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*Society President's
Message*

Rapidly approaching us are the Spring Board of Management (BOM) and Annual Meetings. We will have the Youth Awards luncheon on Saturday, our Florida Society Awards Banquet on Friday evening, and the new officer Installation Banquet on Saturday evening. President General Lindsey Brock will be in attendance for these meetings so it will be a special weekend for you to attend.

The Nominating Committee has submit the slate of proposed officers for election at the Annual Meeting. As our Bylaws state, anyone can be nominated from the floor for any of the state offices. The Annual Meeting is open to *all* Florida members to attend and vote. The BOM voting delegates have met a set of specific requirements (only one needs to be met):

- A current state officer or state committee chair.
- Past Florida President.
- Patriot Medal recipient.
- A Florida member who is a National Officer, incumbent or Past. Chapter President or Immediate chapter Past President.

Additional chapter delegate based on chapter membership levels *and so designated by the chapter*. If a chapter representative cannot attend then notification of a Proxy representative must be sent to the state secretary BEFORE the BOM.

Serious issues are being dealt with at the National level and deserve our attention and participation. Among these are:

- The possible renaming of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) and re-purposing of that Center to a state-of-the-art museum.
- Developing interest at the state society level for the Education Outreach programs. Currently, only 7 state societies participate.
- Developing interest at the state society level for the Operation Ancestor Search programs
- Increasing member participation in the Friends of the Library program.
- Developing the online SAR application and its integration into a single database for use at all levels (chapter, state, and national).
- Discussion in the NSSAR Genealogy committee on a possible change in one policy affecting use of DAR/CAR applications.

We join the SAR based on our lineage to a Patriot Ancestor and to honor his/her sacrifices and efforts to establish the United States - and what that meant then and means today: inspiring and informing our communities with the principles on which our nation was founded, the events and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and Constitution, and the honoring of those American Revolution veterans - and **all** of our veterans from **all** eras. To accomplish these efforts we must each of us follow up with individual actions. We cannot afford to let 'others' do the work for us. This does not mean that everyone must roll up sleeves and devote long, demanding physical labor. Instead, this means that each of us should look to assist by any means possi-

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.

ble: donating *any* amount of money, small or large. and time at each of the society levels accessible to us - our chapters, our states, or at the national level. Don't wait to be asked for help, volunteer. Continue your honoring your Patriot Ancestor by supporting the SAR in its efforts to honor all Patriot Ancestors.

Coming up in the next months, and some will have occurred by the time you read this, are the annual Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution ceremony (March 7th), a dedication of a third Revolutionary War battleground in Florida - the Thomas Creek site north of Jacksonville (March 21st), The Battle of Pensacola in May - after our BOM, and the stopover of the SAR Cruise to the Bahamas at Port Canaveral for a wreath laying ceremony at the State of Florida Historical Marker that commemorates the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution on Merritt Island Veterans Center. I hope that many of you were able to attend the March events and are able to participate in the May events.

This will be last message from this president and I have enjoyed my tenure as your state president and look forward to our successful completion of another year in the Florida Society. I look forward to the next president's term being more successful than ever in advancing our SAR goals and increasing recognition in our communities of our many worthy programs.

Respectively,

Steve Williams

FLSSAR President, 2014 - 2015

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is open to wives as well as female blood relatives (mothers, daughters, grand-daughters, aunts, nieces) of the SAR member. The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the SAR in its historical, patriotic and educational objectives. The Ladies' Auxiliary raises funds to award (on a smaller scale) the same students that the Florida Society SAR awards. Dues for the LAFLSSAR are \$5 per year; the application form is available at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/DOCS/LadyAuxDocs/LaAuxMemApp.pdf>

Please encourage the ladies in your life to join and support us in our efforts.

Why did we join?

Each of us joined the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for the simple reason - we wanted to connect to a Patriot Ancestor either to verify what our family lore has said about our family OR because someone asked us if we could trace our lineage to a Patriot Ancestor. Why does a person want to join a lineage society? What benefit is there? When committing to join a lineage society, you can feel it is the best way to honor your ancestors. Their sacrifices and their lives would not be lost to time. There would be a lasting legacy of their existence - YOU.

Part of honoring these Patriots is helping the SAR fulfill their commitments to the programs that are part of our goals: Historic, Patriotic, and Educational.

Historic

We commemorate and provide memorials, help preserve records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution, support research and presentations.

Patriotic

We inspire the community with the principles on which our nation was founded, we maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, we help carry out the promises expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution, we provide recognition for public service, and we honor, respect, and support veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Educational

We sponsor contests -- essay and oration, we distribute history curriculum at no cost to the recipient, we inform the community about the events and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and the Constitution, and we help people locate and evaluate genealogical records.

Please make a commitment to honor you Patriot Ancestor. Join others in our chapter in fulfilling these goals by taking an active role in our chapter's activities.

*LT. Colonel Renaldo Hamilton**(1927 - 2015)*

It is with the deepest sympathy that the Central Florida SAR Chapter inform you of the passing of Lt. Colonel Renaldo Hamilton. Recently, he had been staying with his daughter Carol in Virginia. Earlier this week, the NSSAR was first advised of his passing with the chapter being informed subsequently.

The funeral mass was held Saturday, 3/7/2015, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church (located at 525 North Park Avenue in Winter Park, Florida). He is preceded in death by his wife, Jane, & oldest son, Ron, Jr.

Compatriot Ron Hamilton was born in Carbondale, PA, and at the age of 7, the family moved to his father's home in Tampa, Florida where he grew

up. He enlisted in the United States Army during his senior year at Hillsborough High School. He completed his active service at the Manhattan Project, Los Alamos, NM in December 1946.

He enrolled at the University of Florida and completed the last two years of AFROTC. Upon his graduation in June 1950, he was discharged as a Sergeant First Class in the

Army. He was then commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF.

During his service in the USAF he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From August 1950 until March 1970, he served at Headquarters USAF Security Service in San Antonio, TX and its overseas units. From March 1970 until his retirement in September 1978, he served at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, MD. Overseas assignments included: Germany (3 years), Japan (3 years), Hawaii (2 years), Taiwan (3 years), Philippines (2 years), and Thailand (1 year).

He married his wife, Jane, a native of San Antonio, TX on July 11, 1951. Ron, Jr., their oldest son, was killed in an automobile accident on the Capitol Beltway in Maryland. Other children include: Carol, Barbara, Michael, Linda, and David.

He did not develop an interest in genealogy until after his retirement from the United States Air Force. He became a member of the NSSAR and the Central Florida SAR Chapter in October 1987. He was also a member of the CSS Florida SCV Camp #102 & the Lt. Colonel L. M. Park MOS&B Chapter #52. In all organizations, Compatriot Hamilton served in Officer positions and displayed his excellent leadership skills that helped each organization expand and grow. He also held a membership in the Mayflower Society.

In the Sons of American Revolution, he served as the Chapter President; as well as, served on many chapter committees over the years. At the state level, he held the following positions: East Central Regional Vice President (2 terms), Senior Vice President, President. On the National level, he held the following positions: Vice President General, South Atlantic District, Alternate National Trustee, & National Trustee. The various committees at the state level he has served on over the years are Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies, DAR Liaison, Ethics, Strategic Planning, Youth Activities, Charter & Bylaws Review & the Patriot Medal Committee. The various committees at the National level he has served on over the years are ROTC/JROTC Service Academies, DAR Liaison, Magazine Editorial Advisory, Medals & Awards, Strategic Planning and Youth Activities.

*FLSSAR WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM)**MEETING MINUTES**JANUARY 30 & 31, 2015**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**PRESIDENT STEVEN ALLEN WILLIAMS – PRESIDING*

3:15 PM

President Williams recognized National Officers in attendance, President General Lindsey Brock, Treasurer General Mike Tomme, and Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody.

President Williams accepted two corrections to the previous BOM session minutes,

Offered by Treasurer Richard Young, addition of the approval of a \$500.00 donation from the FLSSAR to the "Hermoine Project", to be added to the new budget.

Offered by Ted Duay, correction of wording regarding motion for prospective FLSSAR Chancellor as mentioned in the "Proceedings Book", Line 2, 108, change to read: "men of any State Bar or retired members of good standing in any State Bar"

Motion offered by Senior VP Lawrence Fehrenbaker to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Treasurer Dick, Motion – Passed

Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody offered the invocation.

Secretary Hall Riediger led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Vice President Lawrence Fehrenbaker led the assembled in the SAR Pledge

Motion offered from Chancellor Carl Hoffmann – "Move that the Board of Management, (BOM) create the position of Color Guard Commander pursuant to By-Laws Article 3, Section 3, and be appointed by the incumbent FLSSAR President." Motion – Passed

Motion offered from Treasurer Richard Young and the FLSSAR Finance Committee – "Move that the \$6600.00 budget surplus from 2014 be distributed in the following manner:

(A) \$2230.00 designated for the Thomas Creek Memorial Marker

(B) \$2000.00 designated for the Fund for the Future of Florida

(C) \$1500.00 designated for the Thomas Creek Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony

(D) \$82.00 from the Support the Troops fund be transferred to the 2015 account fund

(E) Remaining amounts be held as "undesignated amounts" in the Florida Medal of Honor Recognition fund account.

Motion – Passed

Ted Duay, Chairman of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee announced the 2015 -2016 slate of proposed officers:

President: Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr. – Naples

Senior Vice President: Raymond Francis Wess – Palm Beach

Secretary: Herman Hall Riediger – St. Lucie River

Treasurer: Walter Richard Young – Tampa

EC RVP: Jeffrey Lee Sizemore – Central Florida

NC RVP: Earl Scott Bushnell – Lake Sumter

NW RVP: Decody Brad Marble – Panama City

NE RVP: James Yost Gaskins – Jacksonville

WC RVP: Patrick Jay Niemann – Clearwater

SE RVP: Joseph Mark Motes – Ft. Lauderdale

SW RVP: Lee William Matson – Caloosa

Registrar: Raymond Clyde Lantz – Pensacola

Recording Secretary: Charles Anthony McKinley – St. Lucie River

Chaplain: Richard Edward Hargerman – Lakeland

Chancellor: Carl K. Hoffmann – St. Augustine

Genealogist: Richard Bruce Cardell – Jacksonville

Sgt. – at – Arms: Richard James Folk – Withlacoochee

Ex Com Member at Large: Randy Dwight Moody – Caloosa

Editor: Jeffrey Lee Sizemore – Central Florida

Historian: John Clay Jones – Caloosa

Web Master: Earl Scott Bushnell – Lake Sumter

National Trustee: Steven Allen Williams – Brevard

Alt. National Trustee: Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr. – Naples

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM

Meeting reconvened at 9:30AM, Saturday, 31 January 2015

Motion offered by Carl Hoffman – "Move to send a donated check of \$60.60 from the BOM banquet to the NSSAR designating 50% each for the CAAH and JROTC". Motion – Failed, Proceeds will be held and designated for future needs by the finance committee.

Motion offered by Dr. Randy Moody – "Move that the new Florida Society Color Guard Manual as distributed to the Camp Commanders be recognized as an official FLSSAR document."

Motion – Passed

Motion offered by Chuck Sweeney – "Amend the Veteran's Recognition Committee report to resolve conflict over the awarding of the SAR War Medal to veterans who did not serve in a combat zone or received a combat campaign medal." A subsequent motion was offered by President Williams – "Move to defer Chuck Sweeney's motion to the Spring BOM pending further study". Motion – Passed, Chuck Sweeney motion deferred to Spring BOM.

Motion offered by John Stewart – "Resolve that the FLSSAR protest the ending of the American Battlefield Monument Commission Flower Fund Program and request the National Society to protest the ending of the program also." Motion – Passed

Dr. Randy Moody led the assembled in the SAR Recessional

Dr. Randy Moody led the Assembled in the benediction

Meeting concluded at 11:00AM, 31 January 2015



Dr. John Witherspoon: The Academic as a Founding Father

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.

In 1767, Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia, a fresh graduate of The College of New Jersey, apprenticed himself to one of the most highly regarded physicians in Philadelphia, John Redmon. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, Redmon encouraged Rush to study at the University of Edinburgh where medicine had transitioned from the world of folk-remedies into basic research and clinical science. Rush took the advice to heart and enrolled in Edinburgh's School of Medicine. By this time the Scottish universities, led by Edinburgh and Glasgow, had undergone a massive revolution in their curricula. No

longer emphasizing the classics, as did Oxford and Cambridge, the Scottish seats of higher learning put science and contemporary subjects at the center of their studies. Students were required to take a "large dose" of English, English & Scottish Literature, "Moral Philosophy," History, Political Economy and Science. Students studied the works of David Hume, John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Adam Smith (who served on the faculty at Edinburgh) Robert Burns and others. The Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow were in the forefront of the intellectual movement which even then was spoken of as "The Enlightenment." The movement profoundly influenced not only our American Revolution but our modern world as well.

Rush carried letters of introduction from Benjamin Franklin, then in London, to a number of celebrated men of science and letters, including Dr. John Witherspoon, a minister, intellectual and graduate of Edinburgh who occasionally delivered lectures at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. A large part of Rush's education consisted of socializing with these men of learning, including Witherspoon. Rush graduated from the University with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and returned to Philadelphia where he helped establish a department of medicine in the new College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania) patterned after the School in Edinburgh. I might add that in the coming Revolutionary War, Benjamin Rush would become George Washington's Surgeon-General.

While practicing medicine in Philadelphia, Rush maintained close ties with his Alma Mater in New Jersey. Established in 1746 as the College of New Jersey in Elizabeth by "New Light" Presbyterians who sought to break away from classical Calvinism, it was moved first to Newark and then to Princeton (its name would not officially be Princeton University until 1896). The college was housed in a single large building named Nassau Hall, the largest building in the colonies at the time. It was constructed to house the entire college and its functions. The name derived William, Prince of Orange and King of The Netherlands and Great Britain, who descended from the House of Nassau. The institution inaugurated five presidents in its first 20 years including Aaron Burr, Sr. in 1748, and the famous Great Awakening preacher, the Reverend Jonathan Edwards in 1758 (Edwards lived only a few months in the position).

The college threshed around for a few years with no president. With debts accumulating and student enrollment in



REV. DR. JOHN WITHERSPOON
The statue in Washington, D. C.

decline, critics doubted its future. Then alum Benjamin Rush came to the rescue. The struggling board of governors began to think "large" and went after a "big fish" for the presidency. Knowing that Rush would soon be on his way to Edinburgh, they empowered him to offer the job to the Reverend John Knox Witherspoon. Witherspoon was born in Paisley, East Lothian, Scotland. He attended Haddington Grammar School and studied at St. Andrews University where he was granted both the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Arts degrees. He was then accepted in the Graduate School of the University of Edinburgh where he was awarded another M.A. When Rush first met him, Witherspoon was a middle

aged minister of a prominent Presbyterian Kirk at his hometown near Glasgow. He was well known throughout the country for his reasoned sermons, as well as for lectures and writings on a variety of subjects ranging from philosophy and government to theology. At first Witherspoon turned down the offer but when it was offered again a year later, he accepted and booked a ship in Liverpool bound for Philadelphia for himself and his family.

We may ask why Witherspoon would leave such a comfortable position for a small, unstable college in New Jersey? Why accept the leadership of this small colonial college when he already held an enviable position with a good salary, and was well known as well as highly respected in his native Scotland? The answer is rather simple. He thought both the college and the colonies had a future. The conflict between Great Britain and the North American Colonies was just beginning to simmer over trade issues in 1768 when Witherspoon was inaugurated as the sixth president of the college. Witherspoon's sympathies lay with the colonies even before he embarked from his native land. Part of the reason may well have been Witherspoon's contact with the tobacco merchants of Glasgow who were among the earliest advocates of free trade in the British Isles (Adam Smith would derive much of his data for his *Wealth of Nations*, published in 1776, from those "merchant princes"). Restrictive British trade policies were damaging the finances of those Scottish merchants as well as the colonists. Another reason stemmed from the longstanding conflict between Scottish "nationalists" and the British government. He had been a witness to the Battle of Falkirk which the Scots had lost to the English and was imprisoned for a time although he had not fought in the battle. In addition, Witherspoon was also very much in harmony with the principles of Natural Law and Common Sense Philosophy espoused by the Scottish universities. As earlier described, their curricula were founded on the new sciences and the philosophy of Natural Law while the curricula of the major English universities of Oxford and Cambridge still rested on the bedrock of the classics and Episcopal religion. The Scottish institutions exuded the sweet air of liberty and free inquiry. No religious test was required for admission while at Oxford and Cambridge, Catholics and dissenters (that included Presbyterians, Baptists and Jews) were not admitted. The result, of course, was that the "coin of the realm" in Scotland was intellectual inquiry, the

constant search for truth through the use of hard evidence while the English universities were more interested in students who could “regurgitate” long Latin and Greek passages from the classics as well as recite religious dogma.

Influenced by the Scottish Enlightenment, President Witherspoon revolutionized the curriculum of the College of New Jersey introducing hard science, Natural Law and Common Sense philosophy while still maintaining the courses in religion and theology with a Presbyterian slant, of course. But the emphasis was upon free inquiry. Witherspoon himself taught theology, history, literature and even science. Over the next several years, he counted among his students, several who would greatly influence the future of America. The literary lights, Philip Freneau and Hugh Henry Brackinridge, were his students as well as the better known Aaron Burr, Jr. and James Madison, Jr. Among our Southern Founding Fathers, James Madison was the only one to graduate from Princeton. Jefferson and most of his peers graduated from William and Mary which still embraced a classical curriculum. Jefferson, however, absorbed the ideas of the Scottish Enlightenment through his prodigious reading of intellectuals such as Frances Hutcheson, David Hume, John Locke, Thomas Hobbes and others. So

it is not surprising that when Jefferson and Madison, who lived in adjacent counties, met for the first at Williamsburg where they discovered similar inquiring minds and formed a lifelong alliance.

As the crisis between colonies and the mother country erupted in 1774, Witherspoon jumped into the conflict “with both feet.” He joined New Jersey’s Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1774. He contributed a number of essays and speeches to the Patriot Cause. They included, “Thoughts on American Liberty,” “On the Controversy and Independence,” and “On the Contest Between Great Britain and America.” From the beginning, he advocated resistance to the tyranny of Parliament and King and was one of the first to advocate full independence. Thomas Paine called on him for advice in writing COMMON SENSE, a phrase which echoes the Scottish Common Sense philosophy. Witherspoon served in the Continental Congress from June 1776 to 1782 where President John Hancock appointed him Chaplain. He no sooner arrived in Philadelphia in June when he voiced an “Aye” in favor of Richard Henry Lee’s Resolution for Independence. In July he voiced his approval of the Declaration of Independence and added his signature to the document. He served on more than 100 Congressional committees including the powerful Board of War and the Committee on Secret Correspondence and Foreign Affairs. One of his final official acts was to help draft the Articles of Confederation.

Witherspoon left Congress in 1782 and returned to his duties at Princeton where he continued to raise money for the college and to speak on its behalf. It is indeed safe to say that had it not been for John Witherspoon, Princeton would probably have passed into oblivion. It would be difficult to find a teacher in the history of our nation who exerted more influence on his students than John Witherspoon. Counted among his



students were 34 judges, 3 justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, 10 cabinet officers, 12 members of the Continental Congress, 28 U.S. Senators and 49 U.S. Congressmen. His daughter Frances married David Ramsay, an early historian of The American Revolution, physician and Congressman. Another daughter, Ann, became the wife of Samuel Stanhope Smith who succeeded Winthrop as President of Princeton. And of course, we should remember perhaps the brightest star in John Witherspoon’s crown, James Madison, Jr., “Father of the Constitution of 1787.”

Witherspoon died in 1794 at his plantation, Tusculum, a few miles from Princeton, while still serving as President of the college. His campus home, The President’s House, still occupies an honored site at the University and is now a United States Historic National Landmark. The Witherspoon Institute is an integral research facility at Princeton. The Witherspoon Society consists of a group of dedicated laypeople in the Presbyterian Church. The Winthrop Building stands in Philadelphia. And in World War II, the United States Navy commissioned the *SS John Winthrop* as a supply ship (unfortunately a German U-Boat sunk the vessel in 1942 in the North Atlantic). Scottish sculptor Alexander Stoddart carved twin heroic size bronze statues of Winthrop. One stands on a pedestal at Princeton; the other is just outside the University of West Scotland in Paisley, East Lothian, Scotland, Witherspoon’s hometown where he is still remembered as a favorite son. A third bronze occupies a pedestal near DuPont Circle in Washington, D.C.

For Further Reading See

Jeffrey H. Morrison, *John Witherspoon and the Founding of the American Republic* (2005)

Arthur Herman, *How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe’s Poorest Nation Created Our World and Everything in It* (2001),



Meeting and Arrangements Committee Update

We have been in negotiations with The Florida Hotel and Conference Center regarding our Winter 2016 BOM. By moving the Winter 2016 BOM from January 29 – 30, 2016, to **February 5-6, 2016**, we have been able to lower the room rate \$5.00 to \$135.00 + taxes per night. The Florida Hotel service charge of \$18.00 per night is included in the daily room rate and includes the usual amenities which we have been receiving.

In regards to making reservations for the May 1-3, 2015 BOM and Annual meeting and all future meetings, The Florida Hotel has instituted a new policy. Reservations must be made by calling The Florida Hotel and Convention Center **Reservations Department directly at 1-800-588-4656 and mention "FLSAR" to receive the negotiated group rate.** Reservations for the May 1-3, 2015 BOM and Annual Meeting may also be made at The Florida Hotel and Convention Center webpage: <http://thefloridahotelorlando.com> using the **Group Code "150501FLOR"** in the "Modify Search Option," or by using the following specific hyperlink: [SAR May 1-3, 2015](#)

If one encounters ANY problems accessing our group rate of \$109.00 + taxes, per night on the webpage, please call the Reservations Department. **Note: The Front Desk can no longer make reservations using Group Codes.**

Our hospitality room for the May BOM and Annual Meeting will be similar to the arrangements that we had for the Winter BOM. Members and guests are reminded that all alcoholic beverages are to be consumed **ONLY** in the hospitality room. In addition to the snacks and beverages provided by FLSSAR, members and guests may bring personal food and snacks items to the hospitality room.

Ladies Auxiliary Grapevine

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution had 14 baskets donated for the January BOM dinner raffle. The following Chapters contributed baskets: Brevard, Lakeland, Miami, Naples, Saramana, Jacksonville-2, Lake Sumter, Withlacoochee, Clearwater-2, Palm Beach, Caloosa and Central Florida. We raised \$535.00 including Ft. Lauderdale Chapter's donation of \$50.00 in lieu of a basket. Fun was had at the dinner and First Lady Billie Brock urged the attendees to 'Support these Gals.' We all had a good time and want to thank the attendees for their participation and the chapters whose baskets made the raffle possible. Certificates and checks were awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the Rumbaugh Oration contest.

At the May meeting the Auxiliary will be holding elections. Dianna Lantz chairs the nomination committee and if you have any women to suggest for office, please contact her at diannafrog@cox.net. We will again be having a basket raffle and challenge all the Chapters to participate and increase the number of baskets contributed. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting in Orlando. Jeanne Fehrenbaker, President LAFLSSAR.



FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee Recognizes Purple Heart Recipients

The NSSAR recently made a decision to make available a Purple Heart pin to be worn on the drape of the War Service Medal for those individuals that received the Purple Heart while in service to our country.

This is a simple reminder of those who were injured in combat and deserve our respect and attention for what they did for us all. The pin shown is available through the National Society Sons of the American Revolution merchandise store for \$5.00. The pin is to be worn on the drape of the War Service Medal only as additional recognition of their service.

The FLSSAR VRC Committee would also like to recognize you as well as a distinguished member of the Florida Veterans Battalion. If you go to the following web site (<http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/FIBtn.htm>) and look at the members of the Battalion, those that have received the Purple Heart are indicated with a purple color over their name line. The list is compiled by region with all members listed with their chapter. If your name is on the list but not in purple please let the committee know and it will be changed on the next published list. If you are not on the list, but are a veteran, and you would like to be added to the Florida Veterans Battalion, fill out the form on the site and give it to your chapter for completion and have them send it to the FLSSAR Committee for review. You then will be sent a Certificate of your membership in the battalion and thanks for your service to our country.

The Committee is also working on a different project to show added support to those who were injured in combat and received the Purple Heart Medal from a grateful country. More information on this new project will be forthcoming in the near future.

Liberty Tree Program

By Chuck McKinley, Committee Co-Chairman

Compatriots, I wish to solicit your assistance in getting your chapter to participate in our State Liberty Tree program of which I am the co-chair. We asked for a point of contact from each chapter and some history of what was accomplished in the past and basically only received a handful of responses. I believe that this is an important program for our organization and gives us some recognition in our community. I also understand that we are a volunteer organization. I am asking for you to email me at Charles_mckinley@att.net.

As a refresher, the State Liberty Tree Program's Function is as follows: To establish the Liberty Tree Project for the Society, to prepare guidelines for the implementation of the "Project", setting forth the criteria each Chapter shall follow for the promotion of the planting or designation of Liberty trees, including site selection, type of tree, appropriate timing, appropriate ceremonies, and also providing for cooperation between chapters and the Society for appropriate ceremonies to accompany each planting and providing for Society

officers and local non-SAR dignitaries. Establish a goal to have a Liberty Tree designated in each town, over time, under the jurisdiction of the sponsoring SAR Chapter. The chairman shall keep a record of all Liberty Trees designated and provide the information to the State Historian.

Thus far, the committee has been able to document 36 Liberty Trees in existence in Florida. We feel that this is a worthwhile historical project and encourage every chapter to participate. Our forefathers certainly felt so as there are several writings on this subject as also the Liberty Tree symbol is included on many colonial flags of that period.

Now I also understand that some chapters may not be fiscally well off to plant a tree, but there are no requirements to do that but can use an existing one. Certainly there are trees in all of our areas in public places that may be used or designated as a Liberty Tree by a chapter furnishing a marker and having a public ceremony calling attention to it, if a chapter would take an initiative to do this.

In closing, I am asking for your support in providing this information to the chapters in your regions and also some follow up to ensure success. Our committee will provide a cd copy of what we have collected so far for use by any chapter. These may include pictures of trees, markers, proclamations, sample workups for handouts at the ceremony, etc. Upon completion of this activity, all of the data will be made available on our state web page to be seen by all and also put into our history data base. I am thanking you in advance for making this project a success with your assistance.



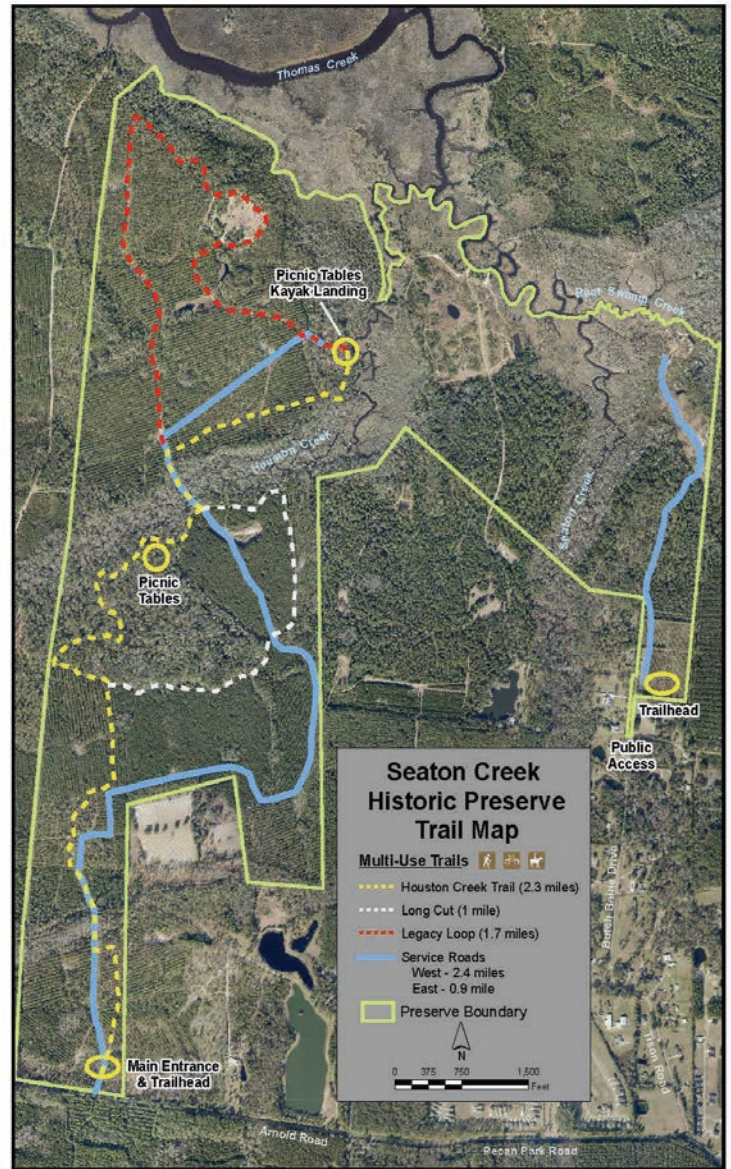
Jacksonville Chapter Commemorates the Thomas Creek Revolutionary Battle Marker

By David Bahn

The marker commemorating the Thomas Creek Revolutionary Battle arrived in early January and was placed at the site by several stalwart Compatriots. The dedication will be March 21, 2015. President General Lindsey Brock will attend as well as SAR representatives from the FLSSAR and representatives from other states and chapters. Officials from the city of Jacksonville will also be in attendance. A reception is planned for the evening of March 20.

Flagler Chapter's 1st Annual Hike to the Thomas Creek Battlefield January 17th, 2015

Our first annual 6 mile hike through the recently discovered (2005) Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield and encampment area was a huge success. Due to recent



rains, the Flagler Chapter chose to hike the blue blazed trail to the Thomas Creek Battlefield site stopping on occasion to admire the beauty, peace and quiet of this wilderness area.

Flagler Chapter Compatriots Randy Morris, Bill Knisely, John Thomas, and David Kelsey accompanied by photographer Victoria Kelsey completed the hike on a crisp, sunny, winter day in January. Sergeant-At-Arms John Thomas, carrying the Flagler Chapter SAR Flag, led the intrepid hikers as they marched onto the bluff overlooking Houston Creek, the site of the Battle of Thomas Creek. At the exact Battle Site and in front of the Chapter Flag, President Elect Randall Scott Morris was unofficially sworn in as President of the Flagler Chapter by President David Kelsey. Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Compatriot Bill Knisely, Compatriot John Thomas and Victoria Kelsey witnessed this historic event.

A probable encampment area for our Patriot forces in a hardwood forest was visited. The encampment area was dominated by a number of giant trees towering over the area. One of the largest of the trees was adopted as a potential Liberty Tree and dedicated to Lt. Col. John Baker, leader of the 1st Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse.

Spectacular Seaton Creek Historic Preserve is a recreational area that lies in north Florida near the Georgia-Florida border. The Preserve is believed to be a Revolutionary War site as recently discovered evidence suggests that the May 17th, 1777



Above picture (l to r) – Bill Knisely, David Kelsey, Randy Morris, John Thomas at Thomas Creek Battle Site
Below picture: John Thomas (C), Randy Morris (L), David Kelsey (R) March onto Thomas Creek Battle Site.



Battle of Thomas Creek may have occurred in the 864 acre Preserve and in the surrounding area.

The Preserve lies immediately north of the Jacksonville International Airport and south of the nearby banks of Thomas Creek. Ten miles to the east is Sawpit Bluff, the rendezvous point for the Continental Forces, at the head of Nassau Sound on the Atlantic Ocean. Ten miles west of the Preserve is Callahan, Florida, the site of the June 30, 1778 Battle of Alligator Bridge. Between Callahan, Florida and the Preserve is the new National Veterans Cemetery.

The Preserve is a roadless undeveloped area that was once part of a commercial slash pine forest lumbering operation. The east side of the Preserve is bounded by Seaton Creek and swamp. The slowly flowing and meandering from southwest to northeast tidal Houston Creek and swamp dominate the center of the Preserve and trail areas. The entire area is barely above sea level. The well drained, dryer, sandy, upland areas support rows of pine trees and the lower damper areas are home to majestic hardwoods and an abundance of wildlife.

The recently developed trail system which crisscrosses the Preserve was created for hikers and horseback riders. The trails utilize the old, gravel covered, overgrown logging roadbeds plus newly cut trail treadways. The treadways are always at least 10 feet wide and the old roadbeds have been

cleared to at least 14 feet wide.

The main entrance (and parking lot) of the Preserve is on Arnold Road (~2-3 miles west of I-95 Exit 366) at the south end of the Preserve. The recently seeded parking lot has been quite muddy due to the natural terrain coupled with heavy rainfall. Hopefully, the grass will take hold and alleviate the situation. A blue blazed, semi-graveled, "service road" trail makes an exciting and dry hiking trail to the Thomas Creek Battle Site. The Arnold Road main entrance features an easy walk-thru and step-over for hikers and horseman, thus avoiding the muddy parking lot. The usually dry, blue-blazed, graveled, service road trail begins immediately at Arnold Road. After passing through the always open walk-thru and step-over, which were designed to keep ATV's and motor vehicles out, while allowing hikers and horses in, follow the blue blazes for ~400 feet past the parking lot on the right to the kiosk which contains the map of the preserve and trail complex. Leaving the kiosk, the more adventuresome, may choose the scenic, yellow blazed, 2.3 mile, Houston Creek Trail to the Thomas Creek Battle Site as an alternative to the easily hiked, 2.4 mile, blue-blazed trail to the same destination. The blue & yellow blazed trails cross each other several times enroute to the Thomas Creek Battle Site.

Regardless of which trail is taken, your presence will be announced by the alerting cries of a red shouldered hawk hidden in the tree line along the trail. The hawk will monitor your progress for at least the next mile or so as you hike through his territory. The trails contain numerous tracks and signs of many species, especially deer, turkey, raccoons, and squirrels. Many migrating birds, such as wrens and robins, flutter in front of you on the trail and flocks of ducks swim in the ponds and swamps. Woodpeckers could be seen and heard frequently.

The newly cut yellow blazed Houston Creek trail passes through the heart of the Houston Creek swamp and may require some off trail bushwhacking through dense vegetation around several impassable flooded trail sections. On the plus side, this trail passes through the gem of the preserve, a several square mile hardwood forest of magnificent mature maples, oaks, hickories, magnolias, hollies and chestnut oaks or swamp chestnut oaks towering over 120 feet tall and with trunks as straight as arrows. Underneath this hardwood canopy lies a relatively open area, an area that 238 years ago could have easily supported an encampment of ~180 Continental soldiers and their horses of the 1st Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse. In honor of their leader, Lt. Col. John Baker, the tallest of the chestnut oaks has been named for him.

In another mile, the end of the blue or yellow blazed trail is reached on a small bluff alongside and above Houston Creek. A dark green bench nestled under the hardwood tree canopy and facing east, overlooks a vast treeless grassland. The dark green bench is the only indication that marks the location of the Thomas Creek Battle Site.

David & Victoria Kelsey are avid hikers, members of the Florida Trail Association, and several North Georgia hiking clubs. We have hiked all the trails at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve. Each of our 5 hikes has been an exciting adventure for us. The hikes are 6-8 miles in length and have occurred from October to February. Hiking trail selection is based on the amount of rainfall immediately prior to the hike. Seaton Creek Historic Preserve is our favorite hiking area in Florida.

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From the Documents Committee

The Florida Patriot, Winter 2015 issue, Volume XLIV, No. 4, contained the documents submitted to the Documents Committee (DC) pursuant to FLSSAR By-laws, Article VIII, Section 3 (FLSSAR Governing Documents, Rev. May 4, 2013).

The document found on page 6, right column, labeled, "3.) Proposed Bylaw (NEW)... pertaining to Article VI – FINANCIAL MATTERS, Section 6 – Emeritus Program, **D – Emeritus IV**," was the **INCORRECT** version of the submitted document.

The correct version was published via floridanews@list.flssar.org on December 29, 2014. However, the DC is publishing the correct version of Article VI – FINANCIAL MATTERS, Section 6 – Emeritus Program, D-Emeritus IV, in this edition of *The Florida Patriot*, to insure that all FLSSAR Compatriots have received the correct version, as mandated by the FLSSAR By-laws, Article VIII, Section 3.

Compatriots are reminded that the proposed new By-laws or any revisions were/are published as submitted by the authors to the DC. The DC has not revised any of the submitted documents. Per FLSSAR Governing Documents, Rev. May 4, 2013, Article VIII, Section 3 – c, "The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s) or introduce additional changes beyond those changes for which previous notice was given."

Section D is a new By-law and is printed in its entirety in ***Bold Italics***.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL MATTERS, Section 6 – Emeritus Program.

D. Emeritus IV – Military

(1) Active Duty Military

All members of the Florida Society, who are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, will have their annual dues waived.

(2) 100% Permanent and Totally Disabled Military Veteran

Upon Request, all permanent residents of the State of Florida who are current or prospective members of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) and have been determined to possess a Veteran's Administration (VA) certified combat service connected disability rating of 100, total and permanent disability, shall have all FLSSAR application fees and annual dues waived.

The prospective member shall present proof of disability and permanent Florida residency to the Chapter Registrar during the application process. The Chapter Registrar shall notify the FLSSAR Registrar of the applicant's waiver. The FLSSAR Registrar shall notify the FLSSAR Treasurer and Secretary of the waiver. Current members shall present proof of disability and permanent Florida residency to his Chapter Secretary who shall notify the FLSSAR Secretary.

To certify that the honorably discharged veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to service connected disability or disabilities, they need to provide with their SAR application or their annual dues a copy of either:

a. The preferred method being a copy of the veteran's "Disabled Veteran Identification Card" issued by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. This is a "State Issued" card obtained by any permanent resident veteran of Florida, rated as 100% permanently and totally disabled per Florida Statute 295.17.

b. A certification letter from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs called a "VAFL-27-333" that will state that the named honorably discharged veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to service connected disability or disabilities. This letter is used by your local Property Appraiser's Office. A veteran with a total and permanent service-connected disability requires this document in order to qualify for total exemption from real estate (ad valorem) taxes in Florida.

Respectfully submitted by the FLSSAR Documents Committee:
David Bahn, David Kelsey, Sr., Hall Riediger, Raymond Wess and Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr., Chairman.

Color Guard Manual

The official FLSSAR Color Guard Manual was approved at the January 30-31, 2015 Board of Management Meeting. The manual is now available on the FLSSAR website, in the "Members Only," section (You do not need to log-in). Go to the "Information," tab at the top of the Members Only page. Access it via the "FLSSAR State Documents" on the drop-down menu. Your regional chapters and their Color Guard should be made aware of this document.

Why Should Your Chapter Care about the Americanism Contest?

The Americanism & President General Streamer contest is something that each and every chapter should be interested in participating in for important reasons. By tracking your chapter efforts and logging them into the 16 Tabs you get to know your strengths and areas that you might need to improve. You should enter every award (medal or certificate) that you present to anyone, enter your participation in every parade, participation with your local DAR and CAR chapters, list every mention of SAR activities in the local newspapers and other media (TV and radio), list every Youth program participation effort, and list every donation that your chapter members make to any NSSAR recognized programs: JROTC, CAR, USO, Wreaths Across America, CAAH, Friends of the Library, etc. Submit your completed entry to both the state and to National.

And we should care Why?

A very important aspect of the SAR is being recognized within our local communities as a valuable community asset so that people know who we are, why we exist, and, for gentlemen, why they should consider joining the SAR. The public generally knows about the DAR but when it comes to the SAR they are less likely to know about us - because in most instances we aren't out in the public.

By cataloging all of these items in one place, you can see what successes you are having and can then point to them with pride. By submitting your form to the state, the Florida Society can expand upon the individual chapter publicity and

show how the state society is a measurable benefit to all Florida communities. Additionally, the state uses this form for its Chapter Challenge competition scoring.

Go to the NSSAR website and download the 2015 form, the link is on the top page - don't use the 2014 form as changes have been made. Using an old form is of no use. When entering your chapter's information make sure that you read the instruction page and carefully read each Tab's directions. Some Youth entries can only be made on a specific Tab even though you might want to enter them onto another Tab.

Chapters that did well for the 2013 competition were Central Florida, Clearwater, Caloosa, Jacksonville, Naples, Palm Beach, St Lucie River, Saramana, and Brevard. Florida came in third in both the Americanism and President's Streamer contests. We hope to improve on our chapters standings and the state standing for our 2014 activities.



**Len
Shurtleff**
(1940 - 2015)

The Gainesville chapter of SAR lost our President and friend when Ambassador Shurtleff succumbed to a heart condition on January 22, 2015. The Department of State, Foreign Service Department is making the arrangements for his interment. Below is his obituary as it appeared in the *Gainesville Sun* on January 26, 2015.

Gainesville - Ambassador Shurtleff served from 1962 to 1995 in the United States Foreign Services Overseas in Africa and Latin America, as well as in several Washington Assignments. He was married in 1967 to Christine Morrissette, herself a former Foreign Service officer (Tunis, Abidjan) and past President of the Association of American Foreign Service Women.

Born in Boston, June 4, 1940, the eleventh generation of his family to live in the Bay State, Ambassador Shurtleff was a 1958 graduate of Havemill High School, a member of the National Honor Society and of the basketball and track teams. He work his way through Tufts University as a milkman, telephone operator and dormitory Proctor, graduating with a degree in History (cum laude) and Government from Tufts University in 1962 where he was dormitory Head Proctor as an undergraduate. He later attended the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and the graduate school at the University of Chicago.

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His service overseas included posting to Caracas, Venezuela; Freetown, Sierra Leone; Douala, Cameroon; Nouakchott, Mauritania; Bogota, Colombia; Monrovia, Liberia; and, Brazzaville, the Congo. He also served in Equatorial Guinea, at the Department of State in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, in the Bureau of African Affairs as Deputy Executive Director and Director for Regional Affairs, as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Office of the Under Secretary for Management. He was a member of the of the Department's Senior Seminar in 1986-87.

Retiring in 1995, Ambassador Shurtleff served for many years as an Honorary Vice President of the Western Front Association and was current President of the Association's United

States Branch (WWI Historical Association), writing and lecturing on diplomatic, political and economic issues relating to The Great War. He was a member and local President of the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as member of Gainesville's Masonic Lodge #41, the Order of DeMolay, Sojourners, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the American Foreign Service Association DACAR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired).

Interment will be in the Foreign Service area of Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, DC."

Participation in the Last Naval Battle Celebration



Robert McGuire (Caloosa SAR Chapter) and Anne McGuire (Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter) participated in the 2015 celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution sponsored by the Brevard Chapter, FLSSAR. The wreath laid at this celebration was donated jointly by the Lawrence Kearny Chapter FLSDAR (Cape Coral) of which she is Vice Regent along with the Caloosa Chapter FLSSAR of which she also represents in the Ladies Auxiliary FLSSAR. The Kearny/Caloosa wreath is probably the only one jointly presented by a DAR Chapter and an SAR Chapter. It is the one with fresh flowers leaning against the cannon mount.

Pictures from the 2015 Last Naval Battle Celebration in Brevard County



History of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

On March 11, 1779, the Continental Congress established the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. America was in the middle of the Revolutionary War, and the Army itself was only four years old. The resolution mandated that “the engineers [...] shall take rank and enjoy the same rights, honors and privileges with the other troops in the Continental establishment.”

Since 1775, General George Washington had been asking for engineers, pointing out that the Continental Army needed more officers with technical skills. They assembled a group of soldiers and civilians, both American and French; in fact, the French engineers outnumbered the Americans.



The Army Corps put up fortifications, cleared terrain before the Army marched through, made maps, and dug strategic trenches. During the Battle of Yorktown, Washington handed over the planning to the engineers. At that point, the Army Corps of Engineers included 50 soldiers called Sappers and

Miners (both terms referred to their digging of trenches and fortifications — sapper came from the French word *saper*, meaning “to dig”) and another 50 soldiers from Delaware, but there were only 13 engineer officers in the combined armies. The Yorktown siege was successful and Washington gave credit to Chief Engineer Louis Dupontail.

After the war, members of the Corps of Engineers left the Army just like everyone else. During his presidency, Thomas Jefferson decided to open a military academy. He wrote to his friend the French diplomat and economist Pierre S. du Pont de Nemours to ask what subjects should be taught. Du Pont suggested that engineering should be the main focus, since it encompassed many of the other sciences, and because America was in desperate need of engineers.



Du Pont wrote to Jefferson: “No nation is in such need of canals as the United States, and most of their ports have no means of exterior defense.” In 1802, Jefferson established West Point Military Academy for the sole purpose of training engineers, and reestablished the Corps of Engineers as we know it: a permanent division. The academy’s first superintendent was Jonathan Williams, a grand-nephew of Benjamin Franklin. Williams wrote:

“Our guiding star is not a little mathematical School, but a great national establishment. We must always have it in view that our Officers are to be men of Science, and as such will by their acquirements be entitled to the notice of learned societies.”

During the War of 1812, the Corps designed a system of fortifications for the New York Harbor and enlisted 38,000 people to help. One of the forts became the base for the Statue of Liberty in 1886. During the War of 1812, the British didn’t manage to capture any works that had been constructed by engineer graduates of West Point. One contemporary historian suggested that if Washington had



been served by engineers, the city would not have fallen to the British.

During peacetime, the Corps of Engineers spent their time working on infrastructure and exploring the western frontiers. They built

roads, bridges, and lighthouses, and maintained military fortifications. In 1824, Congress passed two important acts just a month apart — the first authorized the Corps to take surveys of roads and waterways of national importance, and the second to improve navigation on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers by removing natural obstacles like sandbars and snags. In the 1830s, the government created the U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers, which eventually merged with the regular Corps of Engineers. In the 1840s, they began to survey and map the Great Lakes.

During the Civil War and the World Wars, the Corps of Engineers continued building bridges, canals, fortifications, roads, airfields, ports, and pipelines. The Corps helped to plan and to build a huge flood control network along the Mississippi River during the Great Depression, and in 1942 the Corps built the Alaska-Canadian Highway. The Corps has continued to work on public works projects like flood control, outdoor recreation, and environmental cleanup, as well as construction projects for the Army.

- Submitted by Albert Myers



Are You Eligible?

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

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

The Brevard Chapter, through its enhanced effort has been able to recruit members during the Dec-14 through Mar-15 period. We have added at least 13 new members with more waiting in the shadows awaiting approval from headquarters.

The Brevard Chapter also participated in "Wreath Across America" at the Edgewater Cemetery in Edgewater, Florida. The Chapter has awarded the "King Eagle Scout" to an applicant and also participated in the Winter BOM Meeting in Orlando. We continue to have a Joint session meeting twice a year with our sister DAR organization.

Caloosa Chapter

On January 29, 2015, Chapter President Matson and Chapter Registrar McGuire inducted U. S. Air Force TSgt. Andrew Thorpe into the SAR Chapter at the Philly Junction Restaurant. Another member recently inducted was Edward Michael Buff.

At the February meeting, the chapter honor Public Service Employees. The Bonita Spring's Fire Fighters that received the SAR Fire Fighters & EMS Award are Lt. Ed Bradford, Juvert Clero, Mike Simon, and Eric Vazquez. The Law Enforcement Award was presented to Capt. Keith Day of the South District Substation. At this meeting, Compatriot Allen Brown was presented the Roger Sherman Award for his outstanding contributions to the chapter. After these awards were given, Carolyn Ford was called to the podium and she presented a program on "One Soldier's Journey."

At the March meeting, the chapter invited Lee County Eagle Scout Coordinator Paul Dustin to this meeting as the chapter just compiled their choices for ones to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

Central Florida Chapter



As pictured above with the Hamilton family, the various Central Florida SAR chapter members were in attendance at Ron Hamilton's Memorial Service and Mass that took place on March 7, 2015.

At the December meeting, Joseph M. Vetter was our speaker and he spoke on "Why I Fought at Gettysburg! A Re-enactor's Story." The chapter also appeared in Colonial uniform this month at the New Citizenship Induction that was held in Orlando. Compatriot Tom McElroy was also in attendance



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

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

Selves@bellsouth.net



with his daughter who works for the U.S. Immigrations Department.

At the January meeting, Rich Ayers of Just Two Tailors showed off some of his tailored 18th century civilian clothes and uniforms. He also spoke to the chapter on his 30 years of experience tailoring 18th Century Cloths. It was also mentioned at this meeting that the chapter had reached their Endowment Fund Goal.

At the February meeting, Laura Garand, Regent of the Sallie Harrison DAR Chapter spoke on work with junior members—CAR. While at the March meeting, Chapter president Don Green gave a presentation on the life of Benjamin Franklin.

Clearwater Chapter

On January 21, 2015, Eagle Scout Trevor Joseph Case of Troop 26 in Palm Harbor, FL, was recognized as the winner of the 2014 Eagle Scout scholarship contest sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, for which he received \$100. Trevor's winning scholarship entry has been forwarded to the SAR Florida Society for the state level scholarship competition.



Trevor's scholarship entry included an essay on the Battle of Cowpens during the Revolutionary War from the view of his Patriot ancestor, James Abrams, a member of the South Carolina militia who was present at the battle. The Battle of Cowpens occurred on January 17, 1781 and was a decisive victory by

the Continental Army forces in the Southern campaign of the Revolutionary War over the British Army. The battle was a turning point in the subsequent removal of British Army control over South Carolina.

Trevor has demonstrated exceptional citizenship and leadership abilities through his ongoing active involvement in Scouting, school, church and community activities. He has earned 100 merit badges during his Scouting journey. A senior at Palm Harbor University High, is the son of Richard and Pamela Case.

Eagle Scout Eric Stephen Briggs, son of Spencer and Ann Briggs of Clearwater, 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 Dr. Bob Cundiff presented the certificate at Eric's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on February 7, 2015 at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater.

Eric began his scouting journey in the first grade as a Cub Scout with Pack 413 and later with Pack 135. He crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 135 in 2008 and moved to Venture Crew 135 in 2013, both of which are sponsored by Heritage United Methodist Church in Clearwater. Eric has earned 30 merit badges and participated in many local troop camping trips and other outdoor activities. He has camped out over 120 nights, including excursions to Camp Buck Toms and Camp Skymont in Tennessee, Camp Woodruff in Georgia and Camp Powhatan in Virginia. He took a High Adventure Trip for 2 weeks in Alaska and a 2 week trip to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. He has also hiked on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia and in the Everglades in Florida.

Eric has held a leadership position of Patrol Leader several times, and he is a member of the Timuquan Lodge 340 of the Order of the Arrow, where he is a member of the Brotherhood. His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved planning, organizing and leading a group of volunteers in erecting a metal kiosk and sign that provides information regarding coyotes in an urban



environment. His Venture Crew helped install the project at Highlander Park in Largo. They also landscaped the area around it with mulch and plants.

Eric, age 18, is a senior at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs, where he has been on the academic honor roll and principal's list since starting high school. He is a member of the Rho Kappa History Honor Society and plays the saxophone. Eric plans to attend college and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Eric is a descendant of patriot ancestors Thomas Thorpe of Virginia, a signer of the Albemarle, Virginia Declaration of Independence and William Robert Briggs, who served as a private in Hill's Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War. There are 325 requirements to the path to Eagle Scout. Of every 100 boys who join scouting, fewer than five will attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

P02 Gray Wilson was recently awarded the Sea Cadet Medal from the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American



Revolution at their annual awards dinner. From Largo, he is an eleventh grader and is a homeschooled student through the Florida Virtual School. He currently holds a 4.0 GPA. He lives with his mother, Jennifer Gray and a younger brother and sister. He plans to pursue college and ROTC after graduating from high school next year and plans on a long career in the military. He comes from a long line of military including his grandfather who is a retired Army General. He is the Suncoast Squadron's

Lead Petty Officer for their Color Guard. He has attended many training's through the Sea Cadet Program that include recruit training, two Coast Guard Station Internships, Petty Officer Leadership Academy, an Emergency Response training and various local training's to name a few.

Flagler Chapter

On November 29th, 2014, over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Crosby family gathered in Palm Coast at Heroes Memorial Park. President David Kelsey swore in new members Johnny Ray Crosby and Trevor Wayne Crosby. 1st Vice President David Hammond presented each Compatriot with an SAR Rosette lapel pin. Mrs. Brenda Peacock Crosby, a member of the local Old Kings Hwy Chapter of the DAR, was presented with an SAR Medal of Appreciation & Certificate for her referral and assistance in the Crosby application process.

"Ray" Crosby is the son of Quillian & Brenda Peacock Crosby and is employed as a Front Line Manager of Air Traffic Services for the FAA. Trevor Crosby is "Ray" Crosby's son and is majoring in chemistry at the University

of Florida in Gainesville. The Crosbys' patriot ancestor is Jesse Peacock, a member of the militia at Wayne County, North Carolina.

The Crosby presentation occurred in the shade of the SAR Liberty Tree. The City of Palm Coast incorporated in 1999 and Heroes Memorial Park opened in 2004. Our then 10' tall Liberty Tree and plaque were the first to be dedicated in this new park in 2008. Today, our Liberty Tree, a live oak, is rapidly becoming the dominating feature in the park and as the plaque reminds us, the Liberty Tree is "a living tribute to our founding fathers and is an inspiration for future generations who gather in its shade."



As pictured above (l to r): 1st VP David Hammond, Ray Crosby, Brenda Crosby, Trevor Crosby, President David Kelsey and SAR Liberty Tree.

Jacksonville Chapter

In early January, The marker commemorating the Thomas Creek Revolutionary Battle arrived and was placed at the site by several stalwart Compatriots. The dedication will be March 21, 2015. President General Lindsey Brock will attend as well as SAR representatives from the FLSSAR and representatives from other states and chapters. Officials from the city of Jacksonville will also be in attendance. A reception is planned for the evening of March 20, 2015.

Chapter membership grew by 10% for the year, as a result of 27 newly approved members. Additionally, 16 Supplemental applications were approved. There are 10 applications awaiting approval at the NSSAR and 23 more in process.

The first program of 2015 was a presentation by annual visitor Stu Talbot from upstate New York. His topic was the Battle of Oriskany, NY. The Patriots held off combined Mohawk forces and Loyalists and demonstrated that they could succeed.

Lakeland Chapter

The Lakeland Chapter had a very colorful and exciting past few months in their quest for superior performance. There were wonderful presentations and camaraderie. The members inducted recently are: Anthony Black, James Williams, and Gary Giddings. Sherry Moser and Tara Tillmannshofer of the Polk County School Board spoke recently.

Lt. Col. J.S. LaRonde, Professor of Military Science,



Florida Southern College Army ROTC, gave a very informative and powerful presentation on the Army ROTC program. Chase VanTilburg, Eagle Scout, Lakeland's entry in the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Chase has hopes of becoming a SAR member. His ancestors were loyal patriots that supported the fight for Independence John Dame, retired Col. United States Army, WWII Veteran was sponsored by the Lakeland Chapter for the Honor Flight out of Lakeland. John is a member of the Lakeland Chapter and never misses a meeting. John said the Honor Flight was one of the greatest experiences of his life.

Naples Chapter



Pictured above (l to r) is Compatriot McCullough, Cadet Lt. Suid and SI Maj. Gonzales of Barron Collier HS

The Naples Chapter has participated in the NSSAR Enhanced JROTC program since its inception by PG Carl Hoffmann (1997 – 1998). Just as PG Hoffmann observed when he introduced the Enhanced JROTC program, Collier County JROTC cadets are in the top 20 – 25% academically in comparison with their peers. Being one of the five largest counties in Florida, Collier County has seven high schools and all have active JROTC programs. On Thursday, February 12, 2015 the Naples Chapter hosted Senior Instructors and the top cadets in each of their JROTC programs. Those attending were Gulf Coast HS - Cadet CPT Ingrid Balderas and Senior Instructor, LTC Mitchell; Lely HS - CPT Kathleen Nagy and Senior Instructor, CW4 Harp; Palmetto Ridge HS - MSGT John Patten, Senior Instructor MAJ Sarnecky; Golden Gate HS - Cadet CPT. Steven Sanchez, Senior Instructor CPT Shanahan; Naples HS - Cadet SSGT Annisa Setiawan, Senior Instructor LTC Garrah; Barron Collier HS - Cadet Lt. Jenna Suid, Senior Instructor MAJ Gonzalez; and Immokalee HS - Cadet 1stSGT Enrique Vega, Senior Instructor LTC Hine.

Although the Enhanced JROTC program is not an oration, at the Naples Chapter each Cadet is permitted to read their essay at the Chapter meeting. As always, the members and guests enjoyed listening to the Cadets' essays. Each Cadet received the NSSAR Bronze ROTC medal, ribbon bar and certificate. The winner of the Enhanced JROTC competition was Cadet Lt. Jenna Suid of Barron Collier HS who received the Enhanced winners medallion, ribbon bar and certificate. Cadet Lt. Suid will represent the Naples Chapter at the FLSSAR Enhanced JROTC competition. The Naples Chapter is proud to sponsor a program that recognizes the personal growth and community participation of so many deserving young people.

Compatriot President John McCullough was recognized by the Senior Instructors for his many years of enduring support of the Collier County ROTC program by presenting him with an engraved plaque expressing their gratitude.

Palm Beach Chapter



Pictured above (L to R): David Coldwell, Member at large, Buddy Miller, Historian, Ben Tidwell, Sgt. at Arms, Peter Johnston, Treasurer, Brian Davey, Secretary, Don Lanman, Vice President, Gary Green, President and Ray Wess, outgoing Chapter President and FSSAR SE Regional VP.



Compatriot Joel Payne, III



Compatriot William Rockwell Campbell



Rumbaugh Winner:
Talia Frandkin with
President Green



FLSSAR President Steve Williams,
NSSAR President General Lindsay

The Palm Beach Chapter's first meeting of the year began with the swearing in of our officers for 2015. At this same meeting Compatriot Paul Chasteen was presented the War Service Medal. Our Guest Speaker, not really a guest, was Ray Wess, our Chapter Registrar and Florida Society SE Regional Vice President. Ray gave a very interesting presentation on "The Women at the Valley Forge Encampment".

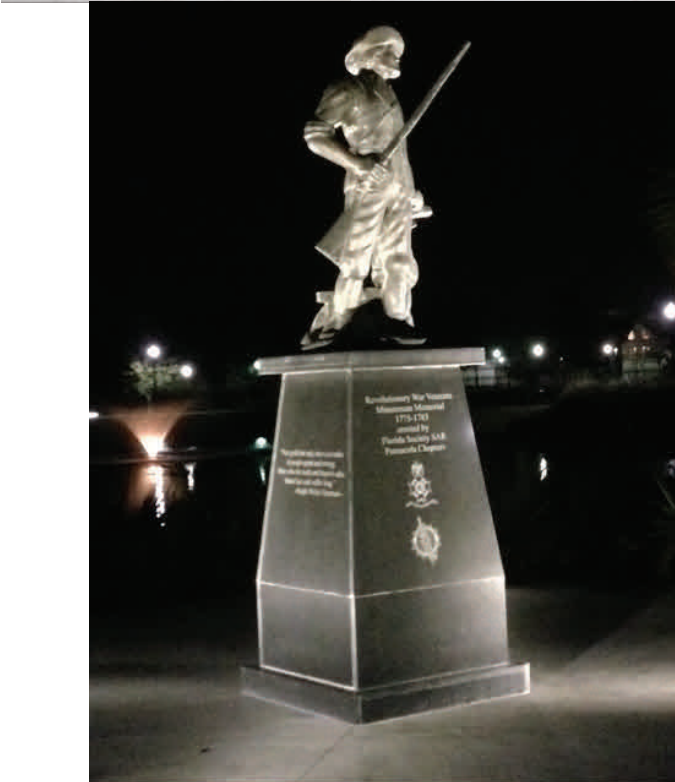
In January The Palm Beach Chapter was extremely proud of our Rumbaugh Historical Oration entrant, Talia Frandkin, who won 1st place in the State Competition at the BOM in Orlando. Also at the BOM, our member Alexander Dreyfoos, Jr received the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal from President General Lindsay Brock.

In February we had the honor of recognizing two of our members with longevity pins. A 45 year membership pin was presented to Compatriot Joel Payne III and a 60 year membership pin was presented to William Rockwell Campbell. Compatriot Campbell received his pin at his home by President Green. Compatriot Campbell is a past Vice President and his entire 60 years has been with the Palm Beach Chapter.

Our Guest Speaker at our February meeting was Juliette de Marcellus, author and respected speaker. She gave a very insightful and revealing look into "the French Financing of the American Revolution."



Pensacola Chapter



Members of the Pensacola Chapter has been working diligently on the Minute Man Statue in Veterans Memorial Park. Recently completed is the installation of lighting and pavers. This is in no small part to the tremendous effort of many within our organization, and in particular that of Compatriot Ray Lantz who has chaired the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial Project committee. As oft said, a picture is worth a thousand words ... and in that vein; Chapter President William Lies has submitted the pictures herein so you may see the fruits of everyone's hard work and perseverance. *Thank You!* To all of you that have given and worked so hard to bring a very well deserved remembrance of our forefathers and their sacrifices to our nation!

Saramana Chapter

At the December meeting, 51 chapter members and guest met at the Sara Bay Country Club to install the Officers and Governors for the 2015 term. The chapter also conducted the Rumbaugh Oration Contest and inducted James Robert Fletcher as a new member of the Saramana SAR Chapter.

The winner, Esther Jaffee of the chapter's Rumbaugh Contest, participated in the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest that was held at the Winter BOM meeting this past January.

At the January meeting, members and guests came to honor the students participating in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and Eagle Scout Competition. The chapter's first place Eagle Scout Recipient was Colton McVety. He is a member of Troop 100, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church. His essay title "A Critical Diversion" told the heroic story of approximately 200 men from Gloucester County, New Jersey who, although vastly outnumbered, fought tirelessly against the British in 1776. The second place winner, Lee Weis of Troop 89, Christ Presbyterian Church, Bradenton, was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

Nola Berish, a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School was introduced as the chapter's winner of the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The title of her essay was "John Honeyman: Legendary Double Agent of the Battle of Trenton."

At this meeting also, Donald Allen Dale and Kenneth Lee Tindall were inducted as new members of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Concluding the meeting, Past Chapter President Harold Crapo came to the podium and read a citation hereby making Nicholas V. Catsakis a Honorable Associate for his most notable and dedicated support to the SAR.

It is with deep regret that the Saramana Chapter announce the passing of Richard Henry Quigley. He died on January 30, 2015 just a couple days short of his 96th birthday. He served as the chapter's president in 1994/1995 and was a World War II veteran.

At the February meeting, the chapter celebrated George Washington's Birthday; as well as, inducted five new members into the chapter. This meeting's presentation was made by Compatriot John Stewart of the St. Petersburg Chapter who portrayed Thomas Jefferson speaking about his friend George Washington.



St. Lucie River Chapter

At the December meeting, the chapter presented Public Service Medals to various recipients. The recipient of the Fire Safety Commendation Medal was St. Lucie County Fire Department Lt. Thomas L. Mikovsky. The EMS Commendation Medal was presented to St. Lucie County Fire Department Lt. Mark Cristaldi. While the Good Citizenship Medal was presented to retiring Fort Pierce Chief of Police Sean Baldwin. The chapter also inducted Gregory Enz as a new member into the SAR.

The chapter's Liberty Tree Program Committee has completed the first step for the dedication of the first Liberty Tree in St. Lucie County. Proclamations from the various government entities have been requested. Other Liberty Trees in the area are located at a park in Jensen Beach and another one at the Veterans Park in Okeechobee.

At the January meeting, George H. Winterling, Sawyer Nash Hawley, and Maverick Earl Hawley were inducted as new members into the St. Lucie River SAR Chapter. Sawyer and Maverick are considered junior members.

John Sheppard gave a presentation on the several "Acts of Parliament Affecting the Colonies." From the Molasses Act of 1733 to the Taxation of the Colonies Act of 1778, Compatriot Sheppard considered and discussed the multitude of Parliamentary Acts, which ultimately led to the American Revolution.

On January 16, 2015, Compatriot Wade attended the 30th Fort Pierce High School JROTC Military Bar at the Pelican Yacht Club to present the JROTC award to 1st Lt. Corina De Leon.

On February 7, 2015, the chapter participated in the 20th Anniversary Celebration for the Okeechobee DAR Chapter. While at this anniversary event, the Okeechobee DAR Chapter requested that the St. Lucie River SAR Chapter co-recruit with them at the Battle of Okeechobee 2nd Seminole War Battle Reenactment that was held at the end of the month upon which chapter members were contacted & participated in this co-recruitment event.

While on February 21, 2015, the chapter members participated in the St. Lucie County History Fair at the Palm Pointe Research School. Compatriots Jay Wise, Jack Irwin, and Chuck McKinley assisted in judging the History Fair projects.

At the February meeting, Lloyd Lasenby of the Purple Heart Cane Project was the speaker. He explained the concept of the project to give wounded veterans a personalized hand carved walking cane at no charge. The Indian River Woodcarvers Association creates these canes by hand. Following Mr. Lasenby's presentation, Chapter President John Auld gave a presentation on the Gadsden Flag and the First Navy Jack flag. At the conclusion of the meeting, Walter V. Sawyer, Stephen G. Pinney, and John S. Martin were inducted as new members into the St. Lucie River SAR Chapter.



Withlacoochee Chapter Presentation: LR for Marlies Sarrett Pictured Receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. William Teater, Charlie Day, Ed Gingrich, Veterans Home Administrator – Marlies Sarrett, Larry Sturgeon, Harley Nelson, and Jim Echlin.

Withlacoochee Chapter

December 11th, 2015 Members of Withlacoochee Chapter SAR, Sons of the American Revolution made their annual Christmas Trip to the Baldomero-Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes, to keep a date with their "Veterans Without Families Christmas Party". Included in the picture above are Members of the Withlacoochee Chapter, the Withlacoochee Ladies Auxiliary and several employees of the Homosassa Walmart store. In addition to many individualized gifts, we donated several hundred dollars in quarters that are used for their BINGO games and earlier in the year (2014) we presented the Veterans Home with quarters and VHS tapes. Several requested video wii games were also furnished to the home. The real fun is watching how thrilled these special Veterans are when they get their gifts along with individual attention and help in opening them. During our visit there, we made two special presentations. One was a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to the Home Administrator, Marlies Sarrett. Marlies is



a key player in keeping contacts and making arrangements at the Home for patriotic and public service groups to fit into the operations and "do their thing" - interact with the Veterans. She has also done her part in bringing

the Veterans Home into the community. Angel Torres, a Veteran at the Home, was presented with an Outstanding Citizen Award. Mr. Torres works within the local community by attending elementary schools, assisting school age students to understand veterans and giving them a chance to speak with a war time veteran. He attends flag ceremonies, school assemblies and organizational meetings to do the Pledge of Allegiance. He is a true ambassador for the State Veteran's Home.

Chapter activities have also included participation of the 'Massing of the Colors' at Inverness, Cornerstone Baptist Church which was hosted by the Submarine Veterans Sturgeon Base USSVI. Then in December we were at "Wreaths Across America", Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Our Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies and the Chapter presented a number of Wreaths for the event. We have also done a number of local public ½ hr. TV spots showing Withlacoochee Chapter SAR programs in action in the community. Programs consisted of SAR and Scouting, Various Veteran activities, SAR Posters by elementary students, local parades, etc.

January 6th, 2015 found us at the Citrus Country Club for our joint meeting with the Fort Cooper Chapter of the DAR. The meeting was to honor the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Veterans attending were honored by sponsors for the luncheon. The Missing Man Ceremony was conducted by DAR and SAR participants, remembering the more than 1,640 still missing. Edward Gingrich- president of Withlacoochee Chapter and Beverly Gentry – Regent of Fort Cooper Chapter headed up the ceremonies.

We had good Chapter Participation at the January BOM and had four members in the Friday evening FLSSAR Color Guard. We are now getting ready to honor our Eagle Scout, Jeremiah Lovestrand, as Chapter and State winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, and also as Chapter and State 3rd place winner of the SAR Essay Contest. This is an exceptional young man, we are anxious to have him at our next meeting.

Persian Gulf War Vets



NSSAR Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps (aka Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm) President General Lindsey C. Brock establishes the SW Asia Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps. If you served in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm, complete one or the other form sent with this email. Then return it to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee.* When approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service as a member of the United States Armed Forces or as member of an Armed Force Allied with the U.S. during this was will be signed by the President General and sent to your chapter, through the Secretary of your State Society. At an appropriate chapter, state or national meeting, a Certificate of Patriotism will be presented to you for your war service.

Key Campaign Medals Associated with SW Asia Persian Gulf War Service

Persian War Veterans are eligible if they served and directly supported combat operations between 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995 during Operations Desert Shield and/or Desert Storm. A Persian Gulf War Era Veteran with a standalone National Defense Service Medal is not eligible for this recognition program.



***Veterans Recognition Committee Responsibility**

The Veterans Recognition Committee is responsible for promoting and conducting programs designed to recognize those Compatriots who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces or other military forces allied with the United States, including, but not limited to the WWII Veterans Corps, the Korean Service Veterans Corps, the Vietnam War Veterans Corps and the SW Asia Persian Gulf War. The Committee is responsible for monitoring the requirements for presentation of the War Service Medal and Military Service Medal and for developing certificate recognition programs to commemorate participation in specific armed conflicts.

NSSAR Policy Concerning the War Service Medal and/or Military Service Medal is presented in Volume V of the NSSAR handbook. To review this policy go to this website: [www.sar.org/SAR Handbook](http://www.sar.org/SAR_Handbook)

The War Service Medal (WSM) was first authorized in 1899 for members who had served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars. The medal is bronze and may be presented by a chapter, state society, or the NSSAR to SAR members (or purchased by SAR members).

Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter Secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof must show that the Compatriot: (1) Served, or is serving, honorably in the armed forces of the United States, the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or a United Nations Peace Keeping Force; (2) Served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; and (3) Received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form or equivalent.

A bronze bar is available to indicate service during the Vietnam War. It may be attached to WSM drape. Or at the Compatriot's discretion an Oak leaf cluster may be worn to recognize participation in the Vietnam War. The precedence level for the WSM is 4.

The Military Service Medal (MSM), authorized in 2006, may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the WSM. **Proof of service** as noted above is required before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. **The precedence levels for the MSM and WSM are the same, i.e., precedence four.** A Compatriot may NOT wear both the MSM and the WSM at the same time.

The NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form

BEFORE starting this NSSAR Veterans Corps Survey Form, follow the "Save" instructions and understand by forwarding a completed form to the Veterans Recognition Committee you are giving publication consent.

Use the "Save to Your PC" button. Add the Veteran's Name to the front of the Saved file Name.

For example, "George Compatriot NSSAR Vet Corps Survey Form.PDF."

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

[Click to Save to Your PC](#)

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

Place an "x" in the box or boxes below and the appropriate dates of service for the NSSAR Veterans Corps you wish to join and for which you wish to receive a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the President General.

World War II Veterans Corps. WW II Service dates from: to
Korean Service Veterans Corps. Korean Service dates from: to
Vietnam War Veterans Corps. RVN War Service dates from: to
Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps. First Gulf War dates from: to

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 State Society: Chapter:
 Email Address:
 Service Branch during your service: Rank held at end of your service:

List all Medals, Awards, and/or Decorations as shown on your DD-214 or Discharge Papers.

Mail Certificate of Patriotism to me. Present: @ Fall Leadership Conf. @ Spring Leadership Conf. @ Congress

Chapter President or his designee's Endorsement: I certify that I am familiar with the policy presented in Volume V of the NSSAR handbook concerning the awarding of the SAR War Service and Military Service Medals, to include the requirement for proof of service. Further, I certify that the subject Compatriot is a member in good standing, that his discharge was other than dishonorable, and that his discharge papers indicate he is entitled to purchase and wear all the medals, awards, and/or decorations listed in the box immediately above this endorsement.

Chapter President Signature: Date signed:
 The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

Email Address: Chapter:

Once this form is completed and saved, "**Click to Print**" to create a paper copy for your records. Use "**Click to Email**" to facilitate the sending of your survey to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Chairman. Or create an email with this form as an attachment. Then send it to VetCorps@sar.org.

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Events	Entrees	Price	Member	Guest 1	Guest 2	Guest 3	Amount
May 1 st – Friday Banquet	<i>Chicken Marsala</i>	\$39.00					\$ _____
	SELECT ONE	Dessert– Chocolate Mouse	NC				NC
		Dessert– No-Sugar Dessert	NC				NC
May 2 nd - Saturday Youth Luncheon	<i>Club Wrap</i>	\$25.00					\$ _____
	With Turkey, Chopped Bacon, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Dijonaise, Gruyere Cheese, Whole Wheat Tortilla;						
	SELECT ONE	Dessert– Tiramisu	NC				NC
	Dessert– No-Sugar Dessert	NC				NC	
May 2 nd – Saturday Banquet	<i>Pork Loin</i>	\$39.00					\$ _____
	Mojo Marinated Pork Loin served with a Mango Chutney and Chimichurri						
	SELECT ONE	Dessert– Cheese Cake	NC				NC
	Dessert– No-Sugar Dessert	NC				NC	
	Registration Fee – <i>SAR Members Only</i>	\$20.00	1				\$ 20.00
	BOM Proceedings - Draft hard copy	\$2.50					
	Total						\$ _____

The above meals include: Beverage, Salad, and Rolls.

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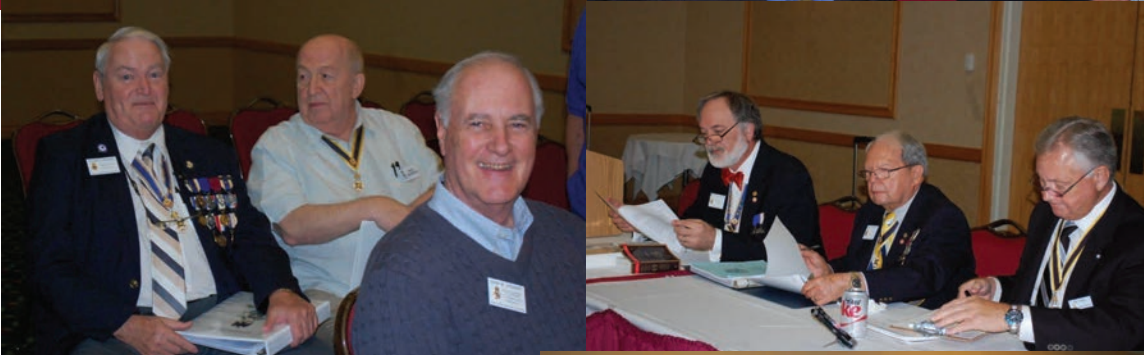
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