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LET'S KEEP THE GLOW IN OLD GLORY
AND THE FREE
IN FREEDOM TOO

In this Issue -

Machias 1775 Naval Battle, National News, CAAH
update, WW II Register, Chapter News and MUCH
MORE!



Front Cover

Old Glory Poster

Inside Cover

(Top) 2011 National Congress attendees and wives:
Front row (l-r) **Hal Miller**, Mrs. Riegler, Mrs. Hornback, Mrs. Hoffman, **Carl Hoffman**, Marjorie Ramseur, Mary Tarpley, Billie Brock, Mrs. Downing, **Roland Downing**.

Back Row (l-r) **Chuck Sweeny**, **Charles Riegler**, **Ted Hornback**, **Randy Moody**, **David Ramseur**, **Phil Tarpley**, **Frank Hodalski**, **Lindsey Brock**.

Attendees not pictured are **Dick Friberg**, **Doug Bridges**, **Robert Burt**, and **Clifford Hale**.

(Middle) FLSSAR President **David Ramseur** with newly elected President General **Larry J. Magerkurth**.



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Winter BOM

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Pictorial representation of the first Thanksgiving.

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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.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

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President's Message

Compatriots

Our August Board of Management meeting went very well with good attendance even though hurricane Irene threatened to cancel our meeting. We had two excellent training sessions covering chapter secretary and chapter treasurer responsibilities. A number of issues were discussed which needed to be handled before our busy fall season; such as, the importance of our 33 chapters filing for their tax exempt status each year.



At our July Congress this year in Winston-Salem, NC, we were all proud of our fellow compatriot Lindsey Brock who was presented with the Minute Man Award which is the highest SAR award. Our Florida Society also received a number of awards at Congress as well as our youth contests excelling at the National level. Our National winners were: FLSSAR JROTC student won first place; the Americanism Poster Contest winner received second place; and our Eagle Scout winner received third place. Our FLSSAR Rumbaugh Contest winner gave an excellent presentation but did not reach the finals but his experience will no doubt come in handy in his efforts next year in Phoenix, AZ.

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Regarding trips to visit Florida State chapters during my term, several are already planned. Please contact me if you would like for me to visit your chapter.

Between chapter visits, I will also be attending National meetings in Louisville, along with Southeast Regional meetings as well as with King's Mountain and Cowpens. In June I attended the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill where I represented the Florida Society and laid a wreath and Marjorie, as First Lady, laid a wreath for the FL Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition, please do not forget to make a pledge this year even if a small one for our Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Some chapters might consider adding an extra line on their 2012 annual dues statement which could easily bring our annual giving above our goal of 40% participation.

Fraternally,

David Ramseur

President, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

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EDITOR'S CUT

As you may have noticed on the inside front cover, *The Florida Patriot* received the 2010 Graham T. Smallwood Award best news publication for the society with 500 or more members and also received a check of \$250. This is not a single person's award but, instead, OUR award - the result of many Florida compatriots contributing their articles, photographs, and comments or suggestions that brought us to this recognition. It is my job to assemble your valuable input into its final format but that task is meaningless unless I have something to format. Blank pages won't get us any recognition. The following is not a complete list of compatriots who contributed to the 2010 issues of *The Florida Patriot* - in no particular order, Harold Crapo, Ben DuBose, Hall Riediger, Randy Moody, Kevin Yarnell, every chapter submitting their chapter news & photos, Gerry Meeks, and as proof-readers (yes, I **really** need them) Lindsey Brock, Ben & Gerry DuBose, & Phil Wright. Now the challenge before us is to repeat and build upon our accomplishments for 2011 and for 2012.



A great deal of the formatting done to create a 'look' to our magazine is subjective - what I think will be a good reading experience, easily impart important information, and doesn't become boring. Thus, each issue may differ in layout in some small ways: different heading fonts, placement of graphics, and similar changes.

At publication time for the Summer issue, the Florida Society had 1778 members with a list of 994 compatriots with e-mail addresses. These 994 had 76 (to date) 'bad' addresses which left the electronic delivery at just over 50%. As promised, we offered the ability to OPT OUT of such electronic delivery. Twenty-five compatriots or 2.5% chose to do so. This provided an opportunity to increase the page count (from 24 to 32 pages) while still reducing the cost of that issue. This issue will be seeing the same or better cost reductions compared to last year's printing/postage costs. Such cost reductions can be used to offset the increased costs in printing the BOM Proceedings for those BOM attendees needing to have a hard copy. Printing costs for the Proceedings are no longer done gratis as they had been done in the past.

Steven Williams



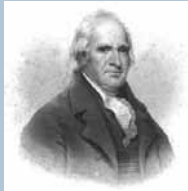
Public Debates over the Constitution

The New York experience

The proposed Constitution was first printed in New York City on September 21, 1787 in the *Daily Advertiser*. Three days later, that paper published the first editorial on the Constitution, describing it as the best thing available, and that although it was not perfect, it was much better than expected. They were in full support of the document, as were most merchants and businessmen.

In the months that followed, a raging debate took place in the form of newspaper articles, letters to the editors, broadsides (posters), and handouts. Americans were free to say what they wanted – and they did!

On September 27th, the *New York Journal* printed the first of seven essays by ‘Cato,’ said to be written by Governor Clinton. Cato called on freemen to be prudent and cautious: “Do not, because you admit that something must be done, adopt anything.”



Within a week, ‘Caesar,’ allegedly Alexander Hamilton, charged Cato with demagoguery. “Shall we now wrangle and find fault with that excellent whole, because, perhaps, some of its parts might have been more perfect?” he wrote.



These debates raged on and were distributed or carried in other papers throughout the region, and to a lesser extent, the entire country. An avalanche of the finest and most prolific political writing in America’s history followed. A total of eighty-five

papers were published between October 27, 1787 and May 28, 1788. They appeared in four New York papers and then in book form.

Pseudonyms were used mostly to protect the authors from attacks, but their writing styles gave them away. They included Noah Webster, John Jay, and John Adams among others.

The people of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island were treated to their first taste of true freedom of the press. The entire question concerning the ratification of the Constitution was being placed before them, and it was up to them to make a decision – the most important decision they would ever make.

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

Book Nook

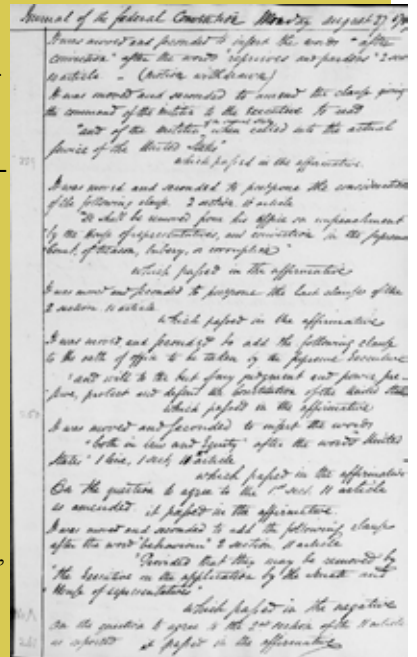


At this time of year, it’s appropriate that we take a look at a book such as this. *Miracle At Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention* is a work of historical non-fiction, written by Catherine Drinker Bowen and originally published in 1966. Bowen recounts the Philadelphia Convention, a meeting in 1787 that created the United States Constitution. Bowen draws much of her information from notes and journals of the Framers, especially James Madison. It contains vivid description of many founders including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Gouverneur Morris, important compromises such as the Great Compromise, and controversial issues such as slavery.

This book goes far to illustrating the sometimes great divides between the delegates when it came to crafting this document. The Play and movie *1776* did the same thing but with the usual artistic license that comes with those media. Here, we get the viewpoints of the delegates in their own language. Descriptions of the side

negotiations and the sometimes contentious debates leaves the reader with a better understanding of their times and, more importantly, how we can learn how they came together to compromise. That ability is sorely missing from today’s political climate of extremes.

While most generally don’t read a book’s Forward, you should read this Forward written by Chief Justice Warren E Burger. He illuminates the atmospheres in several states that were crucial in getting ratification of this Constitution. “Reaching across two centuries, the author reveals the parochial views of those who were content with each state issuing its own currency and free to exclude commerce from other states. Where would we be had not Chief Justice Marshall in 1824, using the Commerce Clause, made us a “common Market” even before such phrase had currency?”



Page from the Journal of the Convention





Maine's Sons of the American Revolution

The Meaning of the Machias Naval Victory Lives On Today

By Harvey Spears

Why does an historical event that took place on June 12, 1775—the onset of America’s Revolutionary War—have such meaning for people today? As a photographer who loves the natural beauty of coastal Maine, and the history of our great country, that is the question I was thinking about as I traveled from New York City to Machias last summer to participate in Margarett Days. I loved being at this event, which commemorated the 235th anniversary of the first naval battle of the American Revolution. Its meaning came alive as I thought about what Eli Siegel, the great American philosopher and founder of the education Aesthetic Realism said: “The aim of history is to make past feeling felt more, or, simply, the past felt more.” I believe this is why people are so stirred seeing our relation to the past, to men and women who lived at a critical time in our nation’s history.

Largely unknown today, this mighty occurrence was called the “Lexington of the Sea” by the eminent writer James Fenimore Cooper. Though few in number, the men and women of Washington County seized the British ship the Margarett, anchored in Machiasport. It was a known fact that the British were planning to use the Margarett to transport lumber to Boston in order to build forts to be used against Washington’s army. Though threatened, Mainers put their lives on the line to protect the meaning of the Revolution, and refused to provide the British with one log of Maine’s valuable resource. Their brave decision stands for what we, as individuals and a nation today so much hope for. In the periodical

The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known, Ellen Reiss wrote:

“What the American Revolution was concerned with is the same thing Americans are in tumult over now—as people across this nation are so worried about jobs and money....By April 1775 there came to be a fury in many persons in America that while they lived on the American earth, planted it, built on it—the wealth...was being robbed from them by an English king. There was fury that George III saw the American land and the people who lived on it as a means to enrich England.”

I believe this describes the underlying cause of the fierce resistance to British tyranny that was shown by ordinary citizens—women and men who felt there was something to oppose with relentless determination and something big and beautiful to be protected and fought for. This feeling was represented with depth and style in the Margarett Days celebration!

While today America’s wealth is not going to the British monarchy, there is tremendous hardship and distress in the lives of most Americans because our vast wealth is used to bail out corporations and enrich executives and shareholders, as the average American gets poorer, including in Washington County. At the event, a woman I spoke with told me: “Sometimes we don’t notice it so much here because most of us are all in the same boat.” I

admire her courage; meanwhile no person should ever be forced to worry about not having a good-paying job or not being able to afford the basic necessities. If America’s economy were based on ethics, and people, including in our government were honestly answering the question Eli Siegel asked: “What does a person deserve by being a person?,” our country would be so different!

As a photographer, I was stirred by the expressions on the faces of people. For instance, there was Chris Sprague,

a direct decedent of Jeremiah O’Brien, who spoke with such pride as he told of the preparations prior to the attack on the Margarett. There was Dona Emerson who described the dilemma of Hannah (Watts) Weston, a young woman of 17, trying to decide how she can aid the defense of her land. She bravely carried ammunition for miles through the woods to support the men fighting at the front. We learned about the Rev. James Lyon who was portrayed by Doug Guy. Rev. Lyon, through the immortal words of Thomas Paine, inspired courage and perseverance.

“THESE are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

And, I was moved by Valdine Atwood who told the story of “The Battle of the Rim” where the Passamaquoddy Indians joined the colonists, and fought side by side with them. There were dance, prayer and song from the Passamaquoddy by Joan Dana, Blanche Sockabasin, and Morning Star Wolf. There were demonstrations of spinning, food preparation,

firearms handling, crafts, and more. All these activities represented the feelings of people and what people are now insisting on more than ever—that they be seen with the fullness and justice they deserve. Commenting on the battle of Lexington, Ellen Reiss wrote:

“As they (the colonists) came out that April day, with their flag and weapons to face the trained soldiers of England, they were saying, ‘This land on which our lives take place is ours. It does not exist for some monarch and his henchman to make profit from, while tyrannizing over, sapping, and ruining our lives in order to do so...For the 13 colonies to be independent was for the

people living in them to own the rocky Massachusetts earth and the lush Virginia earth and the earth at New York harbor, where ships could come in.”

I believe that in 1775, the people of Machias felt intensely: “This land is ours—and we’ll protect it with our very lives!” We can use what took place then to be clearer and surer about what we hope for and deserve—an economy that is based on ethics, and which will enable every man, woman and child to have good lives. For more information on the



Doug Guy as the Rev. James Lyon, as Valdine Atwood looks on.

Margaretta Days Festival June 11, 2011
 contact: <http://www.washingtoncountymaine.com/margaretta/> and for more information about Aesthetic Realism contact: www.aestheticrealism.org

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Withlacoochee; Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Pompano Beach-*Ft. Lauderdale*; Live Oak City Cemetery, Live Oak-*Lake City*; Florida Hills Memorial Gardens, Spring Hill-*Gainesville*; Mount Peace Cemetery, Saint Cloud-*Central Florida/Brevard*; Sarasota National Cemetery-*Sarasota*; Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee-*Tallahassee*; Fort Myers Memorial Gardens, *Caloosa*; Lake Worth Inlet at Sea-*Palm Beach*; Pine Hill Cemetery, New Port Richey-*St Lucie River*; Palms Woodland Cemetery, Naranja-*Miami*.

To participate go to <http://www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/locations/> and select a site, and use the contact information listed.

Wreaths Across America

Cemeteries in Florida

taking part in laying a wreath or sending a color guard. We just need to 'stand up' for these soldiers and be there for them. Remember, part of our Patriotic Goals is to "honor, respect, and support veterans."

Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando-*Central Florida*; Columbia County Veteran's Memorial, Lake City-*Lake City*; St Augustine National Cemetery, *St Augustine*; Daytona Memorial Park Daytona Beach-*Deland/Daytons-Ormond*; Edgewater-New Smyrna Cemetery, Edgewater-*Deland/Daytons-Ormond/Brevard*; Jacksonville National Cemetery, *Jacksonville*; Barrancas National Cemetery, *Pensacola/Aaron Snowden*; South Florida VA National Cemetery, Lake Worth-*Palm Beach*; Royal Palm Memorial Gardens, West Palm Beach-*Palm Beach*; Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines-*Clearwater/St. Petersburg/Tampa*; Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell-*Lake-Sumter/*



For the past two years, the National Society has urged the state societies and their chapters to consider participating in this worthwhile event to honor our soldiers. To that end, this magazine has published photos and information on Wreaths Across America to highlight this event. This year we are matching chapters with suggested nearby cemeteries to which they can then send chapter members. It can be a single member showing up and



Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary membership is composed mostly of wives of SAR compatriots. Moreover, any lady may join who has a relationship with a Compatriot, such as aunt, sister, cousin, and/or daughter and is interested in the events and work of the Ladies Auxiliary. Dues are \$5.00 and are renewable every year. A member is also part of the National Ladies Auxiliary organization.

The Auxiliary looks forward to being part of the SAR youth awards every year by giving certificates along with scholarship checks to the winners. A fun way the Ladies Auxiliary raise funds for



these awards is by donating beautiful and bountiful gift baskets which are then auctioned off by drawing at the BOM Dinners and the proceeds then used to assist in the various endeavors of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary also donates and assists in the mailing of various gift packages to overseas troops during

the year as well as contributing to worthy causes and assisting various projects of individual SAR chapters.

The Auxiliary also participates and assists in the hospitality room by contributing delicious food and drinks for SAR compatriots during the BOM and annual meetings.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary have also represented the Florida Ladies Auxiliary at Patriotic events held throughout the State such as the Battle of Pensacola, and the Last Naval Battle. Many Ladies have represented Florida in several events in the South Atlantic District in the activities of SAR chapters in other states. Several ladies are active in support of SAR compatriot husbands by wearing colonial dress and in laying wreaths and attending commemorative ceremonies held by various SAR chapters.



National News



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Other News

NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Program

NSSAR Partners in Patriotism program is for the SAR to partner with any Veterans organization i.e. American Legion, VFW, AMVETS or one of the numerous others veterans groups in grave rededications, grave markings, parades, flag retirements or any program that the SAR conducts with the help from the Veterans or any Veterans organization that ask the SAR for help in conducting an event. Most important thing is to report the event to the Patriotic Outreach Committee Chairman or the Partners in Patriotism Vice Chairman. This program runs from 01 June to 31 May of each year.

NSSAR Hires New Executive Director

Don Shaw of Louisville, Kentucky was chosen to succeed Joe E. Harris, Jr. as Executive Director of the National Society. The announcement came at the National Congress in Winston Salem, NC in July. Mr. Shaw assumed his position on July 14th.

NSSAR Merchandise Sale

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Medals & Awards Discount Program, which is designed to assist Chapters and State Societies in planning for the Spring awards season. During the months of September, October, and November of 2011, Merchandise Direct will offer a 10% discount on the following medals:

- #0201 Bronze ROTC Medal
- #0202 Silver ROTC Medal
- #0220 Law Enforcement Medal
- #0223 Miniature Law Enforcement Medal
- #0225 Fire Safety Medal
- #0227 Miniature Fire Safety Medal
- #0228 EMS Medal

- #0229 Miniature EMS Medal

Please note that the discount will apply **ONLY** to sales and shipments that occur during the months of September, October, and November of 2011. The discounted price will be reflected on your order.

During this sale period 10% of each George Knight Essay Medal and Joseph S. Rumbaugh Medal purchased will be given to the appropriate Fund to support these programs.

Also, be aware that a variety of other items will be discounted at the Fall Leadership Meeting, including close-outs, seasonal, and discontinued items.

For further information go to <http://www.sar.org/News/NSSAR-Merchandise-Sale>

NSSAR Color Guard reinstating The SAR Colorguardsman magazine

The NSSAR Color Guard is reinstating The SAR Colorguardsman magazine as an E-Magazine. The publication schedule is set for quarterly issues that will be distributed via email and be available on the committee webpage. Each issue will be published in a PDF format (Adobe Acrobat).

The plan is for The SAR Colorguardsman to contain articles of interest to the Color Guard including, but not limited to the following:

- Uniforms – history, where to get replicas made, etc
- “How To” Articles – establishing a color guard, drill manuals, handling weapons, etc
- Events – what should be expected of color guards, pictures and articles of color guard participation, etc
- Announcements – what upcoming events need color guard participation, etc

Report of Florida Contingent to the 121st Annual Congress

From the reception on Saturday evening to the final banquet Wednesday evening Compatriots of the North Carolina Society provided a welcoming atmosphere, cheerful assistance and efficient management of the registration, tours, and elections. They deserve our accolades. Attendance was good with Florida providing one of the larger delegations.

On Recognition Night, the National Society bestowed the prestigious Minuteman Award for service to the National Society to Florida's Lindsey Brock and five other Compatriots. The Florida Society, its chapters and members were recognized more than any other state society in the 50 or so performance categories.

The results of the national officer elections are:

- President General - Larry Magerkurth of California
- Secretary General - Steve Leishman of Delaware
- Treasurer General - Joe Dooley of Virginia

- Chancellor General - Tom Lawrence of Texas
- Genealogist General - Larry Cornwell of Alabama
- Registrar General - Lindsey Brock of Florida
- Historian General - Chuck Lampman of California
- Librarian General - Mike Wells of Alabama
- Surgeon General - Rudy Byrd of Arizona
- Chaplain General - James Taylor of Texas
- Board of Directors to the SAR Foundation - David Sympson of Kentucky and Sam Powell of North Carolina
- Vice President General for the South Atlantic District - Charles Newcomer of Georgia
- Trustee and Alternate Trustee from Florida - Gerald Meeks and Phil Carr, respectively

Incoming President General Magerkurth appointed these five Compatriots to the “at large positions” on the 2011-2012 Executive Committee: John Dodd of California, Paul Wilke of Ohio, Bobby Towns of Georgia, David Appleby of Missouri and Sam Powell of North Carolina. The four top national officers are ex-officio members.

There was keen interest among the delegates on the issue of former Presidents General serving for life as trustees. On one side delegates argued that keeping the PGs as trustees was wise because of the experience and knowledge they had acquired during their service in national office. On the other side, a perceived conflict between the Society's 1906 Congressional Charter and the current Constitution and By-laws demanded that they be excluded from being trustees for life. Furthermore, current practice as allowed in current Bylaws was in conflict with the Constitution which requires a nomination process and annual elections by Congress.

After protracted and often confusing debate the issue was resolved by adopting the Florida Amendment to Bylaw 16 that called for an annual nomination processes for former Presidents General and annual elections. The former Presidents General, including Florida's Carl Hoffman and Roland Downing, were subsequently nominated and elected.

The other Florida amendment (BL #11), to place the CAAH under the responsibility of the Historian General was tabled for further study. Delegates felt possible future changes in the SAR's organizational structure made this amendment unnecessary or pre-mature.

Executive Director Joe Harris resigned his position effective July 13th. He and his wife will move to a new home in Utah later this fall where he plans to continue his active participation in SAR affairs as a member of the Utah Society. The new Executive Director, Don Shaw, was introduced to the Congress. Go to <http://www.sar.org/News/NSSAR-Hires-New-Executive-Director> for details.

During the five days of Congress, an anonymous donor pledged to match, dollar for dollar, all gifts to the Center up to a total of \$100,000. Response was immediate and impressive as almost \$200,000 was raised.

Next year's 122nd Annual Congress will be in Phoenix, Arizona. The host committee chaired by Mike Jones has promised more casual dress standards and no humid weather. Mark your calendars for July 6-11, 2012.

Liberty Medal Awards

National Congress 2011

The Liberty Medal, authorized in 1987, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR.



The medal, along with a certificate, is awarded by the National Society. Presentation will take place at the Annual Congress; however, if a recipient is not present, it will be mailed to him. It is awarded to:

1. Anyone who has received the Florence Kendall Award at or before the Tampa Congress of 1986.
2. Any SAR member who after March 31, 1986, signed as first-line sponsor, the membership application of ten new members. For the purposes of this award, the person's name signed as the first-line sponsor should be the person who recruited the new member, and it should not be the name of an officer of a state society or a chapter, or any other person, who did no more than receive the application in the course of his official duties then append his signature as first-line sponsor, and forward the application to the National Society for processing.

For each additional ten new members, in which a recipient of the Liberty Medal is a first-line sponsor, a bronze oak leaf cluster may be presented. A recipient of ten bronze oak leaf clusters may be presented a silver oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the bronze clusters. A recipient of ten silver oak leaf clusters may be presented a gold oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the silver clusters.

Oak leaf clusters are displayed on the ribbon of the medal. If more than one oak leaf cluster has been awarded they

should be arranged, as nearly as possible, like the stars on the Betsy Ross flag, with gold or silver clusters, if any, occupying the upper and dexter places of honor (the right of the wearer).

A new member is defined as an individual who was not previously an SAR member, but whose membership application has been approved by the National Society.

At the 2011 National Congress the following Florida Compatriots were awarded Liberty Medals and Certificates or Oak Leaf Cluster. The list will include their name, the number sponsored/eligibility count/ and number of oak leaves awarded.

- Lindsey Cook Brock-23-13-1
- Edward Swift Buckley IV - 51-11-1
- Wallace Richard Hazen - 21-11-1
- Alfred Parks Honeywell - 57-17-1
- James Lynch McLaughlin - 17-17-0
- Stephen Otto Owens - 11-11-0
- James Daryl Partin - 61-11-1
- Hermann Hall Riediger - 11-11-0
- Philip Herbert Tarpley - 23-23-1
- James Fletcher Thrasher - 20-10-1
- Ronald Eugene Toops - 35-15-1
- Steven Allen Williams - 58-38-3

Congratulations to each of these compatriots who are 'in the trenches' helping their chapters, the state society, and the national society increase our membership.

Revolutionary War Timeline

From September to December

- 1774 Sept 5-Oct26 The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia and issues Declaration and Resolves
- 1775 Nov. 10-21 Ninety Six, SC, Patriots sieged
- 1775 Nov. 13 The patriots under Montgomery occupy Montreal in Canada
- 1775 Dec. 11 Virginia and NC patriots rout Loy-

alist troops and burn Norfolk

- 1775 Dec. 22 Col. Thomson with 1,500 rangers and militia capture Loyalists at Great Canebrake, SC
- 1775 Dec. 23-30 Snow Campaign, in SC, so-called because patriots are impeded by 15" of snow
- 1775 Dec. 30-31 American forces under Benedict Arnold fail to seize Quebec
- 1776 Sept. 15, The British occupy New York City
- 1776 Sept. 16, Generals George Washington, Nathanael Greene, and Israel Putnam triumphantly hold their ground at the Battle of Harlem Heights
- 1776 Sept. 19, Col. Williamson's patriots attacked by Cherokees at Coweecho River, NC
- 1776 Oct. 11, Benedict Arnold defeated at the Battle of Valcour Island (Lake Champlain), but delayed British advance
- 1776 Oct. 28, The Americans retreat from White Plains, New York. British casualties (~300) higher than American (~200).
- 1776 Nov. 16, The Hessians capture Fort Washington, NY
- 1776 Nov. 20, Lord Cornwallis captures Fort Lee from Nathanael Greene
- 1776 Dec. 26, Washington crosses the Delaware and captures Trenton from Hessians
- 1777 Sept. 11, The British win the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania
- 1777 Sept. 21, Paoli Massacre, PA
- 1777 Sept. 26, British under Howe occupy Philadelphia
- 1777 Oct. 4, Americans driven off at the Battle of Germantown
- 1777 Oct. 7, Burgoyne loses second battle of Freeman's Farm, NY (at Bemis Heights).
- 1777 Oct. 17, Burgoyne surrenders to American General Gates at Saratoga, NY
- 1777 Oct. 22, Hessian attack on Fort Mercer, NJ repulsed
- 1777 Nov. 16, British capture Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania
- 1777 Dec. 5-7, Americans repulse British at Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania
- 1777 Dec. 19, Washington's army retires to winter quarters at Valley Forge
- 1778 Dec. 29, The redcoats occupy Savannah
- 1779 Sept. 23, John Paul Jones, aboard the *Bonhomme Richard*, captures British man-of-war *Serapis* near English coast
- 1779 Sept. 28, The Tappan Massacre ("No Flint" Grey kills 30 Americans by bayonet)
- 1780 Sept. 25, Benedict Arnold's plans to cede West Point to the British discovered
- 1780 Oct. 7, Battle of King's Mountain, SC:
- 1781 Sept. 8, Greene defeated at Eutaw Springs, SC
- 1781 Sept. 15, French fleet drives British naval force from Chesapeake Bay
- 1781 Oct. 19, Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown, VA
- 1782 Dec. 14, British leave Charleston, SC
- 1783 Dec. 23, Washington resigns as Commander
- 1787 Sept. 17, U.S. Constitution signed

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

NSSAR's future home



initiatives make the Center the "National Public Face" of the SAR.

Each Compatriot has an obligation to support the above mission just as much as he does his local state and chapter activities. The Center will vastly increase SAR's influence in the public domain. The Center's public mission statement is:

Public Mission Statement

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage is an integral component of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution providing patriotic and civic education for all people based on our shared heritage and the experience of the Country's Founders.

Why Florida Compatriots should support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH or Center for short).

The Center, when complete, will meet a critical nationwide educational need that volunteers in chapters and states cannot perform, but through united action our local Compatriots can cause this need to be met.

Here's how!

1. The Center will be staffed by professional employees who are specially trained to engage and educate the public.
2. They will use the latest multi-media techniques.
3. Create a new interactive internet website capable of serving a nationwide audience as well as states and chapters.
4. Create unique dramatic presentations that will entertain and inspire audiences to be knowledgeable patriotic citizens who value their American citizenship and American exceptionalism.
5. Distribute these presentations to local units and use them in the Center to attract tourist and conventioners who frequent Louisville's "cultural row" on West Main Street, and to promote membership in the SAR.
6. Create a teaching museum at the Center for the public and school groups.
7. Create a Center Store to serve the visiting public.
8. Establish partnerships and liaisons with appropriate educational and cultural institutions.
9. Through appropriate public relations



either the Florida website via the Forms link (DAR500), or by going to the National website, <http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms>, the scroll down to open either the PDF or doc "DAR Finder Form" file. It looks like this -

Attention Chapter Registrars !!

You should be aware that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution awards \$500.00 each year to the D.A.R. state society that has the most approved SAR application referrals within that year. In order for the Florida D.A.R. Society to have a chance at this award, any referral from a Florida Daughter that results in an SAR application should be accompanied by the DAR Referral Form (DAR500 - on the Florida website). So. Send in those SAR applications, attach the DAR Form, and send to the State Registrar. The form can be found at

DAR STATE SOCIETY MAKING REFERRAL DAR FINDER REPORT FORM

Every year at the NSSAR National Congress the National Society presents the DAR/SAR Award to the DAR state society that recruits the most members for SAR during the calendar year. **This is a \$500 award to the DAR state society.** It is essential that the information of this form be recorded at the chapter and state levels but the form **must** be forwarded to NSSAR HQ with the application. The State Registrar at HQ will use these forms to determine the winner. **One DAR Finder Form to be submitted with each SAR application.**

THIS APPLICANT IS FROM THE _____ CHAPTER, _____ SSAR.

NAME OF SAR APPLICANT _____

NAME OF DAR MEMBER MAKING REFERRAL _____ NSSAR# _____

NAME OF HER DAR CHAPTER _____ DAR Chap. # _____

FIRST LINE SPONSOR (SAR) _____ NSSAR# _____

It is imperative that we maintain an accurate record of the DAR members who assist us in enlisting new members into our society. We encourage them to do so because we reward their efforts by presenting them with SAR medals based on their level of participation. Individual SAR State Society guidelines may be different. An accurate record must be kept by Sponsors (first line signers), all chapters and at the state society level because a DAR Finder may assist with new members at multiple chapters or even in other state societies.

Historical Persepective Anyone?

An editorial

Do you remember the old saw “If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?” Or how about this one “Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it.”

We in the SAR have begun a project to register and, thus, honor WW II veterans - see page 16 - and there was a suggestion at the recent Summer BOM that we in the Florida Society should start the same programs for the Korean, Viet Nam, and veterans of later conflicts. That is, capture or register those SAR members who served in those conflicts so that we will have the information if/when National initiates the same program.

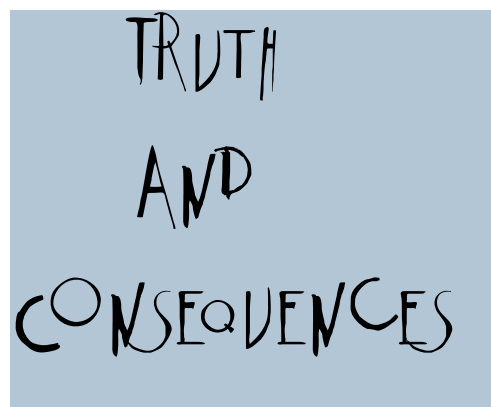
This is a good thing to do and we should begin now. However, there is something about this that strikes at a missing aspect of this program. While it is worthwhile to get the names we need to capture their experiences and LISTEN to them. To often, we as a nation go about doing these worthwhile projects but then forget the root cause or reason for doing so. These veterans took part in and fashioned history by their actions and commitment. If we (collectively) don't understand what that commitment meant to them in the context of their lives, then we will never learn from that history. Sure, we'll talk about the 'The Greatest Generation' but then as soon as the book is set down, we stop thinking and placing that new knowledge into our current lives the lessons that greatest generation learned – the hard way. We ask for The Greatest Generation to tell us their stories. And by doing so, we therefore have an obligation and a duty to pay attention and LISTEN to those stories. To do otherwise does a disservice to those storytellers.

There are many sources out there for all of us to look at, read, and absorb. The active word is ABSORB – take in completely. The History Channel periodically has many programs that cover such topics. A recent example is *Let Them Be Forgotten* detailing the battle for Iwo Jima through interviews with surviving Marines. One cannot help but be deeply affected when listening to their reliving the assault and subsequent carnage on the beaches and how they lived through that time. While this is a single example, there are as many more of these that need to be spoken – and LISTENED to so that we remember the past.

So what do those to adages have to do with this column? If our veterans speak of their experiences but there's no one there to LISTEN, then we have wasted their lives.

And our future generations are doomed to repeat the same mistakes. Think about it. Absorb it. Then find a Vet and listen.

The second quote is from George Saroyan, *The Life of Reason Vol.1, Reason in common sense 1905-06.*



Truth:

Everyone must pay their dues. You reap the benefits of being an SAR member by having paid your dues.

Consequences:

What is the consequence of not paying one's dues to the SAR? You are no longer a recognized member of your local chapter, our Florida State Society, and the National Society. You may not get your local chapter's newsletter and won't know about the important activities that are taking place. The camaraderie that happens at the SAR events will happen without you. And just as importantly, the chapter, state, and national organizations will miss your contributions to fulfilling the goals of the society. Individually we can make things happen – one man **can** make a difference. But put us all together and we can make great things happen to improve our country's understanding of the sacrifices of the Patriots of the American Revolutionary through education, through outreach to our communities, and through working with our youth and veteran groups.

What happens when the chapter fails to submit their dues? The chapter is disbanded and they are members no longer. How might this circumstance happen? Chapters begin asking for next year's dues early in the fall so that they can prepare their annual report which must be submitted to the state by December and to National by January. This is a rough time of year to collect money from anyone with the holidays approaching and the economy in its bad shape. But it still must be done. The sooner members pay their dues, the sooner the chapter can submit their annual report and be done with it – for another year. It's never a good idea to wait until the last reminder notice is sent out before sending in your dues. Try paying dues on a layaway plan – put \$5 or \$10 dollars in a piggy bank each week/payday until you have the total collected then send it in. Relatively painless isn't it?

So. Make it easy on yourself and on your chapter by sitting down right now and paying your dues and then stand up and pitch in to help your chapter accomplish all of our SAR Goals.

CHAPTER NEWS

Clearwater Chapter

The Clearwater Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, recently presented the Americanism Poster Contest Award to Lora Nowicki, of Deer Park Elementary. We are proud to announce she placed 2nd in the State Contest. During the May 2011 Chapter meeting, President Pratt presented her with Certificates and Checks from the Chapter, State, and State Ladies Auxiliary. She was accompanied by her mother Linda Nowicki.



In photo, Chapter President George Pratt presents Lora Nowicki with certificates and checks.

At the May Chapter Meeting, Regional VP Nelson Jantzen presented David Kitchen with a Bronze Color Guard Medal for his faithful participation in both the Chapter Color Guard as well as the State Color Guard. Three years of service is required to be qualified for this medal

In May, we chose a recipient for the scholarship provided by the Clearwater Chapter, FLSSAR, Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship Fund. The recipient is Kasey Adriance from Dunedin, a 20 year old female majoring in Elementary Teacher Education with a goal of becoming a Kindergarten Teacher. She works 15 hours per week while taking 12+ hours of studies.

At the May Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, we received a Second Place ribbon for the Earl Marlin Publicity Award and a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the Hospitality Room at the BOM and Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting Compatriot Nelson Jantzen was one of three recipients of the Patriot Medal for Outstanding Service to the State Society. Nelson is also the Regional Vice President



for the West Central Region of Florida.

The Color Guard consisting of David Kitchen, Dan Hooper, George Pratt and Grant Wallin participated in a memorial service at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church by presenting the Colors to open the ceremony.

Charlotte Chapter

Since their last meeting in April, their President, Larry Hurley, had the privilege to attend the JrROTC awards for Port Charlotte High School to present a cadet with the SAR Bronze Medal and Certificate on April 20th. On April 28th a SAR Bronze Medal and Certificate was presented to a JrROTC cadet from Charlotte High School.

On May 11 he was honored to present \$100, \$75 and a \$50 savings bonds to three students from Murdock Middle School as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in our American History Essay Contest. Five Runner-ups receives a certificate for the efforts. Their May Program was a presentation by President Larry using his computer and projector and a NSSAR CD titled, "Introduction to the Sons of the American Revolution". The message on this CD is suitable for use in recruiting new members ranks.

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

The Daytona-Ormond Chapter is scheduled to resume it's monthly luncheons after the summer vacation on 15 September 2011. The luncheons and associated programs take place at the Palmetto Club, located at 1000 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL. Interested parties may contact Mr. Fred Nord, Chapter President, at (386) 423-7922.

Flagler Chapter

Flagler Chapter President Ted St. Pierre addressed a large number of people in attendance at the 2011 4th of July's "By The Dawn's Early Light" Ceremonies at Heroes Park, Palm Coast, Florida. Ted spoke on the participation and contribution to the America cause in Florida during the Revolution. He cited the Spanish-American involvement at the Battle of Pensacola in March 1781 and the last Naval Battle off of Cape

Canaveral on March 10, 1783. Ted gave an outstanding presentation on the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the efforts of the Patriot's to seek and establish a new, free and independent nation.

Gainesville Chapter

The Gainesville SAR Chapter performed in the following activities during the Second Quarter of 2011.

- The Chapter held a regular meeting in May and took a summer break June through August.
- The chapter participated in three Naturalization Ceremonies handing out Flag Pins to new citizens and participated in two JROTC Award Banquets and Programs along with presentations at three monthly "Flag Breakfast" events, one Masonic/Scottish Rite programs, and one Veterans Day Ceremony. There were a total of 680 in attendance at these events with three appearances in uniform.

During the quarter, the Gainesville Chapter had 4 New Member applications and 3 Supplemental applications approved with 12 awaiting approval. The current roster includes 53 SAR Members, 6 SAR Junior Members, and 5 Associate Members.

Jacksonville Chapter

Officers On May 12, 2011 the Jacksonville Chapter installed the following officers for 2011-2012: President: J. Gray Chandler; First Vice President: Randy Scott, Second Vice President: Jim Gaskins; Secretary/Treasurer: David Bahn; Registrar: Bud Reed; Chaplain: Chuck Farmer; Historian/ Genealogist: Dick Cardell; Sergeant at Arms: Henry Stewart.

July 4 On July 4, the chapter presented an American Flag Certificate to the Mayor of Neptune Beach. Several Compatriots participated dressed in Colonial uniform. Compatriots in uniform in the photo are (l to r):



Dick Cardell, Bud Bauchspies, Jim Gaskins

and Lindsey Brock.

Flag Retirement Ceremony On August 6 the Chapter held its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, co-sponsored by the C. A. R. There were more than 50 in attendance, including members of the community.

Americanism Poster Contest Maddie Young of Yulee, Florida submitted a poster to the contest depicting the Battle of Cowpens. Her poster won First Place in the Jacksonville competition, First Place in the FLSSAR competition and Second Place in the NSSAR competition.

Lake City Chapter

The Chapter held a regular meeting in May and took a summer break June through August.

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Lake-Sumter Chapter



The Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR started out the summer by participating in the flag placement at Lone Oak Cemetery on May 21st in Leesburg for Memorial

Day 2011. The following patriots placed small American Flags along the avenues of the cemetery. Steve Offutt, George Chaffee, Bob Krey, Michael Dick, Doug Dick and Bob Moody. The Lake-Sumter Chapter has participated in this event for over 10 years.



Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR participated in

the July 4th celebration in Tavares, Florida. Patriots were George Chaffee, Glenn Langston, Ralph Nelson, Bob Moody and Steve Offutt.

Naples Chapter

As we roll into fall, a quick look back is warranted. Chapter members in June identified and distributed certificates of appreciation to select merchants who display the American Flag with pride and honor. During early July, our color guard participated in the Annual Naples Fourth of July Parade. Later during that month, a chapter member attended the 121st Congress. He assisted NSSAR, WWII Veterans Corps Adjutant, Dan McMurry, with the distribution of Certificates of Patriotism to State Societies. At our October meeting, Compatriots Charley Cortright and Cal Whitney will receive Certificates of Patriotism. One impressive observation of the 121st Congress was the quality of our leaders, who steer our chapters, societies and national society. Many seem to understand an important tenant of leadership: Welcome the opportunity to lead, knowing all the while it's those who follow that keep him in front.

Sarama Chapter

Liberty Tree for the C.A.R.

A Liberty Tree Dedication ceremony was held at the DAR house in Sarasota on 28 August 2011 for the Chichi-Okobee Children of the American Revolution Chapter. This dedication was a great success with many thanks to the C.A.R membership, the parents and guests, the Color Guard Commander, his color Bearers and Guardsmen. Harold Crapo gave a presentation to answer the who, what, where, why and how of the Liberty Tree.

FLSSAR Liberty Tree Chair

The FLSSAR Board at the August BOM nominated and unanimously approved Harold Crapo, Jr. as Chairman of the Liberty Tree program for the State.

Liberty Tree for Patriots Park, Venice

Progress is being made on the Liberty Tree Dedication to be held in Venice on 21 September (Wednesday) at 11:00 a.m. at Patriots' Park. Letters have been sent out to 12 Military Type organizations asking them to participate in a Color Guard Ceremony. Clearances have been obtained from Sarasota County and the

Forestry Division of the site selection and date of the dedication. A 30 day tree watering schedule has been arranged by the Sarasota County Parks Office. A request for a Proclamation was also sent to the Mayor of Venice in hopes that he will be present for the reading and dedication.

Request for Proclamations

Several requests were sent to receive Constitution Week Proclamations from the U.S. Congress, Palmetto City Mayor, Bradenton City Mayor, Manatee County Commissioners and the Manatee County and Sarasota County School Boards.

St. Augustine Chapter

Two Florida National Guard Units were recognized by the St. Augustine Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their proper and patriotic display of the United States Flag.

The first presentation was made to the Florida National Guard Headquarters, St. Francis Barracks, by Dr. Oscar Patterson III, president of the St. Augustine

Chapter. The Flag Certificate was received on behalf of the Florida National Guard by Major General James Tyre, Assistant Adjutant General.

The same day, a second Flag Certificate presentation was made to the Robert F. Ensiling Armory and accepted by MSG James Bailey, facility manager. Also representing the SAR at both presentations were past chapter president, William Roberts, and chapter secretary, Sydney Spink.

The local chapter meets at 11:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month, September through May, at Le Pavillon Restaurant in St. Augustine. Those interested in membership and visitors are welcome.

Editor's note: The Summer Issue of the Florida Patriot contained text describing one event and a photo showing a different and undetailed event - Police Athletic League (PAL) Explorer Post 911 presentation.

St. Lucie River Chapter

The St. Lucie River Chapter was proud to present the colors for the 4th of July baseball game at Digital Domain Stadium for the St. Lucie Mets and the Fort Myer's





Miracle, more than 4000 people were in attendance. From left to right: Jay Wise

Commander, Christian Whiting Mascot, Adam Whiting, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Richard Massey, Hall Riediger, Richard Pattison and Bob Eisenhardt.

Tampa Chapter

The Tampa Chapter does not meet in June, July and August, so there is little to report. Our Color Guard marched in the annual 4th of July parade in Lutz, led by Color Guard Commander Allen Bell. Key officers of the chapter met on July 26th to discuss plans for the fall and the next year. Kevin Yarnell's duties as Secretary have been effectively divided among other chapter members, but his services are still greatly missed. On 18 June, Compatriot John Skillman mustered with Color Guardsmen from NC, SC, GA and FL at the 231st Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill at Lincolnton, NC. Also marching with the



man with President Ramseur.)

Tallahassee Chapter

A joint field trip to tour Mission San Luis in Tallahassee has been scheduled on Sunday, October 16. The Tallahassee Chapter SAR has joined forces with the Ponce DeLeon Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), and the Fort San Luis and Caroline Brevard Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for this joint field trip. Families are welcomed to join the members for the tour. Refreshments along with a meeting for the CAR and SAR chapters will be held after the tour.

This is the description of Mission San Luis from their website. "A visit to Mission San Luis transports you back in time. The history and archaeology of this 17th-century western capital of Spanish Florida is interpreted with Apalachee and Spanish artifacts from the site. This is a community where Apalachee Indians and newcomers from Spain live in close proximity drawn together by

religion as well as military and economic purpose. Modern day visitors to Mission San Luis discover a re-created community where time stands still. There they meet the people of San Luis going about the tasks that sustained life centuries ago. They walk the plaza where the Apalachees played their traditional ball games. They visit the most important structure in the Apalachee village, the council house, and also stop at the home of the Spanish Deputy Governor. Visitors are welcomed at the church built under the supervision of Franciscans, and at the friary where they lived."

William Dunaway Chapter

August Activities

On August 4, 2011 Blue Springs N.S.C.A.R. members presented the program, "Two projects to Help Military Families" at the August meeting of the William Dunaway Chapter FLSSAR CAR members Natalee Milton and Carly Miller honored Robert Dunaway and Larry Clere with Apple Slice pins in recognition of their continued support to the Blue Springs Society and for serving our country as members of the United States Air Force. Veterans Robert Dunaway and Larry Clere are, Chapter Secretary and President, respectively.



Pictured are Robert Dunaway, Natalee Milton, Larry Clere and Carly Miller after the presentation

Withlacoochee Chapter

The Withlacoochee Chapter ended its SAR Year with an Annual Banquet which included the swearing-in of new Compatriots Ron Irons, Russell Lewandowski, and Duane Finch; followed by the presentation of JROTC Scholarships to Cadets Thomas Harrison (Crystal River H.S., Citrus Cty) and Mallori Brooks (Central H.S., Hernando Cty); plus, Elementary School Poster Contest winner award to Mikah Kahler, Brooksville Elementary School; and long term highly recognized Compatriot Ron Toops as the Guest Speaker.

Memorial Day Flags for Veterans were placed in the Brooksville, FL Cemetery by

Compatriots Richard Sumner, John and Paul Pardee.

Flag Day was coupled with the DAR and expanded to include two Citrus County Libraries (Ridge Library, Beverly Hills and Homosassa Library, Homosassa) with displays, information tables, membership welcomes, and the presenting of Vane Scott's PBS Documentary "Many Faces of Old Glory" during the Homosassa Library's celebration.



Summer BOM Minutes

FLSSAR President David Ramseur opened the meeting and welcomed approximately 40 Compatriots in attendance. He reported on the many honors and awards received at the National (NSSAR) Congress held in Winston Salem, North Carolina, last July. He also requested that all Florida chapters, when sending out their dues notices, include a line on the form for a donation to our Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He added that FLSSAR has the second largest number of members, 200 less than Virginia SAR.

Senior VP Phil Tarpley spoke briefly about attracting new members to our society, suggesting that it should be on all members' agenda. Northwest RVP Ed Young presented slides explaining the progress of Pensacola Chapter's construction of the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial monument in Pensacola's Memorial Park. Project completion is expected by July 2012. FLSSAR will donate \$1,000 in support of this project. He also reported on how well the JROTC Medal Program is throughout the chapters in his Region.

Southwest RVP Vic McMurray reported that their chapters were doing well increasing membership. Also, there is an active JROTC awards program throughout the Region. Chapters have been conducting joint meetings with the DAR chapters. Saramana Chapter Color Guard, commanded by Compatriot Tarpley, had four performances at National Congress in July.

Compatriot Ted Duay III, FLSSAR Genealogist, spoke about the



Photo courtesy of J Sizemore

very slow application processing at National and the many errors and omissions on 2 particular approved applications. The BOM authorized him to communicate directly with National to investigate those applications.

Chaplain Randy Moody said that there were ten Compatriots in Florida chapters who had passed away since the last BOM meeting. He also reported on the Rumbaugh Orations Contest at the National Congress, remarking on how impressed he was with the professionalism of the high school students competing. He went on to say that all chapters should keep in touch with the various high schools in their area to encourage more participation in the oration contest and in the written essay contest.

Treasurer Hall Riediger reported on the state of the budget and presented the Finance Committee report.

President Ramseur presented individual awards and pins to several members. He announced that an elementary school student, representing the Jacksonville Chapter, placed second in the

Annual Americanism Elementary Poster Contest held at National in July. He went on to say the poster contest next year would be about The Battle of Guilford Courthouse. In 2012, 3rd graders will be joining with the 4th and 5th graders in the competition. He then passed out some flyers regarding the construction of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY. The Center will provide patriotic and civic education. Also, President Ramseur appointed a Chairman of the Endowment Trust Fund, replacing the previous chairman.

The FLSSAR Porch Flag Kit program is very well-received by those families becoming homeowners of Habitat for Humanity houses. National has expressed an interest with a look to introducing it throughout all SAR Societies and has requested more information on this program.



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WE WANT YOU!



Coming soon the Florida Society's Nominating Committee will be canvassing the membership for compatriots to fill the society's officer corps. Some positions will be easy to fill while others will entail long searches. Some of our members have a passion for the position that they currently hold and

will want to continue for another term. Some take the position because no one else has stepped up to volunteer - and these are all important positions that need one of us to take control. What is your passion or where does your ability lay. Are you good with numbers, can you balance a check-book, can you keep track of your stuff so that you know where everything is and can lay your hands on them, can you deal with people, are you good at writing, or do you have any web experience? Or do you just want to get out of the house sometimes? All of these are qualifications or reasons for you to consider taking on one of the state positions. Or you can start small and take on a chapter role first. Chapters are ALWAYS looking for one of us to help make the chapter a better organization.

Call one of these compatriots for a state position: Gerry Meeks (561-272-1051), Ed Young (850-473-1176), Chuck Sweeney (239-566-3307), Lindsey Brock (904-251-9226), or Scott Bushnell (352-227-4341)

Florida website familiarization

It has been a while since you may have been presented with the current set-up for the public FLSSAR web site. Presented here are the basic navigation steps for accessing the many things available at our website. Figure #1 shows the top menus. Arrow #1 shows the various tabs that will display further navigation choices (Arrow #3) when your cursor is placed on the tab - showing are the sub-menu choices for the "FLSSAR" tab - click on these sub-menu choices to access that item. Arrow #2 shows the 'Members Only' tab. Clicking on this takes you to a separate log-in page to access information available only to Florida members. Arrow #4 shows you the information links for our regular Board of Management (BOM) meetings:

- **BOM Meeting Information** provides the hotel information, Schedule of the various meetings within the BOM, and links to the BOM Registration form(s).
- **BOM Registration Instructions and Form** links provides instructions on downloading and filling out the PDF fillable form and the form itself.

Figure #2 shows the links available at the left side of the Home Page. Click on any of the links to take you to the respective web page.

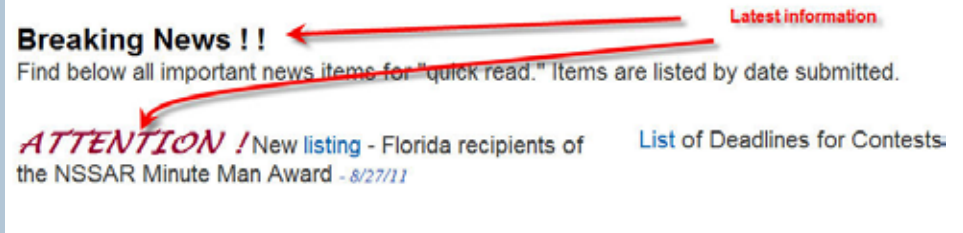
- **Officers link** -#5 - provides the contact information - and picture of the state officers.
- **Contacts link** -#6 - provides contact information for the various state committee members. Information is updated when provided to the state secretary and webmaster.
- **Committees link** -#7- provides a list of the committees and their membership (chair & members).
- **Photo Gallery link** -#8- provides previous photo galleries which are not shown on top page.
- **FLSSAR Documents link** -#9- is probably the most missed link of all. Use this link to access those *Florida* documents that have been requested to be placed on our website. National documents are found on the National Website and will

Figure #1



not be duplicated here.
Hot News section -#13- will typically have links for information such as shown here - the previous BOM meeting photos and the latest issue of *The Florida Patriot*.
 Figure #3 shows the section underneath the lat-

Figure #3



est photo slide show (in middle of page) wherein you will see any 'Breaking News' that has been requested to be placed on the top page. This type of information is usually temporary in nature and removed after a period of time which varies depending on the information presented. The most recent or newest 'Breaking News' is always placed first with other information of earlier dates following below that entry.

Figure #2



WHAT TO DO WHEN OPENING THIS PAGE

If you are just checking to see what is new, look at the Breaking News and the Hot News sections. If you're looking for information on the next BOM meeting, wait a couple weeks after the last meeting before expecting updated information and form for the next meeting. Then open the links shown with Arrow #4.

SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions for content or improvements are always welcome. However, the implementation of those will depend on the capabilities of the web team and the appropriateness of the content or change. Not everything can or should be placed on the web site - there's just not enough time to maintain multiple pages of content.



Air Transport Command

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations



Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations



The cutoff date for submitting the World War II Corps survey form is 30 May 2011. If the survey form was received by 30 May 2011 a certificate was issued and given to a state representative at the 2011 National Congress for distribution by the state society. Survey forms will still be accepted after this date but, the certificates will not be ready for Congress.

As of 23 Apr 2011 four hundred and seventy-five survey forms have been received. California has reported the most with 51, followed closely by Florida with 50, and Georgia with 48.

World War II Corps

Daniel R. McMurray, WWII Corps Adjutant

NSSAR World War II Corps

During Spring BOM meeting, Compatriot Richard E. Friberg, Miami Chapter, FLSSAR, took the floor to address the ongoing national effort to identify current members who are World War II veterans. Specifically, Compatriot Friberg indicated that he attended the Spring 2011 Leadership Meeting in Louisville. While there he went to a gathering chaired by Compatriot Daniel R. McMurray, NSSAR Adjutant, World War II Corps. A key point in Compatriot McMurray's presentation was a request for chapters and states to support the initiative of now past President General J. David Sympton in identifying and honoring our nation's veterans, especially World War II veterans who are members of the SAR. Since the Spring 2011 Leadership Meeting, Compatriot Friberg has spearheaded an effort to identify all current WWII veterans in the FLSSAR.

Following Compatriot Friberg's comments, past President General Sympton took the floor and amplified the importance of the SAR World War II Corps. He further suggested that the FLSSAR seek a volunteer to act as the Adjutant, Florida Company, SAR World War II Corps.

When that day's BOM session closed, I met with now past President General Sympton, now past FLSSAR President Meeks, and Compatriot Friberg to volunteer as the Adjutant, Florida Company, SAR World War II Corp. They agreed to this appointment, with the understanding that Compatriot Friberg would serve as the Company Commander and I would attend to the administrative duties as he directed. At the NSSAR 121st Congress in Winston-Salem, NC, over 500 Patriotic Certificates were distributed to the State Societies, with the Florida Society receiving a large number of these certificates.

Florida Compatriots Service in WW II

George Darby - Navy (Brevard)

Charles H Boardman - American Intelligence Officer with the Chinese Nationalist Army. My area of coverage was the war front between the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers. (Brevard)

Frank A Smith - I served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean including the Sicily invasion and in the Pacific at Morotai Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. We received a Presidential Unit citation from the Battle Of Samar with most of the Japanese fleet. We received a Navy Unit Commendation for action against kamikazes. One of which took off both radar antennas. (Brevard).

Listed below is the current roster of Florida Compatriots on the World War II Corps.

Silas	Kenneth	Baker	Brevard*
Charles	Holloway	Boardman III	Brevard (submitted)
Frank	Edward	Cockerham	Brevard*
George	Samuel	Darby	Brevard (submitted)
John		Dibble, Jr.	Brevard*
William	Marion	Fuller	Brevard*
Frank	Augustus	Smith	Brevard*
Carrol	Douglas	Phillips	Caloosa*
Paul	Sterling	May	Central Florida*
Robert	Earl	Pulfrey	Charlotte*
Richard	Norman	Egbert	Clearwater*
Robert	Allen	Raup	Clearwater*
Vernie	Dorville	Ashby	Deland*
Robert	Oliver	Bland	Deland*
George	Robert	Dennis	Ft Lauderdale*
John	Edward	Hennen	Ft Lauderdale*
Herbert	J.	Boothroyd	Gainesville*
Charles	William	Rinek	Gainesville*
Louis	Hartford	Boyd, Sr.	Jax*
Raymond	L.	Bullard	Jax
Jack		Coleman	Jax
Henry	Clay	Gibson, Jr.	Jax*
James	Aaron	Hazen	Jax

Howard	Edgar	Hensleigh	Jax
James	Bowen	May	Jax*
Johnson	H	Pace, Jr.	Jax*
William	Holmes	Tomlinson	Jax*
Patrick	Murphy	Williams, Jr.	Jax*
Robert	E.	Burt	Miami
Richard	Edward	Friberg	Miami
Kenneth	Eugene	Harrison	Miami
Charles	Creighton	Humphries	Miami
Charles	Ellis	Cortright	Naples
Ralph	Norman	Cramer, Sr.	Naples
Calvin	Herbert	Whitney	Naples
Frank	Garnett	Cowherd	Ocala*
Robert	Gordon	Marshall	Pensacola*
Luther	Ashby	Reedy	Pensacola*
Eugene	L.	Bradley	Saramana*
Jack	Harry	Chaille	Saramana
Burton	Robinson	Corbus	Saramana
Herbert		Flanders	Saramana
Robert	Lucas	Grant	Saramana
Edward	S	Hoyt	Saramana
Richard	Kraft	Kichline	Saramana
Basil	Leo	Lancaster	Saramana
William	Van Deusen	Millman	Saramana
Richard	Henry	Quigley	Saramana
John	David	Tinny	St. Augustine*
Phillip	Bruce	Carr	St. Lucie River*
Frederick	Davis	Rockhill, Jr.	St. Lucie River*
Jay	Frank	Wise	St. Lucie River
Roy	Ollis	Wilham	Tallahassee*
William	Robert	Stevenson	Treasure coast*
Charles	G.	Green, Jr.	Pending
Horace	T.	Moody	Pending
John	Edward	Balson	Withlacochoe*
William	Billings	Gemmill	Withlacochoe*
Judson	Duley	Lincoln	Withlacochoe*
Harley	Benjamin	Abijah Nelson	Withlacochoe*
Richard	George	Osborn	Withlacochoe*

WWII Veterans



To Join the Corps

The NSSAR World War II Veterans Corps

Congratulations to 63 Florida Society Compatriots. They are World War II Veterans and members of the NSSAR WWII Corps. At an appropriate chapter meeting for the 2011-2012 Season, each of these Compatriots will receive a Certificate of Patriotism for meritorious service to our country during World War II as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

A review of our FLSSAR Database, based upon dates of birth, show numerous other members of our society might have served in the Armed Forces during World War II. If you are a WWII Veteran and wish to join the NSSAR WWII Corps, complete the following form and mail it to the Compatriot and address thereon.

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Sons of the American Revolution World War II Veterans Survey

Name _____ State Society _____ NSSAR# _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Branch of Service during WWII _____

Rank Held at the end of WWII _____

Last Unit/Ship during WWII _____

Last duty location during WWII _____

Most significant event of your military service:

Notes:

1. An asterisk behind a chapter's name indicates the Certificate of Patriotism will be distributed at the Summer BOM.
2. No asterisk behind a chapter's name indicates the certificate has already been distributed or that the certificate is in processing.

A World War II veteran, who wishes to become a member of the NSSAR World War II Veterans Corps and have a Certificate of Patriotism issued to him, must be a member in good standing. He must complete a survey form and forward it on an individual basis, either through his State Society or directly to NSSAR via their website. To do this online, go: [http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms/Web-form/WW2 Survey](http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms/Web-form/WW2%20Survey). To process this survey through FLSSAR, mail it to Colonel Charles T. Sweeney; President Naples Chapter; Adjutant FLSSAR Company, NSSAR WWII Veterans Corps; 7007 Greentree Dr., Naples, FL 34108-7527; email: chuck_sweeney@msn.com. By completing and forwarding the survey form, you are giving consent for the data to be published. There is no intent to issue a posthumous certificate.

The Saramana Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Membership, considered this an honor to provide and dedicate a Liberty Tree to the Chichi-Okobee Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) on the property of the Daughters of the American Revolution Sara DeSoto Chapter House located at Pioneer Park in Sarasota, Florida. The event took place on 28 August 2011 at 2:00 p.m. It all started with an Invocation, a Patriotic song and a Pledge of Allegiance inside the Chapter House followed by the American Creed. The meeting was then taken outside to the site of the Liberty Tree. This was followed by a most impressive parade of the Saramana Color Guard in their full Colonial Uniforms with the American Flag and others gently flowing in the welcome breezes, guarded by two riflemen and commanded by Compatriot Phillip Tarpley, Commander of the Florida State Sons of Liberty Color Guard. All attendees at the dedication site immediately rendered a proper salute from the elders to the youngest participants. The C.A.R. President then led the attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance. One could not have found a more Patriotic scene anywhere around on this day with flags flying high, the sun shining brightly on the colors with Patriots in very colorful uniforms and most of all, the attendees all recognizing the red, white and blue symbol of Freedom, with birds singing in the slightly swaying leaves in the trees. The Dedication granite stone was then placed in front of the tree.

LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION

LDREN of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Although the weather could not have been better, except for the excruciating heat, everyone repaired back to the Chapter House where it was much cooler the remainder of the meeting was held in a more comfortable atmosphere. Besides, that is where the Pizza and Soda were lying in wait. Once inside, the President of the C.A.R. introduced the speaker, Compatriot Harold Crapo. Harold proceeded to describe how the Liberty Tree came about. It all started about 1765 when the British enacted the Stamp Act upon the Colonies. The first tree was a large Elm located near the Boston Common and was used by the Sons of Liberty and citizens to discuss actions needed to be protected from the British, because

it was too risky to hold meetings in Meeting Houses. Capture meant imprisonment or death yet the Liberty Tree allowed the Sons of

Liberty to quickly disperse to another area. The table center pieces in the Chapter House were stand-up depictions of a Liberty Tree prepared by the members. Upon hearing the Benediction and adjournment of the meeting, everyone sat down to enjoy the awaiting Pizza and Soda provided by the Chichi-Okobee Society, Senior President. The C.A.R. members commenced packing boxes of much needed items to be sent to Veterans overseas.

The success of this Liberty Tree Dedication could not have been accomplished without the close coordination of Jennifer Turner, Senior Society President; the spouse of one of the SAR members who dug the hole

for the tree, the impressive presence of the Saramana Color Guard, the families that came out to support the C.A.R. members, and the unselfish donation by the Schroeder Manatee Ranch Farms



for their donation of a beautiful Live Oak Tree. Finally, a big Thank You goes to our two adopted Nephews Alex (9 years old) and his brother John Vardelli (13 years old) for their help in maneuvering the tree and shoveling the dirt into the hole around the tree. These two boys chose to attend this dedication instead of visiting with their friends as previously planned. Now, that is Patriotism because both of them knew what was being done without an explanation.



Photos courtesy of Harold Crapo and Charles Riegle



FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REGISTRATION FORM

Fall BOM Meeting October 21-22 2011
Ramada Plaza & Gateway Inn, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

E-mail Address for confirmation reply _____ @ _____

Phone No: _____ Guest/Spouse will attend Ladies Breakfast

Guest(s) Name: _____

I plan on attending the following BOM sessions:

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws (**Select only ONE**):

- FLSSAR Officer _____ Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer
- FLSSAR Committee Chair _____ Patriot Medal
- Past FLSSAR President FL National Trustee

** Delegate names must be submitted to FLSSAR Secretary prior to BOM*

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, have another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote.

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone No: _____

I **require** a Hardcopy of the BOM Proceedings ("Blue Book") -- I have and **will use** my own Tag Name

Events	Choice of Meals	Price	Member	Guest	Amount	
October Friday Banquet	Chicken Wellington with Cream Sauce over Potatos Au Gratin Vegetable Lasagna	\$27.00			\$	
		\$27.00			\$	
	Select One	Dessert Choice – Pecan Pie	No Charge			
		Dessert Choice – No Sugar Dessert	No Charge			
	Registration Fee for SAR Members ONLY	\$10.00			\$10.00	
	Total					

When you arrive, please check in at the Registration table to collect your Meal Ticket and to SIGN UP FOR A TABLE.

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE August 22, 2010

If mail your registration via USPS and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail (you must list an e-mail address) within 4 days of mailing, call 941-497-2704. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 941-497-2704.

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any special dietary requirements.

Send your check (*payable* to "Treasurer FLSSAR") to:

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee
% Phillip H. Tarpley
4303 Via Del Villetti
Venice FL 34293-7061

Phone: 941-497-2704
email: mp18pht@verizon.net

New: TFP June 30, 2011

Calendar of events

Fall 2011

National Events

Fall 2011 Leadership Meeting
September 30 to October 1, 2011
Louisville, KY

122nd National Congress
July 6 - 11, 2012
Phoenix, AZ

State Activities

Fall BOM
October 21-22, 2011

Winter 2012 BOM
January 27-28, 2012

Last Naval Battle ceremony location TBD
March 3, 2012

FSSDAR Annual Meeting at Disney Hilton
March 15-18, 2012

Spring 2012 BOM & Annual Meeting
May 4 - 6, 2012

*SAR/DAR Revolutionary War Veteran's
Memorial Monument Dedication*
July 4, 2012 (tentative)

BOM

Kissimmee, FL : **October 21-22, 2011**
Committee Reports are due by Sunday October 14th.
RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE
7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64 off I-4)
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400

NOTE: ABOVE PHONES ARE THE ONES TO USE. They connect directly to hotel.

Fax: 407-396-4320

Check in time - 4:00 pm, Check out time - 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with Ramada

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.

Fall BOM Meeting Activities

Executive Committee Meeting (Friday 1 pm)

Regional VP Meeting (Friday 2:15 pm)

BOM Session (Friday 3:15 pm)

Friday Banquet

BOM Session (Saturday am)

Content Submission

To submit content for future issues of *The Florida Patriot*, send your submission to the Editor via e-mail Swilliams16@cfl.rr.com (preferred) or to 3403 Caraway St, Cocoa FL 32926. Chapter News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submissions should be original (yours) material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.



Speaker Maj Kennedy with FLSSAR President David Ramseur, Marjorie Ramseur, and Past President General Roland Downing looking on.

Photo courtesy of V McMurry

FLSSAR Chaplain Randy Moody with Dan Hooper, Jay Wise, and Nelson Jantzen.

Photo courtesy of C Sweeney



Executive Committee meeting in session on Friday afternoon.

Photo courtesy of C Sweeney

Color Guard Drummer 'boy', Nelson Jantzen.

Photo courtesy of C Sweeney



President David Ramseur presented certificate to Maj. Kennedy.

Photo courtesy of C Sweeney



Naples Chapter memebtrs McCollough and Cahill sit with a gift basket one of them one won from the Ladies Auxiliary raffle. Photo courtesy of C Sweeney

Are you eligible?

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.flssar.org/Helper.htm>.

Send your unusual or special pictures for this section to swilliams16@cfl.rr.com
or to **Patriot Spotlight**, 3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926

Visit the Florida Society Website at <http://www.flssar.org/>

