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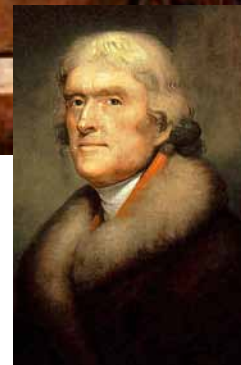
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Scenes from Constitutional Congress as imagined by painters; from bottom left, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and John Rutledge.

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(Top) Ramsour's Mill Color Guard at Lincolnton, NC on Saturday June 23, 2012. The musket bearers fired three rounds each in recognition of our victory of defeating 1,400 Loyalist and Tories forces by 450 Patriots which helped to reduce the number of Ferguson's soldiers at King's Mountain on Oct 7, 1780 - a great turning point in the Rev. War. Compatriot David Ramseur is 3rd from right.

(Bottom) The St. Lucie River Color Guard presenting the Colors at a Minor League game.



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Pictures from the Summer BOM Friday Banquet and business meeting. Photos taken by Chuck Sweeney (4) and Steve Williams (1).

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John Trumbell's painting depicting the surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates at Saratoga, New York.

The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c)3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend

** the institutions of American freedom*

** an appreciation for true patriotism*

** a respect for our national symbols*

** the value of American citizenship*

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

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

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From the President's Quill



Compatriots,
As we head into a very important Presidential election, where press 'gotcha' cameras will be plentiful, I remind you of our limitations under NSSAR & FLSSAR Corporation. Inc. a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) Organization. As a member of NSSAR while in uniform at political campaigns events, can you identify yourself as an SAR member by membership badge, name badge, or signs? Can we attend Tea Party or similar organizations' events supporting or

protesting issues of public policy or violations of the Constitution by the government?

We as Members of SAR have a absolute duty under our Congressional Charter to support and defend the Constitution. We (FLSSAR) now joined by several other states are defending the Constitution with our Writ of Habeas Corpus Resolution. We are not alone as other organizations have filed law suits and 28 Congressmen cosponsored a Bill to void the language and protect the Constitution. A case is in court and a Judge has agreed to put a stay execution on the section we consider unconstitutional.

I offer this advisory opinion from PG Carl Hoffmann FLSSAR Chancellor: "As a four year Chancellor General, I had reason to research the issue. My research showed the IRS only has authority to cancel the exemption if the org has supported a candidate for public office. It does not apply when an organization debates public policy issues or takes a position on pending legislation."

We celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the signing our Constitution September 14-15, 2012

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter PASSAR is hosting the event at Constitution Hall in Philadelphia, PA

The Constitution of the United States Preamble⁷

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

(The following is an examination by Compatriot Dr. Matt Hogendobler VASSAR of each phrase in the Preamble, explained for today's audience.⁸⁾

We [all citizens] the People of the United States (from elite to common, all citizens are credited with creating the document crafted by its framers into its final form by the best authorities who were members of the "Committee of Stile and Arrangement," and is therefore the result of all the People and not something handed down to them by a God or a King), in Order to form a more perfect Union (the "Articles of the Confederation and Perpetual Union" had become outdated in only a decade, mainly because, as George Washington so economically described as "no money," so the framers set out to make its principles more perfect; more relevant – "Not perfect, but more perfect."), establish Justice (The framers clearly addressed this issue in response to oppressions they suffered themselves. "Injustice, unfairness of laws and in trade, was of great concern

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EDITOR'S CUT

For a re-cap on on how you get your issues of *The Florida Patriot* magazine delivered to you: (1) You have to be on the mailing list by being a member or by virtue of a subscription, (2) You have an e-mail address by which you will be sent the link to the issue. For Florida members, both of these methods require that

you be a member in good standing, i.e., be up-to-date in your dues. If you are reinstating, you will be added to either list when *National* confirms your membership. This is especially important to understand if you are reinstating after November 1st. National requires reinstatements to wait until March to be submitted and those transactions will be completed *after* National has reconciled all Annual Reports from the state societies. The last two years that hasn't been until May and June. So any issues of the *SAR Magazine* and *The Florida Patriot* in that time frame will not be delivered because you aren't a member - yet.

I'm including a Reader Survey form for you to complete and mail back to me. You can tear the page out or copy it on your printer. OR go to <http://flssar.org/Docs/Forms/ReaderSurvey-non->

fillable.pdf to get the form for printing and mailing.

I look forward to getting Chapter News from every chapter. It doesn't have to be a long description of every activity. In fact, space limitations can't accommodate chapters submitting long lists of activities. In every issue each chapter can submit something that they want others to know about - their successes, or want to crow a bit about an activity, or talk about what the chapter is planning on accomplishing in the next month or year. This is especially pertinent during the summer months when most chapters are in hiatus. Send your plans for the coming year listing the events you will be participating in: parades, Liberty Tree designations, special meetings, etc.

Steven Williams

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

NEW CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Some may ask why we need to think about starting new chapters when others already exist. Depending on where you live, there are people willing to drive the distance to attend a chapter meeting or civil organization because of the fellowship they have with other members. While there are others that prefer to not drive to anything beyond a five mile radius of their home. Regardless, the life blood of the Florida Society SAR is “growth” both in the areas of recruiting new members for existing chapters as well as recruiting new members to the point that a new chapter needs to be established. Secondly, it is very important to retain existing members and to reinstate members that dropped out of the SAR for many reasons.

As it is our duty and responsibility to accomplish the growth potential as described herein. We can best accomplish this by having more men become active in their communities through additional Sons of the American Revolution chapters. The results of this endeavor are as follows: (a) additional membership for the organization, (b) a deeper leadership pool to draw upon for committees and officers at both the chapter and state level, (c) an expanded color guard to promote and participate at local activities, (d) reach more youth and get them interested in the history of their country, (e) broaden the study of genealogy, (f) fulfill the obligation to remember our forefathers both as individuals and beliefs, and (g) further promote the principles that the United States of America was founded upon.

So, you may think how we get start. First, you get the word out either by talking one on one to people, advertise for prospective members in other similar organizations, advertise in the local paper, electronic bulletin boards, or other electronic mediums. The DAR and CAR are also sources to recruit and to find out if they know of someone who may want to join. Lastly, a letter or email campaign that has wording similar to the following: *The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is beginning the process of*

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forming an SAR chapter in the _____ County, Florida area. To reach as many possible prospective members as possible, the Florida Society is asking for your assistance in this endeavor. Please return the enclosed post card with the names of two or more men (husbands, brothers, sons or friends) whom you think would be eligible to join the SAR. It is anticipated that these prospective members will join the proposed _____ Chapter but they will be given the opportunity to join any SAR Chapter. Thank you for support in this effort.

Once the effort to start a new chapter is becoming a reality, the next step is to establish the number of people that are new members and SAR existing members that are willing to commit their time and energy to the new chapter. The biggest task of a new chapter is to get individuals to take a bigger leap in the roles of leadership as either chapter officers or committee chairmen. Each of these individuals will be tasked with the job of creating enthusiasm and putting forth the effort to make sure the chapter comes into existence and to strive to make sure that it succeeds in its efforts to recruit more new members as well as continue to retain their membership throughout the lifetime of the chapter.

If you are interested in starting a new chapter in your area, there needs to be at least ten (10) members consisting of existing SAR members and potential new members. All new members usually have submitted their paperwork for SAR membership ahead of time so that everyone is a member of the NSSAR and FLSSAR at the time that the chapter is chartered.

The harder job is getting volunteers who are willing to take on the role of officers and committee chairmen in a new chapter. If this sounds interesting to you and you are aware of an area in the State of Florida in which a new chapter could be established, the FLSSAR would like to hear from you. For more information or inquiries about the subject of New Chapter Development, contact Jeff Sizemore at swampfoxsar@gmail.com. He and other committee members are available.

Jeff Sizemore, New Chapter Development Committee Chair

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@cf.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.



The Bill of Rights

Exploring the history behind the 4th Amendment

The Fourth Amendment emerged not only from the American Revolution but it was a constitutional embodiment of the extraordinary coupling of the Magna Carta to the appealing fiction that “a man’s home is his castle.” That is, the amendment resulted from embellishment on the insistence, which was rhetorically compelling, though historically without foundation, that government cannot encroach on the private premises of the individual subject. What also mattered was not what the Magna Carta actually said but what people thought it said or, rather, what it had come to mean. Legal scholars and judges in England beginning with Robert Beale, Clerk of the Privy Council in 1589 and including Sir Edward Coke, Sir Matthew Hale, Sir William Blackstone, and Sarjant-at-law William Hawkins invented the rhetorical tradition that the prohibition against general searches was part of Chapter 39 in the Magna Carta. In fact, no such language existed.

Oddly enough, the ideas comprising the Fourth Amendment reversed rather than formalized colonial precedents. Reasonable search and seizure in colonial America closely approximated whatever the searcher thought reasonable. Probable cause in the modern sense did not exist; not even a reasonable basis for suspicion existed. In 1756, however, the province of Massachusetts enacted extraordinary legislation that reversed the tide of practice by abandoning general warrants in favor of warrants founded on some elements of particularity. The legislation of 1756 marked a watershed in Massa-

chusetts law, indeed in Anglo-American law. This legislation set Massachusetts in direct conflict with established British laws which permitted the British Governor to issue general warrants allowing the invading of homes, taverns, inns for impressments of able-bodied men into the Royal Navy. The British excise and impost acts also were at odds with the Massachusetts legislation. Writs of assistance, a type of general warrant, gave crown officials the right to command the assistance of all British subjects in the execution of the writ. An act of 1662 gave the Court of Exchequer ability to issue a writ to customs officials that empowered them to enter any House, Shop, cellar, warehouse or room or other place and in case of resistance to break open doors, trunks, and other packages, there to seize any uncustomed goods. This writ lasted the lifetime of the sovereign.

A peculiar case in 1763 enflamed colonial passions against the British government and the writs being issued. It was the case of John Wilkes, the writer of the journal North Britain, which contained his insults of the king’s speech in that year. The massive reaction of the

Our opinions on what the amendments mean are not founded in legal terms but in emotional terms.

government to Wilke’s writings began with one of the secretaries of state issuing general search warrants for the arrest of everyone connected with North Britain. They ransacked printer’s shops and houses, and arrested 49 persons including Wilkes, a member of Parliament, his printer, publisher, and booksellers. Tried and convicted of seditious libel, Wilkes filed suit against everyone, from flunky to minister connected with his case. In the colonies, “Wilkes and Liberty” became a slogan that patriots exploited in the service of American Causes. The Fourth Amendment as well as the First and Fifth, owes something to the Wilkes cases which filled columns of American newspapers from Boston to

Charleston. Americans were practiced in making a highly selective use of authorities (and still are) and other sources that suited their needs. In Britain, Englishmen often spoke thunderously but thrashed about with a frail stick; in America they threw the stick away, contenting themselves with the thunder.

The adoption of the language for the Fourth Amendment as recommended to the House by a special committee of three, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” The changes that seem to have been sneaked in from the first draft did more than eliminate a double negative; and the entire provision was split into two parts separated by a semi-colon. The first part fixed the right of the people and laid down the standard against unreasonable searches and seizures. The second part required probable cause for the issue of a specific warrant.

The Amendment constituted a swift liberalization of the law of search and seizure. Its language was the broadest known at the time. It provided no remedy, however, for an illegal search or seizure or for the introduction in evidence of illegally seized items. It contained principles that were as vague as they might be comprehensive; ‘Probable’ and ‘unreasonable,’ that matter even if judicially determined, remained uncertain in meaning, and Congress made no provision for the liability, civil or criminal, of federal officers who violated the amendment. Moreover, no exclusionary rule existed. Consequently, the right of privacy created by the amendment, though better secured by the fundamental law in comparison to previous practices and standards, depended on Congressional and judicial adherence to the spirit of the amendment. In effect, the meaning of the right to privacy depended then, as now, upon the interpretation of the ‘probable cause’ that justified a specific warrant and, above all, on the reasonableness of searches and seizures.

Quotes taken from *Origins of the Bill of Rights* by Leonard W Levy.



HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Ben DuBose

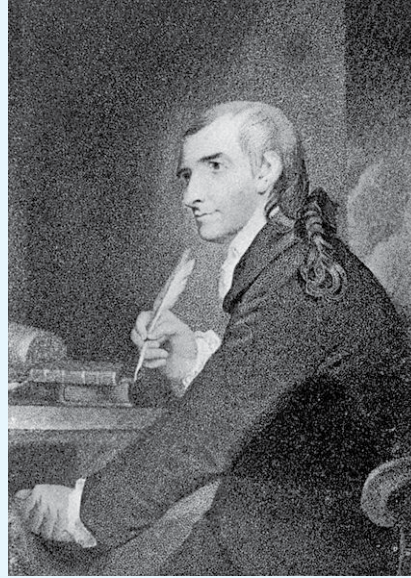
FRANCIS HOPKINSON

(3rd September 1738 -9th May, 1791)

Not every Patriot shouldered a gun in our fight for Liberty, many fought in different ways and they included; farmers who fed our troops, and educators and politicians who spoke out against the King's rule. One such patriot was Francis Hopkinson, a scholar of keen wit, a sharp pen and a passion for freedom.

Hopkins was born in the City of Philadelphia to Thomas Hopkinson and Mary Johnson, a refined and respected couple of the day. His father was a local politician, a teacher, a scientist, and a friend of Benjamin Franklin. He is attributed with the first experiment of attracting the electric fluid, by means of a pointed instrument, instead of a blunt one. He had the pleasure of first exhibiting this experiment to Dr. Franklin. Its practical importance consisted in preventing the severe explosion, which always took place in the passage of the electric fluid, upon a blunted instrument.

His mother discovered indications of genius in her son, which was a subject in her memoir, and she resolved to make every sacrifice, and every effort



in her power, to give him the advantages of a superior education. Her efforts were crowned with singular success when she lived to see him in the first graduating class from the College of Philadelphia, and to become a distinguished lawyer. In the mid-1760s he went to England to live with his mother's uncle, the Bishop of Worcester, to expand his knowledge.

When he returned a few years later he married Ann Borden, the accomplished daughter of a wealthy gentleman who founded Bordentown, New Jersey. By then his country was in turmoil with the

approaching Revolution and he became active through the expression of a powerful pen. His first publication was a small pamphlet titled, "A Pretty Story", concerning the overbearing relationship that existed between Great Britain and the colonies. It was very well received by the public and is today considered a key piece of literature that spurred the Revolution.

When the colonies had drawn their sword and cast away the scabbard, Francis Hopkins was chosen a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and later was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This led to his commission to Judge of Admiralty for Pennsylvania. He fought hard for the ratification of our Constitution and in 1790 President Washington appointed him a federal judge.

One year later, he was smitten with epilepsy and died at 52 years of age.

Mr. Hopkinson's genius was said to be very versatile and included music, mathematics, and chemistry and as a satirical writer he had few peers. His works, arranged by himself, were published in three volumes after his death and are exceedingly rare.



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

Aaron Snowden Chapter



DAR member Janice Malone wrote a skit to commemorate

George Washington's birthday that will be entered in National DAR competition. This skit with SAR chapter members as participants, was presented at our March meeting. It was well received and most informative. She was presented a nice certificate.

Lots of hard work by Compatriot Lonnie Jones resulted in 7 new member applications approved by National for the quarter: James Gazaway, Gavin Grove, Joshua Grove, John Grove, Bert Outlaw, Gary Riley, and Philip Riley.

JROTC awards were presented at the 4 high schools in the county. Good Citizenship Certificates totaling 150 were filled in for presentation at Elementary, Middle, and Intermediate schools in the county.

SAR certification for new Eagle Scout Tanner John Hickman was presented at an Eagle Scout ceremony by Ned France. Chapter meeting presentations for the quarter have included "Flags of the Revolution", and "Washington Crossing the Delaware". The chapter had lost some members during the year, but have worked hard to build back. We are encouraged and look forward to a good year.

Brevard Chapter

The Brevard chapter has had a very successful year in adding new members - 20 to date. A great many of these were referrals from our DAR chapters in Brevard County.



Our Color Guard participated in several activities: Memorial Day parades, Flag Day, Independence Day Parades, and the first annual Honor America Annual Ball. The

and Chaired the Joseph P. Rumbaugh Ora-

REFLECTIONS OF TIME



On May 28th, a community Memorial Service was held at the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens in Fort Myers, Florida in remembrance of all the veterans who have served their Country. The General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard were an instrumental part of the ceremony. The photograph furnished by the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens shows a reflection of the Color Guard in the polished marble monument as a speaker is at the podium. The reflection brought about the feeling that our patriot ancestors approved of this kind of service going on all across this great Country.

summer hiatus didn't slow down the dedicated Color Guardsmen.

We will be changing our meeting venue after many years at The Tides restaurant on Patrick Air Force Base. The new food service provider, Aramark, raised the luncheon costs to well over what our membership is willing to pay for a lunch. Therefore, we will be moving our meetings to the International Palms Resort in Cocoa Beach.

Caloosa Chapter

Caloosa Chapter President Installed as Chaplain General of NSSAR

During the 122nd Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution held in Phoenix, Arizona on July 7th to the 12th, the Caloosa Chapter President Rev. Dr. Randy D. Moody was installed as Chaplain General of the NS-SAR.



Besides his Contributions to the Caloosa Chapter as President and Commander of the General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard, he has served the Florida Society as State Chaplain

and Chaired the Joseph P. Rumbaugh Ora-

tions Contest in the State of Florida. At the National Congress, he was presented with the Liberty Medal and received on behalf of the Caloosa Chapter the Partners in Patriotism Award.

At the George Washington Fellows Luncheon Rev. Dr. Moody's lady, Lee Moody was made a fellow of that group.

Dr. Moody has brought great honor to the Caloosa Chapter, the Florida Society of Sons of the American Revolution, as well as the National Society.

Clearwater Chapter

With the summer months winding down and the cooler months of Fall fast approaching the Clearwater Chapter will start their monthly meetings in September and continue through next May. But the Chapter has had lots of activity over the summer.

Compatriot Parks Honywell received recognition for his excellent record in



recruitment of new members. He will be presented 2 Oak Leaf Clusters for his Liberty Medal at the October meeting. Since July 2011 to July 2012, Parks has 20 completed applications for membership.

Two of the new members that will be welcomed into the SAR are William Guy and Robert Rogers. Clearwater Chapter President Dan Hooper will lead a formal induction at the next chapter meeting.



The biggest news of the summer was that of Compatriot Nelson Jantzen

retiring as West Central Regional Vice President. After 10 years of service Nelson is stepping down to spend more time with his wife Irene and his other passion, traveling. Nelson says that he will continue to be very active and keep the other positions that he holds.

Clearwater Chapter President Dan Hooper was elected to replace Compatriot Nelson Jantzen as the new Regional Vice President of the West Central Region. He was installed at the summer BOM in Kissimmee, FL. in July.

Flagler Chapter

The Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution annually presents a Good Citizenship Award to outstanding eight grade students who will be graduating from middle school and in the fall entering one of the County's High Schools. These students are selected by their teachers and principals for their noteworthy achievements in their school, community and state.



Pictured (left) receiving the award at Indian Trails Middle School were Anthony Delgado and Payton

Tucker. Mr. Raymond Thompson conducted the presentation on behalf of the S.A.R., which was shown on the school's closed circuit Television.

Other awards were presented to Daniel Calderon and Chandler McDevitt at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's; Kedron Abbott and Shana Wolf at Imagine School at Town Center and Cody Roberts and Zoe Greenwald at the Buddy

Taylor Middle School.



Compatriots Jack Fields, Ron Stark, Ted St. Pierre, Bill Creager,

Rick Look and Ray Thompson attended the Memorial Day Tribute ceremonies on Monday May 28, 2012 in Palm Coast, where the Chapter members conducted a Memorial Wreath Ceremony in honor of and as a special thanks to our Armed Forces who served and those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

Ft. Lauderdale

In October 2011, I was asked to assist with an applicant who lives in Queensland, Australia, who was referred to me by the former officers of the International Society. His application and the process of getting it approved would prove to be one of the most unique I have ever encountered.

Peter William Morish of Australia is an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran. In the mid 1980's, he discovered that his biological father was a U.S. Navy serviceman who had been stationed in Australia during World War II. As his biological father had died in El Dorado, Kansas in 1956, he corresponded with his late father's brother and sister and visited the area.

After further research, he discovered that his biological father, Ralph Russell Lewis, was a direct descendant of Fielding Lewis Sr. and Betty Washington, the sister of General George Washington. As Fielding Lewis, Sr. is a recognized Revolutionary War patriot, he was eligible to join the Sons of the American Revolution.

The documentation for Mr. Morish's application was extensive and included a Y-DNA test that confirmed that he was a Lewis descendant on his father's side. The DNA test as well as other family documentation was used to genealogically substantiate the link between the applicant and his father.



Mr. Morish's application was approved in June 2012 and we are delighted to have him as a new member. He recently filed a supplemental application for Captain Robert Pollard of the Culpeper Minutemen

Battalion.

Submitted by: Ted Duay

Gainesville Chapter

Our May 15th Dinner Meeting had as our speaker Ed Van Buren, Vice Commander, the American Legion Haisley Post 16 who talked about the Fisher House and other veteran topics. Ed reported that there is a large veteran community in Gainesville, which includes over 900 members.

The Gainesville Chapter has not been meeting for the June through August summer months and will begin our activities in September; however, we are still active in participating in numerous Naturalization ceremonies over the last several months and have another one scheduled for August 16th.



Our president had contacted the Habitat For Humanity and has presented flags and mounting

hardware along with the SAR Flag Handbook and the "Our Flag" booklet published by the US Government to two new homeowners on July 19th and August 2nd. I felt it was well received by the homeowners and Habitat and supporting groups.

The Gainesville Chapter now has a total of 75 members composed of 66 SAR members, 1 Memorial Member, 7 Junior Members and 1 Associate Member.

Lake-Sumter Chapter

The Lake-Sumter Chapter completed the 2011-2012 year with our May 12th meeting (delayed one week due to BOM scheduling conflict) voted on the nominated officers for the 2012-2013 year and the new elected Officers are:

- Scott Bushnell - President
- Tom Mysinger - 1st Vice President
- Michael Dick - 2nd Vice President
- George Chaffee - Secretary
- Glenn Langston - Treasurer

In addition the following were appointed by the new president and approved by the Executive Committee at the June 5th Executive Board meeting :

- Ralph Nelson - Registrar/Genealogist
- King Forry - Member-at-Large
- Bill Piper - Member-at-Large
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Open

During this reporting period Lake-Sumter Chapter presented 3 Eagle Scout Awards to Troop 250 Leesburg. Ralph Nelson gave

a talk to the Eustis Historical Society on the History of the SAR.

President Scott Bushnell, Bill Piper and Frank Nolte participated in the Clermont Memorial Day Ceremonies and President Bushnell gave a speech on the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Officer Eugene Howard of the Fruitland Park Police Department was acknowledged for four lifesaving incidents. He was accompanied by his wife and the Police Chief and wife.

Nine flag certificates were awarded this year.

The Chapter also placed American Flags at the Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg in preparation for the Memorial Day Services.

Bill Piper, Bob Moody and George Chaffee participated in the Tavares July 4th parade. Bill Piper also participated in 4th of July ceremonies in The Villages. Bill was interviewed by VNN TV (Villages News Network Television).

Chapter has 67 members with 6 additional prospective members in the process.

Our next scheduled meeting is October 5, 2012 and our scheduled speaker is Mr. Sam Waltz -- author and business consultant -- on Lincoln on Leadership: How Lincoln's values shaped his performance as Civil War President



At left is Outgoing President Steve Offutt is presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Piper for his services to the chapter and community.

Naples Chapter



The 4th of July Parade in Naples has been a tradition for many years. The route of the parade has been fixed for the past several years, beginning in "Old Naples," and continues to 5th Avenue South, the heart of Naples' restaurant and shopping scene. Residents and tourists begin staking out their favorite viewing

spots early in the morning on the 4th.

The Naples Chapter has participated in the parade for a number of years. Because of the expected high temperatures which traditionally accompany the 4th of July, Naples Chapter members have chosen to ride in a car, rather than walk and suffer from possible heat exhaustion. Phil Ballou, a member of the World War II, FLSSAR Veterans Brigade, and past president of the Naples Chapter has conscripted his wife, Mim's, vintage 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible for the event. Veteran parade attendees are always on the "look-out," for that "fabulous vintage red Cadillac." Participants in the parade this year were Compatriots Phil Ballou, Don Cahill, John McCullough, Larry Fehrenbaker and Harris Tucker. The car following "Mim's 76," contained members of the Big Cypress Chapter of the DAR. It is always gratifying to see youngsters, adults and veterans, stand at attention and salute the car as we pass by. Bystanders are frequently heard shouting, "Thank you," and "Never forget." May we never forget the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors by participating in community events.

Saramana Chapter

Veteran's Affairs

Harold Crapo, SWR Veterans Affairs Chair, addressed the Sarasota County Veterans' Council and Congressman Buchanan. He talked about the proposed plans to use the Military Veterans Medical Care System funds to reduce the Federal budget deficit, which will negatively impact veterans' families.

The chapter Wounded Warrior Program was videotaped and aired by ABC on their newscasts.

Memorial Day

14 uniformed Color Guardsmen were in the Sarasota County Memorial Day Parade.

Flag Day

Saramana Chapter had 4 Color Guardsmen and a pianist for the joint SAR/DAR Flag Day luncheon on 16 June.

JROTC Awards

16 JROTC Awards were presented in Manatee, Hardee and Sarasota Counties. The Best of the Best Award 1st Place Scholarship (\$600) went to an Air Force JROTC student from Hardee High School, who also won 2nd place at the Florida State level.

National Cemetery

We received two American Burial Flags for honoring Military Veterans buried without family members present. Compatriot CPO/AGC Harold Crapo III is having our flag flown at Norfolk Naval Base to honor deceased sailors from WWII.

Firemen/EMT

Certificates and Medals were presented during to four Firemen/EMT's. They represented North Port, Venice, Sarasota and Bradenton.

Law Enforcement

Certificates and Medals were presented to members of the Law Enforcement Departments of North Port, Sarasota, Venice, Bradenton, Palmetto and Longboat Key. Compatriot Phil Tarpley was given the Certificate of Commendation and SAR Medal, for service while on duty in the Metro Washington D.C. PD.

Habitat for Humanity

Twelve (12) 3 x 5 American flags were installed in the Habitat for Humanity Community of Jordan Crossing.

Saramana Emissary to Europe

President Charles W. Riegler attended the SAR Germany trip in April to honor the Zweibrücken Regiments, which served under Gen. Rochambeau. He also attended graduation day for Boy Scout Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island and presented 2 scout knives to Junior Members Coleman W. Riegler and Evan C. Riegler.

C.A.R. Canoe Outing

For the second year, Compatriot Allen Hegener hosted the ChiChi-Okobe C.A.R Society on a daytime canoe outing, followed by refreshments.

St. Augustine Chapter

Nine students at Hartley Elementary School in St. Augustine were recently recognized as Good Citizens by a national organization.



THE BEDFORD FLAG

HISTORY OF COLONIAL FLAGS

THE BEDFORD FLAG

The Bedford Flag is the oldest complete military flag known to exist in the United States. It was made for a cavalry troop of the Massachusetts Bay militia early in the colonial struggle for the continent that we now call “the French and Indian Wars (1689-1763).”

It is best known as the flag carried by Bedford Minuteman Nathaniel Page to the Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775 - which marked the beginning of the American Revolution.

The original flag is a piece of crimson silk damask measuring about 27” long by 29” wide. This small square shape clearly proves that it was a cavalry flag. The emblem consists of an armored arm emerging

By Ben DuBose

from clouds and grasping a sword. Three cannonballs hang in the air. Encircling the arm is a gold ribbon on which the Latin words “VINCE AUT MORIRE” (CONQUER OR DIE) are painted. On the reverse of the flag, the design is slightly different: the sword extends in front of the ribbon instead of behind; it is held left-handed; and the motto is read from bottom to top instead of top to bottom.

Sources:

History of The United States Flags by Quaipe,
Flags of American History by Crouthers.

Flags of America, by Hooper
Plus various other references, including talks and newspaper articles by the author in the 1980s were used for this article.



PATRIOT ANCESTOR OF ALBERT E MYERS

George Michael Breiner served in the Flying Camp of the Continental Line. He was at the 1779 battles at Fort Washington near New York City and at Stony Point. There is a family story that he was wounded in his hand during the latter battle. George arrived at Philadelphia and took the usual oaths there Oct. 23, 1752.

He was a taxable in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA in 1756. He was a tailor and farmer. He was naturalized Oct. 3, 1765 in Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA, and took the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance and Fidelity to Pennsylvania March 28, 1778. He crossed the county line to serve

the Patriot cause, and is listed in the muster roll of the 2nd Battalion of Militia in Northampton Co. Aug. 6, 1776. He later served as a Militiaman, Third Co., 4th Battalion, Northampton Co. (PA) Militia.



as the disputes with the mother country worsened the colonists began to arm the local militia and form special Alarm Companies of Minutemen who could turn out, fully armed and equipped, at a moment’s notice. Uniforms do not seem to have been in evidence either at Lexington and Concord or Bunker Hill where, according to Lieutenant Clarke of the marines, both officers and men wore their own clothes, nor did he see ‘any colours to their regiments’. What little we know of the dress of the rebel militia suggests that they turned out in much the same way they would for hunting and shooting and sporting pictures of the

Source:
Uniforms of the American Revolution by John Mollo and Malcolm McGregor.

Can you guess who I grew up to be?

The Island of Nevis in the West Indies is where I was born. Unfortunately, I didn’t have a very happy childhood. My brother and I were abandoned by our father when I was eight and my mother died when I was eleven, leaving us homeless and penniless. Before she died, however, my mother had taught me the value of determination and perseverance. These traits, along with my education in commerce, law and politics, would serve me well after I came to America.

WHO AM I?

Answer: Alexander Hamilton



(l-r) Christopher Angland, Bryn Concha, Emily D'Avanzo, Julianna Guerra, Julian Horetos, Kendall King, Jacob May, Avery Michel and Claire Taylor were presented with Good Citizenship Certificates by the St. Augustine Chapter of the Sons of the

American Revolution (SAR). The presentations were made by Mr. William Roberts during the school's annual awards ceremony.

SAR Good Citizenship Certificates are presented to students who exhibit the qualities of dependability, leadership, patriotism and upright character in speech and habits; all of which are characteristics of traits that helped build the United States of America and exemplify the ideals of our founding fathers.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is a patriotic, historical, civic and educational society dedicated to the perpetuation of those ideals that established this great nation. The SAR was organized in 1889 and chartered by Congress in 1906. The national charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the SAR.

The St. Augustine Chapter SAR meets on the third Saturday, September through May, at 11:00 a.m. at the Le Pavillon in St. Augustine. Those interested in membership are invited to attend.

St. Lucie River Chapter

The Chapter celebrated the end of the year with the induction of two new members, Compatriot James Simpson and Compatriot Charles McKinley. Also the Color guard Commander Jay Wise presented to three guardsmen the SAR Bronze Color guard Medal, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Richard Pattison and Robert Eisenhardt.



The photos show from left to right Hall Riediger Registrar, James Simpson, Charles McKinley and Bob Donnahoo, St. Lucie President.



The second photo shows from left to right Jay Wise Color guard Commander, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Rich Pattison and Bob Eisenhardt.

The St. Lucie River Chapter on the 4th of July was invited for the third to present the colors at the baseball game at Digital Domain Stadium in Port St. Lucie. The color guard comprised of our Commander Jay Wise, and guardsmen Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Adam Whiting, Christian Whiting, Hall Riediger, and Rich Pattison presented the colors and then participated in a wonderful live ball game with Hot Dogs, nachos, and cold beer. Unfortunately the St. Lucie Mets lost to the Jupiter Hammerheads but a fine time was had by all.



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St. Petersburg Chapter

On August 18th, the officers and directors attended a planning luncheon. Everything from dues to events to membership was discussed. One interesting idea for fundraising was to explore "heritage gifts" such as baby cups and recognition rings for our descendants. It may be that we can participate in the revenue raised by such an item. Compatriot Barkley will vet this idea with the powers that be and report back to the membership. St. Petersburg Chapter will be ready for the year's activates.

Withlacoochee Chapter

On July 25, 2012 First Vice President, Edward R. Gingrich and Compatriot Larry D. Sturgeon of the Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Inverness, Florida arrived for our Midyear visit to the Baldomero Lopez Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes, Florida.

Our Chapter donated 200 VHS movies and a sum of quarters for the Veterans daily bingo games. Accepting our donations was Joanne Burley the Nursing Home Activity Director.

Our visit included a meeting with, Joanne Burley, to discuss what the Chapter could do to assist the Veterans with their daily lives and activities. The discussion included a look at Wii games that would assist the Veterans with daily music, fitness and lifestyle. Ms. Burley stated that she would like to work with 1st Vice President Edward R. Gingrich in researching Wii activities for the Veterans. Our discussion also included a list of Veterans without Families for our yearly Christmas gifts and visit. A list is being prepared for the Chapter by Ms. Joanne Burley. (Veterans Home Report by Compatriot Larry D Sturgeon)

The July FLSSAR BOM



There were Seven Members of the Withlacoochee Chapter that attended the July 27, Board of Management Meeting of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution. A few could not stay for the entire business meeting but I felt our attendance was

outstanding.



Pensacola Chapter
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Memorial and Eternal Tribute

To a special force of thousands of Spanish, French, Irish and twenty-five American troops having laid siege to Fort George, led by General Bernardo de Galvez, and to all the patriots that through their service and support established the United States of America.



You ask, why the Minuteman?

*By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
 their Flag to April's breeze unfurled,
 here once embattled Farmers stood and fired
 the shot heard around the world ---- Ralph
 Waldo Emerson ----*

You ask, why Pensacola? The Battle of Pensacola March 9th – May 8th 1781 was the Longest Battle of the American Revolutionary War that resulted in a decisive victory over the occupying British, led by General

Bernardo De Galvez. This victory enabled resupply of Americans via Mississippi River and significantly delayed reinforcement of British at Yorktown and ultimately combined with the arrival of the French Fleet assured the defeat and surrender of General Cornwallis and the British, securing Our Nation's Independence.

dence.

The members and sponsors of this project are asking for your support for this significant patriotic and worthwhile project. A submission form is located and available for download at: www.flssar.org/Docs/Forms/Minuteman%20flyer-20Special%20Mailing.pdf and should be mailed to **Project Treasurer, FLSSAR Pensacola Rev War Veterans Memorial, 8939 Abbingdon Drive, Pensacola, FL 32534-5347**. Other inquiries send to rlantz@cox.net or call 850-475-8481. Contributions are tax deductible and contributors will receive an acknowledgement for their contribution. Surrounding the Minuteman statue base will be a paver walkway and wall faces consisting of memorial pavers. There are four (4) levels of individual/corporate memorial support as follows:

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to the people of 1787. People looked forward to a nation with a level playing field, where courts were established with uniformity and where trade within and outside the borders of the country would be fair and unmolested." Though even today discrimination exists, "only through great struggle can we say that every citizen has the opportunity for a fair trial and for equal treatment.") [In addition to empowering the SAR to action, the phrase referenced the Judicial Branch, which cannot create laws or permit the establishment of laws which contradict any part of the U.S. Constitution (ie. Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8.), just as it is not authorized to interpret a penalty as a tax, when the authority to levy taxes must originate in the Legislative Branch. See also Washington's injunction against the threat of branch abuse of authority.], insure domestic Tranquility (One of the events that caused the Convention to be held was the revolt of Massachusetts farmers known as Shays' Rebellion. The taking up of arms by war veterans revolting against the state government was a shock to the system. The keeping of the peace was on everyone's mind, and the maintenance of tranquility at home was a prime concern. The framers hoped that the new powers given the federal government would prevent any such rebellions in the future.), provide for the common defence (The new nation was fearful of attack from all sides — and no one state was really capable of fending off an attack from land or sea by itself... no one of the United States could go it alone. As today, they needed each other to survive in the harsh world of international 18th C. politics.) [Redress is required when the government determines the defenses will be reduced by a disproportionate amount in budget allocations. Precedent exists to determine the definition of "provision."], promote the general Welfare (This, and the next part of the Preamble, are the culmination of everything that came before it — the whole point of having tranquility, justice, and defense was to promote the general welfare — to allow every state and every citizen of those states to benefit from what the government could provide. The framers looked forward to the expansion of land holdings, industry, and investment, and they knew that

a strong national government would be the beginning of that. Important to note is the fact that "Welfare," as used in the Constitution, means "health, happiness, or prosperity; well-being." It is not in context to subjectively imply it meant any "organized efforts on the part of public or private organizations to benefit the poor, or simply public assistance." That is one of the more current definitions of the word outside of the document and was not envisioned nor incorporated when the document was adopted.), and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity ("Hand in hand with the general welfare, the framers looked forward to the blessings of liberty — something they had all fought hard for just a decade before. They were very concerned that they were creating a nation that would resemble something of a paradise for liberty, as opposed to the tyranny of a monarchy, where citizens could look forward to being free as opposed to looking out for the interests of a king. And more than for themselves, they wanted to be sure that the future generations of Americans would enjoy the same.") [This last statement provides the SAR with an empowering answer to the issue of relevance ("future generations of Americans would enjoy the same.")], do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

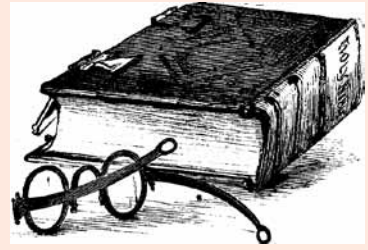
(This anti-climactic statement is important for four reasons: 1. It finishes the "We, the people" thought, saying what we the people are actually doing; 2. It gives a name for the document, and it restates the name of the nation adopting the Constitution; 3. The word "ordained" reminds us of the higher power involved — not just of a single person or of a king, but of the people themselves; and 4. That it is "established" reminds us that it replaces that which came before.)

Sources were provided but not included because of size for this report

7 - http://www.usconstitution.net/xconst_preamble.html
8 - http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_pre.html

Stand tall, go vote, spread the word of liberty and freedom our ancestors fought, suffered, and died to give to their children to live as free people. It is our duty to continue to defend this Constitution. Be safe and watch out for each other,

Phillip H. Tarpley
President



Book Notes

Learning to Eat Soup With a Knife—Counterinsurgency Lessons From Malaya and Vietnam by John A. Nagl

While this column is generally reserved for books dealing with the Colonial period leading up to and including the American Revolution, this is a chance to introduce a book that should be of significant interest to many of our compatriot veterans. As odd as the title sounds, the premise that Nagl projects throughout the book is a compelling indictment in how America struggles with waging these asymmetrical wars - wars that are no longer fought as we fought and won WW II.

John T. Reed, another West Point graduate and ex-Army officer reviews this book and gives his opinion on Nagl's conclusions. *"The book is excellent as far as it goes. I had not been aware of the British counterinsurgency efforts in Malaya from 1948 to 1960. According to Nagl, the problem was similar to Vietnam—Communist insurgents trying to take over the country. But the results were starkly different. The British won. We lost. The main point of the book is that the British way was generally correct and the American approach to Vietnam was generally incorrect. Furthermore, although a number of people have proclaimed that they have learned the lessons of Vietnam, Nagl argues persuasively that they haven't."*

He provides another quote that is to the point. *"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."*

However you may feel about the Vietnam War, get this book and read a military officer's opinion of what should have happened but didn't and what the non-monetary cost to us really was and still is.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR TIMELINE

- 1774 – Sept. 5-Oct. 26 The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia and issues Declaration and Resolves
 - Oct. 10 Battle of Point Pleasant, Virginia
- 1775 – Nov. 13 The patriots under Montgomery occupy Montreal in Canada
- 1776 – Sept. 15 The British occupy New York City
 - Sept. 16 Generals George Washington, Greene, and Putnam hold their ground at the Battle of Harlem Heights
 - Sept. 19 Col. Williamson's patriots attacked by Cherokees at Coweecho River, NC
 - Oct. 11 Benedict Arnold defeated at the Battle of Valcour Island, but delayed British advance
 - Oct. 28 The Americans retreat from White Plains, New York. British casualties (~300) higher than American (~200).
 - ov. 16 The Hessians capture Fort Washington, NY
 - Nov. 20 Lord Cornwallis captures Fort Lee from Nathanael Greene
- 1777 – Sept. 11 The British win the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania
 - Sept. 19 Burgoyne checked by Americans under Gates at Freeman's Farm, NY-part of the "Battles of Saratoga."
 - Sept. 21 Paoli Massacre, PA
 - Sept. 26 British under Howe occupy Philadelphia
 - Oct. 4 Americans driven off at the Battle of Germantown
 - Oct. 7 Burgoyne loses second battle of Freeman's Farm, NY (at Bemis Heights); surrenders to American General Gates Oct. 17
 - Nov. 16 British capture Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania
- 1779 – Sept. 23 John Paul Jones, aboard the Bonhomme Richard, captures British man-of-war Serapis near English coast
 - Sept. 28 The Tappan Massacre ("No Flint" Grey kills 30 Americans by bayonet)
 - Oct. 9 American attempt to recapture Savannah, GA fails
 - Nov.-June 23, 1780 Washington's 2nd winter at Morristown, NJ (the harshest winter of the 18th century)
- 1780 – Sept. 23 John André arrested, leading to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's plans to cede West Point to the British
 - Oct. 7 King's Mountain, SC: battle lasts 65 minutes. Americans Isaac Shelby and John Sevier defeat Maj. Patrick Ferguson (1/3 of General Cornwallis's army)
 - Oct. 14 Washington names Nathanael Greene commander of the Southern Army
- 1781 – Sept. 8 Greene defeated at Eutaw Springs, SC
 - Sept. 15 French fleet drives British naval force from Chesapeake Bay
 - Oct. 19 Cornwallis surrounded on land and sea by Americans and French and surrenders at Yorktown, VA
- 1782 – Nov. 30 British and Americans sign preliminary Articles of Peace
- 1783 – Sept. 3 The United States and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Paris
 - Nov. 25 British troops leave New York City
- 1787 – Sept. 17 U.S. Constitution signed

Summer BOM Minutes

July 27, 2012



President Phil Tarpley opened the meeting at 2:45 pm, Friday. Chaplain Roy Martin gave the Invocation, Compatriot George Pratt lead in the Pledge of Allegiance, Compatriot Gerry Meeks lead in the SAR Pledge. President Tarpley introduced all National Officers. President Phil Tarpley welcomed three first-time visitors to the BOM session. A quorum was certified by the Secretary. The Spring BOM Minutes, in the current BOM Proceedings were approved as printed.

Quarterly reports from the President, Senior Vice President, and seven Regional V.P.'s in the BOM Proceedings. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were noted in the BOM Proceedings. Committee reports were also noted in the Proceedings. Announcement of appointment of Dan Hooper to fill vacancy in WC RVP position. Further research being done on Habeas Corpus resolution. A Search for state Charter and other governing document is being conducted to have them available for inclusion in state By-laws. A revision of the By-Laws is in works to re-compile and correct certain points such as nomination for VPG. Jay Wise presented a recommendation for funding support a American Revolutionary War plaque for the Martin County Veteran's Memorial Park in the sum of \$1,000.00. Motion made by Compatriot P Carr, seconded and approved. Discussion developed as to precedence being established for other such plaques. Further findings will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Resolution in support of Chik-fil-a, Inc. presented by Compatriot Frank Hodalski. Motion made by Compatriot Hodalski, 2nd by H Crapo. Discussion on this resolution developed.

President Tarpley nominated Vic McMurry, Oscar Patterson, Ray Wess, Dan Hooper, and Larry Fehrenbaker for the 2013 Nominating Committee. Motion made seconded and approved. Compatriot McMurry noted that there are forms to be used for nominations. CAAH information presented by Compatriot Downing with information on the challenge by Compatriot Sam Powell to match his donations - \$1.5

M. Suggestion to have chapters place a donation CAAH request on their dues notices.

BOM Meeting schedule for Spring 2013 BOM and Annual Meeting has developed another schedule conflict with the President General's schedule and possibly need to have another schedule change. Vic McMurry has been placed on the National Technology Advisory Committee. FLATalk Administrator presented a suggestion to have members with e-mail addresses be placed into this distribution list.

Good Citizenship certificates handed out in the year totaled 1446. ROTC report concerning forms online for ROTC award/reports.

Veteran's Battalion updated to include many names – over 200 names are now in the Florida Battalion.

ETF Disbursement committee is asking for all chapters to make a request for refunds. Ted Duay presented the reports for both OTF & ETF funds and reporting that both are doing well.

Old Business:

Motion to provide \$500.00 for Lindsey Brock's campaign for Secretary General moved and seconded; approved.

Compatriot Pratt questioned the status of the rewrite of the Americanism Poster contest guidelines/rules. Compatriot McMurry stated that the new form for this contest has been completed and being placed on the SAR website.

New Business:

Compatriot Williams presented the Last Naval Business Medal set for purchase.

Compatriot McCullough discussed the use of computer graphics for the Americanism Poster contest and the need to have original artwork created by the student rather than a computer graphic.

Compatriot McCullough discussed the need for a Resolution Committee to review and recommend actions on any future resolutions before the FLSSAR BOM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Williams on behalf of Bill Fuller, Recording Secretary

Fall BOM will be held on October 19-20, 2012

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The American Soldier

Through the Age's they have fought
 For what they know is right,
 To keep our Flag Flying high,
 Old Glory in Full sight.
 The Blood they have shed,
 The lives they have Laid down,
 Make every inch of America
 A piece of Hallowed Ground
 One Nation Under God
 Is what We will always be
 Thanks to The American Soldier
 Who Keeps our Country free.

Poem by Ken Johnson, Brevard Chapter 9/15/2011



PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM AWARD

This past year, only 6 Florida chapters received certificates for their support of this program. All of our chapters should look into how they can participate in this program and receive a certificate next year.

This award, initiated in 2007, is presented to any Chapter or State Society that documents and reports working with a veterans group on a program that furthers the goals and objectives of the group and the SAR. Reports and documentation should be submitted to the Patriotic Outreach Chairman by June 1 of each year.

The Rest of the Story

With apologies to Paul Harvey

A few weeks before George Washington reached the Cambridge front to take over command of the troops, the dashing captain of a force of Connecticut's militia had marched into the patriot camp. Arriving eight days after the battles of Lexington and Concord, their elected captain made an immediate impression on the Massachusetts troops and patriot leaders. A thirty-four-year-old apothecary, successful merchant, sea captain, and devoted member of the Sons of Liberty, he led the Foot Guards, impressively outfitted in their scarlet coats, with smart efficiency. He soon met with Joseph Warren, and other leaders of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, the *de facto* American government in Massachusetts. Given a secret military mission and a promotion, he left Cambridge on May 3rd. He would remain in close correspondence with Warren over the weeks leading up to the Battle of Bunker Hill.

After that battle and Warren's untimely death, when both Massachusetts and Congress failed to provide for the Martyred doctor's children, the young officer announced that he would see to it that Dr. Warren's orphaned children were properly provided for. The principled young officer's name was - - - - Benedict Arnold.

Several Months later, Paul Revere and a few other patriots went to the battle site in Charlestown to locate Warren's remains and provide a proper burial for the patriot leader. They were able to find his body, which Revere identified by the false teeth he himself had set in Warren's mouth, now credited as the first known instance of forensic dentistry in American history.



This portrait of General Warren was painted by artist and Warren resident Ralph Garafola.

Source: America's Hidden History by Kenneth C Davis.

Patriot Ancestors. Patrick Sinnett & Evan Shelby

Submitted by John Sagert, Clearwater Chapter

Patrick Sinnett



Born in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day in the year 1752, or so he was told by his parents. At the age of 21 he was working as one of the King's Waiters when he tired of this position and one day wandered down to the harbor just as a ship was ready to set sail for the colonies. The story goes that on his arrival in 1773 at Dumfries, VA he was penniless in a land of strangers and was sold for his fare to a Jacob Conrad of Rockingham County which later became part of Pendleton County, Va. It was during this indenture that he served as a soldier in Lord Dunmore's Indian war and was at the Battle of Point Pleasant under Capt. John Skidmore.

In 1780 he enlisted and served 3 months as a private in Capt. Josiah Harris' Company of Virginia Troops. Then he enlisted again in 1780 and served 3 months as a private in Capt. George Rush's Virginia Company. He served another 3 month enlistment in 1781 in Capt. George Huston's Company and was at the Battles of Hot Water Hill and Jamestown. Another enlistment in 1781 found him in Capt. Cowger's Virginia Company and was at the Siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown. As part of his pension application dated the 18th of March 1833 he stated "and at this siege I believe I shot the last man that was killed on the enemies entrenchment at the setting of the sun the night before Cornwallis sent out his flag to surrender." After this he was part of the Company that marched the prisoners to Fredericksburg and from there to Falmouth where he was discharged. In 1815 he moved his family to Ritchie Co. VA now West Virginia, where he died in 1850 at the age of 98.

This next story was sent to me by Compatriot Bill Bolin and tells of his Patriot ancestor, ***Brigadier General Evan Shelby.***

Born in October of 1719 in Tregaron, Cardiganshire, Wales, Evan Shelby (Jr.) immigrated with his parents to the colonies as a 15-year old where they settled in what is now Franklin County, PA. Five years later they moved to Prince George's County (now Frederick County) MD where Evan managed to acquire some 24,000 acres of land where he raised cattle. He married Letitia Cox in 1744 and the two had at least seven children.

He became involved in the fur trade as far away as Green Bay (WI) and seems to have alternately fought and made peace with the Indians throughout the Midwest. He served in Braddock's Campaign (1755) and helped lay out the road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland. In 1758, under the command of General John Forbes, he led a group of scouts across the Ohio River in a daring reconnoiter of Fort Duquesne before the successful attack and taking of the fort from the French. (It was destroyed and rebuilt as Fort Pitt.) During Pontiac's Rebellion in the early '60's Evan lost most of his fur trade and was forced to sell his properties to pay off his debts. The family then moved to Sapling Grove, Fincastle County, VA (now Bristol, Sullivan County, TN) where they erected Shelby's Fort around 1773. A year later he commanded the Fincastle Company in Dunmore's War, and was at Point Pleasant on October 10 where he assumed command of the troops after his superior officers were either killed or disabled.

On January 20, 1775 Evan and twelve others signed the "Fincastle Resolutions", the first adopted statement by the colonists which promised resistance to the death to preserve political liberties. These resolutions were signed in support of the First Continental Congress' protests of the "Intolerable Acts". In 1776 Virginia Governor Patrick Henry appointed Evan a Major in the troops led by Colonel William Christian against the Cherokees, and later was made a Colonel himself as he led a successful expedition against the Chickamauga Indians.

Letitia died in September 1777 and Evan married Isabella Elliot shortly thereafter; the two of them had three children together, bringing the total known offspring of Evan Shelby to ten. In October 1780 he joined a volunteer militia under the leadership of his son, Colonel Isaac Shelby (future first Governor of Kentucky) and together with Isaac's brothers (Captain) Moses and Evan Jr., joined up with other militias as they made their way to King's Mountain. The one hour battle on October 6, known as the turning point of the war in the south, was noteworthy as a entirely volunteer Patriot militia routed over 1,000 British and Tory troops encamped on the top of King's Mountain, killing highly respected and decorated British Colonel Patrick Ferguson in the process.

A short time later the extension of the line between Virginia and North Carolina was extended westward and it was found that Shelby's Fort now was part of North Carolina. He was elected to the NC Senate in 1781 and was named a Brigadier General by the NC General Assembly in 1787. Although elected as the Governor of the rogue "State of Franklin" in 1787 he declined, and retreated from public service on October 29, 1787. He died December 4, 1794 in Sapling Grove at the age of 75.



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

Fall BOM October 19 - 20, 2012
Ramada Plaza & Gateway Inn, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

BEFORE starting on your Fall 2012 BOM Registration Form below, please follow the “Save” instructions.

Use the “Save to Your PC” button. Add your Name to the front of the Saved file Name.

For example, “George Compatriot Fall 2012 BOM Registration Form.PDF”.

Now **CLOSE** the web page and **OPEN** the saved File on your PC to Continue.

When you place your mouse over most of the “text” data entry fields below, a feature called a “tooltip” will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____
Phone: _____ Guest Name: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

For Registration confirmation and update notifications – Email:

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 ONE: FLSSAR Officer FLSSAR Committee Chair FLSSAR 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 Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Meeting

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

Oct. 19 th	Member Meal Choice	None	Chinese Orange Chicken - \$27	Italian Baked Ziti - \$27	Amount
Friday	Member Desert Choice	None	Apple Crisp	No Sugar	
Banquet	Guest Meal Choice	None	Chinese Orange Chicken - \$27	Italian Baked Ziti - \$27	Amount
	Guest Desert Choice	None	Apple Crisp	No Sugar	

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

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

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE October 16, 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 1-3 days 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

Use the “**Click to Email**” button below to email the “renamed” form as an Attachment. By clicking on the Email button below, this document will be sent / returned to Phillip H. Tarpley - Meeting Arrangements Committee.

Please request a “**Read Receipt**” so that you will know that your file was received.

NATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

2012 Congress Matching Gift Challenge

During the 122nd Congress held in Phoenix, Arizona Dr. Sam Powell, President of The SAR Foundation, announced that he and his wife Karen will make a \$1.5 million gift to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, payable in 2012.

Dr. Powell also announced that Societies will be given double credit for all future payments to the CAAH up to \$1.5 million towards the State Challenge Campaign. This campaign seeks to have all Societies reach a combined goal of an average of \$250 given to the CAAH, per member, and more than 20% of the members donating. A new target is established to have half - 50% - of the Compatriot membership contribute - in any amount - to the completion of the construction project now in sight, with full pride in what has been accomplished by so many efforts.

Please make checks payable to: The SAR Foundation with CAAH written on the "Note" or "For" line on the bottom left side of the check.

If you have any questions regarding the Matching Gift Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Dunn at (502) 315-1777 or via email to ldunn@sar.org

Fall Leadership Meeting

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Fall Leadership Conference/Trustees Meeting to be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on September 27 - 29, 2012.

National committees will meet on Friday. It is the responsibility of each chairman to notify committee members of the time and place of their meeting, and I anticipate that the schedule of meeting times and places will be posted on the web site soon. The Trustees meet on Saturday afternoon where reports will be presented by national officers and committee chairmen. Please note that Debbie Smalley must have your written report no later than September 10, 2012. The report form can be printed by using the following link: <http://www.sar.org/node/161>. Dinner banquets are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings for your social pleasure.

For those interested in accommodations in the Brown Hotel, I recommend that reservations (1-888-888-5252) be scheduled immediately as the space there is limited. Other hotels, inns, and motels are available but if you plan to stay in the Brown Hotel you should identify yourself as an SAR member for a special room rate.

Conference registration forms must be received at national headquarters on or before September 10. For additional information the office point of contact is Debbie Smalley (1-502-589-1776 ext. 6123 or dsmalley@sar.org).

Sincerely,

Don Shaw, Executive Director



CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE

On July 6th, at the 122nd National Congress in Phoenix, Arizona, the membership voted unanimously to begin Phase II renovation for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) on Main Street's Museum Row in Louisville, Kentucky.

The approved motion allows for renovation of part A of the two-part Phase II project. The first or "Part A" renovation expense has been projected at the cost of 3.5 million dollars. It will allow us to occupy the facility with a modified museum/gallery, with education programs and staffing space, and the ability to lease the facility for events. The project is scheduled to begin Fall 2012.

A total of \$5.5 million is needed to complete Phase II (A) and Phase II (B). Efforts are underway to raise the remaining \$2 million that would complete Phase II (B) with a full functioning Educational Center, banquet space, roof garden, and completely finish out the museum/gallery.

Total funds raised to date are \$7,537,239 for the entire Library and CAAH project. Recently added to this amount is a \$1.5 million gift from SAR member Sam Powell and his wife Karen; and the SAR has been named as a beneficiary of the Anne Lampman estate. Our challenge for the remainder of 2012 and 2013 is to raise an additional \$1 million from our members and friends.

Please share our success with your colleagues and friends. Reach out to your employers and business connections, open doors for our development team, and dig deep to help us finish this campaign.

Successful meetings in Louisville recently have resulted in increased enthusiasm and local giving. We are getting closer to seeing our dream realized as we complete the initial 10 million dollar campaign goal.

New Members

(Feb 22 to June 1)



Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Chapter	Ancestor		Membership
Outlaw	Bert	Gable	Aaron Snowden	William	Outlaw	Regular
Riley	Philip	Gage	Aaron Snowden	James	Murphy	Regular
Riley	Gary	Philip	Aaron Snowden	James	Murphy	Regular
Faile, Jr	John	Lanier	Brevard	Ephraim	Hawkins	Regular
Gomez	Wayne	Gibson	Brevard	joaquin	Gomez	Regular
Sargent	Ernest	Douglas	Brevard	Ludovic	Brakeman	Regular
Ness	David	K	Caloosa	Noah	Day	Regular
Radcliffe	Russell	Vernon	Caloosa	Andrew	Corsa	Regular
Tyson	Pierce	Wells	Caloosa	Noah	Day	Junior
Hassell	Charles	Kenneth	Central Florida	Jeremiah	Dixon	Regular
Myers	William	Perry	Central Florida	Hugh	Wardlaw	Regular
Roberson Sr	Jeffrey	Earl	Central Florida	Thomas	Delbridge	Regular
van Hoose	William	David	Central Florida	John	van Hoose	Regular
Bosbyshell	William	Allen	Clearwater	James	Whitney	Regular
Bosbyshell, Jr.	William	Allen	Clearwater	James	Whitney	Regular
Guy	William	Lee	Clearwater	William	Guy	Regular
Vance Jr	Charles		Daytona-Ormond	John	Moore	Regular
Fisher	Eric	Alan	Flagler	George	Bacon Sr	Regular
Kremkau	Wesley	Meade	Flagler	Gabriel	Peterson	Regular
Kremkau	Kevin	Michael	Flagler	Gabriel	Peterson	Regular
Kremkau	Randall	Wayne	Flagler	Gabriel	Peterson	Regular
Zimmer	William	Wright	Ft. Lauderdale	Aaron	Wright	Regular
Kerns	Scott	Robert	Gainesville	Jacob	Esterly	Life
Kerns	Brian	Lewis	Gainesville	Jacob	Esterly	Regular
Kerns	Michael	Scott Lewis	Gainesville	Jacob	Esterly	Junior
Dean	James	Terry	Highlands	Joseph	Cornish	Regular
Krom	Milton	Lorenzo	Highlands	Simon	Krum	Regular
Wilder	William	Clyde	Highlands	Enoch	Root	Regular
Albright	Wayne	Douglas	Jacksonville	Ludwig	Albright	Regular
Luckau	Stephen	Rudy	Jacksonville	Randall	Wheeler	Regular
Roberson	Frankie	Lane	Jacksonville	Frederick	Roberson	Regular
Roberson, Jr.	John	Oden	Jacksonville	Frederick	Roberson	Regular
Schreiner	Dylan	Walker	Jacksonville	Jeremiah	Barnhart	Junior
Sikes	Duane	Allen	Jacksonville	Joseph	Collins, SR	Regular
Walt	Steven	Russell	Jacksonville	Joel	Philbrook	Regular
Corbitt	Easton	Lee	Lake City	Brinkley	Corbett	Junior
Green	Robert	Louis	Lake City	John	Hardee	Regular
McDonald	Carl	Keith	Lakeland	Alexander	McDonald Jr	Regular
Mowry	Philip	Georg	Lakeland	John	Emery	Regular
Thompson	Christopher	Huntley	Lakeland	Ephraim	Chase	Regular
Gregoire	Robert	Allen	Lake-Sumter	Jacob	Winans	Regular
Hitchery	Joseph	Leon	Naples	Theodore	Pridmore	Regular
Spinelli	Frank	William Sparks	Naples	Isreal	Herrick	Junior
Reynolds, Esq	Timothy	John	Palm Beach	Jeremiah	Rhodes	Regular

Wess	Mark	Andrew	Palm Beach	James	McLean	Regular
Julian	William	Brooks	Pensacola	Amasa	Mitchell	Regular
Alderman	James	Gordon	Saramana	David	Alderman Sr	Regular
Grim	Samuel	Oram	Saramana	Valentine	Gable	Regular
Schlobohm	Raymond	William	Saramana	Luke	Lamoreaux Sr	Regular
Baker	David	James	St. Augustine	John	Best	Regular
Bush III	Richard	Allen	St. Lucie River	Peter	Hartman	Junior
Lawson	Rush	Denman	St. Lucie River	Adam	Ivey	Regular
McKinley	Charles	Anthony	St. Lucie River	Abraham	Courtwright	Regular
Simpson II	James	Aldo	St. Lucie River	William	Eaton	Regular
Steele	Frank	Robert	St. Petersburg	George	Steele	Junior
Mancini	Jacob	Adam	Tampa	William	Slick	Regular
Cook	Robert	William	Withlacoochee	John	Platt Sr	Regular
Laughlin	Duanne	C	Withlacoochee	Parsons	Lummis	Regular
Shepard	William	Louis	Withlacoochee	Samuel	Marksberry	Regular

Necrology Report

<i>Name</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
Bland, Robert Oliver	142876	7000	At-Large
Walton, Terence Michael	161936	8437	Caloosa
Ruckel, Jr., Charles Walter	102073	2586	Emerald Coast
Boswell, Frederick Newell	160983	8375	Emerald Coast
Buckley, Frederick Jean	143115	7014	Naples
Lancaster, Basil Leo	142521	6964	Saramana
Hoyt, Edward Sherman	107647	3308	Saramana
Massey, Richard S	166326	8741	St. Lucie River



*We have a job
waiting for
YOU*

Looking for a technically qualified individual to support FLSSAR web based applications/database needs. This is a non-paid, volunteer position which will utilize the individuals skills in HTML, DHTML,HTML5, ASP, JavaScript, VBScript, and MSAccess database connectivity; Directories/Table/ Queries & Forms. If interested, please contact Scott Bushnell at sbushnell@usna64.org with your information relevant to the above needs.



VERY PUNNY GENEALOGY AND OTHER CRAZIES

My family coat of arms ties at the back ... is that normal?

My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.

My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!

Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!

How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?!

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.

I'm not stuck -- I'm ancestrally challenged.

I'm searching for myself; have you seen me?

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help.

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

It's 2012. Do you know where your G-G-Grandparents are?

A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples.

FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease but I love it.

Genealogists are time unravelers.

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide ... I seek!

Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.

"Crazy" is a relative term in my family.

A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.

I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.

I should have asked them BEFORE they died!

I think my ancestors had several "bad heir" days.

I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNE flower.

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

Share your knowledge ... it is a way to achieve immortality.

Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!

Shh! Be very, very quiet ... I'm hunting forebears.

Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!

That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!

Genealogists live in the past lane.

All right! Everybody out of the gene pool!

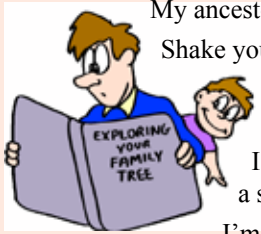
Documentation ... the hardest part of genealogy.

Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!

Genealogy ... will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?

That's the problem with the gene pool: NO lifeguards.

I researched my family tree ... and apparently I don't exist!



American Symbols

The Bald Eagle and the American Flag are universally recognized symbols of America. But are you familiar with the earliest symbols used during our history. The recent DAR Magazine, *American Spirit* describes these early symbols as well as the American Flag. See if you can correctly choose what these early symbols were or what they represented - without peeking at the *American Spirit*.

- The Snake design used in 'Don't Tread on Me' was first seen
 - On a Navy Ensign
 - On drumheads
 - In a newspaper article in *The Massachusetts Spy*
 - In a Pennsylvania Gazette picture cut into 8 parts.
 - A back tattoo on one of the Boston Tea Party 'Indians.'
- The first *male* American symbol was
 - Uncle Sam
 - George Washington
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Brother Jonathan
 - Samuel Adams
- The name **Columbia** first represented
 - The Navy Ship, *Columbia*
 - In a Poem by Phyllis Wheatley to George Washington
 - A female figure
 - The united colonies
 - A movie studio only.
- The **American Seal** has gone through how many designs/redesigns?
 - The has been only one design from the beginning
 - 2
 - 5
 - 7
 - 9
- The **American Flag** design has had how many stripes at most during its history before the design standard set it at 13?
 - 13
 - 14
 - 15
 - 17
 - Never any more than 13.
- The configuration of stars in the canton (union) of the American Flag has always been in rows/columns.
 - True
 - False



WHY ATTEND THE FALL BOM?



Compatriots attend the BOM meetings for several reasons and each member has his own reasons for attending. For some, it's the business session where the activities, issues, and programs are discussed and information imparted to keep everyone aware of what the state society is doing. For others, a significant reason is the camaraderie that attracts them; being able to catch up with old friends and meet others from around the state. For these members, talking and connecting in a social atmosphere is a means to connect and learn from our compatriots those things that others are doing successfully – or not so successfully. Then there are those members that come to take part in any side sessions that are given. These sessions can and often are involved with the programs that Florida supports such as: Eagle Scout Scholarships, Rumbaugh Speech Contest, and Americanism Poster Contest, Knight Essay Contest. Other types of sessions may be on Genealogy workshops, various chapter officer functions (see below), or any other topics that our members may want. So what does this mean for you? Whether you are the one interested in the State business aspect, or the one more interested in the social aspects, or the one wanting training, make it a habit to attend the BOM meetings. We try to have a mix of all three of these aspects.



The FALL BOM

At this meeting, there will be a session for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee – and anyone else who wants to contribute – to discuss the upcoming submissions for the Scholarship competition. If this is a passion of yours, attend the meeting and take part in a really worthwhile activity!

Additionally, there will be a joint session with the State Secretary and State Treasurer to discuss the annual chapter report requirements and pitfalls (State Secretary) and to discuss chapter IRS reporting requirements and other financial issues that may confront a chapter's treasurer.

WHO should attend these sessions??

Anyone interested in Scouting should plan on going to the Eagle Scout meeting. For the joint Secretary and Treasurer Session, these chapter officers would need to be there: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The chapter's president should have an understanding of what each of his officers will need to be doing in the next months and the rest of the year.

BUDGET:
An attempt to live below your yearnings.



Fall BOM

Register NOW !

All Florida members are encouraged to attend.

See page 20 for Registration Form



Calendar of events

Fall 2012

National Events

Fall Leadership Conference

Fri, 9-28 - Sat, 9-29
Louisville, KY

2013 National Congress

Kansas City, Missouri

State Activities

FSSDAR Fall Forum at Disney Hilton, Orlando

September 20-23, 2012

Support our DAR Liaison Committee

Fall 2012 BOM

October 19-20, 2012

FSSDAR Spring Forum at Disney Hilton,

Orlando

March 14-17, 2013

Support our DAR Liaison Committee

Other Dates to Plan

Constitution Day - September 17, 2012



BOM

Kissimmee, FL : October 19-20, 2012

Committee Reports are due by Sunday October 13th

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.

The Southeast Region RVP is assigned the Summer 2012 BOM duties with his chapters

The **East Central Region RVP** is assigned the Fall 2012 BOM duties with his chapters

The **West Central Region RVP** is assigned the Winter 2013 BOM duties with his chapters

The **South West Region RVP** is assigned the Spring 2013 BOM and Annual meeting duties with his chapters

Fall BOM Meeting Activities

Executive Committee Meeting (Friday 11:30 am - 12:30)

Regional VP Meeting (Friday 1:05 pm)

Eagle Scout Committee Meeting (Friday 1 pm)

Chapter Officer Session (Secretary/Treasurer - 2 pm)

BOM Session (Friday 3:15 pm)

Friday Banquet

BOM Session (Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)



Left- Past Florida President David Ramseur with Former State Secretary Kevin Yarnell and State Secretary Steve Williams.

Right - Executive Committee meeting on Friday afternoon before the BOM Business Meeting.



Left - Friday Banquet with Florida President Phillip Tarpley addressing the audience.



Right - Table number 5 at the Friday Banquet



Left - Florida President tarpley presenting Partners in Patriotism certificates to 6 chapters: Brevard, Caloosa, Clearwater, St Lucie River, Saramana, and Tampa. as well as the Florida Society.



Right - BOM Business meeting conducted and completed in one session.



The Florida Patriot

3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926

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



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

The scene of the surrender of the British General John Burgoyne at Saratoga, on October 17, 1777, was a turning point in the American Revolutionary War that prevented the British from dividing New England from the rest of the colonies. The central figure is the American General Horatio Gates, who refused to take the sword offered by General Burgoyne, and, treating him as a gentleman, invites him into his tent. All of the figures in the scene are portraits of specific officers. Trumbull planned this outdoor scene to contrast with the Declaration of Independence beside it.

John Trumbull (1756–1843) was born in Connecticut, the son of the governor. After graduating from Harvard University, he served in the Continental Army under General Washington. He studied painting with Benjamin West in London and focused on history painting.

