Withlacoochee Chapter
Citrus & Hernando County

Message from our President:

May 20, 2017 was a special day for the Withlacoochee Chapter. Compatriot Robert James Folk Sr. was elected as our FLSSAR State President for 2017/2018 at our Spring Board of Management & Annual Meeting. As a Withlacoochee Chapter Member President Folk was our Registrar/Genealogist and Past Chapter President. His FLSSAR State positions were Sergeant-at-Arms and Sr. Vice-President. When available, our Chapter will have the honor of President Folk and 1st Lady Ellie Folk at our monthly General Meetings. Congratulations to President Folk and wishing you the best in your Presidential duties. As you can see below, even though we go on summer break in May, our Chapter Color Guard and members are quite busy with SAR activities. I wish to thank all who have dedicated their time and hard work in making our chapter so great this year.

Larry Dean Sturgeon

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.
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**Monthly Membership Meetings**
September 9, 2017 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
October 14, 2017 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
November 4, 2017 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
December 2, 2017 (Saturday) 11:00 AM
Directions to Members Meetings
Summer Break: June - August

**Executive Board Meeting – EBM**
October 5, 2017 (Thursday) 1:00 PM
October 26, 2017 (Thursday) 1:00 PM
November 16, 2017 (Thursday) 1:00 PM
January 4, 2018 (Thursday) 1:00 PM
Directions to Executive Board Meeting

**Fall 2017 BOM**
West Central Region Chapters will be the Host Region for the 2017 Spring BOM Meeting.
November 3 - 5, 2017

**FLSSAR State Website**
The Florida Society SAR will hold its Fall Board of Management (B.O.M.) at:

**Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South**
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746
407-597-4000

You can find more information about this event at the FLSSAR website BOM tab. ([www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org))

**Officers of 2017 Term**
President: Larry Dean Sturgeon
1st Vice President: George Emory Edge
2nd Vice President: Richard Hugh Trout
Secretary: Stephen Carl Brown
Treasurer: Jack L. Townsend
Registrar: Stephen Carl Brown
Chaplain: Norman Romeyn Freyer
Genealogist: Stephen Carl Brown
Historian: Kenneth Ronald Dunn
Immediate Past President: Clyde Elza Johnson
Color Guard Commander: Russell Warren Gibson

**Cascades at Southern Hills, 19761 Fort King Run, Brooksville, Florida 34601**
2017
Withlacoochee Chapter Officers

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Withlacoochee Chapter Schedule
2017 Meetings and Events
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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June/July/August 2017*****SUMMER BREAK*****No Meetings Scheduled*****

June       | 14 – WED | TBA     | Flag Day                              |
**The Withlacoochee Chapter**
*Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution*

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Commander: Russell Warren Gibson
Vice - Commander: William David Ferguson

TAKE NOTICE!

We need 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.

April 2017 Issue
SAR Color Guardsman Magazine

2017 Color Guard Events

November 3 - 5 – BOM (Board of Management Meeting)

November 11th – Veterans Day Parade

December 16th – Wreaths across America
Robert J. Folk, Sr., of Brooksville, FL was elected President of the Florida State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR), at the Florida SAR Spring Board of Management Meeting held recently in Kissimmee, FL. Folk is Past-President of the Withlacoochee Chapter, which represents Citrus and Hernando Counties. Folk has served previously as First Vice President of the FLSSAR. President Folk was sworn into office by National SAR Society President General, Michael J Tomme, Sr.

Folk is welcomed by Lawrence G Fehrenbaker, Sr. MD, Vice President General of the SAR South Atlantic District. Pictured, are Fehrenbaker, left center, and Folk, center, other members of the FLSSAR Executive Board.
Withlachoochee Ladies Auxiliary

I thought it would be a good idea to start a Ladies Auxiliary letter to be published in the Withlachoochee Chapter Newsletter that is sent out to the membership, along with their information as well. At this point, I ask all of the Ladies to send me your thoughts of interest so that I can have everything put into the newsletter. It would be any idea you may have to get the ladies more interested in being on the Auxiliary, and doing some of the following items listed next. Like ideas of how we can get together to do a project, like a craft for a raffle, welcome basket for the a new member of the chapter who were just approved, or one person who can send out get well cards, maybe a different style of basket full of useful items like house hold, workshop, or reading and listening enjoyment with DVD’s, or any thing else you may think we could do to even raffle off at the membership meetings for the sole purpose of raising more money for the Chapter, and the Auxiliary. We have to spend money to make money, so with that in mind, we need to make wise decisions in what we decide to do.

As we work together to make the baskets to be raffled off at the Board of Management Meetings (BOM) in Kissimmee Florida, I would like to express the thought of some of you to try to make it to the BOM, Spring, Winter, or Fall, and see and experience all of the things that are planned that makes things more enjoyable. Awards given to Youth Programs, many other awards also, Dinner on Saturday night with the President of the Florida State Society of the Sons of American Revolution with the agenda for the night, the awards to be presented to fellow members, 50/50 raffle that the Gents have, special speaker to talk on a topic of their interest, and of course the Auxiliary Baskets to be raffled off from all of the chapters who bring their own special basket.

With all of this being said, I hope that each letter that we send to the Withlachoochee Chapter to be published will be full of exciting things for many of us to do together, good information, and many ideas. I want to thank every one for the opportunity to be the Ladies Auxiliary President since 2014, and all of the ladies who are presently on the Auxiliary. They are Lillian Gingrich, Dot Day, MaryAnn Teater, Barbara Lincoln, Kathy Echlin & Mother, Joan Poe, Donna Idle, & Vicky Brown.

Ellie Folk
President, Withlachoochee Chapter
Ladies Auxiliary
Robert James Folk Sr.
Withlacoochee Chapter Past President
FLSSAR Sr. Vice-President

Elected as FLSSAR State President 2017/2018
BOM & State Meeting May 19 – 21, 2017

L – R- William Teater, Jack Townsend, FLSSAR State President Robert Folk and Charles Day.

FLSSAR State President Robert Folk & First Lady Ellie Folk
Robert James Folk Sr.
Withlacoochee Chapter Past President
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Norman Freyer, FLSSAR State President Robert Folk & David Ramseur.

L – R: David Ramseur, Immediate FLSSAR State President Ray Wess & William Teater.

L - R: Jack Townsend, Dot Day & Charles Day. Enjoying the banquet.

L – R: FLSSAR State President Robert Folk & Jack Townsend. Jack is congratulating President Folk as our new FLSSAR President.
Robert James Folk Sr.
Withlacoochee Chapter Past President
FLSSAR Sr. Vice-President

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FLSSAR President Robert Folk presents 2016 – 2017 Immediate Past President Ray Wess with a certificate for his outstanding service as our State President. L – R: Ray Wess & Robert Folk.

Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade lining up in formation to Post the Colors for the BOM Annual Meeting.
Changing of Command.

May 2017, Florida Society Annual Meeting.

It is the end of a 2 year tour of duty by Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade, Color Guard Commander Charles Day Jr..

Commander – Charles Day Jr. (center w/mike) turns command over to Vice Commander Hall Riediger, (standing to Day’s right). Adjutant – Richard Young (to Day’s left) called front and center, appointed as the new Vice Commander.

Photo: Ann McGuire
Memorial Day 2017
American Legion Herburt Surber Post 225 Floral City,
Florida, Floral City FL.
Monday, May 29, 2017

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Color Guard members relaxing prior to Memorial Service.
Flag Dedication and Veteran Memorial Ceremony
Members of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the flag dedication at The Academy of Environmental Science in Crystal River. The Chapter presented a flag that was secured through U.S. Senator Rubio, and flown over the U.S. Capitol on December 17, 2016. Compatriot Jack Townsend addressed the assembly regarding the presentation, Compatriot Bill Teater read and presented the framed dedication certificate, and Compatriot Norm Freyer presented the framed flag to a member of the student body. Civic, Patriotic and Veteran response to the lack of a U.S. flag at the Academy, generously donated funds that resulted in a 40-foot hurricane resistant flag pole, a secure base for the pole, a memorial marker and several flags.
Two new SAR members were inducted at the May 6, 2017 Chapter General Meeting by President Larry Sturgeon. Dr. Robert L. Hartzell, Jr. of Hernando Beach, FL, and Douglas L. Brock of Brooksville, FL, had their SAR rosettes pinned onto their left lapels by their wives. Pictured left to right are Vicki Brown, Ancestry Researcher; Stephen Brown, Registrar; Dr. Robert Hartzell, Jr., and his wife Lynn Anne; Larry Sturgeon, Withlacoochee Chapter President; and Douglas L. Brock, and his wife Patricia.
Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Awards War Service Medals
May General Members Meeting
Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
505 E. Hartford Street
Hernando, FL 34442-3347
May 6, 2017

Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Awards War Service Medals Compatriot William Teater, Veterans Programs Chairman of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, recently awarded SAR Compatriot Veterans War Service medals and certificates to those who served in combat in the service of their country. Pictured from left to right are William Teater, Veterans Programs Chairman, Richard Trout, Sr. of Ocala, Raymond Cable of Beverly Hills, and Russell Gibson of Hernando. Compatriot Trout, Sr., received the Certificate and War Service Medal with WWII, Korea and Vietnam Service Bars. Compatriot Cable received the Certificate and War Service Medal with Korea Service Bar, and Compatriot Gibson received Certificate and War Service Medal with Vietnam and SW Asia Service Bars, plus the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. The SAR War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.
Floral City Student Wins SAR Americanism Poster Contest 2016 – 2017

Floral City Student Wins SAR Americanism Poster Contest the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently presented the first-place award in the 2016-2017 Elementary School Americanism Poster Contest. The purpose of the contest is to aid teachers by creating interest and enthusiasm in the curriculum regarding the War for American Independence. The theme of the contest was, “Captain John Barry, The Father of the American Navy”. The first-place winner was Milo Moore, a Fifth-grade student at the Floral City Elementary School. His poster wins a $100 cash first place award, plus certificate, and will now advances to the Florida State SAR level of judging to occur in Orlando in late May. Milo is the son of Jennifer and Brian Moore of Floral City. Pictured from left to right are Larry Sturgeon, Withlacoochee Chapter SAR President, Jennifer Moore, Milo Moore, Brian Moore and Norman Freyer, Poster Contest Chairman.
Day at Washington Memorial Day

My Compatriot Brother Donald Day, Col Wm Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society and I recently joined in the National Memorial Day Parade at Washington, D.C. The fact that P.G. Michael Tomme was expecting us also contributed to our excitement for this spectacular event in Washington D.C. The NSSAR Color Guard, parade arrangement, consisted of #1. The Colonial Color Guard, #2. The Blue Blazers and Straw Hats Contingent, #3. Two vehicles (1) left was C.A.R. CAR National President, Erin Moor is present., and (2) right was President General Tomme and First Lady Cilla. There was a fantastic turn out along the entire parade route, enthusiastic and Patriotic. Photo #5 shows Compatriot D. Day in foreground and crowd on one side of the street.

Michael J. Elston, President, was present throughout the event and a fine host for Virginia SAR. ALSO Cannot say enough good things about P.G. Tomme and First Lady Cilla’s hosting and promotion of the SAR.

Pictures 6, 7, 8, and 9 were early morning greetings.

This is a fun event and one everyone should try to get to it at least once and the SAR Memorial Day Parade Medal is very colorful!

Charlie Day – Withlacoochee Chapter, Florida Society, SAR
Charlie Day - Memorial Day - Washington D.C.  
Monday, May 29, 2017

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Charles Day and brother Donald Day
Charlie Day - Memorial Day - Washington D.C.
Monday, May 29, 2017

Day at Washington Memorial Day


1st Lady Cilla Tomme and President General J. Michael Tomme.
Flag Day Ceremony
Floral City, Florida Community House
Commander Russell Gibson
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Commander Russell Gibson was the Master of Ceremony for the 2017 Flag Day Ceremony held in Floral City, Florida. His speech was on the different flags during the American Revolution and its history of how we became to honor and respect the U.S. flag our nation so proudly flies today.

Excellent Presentation and representation of the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR to Commander Gibson.
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L – R: Bill Ferguson, Russell Gibson & Jack Townsend

Sitting far right is Jack Townsend, Color Guard & Treasurer.

All (3) Compatriots are to be commended for their time and participation. Much appreciated from your Chapter President, Larry Dean Sturgeon.
2017 Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate
Doc’s Diner
13162 Cortez Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34613

Good Citizenship Certificates
Homosassa Elementary & West Hernando Christian School
May 17, 2017 & May 22, 2017

Honors Day program at the Homosassa Elementary School. On May 22, 2017 ten students received the SAR Good Citizenship Award Certificates. L - R: (Rear) Compatriots Norman Freyer and Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson.

May 17, 2017 Immediate Past President Clyde Johnson presented (4) Good Citizenship Certificates at West Hernando Christian School, Springhill, Florida.