The Withlacoochee Patriot
Withlacoochee Chapter
Citrus & Hernando County

Message from our President:

This is the month of the start of selecting the next President of the United States of America. I ask that each compatriot think about the candidate choices and vote in the Primary for the person you feel will continue to lead our great Country in the right direction. I do not ask you to vote for any candidate just to vote.

James Madison said: "On the distinctive principles of the Government…of the United States, the best guides are to be found in…The **Declaration of Independence**, as the fundamental Act of Union of these States." **Letter to Thomas Jefferson, February 8, 1825**.

Clyde Elza Johnson

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Birthday

Anthony Costa – Feb 14
Samuel Costa – Feb 28
George Edge – Feb 11
Harold Marvin – Feb 3
Richard Sumner – Feb 28

Wedding Anniversary

Duane Finch – Feb 6
Harley Nelson – Feb 14
Ray Cable – Feb 7

Meeting Information – Chapter & State

Monthly Membership Meetings
March 12, 2016 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
April 9, 2016 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
May 21, 2016 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
Directions to Members Meetings

Executive Board Meeting - EBM
March 31, 2016 (Thursday) 1:00 PM)
May 12, 2016 (Thursday) 1:00 PM
Directions to Executive Board Meeting

Board of Management Meeting (B.O.M.)
South West Region Chapters *will be the Host Region for the 2016 Spring BOM Meeting*.
May 13 - 15, 2016

South West Region: Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Glades, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Monroe

FLSSAR Website

The Florida Society SAR will hold its Spring Board of Management (B.O.M.) and Annual Meeting at:

THE FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
at the Florida Mall, 1500 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32809.
Interested in going to the B.O.M.?
Contact Chapter President Clyde Johnson
You can find more information about this event at the FLSSAR website BOM tab. (www.flssar.org)

Officers of 2015-2016 Term

President: Clyde Elza Johnson

1st Vice President: Daniel Wood Hans

2nd Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Larry Dean Sturgeon

Treasurer: Jack L. Townsend

Registrar: Stephen Carl Brown

Chaplain: Norman Romeyn Freyer

Genealogist: Vacant

Historian: Kenneth Ronald Dunn

Immediate Past President: Edward Ralph Gingrich

Color Guard Commander: Larry Dean Sturgeon

**Cascades at Southern Hills, 19761 Fort King Run, Brooksville, Florida 34601
Directions to Executive Board Meeting
Directions to Cascades at Southern Hills: Heading south on US Hwy 41 (Broad St.) from the State Hwy 50 (Cortez Blvd) by-pass Southside of Brooksville, go 2 miles turning east on Southern Hills Blvd. Then 0.5 mi turning south on Cotillion Blvd at the next right is Fort King Run. The building is the first one on the right. Parking lot is on the left side of Fort King Run.

2015/2016
Withlacoochee Chapter Officers

Withlacoochee Chapter Schedule
2015 - 2016 Meetings and Events
September 12, 2015 – December 1, 2016

Month/Year	Date/Day	Time	Meeting/Event
June/July/August*****SUMMER BREAK*****No Meetings Scheduled*****			
September 2015 *	3 - THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
September	12 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
October *	1 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
October *	7 - WED	1:00 PM	EBM - Rescheduled
October	10 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
October	23, 24, 25	8:00 AM	FLSSAR FALL BOM
November	5 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
November	8 - SUN	3:00 PM	Massing of the Colors**
November	11 – WED	9:00 AM	Veterans Day Parade
November	14 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
December *	3 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
December	5 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
December	10 – Thursday	1:30 PM	Veterans Home Christmas
December	12 - SAT	9:00 – 9:30 AM	Wreaths across America
January 2016 *	7- THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
January	9 – SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
January	15 – FRI	6:00 PM	Rehearsal – Posting of the Colors
January	16 – SAT	3:00 PM	Posting of the Colors First United Methodist Church 9344 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill, FL 34608
January	20 - WED	1:30 PM	Inverness Primary School Americanism Poster Contest
January	28 - THUR	9:30 AM	Floral City Elementary Americanism Poster Contest
January	30 - SAT	11:00 AM	DAR/SAR Fort Cooper DAR Historical Marker Ceremony

Withlacoochee Chapter Schedule
2015 - 2016 Meetings and Events
September 12, 2015 – May 21, 2016

February 2016*	4 – THUR	10:00 AM	Executive Board
February	5, 6	8:00 AM	FLSSAR WINTER BOM
February	10 – WED	10:00 AM	West Hernando Christian School
February	13 – SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
March 2016 *	3 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
March **	5 - SAT	10:00 AM	Last Naval Battle @ Merritt Island
March	12 – SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
March	16 - WED	10:00 AM	WYKE TV - Citrus Today Show
March **	17 – THUR	9:00 AM	Clover Leaf – St. Patrick's Day Clover Leaf Directions
March **	19 – SAT	10:00 AM	Thomas Creek Dedication
March *	31 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
April	9 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
April	TBA	TBA	Eugene Wellman – 50 Year Pin
May	13, 14, 15	9:00 AM	FLSSAR SPRING BOM & Annual Mtg. NSSAR President General's Visit
May *	12 – THUR	1:00 PM	Executive Board
May	21 - SAT	11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting

** FLSSAR State Color Guard Events

June/July/August 2016*****SUMMER BREAK*****No Meetings Scheduled*****

Month/Year	Date/Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
September 2016	8 – THUR	11:00 AM	General Members Mtg	Garden
October	6 – THUR	11:00 AM	General Members Mtg	Garden
November	10 – THUR	11:00 AM	General Members Mtg	Windsor
December	1 – THUR	11:00 AM	General Members Mtg	

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
COLOR GUARD
Withlacoochee Chapter
USA
Thomas Jefferson Camp 11

Commander: Larry Dean Sturgeon
Vice - Commander: Vacant

TAKE NOTICE!

We are in need of more Guardsmen to further serve our Chapter, the public, and most importantly, our patriot ancestors. We dress in American Revolutionary War Uniforms marching in holiday parades' and observances' and posting of the colors at our general membership meetings.

If you are interested in joining our ranks please contact the Camp Commander to get started. We would be honored to have you as a fellow Guardsman.

SAR ColorGuardsman Magazine

Welcome New Color Guard Member:

Compatriot Leonard Crawford

Poster Contest Presentation
West Hernando Christian School
February 10, 2016

Winter BOM
February 5 – 6, 2016
FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade

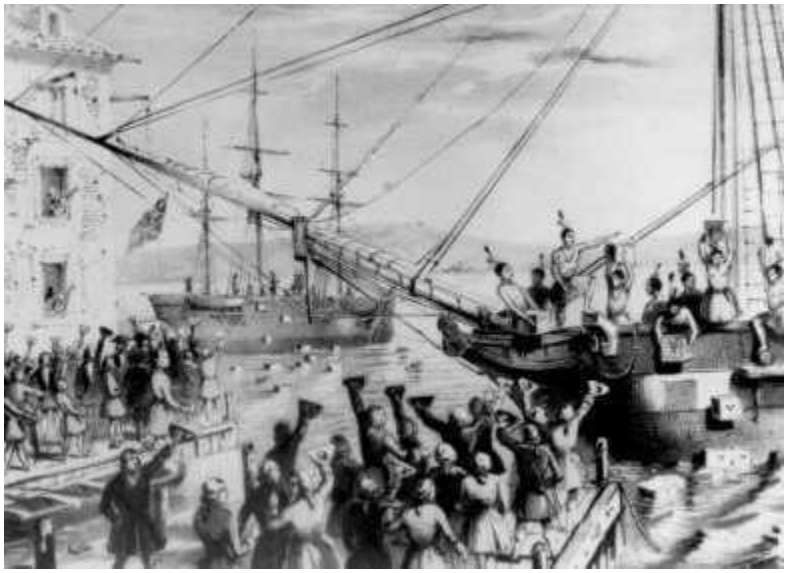
Here are some key events and dates for the American Revolution and the war for independence.

The Revolutionary War was between the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Thirteen American colonies. The colonists did not like the way the British were treating them, especially when it came to taxes. Eventually small arguments turned into larger fights and the colonists decided to fight for their own country, independent of Britain.

Events that led up to the war:

The Stamp Act ***(March 22, 1765) - Britain sets a tax that requires a stamp on all public documents like newspapers or legal documents. The colonists did not like having this tax placed on them. This led to unrest in the colonies and the Stamp Act Congress (October 1765).***

The Boston Massacre ***(March 5, 1770 - 5 Boston colonists are shot by British troops.***



The Destruction of Tea at Boston Harbor

The Boston Tea Party (Dec. 16, 1773) - Angry with a new tax on tea, some Boston colonists calling themselves the Sons of Liberty board British ships and dump crates of tea into the Boston Harbor.

The First Continental Congress Meets (Sept. 1774) - Representatives from the colonies get together to unite and oppose British taxes.

Paul Revere's Midnight Ride

The Revolutionary War Begins

Paul Revere's Ride (April 18, 1775) - The Revolutionary War starts and Paul Revere makes his famous ride to warn the colonists that the "British are coming".

Battle of Lexington and Concord (April 19, 1775) - The actual fighting starts with the first "shot heard around the world". The Americans win as the British retreat.

Capture of Fort Ticonderoga (May 10, 1775) - The Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold capture Fort Ticonderoga from the British.

Battle of Bunker Hill (June 16, 1775) - Major battle where William Prescott told the American troops "don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes".

The Declaration of Independence is Adopted (July 4, 1776) - The Continental Congress agrees to Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

George Washington Crosses the Delaware (Dec. 25, 1776) - George Washington and his troops cross the Delaware River on Christmas night and surprise the enemy.

America Chooses a Flag (June 14, 1777) - The Continental Congress adopts the "Stars and Stripes" Flag sewn by Betsy Ross.

Battles of Saratoga (September 19 - October 17, 1777) - British General John Burgoyne surrenders his army to the Americans after suffering defeat at the Battles of Saratoga.

Valley Forge (Winter of 1777-1778) - The Continental army under George Washington spends the winter training at Valley Forge.

Alliance with France (Feb. 16, 1778) - France recognized the United States as an independent country with the Treaty of Alliance.

Articles of Confederation (March 2, 1781) - Defined the official government of the United States.

Battle of Yorktown (Oct. 19, 1781) - The last major battle of the American Revolutionary War. British General Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown was the unofficial end to the war.

Treaty of Paris (Sept. 3, 1783) - Treaty that officially ended the war.

Welcome New Associates
February General Meeting

1. William Thompson
2. Theodore Trousdale
3. Kenneth Lancaster
4. Robert Hartzell

Member: Stephen Brown **Ancestor:** William Levering III (1734 – 1806)

William Levering III was born 3 Jan 1734, in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, one of nine children born to William Levering II and Hannah (nee Clemens) Harden, widow of Robert Harden, a sea captain in the East India Service. Mrs. Hardin was born in England in 1709. The Levering family immigrated to Germantown, Philadelphia County in 1685 from Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Mr. Weigart Levering, great grandfather of William III, purchased a tract of 500 acres lying from Wissahickon Creek to the Schuylkill River.

According to the Pennsylvania Archives, William Levering III served under Captain Holgate, who is noted to have fought in major battles in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Jones, in an article entitled, "Roxborough and the Revolutionary War," published in the Manayunk Sentinel, July 6, 1882, testifies to having seen an original military muster roll, containing names of enlisted men, under date of August 1, 1776, which did not appear upon the rolls of the Pennsylvania Archives. This roster shows that William Levering, the subject of this sketch, was Captain of the company, which formed part of the First Rifle Battalion of Philadelphia County, under Colonel Matlack.

He married 17 May 1759 Martha Deaves, daughter of Thomas Deaves. William and Martha had nine children, one having died in infancy. William inherited from his father the smith shop and tools, opposite the Leverington Hotel. He also owned the house and small farm below the shop.

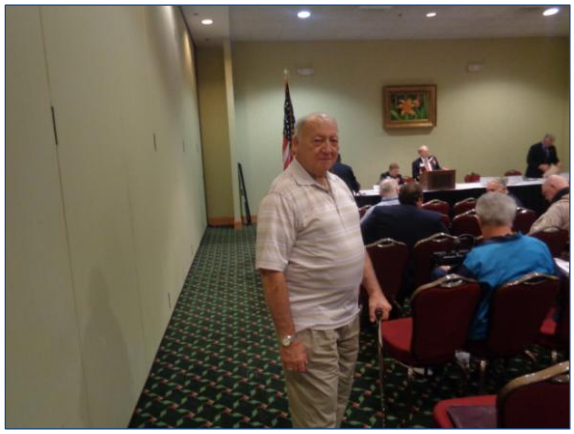
He died 1 June 1806 and is buried in the Leverington Cemetery, next to Roxborough Baptist Church. NOTES: From the "LEVERING FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY" by Col. John Levering, published 1897 (Pgs. 122-123; 144-145)

Hannah Levering, daughter of William and Hannah Levering, married Joseph Sater, of the pioneer family of Maryland, and removed to Hamilton County, Ohio. They are recognized as “First Families of Ohio”.

Winter Board of Management Meeting
February 5 & 6, 2016
Florida Hotel and Conference Center
1500 Sand Lake Road
Orlando, FL 32809

L – R: Ladies Auxiliary Dot Day and President Ellie Folk.

Withlacoochee Ladies Auxiliary basket



Chapter President Clyde Johnson at the Board Of Management Meeting on February 5, 2016.

Members and FLSSAR Executive Board.

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The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution attended winter session.
The February, 2016, State Board of Management meeting was held at the FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER in Orlando. Withlacoochee was represented by President Clyde Johnson, Larry Sturgeon, Jack Townsend, Bob Folk and Charlie Day. Ellie Folk, and Dot Day were also present representing the Ladies Auxiliary. A State Ladies Auxiliary meeting was held and presided over by State Ladies President Jeanne Fehrenbaker. The State Ladies Auxiliary often contributes funds and awards to help with our youth awards. There was a training session held for working with the SAR Americanism contest. There were various committee meetings held that attendees could sit in on, the Eagle Scholarship Committee, Poster Contest and the Rumbaugh Orations. A short review of the new "Villages Chapter" was given. A number of the new Villages members were previous members of the Lake-Sumter Chapter but already lived much closer to the new Villages Chapter. The business meeting covered status and work being done by many of the committees. Upcoming SAR Events were covered - The Florida Society SAR will be commemorating the 239th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (Jacksonville area). This ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM Saturday 19 March 2016. Our Annual Anniversary Celebration of the last Naval Battle will be March 5 at Merritt Island. Lindsey Brock our past President General and his wife Billie were present at our Friday night banquet as were Michael Tomme, our National Secretary, and his wife, Cilla. The Friday Night Banquet included a fine Pot Roast dinner. We also had a presentation by the State, SAR Rumbaugh Winner, Talia Fradkin, and an impersonation of Jefferson, by Compatriot John Stewart. He portrayed Jefferson as an adult and showed how he rose to become a primary author of the Declaration of Independence.

L – R: Charles Day, Clyde Johnson, Robert Folk, Jack Townsend, Larry Sturgeon

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Charles Day, FLSSAR Color Guard Commander with BOM members and Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

Immediate Past President General Lindsay Brock and wife.

FLSSAR Sr. Vice President Ray Wess and wife.

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Withlacoochee Chapter Ladies Auxiliary Dot Day.

Robert Folk and Withlacoochee Ladies Auxiliary President Ellie Folk.

Dot Day visiting with table guests Mike Geary and Mike's wife Victoria Toter.

FLSSAR Winter BOM Guest Speaker

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Contest Winner.

POSTER CONTEST 2015/2016
Last Naval Battle
Speakers Bureau Presentation
West Hernando Christian School
February 10, 2016

L – R: Larry Sturgeon, Clyde Johnson, Norman Freyer and a West Hernando Christian student.

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Eagle Scout Month
Award & Presentation
Chapter Scouting Chairman Charlie Day
February 13, 2016

Jeremiah Lovestrand – Reading his Knight Essay Entry.

Jeremiah Lovestrand receiving Withlacoochee Chapter 1st place Knight Essay Certificate from President Clyde Johnson.

L – R: Shannon Lovestrand and Jeremiah. Jack Townsend presenting Jeremiah a certificate and Pin as an "Outstanding Citizen".

Chapter President Clyde Johnson, Ladies Auxiliary President - Ellie Folk, Eagle Jeremiah Johnson, Mom - Shannon Lovestrand. Jeremiah had just received an essay winner's check from Ellie Folk for $100.00.

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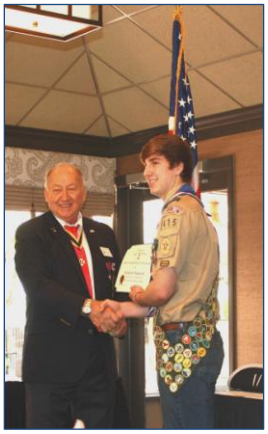
Chapter Scouting Chairman Charlie Day, explains various knots and awards on Scout Leaders uniform shirt.



President Clyde Johnson congratulating Eagle Jeremiah Lovestrand on his 1st place win in the Knight Essay Contest.