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The next three months are April, May and June. Pictured here is a Memorial Day Parade.

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(Top) The March 5th celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Port Canaveral featuring the Florida Society's Color Guard.

(Bottom) Lake City Chapter December meeting at Guang Dong restaurant in Lake City. *(L-R)* James F. Thrasher, William A. Pfeil, and Chapter President Roy A. Martin, Jr. The wearing of the uniforms aroused the curiosity of a young girl at the restaurant and gave Compatriot Martin an educational opportunity to explain the SAR.



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New Highlands Chapter Chartering ceremony with chapter members present.



The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States

501(c)3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend

* the institutions of American freedom

* an appreciation for true patriotism

* a respect for our national symbols

* the value of American citizenship

* the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

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President's Message

Compatriots,

We have chartered a new Chapter in the Florida Society this past quarter. Highlands Chapter in Sebring, FL. I was unable to attend the ceremony, however several of our loyal compatriots were in attendance; Jeff Sizemore, Dr. Rev. Randy Moody, Chuck Barrett and Phil Tarpley. I thank everyone who participated in the Charter Ceremony. Great Job. On March the 4th I attended and spoke at the annual Charter Day Ceremony at the Naples Chapter. It was at the Naples Country club, was well attended, and an enjoyable evening was had by everyone in attendance.



I have received a communication from President General David Sympson concerning the Membership Application Review Process. I will briefly cover the high points in the letter and will email copies to all the Chapter Presidents for distribution to their members.

As you are aware there has been considerable discussion among the membership concerning the long delays in processing applications. While the PG acknowledges the solution is complex, this is at least a first step in attempting to solve a huge problem. Briefly:

The PG states "It is not desirable if applicants for membership are not processed and welcomed quickly into the Society.

To Reduce the backlog he has initiated the following:

1. A New permanent employee was added to the Genealogy Department's staff.
2. Initiated a technological review of the entire membership application processing system's interrelated flow; e.g. recording and tracking of an applicant's submission from the time it arrives until the finished membership certificate is returned to the state society secretary.
3. Appoint Volunteers to assist in the verification process on a sustained basis. Volunteers will be qualified by NSSAR.
4. Has requested the Genealogy Committee to issue recorded internal genealogical policies to the NSSAR Staff to promote an orderly, objective and timely review of the applicant's membership submission.
5. Membership applications from State society Registrars should be review ready.

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EDITOR'S CUT

The frailty of the Human Condition is never more apparent than when one is in an accident or is stricken with a serious illness. The adage that 'Youth is wasted on the Young' strikes a cord with the older generation - never with the younger generation. Youth labors under the mistaken impression that they are invulnerable to physical harm. At least that remains so until they reach a certain age when Mother Nature catches up to them with a vengeance. Then they wonder what's going on and say something like: "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have flossed more often."



While I never harbored a belief in personal invulnerability, I was amazed when told that I had Leukemia. With quick action and excellent care at the MD Anderson Center in Orlando I am in remission. While continuing chemotherapy for the next several months, I look forward to once again giving my support and energies to the Florida Society in whatever tasks I am given.

While the care given me by doctors and nurses is of extreme value, so, too, is the support given to me by your thoughts, prayers, and cards. You played a significant role in bouying my spirits during my hospital stay. A positive attitude is vital in the recovery of any illness and the attention given me by my compatriots across the state helped me sustain a positive attitude.

I eagerly look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring BOM and catching up with everyone.

To all my friends and compatriots, Thank you.

Steven Williams

Content submission deadline for the Summer issue of *The Florida Patriot* is June 15th.

Revolutionary War Timeline

March and April

March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty" Speech

April 18, 1775 - Rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes

April 19, 1775 - Clashes at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts.

March 3, 1776 - Colonial fleet captures New Providence Island in Bahamas

March 17, 1776 - British evacuate Boston

April 27, 1777 - Benedict Arnold forces British retreat in Connecticut

March 7, 1778 - British General Wm. Howe replaced by Henry Clinton

March 2, 1781 - Articles of Confederation adopted

March 15, 1781 - British win costly battle at Guilford Courthouse, NC

April 25, 1781 - Greene defeated at Hobkirk's Hill, SC

March 10, 1783 - American Ships win Last Naval Battle fought off Cape Canaveral, FL

April 19, 1783 - Congress ratifies preliminary peace treaty.



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6. One thing all members can do to increase the efficiency of the application review process is limiting the inquiries of both drop-in visitors and telephone calls.

7. Make reducing the processing time of applications for membership a top priority of the national officers, NSSAR staff, and Genealogy Committee.

The President General will submit a list of proposals to the Genealogy Committee that if adopted, will establish a more timely process in reviewing a membership application.

As stated previously, I have emailed a copy of the PG's letter to all Chapter Presidents I have email addresses and in addition I will bring copies to the BOM to be made available to our members.

Gerry Meeks
President, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



Memorial Day

The first known observance of Memorial Day was in Charleston, South Carolina in 1865; freedmen (freed enslaved Africans) celebrated at the Washington Race Course, today the location of Hampton Park, and each year thereafter. African Americans

founded Decoration Day, now referred to as Memorial Day, at the graveyard of 257 Union soldiers and labeled the gravesite “Martyrs of the Race Course” on May 1, 1865. Black Charlestonians created this American tradition.

It began in the North in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866. The friendship between General John Murray, a distinguished citizen of Waterloo, and General John A. Logan, who helped bring attention to the event nationwide, was likely a factor in the holiday’s growth. On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic – the organization for Northern Civil War veterans – Logan issued a proclamation that “Decoration Day” should be observed nationwide. It was observed for the first time on June 1 of the same year; the date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of a battle.

There were events in 183 cemeteries in 27 states in 1868, and 336 in 1869. The northern states quickly adopted the holiday; Michigan made “Decoration Day” an official state holiday in 1871 and by 1890 every northern state followed suit. The ceremonies were sponsored by the Women’s Relief Corps, which had 100,000 members. By 1870, the remains of nearly 300,000 Union dead had been buried in 73 national cemeteries, located mostly in the South, near the battlefields. The most famous are Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania and Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington.

The Memorial Day speech became an occasion for veterans, politicians and ministers to commemorate the war – and at first to rehash the atrocities of the enemy. They mixed religion and celebratory nationalism and provided a means for the people to make sense of their history in terms of sacrifice for a better nation, one closer to God. People of all religious beliefs joined together, and the point

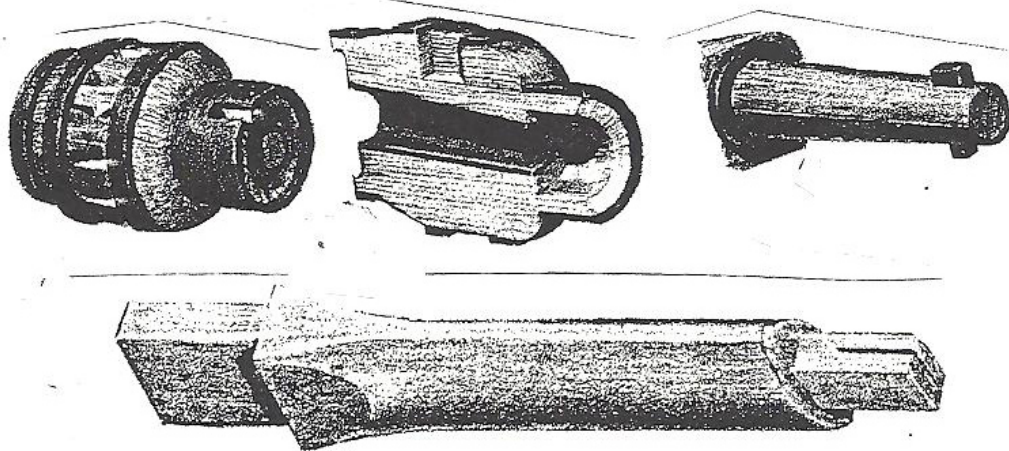


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How much do you know about colonial times??

Information and artwork from COLONIAL CRAFTSMEN, by Edwin Tunis, World publishing, 1965

Submitted by Ben DuBose



Here's an assortment of Colonial Parts used to build an important item - can you guess what that item is?

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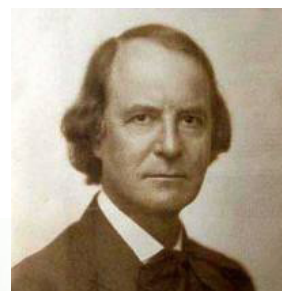
“Life’s tough. It’s even tougher if you’re stupid.”
-John Wayne

“Life is just one damned thing after another.”
-Elbert Hubbard, *A Thousand and One Epigrams*

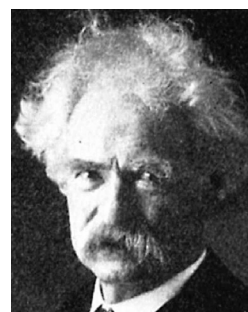
“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.”
- Thomas Paine, *“The American Crisis”*

“I would rather be exposed to the inconveniencies attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.”
- Thomas Jefferson, letter (1791)

“Nothing so needs reforming as other people’s habits.”
- Mark Twain, *Pudd’nhead Wilson*, “Pudd’nhead Wilson’s Calendar.”



Thomas Paine



CHAPTER NEWS

Brevard Chapter

Another successful celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution occurred on March 5th. Participating in the Color Guard were members of the Brevard, Central Florida, Daytona/Ormand, Jacksonville, Lake-Summer, Lakeland, Naples, St. Lucie River, Tampa, and Withlacoochee Chapters. In addition, members from the Indiana and Maine SAR Societies took part in the Color Guard. Six veterans organizations,



Boy Scouts troops, Sea Cadet units, and 7 DAR

& CAR chapters joined the Color Guard, too. Wreaths were presented by 18 organizations

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recognized its outstanding Eagle Scout Andrew Popp during its meeting on February 12th meeting at the Mayflower Retirement Center, Winter Park, Florida. Andrew entitled his submitted entry "The 21st Century Minutemen". He reflected on the Minutemen of 1775-1780 in his remarks that the Minutemen were a vital and necessary force and played a critical role in securing American independence in the American

Revolution. Clearly, without these ready-in-a-minute men, America's history might easily have been written in a very different way. Many of today's organizations like the National Guard Americas, oldest military branch, and the Boy Scouts of America who are trained to live by their motto, "Be Prepared" follow the Minutemen model for militia mobilization and national loyalty. The oath and law of the Boy Scouts requires a promise that scouts will do their duty to God and Country, help people at all times, and remain physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. Compatriot Robert G. Murray thanked Andrew Popp, for sharing his words of wisdom on how one should build and live their life in the 21st Century. Andrew we encourage you to wear your SAR Recognition Medal with honor and pride. He also received



Robert G. Murray, Eagle Scout Chairman; Eagle Scout Andrew Popp and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Popp

the Chapter's check for \$150.00 for use with his education needs. We are indeed proud of you Andrew as our Outstanding Eagle Scout for 2011.

Clearwater Chapter

December 2010 we installed new Officers. A Flag Certificate was presented to the Long Bayou Complex.

Renewed our "Friend of the SAR Library" commitment.

January 2011 we presented a 25 year service certificate to Compatriot Jack B. Ridenour. Our color guard presented the Colors at the Caladesi DAR Chapter Genealogy Seminar where we had a recruitment booth. James Gibson presented the Sea Cadet Medal to Conner Schmidt.

James Welch III was selected as our Eagle Scout Essay Winner. He was also selected the Second place winner in the State Contest.

February 2011 we had a recruitment booth at the Pinellas Genealogy Society Annual Seminar. We



presented cash awards at the Pinellas County History Fair. Attended Dunedin H.S. JROTC Annual Military Inspection. War Service Medals were awarded to Compatriots Lewis Harris, Hayes Kennedy and Richard Goodman.

March 2011 we attended the "Massing of the Colors" in St. Petersburg. The Color Guard also performed at the Annual Recognition Dinner for the West Central Florida Council, BSA. War Service Medals were awarded to Compatriots Richard Baldwin and John Neville. Youth members Carleton Weidemeyer and Andrew Kujumdziev were inducted.

Flagler Chapter

The Flagler Chapter's service project

has been the collection of manufacturer coupons and sending them to our Military Bases overseas where the coupons can be used by service personnel to help off-set the cost of both food and non-food items at the base commissary and base exchange. The project, which started in June of 2010, had sent coupons valued at over \$60,000 by end of last year.



Above, Compatriot Jerry Service, Chairman of the Coupons for the Military Project, displays coupons delivered to him by Chapter members at the February meeting. These coupons, part of a package being mailed in January 2011, will be delivered to the Gaeta Naval base in Italy.

Gainesville Chapter

Besides holding its regular meetings, which focused on veterans services, banjo music, and genealogy, and included the election of next year's officers, the Gainesville Chapter engaged in the following activities during the quarter. (1) Gave American flag pins to new citizens at naturalization ceremonies on Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. (2) Ray Davis, in uniform, helped conduct WW I memorial ceremonies at Veterans Park in Gainesville on Veterans Day (Nov. 11), which were televised by a local TV station. (3) Ray Davis, in uniform, participated in a flag re-dedication at Santa Fe College on Nov. 14. (4) Ray Davis represented the Chapter at a breakfast with retired military officers on Nov. 17. (5) Ray Davis

and LTC Dave Elder, in uniform, conducted a re-enactment and discussion of important Revolutionary War and War of 1812 events to five classes of middle school students at Ft. Clarke Middle School on Dec. 10. This consisted of three separate sessions of about 50 minutes each and involved approximately 500+ students, teachers, and guests.

During the quarter the Gainesville Chapter had 3 supplemental applications approved and has 13 applications for membership waiting approval. Currently the Chapter has 49 regular members plus three junior members and 7 associate members.

Highlands Chapter

The Highlands Chapter held their Charter Luncheon on February 26th in Sebring, Florida. Officiating at this momentous event were SW RVP Phil Tarpley and EC RVP Jeffery Sizemore. Two new members were inducted into the chapter as well as the installation of the 5 chapter officers: Woody Woodard, George and John Frey, Mike Flood, and William VanDuzer. The chapter starts with 26 members.



Woody Woodard holds the SAR flag presented by the Florida Society members (L-r) C Barrett, P Tarpley, J Sizemore, and R Moody.

Jacksonville Chapter

The Chapter hosted a very special

luncheon meeting on January 20, 2011 with nearly 150 in attendance. Those attending included members of the American Legion, SAR, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) and other guests. Special guests included: J. David Sympson, President General of the National Society SAR and First Lady Evelyn Sympson, Merry Ann Wright, President General of the National Society DAR and her husband Lawrence Wright, Capt. Clarence Hill, USN (ret.), the immediate Past National Commander of the American Legion, Lt. Col. Gerald E. Meeks, USAF (ret.), Presi-



dent of the Florida Society SAR, Dr. Redding I. Corbett, III, VPG of the South Atlantic District NSSAR, Barbara Makant, State Regent of the Florida Society DAR and Frank Kleese, Past Commander of American Legion Post 316 who sang The National Anthem.

PG Sympson conducted the SAR Induction Ceremony of Lawrence Wright, the husband of DAR PG Merry Ann Wright into the Jacksonville Chapter SAR.

Captain Hill spoke on Patriotism and the ongoing obligation we have to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who fought in the American Revolution to gain our freedom from England. He also reminded us that we currently have many patriots fighting around the world and especially in Iraq and Afghanistan who

are continuing to protect our democracy and insure our continued freedom.

Lakeland Chapter

History teachers at Lakeland's South McKeel Academy invited representatives from local chapters



of SAR and DAR to speak to their fifth graders on George Washington's birthday. Speakers in colonial dress and Revolutionary War uniform brought history alive to 175 students and eight teachers.

Gay Harlowe, a Bartow DAR Chapter member, highlighted famous men and women of the Revolutionary War era with her collection of period dolls dressed in appropriate clothing and addressed the importance of American heroes and their roles in the founding of this country and achieving its independence.

Lakeland Chapter SAR Past President Ken Wooden role-played his ancestor Lieutenant Simeon Wheelock, a minuteman at the battles of Lexington and Concord and officer in other battles. In 1768 Simeon Wheelock built a house in Uxbridge, Massachusetts and today served as a museum owned by the Deborah Wheelock DAR Chapter named after Simeon's wife.

Mr. Wooden told students how he had grown up near Washington's Crossing and learned at an early age about George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River and the Battle of Trenton which were turn-

ing points in the war for the Continental Army.

Lakeland DAR Chapter Registrar Doris Wooden celebrated George Washington's birthday with a presentation "Our American Heritage: Roots." which included important facts about George Washington and his family tree. In addition, it showed students how they could record their own heritage. Mrs. Wooden encouraged students to begin their family tree by interviewing parents and grandparents adding that perhaps their research would reveal a Revolutionary War patriot hidden in their own family.



Fifth grade student Deajah Cunningham held the Philadelphia Light Horse

Troop flag while Mr. Wooden traced its history and explained its use in the Revolutionary War.

Lake City Chapter

The Lake City Chapter was just recently recharter on March 13, 2010.



Ed McKnight (at right) of Lake City was inducted as the newest member by 2nd VP Charles Kimes.



Compatriot Jim Craig, Sec/Trea (at right) is presented his Wounded Warrior Certificate as a Purple Heart recipient during the Viet Nam War by 2nd VP Charles Kime.

The chapter is growing and is proud of their progress.

Saramana Chapter

Wounded Warriors from the past, WW II, Korea and Vietnam

The Laurel Oak Country Club was the scene this past Saturday, 19 February 2011 for the annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon hosted by the Saramana Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Guests included members of the five chapters of the Daughter's of the



American Revolution and twenty six "Wounded Warriors" chosen by the Military

Order of the Purple Heart. These invited military men from our past wars ' WW II, Korea and Vietnam received the Saramana Chapter, SAR "Wounded Warrior" Medal and Certificate from Saramana President, Charles Riegle, and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan was unable to attend due to his Congressional duties in Washington, D.C.

The 26 recipients were escorted to the podium, two by two, through a double column Honor Guard of Saramana SAR members in full colonial uniform by Sergeant at Arms, "Chuck" Barrett beginning with those from WW II. Six came in full military uniform.

One, Sgt James P. Lannon Jr. USMC,



Vietnam was accompanied by his seeing eye dog, a chocolate colored Hungarian Vizsla.

Pensacola Chapter

The Chapter sought nominees for the NSSAR Public Service Awards and selected the following professionals for the awards that were presented by Chapter President Robert R.

Canavello: Escambia County Fire-Rescue Firefighter Scott Hunsucker was awarded the NSSAR Firefighter Medal / Certificate, Escambia County EMS EMT Daniel Jones - the NSSAR EMS Medal / Certificate, and Pensacola Police Department Officer Gregory Robichaud, the NSSAR Law Enforcement Medal / Certificate.

The Chapter has initiated a \$120,000 project from design to installation for an American Revolution Minuteman Statue in the Pensacola Veteran's Park. The statue, a copy of the Minuteman Statue at Concord, MA, will memorialize the veteran Patriots of the American Revolution – the nation's First Veterans. This park contains memorials to veterans of Vietnam, Korea, WW II and WW I wars. Fund raising is now underway. Donations of \$100 or more are being accepted to sponsor a paver acknowledging SAR, DAR and CAR members and/or their Patriots and will be placed in the courtyard around the statue. For more information and details please contact Ray Lantz, rclantz@bell-south.net or 850-857-1599.

St. Augustine Chapter

The St. Augustine Chapter, presented five Braille U.S. flags to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind at the school's assembly on January 18th. The presentation was made by

Oscar Patterson III, Ph.D., chapter president. Five students were selected to receive the flags for the school: Esmeralda Sanchez-Diaz of Miami, Kyle McCreath of Gainesville, Jeffrey Pena-Guzman of Kissimmee, Chance Jackson of St. Augustine, and Cassie Avery of Freeport.



(L-R) Charles Crozier, Assistant Principal, Blind High School, Florida School for the Deaf and blind, Oscar Patterson III, President.

The Braille flags were created at the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute in honor of Jesus Sanchez Cabral, the father of the institute's president and a World War II veteran who lost his sight in 1988 due to glaucoma. The flags are placed at schools for the blind, in public places, veterans' hospitals, and a bronze version is in Arlington National Cemetery.

Also presented to the school by Oscar Patterson III was a standard U.S. flag and a certificate recognizing their use of these flags in the instructional program which were accepted by Charles Crozier, Assistant Principal, Blind High School. Also present were William Roberts, former chapter president, Bob Tarrant, chapter treasurer and John Tinny, former chapter and state president. Students and faculty from the Blind Department attended the 8:15 a.m. presentation. L. Daniel Hutto, School President, and Mary Lou Hofmann-Sitten, Principal, Blind/CET Departments welcomed the visitors.



Necrology Report

Deceased members as reported through March 15, 2011

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>FLSSAR</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
William Hudson Steelman	177330	9600	Clearwater
Richard A.A. Martin, Jr.	112991	3852	Saramana
Ray Reeves Boyce	143749	7086	St. Lucie
Paul Franklin Young	153425	7872	Naples
Col. Gerry W. Bass	162660	8495	Miami
Raymond L. Bullard	143552	7061	Jacksonville
Erric Bell, Jr.	151281	7729	Tallahassee
James Jefferson Burnett	176706	9537	Central Florida
Joseph A. Chilton, Jr.	138115	6519	Daytona-Ormond
John G. Hunter	136162	7231	Lake-Sumter
Vernon Smith	141409	6861	Flagler
George Ray Roberts	173758	9307	Clearwater
Fredrick H. Prather	134876		Charlotte
Col. Joseph B. Love	72879	6063	Jacksonville

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was often made that the German and Irish soldiers had become true Americans in the “baptism of blood” on the battlefield. By the end of the 1870s the rancor was gone and the speeches praised the brave soldiers both Blue and Gray. By the 1950s, the theme was American exceptionalism and duty to uphold freedom in the world.

Ironton, Ohio lays claim to the nation’s oldest continuously running Memorial Day parade, it has been a tradition since 1868. The first parade was held May 5, 1868.

The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from “Decoration Day” to “Memorial Day”, which was first used in 1882. It did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, the Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The holidays included Washington’s Birthday, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional date of May 30. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) advocate returning to the original date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. The VFW stated in a 2002 Memorial Day Address:

“Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day.” No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public’s nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

Since 1987, Hawaii’s Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, has repeatedly introduced measures to return Memorial Day to its traditional date.

After some initial confusion and unwillingness to comply, all 50 states adopted Congress’s change of date within a few years. Memorial Day endures as a holiday which most businesses observe because it marks the unofficial beginning of summer. This role is filled in neighboring Canada by Victoria Day, which occurs either on May 24 or the last Monday before that date, placing it exactly one week before Memorial Day.

From - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day



Retention of Members

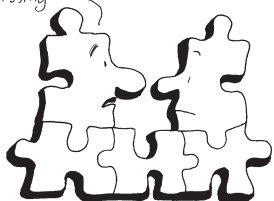
We have 202 members that chose not to renew their membership at the time of the state secretary's report for the Winter BOM in January. With all but two chapters submitting their annual reports, that figure was likely to rise above 202. Prior to January the society had over 1800 members, so now it's around 1600. we generally get as many new members as we lose each year. We should aim for an increase in membership each year. 10%? 15%?



Retention continues to be a problem for most chapters. Other state societies have the same problem so the problem is not unique to Florida. While that should be a comfort, we should not accept it as such.

Others have opined that this figure is due to the number of 'certificate' members - those who join to get a certificate to hang on the wall and then drop after a year or two. That may be so, but we shouldn't accept that reason either. While there is little we can do to keep a member who takes this position, we should make a concerted effort to get new members intimately involved in the chapter activities. Members that have a sense of ownership or partnership in the chapter don't drop out for lack of interest.

Ever get the feeling something's missing?



So, what's a solution to getting a member interested? There are many things that can be done depending on your chapter's unique needs and activities. Consider this - while the chapter registrar is helping with the application, the prospective members should be encouraged to attend any and all chapter functions: meetings, parades, color guard events (as spectators), veteran support events, Boy Scout presentations, etc.

This encouragement should come not just from the registrar but from the chapter officers - President, 1st/2nd VP, Secretary, etc. This will let the prospective member know that he is a valued person in the chapter. Then, when his application is approved (whenever that occurs), he is already part of the 'IN-Crowd' and more likely to stay with the chapter and be an active member who will make the chapter a better organization.

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Our Troubles Had Just Begun

or - How do we govern now that we won the war?

Reprint of one article from a series on the American Revolution, by Ben DuBose first published in THE GUIDE by Marketeer Publications, Brooklyn, NY, 1994

The heavy debt amassed during the war was still unsettled, and Congress could not get the states to pay their fair shares. Most of the states were broke, so how could they give anything to a central government? Creditors were fighting to get paid, as were soldiers who had been promised payment in full after the war ended.

Lacking gold and silver to strike coins with value, Congress had tried to finance the war by printing paper money. It worked at first, but when they just kept printing more and more, it became worthless. Some states used Spanish coins; others stayed with English and some went with French. Only the paper money printed in New York seemed to hold its value. Trade between the states themselves was becoming difficult because of the lack of a central currency.

In 1786, we adopted the silver dollar of Spain as our standard. We divided it into one hundred parts, calling them 'cents,' and establishing the decimal system: a system much easier to calculate than the old pounds, shillings, and pence. A mint was established, and copper coins were struck based on the strength of the Spanish dollar.

In an attempt to get away from this base, Congress tried to impose taxes to support our coins. This was met by mass discontent. Didn't our paper money lose value? And hadn't we just fought a war protesting taxation? This issue started protests all over the country. In fact, another revolution was about to take place in Massachusetts. Captain Daniel Shays mustered over two thousand armed men and tried to take the arsenal at Springfield. The militia was called out and Congress sent in a small army of over one thousand to put down the rebellion.

Our problems did not end there. There was the question of new states that wanted to join the Union. Kentucky and Tennessee wanted to be admitted as states – denying the authority of Virginia and North Carolina. Vermont was threatening to join Canada if New York and New Hampshire kept selling off its lands, and some of the smaller states like Rhode Island, had merchants fleeing rather than accepting the paper money they were forced to take by state law.



Shay's rebellion (1786 to 1787)

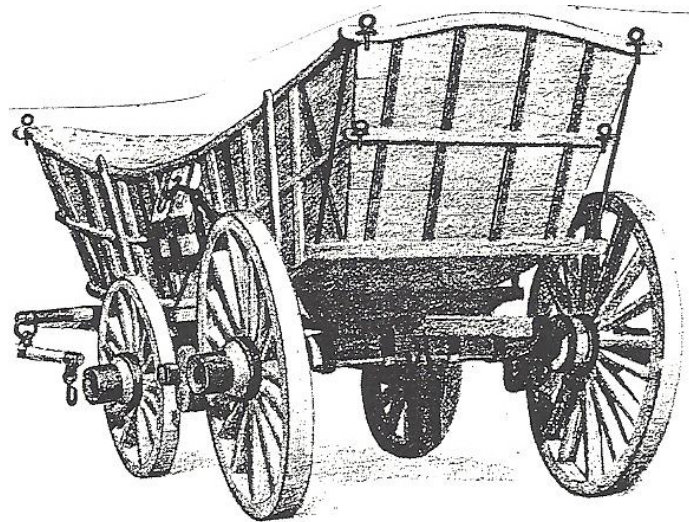
Something had to be done!

Colonial Parts

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The most important part of any wagon or coach in the colonial days was the wheel, for without it even the best wagons were useless. Below is a typical 'Conestoga Wagon' developed in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in about 1750. They even developed a special breed of large horses used in teams of four to six to pull these large wagons over the rugged trails. And these were the types of wagons that moved supplies and food for our forefathers during the Revolution.

Wagon wheels were one of the most difficult things to make and it took a Wheelwright and a Blacksmith to do a good job. On page 5 are (top left) the barrel shaped 'Hub' from which a dozen or more (bottom) 'Spokes' radiated out to the rim. A hole through the Hub was lined with a (top middle) tapered cast-iron tube, the 'Box' which served as a bearing for a (top right) wooden 'Axle.'



National Update

For those chapter members who are subscribers to FLATalk mailing list, you have noticed the 2 burning issues being discussed which center on the SAR Merchandise Store and the Processing of new and Supplemental applications. The main emphasis is on the new applications.

Fraudulent charges have recently been made to Compatriots using a credit card to buy merchandise at the SAR Store. SAR is working with the 3rd party vendor to resolve this issue. The recommendation is to mail your order and use a check/money order. So if you've bought anything with a credit card in the past few months, check your card statements for suspicious charges.

The second issue revolves around the length of time for processing new applications. The Tennessee and Louisiana State Societies passed Resolutions stressing the need for immediate steps to be taken to change the current process.

The President General, David Sympon, has sent a message to the membership and the Genealogy Committee addressing this issue and putting forth steps to be taken to correct and improve the process.

The Spring Leadership Meeting should address this process in several of the meetings. Further actions may be taken at the National Congress in July. Either of these events are open to any registered SAR member. If you are serious about these issues, make plans to attend the National Congress to let your voice be heard.



Winter 2011 BOM Minutes

Motions approved by the BOM

- The minutes of the Fall BOM were approved as printed in the Patriot.
- A motion to grant a chapter charter to the Highlands chapter was approved by the BOM.

Meeting Highlights

The state officers reported on their work for the society in the preceding months including travel to SAR events and tasks undertaken. Chapter activities were included in the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents.

Our finances are in good shape and currently meet the society's goal of having a two-year reserve on hand.

Eleven Compatriots died in the period since the last BOM meeting. Their names were reported to the membership and are printed in each edition of the Patriot magazine.

Both the Registrar and Genealogist spoke to the significant delays in National's processing of membership applications.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers and the Charter & Bylaws Committee submitted 6 proposed amendments to be considered at the annual meeting in May. The office list and proposed amendments will be printed in the next edition of the Patriot for consideration of the membership.

Chairman presented the recent work of their committees either in writing or orally. The written reports are available in electronic form from the secretary upon request.

Our trust funds continue to do well. The Disbursement Committee reported that all requests to the Endowment Trust Fund were fully funded in 2010.

Proceedings of the Meeting Available

Members may request an electronic version of the compiled reports (proceedings) of the state officers and committees. Send an email to the state secretary at kayarnell@hotmail.com.

At the last BOM, it was discussed that the printed minutes need not be as detailed as done in the past. Perhaps these will serve as an example of that.



A Personal Note from the Secretary

Kevin Yarnell



It is with mixed feelings that I announced to the Board of Management last fall that I would be unable to continue in the role of Florida Society Secretary. Over the course of the past year I discerned a call to attend seminary with a goal to being ordained a Catholic Priest for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. The seminary program will necessitate a 4-year absence from most of the chapter and state meetings and so I'll be unable to continue with the state's secretarial duties. I am, of course, looking forward with great anticipation to this new calling.

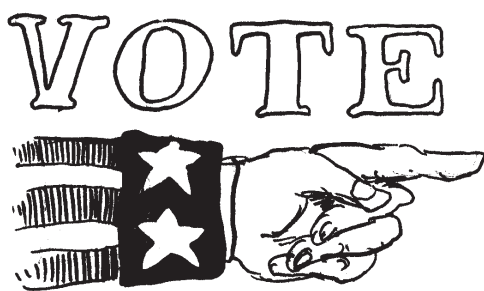
The Executive Committee has pursued a plan to divide up some of the tasks that have traditionally fallen to the secretary so that the burden of the office might be lessened. I'm pleased that three of our members have already agreed to take over some of these roles and we are working on making as smooth a transition

as possible to these men and to the new secretary who will be elected in May.

You may be aware that I have tried to transfer much of our Society's data and records to electronic format. This allows for easier access to the data and provides additional safety from natural disasters. In the course of that work I've been able to pick up on the working styles of many of my predecessors who served as Florida secretaries. They were all different and I know I established procedures and protocols that best suited my situation. My successor will, undoubtedly, find it necessary to change the way in which some things are done. I trust the local chapters will be understanding of these changes and lend to him as much support as was graciously given to me.

Further, my position as Technology Director for Tampa Catholic High School allowed for savings in the FLSSAR Secretary's expenses. The school kindly agreed to allow me the use of equipment during off hours which I was able to employ to the benefit of the Society. My successor will likely not have such a favorable arrangement. I trust the membership and chapters will cooperate with him in any cost saving initiatives he proposes that might help to offset what are sure to be increased costs to the Society.

While I won't be leaving until next August, allow me to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the FLSSAR membership for letting me serve as secretary over the course of the last several years. It has truly been a pleasure. I trust my successor and those who take up the other duties will find the work to be as rewarding as I have.



WANTED

A Compatriot with a good EAR and able to attend the next BOM Sessions.

JOB?? - FLSSAR Recording Secretary

What does it involve?

1. Using a recorder at the 2 BOM Sessions.
2. Listening to the recording and encapsulating the meeting into a document (see previous page for an example) covering main points of discussion, motions, and votes.
3. Providing the electronic document to *The Florida Patriot* Editor for publication.

What it DOESN'T involve - It doesn't require a word-for-word transcription of the 2 sessions but rather those important points mentioned above.



Nominations for 2011-12 State Officers

President	David Ramseur
SVP	Phil Tarpley
Treasurer	Hall Riediger
Secretary	Steve Williams
Member-at-large	Harold Crapo
NW RVP	Edward D. Young
NC RVP	Scott Bushnell
NE RVP	Skip Brown
WC RVP	Nelson Jantzen
EC RVP	Jeff Sizemore
SW RVP	Victor McMurry
SE RVP	Dan Shepherd
Chaplain	Randy moody
Editor	Steve Williams
Chancellor	Carl Hoffman
Webmaster	Scott Bushnell
Genealogist	Ted Duay
Historian	Harold Crapo
Registrar	Ray Lantz
Recording Secretary	OPEN
Sgt-at-arms	Vernon "Ted" Hornback

By-Law Change Ballot

Instructions for voting at the Annual Meeting:

1. Members of the FLSSAR in good standing* may vote.
2. Mark each of the six (6) proposals either YES or NO by putting an X in the desired box. A vote of YES indicates that the voter wants the change to be adopted. A vote of NO indicates that the voter does not want the change adopted.
3. Turn your ballot into one of the designated tellers.
4. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting is required for the proposal to pass.

as defined in the FLSSAR ByLaws: A Member in Good Standing is a person who has been admitted to membership in the NSSAR and the FLSSAR, who is not now in arrears in payment of his dues, and whose membership is not now suspended or terminated under the provisions of Section 3 of Bylaw 17 of the NSSAR.

Proposal #1: To change the wording for when to elect the nominating committee to allow for the possibility that no Summer BOM is held.

Proposed change: That the first sentence of Article III, Section 2, a, 1 be changed from

“At the regular Summer Meeting of the BOM, the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate and the BOM shall elect, a Nominating Committee...”

to

“At the first regular BOM meeting following the annual meeting, the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate and the BOM shall elect, a Nominating Committee...”

Proposal #2: To change the wording for when the nominating committee reports their recommendations to the BOM to allow for the possibility that no Winter BOM is held.

Proposed change: That the second sentence of Article III, Section 2, b, 1 be changed from

“The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce, at the Winter / January Meeting of the BOM, the names of the persons chosen ...”

to

“The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce, at the regular BOM meeting held closest to, but not after, the date 60 days prior to the annual meeting, the names of the persons chosen ...”

Proposal #3: To remove the current restriction that the FLSSAR not make formal endorsements prior to the Fall BOM meeting.

Proposed change: That the last sentence of Article III, Section 7 be deleted. The new paragraph would now read:

New members

New members as of 3/15/2011

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Chapter	Membership Status
Adams	John	Sidney	Brevard	Regular
Allen	James	David	Saramana	Regular
Birchall	Geoffrey		Brevard	Regular
Boebel	Dominic	Gary	Brevard	Regular
Boebel	Liam	Gary	Brevard	Youth
Boebel	Spencer	Alan	Brevard	Youth
Bonny	Dennis	Eugene	Brevard	Regular
Bonny	Eric	Dean	Brevard	Regular
Brown	Thomas	Walter	Lake City	Regular
Chandler	Robert	Bennet	Caloosa	Regular
Chandler	William	Millard	Caloosa	Regular
Clark	Bradley	Howard Thomas	Saramana	Junior
Clark	Stephen	Howard	Saramana	Regular
Crapo	Dana	Adric	Saramana	Regular
DesErnia	Russell	A	Saramana	Regular
Dixon, Jr.	William	Warren	William Dunaway	Regular
Edsall	James	Alfred	Clearwater	Regular
Eldredge	Mark	Robert	Flagler	Regular
Eldredge	William	David	Flagler	Regular
Flint	Daniel	Tobias	Jacksonville	Regular
Funk	James	Bryan	Brevard	Regular
Gans	Richard	Roy	Saramana	Regular
Gilmore	Thomas	Nelson	St. Lucie River	Regular
Gilmore, Jr.	Thomas	Nelson	Ft. Lauderdale	Regular
Hill, IV	Percival	Smith	Saramana	Regular
Hill, V	Percival	Smith	Saramana	Junior
Horton	Wayne	Allen	Saramana	Regular
Kichline	Richard	Kraft	Saramana	Regular
Malcolm, III	John	Baden	Brevard	Regular
McKnight	Edward	Riley	Lake City	Regular
McPherson	William		St. Augustine	Regular
Mitchell	Jerry	Wayne	Ocala	Regular
Mortell	James	John	Brevard	Regular
Morton	Thomas	Hamilton	Palm Beach	Regular
Myers	Maurice	Edwards	Saramana	Regular
Myron	Gary	Boebel	Brevard	Regular
Peters	Nelson	Roy	Withlacoochee	Regular
Rich	Lewis	Terry	Jacksonville	Regular
Robbins	Mitchell	Gregory	Gainesville	Junior
Shelton	Chad	Garrett	Highlands	Regular
Shelton	Gary	Leroy	Highlands	Regular
Shelton	Jonah	Z	Brevard	Youth
Smith	Brian	Thomas	Brevard	Regular
Smith	James	Ronald	Highlands	Regular
Smith	Ramon	William	Brevard	Regular
Smith	Raymond	Paul	Brevard	Regular
Spearman	Matthew	Louis	Caloosa	Junior
Spearman	Willaim	Brian	Caloosa	Regular
Spearman	William	Robert	Caloosa	Junior
Weidemeyer	Andrew	Draper	Clearwater	Youth
Weidemeyer	Carleton	Lloyd	Clearwater	Youth
Worth	John	Travis	Brevard	Regular



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the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society.

Proposal #4: To change the deadline for submission of nominations for the Patriot Medal from a specific BOM to a specific calendar date.

Proposed change: That the last sentence of the second paragraph of Article V, Section 3 be changed from

“...and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before the time of the closing of the January Winter Meeting of the BOM.”

to

“...and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before January 31st of each year.”

Proposal #5: To change the wording for when the budget committee submits its proposed budget to the BOM to allow for the possibility that no Fall BOM is held.

Proposed change: That the first sentence of Article VI, Section 5 be changed from

“The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget in which are listed the categories and accounts of anticipated income and the funding authorized for the various items of expected expenses, and shall submit it to the BOM at its regular Fall / October Meeting.”

to

“The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget in which are listed the categories and accounts of anticipated income and the funding authorized for the various items of expected expenses, and shall submit it to the BOM at the meeting closest to, but not after, December 31st of each year.”

Proposal #6: To change the wording for when proposed amendments to the ByLaws be submitted to the ByLaws Committee to allow for the possibility that the specific BOM meetings referenced are not held.

Proposed change: That Article VIII, Section 3, a be changed from

“The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee at the Fall / October Meeting, which committee shall make its recommendations to the BOM at the Winter / January Meeting for consideration, comments, and/or recommendations.”

to

“The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee by November 1st, which committee shall make its recommendations to the BOM at the regular BOM meeting closest to, but not after, the date 60 days prior to the annual meeting.”



Upcoming NSSAR Events

121st Annual Congress

July 9-13, 2011
Marriott, Winston-Salem, NC

235th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

April 9, 2011
Halifax, NC

Fall 2011 Leadership Meeting

September 30 to October 1, 2011
Louisville, KY

Upcoming FLSSAR Events

230th Celebration of the Battle of Pensacola May 2011

Spring 2011 BOM & Annual Meeting May 13-15, 2011

Summer 2011 BOM August 26-27, 2011

Fall 2011 BOM October 14-15, 2011

Spring 2011

BOM & Annual MEETING

Kissimmee, FL : May 13-15, 2011
Committee Reports are due by Sunday May 7th.
RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE
7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64 off I-4)
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400

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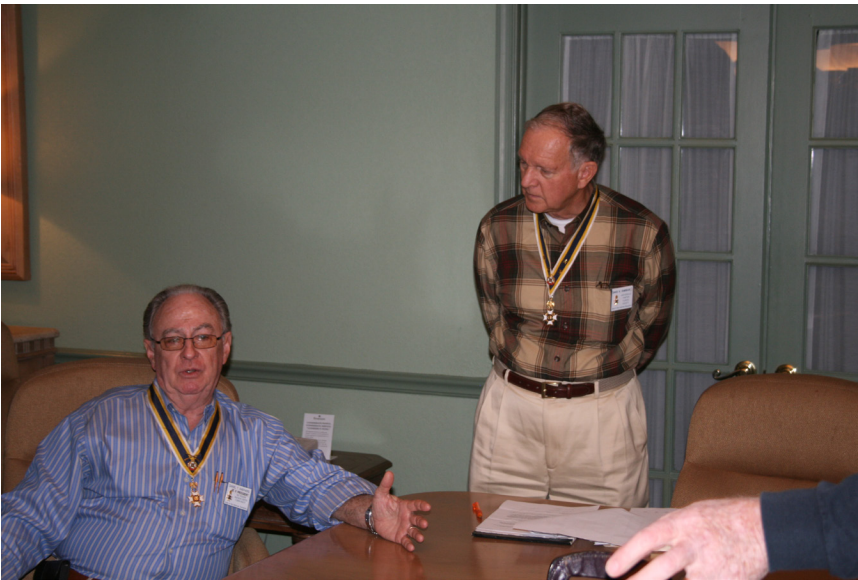
Room Rates: The tower plaza rooms are \$65.00, except the suites which will remain at \$99.00 and the non-tower plaza rooms are \$55.00. This is a reduction of \$10.00 in two room rates.- Plus current 13% tax. Please specify "Florida Sons of the American Revolution" to get the special rate. 55 rooms have been blocked.
All Rooms will be held until 10 days before BOM. After that, rooms will be "if available" and with FLSSAR price.
Rooms may be upgraded to larger rooms in the Tower Plaza The hotel is pleased to extend to SAR the above group room rates for the period plus or minus 5 days of the actual meeting date to allow for early arrivals and stayovers.

Spring BOM & Annual Meeting Activities

Executive Committee Meeting (Friday Noon)
Regional VP Meeting
Secretary/ Treasurer/ Registrar Session (Friday)
BOM Session (Friday)
Friday Banquet

Memorial Service (Saturday am)
Genealogy Session (Saturday am)
BOM Session (Saturday)
Saturday Youth Luncheon
Saturday Awards & Induction Banquet

Registration
form goes here



SE RVP Dan Shepard and SVP David Ramseur attending the Regional Vice-president's meeting.



WC RVP Nelson Jantzen with Past President William Stevenson attending a meeting in the Boardroom.

Are you eligible? **JOIN TODAY!**

Do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your family tree? Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Over two hundred years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a member of SAR, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can continue this legacy by actively supporting historic preservation, promotion of education, and patriotic endeavors. For membership information go to <http://www.fssar.org/Helper.htm>.



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The New Highlands Chapter members present at the Chartering Banquet on February 26th. EC RVP Jeffery Sizemore at right.