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Society President's Message

Dear Compatriots:

I am honored to have been elected as president of the Florida Society. The trust that you have placed in me is appreciated.

When I was installed, I articulated some goals that I would like to accomplish during my term in office. These goals include increasing membership in the Florida Society; providing genealogical tools to Florida compatriots to facilitate the documentation and preparation of a membership application; and to provide educational opportunities at our state meetings for compatriots to learn about useful topics such as genealogy, officer duties, and administrative functions necessary for the smooth operation of the Florida Society.

As we all know, the main hurdle for getting anyone into the Sons of the American Revolution is the successful completion of his membership application. Over the years, this process has gotten more difficult as genealogical standards have been tightened. Better tools are needed to make this process easier.

At my request, my wife, Debbie, has generously volunteered her time and has created new genealogical tools to assist the Florida Society with increasing its membership. The first tool is called Debbie's Genealogy Corner and is located at:

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/corner>

This website provides a wealth of information such as genealogy tutorials, tips for preparing an application, and links to numerous free genealogy records that are available on the internet for documenting lineage and patriotic service.

Another tool is an online index of patriots proven by members of the Florida Society from approximately 1997 through 2013 located at:

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/patriotindex.htm>

This index contains approximately 3,000 patriots proven by members of the Florida Society over the last 16 years, and it will be updated on an ongoing basis. A key feature of this index is that it lists both the child and grandchild of each proven patriot and includes the member number of the SAR Record Copy on which the information appears. It is hoped that this index will make it easier to locate patriot ancestors for prospective members and supplemental ancestors for current members.

Educational opportunities will be offered at our upcoming Board of Management meeting at our new location, The Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, on September 6th and September 7th. This new location offers upgraded meeting space and better facilities for our use.

One of the educational opportunities will be a two-part genealogy session. The 2-hour session on Friday will focus on finding and documenting Revolutionary War ancestors. The 2-hour session on Saturday will continue with the documentation process and provide tips and tricks for properly completing a membership application. These two sessions are a must for all chapter registrars and genealogists, as well as anyone else interested in learning advanced genealogy skills.

Other educational opportunities include sessions discussing tips and tricks for the proper completion of a Chapter Annual Report, as well as a Newsletter roundtable session where ideas will be shared on effective ways to format a newsletter, make editing choices, and how to enter the National newsletter competition.

I look forward to a fun, educational, and productive year for the Florida Society. I hope that everyone will attend our Fall Board of Management meeting and take advantage of all the sessions being offered.

See you in September!

Fraternally,

Theodore M. Duay, III

President

What is an E-Book?

The Florida Society has created and continuing to add to a new, for us, type of publication - an e-Book. The electronic Book, or e-Book, contains articles and content concerning specific subject matter. We have created two e-Books. One based around the military experiences of our Florida compatriots in whichever field of military life they experienced be it WWII, the Korean Conflict, VietNam, or later conflicts. The second is centered on Genealogical and Historical subject matter. It might be information on historical artifacts or people and battles in the Revolutionary War, or genealogical analysis or research reports.

Take advantage of these e-Books and spend a few minutes reading their stories or reports. They can be found on the Florida Website at <http://flssar.org/Forms.htm>.

Calling All Color Guardsmen!

Here's a chance to strut your stuff by attending the BOM wearing your colorful attire, be it a Military uniform, militia outfit, or civilian clothing. If you haven't started marching with the Florida Brigade and have earned your Bronze Color Guard medal, do so starting this year! Show the dashing side to your personality by joining the other members of the Florida Brigade as they present the colors at the banquet. Staying for the banquet is optional, but it is more fun to mingle with the ordinarily dressed folks.

Mount Vernon

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.
President, Central Florida SAR Chapter

George Washington and Mount Vernon. The Father of our Country and his famous plantation are inseparable in the American mind. The story begins in 1674 when John Washington, George's great-grandfather, and a friend named Nicholas Spencer acquired the land from Spencer's cousin Thomas Culpeper, 2d Baron Culpeper. The tract of a few thousand acres was known at the time by an Indian name, Epsewasson. John's son Lawrence inherited the land in 1677 and in 1690 Lawrence and Spencer's heirs divided the tract of about 5,000 acres. The Spencers took the southern, and larger, portion along Dogue Creek while Lawrence took the acreage along Little Hunting Creek. The Spencer family paid Washington 2,500 pounds of tobacco to compensate for their larger acreage. Lawrence named the tract "Little Hunting Creek Plantation." The property passed to Lawrence's daughter Mildred in 1698 who, in turn, sold it to her brother Augustine, the father of George Washington, in 1726. Augustine erected the first house on the estate in 1735, a one and one-half story box-like structure, and moved his second family into the place for a few years. As a child, George lived at what would become Mount Vernon from age 3 to his 7th year.

Lawrence now enters the picture. He was Augustine's oldest son by his first wife. In 1738, Augustine brought him home from the Appleby School in England and placed him at Little Hunting Creek. Augustine moved back to his home at Fredericksburg the next year. Lawrence who was now 21 began buying up land adjoining the plantation, particularly the Spencer holdings. Lawrence's career took a different turn when he received an officer's commission in the British Army in 1740 and was sent to the Caribbean to join the armed forces of Admiral Edward Vernon in the War of Jenkins' Ear. While away fighting for Britannia, Augustine began building a more substantial, but still rather modest, house on a rise overlooking the Potomac River. Captain Lawrence Washington then in Jamaica wrote his father to name the house and plantation after his much admired commander, Vice Admiral Vernon. The name "Mount Vernon" first appears in a letter written by Lawrence's neighbor, William Fairfax of Belvoir, in August of 1742.

Events moved quickly for young Lawrence after his return from the war in the latter part of 1742. Augustine died in April, 1743, leaving Mount Vernon to the young officer. He married neighbor William Fairfax's daughter, Anne, and moved his bride into the new house in July. Over the next decade, Captain Washington added to his holdings and was awarded the land to plat a new town up the Potomac, ultimately named Alexandria. In the meantime, his tall younger half-brother George had been learning the science of surveying as he climbed the hills, waded creeks, swam rivers and followed skilled surveyors across western Virginia. While still a teenager, Lawrence awarded the contract for surveying the townsite of Alexandria to George.

In his personal life, it was a different story for Lawrence. His wife Anne gave birth to four daughters, only one of which lived into childhood. Worse, the young planter came down with tuberculosis which he may have contacted during the Caribbean military expedition. His younger brother ultimately became his caregiver as George accompanied Lawrence to a hot springs spa in Virginia. As his health continued to fail, he sought a cure in the warm breezes and waters of Barbados. But to no avail. Lawrence died in July of 1752 leaving George as his executor. His will left Mount Vernon to George with a life-estate in the plantation for widow Anne. In other words, Anne owned the plantation till her death. A few months after the death of her husband, she married a Lee and moved to Westmoreland County. In 1754 when Anne's & Lawrence's last surviving child died, George leased Mount Vernon from Anne.

Ron Chernow in his monumental biography of Washington states that the young man “tried to imitate the style of an English country gentleman.” A country gentleman needed a mistress for his estate. In 1759 he married a rich widow, Martha Dandridge Custis who brought her considerable fortune and two children into the marriage. Then he set about to create a mansion worthy of Martha although her tastes appear to be of a more simple nature than his. He wrote to Richard Washington, his agent in London, “Whatever goods you may send me, where the prices are not absolutely limited, you will let them be fashionable, neat, and good in their several kinds (Chernow, *Washington: A Life*, Penguin Press, 2010, p. 114). He ordered a marble chimneypiece, crimson and yellow wallpaper, a mahogany bedstead, mahogany dining table with chairs, a set of fine china, damask tablecloth with napkins and silverware with the Washington crest, a griffin above a crown over a shield with three stars. The Latin motto *Exitus Acta Probat* meaning “The outcome justifies the deed” emblazoned each piece of cutlery.

When Anne died in 1761, George became sole owner of the estate. Except for the years in which Washington was away fighting the French & Indian War and the Revolutionary War, he assumed an active role continually making improvements to both house and farms at Mount Vernon. The plantation remained a “work in progress.” He made radical changes to the house with two enlargements increasing its height to 2 ½ stories while moving the main entrance from the Potomac to the west side, installing the picturesque columns to be seen from the river and capping the structure with a cupola. It is not known if and when Washington ever consulted an architect. He was a skilled surveyor with mathematical skills so the structure may have entirely originated with him. He built outbuildings including servants’ quarters, kitchen, smoke house, salt house, spinning house, store house, wash house, blacksmith shop and slave quarters, all of which curved away from the north and south sides of the mansion. He installed a covered walkway linking the houses on the north, the whole supported by colonnades. A flower garden with shrubs bordered the circular drive.

Mount Vernon at its zenith contained 8,000 acres divided into five different farms. Washington ultimately put 3,000 acres under plow. When at Mount Vernon, Washington spent several hours a day in the saddle riding from farm to farm overlooking every detail and consulting with his overseers. When necessary, he dismounted, stripped off his coat and engaged in physical labor. In the late 1790s he began building roads to link all five farms and to put more land in cultivation. In the beginning Mount Vernon was a tobacco plantation. The annual rent to Anne Fairfax Washington Lee was to be paid in tobacco. Because of the instability of both markets and weather, coupled with Washington’s aristocratic tastes, he found his debts climbing. By the 1770s, he had moved away from tobacco to wheat when he found a lucrative, stable market for grain in nearby Alexandria. He built an 18-sided threshing barn. Draft animals treaded on the grain in the husk in a continual circle on the second floor while the threshed grain fell through the cracks in the floor. The wheat was then scooped into sacks for transport to market. Washington also built a gristmill of stone with an undershot waterwheel, and a distillery. By the middle 1790s, the father of our country was the largest producer of spirits in America. To aid his agricultural improvements he received two special gifts to celebrate his inauguration as President. The king of Spain sent Washington a large gray jenny (a female jackass) named “Royal Gift,” while Lafayette sent him a spirited black jack, “Knight of Malta.” By breeding Knight of Malta to Royal Gift, he produced a large spirited jack named “Compound” which Washington bred to several large mares while Malta and Gift continued to produce donkeys annually. Within a few years the animals had produced some 57 mules most of which he sold to neighbors along with breeding stock. At the time, there were few mule-breeders in the nation. News of Washington’s successful breeding spread throughout the country, especially in the South. Thus the Father of our Country also became the Father of the American Mule (Chernow, p. 650) and Mount Vernon may rightly be called the ancestral home of these magnificent work animals.

When Washington died in 1799, he was laid to rest in the family’s old vault near the river. Martha followed him at age 70 in 1802. In 1831 a new vault for the Washingtons was built closer to the mansion. Today, several of the important structures including the threshing barn, gristmill and distillery have been restored. Historic crops, shrubs, flowers and animals are once more being grown on the plantation under the care and cultivation of historic re-enactors as they strive to re-create the plantation as it existed under George Washington’s supervision.

For further information see Ron Chernow, *Washington: A Life* (Penguin, 2010); Robert F. Balzell & Lee Baldwin Balzell, *George Washington’s Mount Vernon: At Home in Revolutionary America* (Oxford Press, 1998); Mac Griswold & Roger Foley, *Washington’s Gardens at Mount Vernon: Landscape of the Inner Man* (Houghton Mifflin, 1999); <http://www.mountvernon.org>; and http://www.americanheritage.com/articles/magazine/ah/2006/6/2006_6_21.shtml.

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.flsar.org/Helper.htm>.



Ron Sanchez in foreground, color guard from St. Augustine High School JROTC, Dr. Oscar Patterson III, President St. Augustine Chapter, Rev. David Baker



Foreground—Ron Sanchez, descendant of Francisco Sanchez and County Commissioner, St. Johns County, speaker at dedication; background Rev. David Baker,

Francisco Xavier Sanchez

Dedication Ceremony

ST. AUGUSTINE—The only native of St. Augustine and Spanish East Florida known to have supported the Patriot cause during the American Revolution and to do his service in that territory was honored with a memorial marker placed in Tolomato Cemetery on April 13, 2013.

The Gainesville and St. Augustine Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution honored the memory of Francisco Xavier Sanchez during dedication ceremonies at the cemetery where he was interred in 1807.

Francisco Xavier Sanchez (1738-1807) was one of Florida's most successful planters whose life and career spanned three separate colonial regimes. His landholdings stretched from the Diego Plains north of St. Augustine to the St. Mary's River and west to the St. Johns River. After Spain ceded control of East Florida to the British in 1763, Sanchez remained in the territory. Under British rule he provided fresh meat to the British garrison but he was regarded with suspicion by British Governor Tonyn as soon as Spain joined the war against England in 1779.

When Sanchez learned that his countrymen and others were prisoners of the British, he provided food and clothing from his own supplies. Among those held at Fort St. Mark (The Castillo de San Marcos) were three signers of the Declaration of Independence: Thomas Heyward Jr., Arthur Middleton and Edward Rutledge.

The dedication ceremony was held in the Tolomato Cemetery with over 100 people attending. The guest speaker for the event was Ron Sanchez, a descendant of Francisco X. Sanchez and a St. Johns County Commissioner. Also participating in the dedication ceremony were Jim Partin of the Gainesville Chapter; Oscar Patterson III and Rev. David Baker of the St. Augustine Chapter; Mrs. Elizabeth Gessner, president of the Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Board; and Fr. Ed Booth of Cathedral Parish. The color guard for the dedication was provided by the JROTC unit at St. Augustine High School.

Among those attending the dedication were 24 descendants of Francisco Xavier Sanchez as well as other members of The Los Floridanos Society. The marker placed honoring Sanchez was designed, purchased and placed by the Gainesville and St. Augustine Chapters.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum." Individuals interested in membership, including descendants of Francisco Xavier Sanchez, may contact Dr. Oscar Patterson III, Regional Vice President for the Florida Society SAR, at opatters@comcast.net for information and assistance.



Dedication Plaque provide by the Gainesville SAR Chapter and the St. Augustine SAR Chapter



Descendants of Francisco Xavier Sanchez



Photo by Chuck Sweeney©



Louis IX, saint, crusader and king of France (1226–70), son and successor of Louis VIII. His mother, [Blanche of Castile](#), was regent during his minority (1226–34), and her regency probably lasted even after Louis reached his majority; she was his chief adviser until her death.

Heraldry: The SAR Badge

Part II: Order of St. Louis

On page 25 of *The Florida Patriot*, Part I of the story behind the SAR Badge concluded with the understanding that the source of the SAR cross is “the ancient chivalric Order of St. Louis, founded by Louis XIV in 1693.

The royal and military Order of St. Louis was part of a package of war veterans’ benefits decreed by the Sun King at that time. For disabled or needy war veterans, Louis founded the Hotel des Invalides, the first old soldiers’ home of the modern era. Its chapel, the Church of the Invalides designed by Hardouin-Mansart, is today known around the world as a magnificent baroque interpretation of Michelangelo’s St. Peter’s and as the final resting place of Napoleon. To reward officers for distinguished service and merit Louis established the Order of St Louis. The Order was named after his namesake and patron, Louis IX, saint, crusader and king of France. It was also richly endowed so that a member received not only a decoration but also a pension. These varied depending on grade and seniority and ranged from 800 to 6,000 livres a year. In addition, a member was exempt from certain taxes.

The cross of the Order of St. Louis is identical to the SAR cross except in three details. First, the central medallion of the SAR Badge bears the image of Washington rather than that of St. Louis.

Next, the SAR medallion is surrounded by the Sons of the American Revolution motto “Libertas et Patria,” which translates into Liberty and Country rather than the words on the front of St. Louis Cross which reads “Louis the Great instituted it in 1693.” On the backside of the St. Louis Cross is the motto: “Bellicae Virtutis Praemium” (the Reward for Virtue in War). And third, the angles between the arms of the cross lack the French fleurs de lis. Instead the SAR Badge has the cross superimposed on the laurel wreath of republican victory. To be continued in the next issue of *The Florida Patriot*.

This is Part II of the rewrite of the scholarly account of the SAR Badge that was done by Compatriot Duane L. C. M. Galles, some 20 years ago. The story of the SAR Badge is being told in five parts. Part I can be viewed at www.flssar.org under Spring 2013 “The Florida Patriot.” Story rewrite and photo of the “SAR Badge over the Flag” by Colonel Charles T. Sweeney, USMC (Ret).

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Award and the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

This is information from your FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee and the Eagle Scout Committee.

For the second time in two years the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee has received a request from a Florida Chapter to be reimbursed for a number of Eagle Scout Scholarship Medals. Upon talking to members of both Chapters, we determined that the medals were awarded at the Eagle Scouts Court of Honor. None of these Eagle Scouts had completed the Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Form, the Four Generation Ancestor Chart, the Patriotic Theme Essay of five-hundred words or less, or been judged by the Chapters Eagle Scout Committee as being the Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. These Eagle Scout Scholarship Medals were NOT awarded in accordance the guidelines as set forth in the NSSAR Handbook, and thus could NOT be reimbursed.

To help avoid further confusion, we offer the following recommendations for Eagle Scout Awards.

Suggestions for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor:

- One (1) Eagle Scout Printed Certificate (NSSAR Stock # ES-0412)
- One (1) Certificate Presentation Folder (NSSAR Stock # 0420)
- One (1) Eagle Scout Partnership for Good Citizen Patch (NSSAR Stock # ES-GCP)

The South West Florida Council has informed us that all Eagle Scouts are authorized to wear this patch.

Eagle Scout Pamphlet (NSSAR Stock # ES-F), pass out many to encourage participation in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. They are free from NSSAR.

Suggestions for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award:

One (1) Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal to the Chapter Winner (NSSAR Stock # ES-M)

One (1) Eagle Scout Engraved Certificate to the Chapter Winner (NSSAR Stock # ES-0411)

One (1) Certificate Presentation Folder to the Chapter Winner (NSSAR Stock # 0420)

One (1) Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition Patch to the Chapter Winner (NSSAR Stock # ES-P)

In addition, the Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition Patch can be awarded to each Eagle Scout who completes the requirements listed in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

Please see the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Guidelines for meals and Scholarship Awards.

Understanding the SAR Korean Service Veterans Corps Eligibility



The Korean War: July 27, 2013, marks the 60th Anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement. It was not signed by Heads of States but by military men representing their commands. It was signed by U.S. Army Lieutenant General William Harrison, Jr., for the United Nations Command (UNC), and North Korean General Nam Il for the North Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army. A representative of South Korea didn't sign the agreement; but the country's official position was that it would not obstruct the Armistice Agreement's implementation. An armistice agreement is usually a temporary measure, created to give warring parties ample time to negotiate a peace treaty. But a final settlement hasn't happened. The Korean Armistice Agreement remains a truce document and appears for now to have effectively prevented the war from resuming. Yet armed forces of South Korea and the United States stand at the ready while armed North Korean troops stand at the ready, each opposing force monitors the movements of the other across a 2.4 mile demilitarized zone.



SAR Korean Service Veterans Corps: At the Fall Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting, September 27-29, 2012, President General Stephen A. Leishman announced the creation of the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC). He directed that the World War II Veterans Corps Program be placed under the purview of that committee, and that the VRC implement the establishment of a Korean Service Veterans Corps. His decision was in advance and in concert with United States Senate Resolution 602 that followed two months later. On November 27 the Senate approved a bipartisan resolution formally recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and designating 2012-2013 as the "Year of the Korean War Veteran."

The VRC Charter: For further information concerning the VRC, to include its Charter, go to www.sar.org then to "Veterans Recognition" under NSSAR Committees. There you will not only find in its Charter the purpose of the VRC, but its authority, members and functions.

VRC Policy on Korean Service Veterans Corps: Strange reality exists, concerning the Korean War and its aftermath. Chief in this regard is the fact the war never ended with a peace settlement. Only an armistice agreement was signed. Any veteran from the WWII era knows if he was a participant in a World War. But many Compatriots who served in the undeclared "UN" action of the 1950's and beyond in the defense of South Korea don't know they are eligible for the Korean Service Veterans Corps (KSVC). Clarification on this matter comes as you review the history of the five campaign medals we look for when a Compatriot submits a survey to join the KSVC.

Much thought has gone into the structure for qualifying Compatriots for the Korean Service Veterans Corps; namely, our guidance must conform to SAR Policy—especially as it links the awarding of an SAR War Service Medal (WSM) to Campaign Medals. It's not our job to act as "police" in deciding who merits a WSM. Policy exists for that, in the form of sending forward a verifiable request through chapter and state secretaries. But when it comes to forwarding a request for the President General's signature on a Certificate of Patriotism, we must be accurate in the understanding of SAR Policy and confident that a chapter president's verifying endorsement holds water. Meaning, the Compatriot is an eligible veteran and he participated in a military campaign that merits his acceptance into the KSVC.

To these ends, it's important that we understand the limits of the VRC Charter and the uniqueness of select campaign medals so as to qualify Compatriots for the issuance of a Certificate of Patriotism for Korean Service.

(1) The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). It's a campaign medal that reflects military service during a United States period of national emergency. It's not, however, a qualifying campaign medal for the awarding of an SAR WSM as it relates to the KSVC.

(2) Korean Service Medal (KSM) is a U.S. Campaign Medal. It has specific dates associated with it. It's the primary United States medal for participation in the Korean War and is awarded to any U.S. service member, who performed duty in the Republic of Korea, between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954.



(3) AFEM is a U.S. Campaign Medal. The medal is awarded for participation in any military campaign of the United States for which no other service medal is authorized. This medal has been awarded for at least 45 designated military campaigns, from events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and Korea to retroactive campaigns such as Quemoy and Matsu. Sometimes the AFEM is authorized before a specific campaign medal is authorized; witness the authorization of the AFEM

before the effective dates of the Vietnam Service Medal and Southwest Asia Service Medal.

(4) Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) is a U.S. Campaign Medal authorized for those members of the United States Armed Forces who have served actively in the defense of the Republic of Korea, after the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. It was created in 2002 when it was signed into law by President George W. Bush. The Korea Defense Service Medal is retroactive to the end of the Korean War and is granted to any service performed after July 28, 1954. The National Personnel Records Center is responsible for verifying entitlement of the KDSM to discharged members of the military who served in Korea prior to the creation of the KDSM. As an official Department of Defense exception to policy, service members may be entitled to both the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the KDSM for participation in operations in Korea during the same timeframe between October 1, 1966 - June 30, 1974. Only one award of the Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized, regardless of the amount of time or tours served in the Korean theater.

(5) United Nations Service Medal (UNSM) is an international military decoration which was established by the United Nations on December 12, 1950. The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War. The UNSM today is known as the United Nations Service Medal for Korea (UNKM). Although it's not a U.S. Campaign Medal, we need to understand its history, for if a compatriot indicates he has this medal we need to inquire further as to what U.S. Campaign Medal it is tied too. In the United States Armed Forces, any service member awarded the Korean Service Medal is automatically granted the United Nations Service Medal.

(6) Korean War Service Medal (KWSM), also known as the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM), is not a U.S. Campaign Medal; it's a decoration of South Korea which was first authorized in December 1950. Like item (5) above, it's valuable to know its history. Initially we did not authorize our troops to wear this medal. In 1954, the South Korean government authorized the now called Korean War Service Medal to all United Nations troops who had fought in the Korean War between the dates of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. While a number of countries accepted the award, at the time of the Korean War Service Medal's presentation to U.N. troops the United States of America declined to award the medal to U.S. soldiers. This was based on regulations of the time which curtailed the acceptance and the wear of foreign decorations on U.S. military uniforms. Although subsequently some veterans attempted to have the decoration accepted, the Korean War Service Medal faded into history and was not heard of again until 1996. At that time the Army noted that it could find no record that the Korean Government ever offered the medal to the Department of Defense. This was technically true since the original offer was made to the United Nations Command. The Army took the position that unless the Korean Government resurrected their original offer, it was "not in a position to officially recognize or approve acceptance of the medal." In 1999, the South Korean government proposed the decoration be reactivated and retroactively awarded to all Korean and U.N. veterans who had served in the Korean War. On August 20, 1999, Francis M. Rush Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army authorized the Korean War Service Medal for distribution and wear by service members of the United States military. The task of issuing the medal was assigned to Randolph Air Force Base while the National Personnel Records Center was responsible for providing documentation to verify eligibility.

The Korean War- A Non-War-Ending Event: The Korean War Armistice Agreement of 27 July 1953 was not a political solution but a non-war-ending event. It was an agreement between the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command and the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army and the Commander of the Chinese People's volunteers. The war never came to an end. Only an agreement was signed by military field commanders. Realizing this helps us understand under what conditions a Compatriot is eligible to become a member of the SAR Korean Service Veterans Corps.

Colonel Charles T. Sweeney, USMC (Ret.)

Chairman, NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee / Chairman, FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee

Florida Society Compatriots who are currently members of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and the NSSAR Korean Service Veterans Corps are shown below.

Korean Service Veterans Corps - as of June 18, 2013

ID	NSSAR #	Name	State	Service	ID	NSSAR #	Name	State	Service
17	115343	John T. Bittner, Jr.	FL	USA	29	73355	Carl K. Hoffman	FL	USN
54	157372	Lindsey A. Brock	FL	USAF	3	185050	Hans F. Hunt	FL	USA
23	156482	Richard A. Brownell	FL	USMC	6	157005	David F. Kitchen, Jr.	FL	USN
34	159700	Jack D. Crandall	FL	USN	10	166346	William A. Roberts	FL	USN
13	172888	Ralph W. Crews	FL	USA	26	184148	Robert H. Rogers	FL	USA
25	156504	John H. Dame	FL	USA	18	182541	George W. Sparks	FL	USN
40	164064	Charles L. Day, Jr.	FL	USA	28	161692	Daniel W. Stebbins	FL	USA
27	134002	Roland G. Downing, PhD	FL	USN	19	154494	William E. Thomas	FL	USAF
41	178074	Kenneth R. Dunn	FL	USAF	22	97141	John D. Tinny	FL	USAF
42	179243	James E. Echlin	FL	USAF	47	186279	Benjamin H. Warren	FL	USA
43	179484	Duane G. Finch, Sr.	FL	USA	12	181419	Eugene R. Wright	FL	USAF
21	168241	William M. Fuller	FL	USA					

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter



At the May meeting, our Annual Awards Luncheon, we took care of important business: the approval of changes in the Constitution & Bylaws reverting to annual election of officers, election of officers

for 2013-2014, presentation of Chapter Distinguished Service Medals, Roger Sherman Medals, and a SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal. Also, at this meeting, we had the largest group of inductees in years - 10. Seven were from a single family. Our Color Guard has been active by providing presentations of the Colors at outside organization including doing the honors at the Cape Canaveral Chapter Officer Installation attended by the Florida DAR State Regent, Donna Cullen.

Our chapter, once again, has experienced remarkable growth due to our continuing good relationship with the local DAR chapters and our members referring others. We now have 123 members with 6 awaiting approval and another 18 prospects working on their applications.

Central Florida Chapter



On May 11, 2013, the chapter held their Annual Awards Luncheon in which awards were presented to various chapter members. As seen in the picture on the left, the chapter

also presented the FLSSAR Past President Certificates to Compatriot John Little, Compatriot Bob Copeland, and Compatriot Jeff Sizemore. It was also announced that Compatriot Frederick Pfeiffer passed away recently and that a Resolution and Regret was being sent to his family.

The 2013-2015 term chapter officers were installed by Compatriot Jeff Sizemore. The newly installed chapter officers are: President - Don Green, Second Vice President - Robert Lannier, Secretary - Gary Smith, Treasurer - Dan Stebbins, Registrar - John Little, Historian - Paul May, Chaplain - George Andrews, and Sgt. of Arms - John Little. The newly elected officers that were not in attendance will be installed at a later date. It was also announced that Compatriot Norm Myers and Fred Gaines will serve as Executive Committee Directors.

Compatriots Mark R. Owen and Nicholas A. Yingling were also inducted as a new member at this meeting; as well as, it was announced who the committee chairmen were for the various committees. A complete listing of these individuals appears in the May edition of the chapter's newsletter. The next meeting for the chapter will be on September 14th .



Clearwater Chapter

The Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution has been busy with the presentation of the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates to many of our young High School and

College students. To date close to a dozen students have received this honor. These students have worked hard to maintain their grades and meet the requirements for these awards. They are chosen by their school officials for their contributions in the classroom and in the community. We should all be very proud of these young people and their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of them.

Although we don't hold summer meetings the work of the chapter continues. We were there at the airport to welcome the Honor Flight Home on June 4, 2013. We also continue to honor our local Eagle Scouts throughout the year. The latest to be honored was Eagle Scout Matthew James Galiano, son of Craig and Jill Gailiano of Seminole, was presented with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution, Florida Society, Clearwater Chapter for outstanding leadership and citizenship. SAR Compatriot Art Hays presented the certificate at Matthew's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on June 22, 2013 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Matthew, who is also a member of 4-H, designed, planned and provided leadership to a group of volunteers with the construction and installation of two compost bins for the Ochs Garden in Largo, which is a 4-H garden property.

The 17-year-old homeschooled scout recently graduated from 12th grade and was the captain of the lacrosse team at Clearwater High School. Matthew has been involved in scouting for 12 years, starting as a Tiger Cub. Since becoming a Tenderfoot Scout in 2006 with Troop 468 in Largo, Matthew has camped out a total of 80 days, held numerous leadership positions and earned 57 merit badges. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow. Matthew plans to attend the National Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia in July, after which he plans to attend college.

Matthew is a descendant of Stephen Nolan III, a patriot who served in the South Carolina militia during the Revolutionary War.

Fort Lauderdale Chapter



At its meeting on April 20, 2013, Compatriot George Dennis of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter presented Eagle Scout Kurt Wuest with an Eagle Scout Scholarship Award. Compatriot Dennis is 99 years old and has been an Eagle Scout for 82 years.

A reporter from the local CBS news station was at the meeting and filmed the event. This award presentation was a great opportunity to honor both Compatriot Dennis and Kurt Wuest for their dedication to the Eagle Scout program, as well as to obtain positive publicity for the Sons of the American Revolution and its programs.

Gainesville Chapter

The Gainesville Chapter had an EXCELLENT May Meeting before our summer recess. The speaker was Otto Johnston, University of Florida Professor Emeritus of German, and PhD Princeton University, was the speaker during the Chapter's regular meeting on May 21, 2013 at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua, FL. Dr. Johnston has previously entertained our chapter meetings with exciting tales of European history. His topic on this date was: "1783: The American Revolution Stuns Europe". Dr. Johnston regaled how the date "1776" gets all the popular attention; a musical, flyers, movie, website, and books.

Dr. Johnston proposed that 1783, marked by the Treaty of Paris, was the date that really stunned Europe. Dr. Johnston presented a history of pre and medieval history, why and how the classes (Lords & Aristocrats, serfs and shop keepers) were set up. The Treaty of Paris in 1783 emphasized that an army of farmers had won independence by defeating trained aristocrats and their paid armies. The farmers realized that they did not need protection and in fact could demand more fair laws and equity under the law. This freed the serfs and middle class shop keepers from their boundaries and opened up the technology revolution that followed.

Our Chapter will resume on September 17th, Constitution Day.

Highlands Chapter

Highlands Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Sherriff Susan Benton "in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication in the maintenance of law and order". Highlands County Sherriff Benton is President of the Florida Sherriff's Association and recently was appointed to the National Sherriff's Association Board of Directors. The presentation was made by Mike Flood, George Frey and Woody Woodard.

A Bronze ROTC Medal was presented to Lake Placid High School cadet Zachariah Kunshier by ROTC chairman George Frey for "outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence".

Edward and Anne Smoak of Lake Placid received the SAR Flag Certificate of Commendation in exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the USA. Presentation was made by Flag Chairman Milton Krom, Mike Flood and Woody Woodard.

Registrar Mike Flood has returned our membership to 38 compatriots due to his dedication.

Jacksonville Chapter



Jacksonville Chapter Color Guard gave a great patriotic color guard presentation at First Baptist Church for their 4th of July Celebration. From left to right the color guardsmen are David Ramseur, John Roberson, Darrell Goss (First Navy Jack Flag), Mills Ramseur (Grand Union Flag), Dennis Carpenter (Betsy Ross Flag), George Lockhart, Dick Cardell and Jim Gaskins.



The Chapter honored Eagle Scout David Hager, winner of the Chapter, FLSSAR and NSSAR competitions at its dinner meeting on May 16. David earned 129 Scout Merit Badges. He read his winning essay, which was received with much applause by those attending.

The Chapter's color guard participated in two Memorial Day events, the annual parade sponsored by the City of Jacksonville and a special event at the Beaches Memorial

Garden in Jacksonville Beach honoring all military Chaplains, in particular the 26 Chaplains who died during the Revolutionary War.

In early June the City of Jacksonville, assisted by the North Florida Land Trust and others, purchased the 846 acre Thomas Creek Property in the northern part of Jacksonville near the Timucuan Preserve. This contains the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish. Chapter members, in particular former FLSSAR President David Ramseur, worked very hard to shepherd the purchase through multiple regulatory bodies. Current plans are for a monument to be erected on the site of the skirmish as such is determined by GPS coordinates.

Lakeland Chapter

The Lakeland Chapter finished the year with their continuing quest for excellence. The Chapter is very delighted to announce that Michelle Hubenschmidt won the prestigious Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year Award.

Michelle is currently teaching American History at Mulberry Senior High School in Mulberry, FL. She was recognized at the FLSSAR BOM meeting on May 3, 2013 and was awarded a beautiful plaque along with a very generous check. Mel Sellers, past Chapter President, current Chapter Historian, and chairman of the American History Teacher of the Year Committee was the driving force behind Michelle's entry into the contest.

The Lakeland Chapter presented the Mulberry High School a portrait of General George Washington in honor of Michelle winning the National title. Dan Hooper, FLSSAR West Central Regional Vice President, presented the portrait to the Mulberry High School at Senior's Night May 31, 2013. The inscription on the portrait reads: *Presented to Mulberry Senior High School by Lakeland Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in honor of Michelle M. Hunenschmidt 2013 Winner of the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year Award at the Local, State, and National Level.*

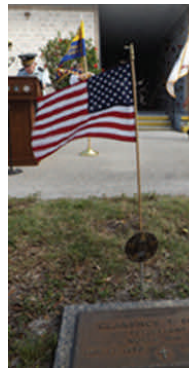
Also at the May 3, 2013 FLSSAR BOM meeting, Past Chapter President Richard Hagerman was awarded a Lamplighter Certificate by Samuel C. Powell. The Lakeland Chapter was also awarded two streamers, one for first place Chapter Challenge and one Honorable Mention for the Earl Marlin Report.

The 2012 Public Service Awards are hereby listed below. Deputy Sean Speakman was awarded the medal for Heroism for his heroic actions on November 3, 2012 when he carried a bed ridden woman across an open field to a waiting ambulance while shielding her from gunfire. Firefighter/EMT Harvey Ries was awarded the SAR Emergency Medical Commendation Medal for his actions on March 22, 2012 for saving a heart attack victim that was running on a treadmill. Firefighter Taylor Riley & Lt. Firefighter Heath Seeber were awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medals for their heroic rescue on October 29, 2012 in saving a trapped child inside a burning building.

The monthly programs of the Lakeland Chapter for the past year consist of the following: (1) Compatriot Raymond Wess presented a program on the Origins of the SAR and the Society of Cincinnati, Compatriot Melvin Sellers presented a program on the History of the Lakeland Chapter, Compatriot Jeffrey Sizemore presented a program on Continental Navy Officer John Paul Jones, Gay Harlowe presented a program on the White House Historical Association Christmas Ornaments, Compatriot Luther Lloyd presented a program on The Islam You Do Not Understand, Compatriot Raleigh Worsham presented a program on Revolutionary War Hero Andrew Lewis, Dr. Alan Rich presented a program on Acute Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Compatriot Jonathan Thornhill presented the Community Service Awards, and Compatriot Dan Hooper, keynote speaker, installed our new chapter officers.

Lake-Sumter Chapter

The Lake-Sumter Chapter FLSSAR, was born on 22 October 1988 and will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this year. We have a nice program in the planning stages and are excited that we will have our largest membership this year as well with 80 active members. We have one past State President, Ron Toops, who continues to be active in Chapter affairs as Education Chairman as well as participating in Color Guard, JROTC and Executive Committee activities. We also have Compatriot Ralph Nelson, who is the FLSSAR Historian and Past President of the Delaware Society; as well as, the Chapter Eagle Scout Chair and Chapter Genealogist and Registrar. Bob Moody; as well as, Toops and Nelson, are Patriot Medal Holders. Bob has been our Chapter's President seven times over the last 20 years. Rounding out this leadership group are Steve Offutt (Past President for the last four years), Glenn Langston our Color Guard Commander and Treasurer and George Chaffee, Secretary Extraordinaire. The Chapter participates in numerous Parades and patriotic activities including the State's recent Vietnam Veterans Recognition 2013 Parade, The Tavares July 4th Parade and Veterans Day Parades in Eustis and Tavares and Mt Dora. Our chapter has participated in the George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade for every year of our 25 year history. The Celebration has taken place for over 100 years. We recently completed a formal picture of each member as well as being engaged in obtaining biographies of members, which we include in our monthly meetings. The photograph activity is being accomplished by Frank Nolte who is also our Newsletter Publisher. Finally our new 1st VP, Jerry Hardwich has been busy planning our next year's programs and chairing our 25th Anniversary activities. The talented Michael Dick, our 2nd VP, who's wisdom rounds out this group of selfless Compatriots. We are blessed to have such a terrific group of leaders and members.



Naples Chapter

On Memorial Day the Naples Chapter SAR and the Big Cypress Chapter DAR attended a service and paid tribute to deceased men and women who had served in the United States Armed Forces. The Memorial Day observance was sponsored by the Collier County Veterans Council and was attended by local veteran and civic organizations and other patriotic citizens. Highlighting the opening Ceremony, Compatriot John McCullough dressed in colonial uniform, helped form the color guard and posted "Our Colors" at the Veterans' Memorial. During the ceremony, Naples Chapter SAR and Big Cypress Chapter DAR were recognized for contributing towards the purchase of the flags and markers that decorated all the Veterans' graves.

At our May meeting, President Larry Fehrenbaker proudly presented the chapter's first Roger Sherman Medal for Service to the SAR to Compatriots Donald Cahill, Charles Cortright, Dr. Edward Ferguson, Richard Hazen, John McCullough, James McGarity, III and Col. Charles Sweeney. Col. Sweeney was also presented the SAR Chapter Distinguish Service Medal.

The slate of officers for 2013-2014 are: President, Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker Sr., MD; First Vice President Jay F. Jewett; Second Vice President, John L. McCullough; Secretary, E. Richard Wright; Assistant Secretary, Robert M. White; Treasurer, W. Richard Hazen; Assistant Treasurer, Donald B. Cahill; Chancellor, The Honorable James M. McGarity, III; Chaplain, Charles E. Cortright; Registrar, Ronald E. Benson, Jr., PhD; Historian, Donald B. Cahill; First Sergeant-at-Arms, John L. McCullough; and Second Sergeant-at-Arms, Donald B. Cahill.

Palm Beach Chapter



At the April meeting, the Palm Beach Chapter presented six Law Enforcement Commendation Medals and Certificates to five officers and troopers from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach Police Department, and Florida Highway Patrol as well as a County Judge from the 15th Judicial Circuit. The Mayor of West Palm Beach assisted in the presentation of a Martha Washington Medal to Olga Kane for her assistance in constructing the chapter's web site. The chapter also presented a check of one thousand dollars to Peter Bowen, a student at Palm Beach Atlantic University, who was selected as the outstanding American History Student. The chapter also presented one hundred ten SAR Eagle Scout Certificates to new Eagles at the Gulfstream Honor Council awards ceremony on April 18th.

During the May meeting the chapter presented six Fire Safety Commendation Medals and Certificates to members of the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the Town of Palm Beach Fire Department. The chapter also welcomed four new members into the SAR family.

Saramana Chapter



On May 10, 2013 at the Saramana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Luncheon, 43 members and guests honored a select number of special guests. First, Cadet Colonel Shannon Hunihan was honored as the Saramana Chapter and FLSSAR winner of the NSSAR Enhanced JROTC Program. As seen from the picture above L-R President General (1997-1988) Carl Hoffmann who created the program nearly 16 years ago; Vice President Vic McMurry; Cadet Shannon Hunihan; and Senior Army Instructor at the Sarasota Military Academy, Colonel Michael Ryan, USA (Ret.).

Next, the Saramana Chapter honored student Caroline Gans as our SAR Elementary School Poster Contest winner. Caroline is in the 3rd grade at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton. She is a C.A.R. and the daughter of Sara de Soto DAR member Jennifer Gans and Richard Gans of our chapter. Third the Saramana Chapter honored Major Rachel Wasserman of the Sarasota Military Academy as the Saramana Chapter History Teacher of the Year. Her accomplishments in the field of teaching American History to her students are exemplary. Major Wasserman not only earned first place in the Chapter competition, but was also highly competitive among all of the Florida State applicants. In fact, Major Wasserman was so competitive that the Saramana Chapter specifically wrote and submitted a Proclamation to Florida State Governor Rich Scott for his signature. The Governor signed the Proclamation and proclaimed the week of May 26-31, 2013, as "Florida State History Week." Clearly Major Wasserman is a treasured asset as a living "Patriot," who believes in the United States of America and is willing to share with all who come in contact, to include most importantly her students—Those who are our future leaders of our great Nation. During the end of May, the Saramana Color Guard led by Compatriot Chuck Barrett participated in the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade, which marched down Main Street. The parade terminated at the Chaplain J. D. Hamel Park where the color guard participated in a wreath-laying ceremony to honor those who have fallen in battle.

Then on June 15, 2013 the Saramana Color Guard marched-on and posted the colors at opening ceremony of the DAR Flag Day at the Sara de Soto DAR Chapter House near downtown Sarasota. In attendance were members of the Saramana Color Guard and members of the five DAR Chapters within the Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

South Shores Chapter

On June 8, 2013, the organizing committee of the South Shores Chapter met for a luncheon meeting at the Sand Piper Grill in Sun City Center, FL to meet with FLS-SAR New Chapter Development Committee Chairman Jeff Sizemore and FLSSAR West Central Regional Vice President Dan Hooper to go over what they will need to formalize the SAR Chapter.



A group picture of this luncheon meeting is above. From left to right are Gordon Bassett, Jack Chaille, Bill Love, Chip Churchill, Luke Lloyd, Jeff Sizemore, and Dan Hooper. Once the chapter is approved on the State level, the South Shores Chapter will have their formalized chartering ceremony.

St. Augustine Chapter



As pictured above, the St. Augustine Chapter made a SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award presentation to Kim Revers of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

St. Lucie River Chapter



The St. Lucie River Chapter again presented the colors on the Fourth of July at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie, this has become an annual event for the Chapter. The baseball game is for the St. Lucie Mets, the Class A Florida State League team for the New York Mets. This was the 3rd consecutive year that the Chapter has done this and is a lot of fun and is great publicity, with over 4000 people in attendance. From left to right: Adam Whiting, Christian Whiting, Hall Riediger, Oscar Kraehenbuehl and Robert Eisenhardt. I would suggest every chapter contact their local summer team and see if they can get out on the field.



The St. Lucie River Chapter, Florida Society dedicated a monument to the men and women, who fought in the American Revolution, this last May 27, Memorial Day. The monument placed in the Port St Lucie Veteran's Memorial Park was a beautiful addition to an already beautiful monument to American Veterans. The park winds along Veteran's Memorial Parkway for about a half mile

under live oak trees and a hard sidewalk; monuments from Vietnam to now the American Revolution, Korea, WWII, WWI, Purple Heart to the main assembly area where there is space for at least a thousand people to assemble, and there was at least that many for Memorial Day.

The monument the dream of Compatriot Jay F. Wise was created by the Monument Committee of Compatriots Fred Rockhill, Joseph Leinbach, Robert Donnahoo, Jr. with Jay Wise as the Chairman and has taken the Chapter about a year to complete. Many thanks to all of those, who have contributed to this wonderful outcome, Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Department, The St. Lucie County Veteran's Council, the Franklin Bronze Company, Showcase Design Marble and Granite of Fort Pierce, the Generosity of Sheriff Paul C. May, Sheriff of Okeechobee County, the generosity of the members of the St. Lucie River Chapter, special members of the Florida Society, and most of all Jay Wise, who lead the way like a Mother guiding her child.

Tampa Chapter



On Saturday, May 18, 2013, the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met for our monthly meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, located on N. Dale Mabry, in Tampa, Florida. We had a total attendance of 37 Compatriots, wives, and guests.

At this meeting we held our regular business session at the end, rather than at the beginning, because of the number of awards that were being presented. At the beginning, because of the time involvement, our guest speaker, Mr. David Braun, of the World War II Veteran's Memorial Park and Museum, of Tampa, Florida, gave an excellent presentation on how this new addition to the history of the Tampa Bay community is evolving and how the structure of its contents is being formulated and presented to all of the visitor's. This new museum will be a fine addition to the Tampa community showcasing the heroism and the service that veterans from the surrounding areas gave to their military duties, and, to our great Country.



After Mr. Braun's presentation, the following awards were presented, with the Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

President John Skillman being involved in most of them besides those responsible from their duties of our Chapter. The following are the people and awards: Compatriot Robert Yarnell presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to our speaker, Mr. David Braun, Compatriot Doans presenting the chapter Challenge Streamer to Color Guard Commander Allen Bell with President John Skillman, Compatriot and past President, Luke Lloyd presenting new member Certificates to Compatriots John Berthold, Ham Evans, Tim Badger, and Jerry Walters, NSSAR President Awards to Compatriot Bolen, Compatriot Neugaard, Compatriot Tetrick, Compatriot Doan, 10 Year Service Pins to Compatriot Lloyd, Compatriot Bolen, Compatriot Neugaard, Compatriot Tetrick and Compatriot Doans.

This was our last meeting, breaking for the summer months, and reconvening in September, 2013. As is our custom, we invite all visiting Compatriots from Chapters around the Country who are visiting here in the Tampa Bay area, to join our Chapter at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, located on N. Dale Mabry in Tampa, Florida. The Tampa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meets the third Saturday on each month, from September through May, beginning at 11:30a.m.

Withlacoochee Chapter



On May 03rd, Compatriots Charlie Day, Robert Folk, John Pardee, Paul Pardee, and Jack Townsend, attended the spring Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, FL. The Withlacoochee Chapter won 1st Place Ribbon for the Chapter Challenge Contest; 2nd Place Ribbon for the Earl Martin – Publicity Contest which included a \$150.00 check; and won 3rd place for Chapter News Letter with a check of \$125.00. We were also happy to hear that our poster won the society level contest and it will be sent to the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas City, Missouri.

At our May meeting, Past Society President, Ronald Toops, administered the oath of office to the new chapter officers of the 2013-2014 term. Installation of Officers at May meeting. From left to right are Charlie Day – immediate past President, Clyde Johnson – 2nd VP, Robert Folk – President, Larry Sturgeon – Secretary, Ron Toops – Installing Officer (FLSSAR Past President, John Pardee – Registrar, Richard Sumner – Color Guard Commander, and Norm Freyer – Chaplain.

Uniformed members of the Chapter also made Flag Day presentations at Libraries in both Hernando and Citrus Counties.

CHAPTER MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a chapter president during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the chapter during a chapter president's term of office. The medal should be presented at the chapter's annual meeting at the conclusion of the president's term of office. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is presented by the incumbent chapter president and does not require other approval. A chapter president may present only one Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service during each year of his tenure as chapter president. If a compatriot while serving as president, steps down, and is later on elected to another term, that is considered two separate terms, and the chapter president is allowed to award a Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service Medal during his second term. A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a chapter. Dual and transferred members may not receive this medal from more than one chapter.

The medal is diamond in shape, struck in bronze color. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in bronze color. The ribbon is solid maroon. The medal is available in miniature and comes with a certificate.

Susan Griffin
 Director of Merchandise
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State Website Database Update

The State website database was designed based initially on the Lake-Sumter chapter Database designed and maintained by Scott Bushnell) and heavily modified by Scott, working with Steve Williams, our State Secretary. The data base contains irreplaceable information on members and chapters that may be used by the membership and officers to determine such things as:

- * Member's contact information and picture
- * Member's Awards
- * Member's Patriot Ancestors
- * Member's State Committees and position on that Committee
- * Chapter Officer position
- * Chapter Committee Membership
- * Chapter information (Number of members, Charter Date, Meeting Dates, Meeting Location, Chapter Officers, etc.)
- * Chapter geographic information
- * State Forms
- * State Officer contact information and position
- * Genealogy "Helpers" contact information
- * FLSSAR Region information
- * Statistical Information: number and percentage of members in various Membership Categories such as Regular, Dual, Youth, etc
- * Numerous Search capabilities on various criteria (Last Name, Zip code, email address, Member Status, Chapter Information, Committee membership, BOM Membership, National Number, State Number, Report Responsibility and more)
- * Departed Member's Obituary (if on file)
- * Manage all Tables (Super and Admin UserType)

- * Links to numerous related websites and Uniform providers
- * News Letters and General News
- * Calendar and Calendar Management
- * Equipment Inventory
- * Chapter Challenge Reports by Chapter

And many more capabilities which will assist Officers and membership in the carrying out of their duties.

Capabilities are limited by a member's UserType. Officers and Committee Chairman are UserType="Admin", the Webmaster and State Secretary are UserType="Super" and all other members are UserType="User". This is so that the ability to change information is limited to authorized Leaders.

Member's own information may only be Changed by a member himself or by an "Admin" or a "Super" UserType. Other "User" Usertypes may not change any member's information except their own. The Database is backed up at least once a week. The full capabilities of the website are so extensive it would take several hours to describe it in any more detail.



Following the British surrender at Yorktown in 2006, I ended nearly 25 years of traveling and selling my wares. Since that time my focus has been to make clothing items on demand for both re-enactors and museums. Whether I was The Little Village Tailors, Heritage Clothiers or now, I wish to create for you, impeccable, historical clothing to fit the 20th century physique. Please explore my web site at www.just2tailors.com and see what I have to offer YOU.

CALLING HOURS: 9am - 7pm EST, but I prefer e-mails so that I can keep sewing.

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FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade Report for the *Florida Patriot* as of 24Aug2013

Commander: Charles T. Sweeney (chuck_sweeney@msn.com) (Note underscore between first and last name.)

This report highlights several key points in the administration and management of the Sons of Liberty Brigade. First, it reviews our mission. Next, it reviews qualifications for the Bronze Color Guard Medal. Third, it provides a list of FLSSAR Guardsmen who previously been awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal. Fourth, it lists those Compatriots who have completed two years of service to the Sons of Liberty Brigade. Fifth, it lists those Compatriots who are eligible to receive the Bronze Color Guard Medal as of this date. Camp Reports will be made part of the "Blue Book" submission for the BOM.

Our Mission. The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guardsmen can perform at Patriotic, Historic and Honorary events, which honor our Revolutionary War Ancestors. Such events include National Society SAR Celebrations; Grave Markings; Florida Society SAR Board of Management Meetings; Annual FLSSAR Meetings and Banquets; Memorial Day Ceremonies; Parades honoring American Veterans; DAR Requests; Joint DAR/SAR Events; Revolutionary War Battle Site Ceremonies; and other events as deemed appropriate by the Color Guard Commander and the Florida Society SAR President.

Qualifications for Color Guard Medals. FLSSAR Color Guardsmen use the "event system" to qualify for the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals. This method requires members to participate in 50% of all chapter Color Guard and State events over a three year time period. The three years need not be consecutive; but three full years of total participation is required. From the Fall 2013 BOM to the Spring 2014 Annual Meeting, the FLSSAR Color Guard anticipates four State Events. To facilitate the recording and reporting of a color guard member's participation for an endorsement toward the awarding of the NSSAR Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals, Compatriot Vic McMurry created Sons of the American Revolution Society/Chapter Color Guard Reporting Form. To view and use this form online, go www.flssar.org. Beneath "Welcome to Florida Society," click "FLSSAR Documents." Under "Form Name," slide down to Color Guard Nomination form (PDF) and then across to "Form." Click there to reveal the reporting form.

FLSSAR Guardsmen Previously Award the Bronze CG Medal

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
1. Clarence Barrett	Saramana	2. Douglas Bridges	Miami	3. Lindsey Brock	Jacksonville
4. Don Cahill	Naples	5. Dick Cardell	Jacksonville	6. Harold Crapo	Saramana
7. Charles Day	Withlacochee	8. Ben Dubose	Brevard	9. Dick Friberg	Miami
10. Frank Hodalski	Saramana	11. Dan Hooper	Clearwater	12. Ted Hornback	Saramana
13. Nelson Jantzen	Clearwater	14. Lonnie Jones	Aaron Snowden	15. Mark Kilgore	Clearwater15.
16. David Kitchen	Clearwater	17. Ray Lantz	Pensacola	18. George Lockhart	Jacksonville
19. John McCullough	Naples	20. Vic McMurry	Saramana	21. Hal Miller	Saramana
22. Randy Moody	Caloosa	23. Norman Myers	Central FL	24. Harley Nelson	Withlacochee
25. George Pratt	Clearwater	26. David Ramseur	Jacksonville	27. Hall Riediger	St. Lucie River
28. Charles Riegle	Saramana	29. Richard Sumner	Withlacochee	30. Chuck Sweeney	Saramana
31. Phil Tarpley	Saramana	32. Ron Toops	Lake Sumter	32. Grant Wallin	Clearwater
33. Steve Williams	Brevard	34. Jay Wise	St. Lucie River	35. Philip Wright	Brevard
36. Ed Young	Pensacola	37. John Pardee	Withlacochee	38. Paul Pardee	Withlacochee
39. John Tucker	Withlacochee	40. Jerome Rawson	Withlacochee	41. Jack Townsend	Withlacochee

Compatriots Eligible to Receive the Bronze Color Guard Medal as of this Report

Compatriot Roy Martin

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, NSSAR World War II Veterans Corps, and NSSAR Korean Service Veterans Corps Information

Are you a veteran, as defined here? Contact Chuck Sweeney to join the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Or complete the form below, and process it according to its instructions.



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.

If you are a World War II Veteran or a Korean Service Veteran and wish to join the World War II Veterans Corps or the Korean Service Veterans Corps, go <http://www.sar.org/node/1771>.

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Survey

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

- 1. Full Name _____
- 2. Address _____ Email _____
- 3. NSSAR# _____ 4. FLSSAR# _____ 5. Phone# _____
- 6. Branch of Service. _____ 7. Rank held upon discharge. _____
- 8. Active Duty entrance place/date. _____ 9. Discharge place/date. _____
- 10. While on active duty, were you awarded a campaign medal(s)? _____ Is/are the medal(s) reflected on your discharge papers? _____ If you are a WWII or a Korean Service Veteran circle the campaign medal(s) noted below; otherwise list the campaign medal(s) you are authorized here _____

[For WWII Veterans Circle Campaign Medal(s) Authorized: (a) American Campaign; (b) European African Middle Eastern Campaign; (c) Asiatic-Pacific Campaign.]

[For Korean Service Veterans Circle Campaign Medal(s) Authorized: (a) Korean Service Medal; (b) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; (c) Korean Defense Service Medal; (d) United Nations Service Medal for Korea; (e) Republic of Korea War Service Medal.]

Chapter President's Endorsement: *I have reviewed the subject veteran's discharge papers and 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 500 S Palm Ave Unit 22; Sarasota, FL 34236-6878. Or email it to chuck_sweeney@msn.com. (Note an underscore connects Chuck and Sweeney, i.e., chuck_sweeney; Phone: 941.706.2007.) By completing this survey and submitting it, you agree that the information thereon can be published. **Furthermore, ensure Chapter President's Endorsement is executed.**

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***FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 SPRING BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM),
 AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
 MAY 03 – 04, 2013, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA***

President Phil Tarpley opened the meeting at 3:10PM Friday, 03 May 2013 after a quorum was certified by Secretary Steve Williams. The invocation was given by Chaplain Roy Martin Jr. Jeff Sizemore led the pledge of allegiance. Ted Duay led the SAR Pledge. President Tarpley recognized first time attendees and national officers.

Reading of the minutes was waived. However David Kelsey offered amendments to change line #4 first word from Reimbursements to Disbursements and strike the entire sentence nine lines up from the bottom, beginning with "President Tarpley awarded...". The amendments passed and the minutes are so amended. FLSSAR Officers reported to President Tarpley any changes to their reports published in the Blue Book.

Secretary Steve William asked BOM attendees to explain to their chapters the membership transfer rules and procedures. He also stated that any member wishing to attend the National Congress as a delegate from Florida needs to apply for their credentials through him as soon as possible. Florida is allowed 35 delegates, not counting National Officers.

Treasurer Hal Riediger stated that the FLSSAR finances were in good condition and that after paying all of the society's bills there was a surplus of \$22,000.00. He introduced a motion to transfer \$1000.00 to the FLSSAR Ladies Axillary. Harold Crapo introduced an amended motion to raise the amount to \$1500.00. The motion was seconded by Ted Duay. A vote passed and the motion carried.

Harold Crapo read a FLSSAR sponsored Resolution on Grandfathered Applications to the attendees and discussed its background. Because of the nature of the resolution and its intended purpose, National Officers Randy Moody and Lindsey Brock asked to abstain from any discussion and any vote involving the resolution, President Tarpley granted the abstention. John Skillman offered an amendment to page #2, line #2, to strike, "and possibly other rules". Carl Hoffman offered an amendment to page #2, paragraph #2, and line #1 to strike "it is believed that". Carl Hoffman offered an additional amendment to paragraph #5, line #2, to insert after "Officers," **and executive committee members**. President Tarpley offered a motion to accept the amendments as read and a vote passed and the motion carried. A vote to accept and sponsor the "Resolution on Grandfather Applications" passed.

Secretary Steve Williams stated that any new submissions to the FLSSAR Florida Patriot Magazine are to be forwarded to the new editor Jeff Sizemore.

Vic McMurry offered a motion to move all information from the member's only web site to the public web site except personal and financial information. Dan Hooper Seconded the motion. After discussion, Randy Moody offered a new motion to form a committee to examine the specifics of personal and private information and report back to the BOM at a later date. Ralph Nelson seconded the motion. Vic McMurry withdrew his original motion. The Randy Moody motion was voted on and passed. The motion carried.

President Tarpley stated that the BOM Executive Committee was making a motion to shut down the Florida Talk network. Carl Hoffman seconded the motion. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried.

Ted Duay discussed a new society medal, the Roger Sherman Medal that would be awarded at the awards banquet Friday night.

Ray Wess discussed the 75th Anniversary of the Palm Beach Chapter.

Ted Duay made a motion to donate \$200.00 to NSSAR library to become friends of the library. The motion was seconded by David Ramseur. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried.

Vic McMurry made a motion to amend the Standing Rules and Procedures with a delete and insert on page #32 of the blue book first paragraph. After discussion by the attendees, the motion was withdrawn.

John Stewart reported that seven chapters with 41 total contestants competed in the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest.

Frank Hodalski offered a motion to award a FLSSAR Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Bradley Abrams for his work with the FLSSAR in providing materials for the society's support of troops program. The motion was seconded by President Tarpley. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried.

Recess until 1:30PM May 04, 2013

Reconvene of BOM meeting May 04, 2013 1:30PM

Ted Duay led the pledge of Allegiance

Al Myer led the SAR Pledge

Chaplain Roy Martin delivered the invocation

Vic McMurry stated that the Endowment Trust Fund Forms are available in both Microsoft Word and PDF

Roy Martin stated that the Society's funds are in good shape.

Ted Duay stated that the trust funds are administered to by a committee of three, Ted Duay, Randy Moody, and David Kelsey. Total net of funds is approximately \$500,000.00 and return is approximately 3%. Ted Duay further stated that IRS Forms 990EZ were filed for all funds involved.

The Spring BOM meeting was adjourned

The FLSSAR Annual Meeting was officially opened.

Chaplain Roy Martin delivered the invocation

Ray Wess, chairman of the nominating committee presented the committee's selections for nomination to FLSSAR Officers for the year 2013 – 2014. The selections are:

President – Theodore Matthew Duay III

Senior Vice President – Charles Thomas Sweeney

Secretary – Steven Allen Williams

Treasurer – Herman Hall Riediger

Member-at-Large – Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker

Vice President NW – Robert Royal Canavello

Vice President NC – Earle Scott Bushnell

Vice President NE – Oscar Patterson

Vice President EC – Jeffery Lee Sizemore

Vice President WC – Danny Robert Hooper

Vice President SE – Douglas Harmon Bridges

Vice President SW – Victor George McMurry

Recording Secretary – Raymond Francis Wess

Chancellor – Carl K. Hoffmann

Registrar – Raymond Clyde Lantz

Chaplain – Roy Abbott Martin Jr.

Genealogist – Richard Bruce Cardell

Historian – Ralph Daniel Nelson

Florida Patriot Editor – Jeffery Lee Sizemore

Sergeant-at-Arms – Joe Hermand Hill

Webmaster – Earle Scott Bushnell

National Trustee – Steven Allen Williams

Alternate Trustee – Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker

President Tarpley asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. President Tarpley accepted a motion from Ted Duay to accept the nominations as stated. The motion was seconded by Lindsey Brock. A subsequent vote to accept the nominees passed and the motion carried.

Ted Duay, Chairman of the Charter and Bylaws committee opened up discussion on proposed amendments to the Florida Bylaws so published in the Florida Patriot, spring 2013 issue, page 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32. Carl Hoffman offered a stylistic change to Article III, (Officers), Section 1 (Titles), to read **the officers shall be members in good standing of the FLSSAR**. He further proposed an amendment to change Article IV, (Duties of Officers), Section 1 (President), page #30 of same publication, line #5 to read, **He should attend the NSSAR Annual Congress and leadership meetings, the annual meetings of the South Atlantic District.....** The motion was seconded by Arthur Chapman. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried.

A motion was offered by Ted Duay to accept the remaining Society Bylaw changes. Carl Hoffmann seconded the motion. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried. The bylaws were approved as amended.

President Tarpley announced the FLSSAR Nominating Committee for 2013 – 2014: Doug Bridges, Charles Day, Ralph Nelson, Jeff Sizemore, and Phil Tarpley

Ted Duay offered a motion to accept the nominating committee assignments. President Tarpley seconded the motion. A subsequent vote passed and the motion carried.

The following documents/matters pertaining to the FLSSAR were reviewed by the Treasurer, H. Hall Riediger and David Kelsey, Finance Committee:

Solicitation of Contributions	Annual Report (re: incorporation)
Florida Dept. of Agriculture	Florida Dept. of State
Due: 8/1 each year	Due: 1/1 to 5/1 each year
Status: Current, Filed 2012	Status: Current, Filed March, 2013

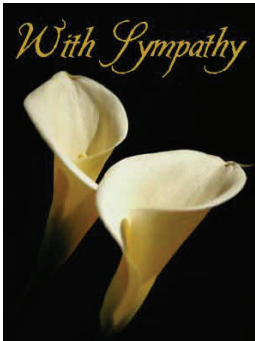
990EZ for 2012	Consumers Certificate of Exemption (Sales Tax)
IRS & Florida Atty. General	Florida Dept. of Revenue
Due: 5/15/13	Due: Every 5 years
Status: Current, Filed March, 2013	Status: Current, filed 7/31/2010, expires 7/31/2015

Change of Registered Agent
 Florida Dept. of State
 Due: Filed as Necessary
 Status: H. Hall Riediger, Registered Agent

All documentation is in good order, current, and being maintained by the Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM

Ray Wess, Recording Secretary



John H. Carter (1933 - 2013)

It is with deep regret that the FLSSAR inform you of the passing of John H. Carter. The information below comes from his obituary.

Bay County resident John H. Carter died on April 25, 2013 in Alexandria, VA after having enjoyed as much of this as he could stand. He had recently moved to Alexandria in hopes of spending quality time with his grandchildren and gaining a life outside of a nursing home; clearly, that did not work out so well. Cause of death was officially noted as renal failure, but friends and family suspect he was fed up of being jerked around in a wheelchair all day and having to eat pureed food. He was 80 years old.

John was an honest and realistic person, with an incredibly dry sense of humor. He especially liked cracking morbid jokes at funerals, in church, and other places not commonly known for hilarity. He was an avid gardener, devoted husband, loving father, and over-the-top grandfather. He served our country in the military and as a civil servant for over 30 years, and his sacrifices were many. He abhorred false grief at funerals and would take joy in knowing his children and grandchildren are sending him home to Jesus with faith, humor, and love.

Born in White Oak, FL, John graduated from Bay High, then Florida State University; as well as, specialized programs at the University of Chicago, Cornell University, and The Foreign Service Institute. He served with the 501st Reg. 101st Airborne Division, and was a member of the Adjutant General's Corps of the U.S. Occupation Forces, Germany, 1952-1956. After graduation from FSU, John's federal career included the U.S. Treasury Department where he was a revenue officer and supervisory tax examiner. He transferred to the U.S. Department of State where he was a member of the Corps Diplomatique and special advisor to the ambassador in Ankara, Turkey. After returning to the United States, he held posts in Kingston, Jamaica, and San Salvador, El Salvador. Following those excursions he worked in the Executive Office of the President of the United States as the chief of special investigations for the Energy Office. His last career post was as the director of reference and information management for the U.S. Department of Energy from which he retired with distinguished career status.

While serving his country, John also served his community and was a member of the Palmwood Lodge #303, F&AM, West Palm Beach, FL; Virginia York Rite Bodies; Order of DeMolay-Legion of Honor Chapter Advisor; Prince William Chapter Order of DeMolay, VA; Panama City Scottish Rite Bodies; and Shaddai Temple AAONMS-charter member. He was also a member of the Jamestown Society; Order of Founders and Patriots of America; Sons of the American Revolution—president, State of Florida; Society of the War of 1812 - treasurer, State of Florida; Military Order of the Stars and Bars; and Phi Zappa Tau Fraternity-Presidential Citation.

John is preceded in death by his son, John H. Carter II, and his wife, Irene R. Carter. He is survived by his children, Melissa A. Carter of Alexandria, VA, and Tom Carter of Panama City, FL; and two grandchildren, John Carter Hirt and Acalia Carter-Martin of Alexandria, VA.

Saturday Banquet Program - September 7, 2013

Kings, Queens, Pilgrims, and Tavern Keepers: An Introduction to Other Lineage Societies

Presenter: Debbie Duay, Ph.D.

Have you ever wondered if you descend from royalty? Perhaps you are a direct descendant of a Mayflower passenger. Could you be eligible to join the prestigious Society of the Cincinnati? Maybe there is a colonial tavern keeper hidden somewhere in your tree.

If are you curious about other popular lineage societies such as Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Baronial Order of Magna Charta, Society of the Cincinnati, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, General Society Sons of the Revolution (SR), and Flagon and Trencher, you will not want to miss this presentation. Debbie Duay, Ph.D. will discuss how to find an eligible ancestor, what each society requires in terms of documentation and lineage, and the types of published resources that can assist you in the documentation process.

Fall BOM Session

Secretary Session

This session will re-focus attention on the annual report process by reviewing the documents which are sent to the chapters, explaining the importance of these documents, the timeline for completing the annual report, and the necessity for accuracy of all information submitted in the chapter's report.

Each chapter should have their representative attend this session to ensure that the chapter's annual report is completed accurately and on time.

Chapter Newsletter Editor Session

There will be a 1 hour chapter Newsletter Editor session scheduled for the FALL BOM. Topics will include

- reviewing the FLSSAR Fowler Award (Newsletter competition) criteria and discussion on styles and formats of our society's chapter newsletters.
- what others are/aren't doing,
- what their editing choices are
- what drives those choices
- publication and distribution costs
- entering the national chapter newsletter competition - Carl F. Bessent Award

We encourage you to attend and learn how you might improve your chapter's newsletter and help other editors with their newsletter. Please bring along copies of your newsletter for other editors to look at during our session.

Genealogy Workshops Open to All Attendees

Friday, September 6, 2013 (2 hours)

Part I - Finding and Documenting Revolutionary War Ancestors

Whether you are a SAR member interested in researching supplemental patriots or a chapter Registrar, you will not want to miss this advanced genealogy workshop! In Part I, Debbie Duay, Ph.D. will discuss her proven strategy for finding patriots "hidden" in family trees. She will also discuss important resources for documenting lineages including vital records, probate records, county & town histories, Bible records, and military pensions.



Saturday, September 7, 2013 (2 hours)

Part II - Documenting Revolutionary War Ancestors and Completing SAR Applications

In Part II, Debbie will discuss additional resources for documenting lineages including land records, guardianships, church records, newspapers and obituaries, acceptable sources of service, state census records, state libraries and archives, and Worldcat.org. In addition, she will review tips for properly completing SAR applications.

Debbie Duay, Ph.D. served as the Lineage Research Chairman for the Florida State Society DAR (FSSDAR) from 2009-2013. Currently, she is the FSSDAR Organizing Secretary and Chapter Development and Revitalization Chairman. Debbie has helped more than 350 people join the DAR and SAR, and her tutorial "Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor" <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot> and website for SAR members <http://www.learnwebskills.com/corner> receive more than 500 visitors each day.

The New Florida Society Mail Lists

As a result of the recommendation out of the Spring BOM that FLATalk be discontinued and the use of the Mail List creation capability of our Web Host, two Mail Lists were created for two distinct and separate purposes: a Mail List for delivery of the link to the electronic version of *The Florida Patriot* and a Mail List for dissemination of important Florida Society news such as, but not limited to, Bylaw amendment proposals which are required by Florida's Bylaws, the calling of Special Meetings which is required by Florida's Bylaws, BOM meeting information, other significant items. Both these lists are moderated which means that messages will only be sent if they conform to the range of subject matter mentioned above.

All Florida Society members with e-mail addresses were sent a message to confirm addition to the particular Mail List by clicking the hypertext link within the message.

Why are we doing this? It is excessively expensive to USPS Mail Bylaws proposals to 1800+ members to fulfill the notification requirements as laid out in the Bylaws. Similarly, it is also expensive to USPS *The Florida Patriot* when we can save money by e-mailing the link for the electronic version. To use e-mail to distribute the items using an individual's e-mail service requires that the message meet the ISP's mail requirements for number of recipients per e-mail message and the number of recipients per day. To send a message and cover the numbers of recipients mentioned above requires 10 to 15 messages spread over 2 to 3 days. This is time consuming and can result in the mail service locking up. It also creates problems when an individual recipient has a mail service that counts as SPAM any message with a certain number of recipients on that message - sometimes as few as 50 recipients. Then that member doesn't get the message.

Using a Mail List which sends out individual messages to all on the Mail List prevents all of the problems described above.

FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

The purpose of the Florida Society Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee is to help each one of our chapters to be successful and growth. This is accomplished by each chapter getting out into your community with projects that promote the organization on both a local and state level. Therefore, the Florida Society recognizes this effort and set up the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee to help offset some of the cost incurred by the local chapters.

For 2011, the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee was proud to announce that we approved 40 requests spread over 14 Chapters. The total amount approved for reimbursement to these 14 Chapters is \$8,775.30. Florida currently has 33 chapters, or put another way, we had 42% of our FLSSAR chapters that shared in these funds and 58% of our FLSSAR chapters that failed to participate, and will NOT receive any money.

For 2012, the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee was proud to announce that we approved 53 requests spread over 24 Chapters. The total amount approved for reimbursement to these 24 Chapters was \$10,567.58. Florida currently has 32 active chapters, or put another way, we had 75% of our FLSSAR chapters that shared in these funds and 25% of our FLSSAR chapters that failed to participate, and did NOT share in the financial assistance provided by your FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund.

For 2013, your Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee has a goal of having even more Chapters participate. Why make 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. As a side note, ever notice that the most successful chapters have the **most expensive** chapter dues (\$30 or more)? 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.

Having trouble finding students to enter your Chapter contests? Are your Chapter's Scholarship events listed on your local schools web sites? If your Chapter's events are NOT listed, why are they missing? Could it be because no one from your Chapter asked the schools to list your scholarship events, such as Rumbaugh, Knight Essay, Poster Contest, Enhanced JROTC Program, and Eagle Scout Scholarship? Or, could it be that the Chapters Scholarship level is below the schools minimum. Remember, a \$50.00 scholarship will not purchase even one college book. Everything we do takes more and more money.

The date for our Committee to receive Grant Applications for 2013 started on January 1. Grant Applications for 2013 will not be accepted after November 15, 2013. Grant requests may include eligible chapter expenses from November 1 of the previous year through October 31 of the current year. All Applications *must provide* the needed information specified in the Instructions. Applications cannot pre-date the award/event and applications must be sent to the Committee Chairman as an email attachment.

On the FLSSAR web site at <http://www.flssar.org/Forms.htm> you will find under "ETF Grant Application" three Documents. The first document is a PDF file labeled "Suggestions". It will give you suggestions as to how to complete your ETF Grant Application Form and how your Committee performs the calculations. You will need to have the FREE Adobe Reader in order to open this file. The FREE Adobe Reader can be downloaded at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> or at a web site I personally prefer, <http://www.filehippo.com/>. Remember, Adobe Reader is FREE.

Early submittals are welcome and this helps your chapter be sure to receive some reimbursement, because the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund only earns so much each year, and if we had 100% participation we could never afford 100% reimbursement, in fact a 50% reimbursement could prove to be a challenge. But if a chapter was reimbursed for 50% of their medals and awards to non-SAR members, this would still allow chapters to continue participating in worthwhile project because there would have more money to make even more awards.

If your Chapter does not have any member that can complete either one of the ETF Grant Application Forms, please contact the Committee Chairman Vic McMurry at either 941-966-0493 or via email at vicmc4@gmail.com.

The Endowment Trust Fund and the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee was created to help **all** of our FLSSAR Chapters succeed and grow. Please participate in 2013 and help us help your chapter and FLSSAR grow.

American History Trivia

1. We celebrate the Fourth of July to commemorate: A. The day of the Continental Army's victory at Yorktown, B. The adoption of the Declaration of Independence, C. The first day of the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, or D. The day the Constitution of the United States took effect.
2. Which of these North American Cities is oldest? A. Montreal, Quebec, B. Jamestown, Va., C. St. Augustine, FL., or D. Plymouth, Mass.
3. Which American Indian tribe has never been native to the Atlantic Coast? A. Wampanoag, B. Powhatan, C. Cherokee, or D. Sioux .
4. What nearly destroyed the British colonies of New England in 1675-76? A. Metacom's (or King Philip's) War, B. The French and Indian War, C. The Boston Massacre, or D. Barbary pirates.
5. Which city was the first U. S. Capital under the Constitution? A. Washington, D.C., B. Philadelphia, Pa., C. Boston, Mass., or D. New York, N. Y.
6. The number of congressional representative each state can send to the U. S. House of Representative is determined by: A. State Population, B. Amount of land in the state, C. When the state ratified the U. S. Constitution. or D. Every state has the same number of U. S. representatives: five
7. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are on a permanent Public display in what building in Washington, D. C.? A. Smithsonian Institution, B. National Archives, C. Library of Congress, or D. Washington Monument

Answers: B, C, D, A, D, A, B

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

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Fall BOM Meeting September 6 - 8, 2013

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center at the Florida Mall, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809

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 **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
 Genealogy Day 1 Genealogy Day 1 (Guest)
 Genealogy Day 2 Genealogy Day 2 (Guest)
 Newsletter Editor Training Chapter Secretary Annual Report Training

The Banquet meals (below) include: **Chef's choice of vegetable/starch, Chef's choice of dessert, Beverages-Coffee, Iced Tea, Water.**

Sept 7 th	Member Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Grilled Flank Steak - \$23		Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
Saturday Luncheon	Guest Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Grilled Flank Steak - \$23		Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>

Sept 7 th	Member Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Chicken Florentine - \$35		Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
Saturday Banquet	Guest Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Chicken Florentine - \$35		Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>

Dietary Requests:

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 August 31, 2013

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 321-632-5663. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 321-632-5663.

Make your check **payable** to “**Treasurer FLSSAR**”. If mailing, send to:

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee

% Steve Williams
 3403 Caraway St.
 Cocoa, FL 32926-3625

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Phone: 321-632-5663
 E-mail: swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

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

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September 6 - 8, 2013

(Room Rate = \$117.00 per night RSVP by 8/16/2013)

800-588-4656

1500 Sandlake Road Orlando, FL 32809

FROM INTERSTATE 4 WEST - (from Tampa): From I-4, take exit #74 (Sand Lake Road). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right and continue on Sand Lake Road approximately 5 miles to Orange Blossom Trail (US 441-17-92). Turn right (south, go to the second light (Sun Life Path) and turn left into the Florida Mall. Continue straight, then follow signs to the hotel.

FROM INTERSTATE 4 EAST - (from Daytona Beach and downtown Orlando): From I-4, take exit #80, Orange Blossom Trail (US 441-17-92). The exit ramp will merge with south bound traffic on Orange Blossom Trail. Continue south for approximately 5 miles. Go through the intersection at Sand Lake Road (SR 482), continue to the second light (Sun Life Path) and turn left into the Florida Mall. Continue straight, then follow signs to the hotel.

FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, NORTH OR SOUTH: From the Florida Turnpike, take exit #254, Orange Blossom Trail (US 441-17-92). Follow signs for "North-East 441." Continue straight on Orange Blossom Trail to the third light (Sun Life Path) and turn right into the Florida Mall. Continue straight, then follow signs to the hotel.