

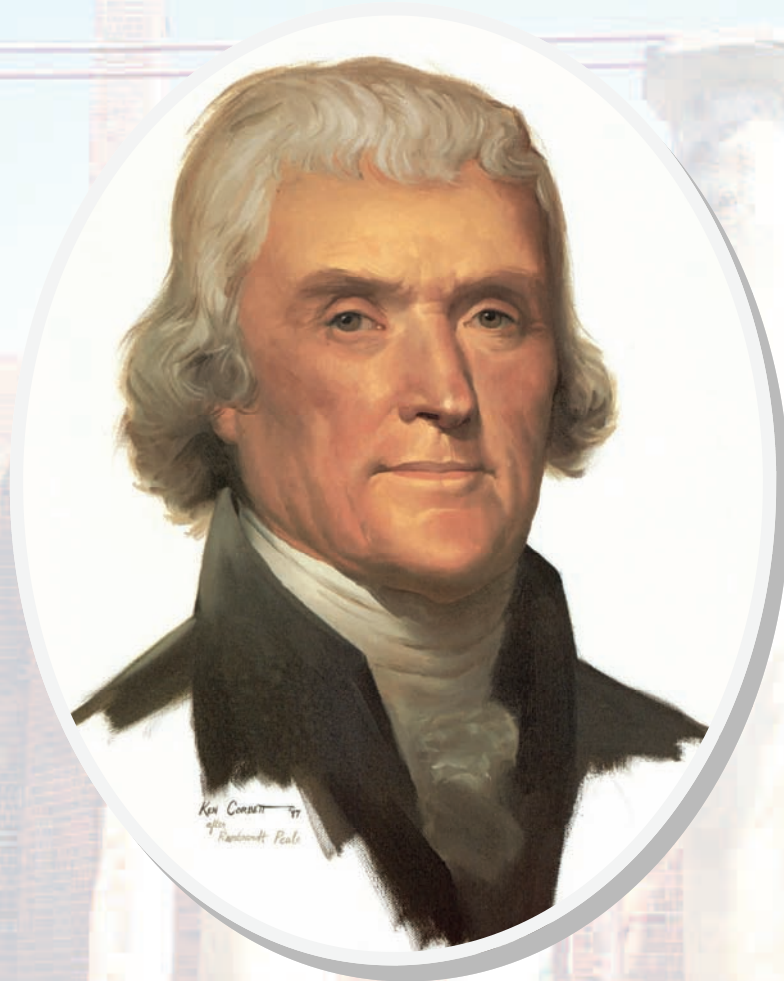


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*Society President's  
Message*

Dear Compatriots:

What is that old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun?" It is hard to believe that my time as state president is almost over. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those compatriots who have assisted me in the past year and to all those chapters that invited me to visit them.

On my most recent visit, I attended the celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution held on March 8, 2014 at Veterans Memorial Park. The weather could not have been nicer as it was a bright sunny day with a good breeze. There were 18 units that participated in the processing of the colors. I had the distinct honor of marching at the front of the SAR Color Guard with Registrar General Mike Tomme and VPG Randy Moody. My congratulations to the Brevard Chapter for another great event!

When I took office last year, I stated that my main goals were to increase membership in the Florida Society and to provide genealogical tools and resources to assist in this process. The following illustrates our Society's success in meeting these goals: during 2013, the Florida Society welcomed over 250 new members; in the recent Winter 2014 issue of "The SAR Magazine", the Florida Society led the nation in the number of approved new member applications; and my wife, Debbie, graciously volunteered her time to conduct genealogical workshops at every state meeting, as well as making SAR specific genealogical resources, such as an index of patriots proven by members of the Florida Society, available online. These resources can be located at:

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

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

My thanks go to everyone who assisted in this process. As I have mentioned previously, for the first time in almost 20 years, one of our own, Florida Compatriot Lindsey Brock, has been nominated for the office of President General. I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend the upcoming SAR Annual Congress in Greenville, SC to show their support for Lindsey and to wish him well for his term as President General. As membership is the lifeblood of our organization, it is my hope that Lindsey can discover a way for the SAR, at a national level, to devote more time and resources in creating usable databases and digitizing member records similar to what the DAR has done with its online Genealogical Research System. Such online tools are necessary if the SAR wants to expand its membership at a rapid pace as well as making the application research process more fruitful.

On May 2-4, 2014, the Florida Society will be having its Spring Board of Management and Annual Meetings at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando. As we elect new officers at this meeting, it is my hope that everyone can make plans to attend. Since these meetings cover two full days, there will be a genealogy workshop offered as well as other educational opportunities. Also, we have the honor of hosting the Annual meeting of the South Atlantic District which will occur on May 3, 2014.

Again, I extend my thanks and gratitude to everyone who has made this year so successful!

Fraternally,

*Ted Duay*

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.

## *The Museum of the American Revolution*

by Ralph D. Nelson, Jr.,  
Historian of the FLSSAR

Many of us have travelled to Philadelphia to visit Independence National Historical Park, which contains Carpenter's Hall (where the First Continental Congress met), Independence Hall (where the Declaration was passed and signed), the Liberty Bell, and Washington Square (burial site for over 2,000 patriots who died while prisoners of the British army). Today the old Visitors Center is being replaced by a new museum, which will house many artifacts from the War for Independence in interactive and informative displays.

The Museum of the American Revolution (MoAR) was conceived as a site to display thousands of artifacts collected by the Valley Forge Historical Society and acquired by H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest. In the ensuing decade Lenfest assembled an advisory board of Revolutionary War scholars and raised over one hundred million dollars from individuals, private firms, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Several years of negotiations between the MoAR and the National Park Service (NPS) resulted in the MoAR acquiring the old Visitors Center in central Philadelphia -- an area visited by millions of tourists. In return the NPS received a large tract of undeveloped land adjacent to Valley Forge National Historical Park, preserving its scenic viewshed.

The MoAR has developed a bi-monthly newsletter, an Email series of excerpts from recently-published books on the American Revolution, a series of lesson plans and classroom activities related to the American Revolution, and an online interactive timeline with examples of the artifacts in their collection.

The new museum won't be ready for visitors for several years. Meanwhile you may explore the MoAR website at <http://amrevmuseum.org>, donate to its building fund, and plan a visit in 2017.

## *Seaton Creek (Thomas Creek Battlefield)*

### *Grand Opening - March 3, 2014*

By David Ramseur, Past Florida Society President

It was a Great Day to be a member of the SAR (as Lindsey Brock always says). Our Jacksonville Color Guard presented the colors at this morning's ceremony (we also had my cousin Bill Ramseur who came down from his Marshes of Glenn, St. Simons, GA). It was a beautiful day, no rain, temperature upper 70 degrees. The ground we are standing on in the picture is sacred ground as as many as 32 of Col. Bakers Patriot Calvary forces died at this location on the morning of May 17, 1777.

In 2004, Environmental Services, Inc. found artifacts dating to the Revolutionary War period. This location the according to the 2004 study identified the area also as the primary Thomas Creek Battle site due for horses needing water and encampment on this bluff for the troops.

Mayor Brown for the City of Jacksonville, brought greeting as well as Councilman Ray Holt, Bruce Hill, District Manager Forestry Service and Barbara Goodman Supt. of the Timucuan National Park that is located adjacent to the 846 acre park. In my prayer of dedication of the park given after our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the US, I mentioned about the Patriots who died 237 years ago in this highly possible location at the Battle of Thomas Creek. Councilman Ray Holt also mentioned about this battle with the British Regulars, Loyalists and Creek Indians and also how the funding was accomplished. If it had not been for Ray's support over these years this Park, containing the Southern Most Battlefield of the American Revolution would have never happened!





Picture above at the Seaton Creek Grand Opening, March 3, 2014, are left to right: Chuck Farmer, David Ramseur, Bill Ramseur, Dick Cardell, Dennis Carpenter, Darrell Goss, Jim Gaskins, Roy Weiland

Thomas Group: Roy Weiland, David Ramseur, Chuck Farmer, Dick Cardell, John Roberson, Dennis Carpenter, Mayor Alvin Brown, Ray Holt, Daryl Goss, Jim Gaskins,



A view of Seaton Creek also known as Thomas Creek in which the Southern most battle of the American Revolution took place.



Seaton Creek /Thomas Creek Ribbon Cutting: David Ramseur, SAR; Bruce Hill, District Manager Florida State Forestry Service; Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown; Barbara Goodman, Supt. of the Timucuan National Park, Ray Holt and John Cresembeni, City Councilmen.



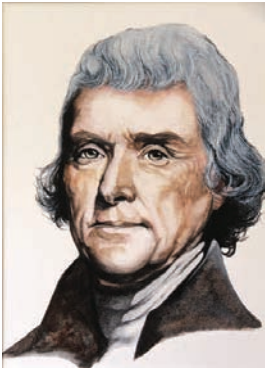
### *Debbie Duay's Genealogy Workshop*

Debbie Duay, Ph.D., will continue her session on genealogy at upcoming Board of Management and Annual Meeting on Friday, May 2, 2014. This meeting time will be from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. She will stress the key resources for documenting lineage and service. She will also be discussing her favorite free resources for documenting lineage and Revolutionary War service.



## Jefferson's Taste for Fine Wine

By John Stewart



Mr. Jefferson loved his wine. He drank it often at his meals and offered it liberally to his guests. He even tried to grow it on his land. And sadly it cost him the friendship of George Washington in whose first cabinet he had served brilliantly as Secretary of State.

Mr. Jefferson drank wine before, during, and after his five years in France. As a young law student at William and Mary College, Mr. Jefferson enjoyed the sophisticated company of his "faithful and beloved mentor"

George Wythe, the cosmopolitan and erudite Dr. Wm Small, and Virginia Royal Governor Francis Fauquier, whom Mr. Jefferson called "the ablest man who ever filled that office." The Governor's table did not lack for fine wines.

Later on in 1773 Mr. Jefferson met Philip Mazzai through the Virginia merchant, Thomas Adams. Mazzai was an European entrepreneur and *bon vivant*. He dreamed of making fine wine on 400 acres joining Monticello to the east. Mr. Jefferson let him have the land and encouraged him. Mazzai brought 10 Italian *vignerons* to cultivate the land Mr. Jefferson described as "resembling extremely the Cote of Burgundy from Chambertin to Montrachet where the famous wines of Burgundy are made" But the venture failed, due to killing frosts and war.



During his 5 year stay in France as minister plenipotentiary from the fledgling United States, Mr. Jefferson traveled to the vineyards of Burgundy, Cote Rotie, Hermitage, Bordeaux, Champagne, through Provence, over the Alps into Italy, along the French and Italian Riviervas, through Languedoc and the Canal-du-Mide, and down the Rhine. From his copious notes, it is easy to learn his favorite wines, which are available today. Listen to the familiar names of his favorites: From France, of the red Burgundies, he likes, in order, Chambertin, Clos de Vougeot, Vosne Romanee, Volnay, and Pomard. Of the white Burgundies, he likes Montrachet and Meursault. From Bordeaux, he likes Chateau Haut Brion, Lafitte, Latour and Margaux. From Italy, of the Tuscany wines, his favorite was Montepulciano. And from Portugal, he likes the ever popular Madeira. For those of you who would like to read more about this subject, I recommend Jim Galber's book, "The Wines and Travels of Thomas Jefferson."



Pictured herein is Thomas Jefferson's Barbooursville Winery

I told you that Mr. Jefferson lost the friendship of George Washington over wine. This is the story. In 1796, Mr. Jefferson was Vice President under John Adams and dismayed to see the government drifting towards authoritarianism under the influence of Hamilton and the "monocrats." TJ writes a newsy letter about current events in the US to his enduring friend, Philip Mazzai who has returned to Italy. Here's the juicy part: **"the aspect of our politics has wonderfully changed since you left us. In place of that noble love of liberty and republican government which carried us triumphantly through the war, an Anglican monarchical and aristocratical party has sprung up, whose avowed object is to draw over us the substance, as they have already done the forms, of the British government."** It gets better! TJ continues: **"It would give you a fever were I to name to you the apostates who have gone over to these heresies, men who were Samsons in the field and Solomons in the council, but who have had their heads shorn by the harlot England."** Unfortunately Mazzai published this letter, and it wound up being read on the floor of the US congress! Washington could not miss the poke at him with the "Sampsons in the field" comment, and his history of favoring Hamilton in what seemed to Mr. Jefferson as several pro-British thrusts. The general took umbrage, abetted by Mr. Jefferson's enemies, and didn't talk or correspond with Mr. Jefferson for the remaining three years of his life.

Although Philip Mazzai and Mr. Jefferson failed to make wine at the time, their judgment about the *terrior* – that land next to Monticello - was perfectly correct. Today, you can visit what's known as "the Jefferson Vineyard" and taste the very good reds and whites they make there. I have done it and recommend it to you heartily!

Mr. Jefferson was the most knowledgeable wine connoisseur of his age and his tastes in wine covered the world:

France, Germany, Italy, Cyprus, Hungary, Madeira, Portugal, Spain and, of course, America. He seldom drank a wine he didn't like but he had clear favorites including Haut Brion, Lafite, Latour, Margaux, Chambertin and Schloss Johannisberg. He had great taste! These wines remain favorites with wine lovers today.

So let's lift our glasses and give a hearty oenophilic toast: Happy 271st birthday, Mr. Jefferson!

## *Color Guard News*

Compatriot Color Guardsmen of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade:

Know by this message that there will be an additional color guard event at the 2014 Spring BOM and Annual meeting this May. It will be for the South Atlantic District (SAD) meeting to be held in conjunction with the Florida Society's two meetings and chaired by the Vice-President General, South Atlantic District, Randy Moody. All Florida Color Guardsmen regardless of their prior participation in any Sons of Liberty Brigade activity are invited to participate in all 3 color guard events: The Friday Banquet, The Saturday Banquet, and the SAD meeting. Each event will involve the posting of the colors. Participation at the 2 Banquets and the posting of the colors does not require that you attend the banquet - although you are surely invited. Participation at the SAD meeting qualifies as an event towards the Silver Color Guard medal.

Also, understand that during the administration of a Florida SAR member as President General, any chapter or state event where he is present automatically qualifies that event as a National event for Color Guard purposes - providing that the chapter or state color guard performs some function at that event.

## *Veterans Affairs & Veteran Recognition Charter Submittal*

At the last BOM, it was decided to merge the two standing committees of the Veterans Affairs and Veterans Recognition into one committee.

The duties of this standing committee are herein attached for your records:

Name: Veterans Affairs & Recognition

Status: Standing

Purpose: To foster, coordinate and support Veterans Affairs programs and to provide recognition to the Veterans in the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6 b

Members: A chairman and seven additional members, with the goal of having one member to represent each of the seven Vice-Presidential Regions, appointed by the President of

the Florida Society, and whose terms are concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

The Veterans Affairs & Recognition Committee has three major areas of responsibility.

1. The primary responsibility of the State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen is to encourage, advise, and motivate the various Chapters (primarily through the Chapter Veterans Affairs Chairman) to:
  - A. Recognize and present War Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their
  - B. Respective Chapters who have served in the military during a war period.
  - C. Recognize and present Military Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their respective Chapters who served in the military during peace time.
  - D. Recognize and present the SAR Purple Heart pin and Wounded Warrior Coin to veterans within the Chapter who received the Military Purple Heart during their military service.
  - E. Encourage gifting and visitation to veterans both within the Chapter as well as at local VA Hospitals, clinics and nursing/private homes.
  - F. Participation in military funerals, parades and other veteran functions/activities. (SAR uniforms should be worn when receiving the colors at the funeral of a homeless veteran when no family members are present)
  - G. Participate and conduct such other Veterans Affairs as directed by the President, Florida Society.

2. The State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen should encourage the Chapters to participate in the national USS Stark contest. The Veterans Affairs Committee responsibilities include:

- A. Process and consolidate all applications for the USS Stark Award for entrance into the National Contest.
- B. Summarize the forms for the State of Florida and submit the summary to the NSSAR USS Stark Chairman.
- C. Inform the FLSSAR President of the state winner of the contest at the Spring BOG for the presentation of the SAR Flag streamers. (The National winner is announced by the NSSAR.)

3. To provide for uniformity in the recognition of veterans throughout the State, the following guidelines should be followed: The eligibility of a veteran to receive the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal is based upon the United States Congress and through them the United States Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration.

To be eligible for the War Service Medal, one must have been a member of the United States Armed Forces during qualifying periods of declared national emergency. After World War II the National Defense Service Medal was created by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, and the recipient of the War Service Medal must have received the NDS Medal. (The NDS Medal is intended to be a blanket campaign medal.)

Place of service and length of service are not a consideration in the determination of eligibility for the War Service Medal. (However, dishonorably discharged veterans are ineligible.)

There is a lack of uniformity between the various branches of the services in the awarding of campaign medals. (For example, if one were assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Naval Group but stationed in Japan during the Korean War, one received the Korean War Service Medal. However, the Army and the Marine Corp required "in-country" service to receive the Korean War Service Medal.) The term "in-country" has



become antiquated due to technological advances in warfare. (e.g. Non "in-country" service examples are: Strategic Air Command, Special Forces activities and locations often classified, and the military personnel stationed within the United States controlling drone attacks in foreign countries.)

The following are War Service Medal eligibility dates of service as currently in force:

World War II:	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korea:	June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam:	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
Lebanon:	August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Grenada:	August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Panama:	December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
Global War on Terrorism:	August 2, 1990 – Present
SWASIA:	August 2, 1990 – November 30, 1995
Desert Storm:	4/17/91 – 11/30/95
Desert Shield:	8/7/90 – 1/16/91
Kosovo:	February 28, 1998 – June 11, 1999
Iraq:	March 19, 2003 – Present
Afghanistan:	September 11, 2001 – Present

As events change in the world, there will be other declared national emergency periods, and the above dates of eligibility will be revised to reflect cessation and declaration of hostilities as determined by the U. S. Government.

The Military Service Medal is awarded to those veterans who did not serve in the above time periods. These veterans are considered as peace time veterans.

The Veterans Affairs & Recognition Committee functioning through the Regional Vice-Chairmen are to encourage Chapter Presidents, through the Chapter Veterans Affairs Chairman, to submit the names of all veterans to the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. The awarding of the War Service Medal or Military Service Medal is the only requirement for eligibility for inclusion in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion.

The roster of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion will be maintained by the State Chairman of Veteran Affairs & Recognition Committee.

## *1775 -- A Good Year for Revolution*

by Ralph D. Nelson, Jr., Historian of the FLSSAR

This book, by Kevin Phillips (Viking Press, 2012), describes in detail a "year" of events that forged a united colonial determination to gain independence from Great Britain. Phillips defines "1775" as starting with the "powder alarm" of September 1774 and ending with the British evacuation of Boston in March 1776. "1775" was a time of hope, enthusiasm, and rage -- with royal governors expelled from nearly every colony. When "1775" ended not one acre of the thirteen colonies was "under British authority, occupation, and might". In stark contrast, the next year was marked by disappointment, defeats, and despair.

Be prepared for a long read. The book's 546 pages of text are followed by 53 pages of notes (in small print). Phillips explores three aspects of the events of "1775" -- the motivations, the battlegrounds, and the consequences for the outcomes of the revolution.

Many motivations converged to pit the colonists against each other and against (for many) their former homeland. A variety of conflicts existed due to diversity of religion, multiple ethnicities,

paternalism vs economic self-determination, urban vs rural interests, and the enlightenment vs inherited authority. These conflicts were present in both Europe and the European-dominated parts of the Americas, but the grip of tradition was much stronger and the degree of local diversity much smaller in Europe.

The battlegrounds were initially economic (smuggling, taxes, and boycotts), later involving geopolitics (Canada, lands west of the Appalachians, Caribbean islands), and supply lines. Britain had to transport troops and supplies across the ocean. U.S. exports to earn money and imports of gunpowder and armaments had to cross the same ocean. Britain had the advantage of warships to block U.S. ports, stifling both foreign and interstate commerce. The U.S. had the advantage of rifles, internal transport lines, and effective small warships.

The consequences of "1775" included British awareness (based on their losses in Boston) of the military capabilities of the rebels, British error in thinking Canada would provide a useful invasion route, U.S. superiority in small-boat warfare, early U.S. negotiations with a rival kingdom leading to critically-needed arms and naval support from France, and British error in believing that a large majority of people in southern colonies would rally to the British side.

The author suggests many areas where additional research would bring helpful clarity to key points. A brief summary cannot do justice to the magnificent span of people, places, and events in this book. Buy it, read it, learn what was debated in small parlors, town meetings, frontier gatherings, European palaces, shipyards, Amerindian councils, and slave quarters, then decide which year best characterizes the founding of our nation. "1775"!



## *Federation of Genealogical Societies Endorses SAR's Operation Ancestor Search*

by Rick Kincaid, Program Director  
NSSAR Operation Ancestor Search

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) has endorsed Operation Ancestor Search, a free genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families developed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

"We would be honored to participate in Operation Ancestor Search," said D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, of Los Angeles, CA, President of FGS.

"We feel that there is tremendous value in assisting soldiers to reach out to state and local genealogical societies and libraries, which the Federation can add to the project. We look forward to working with our member societies to encourage active engagement in the project."

Operation Ancestor Search provides participants with the knowledge and tools that allow them to conduct their own genealogy research as they recover from their injuries at military hospitals and medical centers across the country.

The OAS program is conducted through SAR state societies and local affiliate chapters and their volunteer members. The national committee evolved from a local program developed at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (now the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) by the DCSSAR.

It proved so successful that Ancestry.com became the major national sponsor. A second program soon opened at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. The program now is expanding across the country.

National Chairman Carl Bedell presides over the OAS Committee. Each State SAR Society has its own OAS Chairman to spearhead these efforts and coordinate each state's programs. State chairmen serve as ex officio members of the national committee.

State and local OAS committee members are volunteers who desire to share the genealogy expertise within the SAR in order to give something back to the Wounded Warriors who were injured in their service to our nation. They provide injured service members with the knowledge and tools they need to conduct their own genealogy research in training classes, work sessions, individual hands-on assistance, and most notably, access to Ancestry.com databases.

OAS volunteers perform the following:

1. Help target the military medical facilities within their respective states that are most open and receptive to offering the OAS program to their Wounded Warriors.

2. Help identify the key personnel at those facilities and ensure that the facilities have adequate meeting space and computer facilities.

3. Help match the facilities with the leadership of the SAR local chapters and other support organizations in their closest geographic proximity in order to ensure adequate volunteer support.

4. Ensure that the state and local OAS committees are "visionary," meaning that they will not only serve the needs of the Wounded Warriors while they are inpatients, but that they will collaborate with local genealogical societies, lineage societies, libraries and other organizations as appropriate for support with training, reintegration and mentoring after they transition back to their local communities.

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If you are interested in helping with Operation Ancestor Search at the state or local level, please contact your society president.

If you desire additional information regarding the OAS program, please contact Rick Kincaid, National Program Director, at [rkincaid@sar.org](mailto:rkincaid@sar.org) or phone (502) 588-6147.

## *Dr. Joseph Warren: The American Revolution's First Martyred Patriot*

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.

Dr. Joseph Warren is not well known among America's Patriots although he belongs in the high order of our Founding Fathers. Like General Richard Montgomery who led the expedition against Quebec in 1775, he was killed early in the conflict. Warren was born 11 June 1741 at Roxbury, Massachusetts to Joseph & Mary Stevens Warren. His father was a farmer. He attended Roxbury Latin School and graduated from Harvard College in 1759. He studied medicine, began practicing same and married Elizabeth Hooten, a member of a wealthy New England family, in 1764. They had four children before Warren's wife died all too soon in 1772.

Dr. Warren became involved in Boston politics at the outset of colonial unrest becoming close friends with the likes of Samuel Adams and John Hancock when he joined the Sons of Liberty. He was a member of the committee which wrote a report on the Boston Massacre in 1774 and gave two public speeches which soundly condemned the bloodshed. That same year he wrote one of our first patriotic songs, "Free America" sung to the popular tune of "British Grenadiers." In the aftermath of the Boston Tea Party, Parliament passed the Coercive Acts, known in Boston as the "Intolerable Acts." They included a law which closed the Port of Boston and one which disbanded the Colonial Legislature of Massachusetts. Instead of bringing the "rebels" to heel, the Intolerable Acts stiffened the will of New Englanders to resist this intrusion upon their historic liberties.

None was more filled with rage than Joseph Warren. The young doctor was appointed to the Boston Committee of Correspondence, the first of the extra-legal, revolutionary groups which would lead the colonies toward Independence. With their government no longer in existence, the people elected delegates to the extra-legal Massachusetts Provincial Congress and chose Joseph Warren President of the assembly. When General Thomas Gage arrived from England in 1774 with four regiments to occupy Boston and enforce the Intolerable Acts, Warren drafted the Suffolk Resolves passed by Suffolk County on 9 September 1774 and forwarded them to the new Continental Congress. The Resolves called for a general boycott of all British goods and general resistance to the legislation. The Continental Congress adopted them.

His popularity and work in the cause of liberty continued to grow. When Warren received word that Gage\* was planning a march for 19 April 1775 on Concord to confiscate arms and to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock while passing through Lexington where they were "in hiding, he dispatched Paul Revere and William Dawes to make their famous "midnight rides" to warn the patriots. Later that day Joseph Warren with musket, balls and powder horn joined the Minute Men as they pursued the Redcoats back to Boston. On 14 June the Provincial Congress commissioned Warren to be Major General and commander of the Provincial Militia. As General Gage prepared to besiege Boston, Warren asked the grizzled veteran General Isaac Putnam where the heaviest fighting would likely occur. Putnam pointed across the Charles River to Breeds Hill. Thus the young doctor joined Putnam and Colonel William Prescott along with scores of militia in constructing a redoubt atop the promontory. He declined the command citing lack of military experience but appointed Prescott as commander. Warren took up his post behind the redoubt as a private and rallied the troops by declaring,





“These fellows say we won’t fight! By Heaven, I hope I shall die up to my knees in blood!” The British charged the hill with bayonets twice losing hundreds of troops to militia musket and rifle fire. On the third charge, the Patriots ran out of ammunition. When Prescott signaled it was time to retreat across the narrow neck to the mainland, Warren remained in place to cover the retreat. As the Redcoats came over the top, an officer who recognized Warren shot him in the head with a pistol ball. Troops bayoneted him repeatedly before throwing his body into a ditch. Thus ended the Battle of Bunker Hill. Ten months later his body was exhumed by his brothers. Paul Revere identified the body by an artificial tooth which Revere had placed in Warren’s jaw. His remains were first placed in the Granary Burying Ground, then in St. Paul’s Church in 1825 before finally being interred in the family vault in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston in 1855.

British General Thomas Gage said that Warren’s death was equal to the death of 500 of his soldiers. He was viewed as a martyr to the cause of independence and as an example of great courage under fire. His name is still very much with us. Today fourteen States have a Warren County named after him. In addition, we have towns named Warren in Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Maine and of course Massachusetts. And five ships of the Continental Navy and the United States Navy were named **Warren** in his honor.

\*Historian David Hackett Fisher (see below) constructed a circumstantial case to show that the informant was none other than General Gage’s American wife, Margaret Kemble Gage.

For more detailed information see:

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## *2014 National Congress Update*

The host hotel of the 2014 National Congress will be the Hyatt Regency. This hotel anchors the Main Street Corridor in downtown Greenville. The alternate hotel for this National Congress is the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. The negotiated rate for the Hyatt Regency is \$125.00 per night. While the negotiated rate for the Holiday Inn Express and Suites is \$124.00 per night. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites reservation code is “NSS” and reservations can be made by calling 864-678-8000.

The National Congress will run from Friday, July 18th, to Thursday, July 24th. The major events of each day are as follows:

**Thursday (July 17, 2014):** Registration/Volunteer Thank You Event.

**Friday (July 18, 2014):** National Executive Committee Meeting/Upcountry History Museum Social.

**Saturday (July 19, 2014):** Tour of Kings Mountain and Cowpens Battlefields/Host Society Reception.

**Sunday (July 20, 2014):** Committee Meetings/Memorial Service/

Oration Contest Finals.

**Monday (July 21, 2014):** Congress Business Session/Youth Awards Luncheon/Awards Night

**Tuesday (July 22, 2014):** Congress Business Session/National Officer Election/Banquet.

**Wednesday (July 23, 2014):** Congress Business Session/Tour of Ninety Six Battlefield/Induction Banquet.

**Thursday (July 24, 2014):** National Executive Committee Meeting/Post Congress Tour

## *Chapter News*

The information herein this magazine of the various chapter has been submitted by some chapters. While others have been summarized from chapter reports and chapter newsletters provided to the Florida Society.



## **Brevard Chapter**



At the December meeting, the Chapter hosted three distinguished guests, all members of The Greatest Generation that fought to protect our freedoms in WWII. First was Captain & Mrs. Richard Jeffries, USN Retired. Jeffries, who is 96 years old and served in the U S Navy for over 30 years, was on the Battleship Missouri during the Pearl Harbor attack and received the Bronze Star. Second was Captain & Mrs. William Riedel, USCG Retired. Riedel who is also 96 years old and served in the U S Coast Guard for over 30 years helped transport British troops into battle in the western Pacific before WWII. Riedel has been inducted into the Coast Guard Hall of Fame and was also awarded the Bronze Star. Third was Lt. Col & Mrs. James Miscuraca. Miscuraca flew B24’s and B52’s in the war. He was also interned in a very harsh & bleak POW camp Switzerland during the war but managed along with 2 others to escape to freedom. He was awarded the POW Award.

Chapter members also participated in two Wreaths Across America ceremonies in Edgewater and Rockledge on December 14th. In addition, we presented a Flag Certificate to the Center For Drug Free Living in Cocoa. This facility

supports women veterans and their children to get back on their feet. It is the only facility in Brevard county that supports women veterans.

On March 8th, the chapter led the 8th Annual Last celebration of the Naval Battle of the American Revolution at the Merritt Island Veterans Center. Once again, many color guard units from various patriotic organizations participated.

## Caloosa Chapter

Through the efforts of a newly elected registrar, the chapter has inducted several new members with several other prospective members working on their paperwork. At the January meeting, the chapter started meeting at a new location which is the Helm Club at the Landings Yacht Golf and Tennis Club. It was at this meeting that the chapter installed new officers.

It was also announced that environmentalist of the Fort Myer area that worked diligently in the 1960s to establish rules for development that looked at its effect on the eco-system who is also chapter member, Bill Mellor, recently served as the Honorary Grand Marshall of the Grand Parade of the Edison Festival of Light in Fort Myers, Florida.

The chapter also presented Certificates of Appreciation to several members of the Barefoot Beach DAR Chapter. It was also announced that Bethany Namour was the chapter's winner of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

## Central Florida Chapter

At our December meeting, we were honored to have as our speaker Lakeland Chapter Past President, Melvin Sellers as our speaker. He spoke on the "United States Coast Guard Cutter Tampa in World War I." His wife, Sue, was also in attendance with him. This presentation was well received and provided our membership on the role of the Coast Guard during war times. We also inducted new members Sean Michael Silvernail and Kevin Paul Jardanah into the chapter.

Then at our January meeting, Compatriot and chapter past president, Jeff Sizemore, was our speaker. His topic for the luncheon meeting was "Ben Franklin – An 18<sup>th</sup> Century Renaissance Man". We also inducted new members Orville L Allen (father) and Randall T. Allen (son) into our chapter. Both are interested in getting involved in the chapter.

The February meeting was graced with the presence of Lorena Allen, Past Regent of the Winter Park DAR Chapter, as our speaker for this month. Her topic was the "Historical View of George Washington as Portrayed by American Painters. The chapter also inducted as new members three generations of the Hughes family. They were Norman Hughes (grandfather), Paul Hughes, Sr. (father), and Paul Hughes, Jr. (son).

It was also announced in the chapter newsletter that the USO Central Florida is working toward opening a 3,000 square foot flagship USO Center at the Orlando International Airport on October 1, 2014. If individuals wanted to contribute to this worthwhile cause, they would greatly appreciate it. Contributions can be sent to USO Central Florida P O Box 470160 Celebration, FL 34747.

Compatriot Dan Dall presented the last of the CFLSAR 2013 Public Service Awards on February 12, 2014 to Deputy Stephanie Byrnes and Deputy Neal Stewart of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. Deputies Byrnes and Stewart each received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal for their quick action in preventing what appeared to be an attempted suicide along the busy I-4 highway. Their calm but decisive action avoided what could have resulted in a real tragedy and witnessed by many in the immediate area.

Compatriot Dan Dall representing the Central Florida SAR Chapter was part of a larger, previously scheduled forum and was treated royally by Sheriff Eslinger and everyone on his staff. All were impressed with the SAR award and very appreciative of the chapter's recognition of their law enforcement personnel in such a tangible and public manner.

Then at our March meeting, Barbara Gannon of the UCF History Department gave a presentation on "The University of Central Florida's Veterans' History Project. It was also announced that the chapter's winner of the Knight Essay Contest was Yaseen Makhzen who submitted an essay titled "Enlightenment Impact."

## Clearwater Chapter

In December 2013, the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held their induction ceremony for the 2014 Board of Governors. The ceremony was conducted by Chapter Past President David Kitchen. The new board includes James Gibson President, James Phillips 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Robert Cundiff 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dan Hooper Secretary/Treasurer, Parks Honywell Registrar/Genealogist, Bill Bosbyshell Chaplain, Nelson Jantzen Sergeant at Arms, George Pratt Governor, Gary Coil Governor. The Chapter was also honored to welcome Douglas L Crawford as its newest member.



The annual dinner and awards ceremony of the Suncoast Squadron of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Clearwater was held at the East Bay Country Club Sunday Jan. 14, 2014. The Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution represented by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Bob Cundiff and Publicist John Sagert presented the SAR Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal to PO2 Anthony Ruiz-Wilson

PO2 Anthony Ruiz-Wilson was recognized for sustained service to the Suncoast Squadron. He was selected as Recruit of the Year for 2012. He has also served this past year since Aug as the unit's Assistant Lead Petty Officer. He has performed many color guards (received the Color Guard ribbon with a bronze star), participated in community events: flag laying on Veterans' graves, the 2013 Clearwater Winter Wonderland, Navy Ball of 2013, baby food drive. He is always ready to volunteer for any assignment and does it willingly and completely. He staffed Recruit training AUG 2013. He also is graduating in June 2014. He plans on attending college in the fall.





The Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Eagle Scout Joseph Lawrence Chiavaroli, son of Randolph Chiavaroli and Lesliann Richardson of New Port Richey, with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition for outstanding leadership and citizenship.

SAR Compatriot Art Hays presented the certificate at Joey's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on January 11 at the Beacon Community Church in New Port Richey.

Joey has been involved in Scouting since 2005. He transferred to Boy Scout Troop 79 in 2008, which is sponsored by and meets at the Angelus in Hudson. Joey, although born with Spina Bifida and overcoming many obstacles, earned the rank of Eagle Scout by completing all ranks and earning 29 merit badges. His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved planning and constructing, with organized volunteers, a new snack bar for the Beacon Community Church Youth Group, of which he has been a member since 2008. Madewell Cabinets graciously donated materials for Joey's project.

Joey volunteers as a mentor for high school students with disabilities who wish to learn how to use a racing wheelchair and participate in their high school track and field teams. Joey is a USA Track and Field Apprentice Level Official for track and field. He is a national champion in many sports, including track and field, swimming, power lifting, archery, shooting and sled hockey.

Joey, age 18, is home schooled and is working on furthering his education and sport activities and achievements. He aspires to eventually participate in an Ironman competition. He is interested in learning the gunsmith trade. Joey plans to continue in Scouting as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 79.



Eagle Scout Nathaniel T. Johnson, son of Dan and Cindy Johnson of Seminole, was presented with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition from the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for outstanding leadership and citizenship as demonstrated by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

SAR Compatriot Art Hays presented the certificate at a Court of Honor awards ceremony for Troop 355 on January 27 at the Oakhurst United Methodist Church in Seminole, which has sponsored Troop 355 for over 39 years.

Nathan joined Cub Scout Pack 355 in 2003 advanced to Boy Scout Troop 355 in 2009. He has earned 32 merit badges and participated in many troop camping trips and other outdoor activities. He has camped out over 50 days in Florida and North Carolina. He has achieved the Boy Scout World Conservation Award and is committed to preserving and improving our environment.

His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved planning, organizing and constructing a wheelchair assessable pathway from the parking lot to the barn at the Horses for Handicapped Foundation of Pinellas County, located in Seminole. He also constructed a specially designed gate that allowed the convenience of easy access for those feeding the horses, yet providing for safety in preventing the horses from escaping. This Foundation, supported by the Kiwanis Club, promotes and teaches recreational horseback riding to the handicapped.

Nathan is in the 11th grade at Seminole High School, where he is a member of the Key Club. He is also a member of the Gulf Coast Soccer team, where he plays as a defender. Nathan's passion is with volunteering to help people with special needs, explaining that he has more understanding and connects easier with those having special needs. He has helped with Special Olympics and has coached his sister's special needs soccer team.

Eagle Scout Trevor J. Case and his younger brother, Life Scout Stuart J. Case, were recognized by Compatriot Art Hays of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for completing the SAR requirements for the Boy Scout Path to the SAR Eagle Scholarship program. The requirements include the completion of the BSA American Her-



itage, Genealogy and Law merit badges as a means to encourage scouts to become more knowledgeable about American heritage, their family heritage and the process by which citizens have come to be governed by the rule of law. Scouts earning these merit badges are given special consideration by the SAR when they subsequently attain the rank of Eagle and qualify to apply for the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship. The presentation was made at the Court of Honor Awards Ceremony for Troop 26 on December 17th at the Palm Harbor United Methodist Church. Trevor and Stuart were presented with a Certificate of Recognition for their achievement and a SAR-BSA Partnership for Good Citizenship patch. Trevor, 16, is in the 11th grade and attends Palm Harbor University High School and Stuart, 12, is in the 7th grade and attends Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clearwater. They are the sons of Richard and Pamela Case of Palm Harbor. Pictured left to right are Eagle Scout Trevor J. Case and Life Scout Stuart J. Case display certificates and patches presented to them by SAR Compatriot Art Hays

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## Flagler Chapter



The Flagler Chapter displayed a SAR Christmas Tree at the Flagler County Library during the Library's annual Christmas Tree Festival. The trees presented by local organizations, Churches, and socials groups remained on display from December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 to January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014.



On January 29, 2014, Compatriots Ted St. Pierre and Bill Creager of the Flagler Chapter's Education Committee made presentations on the Battle of Cowpens to two separate 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, in back to back sessions, at the Imagine Charter School in Palm Coast, Florida. The two men returned the next day and made presentations to two 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes, during a morning and afternoon session. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes were treated to a video presentation of the history and origin of our American Flag. Ted and Bill received 88 hand written notes from the students stating their appreciation for their participation in their history classes.

On February 27, 2014 the two Compatriots were judges at the annual Imagine School's History Fair. Students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade history classes enter displays and web pages based on the theme "Turning points in History" and awards were given to the best presentation in each class grade. As pictured above, Compatriot St. Pierre judging students' history presentations.

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter

At the January meeting, the chapter had Larry C. Johnson of BERG Associates as their speaker. He gave an informative talk on money laundering, terrorism, and the Middle East. It was also announced that the chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America on December 14, 2013 at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.

The February meeting was graced with members of the Children of the American Revolution Swamp Fox Society. Compatriot George Dennis was also recognized a celebration was held for his 100th birthday. Then the chapter presented a Distinguished Service Medal to Joe Mote and installed the new chapter officers. The previous chapter officers were recognized with certificates of appreciation.

Virginia Bailey of Naples, Florida came up to speak to the chapter at their March meeting in which she spoke on the History of the American Flag.

## Gainesville Chapter

At the December meeting, the chapter had Dr. Carmen Diana Deere of the University of Florida as their speaker. She spoke on "The Rise and Decline of Florida's Colonies in Cuba." The various chapter past presidents were recognized and presented certificates.

At the January meeting, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell was the speaker. She spoke on "Law Enforcement Issues in Alachua County." The slate of new chapter officers was an-

nounced and presented to the chapter membership.

## Highlands Chapter

At the January meeting, the chapter held a joint meeting with the Patriot DAR Chapter. General James Dozier was the speaker and he spoke on his experiences of being kidnapped in Italy by terrorist.

A flag certificate was given to Charlotte Domes. The chapter also presented Law Enforcement Commendation Certificates to the Highlands County Sheriff Office Crime Suppression Team. It was also announced that Adam Olivencia was presented an Eagle Scout Award at the Court of Honor Ceremony. The chapter plans to have him attend their April meeting to recognize him more. It was also announced that the chapter will hold chapter officer elections at their April meeting.

## Jacksonville Chapter



(Vietnam). The Chapter has started the calendar year with multiple events. The color guard represented the SAR at the DAR Regents Washington's Birthday Lunch. The youth programs for the



year are well under way. the Chapter awarded 27 Eagle Scout Certificates and Badges at Orange Park on Feb 1. Sydney Devane, the Chapter's Knight Essay Contest winner won second place in the FLSSAR contest.

The Chapter inducted seven new members in January and February ranging from Junior Member Matthew Wheeler II (age 11) to Bill Hughes (age 91).

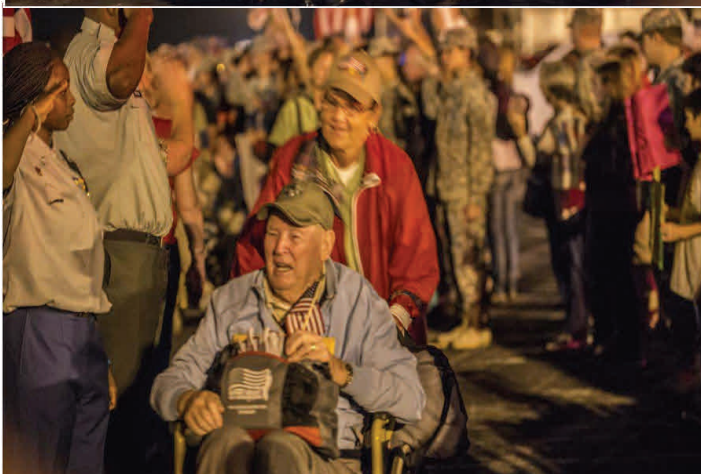
During the Fall the Chapter presented Wounded Warrior Medals to Purple Heart Winners Harold Baumgarten (WW II), Robert Kurtzke (Korea), William Smith (Vietnam) and Vincent Gomez

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David Ramseur's persistent hard work and leadership over three years is coming to fruition as the Seaton Park opened to the public on March 3. Future plans call for a monument at the Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle site. The site is now on the SAR Historic Sites Agenda.

## Lakeland Chapter



At our November meeting Chapter Genealogist/Registrar Alvie Davidson gave an update on the digitization of



the War of 1812 records and how they are available to researchers and how they may obtain them, free.

The Lakeland Chapter had several members on hand at the Lakeland Airport to welcome home World War II/Korean Veterans returning from Washington DC on an arriving Honor Flight. Chapter Sergeant At Arms, John Randle recorded a video

and was presented at our December Meeting

In December Chapter Historian and Past President Mel Sellers spoke at the December meeting of Central Florida Chapter.

Lakeland's keynote speaker, Michelle Hubenschmidt, winner of 2013 NSSAR American History Teacher of the Year spoke on her time spent at the Anderson House, The headquarters of the Society of Cincinnati.

Our Chapter Genealogist/Registrar Alvie Davidson was presented with his 4<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal. He was also awarded a Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and a Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

At our January Meeting our speaker was John Small, Senior Director Work Force Education, Polk County School Board. John presented a report on the Polk County School Board's Career Academy Program.

Our February meeting was very eventful. Our speaker David Palmer, SUVCW gave a report on the activities of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and how they are similar to the SAR youth programs.



Chase Van Tilburg, Lakeland's winner of the Arthur M & Berden King Eagle Scout Scholarship Program was presented a certificate of Recognition, an Eagle Scout Recognition Pin, Competition Patch and a check for his college fund.

Chapter Sergeant At Arms, John Randle was presented a NSSAR Vietnam Veteran Corps Certificate and War Service Medal.

We had as a special guest President of the Indiana Society SAR, Bill Sharp and his wife Linda.

## Lake-Sumter Chapter

During the month of December, the chapter participated in the Wreath Across America at the Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park, FL. The chapter speaker for the month was Don Wyman who spoke on George Washington's spy master. The chapter also just completed the revision of their Constitution and By-Laws under the guidance of Bob Moody. Compatriot Bob Frey was also presented a flag certificate to Glenn Langston.

The chapter recently inducted Robert Jamison Zarlenga as a new member into the SAR. Tom Theil discussed the Korean War from his perspective as a rifleman on the front during his term in Korea and 60 years later.

Then on March 1, 2014, the chapter participated in the George Fest Parade in Eustis, FL. They also inducted Mark Corby as a new member into the SAR. At the February meeting, the war service medals were presented to Compatriot Glenn Langston and Don Voorhees.

## Naples Chapter

During the past quarter the Naples Chapter fostered patriotism and responsible citizenry while recognizing outstanding individuals in Collier County. For example, in January Sophomore Lisa DeWitte garnered third place in the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest. And, at our January chapter meeting Compatriot Ed Ferguson presented Corporal John Borchers from the North Naples sub-station and Corporal Joshua White of the Marine Division the Heroism Award. Corporal John Borchers resolved without causality a domestic dispute involving hostages and Corporal Joshua White performed a night rescue involving two boaters clinging to an overturned and sinking vessel. After those awards, Collier County Sheriff Rambosk gave an overview of crime statistics in Collier County and thanked the Chapter for our involvement in local law enforcement. Following his presentation, President Fehrenbaker presented Sheriff Rambosk the Bronze Citizenship Medal for his over 30 years of service to his community.

In February, the Chapter welcomed Collier County JROTC Cadets and ROTC Instructors from the Collier County school system. The cadets read essays for the SAR Enhanced Program and competition. Cadet ISG Xavier Vecchio of Lely High School won the contest. Additionally, President Fehrenbaker presented 2014 West Point Academy Nominee, Cadet LTC Kathleen Larsen the SAR Bronze Good Citizen Medal.

In the March meeting the Chapter installed newly elected 2014/2015 officers: President--John McCullough, Immediate Past President--Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker Sr., First Vice President--M. Edwin Garey, Second Vice President--E. Richard Wright, Secretary--Robert M. White, Treasurer--W. Richard Hazen, Assistant Treasurer--Donald B. Cahill, Chancellor--James M. McGarity III, Chaplain--Charley Cortright, Registrar--J. Edward Lary, Historian--Donald B. Cahill, Webmaster and Naples Editor--I. Harris Tucker.



## Palm Beach Chapter

As pictured – Outstanding Eagle Scout Presentation, Left to Right – President Ray Wess, Scot Menke Sr., Scot Menke Jr., Carol Menke, Scoutmaster Ed Pritchett



Pictured above: New Member Inductions, Left to Right – Robert Rewey, Scot Menke Jr., Scot Menke Sr., Philip Johnston, Thomas Dickmann, Alec Dickmann, Robert Beck, President Ray Wess

The Palm Beach Chapter celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Palm Beach Everglades Club on 14 December with a gala luncheon attended by 147. The Palm Beach Everglades club was the venue where the chapter was formed seventy five years ago by then President General, Messmore Kendall. Attendees were entertained the Kings Academy Choir who performed a medley of holiday music.

The chapter hosted international author James Snyder at its January meeting. Mr. Snyder reviewed his bestseller, “The Cross and the Mask”, a history of the Spanish founding and exploration of Florida.

Award winning author, Donna Gruber Adair, reviewed her latest book, “An American Odyssey” at the chapter’s February meeting. The book is a study of western migration after the American Revolution into the Ohio Territory. Her presentation was an interesting look at the life of the common citizen after the war.

Also at the February meeting, the Chapter made its annual “outstanding Eagle Scout” award and presentation to Scot Menke Jr. and inducted seven new members into the Chapter; Robert Rewey, Scot Menke Jr., Scot Menke Sr., Philip Johnston, Thomas Dickmann, Alec Dickmann, and Robert Beck.

Our guest speaker at our March meeting was “60’s” movie star and veteran’s advocate Chris Noel. Miss Noel starred in several movies with Elvis Presley, Steve McQueen, Dennis Hopper, Ed Byrnes, Jackie Gleason and many others. She toured with the Bob Hope USO Show during the Vietnam War and hosted a radio show with Armed Forces Radio called, “A Date with Chris”. Miss Noel dedicated her life to veteran causes after visiting wounded veterans in the hospital. She has also authored six books and runs a homeless veteran’s shelter in Boynton Beach Florida called, “Chris Noel’s Vetsville Cease Fire House”.



## The New FLSSAR 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.



## Are You Eligible?

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



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](http://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.

**[5elves@bellsouth.net](mailto:5elves@bellsouth.net)**



## Chapter News

### Saramana Chapter

At the December meeting, the chapter awarded a bronze color guard medal to Compatriot John Fitzpatrick. While Compatriot Harry Cruncelton was inducted into the FLSSAR Veteran Battalion for service to his country in WWII. Due to her outstanding service and leadership contribution to the chapter and the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, Debbie McMurry was awarded the Lydia Darrough Award.

Various certificates of appreciation were given to out-going chapter officers as the new slate of officers were being installed at the beginning of 2014. As part of this appreciation ceremony, Compatriot Charles Riegler received a certificate of distinguished service and Chapter President Elect Vic McMurry was awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Upon completing the appreciation recognition ceremony, Past President General Carl Hoffman swore in the new chapter officers.

At the January FLSSAR BOM meeting, chapter winner of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Jerad Paparella, participated in the Florida Society Rumbaugh Oration Contest and won first place. He is a senior student at the Bayshore High School in Sarasota County.

It was announced that the chapter winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is Joseph Schreider. He will compete in the Florida Society level next.

The Saramana Chapter Color Guard participated at the January 22, 2014 Ground Breaking of the Sarasota Military Academy. This is a middle school that will be operated as one of the charter schools in the area. Then on February 1, 2014, the Chapter Color Guard participated in the 20th Annual Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival that took place at the Sarasota Fairgrounds.

The chapter JROTC awards for 2014 are as described. Cadet First Sergeant Davis Fulgham of Palmetto High School was recognized as the winner of the Enhanced JROTC Scholarship. While Cadet Ensign Natalie Argueta, Cadet Master Sergeant Thomas Figlow and Cadet Kirsten Ramirez each received the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal with certificate and ribbon bar.

### St. Lucie River Chapter

At the December meeting, Bill Hartley and John Sheppard were inducted as chapter members. The chapter also participated in a Habitat for Humanity house dedication ceremony in Fort Pierce, Florida on December 21, 2013.

For their January meeting, John Auld was their speaker and his presentation was titled "Winter of Discontent" in which he made a comparison of the weather and human conditions of 2014 to 1777 – 1778 at Valley Forge. The chapter also recognized Don Zimmerman, History Professor at Indian River Community College, for attending. Professor Zimmerman is the chapter's entrant into the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year contest.

The chapter also presented a Military Service Medal to Joe Leinbach for his service in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict.

### St. Petersburg Chapter

The chapter participated on December 14, 2014 in the Wreaths Across America at the Bay Pine National Cemetery. The James McMullen Society CAR also participated at this event along with many others. At the December meeting, the chapter inducted Robert Muldrow and Stephen Muldrow into the SAR.

At the January meeting, the chapter inducted Alan R. Craig into the SAR. It was also mentioned at this meeting that the chapter received 70 essays for their chapter Knight Essay Contest. The winning essay was from Sarah McKeage of Shorecrest Preparatory. Her essay topic was "The Plain Truth of Common Sense."

The chapter hosted the George Washington luncheon at Billie's Stone Crab on February 15, 2014. The chapter is also in the midst of planning for their big event on March 22, 2014 in which the NSSAR President General Joseph W. Dooley will be their speaker at a dinner banquet in his honor at the St. Petersburg Country Club.

### Tampa Chapter

The January meeting was held at the Picadelley Cafeteria in which Michelle Hubenschmidt from Polk County School District spoke. Note that she is the 2013 NSSAR Teacher of the Year.

At the February meeting, Rand Scholet of Clearwater, FL spoke. He is the founder of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society and is well versed in how our Founding Fathers were able to accomplish what they did and how they did it.

The program schedule for March is about the USO of Tampa with the ROTC recognitions to take place at the April meeting.

One important project that the Tampa chapter promotes is a Book Reading Challenge. This challenge is to commit to reading over time various publications on American History. By doing this exercise, one will improve one's own knowledge of American History and thus be better guardians of his own liberty. Refer to their web page for more details.





## Withlacoochee Chapter



Withlacoochee Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on December 7, 2014, Chapter members, State officials and Chapter Auxiliary members.



Left to Right: Judge Howard, Wendy and U.S. Rep. Rich Nugent, Chapter President-Bob Folk, FLSSAR President Ted Duay, and Past FLSSAR President Ron Toops

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The Chapter was Chartered, July 29, 1988. We held our Celebration December 7, 2013 at the Moose Crystal River Lodge in Homosassa.

The Gala Celebration started with a meet and greet. We opened with our Color Guard Posting colors. Next President Folk greeted all then introductions of guest were made by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Clyde Johnson. The following were introduced; Congressman Richard Nugent- representing our 11<sup>th</sup> District, Wendy Nugent, Circuit Judge – Richard Howard, Theodore Duay III – President of Florida SAR, Ronald Toops – past FL State SAR President, representing Regional Vice President - Scott Bushnell, who could not be here, Dorothy Day – Registrar for State of FL SAR Ladies Auxiliary and Judy Walters - Immediate Past President of DAR Winding Waters Chapter. Several Resolutions ( one from our National Congress) and a Proclamation were presented to President Folk.

A talk on "Who and What We Are" was given by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Edward Gingrich and a talk on the "Origin and development of our Withlacoochee Color Guard" was given by Immediate Past President Charlie Day. Our original and current Color Guard Commander, Richard Sumner was presented the SAR, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal" recognizing his tenure and development of the Color Guard.

Chapter President Robert Folk presided over the presentation of five (this was a catch up program) Chapter Distinguished Service Medals for the years 2008 – 2012. For 2008 the Medal went to Jack Townsend, for 2009 the Medal went to Paul Pardee, for 2010 the Medal went to Norman Freyer, for 2011 the Medal went to Charlie Day, and for 2012 the Medal went to William Teater. State SAR President Duay III spoke then noted that the Florida SAR had sponsored the National Eagle Scout Winner for 2012 and had received the Marian L Brown award at the National Congress in Kansas City last summer. He called up past State Eagle Chairman, Charlie Day, and in view of Charlie's many years of service to the State Eagle Committee said the Certificate and Eagle Trophy should be given to him. Past President William Teater spoke on our Chapter Ladies Auxiliary. He noted the many things they do in the community and the value and service to the Withlacoochee Chapter. Our Luncheon was highlighted by Stuffed Fish or Prime Rib and a beautifully decorated sheet cake. The Hall was decorated in a festive manner of balloons, many Christmas wreaths, table decorations, picture memory boards and a history table. A beautiful and very large "Holiday Basket" crafted by Barbra Sumner was also raffled off at the closing. We were very proud and glad to be together.



Left to Right: John Mitchell, BSA District Exec., Charlie Day Chapter Past President, Eagle Jeremiah Lovstrand, Robert Lovstrand, (Dad-Scoutmaster), Shannon Lovstrand - Mother, Eagle Nathan Lovstrand, Ellie Folk, Ladies Auxiliary President, Ed Gingrich, 1st VP, Clyde Johnson, 2nd VP

February was the Chapter's "Scouting" meeting. Eagle Nathan Lovstrand received the Chapter 1st Place Eagle Scout Scholarship award, and an Eagle Medal and \$250.00 (it was also noted Nathan had also placed 1st in the State Eagle Contest). Eagle Jeremiah Lovstrand received a \$100.00 check for his 2nd place in the Chapter Eagle Scholarship Contest and a \$100.00 prize for his Chapter entry in the Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

Jeremiah favored us with a beautiful rendition of "Ashoken Farewell" on his Violin. When he finished playing, the immediate response of the audience was to spring to a standing ovation and extended applause. The two Eagles also received Eagle related gifts from the Chapter Ladies Auxiliary. We had a great time.





## *2014 Florida Society Rumbaugh Oration Contest*

At the January BOM Meeting, the 2014 contestants for the Rumbaugh Contest gave their speeches in front of the Florida Society judges and guest. There was four contestants. The contestants and their placement in this contest were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place -- Jerad Paparella *America's Enigma*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- Talia Sarah Fradkin *Clothes make the man*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place -- Lisa DeWitte *The vital importance of enlightened citizenry*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place -- Bethany Namour *Color C-O-L-O-R or is it U-R?*

These contestants first had to win on the chapter level and recommended to participate on the Florida Society level. Jerad Paperella was recommended by the Saramana Chapter, Talia Sarah Fradkin was recommended by the Palm Beach Chapter, Lisa DeWitte was recommended by the Naples Chapter, and Bethany Namour was recommended by the Caloosa Chapter.

Pictures of these contestants during the contest and at the banquet are pictured below.





## The Vineyards

Source: [www.montecello.org/house-and-gardens/vineyards](http://www.montecello.org/house-and-gardens/vineyards)

Thomas Jefferson had two vineyards near the garden wall. Thomas Jefferson has been described as America's "first distinguished viticulturist," and "the greatest patron of wine and wine growing that this country has yet had."

Although Jefferson aspired to make a Monticello-grown wine, his continual replanting of the vineyards suggests a perennial and losing struggle with grape cultivation. But Jefferson was not alone. The successful cultivation of *Vitis vinifera*, the classic European wine species, was virtually impossible until the development of modern pesticides controlled such destructive pests as black rot and phyloxera, an aphid-like root louse. Many native grapes were more effectively grown, yet the poor quality of the resultant wine impeded progress in the development of an established industry.

The history of grape culture at Monticello suggests Jefferson's unrelenting oscillation between a desire to grow the difficult yet rewarding *vinifera*, and the possibilities of well-adapted New World alternatives -- the fox grape, *Vitis labrusca*, and the Scuppernong variety of the southern muscadine, *Vitis rotundifolia*. Although Jefferson probably never made a Monticello wine, the diverse collection of varieties he assembled and his influential advocacy of American viticulture were worthy accomplishments in themselves.

The two vineyards, Northeast (9,000 square feet) and Southwest (16,000 square feet), were ideally suited for grape growing in the heart of the South Orchard below the garden wall. The 1807 planting of 287 rooted vines and cuttings of 24 European grape varieties was the most ambitious of seven major experiments. The vineyards were organized into seventeen narrow terraces, each reserved for specific varieties Jefferson had received from three sources. Many of these *vinifera cultivars* had probably never been grown in the New World. Such a varietal rainbow, many of them table grapes, represents the vineyard of a plant collector, an experimenter rather than a serious wine maker. When this scheme failed, probably because the vines were dead on arrival or not planted properly, Jefferson became more committed to the alternative possibilities of native American vines.

In 1985, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation restored Jefferson's 1807 plan for the Northeast vineyard using several Jefferson-related European varieties grafted on hardy, pest-resistant native rootstock. Because of a documentary suggestion that vines were "espaliered," a permanent structure based on an eighteenth-century American grape trellis was constructed. Three hundred bottles of a blended white wine were produced from the harvest of 1988.

The Southwest Vineyard was replanted in 1993 entirely with the Sangiovese grape, a variety documented by Jefferson in 1807 and the principal ingredient of Chianti. Several vintages have made with harvests from this vineyard which are sold from the Monticello Museum Shops. Gabriele Rausse, one of the founders of the modern Virginia grape industry, oversees the production of wine as well as the care of the restored vineyards, which continue to serve as experimental gardens of unusual varieties of *vinifera*.

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## Thomas Jefferson

In the thick of party conflict in 1800, Thomas Jefferson wrote in a private letter, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

This powerful advocate of liberty was born in 1743 in Albemarle County, Virginia, inheriting from his father, a planter and surveyor, some 5,000 acres of land, and from his mother, a Randolph, high social standing. He studied at the College of William and Mary, then read law. In 1772 he married Martha Wayles Skelton, a widow, and took her to live in his partly constructed mountaintop home, Monticello.

Freckled and sandy-haired, rather tall and awkward, Jefferson was eloquent as a correspondent, but he was no public speaker. In the Virginia House of Burgesses and the Continental Congress, he contributed his pen rather than his voice to the patriot cause. As the "silent member" of the Congress, Jefferson, at 33, drafted the Declaration of Independence. In years following he labored to make its words a reality in Virginia. Most notably, he wrote a bill establishing religious freedom, enacted in 1786.

Jefferson succeeded Benjamin Franklin as minister to France in 1785. His sympathy for the French Revolution led him into conflict with Alexander Hamilton when Jefferson was Secretary of State in President Washington's Cabinet. He resigned in 1793.

Sharp political conflict developed, and two separate parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans, began to form. Jefferson gradually assumed leadership of the Republicans, who sympathized with the revolutionary cause in France. Attacking Federalist policies, he opposed a strong centralized Government and championed the rights of states.

As a reluctant candidate for President in 1796, Jefferson came within three votes of election. Through a flaw in the Constitution, he became Vice President, although an opponent of President Adams. In 1800 the defect caused a more serious problem. Republican electors, attempting to name both a President and a Vice President from their own party, cast a tie vote between Jefferson and Aaron Burr. The House of Representatives settled the tie. Hamilton, disliking both Jefferson and Burr, nevertheless urged Jefferson's election.

When Jefferson assumed the Presidency, the crisis in France had passed. He slashed Army and Navy expenditures, cut the budget, eliminated the tax on whiskey so unpopular in the West, yet reduced the national debt by a third. He also sent a naval squadron to fight the Barbary pirates, who were harassing American commerce in the Mediterranean. Further, although the Constitution made no provision for the acquisition of new land, Jefferson suppressed his qualms over consti-

tutionality when he had the opportunity to acquire the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon in 1803.

During Jefferson's second term, he was increasingly preoccupied with keeping the Nation from involvement in the Napoleonic wars, though both England and France interfered with the neutral rights of American merchantmen. Jefferson's attempted solution, an embargo upon American shipping, worked badly and was unpopular.

Jefferson retired to Monticello to ponder such projects as his grand designs for the University of Virginia. A French nobleman observed that he had placed his house and his mind "on an elevated situation, from which he might contemplate the universe."

He died on July 4, 1826.

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**FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY SONS  
OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION (FLSSAR)  
WINTER  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
(B.O.M.), MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 24 – 25, 2014,  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

President Ted Duay opened the meeting at 3:15PM on Friday, 24 January 2014 after a quorum was certified by Secretary Steve Williams. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Hagerman. President Ted Duay led the pledge of allegiance. Treasurer Hall Riediger led the SAR Pledge. President Duay recognized first time attendees and national officer Lindsey Brock.

Reading of the minutes was waived after noting three typographical errors with a motion offered by Jeff Sizemore. The motion carried.

Carl Hoffmann spoke on By-Law #23

National Officer Lindsey Brock spoke on the upcoming SAR National Congress, the upgrading of the NSSAR computer system, available funds for the new NSSAR building, educational outreach initiatives, NSSAR sponsored historical and educational travel, and the submission of member ancestor history stories.

Secretary Steve Williams spoke on how the NSSAR and FLSSAR count and record membership totals. David Ramseur inquired about averages and Dan Hooper asked for further clarifications. Secretary Williams also expressed gratitude to the FLSSAR Chapters on getting their annual reports in on time and their efforts in member retention.

Richard Cardell spoke on the use of social security numbers on applications as well as the social security death index. Lindsey Brock advised that the new versions of the SAR application do not ask for social security numbers.

Jeff Sizemore announced that the deadline for submissions to the Florida Patriot Magazine is 01 March 2014. A general discussion was held on free advertising space being made available to genealogical societies as an agreed mutual compact.

Scott Bushnell spoke on the new information and data that has been added to the FLSSAR website

President Duay announced the resignation of Senior Vice President Charles Sweeney from his elected FLSSAR state officer's position as well as his state committees. President Duay announced that in accordance with the bylaws he had appointed Secretary Williams to fill the SVP position on a temporary basis until the next election in May at the FLSSAR annual meeting. This appointment had been approved by the executive committee. President Duay asked for any additional nominations from the floor to fill the temporary position three times before declaring that there were no additional nominees. Phil Tarpley offered a motion to accept the nominee and it was seconded by Oscar Patterson. A subsequent vote prevailed.

Vic McMurry inquired as to why Charles Sweeney resigned with President Duay responding that he had not received a comprehensive explanation from him. Don Cahill spoke on the great job Sweeney had done in the service of the FLSSAR and also commented that his absence would cause a noticeable "hole in the Societies business". He stated that an attempt should be made to bring Sweeney back into the fold.

President Duay discussed the merging of the Veterans Recognition and Veterans Affairs Committees. Phil Tarpley offered a motion and Len Shirtler seconded. A subsequent vote passed.

President Duay discussed the Florida Society joining the Georgia Society in its resolution to honor Darlene Nehaus for her many years of service to the SAR as a provider of colonial uniforms and a request for the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee to present her with a Martha Washington Medal and Certificate. A motion was offered by Carl Hoffmann and was seconded by Dan Hooper.

President Duay discussed the importance of chapters following the established protocols in the awarding of medals. Medals such as the Daughters of Liberty and Silver Good Citizenship Medal require approval from the FLSSAR Medals and Awards Committee before being awarded by a chapter. He expressed concern as some chapters were not awarding medals properly.

Treasurer Hall Riediger discussed the FLSSAR's payment to its national candidates for advertisements in the SAR magazine. After discussion a motion was offered to give \$1000.00 total to both candidates to use all or part, and leave it to the candidate's discretion to transfer unused money to another FLSSAR national candidate. A motion was offered by Dave Kelsey and seconded by Charles Day. A subsequent vote passed.



Treasurer Hall Riediger discussed a \$4000.00 surplus and the usual transfer of \$1.00 per member to the Endowment Trust fund. After discussion the amount was set at \$1900.00 and a motion was offered by Carl Hoffman and seconded by Vic McMurry with a subsequent vote passing.

President Duay discussed a vote by the Florida Society to take the Society's Pepco stock, the funds from the dissolved Deland Chapter, funds of approximately \$1000.00 already collected by FLSSAR Treasurer Riediger for "Future for Florida Fund", as well as the 2013 budget surplus of \$2000.00, and transfer all funds into an account called the Future for Florida (F4F) Fund. This fund will be used to fund prizes paid by the Florida Society. If within a period of five years from its dissolution, the Deland Chapter chooses to reform, their funds will be returned to them. A motion was offered by Hall Riediger and was seconded by Charles Day. A subsequent vote passed.

President Duay discussed whistle blower, record retention, and conflict of interest policies that have been recommended by National for the adoption by SAR State Societies and Chapters. He stated that this issue would be discussed further at the annual meeting in May. He also mentioned that both the Endowment Trust Fund and Operating Budget Trust Fund already had some of its own policies in place.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Phil Tarpley announced the proposed candidates for FLSSAR Officers for the fiscal year 2014 – 2015:

President – Steven Allen Williams

Senior Vice President – Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker

Secretary – Hermann Hall Riediger

Treasurer – W. Richard Young

Executive Committee, Member-At-Large – Victor George McMurry

RVP, NW – Robert Royal Canavello

RVP, NC – Earle Scott Bushnell

RVP, NE – James Gaskins

RVP, EC – Jeffrey L. Sizemore

RVP, WC – Danny Robert Hooper

RVP, SE – Raymond Francis Wess

RVP, SW – Lee Matson

Recording Secretary – Raymond Francis Wess

Chancellor – Carl K. Hoffmann

Registrar – Raymond Clyde Lantz

Chaplain – Rev. Richard Hagerman

Genealogist – Richard Bruce Cardell

Historian – Ralph Daniels Nelson

Editor, The Florida Patriot – Jeffrey L. Sizemore

Sergeant-At-Arms – Joe Herman Hill

Webmaster – Earle Scott Bushnell

#### **NATIONAL OFFICERS**

National Trustee Nominee – Philip Herbert Tarpley

National Trustee (Alternate) Nominee – Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker

As per FLSSAR by-law, the list was published to the FLSSAR Secretary.

Carl Hoffmann read a letter from Charles Sweeney to the membership regarding his intent to run for the position of FLSSAR President if and when nominated from the floor at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting in May 2014. President Duay expressed surprise at this letter since Compatriot Sweeney had resigned from all of his positions in the Florida Society on January 01, 2014.

**The meeting was recessed at 4:30PM by President Duay**

#### **January 25, 2014, 9:40AM Meeting Reconvened**

Treasurer Hall Riediger discussed a correction to the FLSSAR Registrar's deposit account

Secretary Steve Williams made an announcement on behalf of the Patriot Medal Committee that nominations for this year's medal are due to the committee by January 31, 2014

President Duay commented on the FLSSAR's gift of \$750.00 to the Center for Advancing American Heritage

Secretary Williams reiterated to the membership that any suggestions regarding By-Law #23 should be forwarded to him

Secretary Williams discussed the replacement of the Chapter Challenge report with the Americanism/President General's Streamer awards and procedures of submission. Ray Wess stated that Compatriot Tomme from the NSSAR had e-mailed him stating that the instruction on page #1 permitting the mailing of the report was incorrect. He further stated that the report would only be accepted if it is e-mailed.

Secretary Williams indicated that any requests for time blocks at the FLSSAR annual meeting in May should be forwarded to him as soon as possible so they can be secured.

Secretary Williams discussed the submission of Chapter newsletters for the FLSSAR newsletter contest limiting the submission to the four best issues.

John Stewart disclosed that there was a significant increase in the number of Chapters and contestants in this year's Knight Historical Essay Contest, totaling seven (7) Chapter and seventy (70) contestants.

Ray Wess reiterated that Chapters should only present SAR Public Safety Medals for Heroism to candidates who have been vetted and cited by their respective departments.

Vic McMurry discussed three changes to the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements listed on page #37 in the Proceedings book. He asked to scratch change #1. After discussion McMurry asked to eliminate change #2, (eliminating reimbursement for engraving), and add change #3 for reimbursement for an authorized wounded warrior coin and two meals for the presentation. Carl Hoffmann offered a motion and it was seconded by Dan Hooper. A subsequent vote passed. The motion included reimbursement for two medals per year with two meals each.

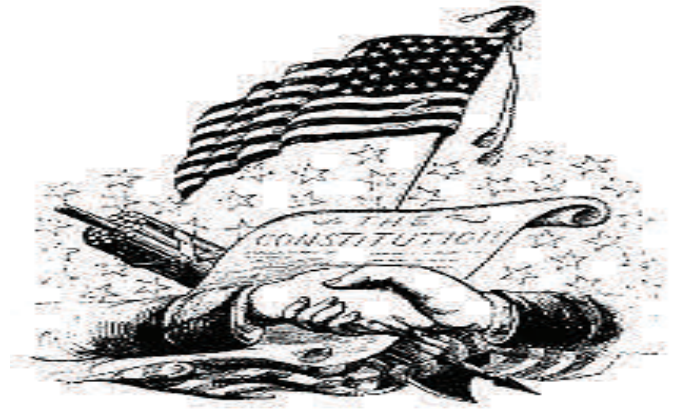
President Duay discussed the FLSSAR Trust Funds listed in the back of the proceeding book. He also handed out an analysis that showed the spending by the Endowment Trust Fund since 2006. In that time, the amount distributed to the chapters had doubled and the fund was currently paying out at the maximum level of funding that it can. He stated that, given the current investment environment, if the chapter's requests for distributions continued to grow and exceeded what was paid in

2013, the fund could find itself in a position where requests could not be paid at 100%. The increase in spending has been caused by an increase in Chapter participation as well as an increase in the items eligible for reimbursement.

Rev. Richard Hagerman offered the benediction.

Secretary Williams offered the SAR Recessional.

President Duay adjourned the proceedings at 10:35AM



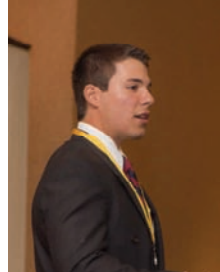
## *Pictures from the FLSSAR BOM Meeting - January 2014*



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The pictures displayed herein this edition of the FLSSAR Florida Patriot were taken by Frank Nolte and Jeff Sizemore







**FLORIDA SOCIETY  
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REGISTRATION FORM**

Spring BOM and Annual Meeting May 2-3, 2014

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

Name:  Chapter:   
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I prefer to use **MY OWN** name tag for the BOM     I **Require a hard copy** Of BOM Proceedings – “Blue Book”

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- Select **ONE**:     FLSSAR Officer     FLSSAR Committee Chair     FLSSAR Past President  
 None     Chapter President     Chapter Past President     Chapter Delegate  
 Patriot Medal     FL National Trustee     Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer

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

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

- Executive Committee     Regional VP Meeting     Chapter Secretary Training  
 Genealogy Session     Genealogy (Guest)     South Atlantic District Meeting

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

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Member Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Sliced Flank Steak with mushroom bordelaise sauce – \$39	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
Friday	Guest Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Sliced Flank Steak with mushroom bordelaise sauce – \$39	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>

Served with Caesar Salad and Garlic mashed potatoes

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Member Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Sliced Pork Loin with mojo and caramelized onions – \$25	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
Saturday	Guest Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Sliced Pork Loin with mojo and caramelized onions – \$25	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>

Served with House Salad and Rice Pilaf

**Luncheon**

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Member Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Chicken Marsala – \$39	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
Saturday	Guest Meal	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Chicken Marsala – \$39	Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>

Served with Caesar Salad and Roasted country potatoes

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 April 26, 2014**

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

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