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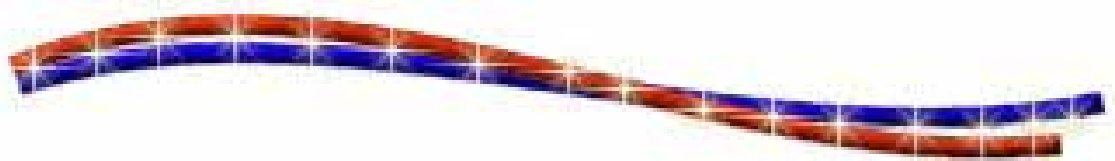
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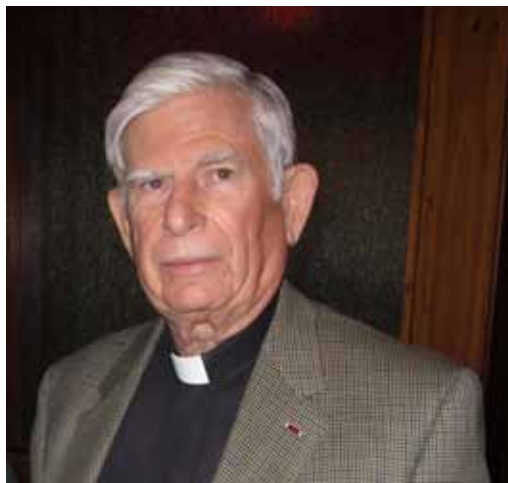
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(Top) FLSSAR President David Ramseur and Mrs. Ramseur at the Saramana Chapter December meeting. (Middle) The new Caloosa Chapter Chaplain, The Reverend Allen Brown taken after his election as Elder (Chaplain) of the Henry Samson Colony of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. (Bottom) FLSSAR President David Ramseur and Mrs. Ramseur at the Aaron Snowden Chapter giving a presentation on Washington's Crossing of the Delaware.

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Pictures from Saramana Chapter's February Meeting.

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The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17, 1775 by John Trumbull (1756 - 1843). See page 7 for story of John Trumbull, Jr.

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** 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 January 2012 Board of Management meeting was well attended. Our speaker for our Friday night banquet was Compatriot Dr. Don Wyman who presented an informative power point presentation on our Founding Father Ben Franklin. In addition to his excellent presentation we were treated to a wonderful meal due to our improved relations with the kitchen staff at the Ramada. Also, the Ladies Auxiliary provided a good number of gift baskets to top off the evening. Following our dinner meeting a number of us retired to the hospitality room for fellowship and to discuss SAR affairs with each other as well as enjoy the refreshments that were provided by the host chapters. During our dinner meeting we were all impressed by our State Oration winner's presentation that she had won that day and she will represent us at Congress in Phoenix in July. The Eagle Scout contest winners were decided at this BOM and the winner will be recognized along with Americanism Poster Contest, JROTC, and the Knight Essay contests winners at our youth luncheon on Saturday at our Annual Meeting. Last year at Congress in Winston-Salem, FLSSAR had three winners in our youth contests.

Marjorie and I have been enjoying our visits to various chapters. At some of these chapter meetings we have been giving the presentation on the famous painting of "Washington Crossing the Delaware". At many of these chapters, we were really impressed by the excitement of the compatriots in caring for our veterans, providing color guards for parades, presenting flag certificates, and honoring our police and public service officers as well as presenting heroism medals to outstanding citizens. Also, our chapters have been participating in Naturalizations programs for new citizens which are a good learning experience for these new citizens. However, one thing that I did notice was that some chapters need to fill vacant officer and committee positions and the best way to do that is to get new members involved and committed to our organization as soon as they are sworn in.

In writing this message in mid February, there are a number of events taking place that we should all try to participate in. On Saturday March 3rd we will celebrate the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" at the new location at the Brevard Veterans Center that Compatriot Ben DuBose and his Brevard Compatriots have been working hard to accomplish this year. I understand there will be 26 various units with over 200 marchers in this parade this year as well as various other entertaining groups to celebrate this event. On Saturday April 14th I hope many of us will participate with other State Societies in the Patriots Day Celebration at St. Simons Island, Georgia. On Saturday May 12th Pensacola will celebrate the "Battle of Pensacola". Hopefully, next year there will be sufficient funding for the installation of the Minuteman Man Statue in Pensacola's Veteran's Park.

As a final point, I heard that the DAR approved 13,000 new member



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EDITOR'S CUT



In this issue we have several submissions (19) for the Chapter News section. It was hoped that this issue would be a perfect place to have every Florida chapter prepare a brief re-cap its accomplishments for the past year. This would afford them the chance to pat themselves on the back for their successes and to highlight some compatriots and others who have contributed to those successes.

At the behest of President Ramseur, all Florida compatriots will receive this issue as a hard copy - just for the Spring issue. Those with e-mail addresses will also receive it earlier as a link in a message as has been done in the past.

As you will hopefully notice there are many interesting articles in this issue which range from the always interesting Chapter News section (what are other chapters doing and what are they celebrating?) to Book Reviews, the new effort by the Florida Society to capture our veterans' military careers to historical content. As always, we are looking for our membership to submit content such as I have mentioned above.

Test your memory on which Amendments to the US Constitution were ratified on what dates. There isn't a score assigned to how many you successfully match because, frankly, it might be depressing to have it spelled out like that.

One of our brother state societies has published a book that could very well aid in our efforts to help prospects with Patriot Ancestors from Rhode Island. Check it out in Book Notes and get a copy for yourself or your chapter. It might even be worthy of a donation to your local library's genealogy section. You know you get Chapter Challenge points for a donation.

If any chapter is looking to increase their chapter's financial health, there's a fund raising opportunity that will also enable them to take part in a program that the National Society endorses - Wreaths Across America™. It is an easy way to honor our veterans and get money for the chapter's coffers. Bring it up to your chapter's leaders and membership.

We have notices for two activities at the upcoming Spring BOM and Annual Meeting: Website session and the Annual Memorial Service. Check out the notices and make plans to attend one or both.

Remember, the BOM Minutes published here are not meant to be a complete transcription of every word at a BOM session but rather a presentation of the highlights of the meeting. It *does* include any Motions made and the results of those Motions.

Now, dive in and enjoy. See you in the next issue.

Steven Williams

Summer Issue deadline? See next page for Content Submission guidelines.

IMPORTANT DATES IN U.S. HISTORY

Amendment Number and Enactment Date

11th February 7, 1795

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22nd February 27, 1951

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24th January 23, 1964

25th February 10, 1967

26th July 1, 1971

27th May 5 or 7, 1992

For those of you knowledgeable on the United States Constitution, these dates are the Enactment Dates for Amendments 11 to 27. Now can you match up the Amendment text with the Amendment number & dates?

- a. Establishes the direct election of United States Senators by popular vote
- b. Fixes the dates of term commencements for Congress (January 3) and the President (January 20); known as the "lame duck amendment"
- c. Prohibits the revocation of voting rights due to the non-payment of poll taxes
- d. Establishes the official voting age to be 18 years old.
- f. Defines citizenship, contains the Privileges or Immunities Clause, the Due Process Clause, the Equal Protection Clause, and deals with post-Civil War issues
- g. Prohibits the denial of suffrage based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude
- h. Establishes women's suffrage
- i. Repeals the Prohibition of alcohol
- j. Revises presidential election procedures
- j. Provides for representation of Washington, D.C. in the Electoral College
- k. Abolishes slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime
- l. Prevents laws affecting Congressional salary from taking effect until the beginning of the next session of Congress
- m. Allows the federal government to collect income tax
- n. Establishes Prohibition of alcohol (Repealed by later Amendment)
- o. Limits the president to two terms, or a maximum of 10 years (i.e., if a Vice President serves not more than one half of a President's term, he or she can be elected to a further two terms)
- p. Codifies the Tyler Precedent; defines the process of presidential succession
- q. Immunity of states from suits from out-of-state citizens and foreigners not living within the state borders. Lays the foundation for sovereign immunity

Answers on Page 21 - Don't peek!



Content Submission

The Editor of *The Florida Patriot* actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics for *The Florida Patriot* are articles about the state and local Sons of the American Revolution Societies, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. *The Florida Patriot* submissions will be printed in a timely manner. 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.

Articles sought for *The Florida Patriot* include narrative history, biography, historiography, historic preservation and related fields of study that deal with the time period and place of the American Revolution. The Editor reserves the right to submit all manuscripts for review by a committee prior to publication. No guarantee is given as to when an article will be published in *The Florida Patriot*.

The Florida Society assumes no responsibility for statements made or opinions of contributors. All submissions are requested by e-mail. The Society is not responsible for items sent through the mail. Please do not send original or irreplaceable materials or photographs.

The Editor reserves the right to make any editorial conformity of style. Authors grant the Florida Society onetime publication rights, both print and electronic versions. 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.

Submission deadlines are 60 days before the Spring BOM, 45 days before other BOM dates.

Sons of the American Revolution



Florida Society, Veterans Battalion

Let it be known that the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, presents this Certificate of Military Service to

Maxwell Taylor

He is a member of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, and he is recognized for his faithful service to country while standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, he is authorized to purchase and wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service in the armed forces during the non-conflict "cold war" period.



David Ramseur
David Ramseur, President FLSSAR
Date _____

Charles T. Sweeney
Charles T. Sweeney, Adjutant
FLSSAR Veterans Battalion

Sons of the American Revolution



Florida Society, Veterans Battalion

Let it be known that the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, presents this Certificate of Military Service to

William Westmoreland

He is a member of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, and he is recognized for his faithful service to country while standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, he is authorized to purchase and wear the War Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service in the armed forces during the Vietnam War.



David Ramseur
David Ramseur, President FLSSAR
Date _____

Charles T. Sweeney
Charles T. Sweeney, Adjutant
FLSSAR Veterans Battalion

The Creation of a Florida Society Veterans Battalion

by Chuck Sweeney, FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Adjutant

"The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

FLSSAR President David Ramseur understands the significance of these words written by Thomas Paine during the winter of 1776. He understands also how important it is to not only remember those veterans of 236 years ago, but to remember each FLSSAR Veteran of today by recording his name and presenting him with a certificate of military service. Thus a Florida Society Veterans Battalion is established.

FLSSAR members who are veterans (or who wish to be evaluated to determine if they are veterans) are requested to complete a Veterans Battalion Survey. Then have it endorsed with a certification by their Chapter President, before sending it to the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Adjutant for recording and processing.

During processing, a certificate will be created and returned by email to the chapter president for presentation to the FLSSAR veteran. Each certificate will be personalized and will reflect the period during which the SAR member

was on active duty. It will also indicate if the member is authorized to purchase and wear either the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal. Further, each qualified veteran will be assigned to one of the following companies based upon his period of military service. These companies include: (1) World War II, (2) Korean War, (3) Vietnam War, (4) First Gulf War, (5) Iraq War, (6) Afghanistan War, (7) War on Terrorism or (8) Cold War. Members who have been awarded a World War II Certificate of Patriotism will be added automatically to the WWII Company, FLSSAR Veterans Battalion.

Fill out the Veterans Battalion Survey - page 30

Examples of a certificate for a Vietnam War Veteran and a certificate for a Cold War Veteran are available from Chuck Sweeney.

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Veterans Battalion Survey is found on page 30. For further information or to address a question, contact Chuck Sweeney by email: chuck_sweeney@msn.com. Please understand that in his email address there is an underscore between his first and last name, i.e., chuck_sweeney.



Book Notes



RI Society publishes Regimental Book for the First RI Regiment

The Rhode Island Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the publication of the Regimental Book First Rhode Island Regiment for 1781 &c by Bruce C. MacGunnigle with an introduction by Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.



The 1st Rhode Island Regiment was a Continental Army regiment from Rhode Island during the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783). Like most regiments of the Continental Army, the

unit went through several incarnations and name changes. It became well-known as the "Black Regiment" because, for a time, it had several companies of African American soldiers. It is regarded as the first African-American military regiment, albeit with the misconception that its ranks were exclusively African-American. For ordering information see <http://www.rhodeislandsar.org/pdf/FirstRIBrochure-detail.pdf>



HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Ben DuBose

JOHN TRUMBULL JR.

(June 6, 1756 -November 10, 1843)

John Trumbull Jr., the painter, was the son of Connecticut's patriotic Magistrate Jonathan Trumbull, who you read about in the last issue of *The Florida Patriot*.

He was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, and as a youth he received a fine education which brought him to Harvard College where he studied art - his longtime passion. Soon after leaving Harvard he painted his first picture - The Battle of Cannae (which took place during the Second Punic War in 216 BC). After rave reviews he resolved to devote the rest of his life to art.

But duty to his newly emerging nation called, and in the summer of 1775 he joined the First Connecticut Regiment, where he was assigned to draw the enemy's works at Roxbury. General Washington was so impressed with his work that he made the young painter his aide-de-camp and by the end of that summer he promoted him to Major of his Brigade. Promotions came fast, but seemingly not fast enough for this young artisan.

Because in 1780 he resigned over a disputed rank and left for London to



study under Benjamin West.

Shortly after his arrival he was arrested and charged with treason. West interceded directly to the king and Trumbull's life was spared with the condition he leave the country. After spending eight months in prison he moved to Amsterdam and he did not return to America until late 1782. His father urged him to consider law as a career, but the young man decided to return to England after the Revolutionary War and once again studied under West. At that time he decided to produce a series of historical paintings on the American Revolution. His first two, in

1786, were the Battle of Bunker Hill, and Death of Montgomery. These were followed by several portraits of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.



In 1792 he was commissioned to paint, Signers of the Declaration of Independence, which now hangs in the Rotunda of the capital. After that he traveled between America and Europe engaged in various commercial pursuits, as well as portraits.

This venerable artist, soldier, and patriot died in the city of New York at eighty-eight years of age.

Sources & photo: Eminent Americans by B.J. Lossing, also various internet sites.



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>.



CHAPTER NEWS

Brevard Chapter

The Brevard Chapter has continued its growth in 2011 by adding 25 new members to its roster. This effort has been greatly enhanced by its close relationship with the (now) 6 DAR chapters in Brevard County. Although it has proven difficult to return the favor by referring members' wives, daughters, and granddaughters for DAR membership, we haven't given up on the effort. It seems as though every month we have 3 or 4 new members to induct. For those that live out of state, we have a local family member stand in for them at the Induction which then involves the family in this presentation.

We were honored to have the new DAR chapter, the John Barry Chapter, ask our Color Guard to present the Colors at their installation meeting this past January. The chapter chose John Barry as their namesake in part due to the Last Naval Battle fought off Brevard's coast and that Captain John Barry was successful in defeating the British warship. Pictured here are the chapter guardsmen attending the meeting on January 28th.



l-r: Compatriots Keen, Wright, DuBose, & Williams

Caloosa Chapter

The General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard participated in the rededication ceremony of the recently refurbished Iwo Jima monument in Cape Coral, Florida on Saturday, February 25 which was two days after the 67th anniversary of the flag raising. It is one of only three made by Felix DeWeldon depicting the scene in the Joe Rosenthal photograph of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the American Flag on Mount Suribachi during WWII. Over a dozen survivors of the Iwo Jima battle attended the ceremony and were introduced to a very appreciative crowd; Caloosa Chaplain



A display of period armament and pictures by Compatriot Dabney Davis of the Central Florida Chapter

Allen Brown provided the invocation and benediction for the event.



General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, marching at rededication ceremony. Photo by Compatriot John Jones

Details participating included (in order) USMC Color Guard, 4th Amphibious Battalion, Tampa, FL; USMC Honor Rifle Detail, 4th Tank Battalion, Hialeah, FL; General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp SAR Color Guard, Caloosa Chapter; VFW Post 8364 Color Guard, Cape Coral, FL; and Lexington CC Veterans Color Guard, Fort Myers, FL.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter met on December 10, 2011 to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. This SAR Chapter was formed and chartered on May 5, 1961. The charter members included Cecil L. Bothwell, Sr., the Honorable Donald A.

Cheney, Randolph C. Griffith, William S. Jenkins, V. Winthrop O'Hara, Benjamin E. Titus and the Rev. L. Elbert Wilson. Randolph C. Griffith served as the Chapter's first president.

During the evening of special celebration, those attending were treated to a review of the unique and very special happenings of the Chapter during these fifty years. Special recognition was afforded to those members who have served the Chapter for thirty years or more. Major recognition was given to Compatriot James Paul Ristig, Jr. who has faithfully served the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution for more than seventy years.



Chm.Myers – NSSAR VP-General South Atlantic District District, CharlieNewcomer – FLSSAR President David Ramseur

The keynote speaker for this special anniversary celebration was Colonel Danny

McKnight, U. S. Army (Ret). Col. McKnight's military service includes combat duty in Somalia in 1993 which became the basis for the book and movie "Black Hawk Down." His military assignments include many high level positions. Colonel McKnight was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Pathfinder Badge to name just a few of his major awards.

Other notables attending this Anniversary evening were: the NSSAR Vice President-General for South Atlantic District Charlie Newcomer, the Florida Society President David Ramseur and Central Florida Chapter President Jeffrey Sizemore.

Each dinner table was named in honor of a woman who served in a very active role during the Revolutionary War --- these prominent ladies included: Betsy Ross, Elizabeth Zane, Abigail Adams, Sybil Ludington, Ludia Darrah, Nancy Hart, Catherine Moore Barry, and Mercy Otis Warren.

Those seated at the Molly Pitcher table included eight members of Compatriot Dabney Davis' family, the youngest of which was only ten months old and together they represented three generations of the Davis family.

Charlotte Chapter

In December we had the annual exchange of Christmas gifts (token). In January we had the installation of officers, see picture below. In February, Larry Peck told us about his Revolutionary War Patriot, Simeon Bradford, and the trials and tribulation that occurred at that time.



L-R: Vernon Peebles-installing Official, Andy Buell-Publicity, Larry Hurley-President, Norm Ashworth Sgt-at-Arms, Larry Peck-Member at Large, Taylor Walton-Register, Brad Lines-Vice Pres, Paul Lioon-Secty Treas

Last year we had an American History contest as a pilot program at the Murdock Middle School and thought that it went well. This year the contest went county wide with four middle schools involved. Judging will start in March and the award will occur in May with the county wide winner receiving a \$100 gift certificate; each of the four middle school winners will each receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Clearwater Chapter

Compatriot George C. Pratt of the Clearwater Chapter, FLSSAR was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Medal for Meritorious Service at the December meeting of the Clearwater Chapter. He has been



a member and officer for six years. He has served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, and served on several committees. He is a member of the Samuel Adams Camp, Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard. His term as President came to a close at the Annual meeting, held December 14, 2011. He will continue to serve as a Board member to assist the new officers in the upcoming years.

In addition he also is a Governor of the Mayflower Society Colony, a member of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

On January 18, 2012, Eagle Scout Andrew James Case of Troop 26 in Palm Harbor was recognized as the winner of the 2011 Eagle Scout scholarship contest for the Clearwater Chapter, for which he received an engraved SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal and \$100. Andrew was also recognized for placing third at the state level of the FLSSAR Eagle Scout scholarship contest, for which he received a congratulatory letter from Charlie Day, the State



President Dan Hooper, Eagle Scout Andrew J. Case and Art Hays.

Chairman of the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition program, as well as \$250 from the FLSSAR and \$100 from the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Andrew's winning entry included an

essay, titled "The Battle of Cowpens," that occurred in South Carolina during the

Revolutionary War. His ancestor, James Abrams, participated in this battle. Andrew is the son of Richard and Pamela Case and is a junior at Palm Harbor University High School.

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

The Daytona-Ormond Chapter has continued to offer interesting and informative presentations at the monthly luncheon.

On Feb 16, 2012 Michael J. Chitwood, Chief of Police for Daytona Beach provided an outstanding presentation to the members and guests concerning local scams and crimes to which seniors are particularly vulnerable, and how to recognize and avoid them. Special guests during the presentation were members of the Five Volusia County Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This joint meeting of our chapter of the SAR and the local DAR Chapters is an annual event.

Compatriot Richard Lyon was selected by the Ormond Memorial Remembrance committee to be Parade Adjutant for the Memorial Day Remembrance at the Case-ments in Ormond Beach. This Chapter will be providing a color guard for that ceremony.



New chapter member William Nord was inducted at the January 19th meeting

- shown here with Frederick Nord (rt), the Chapter president. William's ancestor was Major Peter Phillip Helphenstine of the 8th VA Regiment, Continental Army.



Flagler Chapter

Compatriot Ron Stark donated a Bennington Flag to the Chapter at the February Chapter meeting. President Ted St. Pierre accepted the flag for the Chapter with our grateful thanks to Ron.



Flagler Compatriots David and Mrs. Victoria Kelsey and Compatriot Bill and Mrs. Edna Creager traveled back in time to the year 1820 where they met and talked with President James Madison (aka Dan O'Connell) and

his lovely wife Dolley Madison (aka Ruth O'Connell).



Actually the two couples were attending a January 21st Luncheon sponsored by the Abigail Bartholomew D.A.R. Chapter, in

Daytona Beach and the President and his wife paid a visit to the gathering. The President was the guest speaker at the affair.

Gainesville Chapter

Compatriot David Ramsey, President of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, administered the oath of office to the Gainesville Chapter Officers during the regular meeting at Brown's Country Buffet on February 21, 2012. President Ramsey conducted the installation ceremony for the following elected officers:

- President.....Roger Cox
- 1st Vice President..... David Mulkey
- 2nd Vice President... Leonard Shurtleff
- Secretary / Treasurer....David Cromer

L to R: David Cromer, David Mulkey, Len Shurtleff, Roger Cox, David Ramsey



During the first quarter, our chapter participated in two Monthly Flag Breakfasts at Brown's, two National Sojourners events, two Vesper Luncheons at the Village, and the

annual Veteran's Banquet. There were a total of 370 persons in attendance at these events.

Our total Membership of the Gainesville Chapter is 67, comprised of 60 SAR members, 1 SAR Memorial member, 5 SAR Junior members, and 1 Chapter Associate. Our new website, <http://flssar.org/FLSSAR/SARGainesville/>, has an official listing of 66 members, which does not include the Associate member.

Our Chapter would like to express our utmost appreciation to

Scott Bushnell for his efforts in getting our new website up and running. His quick response on problems and changes was outstanding!

Highlands Chapter

Highlands Chapter celebrated its one year anniversary at the Feb 18th meeting as the 33rd FLSSAR Chapter.



In attendance was Vic McMurry our Regional V.P. to share his thoughts and represent the FLSSAR.

On Jan 21st our Chapter/Founding Members Signature Document was presented at our Chapter Meeting with color copies distributed to all Compatriots. Special recognition was given to Mike Flood, Treasurer, Registrar, and Newsletter Publisher; George Frey, Secretary; John Frey, VP.; Reverend William Van Duzer, Chaplain; J Ron Smith, Chancellor; Dr Don Ware, Surgeon; and Don Gradeless for his insights due to

his many years and offices in the SAR. Last but not least, our 30 members give our "founding father", Steve Williams and Phil Tarpley special thanks for their dedication to the SAR and help in getting us up and running.

Jacksonville Chapter

Chapter Meetings

At the December meeting we presented the chapter's American History Teacher Award to Daniel Flint, Advanced Placement History Teacher at AP Randolph Academy. (He won the state competition at the January BOM) He shared his passion for teaching American History with the chapter.

At the January meeting, Craig Morris, Lead Ranger at Fort Caroline/Timucuan National Preserve, spoke about Revolutionary War Activities in NE Florida. The city of Jacksonville has an opportunity to purchase lands adjacent to the preserve and to the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish. Sue Grandin, Jacksonville Director of the Trust for Public Land, followed him and spoke about the plans to acquire and preserve these 740 acres of land to add to Timucuan Preserve. This will be an important acquisition for the city as it preserves both natural and historic assets.

Other Items

Chapter members continue to participate in a wide variety of activities in the community. Members in Colonial uniform made a presentation of the History of the Stars and Stripes at the Ortega Elementary School to multiple classes. The Color Guard participated in the opening of an area family softball league for the second year.



Our chapter presented Eagle Scout Certificates to some 20 scouts in Clay County as well as bronze Good Citizenship Medals to

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140th US Flag Day poster. 1777-1917. The birthday of the stars and stripes, June 14th, 1917. 'Tis the Star Spangled Banner, oh, long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!' Library of Congress description: "Poster showing a man raising the American flag, with a minuteman cheering and an eagle flying above."

The History Of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House

in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania

Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

<http://www.usflag.org/history/flagday.html>

US Flag Timeline link:

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/flag-daytimeline1.html>



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long-time scout leaders who have supported recognition ceremonies for Eagle Scouts.

Lake City Chapter

During 2011, the Lake City Chapter had a very busy and productive year. The Chapter presented two (2) Wounded Warrior Certificates and coins. The Chapter Color Guard was active during the year and participated in a joint SAR/DAR meeting and an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, where two new Eagle Scouts were presented with certificates from the Chapter. The Chapter presented Fire Safety Commendation medals to the families of two Florida Division of forestry firefighters who lost their lives battling a wildfire in June. The Chapter also presented three Heroism Medals to Lake City police officers who were wounded in a shootout. JROTC bronze medals and certificates were presented at the five area high schools covered by the Chapter. Certificates of Patriotism were awarded to two Chapter members for their military service during World War II. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to guest speakers and to a local business for their support of the Chapter. In addition to several new members being inducted, the Chapter had a renewal rate of near 98 percent.

Lake-Sumter Chapter

Since the first of the new year, the Lake-Sumter Chapter has awarded nine flag certificates and one Certificate of Heroism to a law enforcement officer.



On February 25th seven compatriots of the Lake-Sumter Chapter participated in the 110th Annual George Washington Celebration Parade in Eustis, Florida. This parade is the 2nd longest running parade in the United States. Lake-Sumter Chapter has been a

participant for over 15 years. Those compatriots who participated in the parade are from left to right, Bill Piper, Mike Dick, Glenn Langston, Ron Toops, Ron Coup, Steve Offutt and George Chaffee.

Lake-Sumter will be awarding JROTC medals and certificates to six outstanding cadets from six area schools.

Naples Chapter

This report picks up where the last report ended; namely, it covers the months of January, February, and early March 2012.

January 2012 was a memorable month for members and guests of the Naples Chapter. What began during our December luncheon meeting, namely the success of home-schooled student Hannah Stimson with her oration ability, continued at the Florida Society Winter Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, Florida, on the 13th and 14th of January. At that meeting, the State Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest was held. The headline coming out of that competition was simply stated as: Hannah Stimson Wins State! Earlier

in the month, on 5 January 2012, thirty-one chapter members and guests met at the Country Club of Naples. Highlights of the luncheon meeting included five significant events: First, we celebrated the 100th year of the Girl Scouts of America. Our guest of honor was Ms. Barbara Van Essen. Other Girl Scouts guest included troop mom Ms. Sharon Zwicker and Girl Scout Juniors Magnolia Cahill, Emilia Zwicker, Victoria Brenes, and Lauren Wollkof. Ms. Van Essen gave us an informative presentation of the status of the Girls Scouts in America today. And the aforementioned Girl Scout Juniors exhibited patriotism and honor: they respectfully joined our color guard and carried with pride the American and SAR Flags. All were presented Certificates of Appreciation. Next, we recognized five visiting SAR guests from various State Societies across America. They were Horine Wallace of Kentucky; Jeffrey Wood of Massachusetts; Doug Weimer of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Garey of Michigan. Third, we witnessed a presentation by Dick Hazen as he placed a "Patriot in the Spotlight." Fourth, we applauded the awarding of Meritorious Service Medals to Compatriots Don Cahill and Dick Hazen. And finally, we honored the World War II service of Compatriot Cal Whitney. Cal received a NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism signed by the NSSAR President General, a Florida Society Certificate of Congratulations signed by State President David Ramseur, and the War Service Medal from the Naples Chapter.

February 2012. On the second of the month, forty-seven SAR Naples Chapter members and guests gathered at the Country Club of Naples, to honor and celebrate three significant things. First, we honored select JROTC Cadets and their Senior Instructors (SI) from the seven high schools in Collier County. Six of the seven cadet honorees competed for the title of the Naples Chapter Outstanding Cadet in the Collier County School District. Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Lake Yoke of Barron Collier HS won the prize. The Naples Chapter competition included an essay, which was judged by Immediate Past President Roy Richardson, First Vice President Jack Dennis, and Second Vice President Harris Tucker. Next, we presented a Meritorious Service Medal and a War Service Medal to Compatriot and 20th Judicial Circuit Magistrate Judge James M. McGarity. And third, we inducted new chapter member Ed Lary.

March 2012. During this month, our Chapter celebrated the 39th Birthday of its founding. The evening dinner-meeting was held at the Country Club of Naples. FLSSAR President David Ramseur and First Lady Marjorie were the guests of honor. In addition to special recognition given to select SAR members, DAR members, and guests, the highlight of the evening was the induction of no less than 25 SAR members into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. The featured speaker was Dr. Patrick Bottiger, Florida Gulf Coast University. His topic was: A Revolutionary Link to American Indian Wars.

Ocala Chapter

The Ocala Chapter selected the following persons as 2012 Chapter officers:

- President – Alan J. Clark, M.D.
- Vice President – Wayne C. Curtis
- Treasurer – Patrick I. McLaughlin
- Secretary – Lauren E. Merriam, III
- Registrar/Genealogist – James D. Partin

- Program Chairman – W.E. “Buckey” Bishop

Some of these officers have previously served this Chapter or other Chapters and their continued service to SAR is appreciated. The contribution and participation of new officers is also appreciated.

The Ocala Chapter participated in the following traditional SAR activities or events during 2011: Junior ROTC Recognition Program, EAGLE Scout Awards and the Knight Essay Contest.

The Ocala Chapter continued its Memorial Day flag display of over a hundred veteran’s flags at a local cemetery. Some Chapter members also participated by attending and giving out SAR information while wearing American Revolution replica uniforms. Later in the year, the Chapter also made a donation to the Building Citizens Scholarship Organization for a local American history educator to attend the Florida Council for the Social Studies annual conference. The Chapter also made a donation to Volunteers of America for and helped to decorate a room in the newly created Ocala Florida Veterans Living Center.

The year ended with our traditional joint meeting with the lovely ladies of the Ocala Chapter, DAR.

Pensacola Chapter

The Pensacola Chapter started off the new year with a visit from President David Ramseur. He attended a joint meeting of the Pensacola and Aaron Snowden chapters on February 14th. The highlight of the evening was the induction of James Gazaway as a new member of the Aaron Snowden chapter.



Earlier this year, on January 19th, the Nathan Hale Camp#7 Color guard performed a musket salute at the annual meeting of the Pensacola Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Plans continue to solicit funds for the construction of the Pensacola Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial. The minuteman statue has been cast and delivered. Funds are slowly being acquired to install it in its place in the Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park. We hope to be able to dedicate it on July 4th of this year.

Saramana Chapter

A reported 218 persons were in attendance at the annual George Washington’s Birthday luncheon which was held from noon until three Saturday, 25 February 2012 at the Laurel Oak Country Club. Hosting the event was the Saramana Chapter assisted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 759. Guests were DAR Chapters, Allapattah, Manatee, Myakka, Osceola and Sara DeSoto. The featured speaker was Dr. Richard Swier, he was attired in the dress uniform of a US Army LTC. There were 32 men (Wounded Warriors) and 24 women listed in the program to be honored of which 12 to 15 were in attired military uniform. Many others were dressed in American Legion or VFW uniform or “civies”. They were representative of all veterans, both living and dead from the WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq/Afghanistan

conflicts. All arrived at the podium, one by one, escorted by JROTC Cadets from Naples, Northport, Sarasota Military Academy or Venice high schools. All passed thru a contingent of twelve Saramana Honor Guard in colonial dress uniform, all descendants of the first defenders of American liberty.



Seated in uniform: LTC Marie S, Kansiak, USA
Standing in uniform: Mary Lee Chalifour, USAF Chief Nurse Photo by Billie Lowe.

Space prohibits inclusion of all citations or biographies, but this writer does recall the following as related by the narrator, Past Saramana President, Harold Crapo, Jr.:

One of the women veterans was the spouse of a Wounded Warrior so honored at the GWB

luncheon in 2011 ~~~

One of the US Marines had been wounded eight times but completed his mission ~~~



Major Laurence M. Altenburg, USMC is shown receiving congratulations from Charles Riegler, Saramana Chapter President, with LTC Richard Swier waiting to pin the Wounded Warrior Medal on Maj. Altenburg. Members of the Saramana Honor Guard are shown in the rear. Photo by Billie Lowe

Yet another veteran, had received his Silver Star some 47 years after it had been earned ~~~

Finally, there were two Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition awarded to a family member by Ms. Joan Hansen from the office of US Representative Vern Buchanan ~~~ to:

SPC Tamara Marie Becker, USA now serving in Afghanistan ~~~ and to: CPO Brian Robert Bill, USN

Seal, deceased ~~~

St. Augustine Chapter

Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine was recently recognized for the proper and patriotic display of the United States Flag at the facility.

The recognition was given by the St. Augustine Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution who presented the hospital with a Flag Certificate. These certificates are presented by

the national and state societies as well as local chapters to individuals, businesses or government agencies who fly the United States flag in the proper manner and for patriotic purposes.



L to R: David Hoffman, Sydney Spink, Joseph Gordy, Dr. Oscar Patterson

The Certificate was accepted on behalf of Flagler Hospital by Joseph Gordy, President of

Flagler Hospital. Representing the Chapter at the presentation were chapter president Dr. Oscar Patterson, chapter secretary Sydney Spink, chapter chaplain David Hoffman and chapter past president William Roberts. The presentation was made at the hospital on Veterans Day 2011.

Members of the community may nominate individuals, businesses or government agencies who fly the United States flag in the proper manner and for patriot purposes by contacting any member of the chapter. The name, address and phone number for the nominee must be included, along with the name and contact information for the person making the nomination.

SAR Honors Police Officer Hero



David Tiller, a St. Augustine Police Officer, was presented with the National Sons of the American Revolution

Award for Heroism by the St. Augustine Chapter, SAR, at a recent meeting of the St. Augustine Beach City Commission.

Officer Tiller and an ATF agent were working undercover in an operation to purchase cocaine and weapons. When the two officers confronted the suspects, one of the latter pulled a concealed machine pistol and began firing. Officer Tiller, though gravely wounded, returned fire. A second suspect was then engaged and successfully subdued.

At that point a third suspect appeared from the trees armed with a shotgun. After an exchange of fire, this suspect fled into the woods.

Officer Tiller's quick and decisive actions, determination and proven combat skills prevented the several assailants

from taking his life as well as that of the ATF agent. Officer Tiller is recovering from his injuries, and he expects to return to duty in the near future, though he will have a permanent limp.

Because of his position as an undercover officer, while he accepted the award in person, the accompanying photograph shows St. Augustine Beach Police Chief Richard Hedges accepting the award in his behalf from past chapter president William Roberts.

St. Lucie River Chapter



On Feb 11, 2012 the St. Lucie River Chapter presented to Sherriff Robert Crowder by President Bob Donnahoo (left), Sheriff of Martin County a framed SAR Silver Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal.

Sheriff Crowder has been in Law Enforcement and public service in both St. Lucie and Martin Counties for the last 45 years, being appointed interim Sheriff in Martin County in 1972 and then elected to the office in 1992 and serving the people of Martin County in that capacity for the last 20 years. The Chapter was delighted to honor Sheriff Crowder on his retirement from that office. Shown above is wife, Debbie Crowder pinning the medal on her husband.

St. Petersburg Chapter

The St. Petersburg Chapter had an exciting turn of events in its conduct of the annual Knight Essay contest. For the first time, we had a serious participation by a public high school. Dunedin HS provided 23 essays to this year's contest. We

USS Barry

Submitted by Bill Cox

Comodore Barry was a fighter. His heroic reputation has been remembered throughout the 20th century in a line of four destroyers all named after one of our first and finest Navy Heroes. The Destroyer is an all-purpose fighting ship that probably best typifies what we expect from a modern naval warship. Barry has been in almost every significant Naval campaign of the 20th and 21st centuries.

DDG-52, an Arleigh Burke AEGIS class destroyer, commissioned in 1992 and today in service with DESRON TWO, home port in Norfolk VA. In her distinguished career, she is one of only 3 ships to win the Navy's prestigious Battenberg Cup 3 times. She also has 4 Battle E's, and in 2004 she won the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy from the Atlantic Fleet. In her most recent actions, she engaged the Libyan Coast Guard which was firing upon Merchant vessels; and, she launched 55 Tomahawk cruise missiles in support of UN operations.

DD-933, a Forrest Sherman destroyer commissioned in 1956 decommissioned in 1982 that today serves as the official naval platform for Naval District Washington DC, hosting many important ceremonies that preserve the traditions and honors of the U.S. Navy. During her active naval service with the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets, she participated in amphibious operations in Beirut Lebanon in 1958, the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 as part of the Blockading Fleet, and earned two battle stars during Viet Nam service.

DD-248, a Clemson class 4-piper destroyer commissioned in 1920, served in the Atlantic, Med, and Pacific fleets before WWII. During the first years of the war, she served in convoy duty in the Atlantic and Caribbean as an ASW escort. Later, she underwent conversion in the Charleston Navy Yard, becoming a fast troop transport APD-29. She participated in the landings in Southern France. She was transferred to the Pacific Fleet in March 1945 and took up patrol duties off Okinawa. There she was attacked by two kamikazes, surviving the attack but with tremendous damage. She then served as a kamikaze decoy, when for the second

LAST NAVAL BATTLE

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For the annual celebration this year, the following is a listing of the Color Guard units and wreath presenters who took part in this event.

Wreath presenters:

1. Florida State Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR)
2. Brevard Chapter FLSSAR
3. Clearwater Chapter FLSSAR
4. Lakeland FLSSAR
5. St. Lucie River FLSSAR
6. Withlacoochee Chapter FLSSAR
7. Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter GA
8. Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
9. Space Coast Regents Council, DAR
10. Abigail Wright Chamberlin Chapter, DAR
11. Cape Canaveral, DAR & John Barry, C.A.R
12. Commodore John Barry Chapter, DAR
13. Indian River, DAR
14. Philip Perry, DAR

15. Rufus Fairbanks, Chapter
16. Florida State Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)
17. Cape Canaveral Navy League
18. Brevard Veterans Council
19. United States Navy
20. Daughters of 1812
21. Society of New England Women
22. Fulton J. Sheen Div. Ancient Order of Hibernians
23. John Barry Knights of Columbus
24. Military Order of the Purple Heart
25. Jewish War Veterans of America. Walter I. Berlin Post 639
26. Korean War Veterans Assoc. Chapter 210
27. Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1387
28. Canaveral Light Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy
29. L.L. Mitchell Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans
30. New Young Patriots
31. Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans

Color Guard units:

FLSSAR CHAPTERS

- Brevard
- Central Florida
- Clearwater
- Lakeland
- St. Lucie River
- Tampa
- Withlacoochee

OUT-OF-STATE SAR CHAPTERS

- Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter & Georgia Society
- Huron Valley Chapter & Michigan Society

FSSDAR CHAPTERS

- Abigail Wright Chamberlin
- Cape Canaveral
- Commodore John Barry
- Indian River
- Philip Perry
- Rufus Fairbanks

- Space Coast Regents Council

C.A.R. CHAPTER

- Captain John Barry

OTHER UNITS

- Society of New England Women & Daughters of 1812
- Cape Canaveral Navy League
- Represented by the Cape Canaveral Navy League's Courageous Div. United States Navy Sea Cadets
- Fulton J. Sheen Div. Ancient Order of Hibernians
- John Barry Knights of Columbus
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Jewish War Veterans of America
- Korean War Veterans Assoc. Chapter 210
- American Legion Post #117
- Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1387
- Canaveral Light Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy
- L.L. Mitchell Camp Sons of Union Veterans
- Amzi D. Harmon Company, Sons of Union Veterans
- The David McCampbell Battalion and Training Ship Lassen, U.S. Navy Sea Cadets
- New Young Patriots
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Satellite Beach High School Air Force

As you can see, this year's ceremony and re-dedication was a success worthy of the Florida Society, the committee, the Brevard Chapter, and all other organizations who participated in making this a memorable event.

See you next year !

The Brevard Chapter and the Last Naval Battle committee are selling official LNB - National Society SAR - Medal sets (large & small in presentation case) for \$25. see above for Medal set.

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are \$10.00.

We are taking orders for custom made ALLIANCE/JOHN BARRY FLAGS @ \$60 each plus postage. They were made by Annin Flags - nylon - indoor/outdoor - 3' x 5'

For Medal and Flag orders

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Winter BOM Minutes

FLSSAR President David Ramseur opened the meeting at 3:02 pm Friday and a quorum was certified. He announced that the State Orations Contest winners would be announced at the evening banquet. He also stated that a special treat was in store for all at the banquet, by a presentation by Compatriot Dr. Donald Wyman, entitled "The Dark Side of Benjamin Franklin." President Ramseur said that he was much impressed by the several chapters' participation in Veteran Day activities during November and in Wreaths Across America campaign, honoring our veterans. He acknowledged that favorable results are still coming in for our Center for Advancing America's Heritage and is looking forward to achieving the 40% statewide goal.

Senior Vice President Phil Tarpley encouraged everyone to get involved and exercise their freedom to vote in the primary and the national election, as so much is at stake. He also pointed out that Florida DAR processed and approved over 13,000 new member applications during 2011. What a great example they set for us to strive for.

North Central Regional VP Scott Bushnell reports that several Chapters had participated in the many Veterans Day events held in various locations throughout the region, e.g. the Wreaths Across America, parades, Massing of the Colors, visits to Veteran's Nursing Home in Land-O' Lakes, and a Veteran's Fair.

Northeastern, East Central and Southwest Regions also reported on their Chapters participating in many Veteran's Day activities, including Massing of the Colors, parades, ceremonies honoring veterans, and several Chapters' Color guards presenting the Colors at Veteran Day events.

FLSSAR Secretary Steve Williams reported that 229 new members were accepted during 2011. Also, that 189 members were dropped or resigned. He predicted that many of those dropped are merely late in submitting their dues, so this will improve our numbers statewide. He encouraged the Regional VP's to convey to their chapters the importance

in getting their members involved, e.g. on a phone committee, appointing them to some other operating committee, running for office in their chapter, etc.

Treasurer Hall Riediger stated that our financial affairs are in good shape. He asked the Regional VP's to please notify their chapter treasurers and presidents to be sure to file their 990N postcard forms to the IRS on time. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012 FLSSAR budget. It passed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Chaplain Randy Moody reported that there were 13 Compatriots "lost" in 2011.

Secretary Steve Williams received a much deserved round of applause for his outstanding work in publishing The Florida Patriot magazine, which received National honors. He has also made good progress in lowering the publishing and mailing

costs of the magazine by encouraging members to receive the magazine via email, thereby eliminating the need to mail them their copies.

FLSSAR Past President Lindsey Brock reported on the progress at the Center For Advancing America's Heritage building. He said the façade is nearly finished. Also, that donations from individuals and/or chapters were acceptable at any time.

Chairman Nelson Jantzen reminded all chapters that the 2011 reports for Chapter Challenge were due to him NLT the first week of March, 2012.

Past President Gerald Meeks had sent a recommendation to Charter & By-Laws Chairman Phil Tarpley, to allow the FLSSAR President to serve two terms in office, thereby allowing him to continue or complete the projects and/or agenda he hadn't had time to get done in his one-year term. Tarpley pointed out that that action would probably have an adverse effect on the officers behind the president. The By-Laws Committee will study this proposal.

President Ramseur spoke about an opportunity, a "Jacksonville Project," where the Revolutionary War, Battle of Thomas Creek occurred, which encompasses a 388 acre tract of land. He reiterated that Florida, at present, has but two Revolutionary War sites,

Spring BOM will be held May 4-5, 2012

Pensacola and the Last Naval Battle. He further stated that large amounts of funds were available from state and national sources for this type of project. President Ramseur has a meeting with the Jacksonville City Council in February re this project. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to the Battle of Thomas Creek Foundation.

Motion was made and seconded to reimburse Brevard Chapter \$325.00, for the cost of replacement of the pole to hold the Florida State Historic Marker of the Last Naval Battle monument from Cape Canaveral to the Veterans Center in Merritt Island. Approved.

The BOM reconvened at 9:02am, Saturday the 14th. Compatriot Lindsey Brock informed everyone that at future FLSSAR BOM sessions, the Executive Committee meeting would no longer be held on the second floor of the hotel, but would be held in Salon 1, on the first floor. He announced that the Spring BOM session will be held May 3,4 and 6. Also, that there will be breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and lunch on Friday. He also reported that the National team processing membership applications are steadily reducing their processing time. At present, the applications are in and out in 9 to 10 weeks. They expect to have the turn around time down to six weeks by July, 2012.

Chairman Gerald Meeks, Nominating Committee, presented the FLSSAR slate of officers for the ensuing year. (copy given to Sec'y Steve W.) Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the Nominating Committee's report, with appreciation given to this committee. Other nominations and voting will take place at the FLSSAR annual meeting.

President Ramseur reported that a good number of our chapters were experiencing increased interest in the several competitions, e.g. Elementary school poster contest, the Eagle Scout scholarships, Essay contest, JROTC scholarships, and the Orations contest. He pointed out that these programs bring an increased interest in the American Revolution among the young folks in our schools.

Randy Moody, chairman of the Orations contest reported that the winner and second place finisher of this contest were announced at the Friday night banquet. The young lady winner gave her excellent, winning speech to everyone's enjoyment.

JROTC Chairman Phil Tarpley stated that nominations from the Chapters for Outstanding JROTC cadet, with all of the required attachments should be submitted to FLSSAR NLT April 7, 2012. Tarpley then requested that the BOM reimburse a chapter for the 26 to 30 meals provided to the Wounded Warriors (Purple Heart recipients) that were honored at an awards dinner. After discussion as to its propriety, a motion was made, seconded and approved that the request be sent to the ETF Disbursement Committee.

It was noted that 17 of the 33 Florida chapters were actively participating in presenting the Flag Kits and the accompanying booklets.

Carl Hoffman spoke on a recent law passed by Congress giving the President the authority to give the U.S. military the right to arrest and detain any person suspected of being a terrorist. He read his Habeas Corpus Resolution. (copy given to Sec'y Steve W.), pointing out that this was in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Item was tabled until our annual BOM meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Bill Fuller, Recording Sec'y

A Quote For Memorial Day

"From this day to the ending of the world, But we in it shall be remember'd; We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, This day shall gentle his condition: And gentlemen in England now a-bed Shall think themselves accursed they were not here, And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day."

- William Shakespeare ("King Henry V, Act IV, scene iii)





FLSSA Protocol Officer

Nominations for 2012 - 2013

Proposed slate of 2012-2013 Officers:

- President – Phil Tarpley, Saramana
- SVP – Theodore Duay III, Ft Lauderdale
- Secretary – Steven Williams, Brevard
- Treasurer – Herman Riediger, St Lucie River
- Member-at-large – Gerald E Meeks, Palm Beach
- VP NW – Robert R Canavello, Pensacola
- VP NC – Scott Bushnell, Lake-Sumter
- VP NE – Dr Oscar Patterson III, St Augustine
- VP EC – Jeff Sizemore, Central Florida
- VP WC – Nelson Jantzen, Clearwater
- VP SE – Douglas H Bridges, Miami
- VP SW – Victor McMurry, Saramana
- Recording Secretary – William Fuller, Brevard
- Chancellor – Carl Hoffman, Saramana
- Registrar – Ray Lantz, Pensacola
- Chaplain – Dr. Roy A Martin Jr, Lake City
- Genealogist – Richard B Cardell
- Historian – Harold Crapo
- Editor, *The Florida Patriot* – Steven Williams, Brevard
- Sergeant-at Arms – Clarence A Barrett, Saramana
- Webmaster – Scott Bushnell, Lake City
- National Trustee – David Ramseur, Jacksonville
- Alternate Trustee – Phillip Carr, St Lucie River
- Alternate Trustee – Victor McMurry, Saramana

Nominations can be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Attend the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting to vote for our Florida Officers for 2012-2013 term. On your registration form you must indicate the voting authority granting you voting privileges.



P is for promptness. Being on time is a common courtesy

R is for respect. Show our leaders the respect they have earned.

O is for Organization, the key to proper seating and reporting.

T is for thank you. Thank you's should be used as often as possible.

O is for order. The order of precedence is important for correct placement of officials.

C is for courtesy, which should be employed when dealing with all people.

O is for ourselves. Treat other people as you would want to be treated.

L is for leaders. Our leaders have worked hard to achieve their position in this society.

Barry from page 14

time she was attacked by kamikaze aircraft and sunk. During the war, she earned the PUC and four battle stars.

The original Barry was the second destroyer in the US Navy, commissioned in November 1902. She began her service with the Atlantic Fleet, before transferring to the Asiatic Station in 1904. In 1917, she arrived in Gibraltar and began convoy escort duties in the Mediterranean. In September 1918, she was transferred to the Charleston Navy Base where she performed patrol and escort duties. She was de-commissioned in 1919.



The Alliance, captained by John Barry, and HMS Sybil.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR TIMELINE

April to June

April 18 1775	The Rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes
April. 19, 1775	Minutemen and redcoats clash at Lexington and Concord "The shot heard 'round the world."
May. 10, 1775	Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga
May. 10, 1775	The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
June 15, 1775	George Washington named Commander in Chief
June 17, 1775	Battle of Bunker Hill: The British drive the Americans from Breed's Hill
June 12, 1776	The Virginia Declaration of Rights
June 28, 1776	Patriots decisively defeat the British Navy at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina
Apr. 27, 1777	Benedict Arnold's troops force a British retreat at Ridgefield, Connecticut.
May. 20, 1777	Treaty of DeWitt's Corner, SC: Cherokees lose most of their land east of the mountains
June 14, 1777	Flag Resolution*
May. 20, 1778	Battle of Barren Hill, Pennsylvania. Lafayette with 500 men and about 50 Oneida Indians successfully evade British onslaught
June. 18, 1778	British abandon Philadelphia and return to New York
June 19, 1778	Washington's army leaves Valley Forge
June 28, 1778	The Battle of Monmouth Court House ends in a draw
June 20, 1779	Stono River, SC, Maj. Gen. Lincoln inflicts extensive British casualties in indecisive battle
June 21 1779	Spain declares war on Great Britain
June 20, 1780	Patriots rout Tories at Ramseur's Mill, NC
April 25, 1781	Greene defeated at Hobkirk's Hill, SC
May 15, 1781	British Major Andrew Maxwell cedes Fort Granby, SC to patriot Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee
June 6, 1781	Americans recapture Augusta, GA
June 18, 1781	British hold off Americans at Ninety Six, SC
April 19, 1783	Congress ratifies preliminary peace treaty



* June 14 — Continental Congress adopts the following: Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation. Stars represent Delaware (December 7, 1787), Pennsylvania (December 12, 1787), New Jersey (December 18, 1787), Georgia (January 2, 1788), Connecticut (January 9, 1788), Massachusetts (February 6, 1788), Maryland (April 28, 1788), South Carolina (May 23, 1788), New Hampshire (June 21, 1788), Virginia (June 25, 1788), New York (July 26, 1788), North Carolina (November 21, 1789), and Rhode Island (May 29, 1790)

Sign up for this Spring BOM Session

Website Information

The Website presentation is for all Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, Webmasters and other Chapter members who have a need to access Membership information or have a responsibility to maintain Chapter information at the state level.

It is also for members who are interested in having a website similar to Brevard, Jacksonville, Lake Sumter, Gainesville or Lake City's websites. Gainesville's is the most advanced and newest of these sites and is the only one which currently uses the State Database for all of its Membership transactions. Interested Compatriots should bring their laptops to move along with the instruction or notepaper to take notes as desired.

Fill out the registration form in this issue and check off the Website session box - then come and learn.



"I name thee Old Glory." Captain William Driver (1803 - 1886) on hoisting a large flag presented to him by Band of women.

Fundraising event for Chapters

Wreaths Across America™ has an expanded program to enable cemeteries all over the country to place wreaths on individual graves to emulate the Arlington Wreath Program. Wreaths may be sponsored through fundraising groups or on-line for placement on individual graves at participating locations. It is quick and easy to become a fundraising group.

Here are the steps:

- You must register with WAA office before you begin fundraising. When you call or e-mail you will then be assigned group ID # and cemetery ID #. It is important to use this information on all your order submittals. Fund Raising may be done all year.
- All Wreath Sponsorship Applications must be in the WAA office no later than the first Monday after Thanksgiving. There are no exceptions
- Please be aware that Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a trademarked name. All funds collected must be processed through the WAA Office. You may not raise funds using the WAA name unless it is through this program.
- WAA wreath sponsorships sell at \$15. Funds are collected by each participating group. A certain amount (\$5 of each \$15) will be refunded to the fundraising organization. If you are not interested in raising money for your group and want to do wreaths only, you can choose the '3 for' option. For every 2 - \$15 sponsorships 3 wreaths will be sent to the participating location of choice. With this option, no funds will be returned to your fundraising group.
- Sponsored wreaths will go to the participating cemetery as designated by the fundraising organization. WAA cannot honor specific requests. Some location leaders do make special arrangements. If you do not have a location in mind, just ask that the Wreaths be placed in the general fund.
- If your fund raising group is not a 501-c-3 not for profit organization, then please contact the WAA office for further instructions.

For the forms and other information on this program go to <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/act-now/start-fundraising/>

This is an excellent opportunity for each chapter to participate in Wreaths Across America, honor our veterans, and benefit the chapter at the same time. Start the process now by registering your chapter and begin fund raising.



Wreaths Across America Ceremony

"The wreaths before you represent our commitment as a United America to remember the fallen. We also want these holiday wreaths to symbolize our honor to those who have served and are serving in the armed forces of our great nation and to their families who endure sacrifices everyday on our behalf. To our children, we want you to understand the freedoms you enjoy today have not been free but have come with a cost that someday, you may have to pay yourself. As a nation standing together, we can defeat terrorism, hatred and injustice. Thanks to our Veterans, we have the freedom to do just that."

Let us not forget those who fought in the service of this Country. Remember those Veterans, the fire fighters and police officers. Let us remember those teachers, inventors, doctors and fishermen. Remember those Fathers and Mothers, Sons and Daughters, Uncles and Aunts, Grandparents and Cousins who may no longer have someone visiting their resting place. Let us remember the history of our Families, our communities and our Country. History is found in books and the internet. It's found in the classroom, museums or a library. You can find history by talking to the older person who lives next door or attends your Church. And yes, you can find history in a cemetery. Young people are the future and they can learn from our history. Take our history into your future. You can be the "Future of our History".

Glenn Powers, Major CAP/AFAUX Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Edgewater New Smyrna Cemetery

NATIONAL CONGRESS CREDENTIALS

Florida Compatriots attending the National Congress this July in Phoenix AZ will need to have their credentials prior to checking in at the Congress Registration booth at the hotel. Charles Riegle is the Credentials Chairman. He has delegated the responsibility to Vic McMurry to provide credentials for those who have indicated their desire to represent FLSSAR. SW RVP Vic McMurry will be taking care of those compatriots needing credentials.

Email your request for credentials to Vic McMurry at vicmc4@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES IN HISTORY – ANSWERS

- 11th February 7, 1795 - Immunity of states from suits from out-of-state citizens
- 12th June 15, 1804 - Revises presidential election procedures
- 13th December 6, 1865 - Abolishes slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime
- 14th July 9, 1868 - Defines citizenship, contains the Privileges or Immunities Clause, the Due Process Clause, the Equal Protection Clause, and deals with post-Civil War issues
- 15th February 3, 1870 - Prohibits the denial of suffrage based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude
- 16th February 3, 1913 - Allows the federal government to collect income tax
- 17th April 8, 1913 - Establishes the direct election of United States Senators by popular vote
- 18th January 16, 1919 - Establishes Prohibition of alcohol
- 19th August 18, 1920 - Establishes women's suffrage
- 20th January 23, 1933 - Fixes the dates of term commencements for Congress (January 3) and the President (January 20); known as the "lame duck amendment"
- 21st December 5, 1933 - Repeals the Prohibition of alcohol
- 22nd February 27, 1951 - Limits the president to two terms, or a maximum of 10 years
- 23rd March 29, 1961 - Provides for representation of Washington, D.C. in the Electoral College
- 24th January 23, 1964 - Prohibits the revocation of voting rights due to the non-payment of poll taxes
- 25th February 10, 1967 - Codifies the Tyler Precedent; defines the process of presidential succession
- 26th July 1, 1971 - Establishes the official voting age to be 18 years old.
- 27th May 5 or 7, 1992 - Prevents laws affecting Congressional salary from taking effect until the beginning of the next session of Congress

Historic Preservation Medal

Offered by Steve Williams

Compatriot Ben DuBose of the Brevard Chapter FLSSAR was awarded the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Historic Preservation Medal in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding achievement in historic preservation. The Abigail Wright Chamberlin Chapter of the DAR sponsored him for this prestigious award.

Since moving to Florida in 1996 Ben has been involved in creating five monuments in honor of the American Revolution. This includes the NSSAR National Historic Site for the LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. His Chapter has

been hosting an annual celebration which draws hundreds to the site each year.

Prior to moving to Florida Ben had a long history of Historic Preservation in Brooklyn, NY. He



was involved in having: four colonial homes saved and preserved; worked on over a half-dozen projects involving the restoration of historic monuments; he was appointed as a Brooklyn Historian by three Mayors, was appointed to the Bi-Centennial Committee of the Ratification of the Constitution by the Governor; in the 1980s he received a quarter million dollars, including an NEH grant, to revise the "Teaching of Local History" in Brooklyn. After three years this program went city-wide.

NATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

National News - Exchange Program

Compatriots, I write to remind you of our youth exchange with France. At present, we have one French youth, age 15, and expect several more French applicants before the April deadline. Wouldn't it be great if your child or grandchild could experience a few weeks in France this summer (or next), and could also host a French youth, showing them what your corner of America has to offer? Please review the guidelines on the NSSAR website ("exchange program" under the "education" tab), complete the application and get back to me at your earliest opportunity.

Thanks
John Dodd, Pres., CASSAR & chair of the Exchange Program Committee

US Senate Resolution 376

As Chairman of the NSSAR Government Relations Committee, I have approached our SAR members in Congress to introduce a Congressional Resolution to commemorate the

225th Anniversary of the Signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 2012. Compatriot Roger Wicker, U.S. Senator from Mississippi, has authored Senate Resolution No. 376 on behalf of SAR but it can't be introduced without bi-partisan support. Please urge your U.S. Senator to join Senator Wicker as a sponsor of this historic legislation. A detail of this legislation may be found on this link: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:376:./list/bss/d112SE.lst:>

A sample message is below and may be "copied" and "pasted" inside an email message to your U.S. Senator. Email links are available on your senator's website. To locate your U.S. Senator's contact information, please follow this link: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm. As this is time-sensitive, please communicate - in writing - as soon as possible.

Please help Senator Wicker help SAR by urging your U.S. Senator to join him as a sponsor of S. Res. 376. Please send an email message today!

Your assistance is deeply appreciated,

Bill Allerton, Chairman NSSAR Government Relations Committee

New Members

(December to February 21)

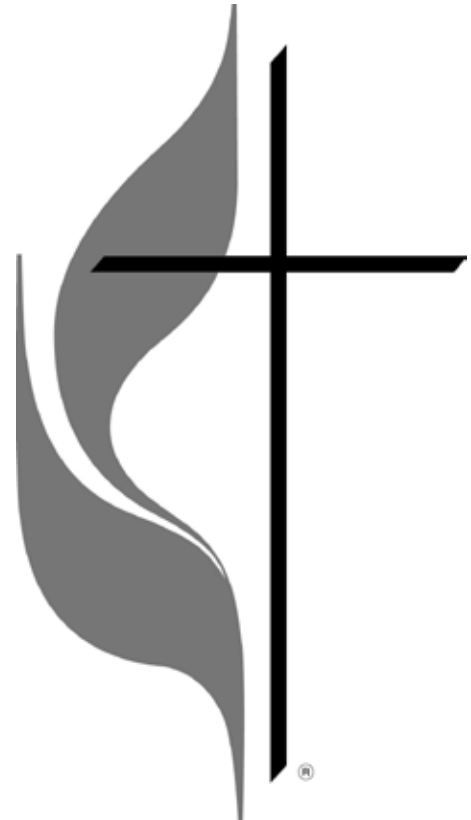


Last	First	Middle	Chapter	Ancestor		Membership
Gazaway	James	Austin	Aaron Snowden	John	Biffle	Regular
Bauer	Michael	Thomas	Brevard	Daly	Walker	Regular
Charles	Lester	Dean	Brevard	John	Charles	Regular
Hubbard, Jr.	Douglas	Tomwery	Brevard	James	Sherrer	Regular
Kemerait, Jr.	Robert	Chester	Brevard	Baylis	Earle	Regular
Lee	John		Brevard	Frances	Lee, Jr.	Regular
Lincicum	James	Paul	Brevard	Joseph	Lincicum	Regular
Quinn	Benjamin	Faris	Brevard	Frederick	Pershing	Regular
Shine	Joseph	Frances	Brevard	Frances	Lee, Jr.	Junior
Rubin	Larry	Gene	Caloosa	Ulrich	Shirk	Regular
Piper	Patrick	Harrison	Charlotte	John	Piper	Regular
Coyne	Bruce	Paul	Clearwater	Joseph	Calkins	Regular
Dauphinais	Harry	Lauren	Clearwater	Michael	Bronson	Regular
Dauphinais	Bryan	John	Clearwater	Michael	Bronson	Regular
Dauphinais	Michael	Robert	Clearwater	Michael	Bronson	Regular
Dauphinais	Jeffery	Lauren	Clearwater	Michael	Bronson	Regular
Falcone	Mark	Louis	Clearwater	John	Shepardson	Regular
Honeywell	Alfred	Richard	Clearwater	Rice	Honeywell	Regular
Manning	Charles	James	Clearwater	Stephen	Manning	Regular
Pebworth	Russell	William	Clearwater	Daniel	Cressy	Regular
Schimka	David	James	Clearwater	John	Barnes	Regular
Shafer	Sidney	Lee	Clearwater	Michael	Bowart, SR.	Regular
Hall	Larry	Ernest	Gainesville	Jacob	Beverett	Regular
Mikell, Jr	William	Henry	Gainesville	Lewis	Roberts	Regular
Young	Roy	William	Gainesville	Samuel	Breese	Regular
Young	Steven	Lee	Gainesville	Samuel	Breese	Regular
Young	Vincent	Lindsay	Gainesville	Samuel	Breese	Regular
Randle, Jr.	John	Allen	Lakeland	William	Randall	Regular
Williamson	Thomas	Allen	Lakeland	Jedediah	Cleveland	Regular
Butler	Jeremy	Alan	Lake-Sumter	percival	Butler	Regular
Butler	Benjamin	David	Lake-Sumter	Percival	Butler	Junior
Hayes	Kemp	William	Lake-Sumter	Ebenezer	Eastman	Regular
Linville	Basil		Lake-Sumter	Thomas	Farley, Sr	Memorial
Linville, Sr.	Michael	Patrick	Lake-Sumter	Thomas	Farley, Sr	Memorial
Stearns	Cyril	Peter	Lake-Sumter	Samuel	Stearns	Regular
Putt	Kristopher	William	Miami	Abraham	Doebler	Regular
Putt	Trevor	Arthur	Miami	Abraham	Doebler	Regular
Kesling	Zachary	Finley	Naples	David	McGee	Regular
Curtis II	Wayne	Carlton	Ocala	Francis	Payne	Regular
Evans	Morgan	Curtis	Ocala	Francis	Payne	Junior
Coldwell	Grant	David	Palm Beach	James	Habersham, Jr.	Regular
Coldwell	Christopher	Michael	Palm Beach	James	Habersham, Jr.	Regular

Culpepper	John	Richard	Palm Beach	Abishai	Horne	Regular
Smith	Frederick	Yates	Saramana	George	Yates	Regular
Sparks	George	William	Saramana	Daniel	Boone	Regular
Bevan	Kenneth	Van	St. Augustine	William	Bevan	Regular
Miner	Mark	Partridge	St. Augustine	William	Hewitt	Regular
Romine	James	Allen	St. Augustine	Drury	Harrington	Regular
Smith	James	Robert	St. Augustine	John	Lipps	Regular
Clark III	Edward	Wilson	Tampa	John	Kinard	Regular
Frayn	Michael	Timothy	Tampa	Elisha	Parker	Regular
Whipkey	David	Errett	Tampa	Levi	Preston	Regular

Necrology Report

<i>Name</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
Daniel J. Spellman	131232	8903	Brevard
Dr. Francis B. Maraist	174460	9357	Palm Beach
John E. Duvall	103017	2705	Miami
Eugene Conrad Riley	137360	6461	Clearwater
Herndon Godfrey, Jr.	153764	7899	Lakeland
Richard Dale Shields	178137	9685	Emerald Coast
Thomas Patrick McDonagh, Jr.	132944	7734	Naples
David P. Rakestraw	153149	8724	Daytona-Ormond
Thomas R. Neblett	143510	8965	St. Lucie River
Frank A. Smith	133297	6059	Brevard
Alfred Richard Honeywell	181738	9961	Clearwater
Woodrow Vinson Register	99124	2262	Clearwater
Herbert Flanders	179395	9809	Saramana



Invitation to the Memorial Roll

The Florida Society Annual Memorial Service is a meaningful time for all who attend the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. It provides an opportunity to remember and honor the compatriots we lost since the previous Annual Meeting. As the Memorial Roll is read, compatriots' Chapters offer their final respects while remembering the numerous ways these deceased compatriots enriched individuals, Chapters, and our Society. Every member is urged to attend this service Saturday, May 5, at 8:30 am.



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thank Dr. John Eberts, a dedicated and imaginative Social Studies teacher, and we dare to hope that other public schools will take the cue. With continued strong participation from such private schools as Admiral Farragut Academy, next year should be another banner year for this most worthy exercise by our high school children.

Tampa Chapter

September 2011: 16 members and 8 guests attended the meeting. A Certificate of Membership was presented to new Compatriot Robbins Denham. The Military Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot Leo Kelly. The Honorable E.J. Salcines gave a very interesting and informative talk on “Spain – The Forgotten Ally,” in which he detailed Spain’s impact on our Revolution.

October 2011: 14 members and 10 guests attended the meeting. A Certificate of Membership was presented to new Compatriot Jack Spangler. The Law Enforcement Medal was presented to Detective Ronald Corr for his work in intercepting and preventing metal theft in Hillsborough County. Detective Corr gave a very interesting talk on this little publicized theft problem.

November 2011: 23 members and 11 guests attended the meeting. The proposed slate of Officers for 2012 was unanimously elected. Guest speaker David Boyette spoke on the use of DNA to verify conventional genealogy research.

December 2011: 22 members and 19 guests attended the meeting, which was our annual joint meeting with the CAR. A Certificate of Membership was presented to new Compatriot Larry Coats. War Service Medals were presented to Compatriots Robbins Denham (WWII) and Jack Spangler (Viet Nam). After a presentation by the CAR, a game was enjoyed by all participants.

January 2012: 23 members and 22 guests attended the meeting. Regional VP Nelson Jantzen installed the new Officers for 2012, after which he addressed the Chapter with suggestions and ideas for future growth and projects.

February 2012: 27 members and 11 guests attended the meeting. Certificates of Membership were presented to new Compatriots Ed Clark, Mike Frayn, Ryan Shelton and David Whipkey. The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Past President Luke Lloyd. The Bronze Color Guard Medal was awarded to Compatriot John Sessums. St. Petersburg College Professor Bob O’Donnell gave an interesting talk on African-Americans in the American Revolution. President Skillman announced the completion of the revision of the Chapter Constitution & By-Laws and their posting on the Chapter website for a vote at the March meeting.

Withlacoochee Chapter

The Withlacoochee Chapter Meetings take place on the second Saturday of each month at The Moose Lodge #2013 at 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, Florida.

Three Heroism Medals and Certificates were presented at Chapter meetings to local individuals for their heroic acts in 2011.

The Chapter supported the Citrus County Veteran’s Week Program by entering the Veteran’s Fair, which the Chapter placed 3rd in the Non-Veteran Organizations competition; the Veteran’s Parade which included our Color Guard, WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Gulf War Member Veterans; and we led the Citrus County Massing of the Colors procession with our Color Guard and Betsy Ross Flag.



In December, the Chapter’s “Veterans Without Families Program” and Christmas Party at the Baldomero Lopez State Veteran’s Nursing Home was a great success. Over \$3,000 of gifts were given to our adopted Veterans. Also in December, the Chapter’s Color Guard led the various Veteran Organizations at the “Wreaths Across

America Program”.

The Withlacoochee Chapter had two Eagle Scout entries this year with one of our Eagle Scouts winning State and going on to National.

In March, our Speaker will be Rebecca O’Dell Townsend (www.rebeccaodell.org), an expert on the Constitution, will present, “Freedom is Not for the Timid”. We have opened the speaker portion of our program to the Moose Lodge #2013 Members for this dynamic Speaker.

April and May will see the completion of our 2012 Elementary School Poster Contest (a potential for 152 entries this year), our Sea Cadet support, and JROTC Scholarships. Our Chapter’s Annual Banquet will be in May with the swearing in of newly elected officers.

Application Routing

LOUISVILLE — Staff genealogist Denise Hall sent the following to an SAR member to answer his question about application routing.

Applications pass through myriad hands before they reach us here in the Genealogy Department. From the Chapter level, they are sent to the State (registrar and secretary, and in some states, treasurer), and from the State level they are mailed to SAR headquarters (Fourth Street location), where the mail is received, opened, sorted and distributed. Then they are sent to the accounting department to verify and enter the monies received. Then they are brought to our West Main Street location to the Registrar for entering into the application database (where ACN numbers are assigned), and then the registrar brings them upstairs to Genealogy, where our supervisor sorts through each application before deciding which holding drawer they are placed in — Supplemental, Regular New Member or Fast-Track New Member. Then the genealogists assigned to those categories pull from those drawers in the order the applications were received to review them. Note: Until that last step, the documentation is not separated from the applications. After approval, the applications, along with the documentation, go back downstairs to the Registrar for the registration process, wherein new member applications are assigned and marked with their new national numbers, certificates are issued, postcards and letters are generated, mailings are prepared, and the stapled-together documentation for each approved application (that have been marked by the Registrar with the new national numbers) is separated from the applications, and then the original applications, as well as the documentation, are brought back upstairs to Genealogy for filing in our vault.

Larry P. Cornwell, Genealogist General.

Notice to Former Chapter Presidents

The Former Chapter President Certificate was authorized in March 1991

FLSSAR President David Ramsey will honor Past Chapter Presidents with this Award in a Ceremony during the Awards Banquet at the May 4-6 2012 Board of Management and Annual Meeting. This award is only signed by the State Society President and is presented in person at the Annual Meeting. This Certificate Award provides a permanent and tangible recognition for compatriots who have served as a chapter president.

If you wish to receive the award please notify Senior Vice President Phillip H. Tarpley by April 20, 2012 You will need to attend the May 4-6 (Friday & Saturday) 2012 FLSSAR BOM and Annual Meeting to accept it in person. Awards will not be mailed.

Information you need to provide for this award is:

- Name as you want it on the award
- Chapter and dates served

Please email your information to Senior Vice President Phillip H. Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

Please make your reservations by visiting the FLSSAR web site.



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applications and I would like to congratulate them on this major task. Please remind your DAR family and friends that there is a \$500 award to the NSDAR State Society that recruits the most new members for the SAR Society as well as the awarding of SAR medals to the assisting DAR members. Please go to the FLSSAR web site, click on 'FLSSAR Documents' link, and look for the "DAR \$500 Award" form that is sent in with the SAR membership application.

Fraternally,

David Ramsey

President, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Spring BOM Register NOW !

See page 27 for Registration Form



Calendar of events

National Events

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

Fall Leadership Conference
Fri, 9-28 - Sat, 9-29
Louisville, KY

State Activities

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

Battle of Pensacola Celebration
May 12, 2012

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

FSSDAR Fall Forum at Disney Hilton
September, 2012

Other Dates to Plan

Memorial Day - May 28, 2012

D-Day - June 6th

Flag Day - June 14, 2012

Independence Day (AKA 4th of July)

V-J Day - August 14th & September 2nd

Constitution Day - September 17, 2012

Spring 2012

BOM

Kissimmee, FL : **May 4-5, 2012**

Committee Reports are due by Sunday April 28th.

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.

Spring BOM Meeting Activities

Executive Committee Meeting (Friday Noon)

Regional VP Meeting (Friday 1:05 pm)

BOM Session (Friday 3:15 pm)

Friday Banquet

Memorial Service (Saturday 8:30)

Web Session - (Saturday 9 - 11 am) "How to use the website for Chapter Business" and an explanation of new and upcoming changes

Americanism Poster Contest judging (10:30 am)

Youth Luncheon

BOM Session (Saturday 1 - 3 pm)

Annual Meeting (Saturday 3 -4:30 pm)

**FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REGISTRATION FORM**

Spring BOM and Annual Meeting May 4-6, 2012
Ramada Plaza & Gateway Inn, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

Name _____ Chapter _____
Phone _____ Guest Name _____
Emergency Contact (Name/Phone) _____ Current Date 2/17/12

For Registration confirmation and update notifications – e-mail

I prefer to use **MY OWN** name tag for the BOM I **Require a hard copy** Of BOM Proceedings - "Blue Book"

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR ByLaws:

Select only **ONE** FLSSAR Officer FLSSAR Committe Chair FSSAR Past President
 None Chapter President Chapter Past President Chapter Delegate
 Patriot Medal FL National Trustee Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer

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

I Plan on attending the following BOM Sessions (select as many as you want)

Executive Committee Regional VP Meeting FLSSAR Web Site Information

The Banquet meals (below) include: Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Desert choice.

May 4th - Member Meal Choice London Broil - \$27 Pasta Primavera - \$27 Amount \$
Member Desert Choice Chocolate Cake No sugar

Friday Banquet Guest Meal Choice London Broil - \$27 Pasta Primavera - \$27 Amount \$
Guest Desert Choice Chocolate Cake No sugar

May 5th - Member Meal Choice Club Sandwich - \$15 Amount \$
Member Desert Choice Apple Pie No sugar

Youth Luncheon Guest Meal Choice Club Sandwich - \$15 Amount \$
Guest Desert Choice Apple Pie No sugar

May 5th - Member Meal Choice Chicken in Pastry - \$27 Vegetable Lasagna - \$27 Amount \$
Member Desert Choice Pecan Pie No sugar

Saturday Banquet Guest Meal Choice Chicken in Pastry - \$27 Vegetable Lasagna - \$27 Amount \$
Guest Desert Choice Pecan Pie No sugar

Registration Fee - **SAR Members Only** - \$10.00 \$

Total \$

SAR Member will: Pay at Registration - **OR** - Mail Check in Advance

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE April 28, 2012

Meal changes / cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to BOM.

If you 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.

Make your check payable to "Treasurer FLSSAR". If mailing, send to:

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee

% Phillip H. Tarpley
4303 Via Del Villetti
Venice, FL 34293-7061

Phone: 941-497-2704
E-mail: mp18pht@gmail.com

TO GROW MEMBERSHIP OR NOT TO GROW MEMBERSHIP

That is the Question

Or An Important Tool help your chapter stay vital and alive!

The following is from your FLSSAR Membership Promotion & Retention Committee and the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee. This is our joint effort at asking all Florida Chapters to pay attention to the many avenues of recruitment. Recruitment is NOT a passive activity – we can't sit back and wait for prospective members to come knocking at our door and begging to be a member. Witness the report from a Regional Vice President at the 2012 FLSSAR Winter BOM meeting where no recruiting for years has left a chapter on the brink of dissolving.

This document has been reviewed, amended, and approved by: David Ramseur, FLSSAR President; Phillip Tarpley, FLSSAR Senior Vice President; Steven Williams, FLSSAR Secretary; and Lindsey Brock, NSSAR Registrar General and Past FLSSAR President. We recommend that every Chapter in Florida endorse, approve, and place into action these recommendations. There is nothing more important than growing our Society and Chapters.

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DAR Recognition Awards for New SAR members

With every chapter in Florida needing to add new members just to stay the same size from one year to the next, may we please suggest that all chapters look at the following as one avenue that may help add new SAR Members for our Florida Society.

"You should be aware that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution awards \$500.00 each year to the DAR state society that has the most approved SAR application referrals within that year. In order for the Florida DAR 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 either the Florida website via the forms link (DAR500), or by going to the National website, <http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms>, then scroll down to open either the pdf or doc "DAR Finder Form" file." (Reprinted from the Florida Patriot, Fall 2011)

We suggest that every chapter adopt some form of the following and advertise it heavily with every DAR Chapter in your area.

The Chapter will honor any individual DAR member with:

- The Medal of Appreciation and certificate, if she refers two (2) new member applicants to our chapter, over time with the new members being approved and inducted into the chapter.
- The Martha Washington Medal and certificate, if she refers a total of four (4) new member applicants to our chapter, over time with the new members being approved and inducted into the chapter. This would be two more after receiving the Medal of Appreciation.
- The Daughters of Liberty Medal and certificate, if she refers six (6) new member applicants to our chapter, over time with the new members being approved and inducted into the chapter. This would be two more after receiving the Martha Washington Medal.

Then, after a total of six (6) new members, the DAR member will receive a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for every two (2) new members.

Another variation of the above is based on "Referrals" only. The "Referrals" do NOT have to become members for the medals to be awarded. The Medal of Appreciation is awarded after three (3) referrals, the Martha Washington Medal is awarded

after five (5) referrals, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal is awarded after ten (10) referrals. Those using this variation feel that only judging the merit of the DAR recruiting efforts on just those approved isn't the best incentive for the DAR Daughters. We need the DAR members beating the bushes to get crowds coming to work on applications. In some cases it has taken 2 years to get the application

ready for submission. There has to be a more immediate 'pay-back' for the Daughter to become actively involved.

The Chapter should strive to make these awards at a luncheon that is jointly held with DAR Chapter(s). If there is not a jointly held luncheon currently, may we suggest that you start one. Good choices might be the Flag Day Luncheon, the Constitution Day Luncheon, the George Washington Birthday Luncheon, or a joint Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Chapter Officers need to be aware how these medals are treated under the current FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund Reimbursement Instructions and Guidelines. Per Item B: Authorized reimbursement to chapters: Item Number 4: Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and two meals per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Put another way, the chapter in making these awards to DAR members, is eligible to be reimbursed up to 100% of the chapter's cost as outlined above. This is a win – win for everyone. The chapter gains new members and the DAR member is awarded for their efforts, all at little to no cost for the chapter.

To those that may say that these medals are of much to great importance to be given away so easily, I would ask the following: **When was the last time a DAR member brought in**

two, four, or six new members?

As Kevin Yarnell pointed out last year at this time, the historical record has been that of Dropping around 200 members each year and getting around 200 new members for a stagnant growth. It seems that we'll never break the 2000 member barrier. Not to steal anything from the Member Promotion and Retention Committee, but our state society should not accept as a tradition that of dropping 200 members each year. This year we have a chapter of 53 members (before November 1st) which dropped 31 members – 58% of their members. And we have a chapter of 22 members who retained every single member. The average number of Drops per chapter is 6 members for 33 chapters.

What are the causes of this consistent rate of Drops? Some chapters may have unique situations that cause members to Drop and would require the chapter leadership to vigorously explore ways of mitigating those causes. Is it:

1. Dues are hard to come by during the holiday season (November to December)? Have you tried sending your dues notices out on September 1 to allow members to save up to pay?
2. Is the member not active and therefore has no sense of 'ownership' in the chapter? Thus, it's easy for him to Drop – there's no vested interest in the chapter.
3. Are the dropping members out of area/state members and only connected to the chapter because their father/grandfather/mother got them into the SAR?"
4. Does your chapter recognize its workers by awarding Certificate and Medal Awards?
5. Do your luncheon or dinner meetings suggest wearing a class B uniform or Revolutionary War uniform so medals can be displayed?
6. Did you ever notice that the most successful chapters have the most expensive chapter dues (\$30 or more)?
7. Is your Chapter making awards? If a chapter makes awards, then gets publicity for the award, then more prospective members become aware of their chapter. The more members the chapter can attract, then the more dues they can collect and the more awards they can make. The chapter's life blood is its members, and getting more members. More awards equals more publicity equals more members, and more member's means the chapter has more workers to make more awards, and back thru the circle we go.

Now, do we propose giving away medals or do we just go along with stagnant growth? We refuse to discuss the worst possibility of ceasing to exist.

You can read about the medals we have listed in *The SAR Handbook Volume 3*.



Flagler Compa- triot, World War 2 Vet, Honored

Twenty-one year old Walter W Moore, enlisted in the Army Air Corp in February 1943 and served until November, 1945. After getting his wings in May 1944, he was assigned to the 487th Bomb Group of the Mighty

Eighth Air Force in England. He flew 30 ½ missions over Nazi Germany. The target on his 31st mission was an oil refinery at Ruhland, Germany. (Nine minutes from the Russian line). Thirty minutes off the target the number two engine of his B-17 was hit and set afire by flak (Anti-aircraft fire) near Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. After parachuting out of their plane, his crew was captured and transported by train across Germany to Stalag V-A in Ludwigshafen near the French border. Shortly thereafter, the bloom of allied artillery could be seen on the skyline. The camp had about 1000 prisoners consisting of Americans, English, Indians and Russians. The entire camp was put on a march to postpone their ultimate liberation. Weeks later, the prisoners still on the march, were liberated by General George Patton's Third Army.

Walter received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the ETO Ribbon (Eastern Theatre of Operations) with one campaign star, the Ex-POW Medal and the Victory Medal. He also is a member of the Caterpillar Club. (Members have parachuted out of a disabled plane). The Veteran's Administration has declared Walter to be totally and permanently disabled. He recalls that his biggest thrill was returning to America via the Statute of Liberty. "There were three fire boats streaming water toward our boat with bunches of pretty girls cheering us. There were about 3000 Ex-POWS on board but not one dry eye. We were so very proud of our country and of being Americans". In addition to the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate, Compatriot Moore received a special Certificate of Patriotism from the National Society of the S.A.R. for his WWII service.



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Veterans Battalion Survey

Are you a veteran, as defined in the footnote below?¹ If so, complete this survey.

1. Full Name _____

2. Address _____

3. NSSAR# _____ 4. FLSSAR# _____ 5. Phone# _____

6. Branch of Service during your active duty. _____

7. Rank held upon discharge. _____

8. Active Duty entrance place and date. _____

9. Discharge place and date. _____

10. While on active duty, did you serve in combat? _____. If so, during what war or wars? _____

9. Are you a member of a veteran organization and/or military society? If so, list which one/ones; if not write no. _____

Chapter President's Endorsement: *I certify the above information is correct.*

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Chapter: _____

To register this survey in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and receive a certificate of Military Service, send this completed form to Chuck Sweeney, Adjutant, FLSSAR Veterans Battalion at 7007 Greentree Dr; Naples, FL 34108-7527. Or email it to chuck_sweeney@msn.com. (Note an underscore connects Chuck and Sweeney, i.e., chuck_sweeney.) Ensure Chapter President's Endorsement is executed.

¹ You are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces if you have engaged in active duty with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; or you were a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes. You are a veteran if you were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies. You are a veteran if you served in any one of the aforementioned categories, and then you were released from active duty under a condition other than dishonorable.



February Meeting of the Saramana Chapter as described in their Chapter News report. Shown here are (clockwise from below) The head table, Color Guard escorts with Color Guard receiving line (2 pictures), Color Guard being presented to attendees, and two party crashers. Photos by Nick Catsakis



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The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17, 1775 by John Trumbull (1756 - 1843)

