

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLORIDA SOCIETY LAKE-SUMTER CHAPTER**

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**MEETING NOTICE:** The Lake-Sumter Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 11:00 A.M. at Taste Tempter Pancake Inn, 2310 West Main Street in Leesburg. The speaker will be Mr. Don Franklin from the Mensa Society. Wives and guests are always welcome.

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## **LAKE-SUMTER SAR MEMBER'S PATRIOT ANCESTORS**

**Compatriot Steve Offutt's patriot ancestor, John Johns Trigg, a Representative from Virginia, was born on his father's estate near Old Liberty (now Bedford), Virginia in 1748. He received a liberal schooling, engaged in agricultural pursuits, raised a company of militia in Bedford County, Va. in 1775. He was commissioned a captain in March 1778, promoted to major in 1781 and served throughout the Revolution. He was with Washington at the siege of Yorktown. John was a member of the State ratification convention in 1788. He became a lieutenant colonel of the militia in 1791. He was a justice of the peace in Bedford County, served as a Republican to the Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 1797 until his death on his estate near Old Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia in May of 1804.**

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2009, MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by President Steve Offutt. The invocation was given by Compatriot Bob Moody. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by SAR members reciting the SAR Pledge.

Present were 15 members, 5 wives and 8 guests for a total of 28.

The notes from the February 7, 2009, meeting was approved as written.

## **CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS.**

**President** – President Offutt asked each member to send him a paragraph or two about their Patriot ancestor. Each month an ancestor will be selected to be featured in the monthly newsletter as space permits. Please include the full name of your ancestor and rank if they served in the military.

He announced some upcoming events:

On May 8 & 9 the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Reenactment at Pensacola

On April 24, 25 & 26 the Lake-Sumter Chapter will host the FLSSAR Annual Meeting and BOM. Several chapter volunteers will be needed to work the registration desk and hospitality room for this event. Please contact President Offutt if you can help.

President Offutt asked for non-officer volunteers to serve on the chapter nominating committee.

If you have not yet made a contribution to the building fund campaign for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage please contact Treasurer Bill Piper (352-259-5192) and make arrangement to do so. Our loyal chapter members have now donated nearly \$600.

**1st VP** Forry—Nothing to report.

**2nd VP** Wyman— Reported that the speaker scheduled for the April meeting is Don Franklin.

**Secretary** Moody -- Called for all attendees to sign in so accurate record of attendance can be recorded for use in the Chapter Challenge contest. We were saddened by the recent death of Compatriot Dean Russell. Four chapter members will leave immediately following today's meeting to attend his memorial service in Clermont.

**Treasurer** Piper -- reported there is \$1421.51 in the treasury.

## **CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JROTC:** Compatriot Toops reported that letters have been sent to the five high schools in Lake and Sumter Counties which have JROTC units. Leesburg High School's JROTC banquet will be held on May 15. Other school's dates TBA.

**PUBLICITY:** Compatriot Wyman, Acting – No report

**CHAPTER CHALLENGE:** Chairman Pete Adams requests members to report **ALL** SAR related activities to him so they do not get forgotten at the time to report them to the FLSSAR Chapter Challenge Contest.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEROISM:** Committee Chair Vacant. No report. Do we have a chapter member who will step up and take on this duty?

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Chairman Bushnell – No report

**COLOR GUARD:** Color Guard Commander Bob Krey circulated photos taken of the chapter entry at the George Washington's Birthday celebration in Eustis. Compatriot Toops represented the chapter at The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution in Cape Canaveral.

**EAGLE SCOUT:** Chairman King Forry presented Eagle Scout, Zack Skinner, winner of the Lake-Sumter Chapter Eagle Scout contest. Zack is truly an outstanding young man and will represent our chapter at the state level competition at the FLSSAR annual

meeting in April. Zack, accompanied by his proud parents, accepted the \$200 winning chapter prize.

**EDUCATION:** Chairman Ron Toops – Nothing new to report

**FLAG CERTIFICATES:** Chairman Steve Offutt – Nothing to report

**REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST/MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Ron Toops reported 3 completed regular member applications and one supplemental submitted to FLSSAR/NSSAR for approval. He is working with 7 other applicants.

**KNIGHT ESSAY/RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTESTS:** No Report

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** The chapter website has a NEW ADDRESS. Visit it at: [www.lakesumtersar.org](http://www.lakesumtersar.org)

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:** Joann Shukis reported how the FLSSAR Women's Auxiliary supports the Society by preparing sumptuous gift baskets to be auctioned off at each quarterly BOM. While she has been the mainstay for this project representing the Lake-Sumter Chapter in recent years, she would welcome some help from other WOSAR's. If you can help, please give Joann a call at 352-350-2667.

**DAR SUPPORT:** Campbell products labels were collected and presented to Joann Shukis to support the Tamassee DAR School project.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SPEAKER:** Program Chairman Wyman introduced Professional Surveyor and Mapper, John McGlohorn who presented a very interesting program, "The Early History of Land Surveying In Florida."

**CLOSING:** The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional, The American's Creed and the Benediction by Compatriot Bob Moody.

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