



**Ladies' Auxiliary  
Florida Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**

**REQUIREMENTS**

Membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is open to wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of

members of the National Sons of the American Revolution who are in good standing, or were at the time of their death.

Click here for application for membership [form](#).

Membership applications should be mailed to:

**Treasurer**

**Sheila Shaughnessy**

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**STANDING RULES**

Standing Rules may be considered at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon recommendation of the Board, changes may be proposed and voted on at any regular meeting of the Auxiliary, with a majority vote of those present for adoption.

1. The fiscal year of the Auxiliary shall be from January 1st to December 31st of one year.
2. The Budget shall cover from January 1st to December 31st. It shall be prepared by the Budget and Finance committee and shall be subject to review and approval of the Board and presented to the membership for adoption at the October meeting.
3. Dues shall be paid on or before December 1st of each year, and shall be \$5.00 for members.
4. Any member whose dues have not been paid by February 1st cannot enjoy any membership privileges, serve on a committee or hold office. They are no longer members in good standing of the Auxiliary.
5. Members should notify the registrar of any change in name, address, telephone or email address.
6. All expenses of officers and chairmen shall be supported by invoices and/or itemized bills when presented to the Treasurer for payment.
7. Motions will be submitted to the Recording Secretary on a motion form.

8. The Auxiliary will not be responsible for Hospitality room during any regular meeting, but may assist the Hostess chapter, as individuals, if a request is made.
9. The Auxiliary Pin, an enameled white oval with blue silhouette portrait of Abigail Adams, with Ladies' Auxiliary on top and Florida Society SAR on the bottom, may be worn by members in good standing. The pin may be purchased from the registrar for \$8.00
10. All unbudgeted disbursements in excess of \$100.00 shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
11. A committee, composed of the President, First vice President and Treasurer, shall be empowered to determine if the Auxiliary should pay the dues of a member incapacitated or financially unable to pay her dues. The finding of this committee need not be divulged to the membership.
12. Permission to address the membership will be recognized by the chair, and a limit of five (5) minutes will be permitted for discussion. To speak again requires permission from the assembly.
13. No member shall have the authority to speak for or represent the Auxiliary in any matter unless specifically authorized in advanced by the Board.
14. The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditor to audit the financial books of the Auxiliary at the end of each fiscal year.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be in common with those of the Florida Society of the SAR. "*...declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.*"

They are directed to support the Society by furthering the goals and activities of the SAR, by encouraging membership and by raising funds to support the Society's objectives.

Additional objectives are:

- To provide SAR wives, widows and female relations of SAR members with a method of supporting the SAR.
- To support the patriotic activities of the SAR.
- To participate in projects for the SAR.
- To further the cooperation between the SAR and other patriotic societies.
- To educate the public about the SAR
- To aid the SAR at its annual Conferences and other meetings.
- To enhance the social environment of the SAR.

## **HISTORY OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

At the September FLSSAR BOM, 1998, James E. Wilson, then President of the Brevard Chapter, suggested the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary. FLSSAR President Edward Sullivan appointed Jim chairman of a committee to investigate the possibility. Carl Hoffman, FPG, volunteered to serve with Jim on the committee as he was instrumental in getting NSSAR Bylaw #28 passed which provides for the organization of Ladies' Auxiliaries at State or Chapter level. Jim contacted members of the California Ladies' Auxiliary and received more information.

Jim conducted a survey of the wives of the members of the Brevard Chapter and determined there was an interest in organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary. On October 5,

1998, interested ladies' were invited to his home to discuss and organize an Auxiliary. The meeting was attended by Mildred Wilson, Celia Roberts, Betty Tipton, Jean Buchanan, and SAR members Joseph Tipton and Jim Wilson. Bylaws, prepared by Jim based on those of the California Auxiliary, were discussed, and accepted by those present. The purpose of the organization was stated: 1) to maintain a nonprofit association of women interested in the objectives and activities of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, 2) to stimulate greater interest in and support of FLSSAR, 3) to assist the FLSSAR in the promotion of membership and in furthering the objectives and patriotic activities of the Society, and 4) to provide educational activities for the wives, and other interested relatives of the FLSSAR members.

The organizing officers were: President, Mrs. James Wilson (Millie); 1st Vice President, Mrs. Wayne Wilson (Ella Marie); 2nd Vice President, Mrs. John Dibble (Beverly); Secretary/Registrar, Mrs. Joseph Tipton (Betty); Treasurer, Mrs. Reid Bailey (Melba); and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Donald Buchanan (Jean).

Membership in the Auxiliary was open to any female relative, by blood or by marriage, of an SAR member in good standing, including widows of deceased members -who were in good standing at the time of their deaths. Lineage to the Revolutionary Period was not required. There is no age limit. Out of state members are welcome.

The Brevard ladies met monthly immediately prior to the Chapter luncheon meetings. They helped decorate tables for the SAR meetings, contributed door prizes, and helped with the George Washington's Birthday Ball. Some of the members also participated in parades on Patriot's Day and St. Patrick's Day. They raised money for a Brevard Booster Club, which was later turned over to the Brevard Chapter. At the FLSSAR BOM in Ft. Lauderdale in April, 1999, a change in the FLSSAR Bylaws was approved to allow a Ladies' Auxiliary of FLSSAR , primarily due to the efforts of Jim Wilson and Carl Hoffman, and membership began to expand in all areas of the state. We currently have a membership of 100, with members in almost every Chapter.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (LAFLSSAR) was registered with the State of Florida in Tallahassee on July 30, 1999, as a nonprofit organization. Meetings are held quarterly at the same time and in the same place as the FLSSAR BOM's.

Currently the annual dues are \$5.00 per year. Money is raised through sales of crafts donated by members (or sometimes by SAR members), or selling "opportunity" tickets for chances on donated items, membership dues, and sale of membership pins. The money raised is used to pay Auxiliary expenses and, most importantly, to supplement the prize money awarded by FLSSAR to the state winners of the four youth contests.

LAFSSAR has adopted a silhouette of Abigail Adams as our identifying emblem, used on our stationery, membership pins, etc. This is different from either California or Ohio.

### **PAST OFFICERS**

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