



## *Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*

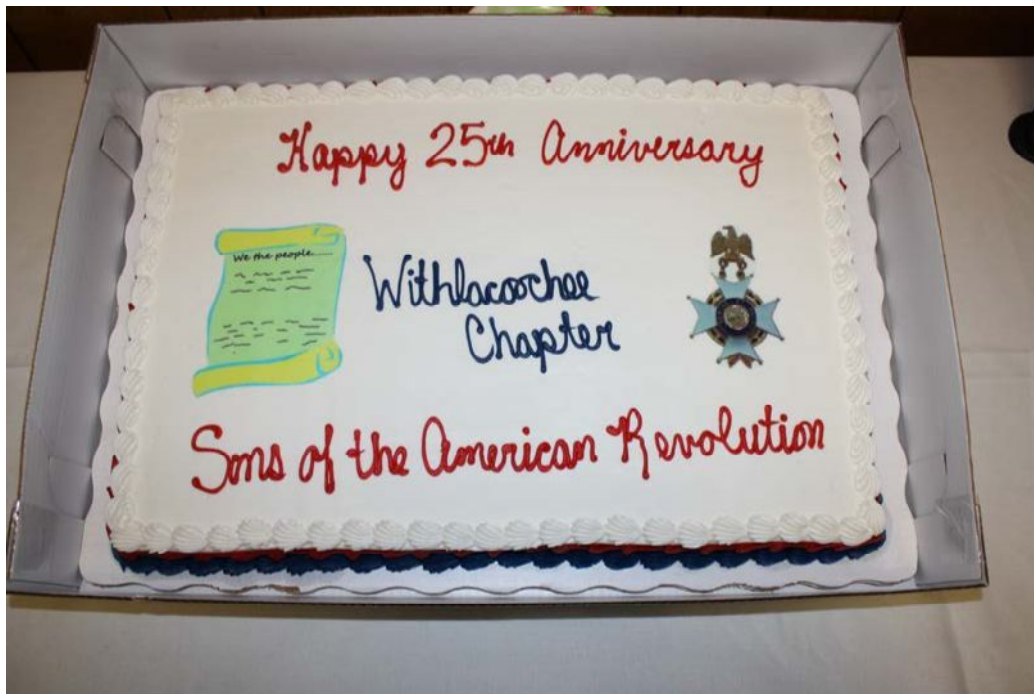
Inverness, Florida

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1988 – 2013

December 7, 2013 11:00 AM

Celebration held at:

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE  
CRYSTAL RIVER lodge # 2013  
1855 S Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, Fl. 34448



- Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake -

A Special “**Thank you**” from the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR to “The Ladies Auxiliary”.

The Ladies Auxiliary dedicates their valuable time and work for our Chapter with making our meetings and events enjoyable and special.

Kathe Echlin, Verna VanFleet, Ellie Folk, Barbara Sumner, Jean Nelson, Barbara Lincoln,  
Lillian Gingrich, Dot Day, Maryann Teater, Marlene Townsend



**Our Dignitaries** – L- R Judge Richard Howard, Wendy and U.S. Congressman Richard Nugent, SAR Chapter President Robert Folk, Florida State SAR President Theodore Duay and Past Florida State President Ronald Toops.



Color guards shown are L- R Jack Townsend, Edward Gingrich, Larry Sturgeon.  
Audience at left is Past State President Ronald Toops.



Color guards L- R Larry Sturgeon, Edward Gingrich and Commander Richard Sumner II.



Color guards L- R Commander Richard Sumner II, Jack Townsend, Past President Harley Nelson.  
Audience at Right –  
L- R U.S. Congressman Richard Nugent and Past President William Teater.



Ed Gingrich (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)  
"Who and What we are".



Guest Speaker  
Ronald Toops-  
Past Florida State SAR  
President.



L- R Charles Day – Chapter Past President  
spoke on origin and development of the  
Color Guard.... Florida State President, Ted  
Duay helped with presentation of the  
**Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** and  
Certificate recognizing Richard's Tenure  
and Responsibilities as Color Guard  
Commander.





*Resolutions for our 25th Anniversary Celebration*



L- R U.S. Congressman Richard Nugent (11<sup>th</sup> District) spoke on significance of our Society and read Resolution from U.S. Congress.  
President Robert Folk

We were honored to receive four proclamations recognizing our good community work and our Twenty Fifth Anniversary.

Congressman Richard Nugent brought a Resolution with him from our National Congress. Senator Wilton Simpson of the 18th district, Florida Senate, sent his Resolution to us the morning of our celebration. Hernando County Board of Commissioners presented their Resolution, commending us to our President Robert Folk, in their Chambers for our event. Citrus County Commissioners had a proclamation delivered to us for our celebration.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2013 - 170**

**WHEREAS**, the **WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** was chartered on July 29, 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, the **WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** provides support to Veteran Programs throughout Hernando County, as well as other programs including the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) and Eagle Scout recognition and scholarship programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the **SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the **SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** is a historical, educational and patriotic, non-profit corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the **SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** seeks to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*e pluribus unum*" that was created from the people of many nations - one nation and one people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**


**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates the **WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** on their **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and hereby presents this resolution.

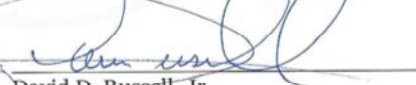
**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its best wishes and congratulates the **WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** on their **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration to be held on December 7, 2013.


**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

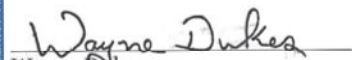
Attest:

  
Donald C. Barbee, Jr.  
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

  
David D. Russell, Jr.  
Chairman

  
Diane Rowden  
Commissioner

  
James E. Adkins  
Vice Chairman

  
Wayne Dukes  
Commissioner

  
Nicholas W. Nicholson  
Second Vice Chairman





L- R U.S. Congressman Richard Nugent – Guest Speaker receives Certificate of Appreciation from Withlacoochee President Robert Folk.



L- R Florida State SAR President Ted Duay – Guest Speaker receives his Appreciation Certificate from Chapter President Robert Folk.



L- R The Honorable Richard A. Howard – Circuit Judge, a **Guest Speaker**, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Robert Folk.





## CHAPTER MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



### 2013-2014 ONLY:

**There is a special exception to the handbook language listed below to include allowing up to 5 past Chapter Presidents to present one medal each if they have a qualified candidate.**

The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a chapter president during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the chapter during a chapter president's term of office. The medal should be presented at the chapter's annual meeting at the conclusion of the president's term of office. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is presented by the **incumbent chapter president** and does not require other approval.

A chapter president may present only one Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service during each year of his tenure as chapter president. If a compatriot, while serving as president, steps down, and is later on elected to another term, that is considered two separate terms, and the chapter president is allowed to award a Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service Medal during his second term.

A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a chapter. Dual and transferred members may not receive this medal from more than one chapter.

The medal is diamond in shape, struck in bronze color. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in bronze color. The ribbon is solid maroon.

**Congratulations to Withlacoochee Chapter's first five Recipients: Jack Townsend, Paul Pardee, Norm Freyer, Charlie Day and William Teater**





## Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Distinguished Service Medal Recipients



R-L Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2008 – 2009 chosen by President Richard Sumner was presented to **Jack Townsend**.



L-R Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2009 – 2010 chosen by President Harley Nelson was presented to **Paul Pardee** (not present) but was accepted by his father John Pardee.



L-R Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2010 – 2011 chosen by President William Teater was presented to **Norman Freyer**.



R-L Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2011 – 2012 Chosen by President William Teater was presented to **Charlie Day** and Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for 2012 – 2013 chosen by President Charles Day were presented to **William Teater**.



Maryann and William Teater – Special “Thanks” to Past President William Teater as our Co-Chair of today’s event and gave an exceptional talk on our “Ladies Auxiliary” and all the things they do and have done in the past.



Judson Lincoln, our compatriot, has been a member the longest and our oldest past President, along with his wife Barbara.



The SAR Auxiliary held a “Holiday Basket” raffle and Florida State President Duay (left) pulled the winning number from the jar with help from Kathe Echlin of the Ladies Auxiliary. Ladies Auxiliary member Barbara Sumner made and donated the “Holiday Basket”.

Barbara Sumner made the many beautiful Christmas wreaths that decorated our tables and hall.





Saturday December 7, 2013



The Withlacoochee Chapter SAR and Ladies Auxiliaries





L- R Winifred Freyer, Jean Nelson, Verna VanFleet, in the back Nelson Peters and John Davis



L- R Jerry and Judy Walters (Representing Winding Waters DAR Chapter) and Kathe Echlin



L- R Carol Barnes, Mary Osborn, Richard Osborn



L- R Marlene Townsend, Barbara and Richard Sumner



L- R John Pardee, Harley Nelson,  
and Carla Heimer



L- R Kathryn and Ron Powell,  
Benjamin Warren



Tim Holme Jr.



L- R Nelson Peters, John and  
Lois Davis



L- R Bill Wright, Frank Nadolny,  
Guest , Edna Nadolny



L- R Lillian & Ed Gingrich,  
Past Florida State SAR President  
Ronald Toops



L- R Bob Folk, Ellie Folk Standing,  
Florida State SAR President Ted Duay III



L- R Wynn and Ross Keith





L- R Jimmie & Carol Barnes and Mary Olson



L- R Some of our Ladies in period Dress Dot Day, Carla Heimer, Jean Nelson, Verna VanFleet and Kathe Echlin



L- R Charlie Day, Robert Folk – Withlacoochee President and William Teater. President Folk introduced Day and Teater as the CO Host for today's event and gave a round of applause.



L- R Richard Sumner, Larry Sturgeon and John Pardee.

For whatever reason, this is the only picture that I could find of our hard working Secretary Larry. He was responsible for many "behind the scene" tasks leading up to the Celebration and many things through the day that made it run a little smoother..... By Past President Charlie Day. Thanks Charlie.

# ***Wreaths Across America***



## *The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreaths Across America*

Wreath laying & Remembrance Ceremony

Hosted by: U.S. Military Vets M/C \* North Florida State Chapter

Florida National Cemetery – Bushnell, Florida

Saturday, December 14, 2013

***Compliments of Past President William Teater***



Color Guard today – L-R  
Commander – Richard Sumner,  
Past Presidents Harley Nelson  
and Charlie Day with Edward Gingrich



Wreaths honor fallen veterans  
at Christmas season



Where the Wreaths are placed  
for our Nation's Fallen Soldiers



Wreaths honor fallen veterans  
at Christmas season



Another view of the crowd  
gathering for today's  
Ceremony



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Presentation Area



Wreaths honor fallen veterans  
at Christmas season



***Compliments of Past President William Teater***



Presentation of Colors by Various  
Military Units



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at Christmas season



Presentation of Colors by  
Withlacoochee Color Guard  
L-R Commander Richard  
Sumner, Past Presidents Harley  
Nelson and Charlie Day with  
Ed Gingrich



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Covered Podium area – Singer at left -  
Wendy and U.S. Congressman  
Richard Nugent are  
behind the Sergeant.



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at Christmas season



Withlacoochee group supporting  
Our fallen Veterans and MIA

L- R: President Robert Folk,  
Past President William Teater,  
Carla Heimer, Maryann Teater,  
Lillian Gingrich and Ellie Folk



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***Compliments of Past President William Teater***



Presentation of Colors by  
Withlacoochee Color Guard  
L-R Commander Richard  
Sumner, Past Presidents  
Harley Nelson and Charlie  
Day with Ed Gingrich



They are unable to be with their  
loved ones and families tonight,  
so we join together to pay our  
humble tribute to them, and bear  
witness to their continued absence.



The crowd is building for  
today's Wreaths Across America



Wreaths honor fallen veterans  
at Christmas season

*We will not forget. We will Never Forget.*



## **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 American Creed**

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just power are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



## **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.



## **The SAR 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.