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*Society President's  
Message*

My fellow Compatriots, it is a distinct privilege and honor to serve the Florida Society as your President for the 2015-2016 term. As I related to those attending the Florida Society's May 2, 2015 Annual Meeting, the theme for my term as your President is, "*Back to Basics.*"

The "Basics," that I am referring to, are Chapter development and support, including recruitment and retention; promotion of our youth and ancillary school programs; and promotion of our programs that emphasize patriotism and our patriot ancestors.

Our Florida Society Chapters are the fundamental elements of the state society. Some chapters are physically too distant to allow their members to attend our Board of Management Meetings. Immediate Past President, Steven A. Williams initiated the concept of Regional Meetings, but as with most new initiatives, it takes time for the idea to germinate. I have asked Senior Vice President Ray Wess, to promote Regional Meetings to all of our Regional Vice Presidents. Florida Society leadership is available to meet with our compatriots on their "home turf," and hold topic specific training sessions similar to those that are available at our BOM meetings. While new member recruitment is essential for chapter growth, member retention is equally vital. During Past President Ted Duay, III's term, with the invaluable assistance of his wife Debbie, our society was introduced to new genealogical tools (including Debbie's compilation of an on-line Florida Patriot Database) and research methods for researching patriot ancestors. With over 65% of Florida's population having a Hispanic link, there are potentially innumerable individuals who may have a patriot ancestor with lineage to General Bernardo de Gálvez's Spanish troops who contributed to the American Revolution. The names of those Spanish patriots have been released by the Spanish government and are available for research. Membership retention is vital for chapter sustainability. A key tool for member retention is to determine why a compatriot becomes disenfranchised with the SAR. Are the meetings at the wrong time, day, too expensive because of location...or are the meetings, just boring. The Membership Promotion and Retention Committee will emphasize member retention with some new concepts this year.

The Florida Society has several youth and educationally related programs that are challenging and fun for compatriots and contest participants. The Rumbaugh Historical Oration contest, the Eagle Scout program, the JROTC programs and Americanism Elementary School Poster and Middle School Brochure programs are known to most compatriots, but some chapters do not participate in these. The Knight Essay Contest and the American History Teacher Award are programs that perhaps appear more challenging to some chapters. These two contests reach two distinctly different subsets. The Knight Essay contestant does not have to be affiliated with any peer or specific educational group. Whereas most of the SAR programs are directed towards our youth, the American History Teacher Award is specifically for the educator and provides unique educational opportunities for the recipient. The Good Citizenship Certificate program has been vastly underutilized by the majority of Florida Society chapters. The program recognizes students, recommended by the school administration, in the 5th and 6th grade for their good citizenship by awarding certificates, provided at no cost to the participating chapters. This program is an excellent entre into the local school system. All of these programs provide excellent opportunities for public exposure to the principals and ideals of our Society.

Patriotism and the recognition of our patriot ancestors are the foundations upon which our society was founded. Promotion of patriot-



## *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.

ism can be as simple as presenting a Flag Certificate to your neighbor, school or club, or to the new owners of a 'Habitat for Humanity' home. Being a member of one's Color Guard unit (contact the Florida Society Color Guard Commander to learn about forming a unit) and participating in community events and parades is fun, promotes patriotism, as well as increasing the public's awareness of the Sons of the American Revolution.

None of what I have described is new...but is "Basic," to the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapters do not need to participate in all of the described programs, but choose those programs that appeal to the chapters' members, and have fun promoting the SAR. More specific information about the programs mentioned, may be obtained by contacting the chairman of the committee, whose contact information may be found at [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org).

Fellow compatriots, above all, we are a 'Society of Gentlemen.' It is productive to have discussions and even disagreements, but at the end of the day, we are fellow compatriots who have as our stated objectives of this society, which are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational, and are intended to perpetuate the memory of our patriot ancestors. By working together, it is possible for the Florida Society to be the number one society in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Respectfully,

*Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.*

Florida Society President 2015-2016

## *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.

## ***FLSSAR Officers Election Process***

By Don Cahill (dcahill37@hotmail.com)

Our state society has elections every year at our *Annual Meeting* held at the Spring BOM. A Nominating Committee of five is nominated by the President and/or members of the BOM and elected by the BOM for a term to end upon adjournment of the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee members can not have served on a prior Nominating Committee of the FLSSAR during the proceeding two years. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own Chairman.

The committee is to canvas the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions of those who are qualified and willing to serve in office for one year. The President and Senior Vice President agree to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during the year of office.

All nominees are expected to be members in good standing. A form describing their experience serving their Chapter and FLSSAR; as well as, current employee or career which could help them in the job volunteering is submitted. The Recommendation for Nomination as FLSSAR Officer is available on our website.

The Nominating Committee shall announce the names of the persons chosen and given to the FLSSAR Secretary at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. This list will be published in a manner to assure every FLSSAR member is given at least 30 days notice prior to the Annual Meeting. It should be noted; however, any member of the FLSSAR may nominate any qualified member from the floor at any BOM meeting a person for any elected office.

The FLSSAR officer positions to be elected are President, Senior Vice President, Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Editor, Webmaster, Historian, Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee and Sergeant-at-Arms; as well as, National Trustees, Alternate National Trustees, and nominees for NSSAR VPG South Atlantic District (to be elected by Congress delegates). It would be helpful if current officers or members interested in serving in these positions let the Nominating Committee know their interest and willingness to continue serving or wish to be considered to serve in another position. Hopefully

this process can work smoothly and to the benefit of all FLSSAR membership.

## ***Ladies Auxiliary GRAPEVINE***

The Ladies Auxiliary met during the May Board of Management meeting in Orlando. The newly elected officers for 2015-2016 are: President, Jeanne Fehrenbaker; Second Vice President, Joy Sizemore; Secretary, Naomi Wess; Treasurer, Marjorie Ramseur; Registrar, Mary Anne Chorney and Chaplain, Jeanne Lloyd. The proposed new Standing Rules were passed as were the changes in Officers Duties. We discussed but took no action on changing from an incorporated entity to coming under the FLSSAR 501(c) (3), pending further study.

The Ladies Auxiliary participated in the dedication of the Thomas Creek Battlefield site by placing a wreath during the ceremony on March 21, 2015. Many of our members attended other Commemorations and events. Our basket raffle was very successful, having 16 baskets donated and raising \$561.00. The participating chapters were Naples, Withlacoochee, Ft. Lauderdale, Lake Sumter, Jacksonville, Caloosa, St. Lucie, Ocala, South Shore, Central FL., Palm Beach, Clearwater, Lakeland and Brevard. Miami and Saramana each contributed \$50. A Caloosa member won two baskets, but auctioned one off at a chapter meeting raising another \$50. We suggest that only one basket be won by a couple, so that more members will have a chance at winning during the drawing.

The Auxiliary continues to collect items for the Support Our Troops project. Items were delivered to the Hodalskis to be sent overseas to our troops. They shipped 25 boxes at Easter and have sent over 13,000 pounds total. *Please keep collecting the sample size toiletries (hotel/motel products) and other items that can be found on the Ladies Auxiliary/FLSSAR website. Bring your contributions to the BOM.*

I want to welcome new members: Betty Jones (Caloosa), Cilla Tomme (Brevard) and Cathy Thomas (Gainesville). If you have not renewed your 2015 membership, please contact our Registrar, using the flssar.org website for the form and information.

Mark your calendars for the Fall BOM on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Florida Hotel. The Auxiliary will be meeting on Saturday. Bring you baskets to the Hospitality Room on Friday or Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you,

Jeanne Fehrenbaker

## ***Proclamation - March 21, 2015 Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial Day***

Pictured herein this newsletters are the various events that led up to Battle of Thomas Creek Dedication. The Jacksonville SAR Chapter worked diligently with the City of Jacksonville to acquire the land and the acreage around it that consist of nature trails and naturally the marker of the battle.

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, consisting of one of the first in the nation to include both the consolidation of the city and the county, set aside March 21, 2015 as The Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial Day by proclamation.

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** On May 17, 1777, a small contingency of Georgian militia cavalry fought bravely against British forces, resulting in the loss of many American lives; and known as the Battle of Thomas Creek, this event was considered the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade East Florida; and this was only one of many bloody battles fought toward our independence and freedom as a nation; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1876, many festivities centered around the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and among those celebrations was born the National Society of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), established on April 30, 1889, the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of our first president, George Washington; and

**WHEREAS:** Chartered by an act of the U.S. Congress on June 9, 1906, by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of SAR, the Society perpetuates the memory of lineal descendants of patriots who, during the American Revolutionary War, achieved independence for the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS:** Through patriotic, historical and educational activities, SAR inspires the people of the United States toward a greater respect and reverence for the principles of government founded by those forefathers; and

**WHEREAS:** The Florida Society of Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) is a local extension of SAR, seeking to preserve and promote significant events, places and people in history from our region, including the great battles of the American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS:** On March 21, 2015, FLSSAR along with the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution will commemorate the Battle of Thomas Creek, the Southernmost battle in the American Revolutionary War, by dedicating a historical marker in Seaton Creek Historic Preserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALVIN BROWN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2015 as

## BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK MEMORIAL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to observe this day by celebrating the contributions and sacrifices made by our forefathers and patriots of this great nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Mar.  
in the year Two Thousand 15

*Alvin Brown*  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA







On March 21, 2015, the Jacksonville Chapter, Florida Society, hosted the dedication of a Historical Marker, commemorating the May 17, 1777 Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek. The encounter was the first major engagement and the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade British East Florida. It is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War. President General Lindsey Brock brought greetings from the National Society. Representatives were present from the City of Jacksonville, National Park Service, National and Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina Societies SAR, DAR, CAR, Sons of the Revolution, and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association. 26 wreath presentations were made. National Color Guard Adjutant Mark Anthony commanded a Color Guard of 27 Compatriots.

## *Four Accounts of the Battle of Thomas Creek*

By Bill Ramseur

On December 18, 1775, General George Washington wrote a letter to John Hancock, warning that the British were stockpiling weapons and gunpowder in St. Augustine, in order to reclaim the Southern Colonies.

In response, the Continental Congress “recommended” Georgia and the Carolinas to launch an expedition into East Florida to defeat the British Regulars, capture Fort St. Mark in St. Augustine, and neutralize the Loyalists and Indians.

In June 1776, the First Expedition began; some Continentals of Major General Charles Lee burned Loyalist plantation forts on the St. Marys River. Unfortunately, Lee was recalled to the North. He took his Virginia and North Carolina troops with him and ordered the South Carolinians to return to Charlestown.

The Georgia Continentals reached the St. Johns River; fought some pro-British Indians at the Cow Ford (present day downtown Jacksonville); but did not even threaten St. Augustine.

Early in February 1777, the Georgia Council of Safety elected Button Gwinnett President and Commander of the Georgia Militia. He decided to begin a Second Expedition to capture St. Augustine, especially in retaliation for the extensive cattle raids by the Loyalist Florida Rangers.

General Lachlan McIntosh was ordered to proceed to Sunbury, and Colonel Thomas Sumter to Fort Howe to assist the Georgians.

Heading south from Savannah, General McIntosh and President Gwinnett, repeatedly fought over command; so much so that when the expedition reached Sunbury, orders were wait-

ing for both men to return to Savannah.

Colonel Samuel Elbert (a man with limited military expertise) was placed in charge of the expedition. Arguments between McIntosh and Gwinnett resulted in a duel in which both men were wounded, and Button Gwinnett died three days later.

#### Four officers played major parts in the Battle of Thomas Creek:

For the Patriots- Colonels Samuel Elbert & John Baker, and for the British- Colonel Thomas Brown & Major Marc Prevost. These four officers will introduce themselves and give their account of the battle-

1—Elbert Bio- I am Colonel Samuel Elbert- I was born in South Carolina in 1740, the son of a Baptist minister, who died when I was fourteen. Apprenticed to a merchant in Savannah, I became a successful trader with the Indians. But I really wanted to become a military officer, so I traveled to London to learn the duties of military life. While in England, I obtained uniforms and equipment, and upon my return, organized a British Grenadier Company in Savannah. A year later, I joined the Sons of Liberty, and in 1775, became a member of the Council of Safety and lieutenant colonel in the Georgia Continental Line.

Samuel Elbert's Account- In order to get to Florida, I directed Colonel Baker and his Continental and Militia dragoons to proceed by land over the Kings Road, and my Continental infantry to sail in galleys through the Inland Passage.

The King's Road stretched 200 miles all the way from Savannah to St. Augustine, and was sixteen feet wide. The Inland Passage was a series of tidal rivers between the mainland and the six barrier islands from St. Catherine's south to Amelia.

I planned a rendezvous on May 12, near the mouth of the Nassau River at a place called Sawpit Bluff. Then together we would cross the St. Johns River and continue to St. Augustine.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we embarked about 400 Continentals on seven vessels at Sunbury carrying twenty canon.

The Inland Passage offered protection from harsh conditions of the open sea, but was very slow due to delays waiting for favorable tides and currents that the galleys could navigate. Finally, we arrived on the north end of Amelia Island on May 19. I dispatched Lieutenant Ward with about twenty men to round up the inhabitants and prevent them from relaying our position to Loyalists on the mainland.

Some of the Amelia Loyalists fired on Ward's party, killing him and seriously wounding two others. In retaliation, I ordered Lieutenant Winfree to burn every house and destroy all the stock.

Ironically, I later learned that when we arrived at Amelia Island, Lt. Colonel John Baker's troops had already been defeated at Thomas Creek two days earlier.

For six days, our galleys tried to get through the Amelia Narrows into the Nassau River, but with the heavy cannons on board we could not. Since so many men had been stricken by disease on the voyage, I decided to wait at Amelia Island to join up with Colonel Baker before continuing to St. Augustine.

#### Now let's hear from Lt. Colonel John Baker whom Elbert ordered to join the South Carolina militia at Fort Howe.

John Baker- bio I was born in 1722 in (Dorchester) Massachusetts. Along with other Congregationalist families, we first moved to Dorchester, South Carolina and then to Midway, Georgia in 1752. I was 54 years old when commissioned Captain in the St. John's Riflemen, a volunteer company of Militia.

I was soon promoted to Colonel commanding a Battalion of Militia, but later that year, I transferred into the Continental Army, along with most of my men. There I was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel in command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse, a position in which I served during the Second Florida Expedition.

John Baker's Account- Arriving at Fort Howe, I learned that Colonel Sumter had been ordered back to Charleston. Nevertheless, We - about 165 Continental and GA Militia along with extra horses and baggage - set out on the King's Road. This was a fine road, but we had to continuously watch for Indians, bandits and Loyalist Militia.

The rivers were so swollen by spring rains that we spent two days crossing the Altamaha. On May 4, Indians attacked our camp; two of my men were wounded and one Indian killed. We faced additional delays when crossing the swollen Satilla and St. Marys Rivers.

We finally arrived in British East Florida on May 10. Leaving the King's Road, we were forced to cross treacherous swamps, but two days later arrived at the rendezvous point, Sawpit Bluff, on the appointed date, May 12. I found that Colonel Elbert had not arrived, and from scouts, learned that his large flotilla was still north of the St. Marys River.

We erected a fortified camp, and I sent forty mounted men commanded by my brother, Major William Baker, to conduct reconaissance patrols south toward the St. Johns River. During the next three days, we learned that the British knew of our approach, and were planning to challenge our advance.

In fact, the Florida Rangers did attack on May 14, but were seen by my sentry who fired his musket and aroused our camp. The Rangers quickly retreated, but their Indians stole some of our horses, which we retrieved. In the skirmish that followed; two of my men were wounded, and one Creek was killed. I was unable to stop my men from scalping him.

Knowing that the British were aware of the size and location of my command, I decided not to wait any longer for Colonel Elbert. Traveling northward, we moved toward Thomas Creek where we could retreat if attacked by the superior force which I expected.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning of May 17, we - about 109 soldiers - were surprised by the British with a force of more than twice the size of ours.

There were Indians firing on our flank, and many Rangers in front of us. We had no alternative but to retreat, which unfortunately lead directly into the bayonets of the British Regulars. Thirty of my men simply deserted at first fire; and my remaining Georgians were quickly overwhelmed and began retreating into the nearby swamp.

Although some fought courageously, I was disgusted with the cowardly actions of most of my men.

During the fight, one stole my horse to make his escape. I shouted to the fleeing rider that unless he stopped, I would shoot him in the back. Fortunately, he stopped, and I narrowly escaped capture.

Our casualties were significant: three killed; nine seriously wounded; and thirty-one surrendered or captured. But at least one-half of my men deserted into the swamp; and only eighteen escaped with me to join Colonel Elbert at Amelia Island. Our horses saved us from total destruction.

And now, we will hear from the perspective of the British- First from Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Brown-

Thomas Brown's bio – I was born in 1750 in Whitby on the English coast of the North Sea, the son of a wealthy merchant.

When twenty-four years old, my father outfitted a ship and recruited more than seventy indentured servants for my voyage to Georgia. Upon arrival, I established Brownsborough, which I named for my father, near Augusta. I strongly opposed the efforts of the Sons of Liberty to enforce the continental association against trade with Britain. In August, 1775, about 100 Liberty Boys came to my house and demanded that I sign an oath of loyalty or receive a thrashing.

Before it was over, I was scalped three times, stripped, tarred and feathered, and my legs were badly scalded where the hot tar collected in my boots. They took off my boots, put hot brands to my feet, and burned off two toes. They tagged me with the nickname of "Burnfoot Brown," but I vowed they would soon regret that day.

When recovered, I fled to British East Florida, and unveiled a plan to Governor Patrick Tonyn for the conquest of Georgia and the Carolinas. Commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in command of the Florida Rangers, we began a campaign of harassment and terror on the Georgia frontiers. Thomas Brown account- At Cow Ford, we learned that a group of rebels had crossed the St. Marys and Nassau Rivers. On May 14, I embarked about forty Rangers and fifteen Indians aboard a schooner, and sailed up the St. Johns River to Trout Creek, where we began searching for the rebels. Within three hours, we found them; but before we could attack, we were seen by one of their sentinels and with the surprise gone, I decided to retreat to the ship.

But I ordered the Indians, led by a warrior named Black Creek Factor, to steal as many of their horses as possible. The Indians did, but the rebels overtook them and retrieved their forty horses.

A brief skirmish occurred and one Creek was killed, whom the rebels scalped and mutilated. This drove the Indians into uncontrollable rage. I was amazed that the small group of Indians chased the sixty rebels for over an hour, who refused to stop and fight.

I felt that the Georgians would regret this action when we finally caught up with them. I embarked my troops on the schooner and returned to Cow Ford to tell Major Marc Prevost about the activities of the rebels.

Now let's hear from Major Marc Prevost who was in charge of the British Regulars whom Brown came to tell about the actions of the rebels encamped near Thomas Creek.

Marc Prevost – bio - I am Major Marc Prevost and was born in 1736 in Geneva, Switzerland. Originally an officer in the Dutch army, I joined the British Royal American Regiment and was sent to America to fight the French and Indians. I was wounded in the battle of Ticonderoga, and while convalescing in New York City, I met and later married a beautiful young American.

At the outbreak of the War of American Rebellion, I was on half-pay, living in New Jersey. Recalled to service in St. Augustine, I became second-in-command to my brother, Colonel Augustine Prevost. My two sons, who were aged 11 and 9, joined me in St. Augustine and served as ensigns with our British Regulars.

Marc Prevost's account- When Colonel Brown informed me of the location of the Georgians near the Nassau River, On May 16, we quickly set out on the Kings Road,

and crossed the St. Johns River with 100 British Regulars, 100 Loyalist Florida Rangers plus Indians.

We marched about 11 miles northward to Rolle's Saw Mill on Trout Creek, and encamped to await news of the rebels. During the night, one of the Rangers located their force near the south bank of Thomas Creek which he reported to Colonel Brown and me.

We coordinated a plan of attack; I ordered Colonel Brown to ride ahead and gain a position in front of the Georgians while my British Regulars advanced from the rear.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning of May 17, we surprised the rebels who were proceeding toward Thomas Creek. Brown positioned some Rangers and Indians on their flank, while his main body fired at a range of 50 yards into their oncoming mounted troops.

They had no alternative but to retreat into my Regulars who were advancing rapidly in three columns with fixed bayonets. Twenty or thirty of the rebels just simply fled; we quickly overwhelmed the remaining and most retreated into the swamp. According to my Major Patrick Murphy, about forty Georgians surrendered, and all but sixteen were killed and scalped by the Indians. Colonel Brown and I had great difficulty saving the remaining prisoners.

Colonel Elbert later wrote a letter protesting the treatment of the prisoners, concluding with "if the Savages can't be restrained, why are they employed?" Governor Tonyn responded that the Indians sought revenge for the earlier mutilation of the Creek brave.

We found a complete set of plans for the invasion of Florida in Colonel Baker's baggage, but it didn't matter since we learned that Colonel Elbert and his larger force could not navigate the Amelia Narrows.

### In Summary –

On May 26, Colonel Samuel Elbert decided to return to Georgia and reached Cumberland Island with 300 men, including only 42 of Baker's dragoons. Elbert ordered the galleys to transport the wounded back to Savannah, where all returned by June 15. The second invasion of East Florida ended with the tragic loss of a large number of Elbert's men. At least forty were killed or captured at Thomas Creek, but many deserted or died from disease contracted in the heat and swampy conditions.

They never approached the citadel of St. Augustine and had no success in preventing the Florida Rangers and Indians from continuing to raid coastal Georgia plantations.

### Some actions of these men after the Battle of Thomas Creek---

Samuel Elbert faced Prevost again at Brier Creek where after a courageous stand; he was captured and held prisoner in Savannah for two years. Exchanged and captured again at Charleston; Elbert served at Yorktown, and made general in the Continental Army. He later became Governor of GA; Elbert County is named in his honor.

John Baker resigned his commission as a result of the disaster at Thomas Creek; but later rejoined the militia and faced Brown & Prevost again during the fighting at Midway in Liberty County, where he was wounded. Baker County is named in his honor. He married Mary Lapina at Midway Church in 1784.

Thomas Brown- and his newly named King's Rangers helped defend the British held Savannah during the Franco-American Siege in the fall of 1779. He garrisoned Augusta for two battles with Col. Elijah Clarke, where he hung 13 Patriots which he held as prisoners. Brown was one of the last Loyalist to leave Sa-

vannah. He and many of his Rangers settled on an island in the Bahamas, where he was regarded as a hero.

Thomas Brown and Marc Prevost defeated Col. Elijah Clarke and General James Screven at the Battle of Alligator Bridge. Marc Prevost was briefly assigned as Royal Governor of Georgia, after the British captured Savannah in December 1778. Sent with troops to Jamaica to put down an uprising in 1781, he died of wounds suffered there. After his death, his American wife, Theodosia married an up- and coming New York lawyer- named Aaron Burr, but she died before Burr became Vice-President.

As you know, the Florida Expeditions were initiated and failed three times- in 1776, 77 & 78. The required number of troops and artillery under an experienced leader with a good plan who was dedicated to the task never materialized.

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Credit for Detail Map- Map by Congressman Charles Bennett, included in his book - *"Southernmost Battlefields of the Revolution"*

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### *Commemorative Historic*

### *Sites Committee Report*

### *The Battle of Thomas Creek;*

### *Marker Dedication Program*

### *The Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War May 17, 1777*

By; David Hardy Ramsaur, Jacksonville Chapter, FLSSAR

On March 21, 2015 the National Society and the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution along with the City of Jacksonville dedicated a Florida Historical Marker in Seaton Creek Historic Park Commemorating the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. President General Lindsey C. Brock, a member of the Jacksonville Chapter brought greetings to the nearly one hundred (100) SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and others who attended the dedication ceremony. Greetings and 34 wreath presentations were also brought by The City of Jacksonville, the National Park Service,

and several SAR State Presidents, representatives of the DAR and C.A.R. and Ralph Nelson from the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association. Also, attending the ceremony, were Past President General Roland Downing and his lady Norma, and Dr. Sam Powell, President SAR Foundation.

There were twenty-seven 27 SAR Color guardsmen from NC, SC, GA and FL commanded by Mike Tomme, Past National Color Guard Commander and Treasurer General and Mark Anthony National Color Guard Adjunct and South Atlantic District Vice President General. The invocation and benediction was given by Jacksonville Chapter Chaplain Reverend Robert M. Hale and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout William Merkert. Compatriot Bill Ramsaur, of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the Georgia Society gave a presentation on "Four accounts of the Battle of Thomas Creek". The presentation gave the viewpoints from two Patriot Colonels and two British Colonels.

Purchase of the historic park was unanimously approved by the Jacksonville City Council in September 2012 and finally purchased by the City in late 2013. David Ramsaur thanked the former local Director of the Trust for Public Land, Susan Grandin for all the years she worked to make this acquisition possible. Ms. Grandin also got Mr. Ramsaur involved in 2011 and encouraged him to contact the elected city officials to purchase the land. As he testified several times before the City Council, it would be a win-win for the city by only paying \$.2M of the \$7.1M cost for the 846 acres that would contain "The Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War".

## *SAR President General Lindsey C. Brock Honored Guest and Speaker at Gainesville Meeting November 18, 2014*

President General and Mrs. Brock were the honored guests for the Chapter's regular meeting on November 18, 2014 at The Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville, FL.

After dinner was served, President General Brock delivered an interesting history of "Spies in the Revolutionary War". He stated that spies have been around since time began until today.



During the Revolutionary War there were both English loyalists and American loyalists engaged in spy activity, primarily reporting troop movements. These situations often caused families to split over their beliefs. Ben Franklin was forced to send his son to jail.

The most recognized American spy was 21 year old Nathan Hale who answered the call when George Washington asked for volunteers. Captain Hale was captured and ordered to be hanged. Legend recalls his last words: "... I regret that I have but one life to give for my country....." Brock reported that there is no evidence that these were his words. However, he stated that English author Cato has been quoted : "...What a pity it is that we can die but once for our country...."

The use of indivisible ink was common; messages were left in a blind for retrieval by others. Benedict Arnold used cipher. George Washington is recognized as a skilled manager of intelligence.

At one time American had 763 spies assigned code numbers. There is information available about some of them. The Culpepper spy ring, managed by Ben Talmage, included 2 women and #352 has never been identified.

These remarks which enlightened the audience about spies in the Revolutionary War were warmly received. A Certificate of Appreciation and a lapel pin of the US/SAR flags were presented to Compatriot President General Lindsey C. Brock.



Above: Dr. John Coker and David Cromer were awarded the SAR Certificate of Patriotism, which includes authorization to wear the SAR War Service Medal. Coker's service was during WWII and Cromer served during the Quemoy-Matsu Crisis in 1958. Below: Buchholtz HS JROTC Color Guard



# ***FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (FLSSAR) SPRING BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM) AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES***

MAY 01, 02, 2015 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

PRESIDENT STEVEN ALLEN WILLIAMS – PRESID-  
ING

2:45 PM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING  
(BOM)

Invocation was offered by FLSSAR Chaplain Richard Ha-  
garman

President Williams led the assembly in the Pledge of Alle-  
giance

Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody led the assembly in  
the SAR Pledge

President Williams recognized National Officers in attend-  
ance: President General Lindsey Brock, Treasurer Gen-  
eral Mike Tomme, and Chaplain General Dr. Randy  
Moody

President Williams declared a quorum

President Williams recognized first time attendees

MOTION: FLSSAR Secretary Hall Riediger made a mo-  
tion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them  
as published. Senior Vice President Lawrence Fehrenba-  
ker seconded the motion.

Motion – Passed

MOTION: FLSSAR Treasurer Richard Young offered a  
motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to give author-  
ity to the Finance Committee and FLSSAR Treasurer to  
open an investment account to place idle FLSSAR funds  
into without putting those funds at significant risk.

Motion - Passed

MOTION: NSSAR Charter and Bylaws Committee  
Chairman, Senior Vice President Lawrence Fehrenbaker  
offered a motion on behalf of the committee to discharge  
the committee according to Article V, Section 6-c (3) of  
The Florida Society Governing Documents, May 2013.

Motion – Passed

Meeting Adjourned: 4:05PM

Meeting reconvened: 02 May 2015, 1:30PM

MOTION: FLSSAR Secretary Hall Riediger offered a motion on behalf of the FLSSAR Liberty Tree Committee to have the FLSSAR recommend to the NSSAR President General an initiative of an NSSAR National Liberty Tree Program.

Motion – Passed

Meeting Adjourned: 2:11PM

FLSSAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 02 MAY, 2015  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 2:30PM

PRESIDENT STEVEN ALLEN WILLIAMS – PRESID-  
ING

Invocation offered by NSSAR Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody

President Williams led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge

President Williams recognized visiting national officers: President General Lindsey Brock, Treasurer General Mike Tomme, Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody, and Vice President General Mark Anthony

An FLSSAR Documents Committee report with committee recommendations was read by Committee Chairman, Dr. Lawrence Fehrenbaker.

Recommendations per the bylaws contained in the Florida Society governing documents dated May 14, 2013, Article 8, Section 3, Amendments,

Proposal #1, amendment with an existing bylaw carried over from 2013/2014

Article 3, Section 2, Nominations and Election of Officers, dealing with the qualifications of the nominees, Status – recommended

A Motion to accept the bylaw change was made Ted Duay, seconded by Scott Bushnell

Motion – Passed

Proposal #2, amendment to an existing bylaw carried over from 2013/2014

Article 6, Financial Matters, Section 6, Emeritus Program; change to Emeritus Program,

Change to Emeritus 2 to read, “forty continuous years”

Status - recommended

A Motion to accept the bylaw change by Ted Duay and seconded by Charles Day

Motion – Passed

Proposal #3, amendment of a new bylaw, Article 6, Section 6, Emeritus Program, new section D pertaining to “Emeritus 4 Military”,

Status – not recommended

Proposal #4, a new proposal pertaining to Article 1, Society, Section 7, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Color Guard

Status – not recommended

Proposal #5, an amendment to an existing bylaw with new verbiage in Article 8, Miscellaneous, Section 3, amendments, paragraph (a), change of wording from “Bylaws Committee to Documents Committee”

Status – recommended

A motion to accept the bylaw change was made by Ted Duay and seconded by Richard Young

Motion - Passed

Proposal #6, an amendment dealing with a new bylaw, Article 8, Miscellaneous, Section 3, “new Section B, other Florida Documents”,

Status – recommended

A motion to accept the bylaw change was made by John Stewart and seconded by Doug Bridges

Motion – Passed

Proposal #7, an amendment dealing with new wording of an existing bylaw, Article 1, Section 5, New Meetings Requested by the President

Status – recommended

A motion to accept the bylaw change was made by Doug Bridges and seconded by Russ Radcliffe

Motion – Passed

Ted Duay, Chairman of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee announced the proposed slate of 2015 – 2016 officers and offered them to the assembly for election:

President - Dr. 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 Nieman – 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 - Dr. Randy Dwight Moody – Caloosa

Chancellor - Carl K. Hoffman – St. Augustine

Genealogist - Richard Bruce Cardell – Jacksonville

Sgt.-At-Arms - Richard James Folk – Withlacoochee

Ex Com Member at Large - Dr. Randy Dwight Moody – Caloosa

Patriot 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 - Dr. Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr. – Naples

President Williams made three appeals to the assembly for possible nominees from the chamber floor to no avail.

A motion to close nominations was made by Norman Myers and seconded by Lindsey Brock

Parliamentarian Dr. Randy Moody made a clarification prior to the vote that the nominees for National Trustee and Alternate Trustee are not being elected to their positions by the assembled attendees, they are being nominated to the NSSAR for election.

A vote to elect the slate of proposed officers was taken

Vote – Passed

Newly elected FLSSAR President Dr. Lawrence Fehrenbaker Sr. recommended the following FLSSAR members for the 2015 – 2016 FLSSAR Nominating Committee:

Steven Allen Williams

Donald Barton Cahill

Joe Hermand Hill

David John Kelsey

Earl Scott Bushnell

President Williams made three appeals for possible nominations to the FLSSAR Nominating Committee from the floor to no avail

A motion was made by Ted Duay to accept the proposed nominations to the FLSSAR Nominating Committee and was seconded by John Stewart

A vote to elect the Proposed Nominating committee was taken

Vote – passed

A motion by Lee Matson, suggested by Albert Myers, with a second by Don Green for a Resolution of the SAR Recessional Language Change. The wording change reflecting the substituting of “ancestors for forefathers” and “people for free men”. The Resolution of the SAR Recessional Language Change be approved and sent to the NSSAR or consideration.

A vote was taken

Motion – Failed

A motion to adjourn the FLSSAR 2015 Annual Meeting was made by Doug Bridges and seconded by Jeff Sizemore

Motion – Passed

Benediction was offered by Dr. Rand Moody

President Williams led the assembly in the SAR Recessional with Meeting adjourning at 3:45PM

## *Governor's Veterans Service*

### *Honors*

## *Floridians Who have Served*

### *in the U.S. Military*

By Compatriot David Kelsey



From Left to Right: Compatriots Scott Bushnell (Lake-Sumter Chapter), Leonard Crawford (Withlacoochee Chapter), David Kelsey (Flagler Chapter), and Larry Sturgeon (Withlacoochee Chapter)



Compatriot Jack Townsend (Withlacoochee Chapter) Receives Governor's Veterans Service Award from Governor Rick Scott as Mike Prendergast, Executive Director, FDVA, looks on.

The Governor of Florida created executive order number 14-88 "The Governor's Veterans Service Award" to honor Florida Veterans. "WHEREAS, it is proper that all Floridians honor America's military veterans, including Florida's more than 1.5 million living veterans, through whose selfless service and sacrifice we enjoy freedom and liberty."

On May 27, 2015, Governor Rick Scott awarded several hundred Veterans Service Award medals to Florida veterans at the National Guard Armory in Orlando, Florida. The ceremony was impressive, brief, and much appreciated by each veteran and his/her family. Governor Scott commented he intends to make Florida the "most military friendly state". Governor Scott further commented that he is a navy veteran and that his father was a member of the 82nd Airborne seeing action in North Africa and the Battle of the Bulge.

Governor Scott met with each veteran, thanked each veteran for his service and personally draped each veteran with the medal. A photograph will be made available to each medal recipient. The Governor plans to make presentations throughout the state in the coming year. Veterans may acquire details and register for this ceremony online at: <http://floridavets.org/gvsa/>.

## *SAR Library Points-of-Contact*

My last update to you was on February 17th.

1. Big news that will help for inventory/catalog and security purposes! The finish line was crossed with the barcode scanning project!! Appreciation goes to awesome volunteers and all the staff that helped to get this project completed. Special thanks to Rae Ann Sauer who led the project.

2. In accordance with the earlier Library and Archives Committee decision, 636 microfilm that were not needed or did not fit the Library collection policy have been removed from the collection. 620 of these are "Soundex" microfilm. If an institution in your state desires these rolls, please let me know. The remaining 16 reels are: Ottawa City Directories (9 reels), originally donated by the Starved Rock Library System of Ottawa, Illinois; a "Lake City Graphic" reel donated by an individual from Minnesota; and, 6 Civil War related reels from an individual in Louisville. The Library POCs or Presidents of Illinois, Minnesota, and Kentucky may contact me to obtain these reels otherwise the reels will be properly disposed.

3. Four new user computers for the Library were purchased and are awaiting installation. This includes new monitors made possible by a donation from Compatriot PZ Horton of the Tennessee Society.

4. A new front window sign reflecting the Library's revised hours (as of January 1) was recently placed. The Library is open M-F from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and the third Saturday of each month. It is closed the preceding Monday when open on following Saturday.

5. At the Spring Leadership meeting, the Trustees agreed to remove the wooden staircase off the back of the building, and enclose the current open rear area of the Library by replacing the rear door (to wooden stairs) with wall/window and by completing/continuing the wall along the front, inside the Library. Continuing the wall will provide actual office space for the Library staff. Work on the "Rear Area Construction" project is to begin shortly and scheduled to be completed by Congress.

6. As I reported earlier, the file cabinets holding the old Patriot

Index cards located on the floor of the Library are to be moved to the basement area. This work should be accomplished before Congress.

7. My appreciation to Director of Merchandise Susan Griffin who initiated the idea that Merchandise would celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18, 2015) by offering a 10% discount on all items purchased April 3 - April 19 by members of the SAR Friends of the Library. Membership in the Friends is \$25 a year and the application may be found under "NSSAR Forms." Joining the FOL is one of the best ways to show your support for the Library.

8. The "Family Histories" project is nearing completion. This is a collection of almost 850 surname files and miscellaneous genealogical information donated by patrons/members over many years. Many include family association newsletters. All have been scanned and we continue the process of "cleaning-up" the scans. They are to be made available online through the Library website. This will be a great addition to the collection -- lots and lots of interesting and hard to obtain information!

9. The Library's space continues to be used for presentations offered to the general public. The latest one was "Avoiding Potholes on the Road to Genealogical Discoveries," presented recently by Elaine Kuhn.

10. Remember, individuals, chapters, or states can also simply donate to either the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) or the Library Endowment Fund; non-designated donations go to the Library SPOF. We have at least two state societies that have donated \$300 to the Library this year, primarily so that books may be added to the state's collection in the Library. It helps Library Director Michael Christian if you suggest books, etc., that would be suitable for your state's collection. Check the catalog online to make sure the Library doesn't already have the book in the collection.

Please let me know your questions or if I should no longer list you as your state's Library POC or FOL State Chairman. You are welcome to distribute this message to Society members.

If you going to the Louisville Congress, I look forward to seeing you there! Review your personal collection for that special book you could donate during the meeting.

Fraternally,  
Bruce Pickette  
Librarian General, 2014-2015





# Chapter News

## Brevard Chapter



FLSSAR Color Guard members in attendance for this event were Frank Nolte, Ralph Nelson, Jay Wise, Robert Humker, Ben DuBose, Commander Charlie Day, Steve Williams, Robert Chorney, Adj Hall Riediger, Charles McKinley, Billy Peters, Philip Wright (not shown), and Joe Regan (not shown).



On May 16th, the day before the wreath ceremony, the chapter held its annual Officer Election/ Installation and Awards Luncheon at PAFB. New Officers are: President Robert Humker, 1st VP Barry Eller, 2nd VP Roger Bonnett, Secretary Steve Williams,

Treasurer Carroll Lord, Recording Secretary Ben DuBose, At-large Members Fuller Jones and James Alderman. The officers were installed by Past State President Williams. In photo are (l-r): Compatriots Eller, Bonnett, Jones, Humker, DuBose, Lord, and Williams.

Medals handed out at the meeting included the Silver Roger Sherman Medals to Compatriots Ben DuBose and Philip Wright for their service to the Florida Society. The Chapter Distinguished Service Medal went to Compatriot Robert Humker. A Lydia Darragh medal was presented by Past President Robert Chorney to his wife, Mary Anne Chorney for her dedicated support of Bob in his term and her support of the



Florida SAR Ladies Auxiliary in the past 2 years. Membership pins for 5, 10, 15, and 25 years of membership were presented members.

The induction of 4 new members was handled by new President Humker. The New members in the photo are Montgomery Atwater and his two grandsons, Alexander and Ryan Ladner, and Gary Skinner.

On Memorial Day, the chapter supported two ceremonies in Brevard County: The Annual Parade in Melbourne (B Peters, P Wright and S Williams) and the Merritt Island Memorial Center's ceremony ( Carl Green). Plans are to participate in the upcoming July 4th parade in Melbourne.



## JUST TWO TAILORS

Tailors of fine 18th century clothing



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.

[Selves@bellsouth.net](mailto:Selves@bellsouth.net)



## *Caloosa Chapter*

For the month of May, Compatriot John Jones submitted a story on his Patriot ancestor. His ancestor, Pierce Dant Hamblin served two years as a private with the 4th Virginia Continental. This patriot article is worth reading & it is recommended that you read it by accessing the chapters newsletter off of the FLSSAR website.

Recently, Chapter President Lee Matson has appointed several people to head up the following committees: Albert Myers - Liberty Tree Project, Russ Radcliffe - Rumbaugh & Knight Essay Contests. While he will assume the chairman of the Eagle Scout Program. At the May meeting, the chapter was informed that John Jones was elected as FLSSAR Society Historian and that Lee Matson was elected as FLSSAR SW RVP. It was also mentioned that several members of the chapter serve as members or chairman of various FLSSAR committees.

At present, Compatriot Lee Matson is in the process of setting up for the Southwest Regional Meeting that has been scheduled for August 22nd in Port Charlotte.

## *Clearwater Chapter*

The Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution has awarded many scholarships to our local Eagle Scouts. Our chapter Eagle Scout Director, Art Hays contacts these scouts and encourages them to compete for these scholarships. He volunteers his time and a lot of weekends to motivate these young men and give them



L to R, Richard Case, Trevor Case, Pamela Case

the confidence to compete and be successful.

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 a scholarship from the chapter. Trevor's winning scholarship entry was forwarded to the SAR Florida Society for the state level scholarship competition. Trevor was awarded second place in the State competition and received a large scholarship for his effort. 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.

Second place was not good enough for Trevor and asked how he could improve. Trevor had already demonstrated exceptional citizenship and leadership abilities through his ongoing active involvement in Scouting, school, church and community activities. He had earned over 100 merit badges during his Scouting journey but he was told he should work to get more awards. He took

this as a challenge and went out to get as many awards as possible including his Hornaday and both the supernova awards plus a few others.

His efforts did not go unnoticed. He soon received a call from the Director of the National Eagle Scout Association notifying him he had received their top Eagle Scout scholarship of \$50,000. A senior at Palm Harbor University High, he is the son of very proud parents Richard and Pamela Case.



L to r: Eagle Scout Kenneth T Craven and SAR Compatriot Bob Cundiff

Eagle Scout Kenneth Taylor Craven, son of Kenny and Jennifer of Dunedin, 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 Kenneth's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on April 26, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin.

Kenneth began his scouting journey in 2009 in Cub Scout Pack 10 and in 2011 joined Boy Scout Troop Ten in Dunedin sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin. Kenneth has earned 23 merit badges and participated in many local troop camping trips and other outdoor activities. He has camped out over 50 nights, including Camp LaNoChe in Central Florida and Camp Woodruff in Georgia for the past 2 years.

Kenneth currently holds the position of Senior Patrol Leader and has held the position of Chaplain's Aid for several years prior.

His Eagle Scout leadership service project involved the creation of an oasis by the trail for the Pinellas County Trail, located at the American Legion Post 275 on Wilson Street. This area provides a nice seating area to take a rest with the beautiful plants added for ambiance.

Kenneth, age 15, is a freshman at Dunedin High School in Dunedin, where he is a member of the Marching Band and Pipe Band. He is a member of the Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (Naval JROTC), the National Junior Honor Society, and attends AP and Honor Classes.

After graduation Kenneth plans to join the Air Force Academy and become a pilot. 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.

## Flagler Chapter



From Left to Right: 1<sup>st</sup> VP David Hammond, Cadet SFC Collin LeBlanc, President Randall Morris

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President David Hammond, LTC Retired (Kosovo) presented Cadet Sgt First Class Collin S. LeBlanc the Sons of the American Revolution Junior ROTC Medal & Certificate at an awards ceremony at Matanzas High School in Palm Coast. Cadet LeBlanc was selected as the NCO Cadet of the Year by JROTC Program leadership (see trophy in photo). He is a junior enrolled in the US Army JROTC program and is looking forward to his senior year and a greater leadership role in the Army JROTC Matanzas Battalion. He is an outstanding student and has attained a high GPA. In addition to JROTC participation he enjoys camping and volunteering for community food distribution programs.

After graduation, Cadet LeBlanc plans to enlist in the US Navy in a cybersecurity program. He hopes to utilize the new post-911 GI Bill to enter Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and enroll in a cybersecurity program. Long term, he plans a career in the Navy or government service with Homeland Security.



From Left to Right: President Randall Morris, Paramedic Caryn Prather, Flagler Fire Rescue Chief Don Petito

Flagler County Paramedic CARYN PRATHER has been awarded the 2015 Sons of the American Revolution Emergency Medical Services Medal & Certificate by Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris. The EMS Medal presentation occurred on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Flagler County Fire Rescue Headquarters in Bunnell.

Ms. Prather, a 16 year paramedic and flight medic with Flagler County Fire Rescue, was recognized for her outstanding performance, leadership, and creative contributions in the field of emergency medical services. Specifically, Ms. Prather, in addition to a regular shift, is the Lead Field Training Officer for new and current

paramedics, created and is in charge of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, and according to Flagler Fire Rescue Chief Don Petito, is a "key factor" on the Flagler County World Champion five person Paramedic Team.



Chaplain Ray Thompson presents Captain Lee Diggs with a replica \$20 Continental Note and \$1 Continental Coin, and President Randall Morris presents Staff Sergeant Glenn Wade with a Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 265<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-265<sup>th</sup>)

Florida Army National Guard

Submitted by Randall Morris, Flagler Chapter President

Captain Lee Diggs and Staff Sergeant Glenn Wade of our Flagler County, Florida National Guard unit were the speakers at our March 20, 2015, Flagler Chapter meeting. Captain Diggs covered the history of the 1st Battalion, 265th Regiment, and Florida National Guard. The unit evolved from 1940's WWII service as field artillery, to serve today as an air defense artillery regiment headquartered at the Flagler County Airport. Captain Diggs went on to explain the dual role of the National Guard system in the United States. The first role of the National Guard is to augment the Armed Forces of the United States when federalized by the President. As an example, Captain Diggs stated that sixty percent of the infantry soldiers in the United States are in the Army Reserve or National Guard! The second duty of the National Guard is to serve in times of a natural disaster, a civil disorder or other needs at the request of the Governor. One of the companies of the battalion recently deployed to Afghanistan.

SSG Wade presented an overview of the weapon systems used by the 1-265th in today's Florida National Guard. There are two primary weapon systems in use by the unit. The first system is the "20mm Phalanx CIWS (Close-in Weapons System)' commonly referred to as the "Anti-Everything Gun." This weapon fires over 4,000 rounds a minute and is radar controlled. This unit has anti-aircraft and missile defense capability. The second system used by the 1-265th is the "Stinger Missile" which can be fired, using a hand-held launch system, or from a vehicle mounted platform. SSG Wade stated that the "Stinger" system was being phased out of service prior to "9/11", however, the Department of Defense saw the need for a hand-held defense missile and the "Stinger" was retained as a proven weapons system. Both systems were demonstrated in videos shown to our group.

Captain Diggs and Staff Sergeant Wade are exemplary examples of the professional and highly motivated members of our Florida National Guard. We can all take pride in Flagler County serving as the location for such a fine group of individuals. Moreover, we thank them for their service!

## *Palm Beach Chapter*



Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Recipients, L to R, From Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Anthony Musso, Sgt. James Hightower, Deputy Harold Murphy III, Deputy Kenneth Torrence and Town of Palm Beach Police Department Detective Larry Menniti.

The Palm Beach Chapter's Annual presentation of Law Enforcement Commendation Medals was the highlight of the April 2015 meeting. Four Deputies from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and one officer from the Town of Palm Beach Police Department were recognized for their outstanding service to our communities.



Also at the April meeting was the induction of 4 new members to the Chapter. R to L: Scott Johnson, Grey Johnson, David Wratishlaw and Richard Miller.



The May meeting had a packed agenda. Receiving the Fire Safety Commendation Medals were members of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. They were; Lt Jeff Meeler, Driver/Operator Jeff Strom and Captain Amanda Vomero.

Recognized for his act of bravery and receiving the Heroism Medal was Firefighter Eric Legore of the Town of Palm Beach Fire Department. Our Eagle Scout Scholarship winner was Scot "Craig" Menke. Craig read his essay and afterwards received his medal and check and posed for this picture with the firefighters.

Chapter Member and Past President Gerri Meeks was received the FLSSAR Roger Sherman Medal for his faithful service to the

Chapter and the Florida Society. For his significant contributions to the SAR Foundation, Matthew Shafer received the NSSAR Lamplighter Medal.

In preparation for Memorial Day Services, Chapter President Gary Green and Vice President Don Lanman participated in the placing of American Flags on the graves of veterans at the South Florida National Cemetery.



The Palm Beach Chapter participated in a Memorial Day Service honoring Florida's fallen heroes at Palm Beach Memorial Park in Boynton Beach, FL. Members attending and assisting with the laying of the wreath were, President Green, VP Lanman, Chapter Genealogist and FLSSAR SVP Ray Wess, Past President Edward Buckley and Chapter Chaplin Father Sanford Sears.

## *Southshore Chapter*



From left JROTC cadets Tyler Harmon, Elliott Hirn, Dawson Sullivan

Professional historical speaker, Ross Lamoreaux, was the guest speaker at the January meeting. Lamoreaux has been involved in re-enacting and living history for 15 years. He has provided programs at schools, state and national parks and dozens of historical sites. Members of the chapter visited the Tampa Bay History Center in March. Those who visited the Drumbeat Exhibit learned about the WWII enemy submarine operations off the coast of Florida and viewed a full size replica of a German mini-submarine. Bill Bolin, guest speaker, brought with him to the April meeting, a Flintlock Rifle that he assembled from a kit. Bill said he derived a great deal of satisfaction loading and firing his rifle, which he estimates is worth more than \$2500. The guest speaker at the May meeting was Dr. Stacy White, Hillsborough County Commissioner. Among the guests were JROTC cadets, Tyler Harmon, Elliott Hirn and Dawson Sullivan. They had been awarded bronze ROTC medals by National SAR in recognition of their outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excel-

lence, exemplifying the high ideals and principles that motivated and sustained the nation's patriot ancestors. Also during the meeting, Russel Kenyon was inducted as a new SAR member. Other new members of the chapter include William, Mark, Alex and Noah Johnson. The South Shore Chapter was chartered October 5, 2013. Membership is growing under the leadership of Compatriots Mark Dean, president, Donald Gunn, vice president, Chip Churchill, secretary, Gordon Bassett, treasurer, and William Love, registrar.

## Tampa Chapter



The Tampa Chapter is a Commemorative Partner in the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration. As its first Commemorative Event in 2015, representatives of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 787 (Tampa) were invited to speak at the January meeting to explain what VVA is and what it does, especially at the local chapter level. The SAR members also recognized and honored all those present who served in the military during the Vietnam Era. Pictured above (L - R) are Compatriots Paul Ergler, Paul Farley, Charles Bearss, Jack Spangler, William Floyd, Richard Young and Jerry Walters. Also pictured from VVA 787 are Michael O'Dell (President) and James Fletcher (Treasurer). The Tampa Chapter also made a small donation to VVA 787. In February, Compatriot Floyd worked with VVA 787 on its Classic Car Show fund raising event. In March Compatriot Young represented the Tampa Chapter at the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony at the Hillsborough County (Tampa) Veterans Memorial Park. The next 2015 Commemorative event is planned to be in conjunction with Wreaths Across America at a Veterans' Cemetery in Tampa.



Tampa Chapter President Dick Young and Withlacoochee Chapter Secretary and Color Guard Commander Larry Sturgeon get to meet Leja Apple, Miss St. Petersburg USA at the May 19

Honor Flight Welcome Home reception at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport. Tampa Chapter Compatriots Alan Bell, Robbins Denham and Charles Klug, with his wife Victoria, also attended the Honor Flight Welcome Home, but did not arrive in

time to meet Miss Apple. Tampa Chapter Compatriot Robert Denham served as an escort/companion for one of the WWII veterans on this flight.

## Withlacoochee Chapter



Members in attendance LR Norm Freyer- Chaplin; Robert Folk-Registrar; William Teater- Past President; Jeremiah Lovestrand – State Eagle Winner; Charlie Day- Past President; Ed Gingrich- President.

The business meeting included election of officers. Lawrence Fehrenbaker of Naples Chapter was elected state president, Withlacoochee Chapter member, Robert Folk, was elected Sgt. at Arms, and 7 of our chapter members were named to serve on one or more State committees. Charlie Day, previously State Vice Commander of the Color Guard, was moved up to Commander. One of the fun things at the Annual meeting is the Youth Luncheon when the various JROTC, Elementary Posters, Essay and Eagle contest winners are recognized. Withlacoochee's Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner, Jeremiah Lovestrand of Floral City, was honored as the State's first place Winner. He was presented a Bronze Eagle statue and a \$1,000 check. We were all proud to be with Jeremiah and his parents at the luncheon. The Friday night Banquet included awards. Withlacoochee won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Chapter Challenge, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Publicity Contest (included a \$125.00), and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Elementary School Poster Contest. Saturday night banquet included installation of Officers and the Ladies Auxiliary "basket Sales". Withlacoochee Ladies Auxiliary members present were Ellie Folk, Lillian Gingrich and Dot Day.



L-R: Norm Freyer, Robert Folk, Lenny Crawford, Larry Sturgeon, President-Clyde Johnson, Dan Hans, Jack Townsend, Ken Dunn, and William Teater

Withlacoochee's May annual meeting found us with Regional VP, Scott Bushnell and his wife Myra as our honored guest. Scott carried out the installation of our 2015/16 officers. Clyde Johnson of Spring Hill FL is our new president. Two new members were sworn in by our registrar and Richard Sumner received a new supplement star. Three members of our chapter received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for their work on various state committees. The recipients were William Teater, Robert Folk and Paul Pardee. Medals designated for presentation by Past President Edward Gingrich were the Lydia Darragh Medal to Auxiliary member Lillian Gingrich and the Distinguished Service Medal to Clyde Johnson. Our outgoing president Edward Gingrich could not be with us and will receive several recognitions at the next fall meeting. Regional VP Bushnell helped with several presentations and was the recipient of a chapter appreciation certificate. We also had Madeline Wyka, a fifth grade student of Floral City Elementary School, and her parents with us. Madeline received our first place Elementary School Poster prize of \$100.00, she also placed 4<sup>th</sup> at state. Two members of our Color Guard took part in the Floral City Memorial Day Observance. Guard members have also attended a HONOR FLIGHT Homecoming and have marked revolutionary patriot's graves. A very busy month for the Color Guards.

## *New Rules for the Poster Contest*

The new rules for the Poster Contest from National as Chairman Mark Anthony mentioned to us at the BOM would be coming out this month as follows for the Poster Contest from the National website under youth:

**"POSTER CONTEST TOPIC:** It is highly suggested that each state society chose a specific topic within the confines of each stated topic for ease in judging on the chapter and state levels.

1. For academic years ending in even numbers, the theme shall be " Revolutionary War Events."
2. For academic years ending in odd numbers the theme shall be " Revolutionary War People."

Accordingly, for our Florida Society for next year 2015-16, I suggest that we use "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" and for the following year 2016-17, we use " Captain John Barry" the Father of the American Navy.

By picking events/themes that are Florida related maybe we will get more annual participation. However, at the National Level Judging this could create a problem by not knowing the content of the Poster Themes from various State Themes?

The Brochure Contest will be a separate theme for the middle school grade students based on our Nation's Founding Documents. see National Web site.

With this email I am asking Scott Bushnell to copy the National requirements for our Poster and Brochure Contests to our Florida Web sites.

David Ramseur  
Chairman, FLSSAR Poster and Brochure Contest



## *American's Creed*

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation of many states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established on those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



## *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>.*



On behalf of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, we would like to welcome the following members that have joined us since January 1, 2015. Note that this is just a partial list. The remaining new member will appear in the next FLSSAR Florida Patriot.

| Name:                 | Chapter:        | Name:                  | Chapter:        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Hampton E. Allen      | Charlotte       | James F. Arthur        | Tampa           |
| William M. Atwater    | Brevard         | Thomas W. Baine        | Jacksonville    |
| Paul J. Baron         | St. Augustine   | Robert D. Barlow       | Tampa           |
| Charles A. Berger     | St. Lucie River | John A. Berger         | St. Lucie River |
| Ronald C. Bock        | Lake-Sumter     | Robert E. Boggs        | Palm Beach      |
| Dale P. Boling        | Saramana        | Stephen S. Brainerd    | Jacksonville    |
| Charles M. Branham    | Lake-Sumter     | William A. Brobst      | Withlacoochee   |
| Donald H. Brock       | Flagler         | Edward M. Buff         | Caloosa         |
| Edward M. Buff, Jr.   | Caloosa         | Jonathan R. Bussone    | Lake-Sumter     |
| Marc D. Bussone       | Lake-Sumter     | Mark L. Bussone        | Lake-Sumter     |
| Robert M. Bussone     | Lake-Sumter     | Russell T. Calhoun     | Saramana        |
| Donald E. Cannon      | Jacksonville    | Hugh W. Catlett        | Highlands       |
| Michael D. Clay       | Jacksonville    | Steven S. Crosby       | St. Augustine   |
| David J. Dean         | Saramana        | Peter K. Dietrich      | Clearwater      |
| Charles R. Earnest    | Gainesville     | Grant S. Earnest       | Gainesville     |
| Douglas E. Erb        | Saramana        | James R. Erb           | Naples          |
| Reece H. Erb          | Saramana        | Tyler D. Erb           | Saramana        |
| James L. Farmer       | Jacksonville    | Neil J. Fischer        | Central Florida |
| John M. Garrity       | Clearwater      | John M. Garrity, Jr.   | Clearwater      |
| John M. Garrity, III  | Clearwater      | Jeffery L. Greene      | Ft. Lauderdale  |
| David E. German       | Daytona/Ormond  | Allan K. Hammell       | Clearwater      |
| Bruce D. Hammell      | Clearwater      | Cecil S. Harrell       | Tampa           |
| Cecil S. Harrell, Jr. | Tampa           | Edward W. Hartshorn    | Lakeland        |
| Gilmer M. Heitman     | Palm Beach      | Gilmer M. Heitman, Jr. | Palm Beach      |
| Ralph C. Hughes       | St. Petersburg  | Grey S. Johnson        | Palm Beach      |
| Scott W. Johnson      | Palm Beach      | Craig M Joplin         | Palm Beach      |
| Michael J. Kennedy    | Saramana        | Russel W. Kenyon       | South Shore     |
| Robert E. Kercher     | Brevard         | Clayton J. Kirkland    | Withlacoochee   |
| Collier S. Kirkland   | Withlacoochee   | Stephen J. Kowalchuk   | Jacksonville    |
| Alexander D. Ladner   | Brevard         | Ryan M. Ladner         | Brevard         |
| Michael H. Ligeti     | St. Lucie River | Paul T. I. Ligeti      | St. Lucie River |
| Andrew J. Lypen       | Naples          | Connor C. Martin       | Clearwater      |
| John S. Martin        | St Lucie River  | James H. McAllister    | Palm Beach      |
| Donald F. McMullen    | Clearwater      | Neil C. McMullen       | Clearwater      |
| Neal C. McMullin, Jr. | Clearwater      | William E. McNair      | St. Lucie River |
| John C. Michaud       | Tampa           | Raymond A. Miller      | Palm Beach      |
| Richard A. Miller     | Palm Beach      | Roy J. Nida            | St. Petersburg  |
| Christopher A. Pabst  | St. Augustine   | Denwood M. Parrish     | Palm Beach      |
| Erce V. Phillips      | Clearwater      | Samuel C. Phillips     | Clearwater      |
| Wyatt T. Phillips     | Clearwater      | David C. Popham        | Miami           |
| Paul D. Presley       | Emerald Coast   | James R. Price         | Jacksonville    |
| John J. Price         | Jacksonville    | John J. Protzko        | St. Lucie River |
| Cody A. Putt          | Miami           | Thomas R. Rearick      | St. Lucie River |
| William D. Revert     | Lake-Sumter     | James R. Richburg      | Emerald Coast   |
| Rafael T. Rodriguez   | Miami           | Allan N. Roush         | Lake-Sumter     |
| Edward H. Ruffner     | Tallahasee      | James M. Rulon         | Flagler         |

# *In Memoriam*

Compatriots who departed this life during 2014 are remembered below with their Chapter designation.

**Brevard Chapter:**

Bacheller, Charles Orwell  
Darby, George Samuel  
Dunagan, Sr., Frank Havard

**Central Florida Chapter:**

Jennings, Luther Kay  
McElroy III, Thomas Joseph  
May, Paul Sterling  
Russell, Sr., Richard Charles

**Charlotte Chapter:**

Ellison, Robert Frank

**Clearwater Chapter**

Leslie, Robert Rea  
Pullman III, John Wesley  
Raup, Robert Allen  
Shehan, Arthur Guy  
Tanner, Robert Freeman  
Warren, Victor Ronald

**Flagler Chapter**

Mason, Perley Henry

**Gainesville Chapter:**

Spires, Jr., Fernie Lois

**Jacksonville Chapter:**

Murray, James Ira Curtis  
Pelton, Jr., Donald Wesley  
Seay, Sr., David Beaumont

**Lakeland Chapter:**

Histed, Sr., Robert Burdett  
Kellogg, Jr., Ira Newell

**Lake Sumter Chapter:**

Maddox, Warren Roscoe

**Naples Chapter:**

Bailey, Hildreth Caldwell

**Palm Beach Chapter:**

Champion, Harry Bernard (Rev.)  
Rewey, Robert Livingston

**Saramana Chapter:**

Brainard, Richard P.  
Graber, Lewis Joseph  
Mendenhall, Sr., Warren Arthur  
Miller III, Harold F  
Williams, John Arthur

**St. Augustine Chapter:**

Canfield, Thomas Sparks  
Neely, Sr., Edward H

**St. Lucie River Chapter:**

Donnahoo, Jr., Robert Wilburn  
Schubert, Glenn Franklin

**St. Petersburg Chapter:**

Kenfield, Fred Henry

**Tampa Chapter:**

Frayn, Michael T.  
Reese, Jr., Grey.  
Skillman III, John E.

**Withlacoochee Chapter:**

Lincoln, Sr., Judson Duley

*With  
Sympathy*



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

Fall BOM October 23-25, 2015

The Florida Hotel, 1500 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32809



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

National Number \_\_\_\_\_ (six digit #) Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address for confirmation reply \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s) (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

**BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws :**

- |                                              |                                                    |                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| FLSSAR Officer <input type="radio"/>         | Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer <input type="radio"/> | Chapter - President <input type="radio"/>    |
| FLSSAR Committee Chair <input type="radio"/> | Patriot Medal <input checked="" type="radio"/>     | Chapter Past President <input type="radio"/> |
| Past FLSSAR President <input type="radio"/>  | FL National Trustee <input type="radio"/>          | Delegate* <input type="radio"/>              |

*\* Delegate names must be submitted to FLSSAR Secretary prior to BOM*

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

I have and will use my own Name Tag

| Events                              | Entrees                                       | Price                                         | Total # of Member & Guests Entrees |                     | Amount   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| October 24 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday | <b>Chicken Picata</b>                         | \$ 41.00                                      |                                    |                     | \$ 0.00  |
|                                     | With mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots |                                               |                                    |                     |          |
|                                     | <b>SELECT ONE</b>                             | Dessert- NY cheesecake w/ mixed berry compote | NC                                 | Total # of desserts | NC       |
|                                     |                                               | No-Sugar Dessert                              | NC                                 | Total # of desserts | NC       |
|                                     | Registration Fee – SAR Members                | \$ 20.00                                      | 1                                  |                     | \$ 20.00 |
|                                     | BOM Proceedings - Draft hard copy             | \$ 2.50                                       |                                    |                     | \$ 0.00  |
|                                     | <b>Total due</b>                              |                                               |                                    |                     | \$ 20.00 |

The alternate Meal selection is a Chef's Choice VEGETARIAN ENTREE

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

Add Names of all who select Vegetarian meal

When you arrive, please **check in** at the Registration table to **SIGN UP FOR A TABLE.**



MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE October 17, 2015

*If you mail your registration via USPS and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail (you must list an e-mail address) within 4 days of mailing, call 321-632-5663. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 321-632-5663.*

Save to your PC, Fill it out, Save, Then print & Mail or E-mail as attachment to addresses below

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any special dietary requirements.

Send your check (payable to "Treasurer FLSSAR") to:

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee

% Steve Williams  
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Phone: 321-632-5663  
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## The NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) Wants You to Join the Corps!



*There are five NSSAR Military Veterans Corps. If you served in the Armed Forces of the United States, received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable, and you are a SAR Member in good standing complete the Multi-Corps Survey Form. When done return it to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee at [VetCorps@sar.org](mailto:VetCorps@sar.org). After being approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service to country 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 the Certificate of Patriotism will be presented to you.*

*The NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form is down-loadable by clicking on this website:*

[http://saramanasar.org/VRC\\_Survey\\_Form.html](http://saramanasar.org/VRC_Survey_Form.html)

*This and all the other NSSAR Veterans Bugle Newsletters are viewable and down-loadable by clicking on this website:*

[http://saramanasar.org/Bugle\\_Newsletters.html](http://saramanasar.org/Bugle_Newsletters.html)

### NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR VRC

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CAPT Kent S. Webber, USN (Ret.)—VA

The NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee has staff cognizance of the administration of the National SAR Veterans Corps. The most recent Veterans Corps brought online was the Military Service Veterans Corps. It was the initiative of President General Brock as detailed in the in the January 2015 issue of the NSSAR Veterans Bugle Newsletter. That issue as well as the other Veterans Bugle issues can be viewed at the website listed above.

The Military Service Veterans Corps (MSVC) recognizes any and all veterans who served honorably and are entitled to wear the SAR Military Service Medal. The associated certificate of patriotism for the MSVC states: "As a member of its Military Service Veterans Corps, Compatriot (your name) is honored with this Certificate of Patriotism for standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, he is authorized to wear the Military Service Medal in grateful recognition of his service to country so as to ensure America remains a nation of free men and women." If you request to join the MSVC don't check off any other Veterans Corps listed on the Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form.

The clearest analogy we can draw between this new Veterans Corps and the WW II Veterans Corps; Korean Service Veterans Corps; Vietnam War Veterans Corps, and Persian Gulf War Corps is like the American Legion is to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Legion is open to all veterans while the VFW is restricted to those who have served overseas during specific periods of conflict. The NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form, found via the web link listed above, is the means whereby a Compatriot can join the MSVC or any of the other Veterans Corps which come under the purview of the NSSAR VRC.

Please share this information with your membership and familiarize yourself, for the NSSAR VRC wants you to join the Corps.

*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation."*

*George Washington*

*More Pictures from the Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting*





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The Florida Hotel & Convention Center

***October 23 - 25, 2015***

*(Room Rate = \$113 per night RSVP by 10/13/2015)*

*800-588-4656 (Group Code: 150501FLOR)*

*1500 Sandlake Road Orlando, FL 32809*

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

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

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