforms and muskets. We have at least a half a dozen members who have received training in black powder musket firing and participate in various events. Guardsmen are encouraged to wear uniforms at JROTC medal ceremonies, funerals, naturalization ceremonies presentation of the colors at DAR meetings as well as National and State events on National Holidays.

10 Feb 2019 – Flag retirement program outside the Mandarin Community Center, at a special place for ceremonies. At least six guardsmen in addition to Boy Scouts and CAR.

9 Mar 2019 – Last naval Battle , Cape Canaveral Chuck Farmer, Ken Norwood and Bill Ziegenfus participated.

30 March 2019 – Southern Most Battle of the Rev., Jacksonville. About half a dozen guardsmen were part of the color guard with member from other chapters as well as several from Georgia, who regularly participate with us. We had good attendance and great weather! We hope this will be eventually declared a National Event.

13 April 2019 – Patriot’s Day St. Simons Island, Georgia- another Georgia event we regularly participate in.

4 May 2019, expect 4 guardsmen to participate in a DAR Luncheon.

11 May BOM Spring and Annual meeting in Kissimmee, FL expecting 4 guardsmen to participate.

There will be a change of Command of the Jacksonville Color Guard at the next regular meeting of the Chapter, so there will be a new commander and adjutant .

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter

No Report Submitted

3. Cape Canaveral #3 Barry Eller

No Report Submitted

4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter

The Clearwater Color Guard has added a new member since the last annual BOM (Robert Anderson) but has lost a devoted member, John Sagert. John has moved to Tennessee and expects to join a color guard unit there.

At the last Chapter meeting we inducted a new member , who has asked to join the unit, and he is looking for a uniform. We are still looking for additional members.

Last year the Samuel Adams Camp received a donation of two black powder rifles for the color guard, The rifles were in working order but were cap and ball, not flintlocks. These rifles are currently being modified by a local gunsmith, and they will be working flintlocks when reworked. The Chapter will then have 4 working flintlocks(two owned by a color guard member who was in the a firing guard unit Pennsylvania, The chapter will then under go training and other requirements to have a black powder firing unit.

5. St. Lucie River Chapter Yorktown Camp #5 – Commander Hall Riediger

2 Representatives of the St. Lucie River Chapter participated in the Last Naval Battle celebration in Merritt Island
March 9th 2019

6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville

No Report Submitted

7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter

No Report Submitted

8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8 Saramana Chapter Camp Commander, Vincent Panissidi

Feb 2 – FLSSAR BoM meeting in Orlando, FL - (State Event)– D. Erb, S. Fields, V. Panissidi

Feb 16 – Saramana Luncheon – Enhanced JROTC Program Scholarship Award - (State Event)

– V. Panissidi, C. Paige, V. McMurry, D. Purviance, L. Dean, S. Fields, D. Erb

Feb 16 – Edison Festival of Lights Parade, Ft. Myers, FL – S. Fields, C. Paige - (State Event)

Mar 9 – Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration, Merritt Island, FL – V. Panissidi, D. Erb, C. Paige, S. Fields - (National Event)

Mar 16 – Saramana Luncheon - EMS and Fire Safety Commendation Awards– V. Panissidi, D. Purviance, J. Fitzpatrick, S. Fields, D. Erb

Mar 30 (Sat) Liberty Tree Dedication, Ft. Myers, FL. – D. Erb, S. Fields - (National Event)

Apr 27 (Sat) Saramana Luncheon – Law Enforcement Recognition— V. Panissidi, S. Fields , V. McMurry, D. Erb, P. Adams, C. Paige

9. Thomas Paine Camp #9, Miami Chapter, Commander -David B. Mitchel

No Report Submitted

10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10, Central Florida Chapter, Commander Andrew Showen

No Report Submitted.

11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Withlacoochee Chapter - Commander Larry Dean Sturgeon

On January 5th Commander Gibson and his wife Becky, attended the DDAR Ft. Cooper Chapter meeting at Citrus Hill Country Club

On the 12th of January, Commander Gibson had the flags posted at the general membership meeting.

On February 6th Commander Gibson along with past FLSSAR President Bob Folk and Compatriot Norm Fryer put on a SAR poster presentation at the Hernando Elementary School .

On February 9th Commander Gibson had the flags posted at the general membership meeting

On February 11th Commander Gibson attended a “Veterans in the Classroom” Luncheon at the Withlacoochee Technical Institute

On February 25th, Commander Gibson attended a planning meeting for the Memorial Day at the community of Arbor Lakes in Hernando. On March 6th, Commander Gibson attended a planning meeting fat Clover Leaf Farms in Brooksville concerning our participation in their St. patrick’s Day Parade.

On March 9th, commander Gibson and his wife attended the Last Naval Battle Commemoration in Merritt Island. The color guard of the Withlacoochee Chapter consisted of myself and past chapter Presidents Charles Day and William Teater.

On march 15th Commander Gibson and his color guard participated including Doug Brock, Bill Ferguson, Davde Hitchcock, Jack Townsend, Charles Day, Bob Folk, and auxiliary member taking photos Becky Gibson.
On march 15th the following the event color guard member Dave Hitchcock made a visit to the Brooksville Healthcare Center to visit Veteran poatients
On march 30th, commander Gibson and his wife attended the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, participating CG members included Bill Ferguson and past chapter president Charles Daay
On April 4th commander Gibson attended a planning meeting with the activities director Brenda Parish of the Brooksville Healthcare Center.

12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12, Lake Sumter Chapter: Glenn Langston-Color Guard Commander

No Report Submitted

13. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, Naples Chapter, Commander Don Cahill

No Report Submitted

14. Hillsborough River Camp #14 - Alan Bell - Commander

The Camp was represented at the Commemorations of the Last Naval Battle on March 9 and the Battle of Thomas Creek on March 30. Otherwise it has been quiet for our Color Guard. We do have plans to meet two Honor Flights and participate in a Memorial Day Ceremony, all in the Tampa area during May and June.

15. General Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp.#15 Caloosa Chapter – Robert McGuire, Commander

February 16th – We marched again in the Edison Festival of Lights Parade, one of the largest night time parades in the State of Florida. This time we were happily joined by color guard members and Ladies Auxiliary from the Saramana Chapter.

February 19th – We posted colors at the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter meeting which was attended by DAR State Regent Dawn Lemongello
March 9th – Caloosa color guard participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island with four of our members who marched in the parade and rendered honors to our sailors in that battle of Cape Canaveral.

On March 23rd several of our color guard members participated in uniform with other compatriots from around the State in staffing the information table at the DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando.

On March 30th, the Caloosa Chapter dedicated its 4th Liberty Tree in Lee County (and 39th in Florida) with a great turnout and celebration at which the Caloosa color guard was joined by colorguardsmen from Naples and Saramana Chapters. The program included a Massing of Colors with Boy Scouts and 6 DAR Chapters participating.

On May 1st (before the BOM) the Caloosa Chapter will present 15 Bronze ROTC Medals to Outstanding Cadets at the Annual Army JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 1st. Presenters from the Caloosa Chapter in Colonial uniform from the Caloosa Chapters will join with dozens of other veteran and patriotic organizations in this event at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena in Ft. Myers is attended by hundreds of cadets and a total of well over a thousand people.

On May 4th, three Caloosa members will serve as Guardians and one member as a Veteran Honoree in the Collier-Lee Honor Flight Mission #19. After a day in DC visiting the monuments, a welcome reception will be held at RSW airport which will include the Caloosa Color Guard which is expected to be augmented by Saramana and Naples units along with DAR Chapter representatives from the area

Gabriel Long Camp #16 David Chestnut Commander, St. Petersburg Chapter

No Report Submitted

Lake City Chapter Outpost William Pfeil, Commander

No Report Submitted

Liaisons

C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide Committee

W. Richard Young dyoung22@aol.com

Since the last Report, your Committee Chairman has attended...

- National SAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee meeting as part of the Leadership Conference in Louisville on March 1.
- Florida C.A.R. Annual Conference held in Kissimmee on February 22-24. The out-going State President, Taylor Putt was presented with the SAR Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation, the Immediate Past Senior State President,

Virginia "Ginny" Poffenberger was presented the SAR Silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation for her work in Texas and Florida and the Florida C.A.R. was presented a \$1,000 donation from the Florida SAR.

C.A.R. Activity Report

As announced in the Winter BOM Committee Report and as published in the Winter issue of the *Florida Patriot Magazine*, we now using the National SAR C.A.R. Activity Report as a Florida SAR Report for recognition to those chapters that work with the C.A.R. and submit the reports. For 2018/2019, five chapters submitted the C.A.R. Activity Report and will be recognized at the Awards Banquet. They are:

Gainesville
Jacksonville
Miami
Tampa
William Dunaway

For 2020, any chapter submitting a Report will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and any chapter fulfilling five (5) of the 10 listed activities will be awarded a flag streamer.

What do you do if there is no C.A.R. Society near you?

If there is no local C.A.R. Society near you, you can still support them by encouraging C.A.R. membership of the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of your chapter members. You can support the Florida Society C.A.R. by donating to the Society or supporting the State Project. Visit their website at www.floridasocietycar.org for details. You can support the National Society C.A.R. by donating to their National Project or by donating to one of their many fund raising programs (visit their website at www.nscar.org for details).

SAR Junior Members

This Committee is also responsible for encouraging Junior Membership and Junior Member participation. As a chapter, you should also encourage your members to submit applications for their sons, grandsons and nephews, wherever they live, and take advantage of the SAR Application Family Plan. Your Chapter should also encourage local Junior Members to attend meetings and participate in Chapter activities, including Color Guard.

DAR Liaison

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On March 23rd several of our members joined with other compatriots from around the State in staffing the information table at the FSSDAR Annual Meeting in Orlando. Participating in these twice a year DAR State meetings continues a long-term practice of attending (mostly in Colonial uniform) and recruiting new SAR members from families of DAR Daughters. It provides added benefits of enhancing relationships between the SAR and DAR, and is an opportunity for compatriots from various Chapters around the State to collaborate informally.

FLSSAR President COL Pat Niemann participated in staffing the information table on March 23rd, and at the banquet on Saturday evening he presented State Regent Dawn Lemongello the Martha Washington Medal for her support of the Florida Society SAR. Regent Lemongello has also been invited and has accepted attendance at the SAR banquet at BOM on May 11th.

The DAR has substantially supported the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island on March 9th and both the Battle of Thomas Creek (Jacksonville) celebration and the Liberty Tree Dedication (FT. Myers) both of which were on March 30th.

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Jeff Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

The baskets will be raffled at this meeting so it is urged that every chapter attending submit a basket. Money collected goes to give prize money to the various youth programs. Other contributions made to the Ladies Auxiliary are greatly appreciated.

It is most appreciated that all chapters consider bringing a basket to the Spring BOM and Fall BOM meetings as this is the only chance for the Ladies Auxiliary to raise money for the various youth committees that they help to support. If there are any questions on what needs to be in a basket, please contact Billie Brock..

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

Bob McGuire rmcguire@slvx.com

On March 9th, the Brevard SAR Chapter supported by local DAR Chapters and the C.A.R. hosted the 236th Anniversary celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War at Veterans Park on Merritt Island. The weather was great and there was a good turnout of marching units and participants.

On another beautiful Saturday March 30th 2019 the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida. There were over 100 people in attendance representing seventeen chapters of the SAR, ten chapters of the DAR and four societies of the C.A.R. plus the City of Jacksonville, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and the West Nassau Historical Society. David Ramseur, Past Chapter and Florida Society President presided over the ceremony. Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Parks Division Chief Robert Skatelzky advising about the future city enhancements for the 846 acre battlefield park. Past PG Carl Hoffman brought greetings from the National SAR and Florida SAR SVP Lee Popham brought greetings for the Florida Society. We were especially honored to have the DAR Florida State Society Regent Dawn Lemongello bringing greetings at our ceremony.

Also on March 30th, the dedication of the 39th Liberty Tree in Florida (the 1st since becoming a “National Event”) was held at the Headquarters of the Southwest Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America in Fort Myers on March 30, 2019. The program featured a Massing of Colors with the Sons of Liberty Brigade (including representatives of four SAR Chapters), Boy Scout Troop 8463, and the Great Southwest Regents Council, including representatives of six DAR Chapters. The ceremony drew about 80 participants and observers. Eagle Scout Compatriot Daniel Wood recited the Liberty Tree Poem by Thomas Paine. State Chaplain Rev. Dwight Elam told the story of the original Liberty Tree in Boston and other Liberty Trees and Poles that were established throughout the Colonies. These were rallying points in the support of liberty and resistance to tyranny. These ceremonies, which are now designated “National Events”, may be conducted by any Chapter or Society of NSSAR and at any time of the year, providing an opportunity to bring history to life and honor the memory of the patriots.

Battle of Pensacola

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No Report Submitted

Battle of Thomas Creek

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A combined color guard of 20 compatriots was led by Florida SAR Color Guard Vice Commander Dick Young in the presentation of colors and the wreath ceremony. Compatriot Young was assisted by Scott Breckenridge of Jacksonville SAR and River Phillips of the Vaughan-Latham Society C.A.R. In the presentation of the wreaths by the organizations Dick Young and by Jack Dugger of Blue Ridge Mountain SAR served as the honor guardsmen. Thirty three wreaths were presented by SAR, DAR, C.A.R. chapters and other patriotic organizations from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

We were again delighted to have the “Let Freedom Sing” chorus group sing a number of patriotic songs during the ceremony. Life Scout Ryan Vogel led “The Pledge of Allegiance”, and with other scouts assisted in car parking and seating attendees during the ceremony. Compatriot, Dr. Roger Smith taught us the true southern history about the

Revolutionary War conflicts in leadership and planning leading up to the Battle of Thomas Creek, also known as the “Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War”.

Last Naval Battle

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Last Naval Battle took place on March 09, 2019.

LMB – Great turnout! 190 people attended the event. Received numerous positive feed-back on the way it was run this year. Most of the credit needs to go to Veterans Memorial Center and Donn Weaver. Without them we would not have a podium, bleachers, chairs, media coverage....

The following people were part of our LNB committee who committed time and effort in putting this together. The LNB monument and canon was accessible during the event, construction is underway to rebuild the decking along the river’s edge from hurricane damage. We had media coverage from The Happenings Port St John/Canaveral Groves newspaper, Hometown news put two articles in their newspaper and Senior Scene Magazine published one article in their April issue. 2020 LNB will take place on March 07.

Supporters:

Brevard Veterans Center, Brevard Sea Cadets, Coast Guard Auxillery,

President General Lindsey Brock, President General Mike Tomme, State President COL Patrick Jay Niemann, State Chaplin Dwight Elam, President Roger Bonnett, Donn Weaver, Carl Green, Norm Desmarais, Ray Norman, Doug Bisset, Carroll Lord, Jerry Scarpate, Barry Eller, Jim Ward, Sam Ashdown, Sonny Jones, James Burnett, Brian Jensen.

Youth Programs

Americanism Youth Contests

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No Report Submitted

Eagle Scout

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Much of our effort this past year has been in gathering names of Chapter Eagle Scout contacts. Twenty-four Chapters have submitted names of their Chapter contact person. An additional six have indicated that they do not participate in any Eagle Scout recognition.

Throughout the year the committee receives inquiries from new Eagle Scouts. Most of them are seeking a letter of congratulations from the SAR. These are all referred to a local Chapter for follow-up. Each Scout inquiry also receives information from the State Committee on the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.

Each Chapter may submit one local winner of the contest to participate in the State contest. This year nine chapters submitted an entry. The top three winners were selected by the Eagle Scout Committee following judging guidelines established by the National Eagle Scout Committee: 1st-Stuart Case, Clearwater Chapter; 2nd-Lathan Dixon, Withlacochee Chapter; 3rd-Joshua Hebert, Jacksonville Chapter.

This was the third consecutive year that Stuart Case has won the State contest. He had already met the maximum award money presented by NSSAR. As a result, 2nd place winner Lathan Dixon was submitted for the National Contest, the winner of which will be announced at Congress this July.

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is an additional responsibility of the Eagle Scout Committee. The Saramana Chapter submitted a nomination for Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr. for the Burt Award which was approved by both the State and National Societies.

The deadline for submission of each Chapter King winner for 2019 will be January 15, 2020. Chapters should establish their deadline early enough to meet the State deadline.

History Fairs

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The 2019 History Fairs competition yielded only four contestants who prepared a paper, performance, or website on the Revolutionary War era. The committee chose Caroline Russell's Junior Individual Website "Alexander Hamilton and His Climb to the Top" as the winning entry. She will be awarded by the FLSSAR by Earl Matthews, NW Regional VP, the American Revolution Heritage Award at the state History Fairs award ceremony the first full week of May.

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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Congratulations to Caleb S. Sheppard, who represented the Withlacoochee Chapter with his first-place essay on the Right to Bear Arms, to William Hess, representing the St. Petersburg Chapter who won second place with his essay on Prison Ships, and Jason Puwalski, representing Caloosa Chapter, garnering third prize with his essay on Hercules Mulligan

For the 2018 state contest, 30 essays were received from 10 Chapters and one At large entry. This led to a competitive state contest with 11 participants.

Just recently, we heard from National that Right to Bear Arms had won the NSSAR Essay first prize. This marks the second time in four years that Florida has captured this prestigious award. More congratulations to Caleb!

Finally, I wish to thank my Committee for their time and effort in grading the winners and making the tough decisions as to which essays get the prizes.

Good Citizenship

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No Report Submitted

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

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No Report Submitted

JROTC

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The JROTC Committee is pleased to report that awards of medals and certificates have been presented to the outstanding cadets throughout the State of Florida and Puerto Rico in high school units and college ROTC units. There was a situation in the AFROTC units but it was resolved by continuing the awarding of the certificates and medals that the cadets earned and wanted and giving the units the option of wearing (or not or when) the earned awards. Chapters have responded promptly to requests from the units for these awards. Good Job!

This year the winner of the JROTC Enhanced Program Contest for the Florida Society's outstanding cadet is U.S. Army Cadet JROTC Harley Ann Haas from Sarasota High School. She was nominated by the Sarasota SAR Chapter. Cadet Haas has a grade point average of 5.2 and her class standing is 11th out of 541. She has been promoted to Cadet Captain and served as Company Commander during her sophomore year - a position not normally awarded a sophomore. She is currently the Battalion Personnel Officer and is the front runner to become the Battalion Commander in her senior year. She is expected to attain the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In addition to her ROTC activities and academic accomplishments, she is a volunteer teacher at a local elementary school, Salvation Army volunteer, and a volunteer at the local food bank. Due to these contributions, she was nominated as the Sarasota High School Outstanding Student Volunteer.

This year there was a tie for second place in the contest: U.S. Air Force JROTC Cadet Victoria J. App from Middleton High School in Tampa, nominated by the Tampa SAR Chapter and U.S. Army JROTC Cadet Patricia Antoniak from Naples High School in Naples, nominated by Naples SAR Chapter. It was a close and competitive tie.

All three cadets receive monetary awards from the FLSSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary. The winner receives a total of \$1,350.00 and the cadets who tied receive \$450.00 each.

At the NSSAR level, there have been at least twenty eight state societies that have submitted entries this year - about the same as last year. Judging is currently underway. The competition continues to increase. Details of accomplishments are mandatory in the cadet's entry. The winner at NSSAR receives \$4,000.00 plus \$1,500.00 travel expense, second place receives \$1,500.00, and third place \$1,000.00.

Lastly, I would like to thank the JROTC Committee members - Dick Young, Ben Tidwell, Don Gunn, and Pat Niemann for their work on the committee this year. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated. A job well done!

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

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The committee chose Mr. Arren Swift for the American History Teacher award. Mr. Swift teaches high school history at Seminole High School in Pinellas County. He and his wife will be attending the 2019 BOM Youth Luncheon, where I will present to him his award and he will address the luncheon.

Habitat for Humanity

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While the activity of other state chapters appears to be minimal, the FLSSAR Clearwater chapter presented sixteen American flags to Clearwater Habitat Pinellas new homes. from February 2018 through February 2019. The presentations were made in person by Dr. Bob Cundiff at each of the new home dedications.

Operation Ancestor Search

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OAS continues to have difficulties in performing our mission at VA facilities. The primary reason is the frequent changing of VA Recreational Therapy contacts.

A secondary problem is a perception of lessening interest on the part of VA personnel.

We will continue to evaluate interest in OAS after taking a summer break

Patriotic Activities

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Functions:

- 1. Through the chapters, to encourage Americanism which is devotion and loyalty to the United States, its traditions, its customs and its institutions.*
- 2. To encourage chapter participation in Allegiance Sunday programs which are held on the Sunday of the 4th of July, or the Sunday immediately prior to the 4th at which allegiance to the United States is reaffirmed.*
- 3. To encourage participation by chapters at the naturalization of new citizens and develop programs which delineate the duties, rights and privileges of all citizens.*
- 4. To develop programs of Patriotic Educational Significance for presentation before school, citizen, fraternal, and civic groups. Programs may be of historical documents, or biographical sketches of individuals or groups who had impact on the establishment and development of the United States.*
- 5. To administer the Flag Program for the Florida Society to include competition for the rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award to the State Society with the best Flag Program, award and present the NSSAR Flag Certificate to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR, encourage FLSSAR chapters to*

participate in Flag Day, June 14, ceremonies, and promote respect and honor to the Flag of the United States. Encourage chapters to present the NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate (NEW) to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR.

The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award is presented to societies with at least 50% of chapters presenting at least one Flag Certificate. In 2018, 12 of Florida's 34 chapters presented 28 certificates. They include Aaron Snowden, Caloosa, Clearwater, Charlotte, Flagler, Gainesville, Highlands, Jacksonville, Palm Beach, Saramana, Withlacoochee, and William Dunaway. We were very close and several chapters had multiple presentations during the year. Chapters have also started making presentations for 2019. We will do better in 2019.

With Flag Day approaching, time is ripe to look to local churches, schools, businesses, veteran's organizations, neighborhood associations, civic groups and other candidates. Presentations of certificates can be simple or elaborate. Usually they take only a few minutes with a member introducing himself, talking briefly on the importance of or history of the American flag, explaining the award, and presenting it to the group. Certificates can be presented in an SAR folder, in a frame, or mounted to a plaque. If the certificate is mounted or framed, it is more likely to be put on display rather than stuffed in a drawer. Flag Certificates and the new Flag Retirement Certificates are available from the SAR store for only \$4.

Allegiance Sunday is held on the Sunday closest to July 4th. Compatriots are encouraged to contact the head of their congregation or church to see what activities are planned to recognize Independence Day. These observances are opportunities to offer the services of the color guard or to have a member lead worshippers in the pledge of Allegiance. A Flag Certificate could also be presented if appropriate.

For more details or information, please contact one of the committee members listed above.

Public Service and Heroism

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The **Public Service and Heroism Committee** (PS&H) recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for Heroic Acts with a commendation and medal. States, chapters and commendation recipients are recognized in a booklet published and distributed at the National Congress each July.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The recipients are usually recommended by their supervisors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. No Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

The **Fire Safety Commendation Medal** is presented to an individual for accomplishments and or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal, which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. Oak Leaf Clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

The **Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal** is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics, certified Emergency Medical Technicians, and others in the emergency medical fields that have performed an act or service beyond which is normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously, The medal may be presented to an individual only once, and no Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

A **Heroism Commendation Medal** recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger—i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians, not in uniform, but does **not** exclude police, firemen, EMS SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered in the performance of one's normal duty, nor by medals for valor by the armed forces. Animals are not eligible for recognition. The medal may also be

presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and the wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

The **SAR Life Saving Medal** is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award.

The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel. Lifesaving examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities even though the victim might expire at a later time.

Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved.

Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

As a reminder, each Chapter should report to the FLSSAR Regional Vice President and to **Wayne L. Brown**, NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Committee Chairman, Wayne's email is engineerscorner@gmail.com.

This is a link to the NSSAR form to submit any one of these awards.

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/391/OuZ5WZxQKQ8d.pdf>

Publicity /Earl Marlin

Publicity Donald K. Lanman DLanman258@aol.com
Earl Marlin Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

The Earl Marlin contest has been finished and the results are as follows, 1st place is a tie between Flagler and Withlacoochee chapters, Third Place is Clearwater Chapter and Honorable Mention is the St. Lucie River Chapter. We had a very poor turnout with only 4 chapters participating, I wonder why more chapter do not participate.

Veterans Affairs

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The USS Stark Memorial Award authorized in 1988 was established to memorialize those who seek to preserve the freedom our ancestors fought to achieve. This is being done by recognizing the outstanding SAR Chapters and State Societies within the NSSAR for their participation with and in support of the veteran's community. The 2019 recognition contest is underway and will end on December 31, 2019. Many thanks to the committee members: DeCody Marble, Don Lanman, George Frey, Pat Niemann, and Steve Fields for their help and support in the 2018 contest. Good job!

In conclusion, we should always remember that sometimes even a small item or thing we do - like visiting a veteran in care, gifting of a book or article for personal use, participating in a service or ceremony to honor or recognize veterans is not a significant burden or cost to us but it is greatly appreciated by those who put it all on the line for our country. Thank you and remember to record these actions so that others will thank you as well.

Veteran's Recognition

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FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 9 to = 596 members:

NE=89

NW=50

NC=79
EC=70
WC=132
SE=59
SW=117

24% of FLSSAR membership is represented in the Veterans Battalion.

Committee Activity:

Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted on a Quarterly basis and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion recognition within each chapter. Veterans Battalion Roster has been updated on the FLSSAR web site listing of all 596 Veterans Battalion members. The committee chairman is processing Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of VB application form with proof of honorable service DD-214, and mailing the VB Certificate within 48 hours to the Chapter for presentation. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to each approved Compatriot at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org. Chapter Presidents are reminded that the SAR War Service Medal may only be authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of service directly within a DOD designated "combat area" as noted on their DD-214. Non-combat related service qualifies for the Military Service Medal. The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans committee to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

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We are half way through the ETF year (Nov. 1 to Oct. 31) and I only have 4 requests totaling \$834.51. Spring is the busy time for so many of our programs so I am sure many will be arriving but I encourage everyone to make their requests before breaking for the summer so you don't miss anything. And remember, at the last BOM we made changes and additions to the rules, so be sure to review them and use the current form from the state web site to make your requests. You can make 5 requests at a maximum reimbursement of \$350 each for a total of \$1,750 for the year. This can really help your outreach programs. And it's a good idea to review the rules as you put together your budget for the coming year. We are the only state with this type of program. Don't miss out on it!

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

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Endowment Trust

In 2018, 24 Chapters were reimbursed \$15,568.99, up from 16 for \$8,956.21 in 2017. This was a welcome increase in the participation of the ETF by the Chapters, but put a strain on the cash flow. Accordingly, in accordance with the Trust document and the policies and procedures of the ETF Distribution Committee, the distribution percentage was increased to 5% in order to provide for the increased demand. This percentage has been continued for 2019 to accommodate the increased usage of the ETF by the Chapters.

The fund is invested conservatively by Regions Bank in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement promulgated by the Trustees. Happily, the fair market value is higher from a year ago, after providing for distributions and administrative expenses.

Operating Budget Trust

For the year 2019, \$3,000 was provided for in the FLSSAR Operating Budget as the approximate contribution generated by dues. Additionally, as usual, a similar amount was planned to be distributed by the Trust back to the FLSSAR Operating Budget account to help defray expenses. However, uncertainties around the bid for hosting a future Annual Congress have held up the distribution pursuant to conversations with the Treasurer. It is possible that the above contribution representing the usual 3% "unitrust amount" could be elevated 1 or 2% for a proposed Congress Fund. The OBT is invested conservatively by Regions Bank in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement promulgated by the Trustees. Happily, the fair market value is higher from a year ago, after providing for distributions and administrative expenses.

Respectfully submitted, William Lee Popham, Co-Trustee, John M. Stewart, Co-Trustee, W. Richard Young, Co-Trustee

Appendix Pages to follow

Annual Meeting

Old Business

New Business

Nominating Committee report. Officer slate as listed below:

The nominating committee recommends the following Compatriots for election at the Annual meeting May 11, 2019:

President - Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
S V Pres. - David Bussone
Treasurer - W. Richard Young
Secretary - H. Hall Riediger
Member At Large - Donald Lanman
Recording Secretary - Scott Breckenridge
Registrar - Ray Lantz
Sgt. At Arms - Chuck Farmer
Chaplain - Dwight Elam
Chancellor - Carl Hoffmann
Genealogist - Richard B. Cardell
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Editor - Jeff Sizemore
Webmaster - Scott Bushnell
RVP NE - Jim Gaskins
RVP NW - Earl "Matt" Mathews
RVP NC - Jerry Harwich
RVP EC - Charles Berger
RVP WC - John B. Goolsby
RVP SW - Steven Fields
RVP SE - Bernard W. Wolff

National Trustee - Patrick J Niemann
Alternate Trustee - Robert McGuire

Nominees elected by acclamation.

National Congress Attendees to be listed by State Secretary

Nomination Committee appointments:

Motion: Patrick Niemann, Steve Fields, David Bussone, James Gaskins, Michael Tomme. Passed

**Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2019**

	Activity Jan-April	2019 Budget	Remaining Budget
Cash Receipts			
Annual Dues	103,292	100,000	
Prepaid Dues from December	-		(3,292)
Patriot Magazine Subscription	-	3,000	3,000
OTF distribution	-	3,000	3,000
Registrar Receipts	5,660	12,000	6,340
Secretary Receipts	897	1,000	103
Other Income	30		(30)
BOM Receipts			-
Registration	2,630	17,500	14,870
50/50	-	200	200
Hospitality Room	-	-	-
Donations			
Meeks Fund	-		-
LNB Medal Sales	-		-
Patriot Mag Ad Income	-		-
Carry Over From Prior Year	7,042	7,042	-
Total	<u>119,551</u>	<u>143,742</u>	<u>24,191</u>

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Cash Disbursements			
NSSAR Dues	63,820	63,000	(820)
Dues Refunds	30		(30)
Reinstatement Dues	1,230	1,500	270
Registrar Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Secretarty Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Exec Admin Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Presidents Expenses	1,776	5,000	3,224
Sr VP Expenses	-	2,500	2,500
Secretary Expenses	436	800	364
Treasurer Expenses	96	200	104
Registrar Expenses	331	600	269
BOM Expenses			
Hotel (Meals)	2,711	16,000	13,289
BOM Refunds	-	-	-
Hospitality Room	-	800	800
A/V & Other	-	1,500	1,500
PG Room	-	300	300
Hotel Deposits	1,500	-	(1,500)
Internet/Computer Expense	60	600	540
Technology Comm	-	100	100
Knight Essay Comm	302	2,000	1,698
American His Teacher Comm	-	750	750
Eagle Scout Comm	1,750	2,000	250
JROTC Comm	-	2,100	2,100
Good Citizenship Comm	-	250	250
Patriotic Education	-	250	250
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	1,560	4,000	2,440
Americanism Poster Contest	-	350	350
Americanism Brochure Contest	-	350	350
FSCAR Donation	1,000	1,000	-
History Fair Comm	475	500	25
SAR Museum & Learning Center	-	1,000	1,000
NSSAR Library	-	250	250
Battle of Pensacola	-	250	250
Last Naval Battle	430	500	70
Battle of Thomas Creek	445	500	55
Medals & Awards Comm	-	1,500	1,500
C.A.R. Committee	114	100	(14)
Patriot Medal Comm	-	500	500
Americanism/Chapter Challenge	-	100	100
Newsletters & Period Comm	-	600	600
Publicity Comm	-	600	600
New Chapter Dev Comm	-	750	750
Veterans Battalion	74	200	126
Other Committee Cost	-	200	200
Bank Charges/Fees	-	100	100
Storage Fees	50	-	(50)
Miscellaneous Costs	263	300	37
D&O/Liability Insurance	-	2,500	2,500
Patriot Mag Cost	2,566	5,600	3,034
Other Postage/Delivery	-	-	-
ETF Donation	-	2,000	2,000
Meeks Fund Donation (F4F)	2,942	4,942	2,000
Carry Over to Future Years	400	400	-
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