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*Society President's
Message*



The 125th Congress of the National Society SAR in Louisville, Kentucky is now history and finalization of plans for the 126th Congress in Boston, MA on July 8 – 13, 2016 are being completed. Preliminary information for the 126th Congress may be found at this link: <http://www.massar.org/congress>. Hotel information, tours and Congress events information will be updated and posted both at sar.org and massar.org so check these sites frequently.

A highlight of the Congress was the Installation Banquet and witnessing the transition of leadership of the National Society SAR from PG Lindsey Brock to incoming PG Tom Lawrence of Texas. PG Brock (2014-2015) and his Lady Billie can now enjoy some well-deserved time at their home in Jacksonville. PG Lawrence's Installation speech and his initiatives for his term can be found elsewhere in this issue. Specific details of his initiatives have been sent to Florida Society Chapter Presidents for distribution to their chapter members.

As with any Congress, one has to prioritize their time. However a small group of Florida Society Delegates and their guests were able to enjoy a congenial and relaxed lunch together in one of Louisville's unique Historic District restaurants on Saturday before the business of Congress began. Many of our Compatriots enjoyed some of the optional tours of the area and found time to visit the excellent SAR Genealogical Research Library. We visited the new National SAR Headquarters, where our host for the Congress, the Kentucky Society, held a Welcome Reception.

On Sunday, prior to the opening of the 125th Congress, the National Color accompanied the General Officers and Chaplains as they processed through the streets of Historical Louisville to the Cathedral of the Assumption, where Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy D. Moody presided over the Annual Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed Compatriots.

During the opening session of Congress, the assembly was privileged to have Compatriot Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) as a guest speaker. Other guest speakers during Congress included Lynn Forney Young, President General, Daughters of the American Revolution and Michael D. Helm, The American Legion National Commander. At the business meetings some of the National Committees' submitted reports were discussed. The Florida Resolution concerning the American Battle Monuments Commission decision to terminate the Commission's Floral Fund Program was reviewed by the National Bylaws and Resolution Committee. They did not act upon the resolution, nor recommend any specific action to the Delegates. Consequently the Florida Society has the option of reframing and resubmitting the Resolution. A motion to increase the National Society annual dues \$5.00 effective January 1, 2016 was passed. Life Membership fees will not be affected by the new dues increase.

The Florida Society Chapters and Compatriots were rewarded for their participation in National Society programs and contests as reflected by the variety and number of awards that were received at Recognition Night. The list of awards is published elsewhere in this issue. The presentation of the Minuteman Awards to the class of 2015 was especially fulfilling for Florida Society members, with Compatriot Rev. Dr. Randy D. Moody being one of the five recipients.

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.

On the last day of the 125th Congress, delegates elected the 2015 - 2016 General Officers of the National Society SAR. The Florida Society's nominees for National Trustee and Alternate Trustee, Compatriots Steven A. Williams and Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., respectively, were elected for the 2015-2016 term.

Respectfully,

Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.

Florida Society President 2015-2016

Florida Society Awards Recognition at 125th NSSAR Congress 2014 - 2015

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AWARD & STREAMER-the State Society whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Trustees meeting and the last Annual Congress. *Florida Society*

ROBERT L. SONFIELD AWARD-to the State Society which enrolled the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year. *Florida Society*

SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT AWARD-to the State Society enrolling the largest number of new members in the membership year. *Florida Society*

LEN YOUNG SMITH AWARD-to the State Society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age. *Florida Society*

EUGENE C. McGUIRE AWARD-to the State Society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SARs and DARs. *Florida Society*

ELEANOR SMALLWOOD NIEBELL AWARD-to the best state CAR Society who have been judged to have the best newsletter by the guidelines set up by the N.S.C.A.R. *Florida Society*

PRESIDENT GENERAL ROBERT B. VANCE AWARD-to the Chapter Internet web site which best represents the SAR...*Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR.*

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION & STREAMER-for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. *Florida Society*

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION & STREAMER-for supporting and submitting a candidate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay contest. *Florida Society*

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION & STREAMER-for supporting and submitting a candidate in the ROTC/JROTC Contest. *Florida Society*

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION & STREAMER- for supporting and submitting a candidate in the Americanism Poster Contest. *Florida Society*

2014 -2015 PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE PATRIOT ANCESTER BIOGRAPHIES STREAMER AWARD

Saramana Chapter - 36%; Miami Chapter - 31.4% and Maj. John DeVane Chapter - 30%

PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM CERTIFICATE-for participating in the Partners in Patriotism Program by working hand-in-hand with a veterans group in pursuit of a common goal.

Recipient Chapters: *Lakeland, St. Augustine, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Palm*

Beach, St. Petersburg, Lake Sumter, Withlacoochee, Tampa, Saramana, St. Lucie River Chapter, Brevard, and the Florida Society

Individual National Society Awards

CARL F. BESSENT AWARD, Honorable Mention-to the editor of the most outstanding multiple sheet Chapter newsletter 2014-2015. *Jeffrey Sizemore, Editor, The Minuteman – Central Florida Chapter FLSSAR.*

LIBERTY MEDAL-in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members (sponsored through 12/31/2014).

James G. Chandler (2 Oak Clusters); William Creager (1 Oak Cluster); Alvie L Davidson (1 Oak Cluster); Theodore M. Duay III (1 Oak Cluster); Alfred P. Honeywell (2 Oak Clusters); Lonnie G. Jones (1 Oak Cluster); Edward Lary (Medal and 1 Oak Cluster); John L. Little (Medal); Richard K. Mahaffey (3 Oak Clusters); Lee Matson (Medal); Rev. Dr. Randy D. Moody (1 Oak Cluster); Ralph D. Nelson Jr. (1 Oak Cluster); James D. Partin (2 Oak Clusters); Raymond F. Wess (1 Oak Cluster); and Steven A. Williams (2 Oak Clusters).

GOLD ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL-in recognition of faithful service to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Robert E. Danneman; Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.; Charles T. Sweeney; Benjamin M. DuBose, and Steven A. Williams.

ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD-to the Compatriots who act as role models and provide outstanding dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America. *Wm. Lee Popham*

Trustee Report

Meeting of the 2014 – 2015 Trustees was held on Sunday, June 28, 2015 (one hour meeting). The salient topics discussed were:

1. National SAR sold the “Historic Tax Credits,” for phase 2 of the building on West Main Street to Stock Yards Bank for \$147K. Tax credits sold as National SAR being a 501-c (3) corporation could not use them. The funds have been deposited into a money market. Currently not allocated. Will prioritize future expenses and discuss again in the Fall. Because of unresolved sewer problems related to the renovation of the building on West Main, will keep \$40K in reserve in the event that City of Louisville is found not to be at fault.
2. Discussed raising the National SAR annual dues. There has not been an increase in the annual dues for several years. According to National SAR governing documents, dues can only be raised at the Annual Congress. Reasons for raising dues included needs for funds to pay for the upgrading of the National SAR website, scanning documents such as those from King George III, and other for specified needs. Concept of \$5.00 dues increase per year will be presented during the business meetings of the 125th Congress.

Chancellor General Dodd introduced the concept of Due

Diligence as part of the application process for new members and those who may be currently designated for leadership roles similar to that which is performed in other corporations. This was introduced primarily as a discussion topic and no specific action recommended or taken.

4. There has been concern expressed concerning the potential liability of the National SAR Merchandise department and the acceptance of credit card purchases. This has been precipitated by discussions within the banking industry and the banks’ possible change in their liability with credit card purchases due to cyber invasion. A motion was passed that there be a prioritizing of the Merchandising IT module which would include increased security for credit card purchases. The cost of the module was approved with the caveat that the expenses for the module not exceed \$40K.
5. Michael Elston briefly discussed plans relating to the study of King George III’s private letters and documents which cover the time of the American Revolution. There are plans for exhibits of these documents in the United States and cooperative study between scholars from Kings College London and possibly The College of William and Mary. Funding for scanning of these historical documents will be sought as well as opportunities for American scholars to study the collection in England. The SAR Genealogical Library would eventually have access to the scanned documents as a result of partnership agreement with Kings College London, the DAR and SAR.
6. College of Business, University of Louisville has completed a Business Plan for the National SAR and this was reviewed. This was done at no cost. Suspect that the study will be available for review by membership on sar.org in the future or at Sharefile.com.
7. SAR “Branding,” concept will continue with updates expected in future.
8. National SAR will soon switch from Dropbox.com to Sharefile.com for the sharing of communications.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.

Alternate Trustee 2013-2016
Trustee-in-Fact on 28 June 2015

Protocol Matters! Insignia and Medals

By Randy Moody, FLSSAR & NSSAR Parliamentarian

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the patriots who founded this nation. As with most fraternal and civic societies, we have protocol which is clearly delineated in the seven volumes of **The NSSAR Handbook**. As members of the society, we are to adhere to its policies, procedures, and protocol. Not everyone takes time to read the entire handbook, but it is comprehensive and answers most questions one could ask about the SAR.

At recent meetings it has become evident that some of

our members have either become lax in following our protocol or are unaware they are violating it (what I prefer to believe) in the manner insignia and medals are worn. That being said, I would be in violation of protocol if I did not make compatriots aware of this issue as **The NSSAR Handbook, Volume IV: Insignia, Protocol, Ceremonies & Rituals** states on pages 8-9:

While every member is responsible to wear medals and insignia correctly, it is also the responsibility of all National Society, state society and chapter officers to assure that their members wear all medals and insignia correctly.

It is my hope that our members will read this and seek to follow proper protocol.

A common error is the manner in which the neck ribbon is worn by current or past Chapter Presidents. The neck ribbon with the SAR Membership Badge is only to be worn with a coat and tie. In addition, the ribbon is to be placed under the shirt collar on top of the tie. Also, only approved items may be attached to the neck ribbon—the President General pin, the Vice President General pin, the Trustee pin, the Former State President pin, and the Former Chapter President pin. Of the five approved pins, only three may be worn (usually of the three highest offices held). Ancestor stars are also approved for wear on the neck ribbon, but no other items may be attached to it. The incumbent State President may wear the State Society President's Badge in lieu of the SAR Membership Badge suspended from the neck ribbon. Incumbent and Former Presidents General have specific badges they may wear suspended from the neck ribbon, also.

The rosette is our insignia, also. The rosette is only worn with informal wear and only on the lapel of a sport or suit coat or worn on a shirt collar without a coat. Only one insignia is worn at a time, thus the rosette is not to be worn when the SAR Membership Badge is worn either suspended from the chest ribbon or neck ribbon. The rosette may be worn at any time; the SAR Membership Badge and medals are restricted to SAR meetings, DAR meetings, CAR meetings or when representing the SAR.

Another error is mixing medals. Most of the society's medals are available in full size and miniature versions. A few are only available as miniature medals such as the medals awarded by the SAR Foundation for contributions to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Min-

iature medals are intended for formal wear; the Handbook states that miniature medals are discouraged with informal dress. Page 9 of Volume IV says:

Full size medals suspended from a chest ribbon are not worn at the same time miniature medals are worn.

Simply stated, full size medals are worn on a blazer or suit coat and miniature medals are worn on formal dress; don't mix full size and miniature medals.

The NSSAR Handbook is on the web site at http://www.sar.org/SAR_Handbook and each volume is clearly labeled what topic it addresses for ease of use.

Ladies Auxiliary Grapevine

Summer is rushing by quickly and planning for the Fall BOM is upon us. But first, a few words about the 125th Annual Congress in Louisville. Florida had a good representation-18 Compatriots and 14 Ladies. The weather was pleasant and only occasionally interrupted by rain. The beginning event was a trip to Churchill Downs for the horse races. The Patriots Trophy was presented at one race for the winning horse. A tour of the Churchill Downs Museum followed where hats and costumes from the past were displayed along with other memorabilia. The Welcoming Reception by the Kentucky Society, held at the NSSAR Headquarters was preceded by a program at The Kentucky Science Museum featuring Kentucky. A wonderful buffet at the new National Society headquarters was enjoyed by the attendees. At the Sunday Memorial Service, led by the National Society Chaplain General the Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, 41 Florida Compatriots were among those memorialized. Other special events included the Ladies Luncheon held at the Audubon Country Club hosted by First Lady Billie Brock. The program was on the Daniel Boone Trail and the markers erected by DAR Ladies in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky along the Trail. We left Louisville happy, but tired from a busy schedule. Now is the time to get your Compatriot thinking about attending the 2016 Congress in Boston, the site of many early Revolutionary War events.

The Florida Society SAR's October Board of Management meeting will be on the 23rd and 24th. We encourage you to bring a basket for the Auxiliary money raising event. Our Auxiliary meeting will

be held on Saturday afternoon. Friday will be a free night for you to try out an eatery in Orlando. Saturday's Banquet will have an interesting portrayal of George and Martha Washington which you won't want to miss. Attire will be Cocktail/Dressy and Colonial attire is always welcomed. Hope to see you in October,

Jeanne Fehrenbaker

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President

Florida Society Color Guard Posted Colors at the Military Order of World Wars



(L-R) Larry Sturgeon, Alan Bell, Dick Young, David Bryant, Jack Townsend

On Saturday evening, August 8, 2015, FLSSAR Guardsmen from the Tampa and Withlacoochee Chapters represented the Florida Society Color Guard in presenting the colors at the Commander-In-Chief's banquet at the National Convention of the Military Order of World Wars, held in Tampa, Florida. From the Tampa Chapter were David Bryant, Alan Bell and Dick Young, and from the Withlacoochee Chapter were Jack Townsend and Larry Sturgeon. This was a Florida Society Color Guard Event previously sanctioned by State President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. in a memo to Color Guard Commander Charles L. Day, Jr. The participating Guardsmen received a number of compliments and expressions of appreciation for their service. A history of SAR cooperation with MOWW goes back at least to PG Na-

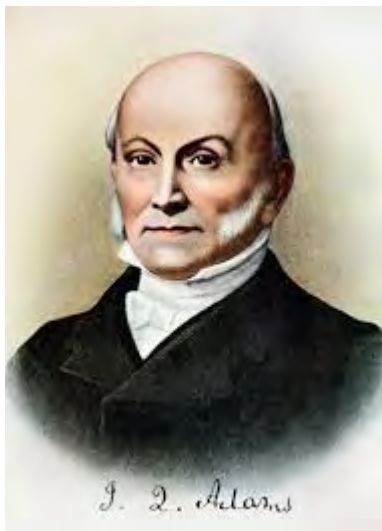
than E. White, Jr. 2006-2007, who co-signed a Resolution of Cooperation during his presidency. Thank you to all SAR Participants and to Tampa President, Dick Young, who arranged our Color Guard participation with MOWW.

Child of the Revolution: John Quincy Adams, 1767-1848

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.

One night in late July of 1776, nine-year old John Quincy Adams sat at his mother's kitchen table reading a copy of the Declaration of Independence which his father had sent to his mother. Abigail and her son were following news from the 2d Continental Congress with much interest because John Adams served as a member of the committee which drafted the Declaration. Not many nine-year olds would be capable of reading, much less understanding, the document today, but John Quincy was an exceptional child, reading Latin and Greek by the time that most boys were learning their ABCs. He never attended school, but was tutored by a cousin, his father's law clerk, and his father who graded him rigorously in his Latin exercises, especially in translating Cicero.

Over the next several years, John Quincy Adams received an international education given to no other child of his Revolutionary Generation. In 1778, the Congress dispatched John Adams to Paris where he would join Benjamin Franklin as an envoy to the French Court. It was with some apprehension that Abigail allowed John Quincy to accompany his father as his personal secretary (the boy had not yet turned 12). During the voyage, the boy and his father studied French. After a few months in France, John Quincy spoke the language fluently. He proved to be very valuable for his father, not only because he served as translator but also because he wrote letters requiring very little dictation from his father. In 1780, Congress sent Adams to The Netherlands in an effort to get loans from Dutch bankers. During his stay at The Hague, he sent John Quincy to the University of Leiden where he became fluent in Dutch and learned to read German and Spanish. In 1781, young Francis Dana arrived in The Hague on his way to St. Petersburg to serve as America's first envoy to Russia. He asked John Quincy to accompany him as secretary. The boy eagerly accepted with his father's blessing. When young Adams reunited with his father in 1783, John had just signed the Treaty of Paris which ended the Revolutionary War. John Adams was then appointed America's first minister plenipotentiary (the rank of "ambassador" had not yet been created by Congress—it was still considered a rank of nobility) to the Court of St. James (Great Britain). Once more, John Quincy was at his father's side where he learned the first important lesson of diplomacy: your enemy of yesterday could become your friend today. He and his father were entertained by King George III, the "Royal Brute" of

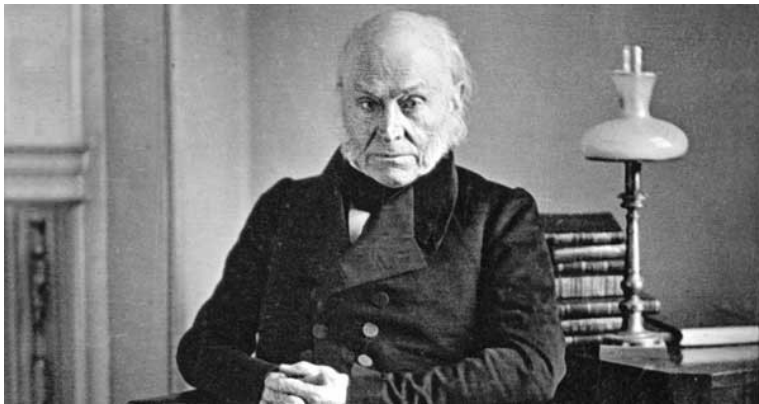


Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*. Before returning home, John Adams and his son accompanied newly arrived Thomas Jefferson to Europe where they were commissioned to sign treaties of commerce with various European nations. This was John Quincy's initial introduction to the great Virginian. Jefferson took a special interest in the bright, knowledgeable young man, freely exchanging ideas as between equals. In 1787, John Quincy was back in Massachusetts where he easily passed the entrance exams for Harvard from which he graduated with the A.B. degree and a membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Another year at Cambridge and J.Q. took the A.M. degree before serving an apprenticeship in a Newburyport law firm.

In 1791, he was admitted to the bar, but with his experiences abroad, he found the practice of law to be boring. He had been actively involved in the whirlwind of European diplomacy for 5 ½ years at Paris, The Hague and St. Petersburg. He had sailed across the Atlantic four times. He had bounced along the primitive roads and trails of Spain, Germany, Russia, Sweden, France and The Netherlands by coach, wagon and sleigh, 15,000 miles in all. John Quincy was toying with the idea of returning to Braintree as a farmer when President George Washington commissioned him Minister Plenipotentiary to The Netherlands.

The die was cast. It may truly be said that J.Q. Adams did not pursue a career in public life; it pursued him with a vengeance. When President Washington issued his Farewell Address, he drew upon a few paragraphs of one of John Quincy's essays about the future of our foreign policy when he wrote that we should not get caught up in Europe's conflicts. As Washington was leaving office, he strongly encouraged his successor, John Adams, to appoint his son as Minister to Prussia, which he did. George Washington remarked that John Quincy, yet in his mid-30s, was the nation's "most valuable man" in the area of foreign affairs.

When Jefferson became President in 1801, he brought a new political party—the Jeffersonian Republicans—into power. For the first time, the Federalists, who had created the Constitution of 1787, were out of power and for a few years, John Quincy had no diplomatic post. When Harvard offered him a distinguished professorship of "Rhetoric and Oratory," he accepted. Then the Massachusetts General Court, that State's upper house, elected him to the U.S. Senate in 1803. That was the year that Jefferson purchased Louisiana, thereby violating his own "strict constructionist" interpretation of the Constitution (the Constitution contained no specific provision for purchasing territory). By and large, the Federalist Party opposed the purchase because they believed that the huge enlargement of the country would endanger the future of the Republic. John Quincy, however, was a visionary and saw the purchase as an opportunity to create a great continental nation of free men, so he broke with his fellow Federalists and supported Jefferson. He broke again with the Federalists in 1808 when he voted to continue Jefferson's Embargo and that ended his career in the Senate when Massachu-



setts replaced him. He had crossed the line to become a Jeffersonian.

President Madison took advantage of the new convert to put him back into the area of his primary expertise—foreign relations—and appointed him Minister to Russia in 1809. He witnessed the invasion and retreat of Napoleon’s army and was in St. Petersburg when America declared war on Great Britain one last time in the War of 1812 (my students never had a problem in recalling the date of this war). When the British sent word to St. Petersburg that they wished to enter into negotiations to end the war, Madison appointed J.Q. as one of the three delegates to draw up the treaty. The three Americans met with the British negotiators in Belgium and there John Quincy signed The Treaty of Ghent in December of 1814 to end the war. His reward was an appointment to be Minister to the Court of St. James. He remained as our ambassador to the U.K. until the election of Madison’s successor, James Monroe, who recalled Adams from London to serve as his Secretary of State.

As Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams made his greatest contributions toward creating the great continental republic, strong enough to ward off all enemies and continually striving to realize our values embodied in that Declaration of Independence which his father had helped create, the document he had first read as a boy of nine. In 1821, he signed the Adams-Onís Treaty in which Spain ceded Florida to the United States and established the southwestern boundary of the Louisiana Purchase all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Two years later, as President Monroe was writing his annual message to Congress, Adams persuaded him to include a passage warning the European powers to keep their hands off the newly independent nations of the Western Hemisphere, those who had broken with Spain and Portugal, that part of the message later known as The Monroe Doctrine.

John Quincy Adams took the oath of office as President in March of 1825, the last Secretary of State to ascend to the high office. By this time, he was moving from the ranks of the Jeffersonian Republicans into the new Whig Party of the Kentuckian, Henry Clay, whom Adams appointed his Secretary of State. He envisioned an educated, prosperous nation powered by American manufacturing, financed by a national banking system and bound together by an infrastructure of roads, canals and the new technology of railroads. With the support of Clay and his Party, he sent bills to Congress for

building roads and canals, to create a National University, to build a National Observatory for the advancement of Science, and to raise the tariff for the protection of industry. The Democratic Party of Andrew Jackson (the former Jeffersonian Republicans) defeated all except the Tariff of 1828. The opposition came largely from “strict constructionist” Southerners who asserted that the Constitution contained no provision for using tax money for internal improvements or education (they did vote money, however, for building postal and military roads). They opposed a high tariff because, in their view, the import duty increased prices for manufactured goods. Incidentally, import duties were the primary source of revenues. Adams used the money primarily for paying down the national debt which he reduced from \$15 million to \$5 million during his one term as President.

When Adams left Washington in 1829, he intended to live the quiet life of a gentleman-farmer and country lawyer at his family farm in Quincy, Massachusetts (the name of Braintree had been changed) while delivering an occasional lecture at Harvard, but the people of Quincy sent him back to D.C., this time as a member of the House of Representatives. As a member of Congress, he continued to work toward the ideals of the Revolution, specifically for the abolition of slavery. Until the day he dropped dead on the floor of the House in 1838, he delivered petitions calling for the abolition of slavery. When the kidnapped Africans on board the Cuban slave ship, *Amistad*, rose in revolt, and were taken into port by the U.S. Navy, Adams delivered an eloquent address on their behalf to the U.S. Supreme Court which subsequently ordered the release of the men.



If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
~ John Quincy Adams

John Quincy Adams, “Child of the Revolution,” was ahead of his times. He never saw the fruit of labor. His Whig Party morphed into the Republican Party of Abraham Lincoln. The new Republicans ended slavery with the passage of the 13th Amendment, provided federal money & land grants for the building of transcontinental railroads in the 1860s, and laid the foundation for a national system of higher education in the 1880s with the passage of the Morrill Acts creating our Land-Grant or “A & M” Colleges. In 1925, the National Highway Act created our basic infrastructure and under President Eisenhower, our present Interstate Highway System became a reality. I should add that the U.S. Naval Observatory was created from a military appropriation in Washington, D.C. in 1842. The Vice President’s home is on the grounds of the Observatory.



For further reading about the life of Adams, see Fred Kaplan’s definitive biography, *John Quincy Adams: American Visionary* (2014). Older, but still excellent studies of Adams are by Samuel Flagg Bemis, *John Quincy Adams and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy* (1949) and *John Quincy Adams and The Union* (1956).

Fred Kaplan, *John Quincy Adams: American Visionary* (New York: HarperCollins, 2014).

Correspondence from the President General

Compatriots,

This is my third communication and I want to talk about Sharefile, our Youth Award programs and our future. We are preparing for the upcoming Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville and I hope you have made plans to attend. The Trustees will be discussing the budget for 2016, will receive a presentation from Solid Light on the latest version of our exhibit for the main floor, and have a demonstration of the new member application module, events module, merchandise module and the new website design by our IT contractor. Our Director of Education Colleen Wilson will show us the improvements made on our education site on our existing website and talk about her plans to improve it even more. We will hear about the proposal from King's College in England to have us participate in the development of papers from King George III. We also hope to have firm prices for the construction of the new electrical panel, elevator and the buildout of the balance of the second floor and the roof garden. These are just a few of the topics to be discussed so please try and attend if you can.

I talked about the need to open better lines of communications several times over the past two years. This communication is one way, the website is another but in order to provide documents and materials the only efficient way to do this is with a web based program such as Sharefile. This allows us to allow access to all of our members to documents, reports and other materials about the governance of our society. IT committee chairman Bill Marrs sent out an e-mail to over 15,000 members for whom we had e-mail addresses asking them to sign up for Sharefile. As of two weeks ago over 1,500 had done so but we need many thousands more to sign up. If you did not receive an e-mail it was because we do not have your e-mail address but you can still sign up. If you have any questions please contact Bill Marrs or Mike Scroggins at headquarters. It is also possible that your state or chapter president has information about how to sign up for Sharefile also. If you go back through your inbox you might find Bills original e-mail about Sharefile. If you are on Sharefile please check the members folder periodically as we drop new items in frequently.

I formed a new Council of Youth Awards that includes all of the chairmen of the Youth Awards committees and is chaired by Dr. Rudy Byrd of Arizona. They are creating a brochure that has information about all eight programs that can be given to schools to provide information about all of our programs at once. National may print some brochures to provide to states but the states and chapters will have access to a downloadable version of the brochure on our SAR website so it can be printed by the states and chapters. There will also be a space to put local contact information so the schools can contact the local chapter directly if they are interested. One of the keys to the success of our youth programs is having members in the state societies and chapters who will organize the contests and recruit candidates. I am asking state presidents to appoint a state chairman for these youth contests, and to encourage the chapters to participate. I am also asking the chapter presidents to put on at least one new contest this year. If your chapter does not have any contests then please start one new contest. If your chapter already has contests then please start one new program this year. We are also going to record a video from a committee member of each youth program that has information for the states and chapters about the programs and how to set up a program in your chapter. These will be placed on the website after the Fall Leadership Meeting.

In the past we have normally only put members on a committee if they can attend national meetings. But now we have the ability to have meetings by teleconference so in person attendance is not as important. It is so vital that the state contacts for the youth award programs be able to participate in the committees work that I am asking that the state presidents notify the chairman of the youth award program that you have a state chairman and you would like him to be on their committee. Upon request of that chairman I will then appoint the state contact to their committee so they can receive e-mails and join teleconferences. I believe we can quickly build up our programs this way. Listed below are the names of the committees, the chairmans name and his e-mail address. Please take action soon so we can have a successful year. Remember most of these youth contests are decided in the chapters and the states by the end of the year or shortly thereafter so please move on this as soon as you can.

American History Teacher Award Tom Lawrence
tlawrence01@sbcglobal.net

Americanism Poster Contest Mark Anthony
mcgt90@bellsouth.net

Americanism Brochure Contest Mark Anthony
mcgt90@bellsouth.net

C.A.R. Contest Darrin Schmidt
dms13@vt.edu

Eagle Scout Contest Cliff Olsen
cliffordolsen@embarqmail.com

Knight Essay Contest Mike Elston
elston.sar@gmail.com

ROTC/JROTC David Jessel
ptljessel@charter.net

Rumbaugh Oration Contest John Franklin
jhfbwm5@aol.com
Gerald Brent bg0586@comcast.net

The third area I wanted to cover in this communication is where do we go from here? We are working on our IT enhancements which will make us more efficient and give us a more modern look on our website. We are now able to conduct outreach education and will have even more capabilities as we get our new website going. The Trustees have authorized us to put in a new electrical panel and elevator in the headquarters building. The Solid Light proposal for the main floor exhibit is improved and the Trustees will get a look at the progress later this month in Louisville. The issue of digitizing our applications, supporting documents, copies of the SAR Magazine and some library books is being addressed as well as being able to more easily access the ancestry.com copies of our membership records. But we also have some decisions to make this year. Will we accept the Solid Light proposal and then if we do will we vote to go forward with construction? When will we decide to finish off the second floor of the headquarters building which includes the roof garden? What will we do in the basement of the headquarters building which has been set aside for education? One idea being discussed is to have a studio capable of producing videos, which will be more expensive, but will give us great possibilities for education. We also

have a debt for construction of our existing building of about \$1,400,000 which will need to be paid off. The dues increase, although never a popular thing to do, has improved our finances and is allowing us to go forward with much needed projects but it is not sufficient to do everything we need to do.

Going forward with the education center, building out the second floor and putting in a world class exhibit on the American Revolution all of us will be proud of can only be done by raising money through the SAR Foundation. The Foundation will continue to approach corporations and charitable entities for money but those entities want to know if the membership is behind the plans. So for us to be successful we must decide what we want and then come together and support it. We have the SAR Implementation committee chaired by PG Nathan White that is looking at this and will make recommendations to the Trustees at the Spring Leadership Meeting. Then we will discuss it, vote and decide how to move forward to accomplish our goals. This is where communications are important. Members should educate themselves about our options and let your Trustee, state president and others in your state who attend national meetings know what you think. For this to work our decision must flow from the bottom up and not the top down so please express your opinion.

Please forward this e-mail to other members so we can have a wide dissemination. Thank you for your work on behalf of the SAR.

Tom Lawrence

President General

Note that this correspondence that e-mailed out to the membership for distribution.

235th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden, SC



PG Thomas Lawrence delivering address at this commemorative event

On Saturday, August 15, 2015 Florida SAR President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., accompanied by his wife Jeanne, attended the commemorative events in Camden, SC for the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden. The commemorations were attended by PG Thomas Lawrence, First Lady Mickey Jo, and South Atlantic District Vice President General Edward Rigel, Sr. and his Lady Joan. Commemorative events were held at the Battle of Camden Site, the SAR Memorial for the Battle of Camden in the Quaker Cemetery, the Col. Joseph Kershaw

Graveside, and the Baron Johann DeKalb Tomb. Each event included the Laying of Wreaths and the Posting of the Colors. Following an address by PG Lawrence at the SAR Memorial, concluding remarks were given by State Presidents



Greg Greenawalt, SC; Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., FL; Tim Berly, NC; Reverdy E. Wright, Ph. D., VA; and Past State President, James E. Stallings, Sr., GA. President Fehrenbaker participated in the Color Guard by presenting and posting the State of Florida flag and in the laying of the Florida SAR wreath.

(Left Picture): FLSSAR President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. presented the Florida Wreath



(Left Picture): SAR Memorial for the Battle of Camden, located in the Quaker Cemetery, Camden SC. Florida SAR wreath is on right side of the left signage. Florida flag posted in center of photo.

Minuteman Award



At the 125th NSSAR Congress held in Louisville, KY, Dr. Randy Moody was one of five to receive the Minuteman Award. Congratulations, you deserve it for all the hard work you have done for the Florida Society & the NSSAR.

Dr. Moody has served the National Society as a Vice President General of the South Atlantic District. He has also served as Chaplain General for two terms. He has served as a National Trustee for three years. Compatriot Moody has served on the following committees; the Chaplains Committee for seven years, one as Vice-Chairman and two as Chairman; the Information Technology Committee and the Rumbaugh Orations Committee for four years each; as a member of the Congress Planning Committee for three years; the Insurance Committee and the Insurance and Risk Management Committee for two years each; as a member of the Ethics Committee and Membership Committee for two years each; serving as Vice-Chairman of the Council of Vice Presidents General. Compatriot Moody was instrumental in the creation of the NSSAR Chaplains Manual, currently available on the SAR website. He also served as an Editor and Reviewer of the Grave Marking Handbook. Compatriot Moody is the first line sponsor for thirty-two new members. He has attended six Congresses and twelve National Leadership Meetings. He has contributed to the Rumbaugh Orations Fund, is a Benjamin Franklin Subscriber and is a George Washington Fellow and contributor to The SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

2015 President General Tom Lawrence's Installation Speech

It is a pleasure to be here tonight and I thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing me as your President General. I would like to introduce you to my family and friends seated at the front table. Our daughter Bridgett Harsgaard who is a consultant living in New York City along with our grandchildren Lizzie and Gracie. Gracie is 7 and she plays baseball. Not T-Ball or softball but hardball on a baseball with boys and only 3 girls. Gracie plays catcher and shortstop and is a good batter with her own Louisville Slugger bat with her name on it. Lizzie is 12 and is a ballerina. She has danced in productions with the American School of Ballet and in 5 productions with the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center. She is going to Paris next week to study with the Paris Opera Ballet. My Cousin Col. David Peel and his wife Maggie. David is a retired Air Force colonel and he and Maggie live in Leesburg Alabama not too far from Lee Swart and Rod Hildreth so you need to recruit him.

Dr. Larry and Debbie Whittaker who we have know for 34 years, live across from the street from us and Mickey Jo and Debbie ride their horses together.

I look at you tonight and see so many friends and compatriots who have worked hard to make this Society one of the strongest lineage and patriotic organizations in the US.

Organizations that want to make a difference in this country, organizations that want to be great must have great dreams and must set lofty goals. There has been much discussion about the Solid Light proposal for the main floor education center, our need to move forward more aggressively with outreach education, the need to finish construction on our building and finally the need for new software and a new website.

While we were raising money and renovating the Library and Headquarters building we were all pretty much on the same page but when we completed enough of the building to move in, it became clear there were different opinions about what we should do next. Much like when all of our patriot ancestors were united to achieve independence but then became divided over the course to follow after we won the war. And just like our founding fathers we will come together and here is how I think we can do it.

In order to make the best decision possible I will appoint a new committee called the SAR Implementation Committee with the sole purpose of looking at our options and being prepared to make recommendations at the Spring Leadership Meeting. They should have the final Solid Light plan by then, they already have the University of Louisville business plan, we should have a much better plan for outreach education and we will have updated IT plans. The

committee will be chaired by PG Nathan White and will include all the principal stakeholders including the SAR Foundation, the IT committee, an Education representative, a Budget representative, someone from Strategic Planning, a Museum Board member and someone from our new Governance and Organization committee. They will review our existing plans and suggest options for the Trustees to consider. We have to make decisions about what type of exhibit space we will have, how to proceed with completing construction on the building, how to develop and make our outreach education programs national in scope, and a plan to complete our IT systems.

Another focus next year will be to bolster and enhance our SAR legacy. We all hope to leave a legacy so we will be remembered after we are gone. We have legacies with our family, at our jobs, our churches but another important legacy is our SAR legacy. How many lives will we touch, how many seeds of patriotism will we plant with the young people in this country? Because it is with the young people that we will build our SAR legacy, and we will do it with our youth programs. I am not minimizing the importance of our color guard or public service awards or any other programs but if we want to preserve the vision of our founding fathers then we must reach our youth. When you go to a school and put on a program or sponsor a poster contest or oration contest, or when Tom Green from Texas puts on a flag program, you are touching the lives of those students and giving them an opportunity to learn about Paul Revere's ride, the battle of Yorktown and about a brave young wife named Molly Pitcher. The fact that you went to the trouble to help them will leave a lasting impression as well as the knowledge that the American Revolution was important enough for you to take the time to come out and talk about it. It is hard work to set up these programs but it is incredibly rewarding and you know that by doing this you will make this country stronger and help to insure that your descendants will continue to enjoy the freedoms that Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine wrote about so eloquently, and that Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams spoke about so passionately.

Our youth programs are all strong programs led by dedicated compatriots but not all states participate as fully as they could. Committee members have always talked informally but I think we would benefit from a more structured format where ideas and suggestions can be exchanged. In furtherance of this I will form a new Council of Youth Programs which will have as members all of the chairmen of the youth programs. There are 8 programs in all; the poster contest, middle school brochure contest, C.A.R. award, Eagle Scout award, Knight Essay, Oration contest, JROTC and the American History Teacher award. The council will be chaired by Dr. Rudy Byrd and I hope they will help each other strengthen all of our youth programs. I will ask that they design a brochure featuring all 8 programs that can be handed out in our schools to promote all of our

programs. This brochure can be put on our website so chapters and states can download it, add their contact information and print it themselves. As encouragement for any state society that submits at least 4 candidates for a youth program national contest I will award them a streamer. For any state societies that submit an entry for all 8 contests I will personally write a check for \$250.00 to go to that state societies youth program budget. For any of those states who submit candidates for all 8 programs I will write them another check for \$250.00 if any of their candidates win a contest. So \$250 for any state who submits candidates for all 8 contests and an additional \$250 for any contests they win. Don't worry about the money, it is all coming out of Mickey Jo's shoe budget.

I will also ask this council to post the winning essays and speeches on the website as well as information about all of our current winners as well as past winners. I would like the committee chairmen to record videos that chapters and states can access on our website informing them as to how to set up a program and the benefits of having a youth program.

I would like to mention 3 other ideas before I close. The first deals with education, the second with the way our committees function and the third with our basic governance and organizational structure.

One of the first things the new regime does when they take over the government after a revolution is to change what the kids are taught in school. They now learn that the old government was bad and the new leaders are heroes.

Textbooks are rewritten, teachers reeducated and new pictures put up in the schoolhouses. If you teach history in a certain way long enough school children will begin to believe it so one of the fights is over how the history of the American Revolution is taught. Not only do we have to fight to make sure it is adequately covered but we need to make sure it is portrayed accurately. For that reason I am asking the Education committee to add a subcommittee to map out a strategy to exert influence on how textbooks and web based educational learning programs are written and selected for schools. I have asked Tom Jackson from Texas to chair this subcommittee. He is an elected school board member from one of the largest suburban school districts in the country with over 112,000 students. Anyone interested in this project should contact Larry Stevens, chairman of the Education Committee or Tom Jackson.

The second area of interest is in our national committees. It is clear that it is impossible to get all of our committee work done on a Friday at Leadership meetings. Every new PG tries to improve efficiency by dissolving some committees and creating new committees but I think we need to change the corporate culture of our committees. To help the committees I am appointing a committee coordinator who will be Mike Elston of VA. Mike will work with the committee chairmen to set and meet goals, submit budgets where needed, assist them in holding meetings with teleconferences and gotomeeting.com and introduce them to working with Sharefile for document access. He will also make sure committee concerns and items needing im-

mediate attention are brought to the attention of the EXCOM and the PG.

In order to allow our members to attend all of the committee meetings they should, and to allow us sufficient time in the trustee meetings we may start on Thursday with a social activity out of the hotel on Thursday night.

Last I want to look at the governance and organizational structure of the SAR. As you know we have a Congressional Charter, which is prestigious but somewhat limiting. We also have the SAR Foundation, which is chartered in Kentucky, and we have the right to use the CAAH name, so we have many sets of laws and rules we must follow. Questions have come up over the years about our corporate structures in regard to liability, accepting donations from charitable entities, whether we have the exclusive right to use all of the potential operating names we need, and whether our system of governance still makes sense. I am appointing 3 of our best lawyers, John Dodd, Davis Wright and PG David Appleby to seek answers to these questions and report to us by the Spring Leadership Meeting with any suggestions or proposed changes.

Over the last couple of years I often find myself reading the obituaries in the paper. I love to see where people were born, what they did and how they got to Houston. I look for their military service. I notice their work history sometimes being impressed if they were a doctor, partner in a big law firm or the president of a corporation. But what I increasingly search for is what they did to help their community. When you read an obituary you see at the top a year representing when they were born then a dash and then a year indicating when they died, with the dash representing their life. My wife Mickey Jo told me about a poem named the "Dash Between the Years" and I will quote a section from it;

"For it matters not how much we own...the cars...the house...the cash

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash"

How do you want to spend the rest of your dash? The fact that you are here tonight and a member of this society indicates that you love this country, that you care about its future, and you respect the ideals of our founding fathers and mothers. I think if we want this country to continue to look like Washington and Adams and Jefferson envisioned it then we have to insure that our young people understand their vision and love our country as we do. I believe the best way for us to do this is through our youth programs. I think you will agree that instilling in our young people the philosophy of the declaration of independence and a love of the freedoms in our constitution is worth some of your dash.

The 66th President General of the SAR was a Texan who served from 1968-1969. He was the son of a Texas Governor and was considered to be a real character. Much like a couple of recent PG's from Texas here tonight. His name was Walter Sterling and his interests lay more in business

than in politics but he also served on many charitable foundations, other than the SAR during his career. During an interview he was asked what kind of satisfaction he received from serving on a non-paying charitable board. His response was "You put a lot into it, and it's all for other people. That's satisfaction guaranteed". He went on to say "Nothing can buy the joy you get by doing things for other people. That's one of the satisfactions of life and that's why I served on these boards all of these years." I think PG Sterling captured the essence of what draws each of us to the SAR.

I close with a final thought about what makes an organization great. It is not how many members you have although people want to join organizations they think do worthwhile things. It is not how much money you have although people tend to vote with their pocketbook and give money when they think their money will be used for beneficial purposes. I think organizations become great when they help people or when they influence a positive and fundamental change in our society.

Our chance for the SAR to become great is to inspire this great country to continue to follow the patriotic vision of our founding fathers. Those of us in this room have contributed our money and valuable time in furtherance of preserving the principles of the American Revolution and we recognize that the future of this country is dependent on those principles remaining the cornerstone of our government and national vision. We have to dream the same dream that George Washington, John Adams and all of our patriot ancestors dreamed and we have to work to make their sacrifices count and to make sure that the youth of today understand and appreciate those dreams.

It is both humbling and an honor to have been elected President General and Mickey Jo and I look forward to this year and we hope to see many of you in your home states soon. God bless you.

2nd Annual SW Region FLSSAR Summer Meeting



A meeting of the Chapters comprising the Southwest Region of FLSSAR (Caloosa, Charlotte, Highlands, Naples, and Sararamana) was called to order on August 22, 2015 by SWR Vice President Lee Matson. The meeting was hosted by the Charlotte Chapter at South Port Square in Port Charlotte which provided a

pleasant venue and an excellent meal for all attending. Thirty-five people participated in the event, including representatives of all 5 SWR Chapters, local DAR Chapters, and wives of Compatriots attending.



After the usual opening rituals, RVP Matson welcomed all in attendance and introduced State Officers, host-Chapter President Robert Sprague, and State Committee Chairmen. Reports were offered by officers and chairmen regarding State Programs and the recent NSSAR Congress held in June in Louisville. Remarks included information on the SAR Library and the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL), and the Outreach Education and Communications Survey being conducted by NSSAR. Also included were a variety of topics for discussion at the upcoming BOM including various contests and awards, and reports on the FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Program and the Eagle Scout program.



Compatriot Sprague earned himself and his Chapter extra "points" by attending this State function in Continental Army uniform. He and the Charlotte Chapter are to be particularly commended on their support of the Florida Society and the SW Region by hosting this event. They also are making great progress on energizing and rebuilding their Chapter. This included the induction of two new members in a ceremony performed by FLSSAR President Larry Fehrenbaker. Receiving their certificates of membership and having their SAR rosettes pinned on by their wives were Compatriots Jay Kendall Andrews and Jimmie Ellis Manis, Jr. Also recognized during the ceremony was Compatriot Hampton Eugene Allen who was recently inducted at a Chapter meeting.

One of the secrets of successful membership recruiting for SAR Chapters, which was mentioned elsewhere during the program, is obtaining the assistance of the DAR ladies (wives or otherwise) in bringing in these new members. The growth in the Charlotte Chapter is thanks in large part to this factor.

The service staff of South Port Square took lunch orders and shortly thereafter followed a lovely meal and dessert. Lunch provided an opportunity to chat and share ideas with others in a casual setting. In many ways, these Regional meetings compliment the Board of Management (BOM) meetings held three times a year in Orlando, but which many members find themselves unable to attend. It is hoped that the Regional meetings will become a stimulus for more members

to attend a BOM.

Like the BOM, the opportunity to network and share ideas informally is a valuable component of these Regional summer meetings that are held in locations that are more easily reached by members and are at a much lower cost than multi-day conferences requiring lodging and travel. While those holding leadership positions in their Chapter or the State Society may feel a greater obligation to attend BOM meetings, both the BOM and the Regional meetings present opportunities for all members to participate in programs and activities that underlie the foundations of the SAR and the reason for its existence.



Following lunch, FLSSAR President Fehrenbaker discussed his personal goals for the Society during his term of office. The theme during his administration is "Back to basics" which refers to Chapter development and support (including recruitment and retention) promotion of our youth and ancillary school programs, and promotion of programs that emphasize patriotism and our patriot ancestors. The promotion of Regional meetings (like this SW Region meeting), first suggested by Caloosa Chapter member Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, and initiated by past President Steven Williams, is central to this effort.



Senior Vice President Ray Wess continued with the theme of "Back to basics" with a particular emphasis on member retention. When a Chapter is not retaining its members, it is essential that the leadership determine where the Chapter is coming up short. Reach out to those who have dropped out and ask "why"? Is it scheduling? Are meetings boring? Is the Chapter simply not fulfilling the reasons the member joined in the first place? Once the problems are addressed, then the focus can be more on recruiting. This can be a springboard for a Chapter, like Palm Beach, to grow from 81 members to more than double that over a period of only a few years.

Roundtable discussions were conducted by RVP Matson to allow Chapters to share "best practices" – ideas that are working well for them, as well as concerns where Chapters are in need of State assistance. Also discussed: Florida Society Programs and Best Practices. In summary, a great deal was covered and ideas were exchanged that will help SW Region Chapters to continue to improve and to help the State Society to support the Chapters. The remaining six FLSSAR Regions would be well-advised to follow the lead of the SW Region and conduct similar meetings at the regional level.

Veterans Battalion



The FLSSAR Veterans Battalion has been formed to honor members of the Florida Society who have, in the finest traditions of our Patriot Ancestors, served in the Armed Forces of the United States, or our allies, thereby protecting the freedoms and liberties first given us by the blood and treasure of our Forefathers and continued to the present by the sacrifices of each following generation.

Membership in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion shall be extended, upon application, to members of the Florida Society who have served or are serving honorably on active duty in any branch of military service, such service as has been determined to confer veteran's status under the various laws and regulations of the United States. An applicant to the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion will file a completed Survey Form MV-1 along with supporting documentation to their Chapter President, or to the FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC). After the certification by the Chapter President (or the VRC) the member will be added to the muster roster of the Battalion.

All current members of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion will continue to be enrolled regardless of any changes in policies or criteria for membership. Any Florida Society member who has been awarded the War Service Medal (WSM) or the Military Service Medal (MSM), whether by their Chapter, the FLSSAR, or the NSSAR will be enrolled in the Veterans Battalion without being required to submit any additional documentation. Conversely, anyone who is enrolled in the Veterans Battalion is by definition eligible for either the WSM or the MSM and they should be considered for such award by their Chapter. The criteria for these awards is established by NSSAR and reference should be made to the published standards to determine which award is appropriate.

The FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Database is available through a link on the FLSSAR Website - <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabx.asp>. The Database is organized first by FLSSAR Region, then by Chapter within the Region listed alphabetically. Individual members within each Chapter are listed generally in the order that they were enrolled in the Battalion. Each member is associated with the period during which they served on active duty. If it is known that they have been awarded the WSM or the MSM, this information is entered. The branch(s) of service served in are shown as well, if known. If the member has been awarded the Purple Heart or the Medal of Honor and the information has been verified, this is recorded as well.

Every member and every Chapter is encouraged to review the information in the Database and to submit any corrections required. Changes, additions, or corrections may be submitted by use of the Form MV-1 (available through the link on the FLSSAR Website) or simply by contacting Robert McGuire, Chairman FLSSAR VRC: (239) 542-0068, rmcguire@slvx.com, or mail to 1417 SW 52nd Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914.

Chapter News

Andrew Snowden Chapter



Picture caption: Aaron Snowden chapter President David Hillsman, NW Florida Regional VP DeCody Marble, Chapter Vice President Ned France.

Mr. DeCody Marble, newly elected Northwest Florida Regional Vice President visited our chapter meeting on 21 June. After our chapter meeting, he presented some ideas to regenerate interest and attendance. Mr. Marble with expertise in information technology also offered to assist the chapter in creating an Aaron Snowden web site. This will increase visibility and access to the chapter.

The Aaron Snowden Chapter attended the county wide Memorial Day event to honor veterans of all wars where the chapter presented a large flower wreath that was placed on the wall at Veterans Memorial Park.

Chapter President David Hillsman has donated Revolutionary War series CD's to Pace City Library, Pace and Milton High School Libraries to have available Revolutionary war material accessible to young people.

Lonnie Jones and committee are working to secure a site at new County courthouse to plant a "Liberty Tree", to include dedication by mayor, plaque at the site. Stay tuned.

Caloosa Chapter

JROTC: In May, the Caloosa Chapter awarded 14 Bronze JROTC medals at the annual JROTC Awards Ceremony held at the Lee County Civic Center. Each year we participate along with other veterans and patriotic organizations in recognizing outstanding cadets in the Lee County JROTC Program. The medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen and recipients are selected by their commanding officer based upon their leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.

FIRST RESPONDERS: Also in May, members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the Lee County Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony in Ft. Myers. An "End of Watch" Roll Call of Heroes

named 15 police officers and 2 canines who had died in the line of duty while employed at the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Ft. Myers Police Department, and the Florida Highway Patrol.

MEETINGS: Starting the new season in October, the Caloosa Chapter will have a new venue for its monthly luncheon meetings. Our new meeting site will be at The Marina at Edison Ford (operated by Pinchers) in Historic Downtown Fort Myers, adjacent to the Edison Ford Estates. The venue offers spectacular views of the Caloosahatchee River and great food to support our programs. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, but with one or two Saturday meetings each season. Check our website – www.caloosasar.org – for details and RSVP.

COLOR GUARD: The Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp will participate in the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Department Dedication on August 26th, and will participate in the Parade of Heroes on September 12th. The parade is being organized by the SW Florida Military Museum and Library in Cape Coral.

Flagler Chapter



Photo Caption for Fire Safety Award: From Left to Right: Patriot David Kelsey, Mayor Catherine H. Robinson, Fire Chief Derek Fraser, Lt. Richard Kocik, President Randall Morris

A Fire Safety Medal and Certificate was presented to Bunnell volunteer firefighter/paramedic Lt. Richard Kocik. The presentation occurred on July 27, 2015 at a monthly Bunnell city council meeting. Lt. Kocik received congratulatory comments from the mayor and members of the city council as well as a standing ovation from those attending the monthly city council meeting.

Lt. Kocik is employed full time as a firefighter paramedic at nearby Marion County Fire Rescue.

As a volunteer firefighter/paramedic with the Bunnell Volunteer Fire Dept., he has acquired state certification as a Fire Officer I and Instructor. Lt. Kocik was recognized for his outstanding and dedicated performance both as a full

time and volunteer firefighter/paramedic. At Bunnell Volunteer Fire Dept., he has provided over 2500 volunteer hours and is responsible for training. Several volunteers have acquired state certification as firefighters through his efforts. Lt. Kocik is currently instructing another group of Bunnell volunteer firefighters, ever strengthening the local fire department.



On September 18th, 2015 the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution participated in a joint Constitution Day program with the Flagler County Friends of the Library in Palm Coast.

Compatriot David Kelsey arranged a program featuring Flagler County Judge Melissa Moore Stens discussing the 8th Amendment and its relevance to a 2014 funded and implemented pre-trial release program. The program increases the courts efficiency thereby reducing taxpayer costs and at the same time protects the accused's 8th Amendment Rights.

Judge Moore Stens is an excellent speaker and there was record attendance at this event. The Flagler County Friends of the Library sent our Flagler Chapter a very complimentary note expressing how pleased they were with the success of this event, the growing community interest in our Constitution, and their interest in partnering with our Flagler SAR Chapter for additional joint patriotic and educational programs of interest to the community.



From Left to Right: Compatriot David Kelsey, Corporal Peter Young, President Randall Morris, Treasurer Bill Knisely, and Sons of the American Revolution Liberty Tree in Heroes Memorial Park, Palm Coast

Florida Highway Patrol Corporal Peter G. Young was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate. The award was presented on September 17th, 2015 at Heroes Memorial Park in Palm Coast in front of the Flagler Chapter Liberty Tree by President Randall Morris.



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



Corporal Young has served the citizens of Flagler County and the State of Florida with distinction and devotion to duty for over 40 years. He is being recognized for his exceptional service and accomplishments in the field of law enforcement.

Currently, Corporal Young is recognized as a Traffic Homicide Reconstructionist in Florida and is qualified as an expert witness having investigated over 500 documented traffic homicides. In addition to Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida, he is a PHD candidate in the field of Public Affairs. As an Adjunct Professor at Vincennes University, he enjoys teaching courses in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice.

Corporal Young's experiences include: volunteering with the Palm Coast Fire Dept (1974-1975); former patrol sergeant with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office; former Bunnell Chief of Police; former Bunnell City Commissioner; former Flagler County teen court judge; and currently a 33 year career with FHP.



compatriots of our Chapter and other Chapters enough for making this life time experience come true for a very great full Australian family thank you all.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter



Chapter member Peter Morish, a relative of General George Washington, & his family were received on an escorted tour of Mt Vernon by The Ladies of Mt Vernon. During this tour, Peter did not know that we were to be given the privilege of taking part in the wreath laying ceremony at Uncle George's tomb and his son given the pleasure of reading Uncle George's prayer for the nation. My family and Peter cannot thank The Ladies of Mt Vernon and many

Jacksonville Chapter

During the Spring, we presented ROTC Silver Medals and Certificates to units at both Jacksonville University and the University of North Florida. We presented 20 Bronze JROTC Medals and Certificates to High School programs in the three county area, 1 in Nassau County, 14 in Duval County and 5 in Clay County. Presentations were made by Compatriots Dennis Carpenter, Martin Schwartz, Dick Cardell, David Ramseur, David Bahn, Chuck Farmer, Gray Chandler, Bill Tomlinson, John Roberson, Preston Moses, Rev. Bob Hale, and Scott Breckenridge. By their efforts we achieved 100% attendance at all the award ceremonies this year.

At the chapter meeting on May 28, 2015, President General Lindsey Brock inducted the chapter officers for 2015-2016, and inducted three new members, including our youngest member, 10-month old James Price

During the Summer, the Color Guard members attended Memorial Day ceremonies at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, and the Jacksonville Beaches Chaplains Memorial. Additional Color Guard events were the Patriotic Family Festival at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, and a History of the Star and Stripes at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fernandina Beach.

We also presented flags to 9 families receiving homes from Habitat For Humanity in Duval and Clay counties.



Miami Chapter



Comments read by Rafael T. Rodríguez on May 15th, 2015 during his initiation.

I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have given me since I started attending the luncheons back in January 16. I feel deeply honored to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I would like to share with you some of the reasons why I feel so privileged to be a member of this organization.

I was born in Havana, Cuba in 1945. Fourteen years later, in 1959, life for Cubans changed radically. By 1960, Castro's totalitarian, Communist dictatorship had taken control over the life and destiny of the citizens. All aspects of civil society came under the strict control of the state, with all decisions made unilaterally by Castro, using the power of decrees without the consent of the people. The Rule of Law was summarily eliminated by Castro, and his arbitrary and capricious executive orders became the rule of government. No one dared to question Castro's decisions, and those who did paid dearly for it. Castro became the feudal Lord of Cuba.

Before 1959 I had never pondered on the concept of freedom, just as I had never questioned the air I was breathing. When I lost my freedom as a fifteen year old teenager, I felt suffocated at a very primal and visceral level. Freedom became an obsession for me.

I arrived in the United States from Cuba, as a political exile, on April of 1962. After spending ten days in Miami, I went to live with my uncles and cousins in New York City.

Even though it was almost the end of the semester, I was allowed to enroll at George Washington High School in the upper part of Manhattan.

My first encounter with the American Revolution took place in this school, when I read, the Declaration of Independence in an American History class.

The words in the second paragraph resonated deeply in my heart: All men "...are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Two words jumped out of the page: UNALIENABLE, and of course, LIBERTY, my abiding obsession.

My longing for freedom, which I had experienced as a primal and visceral feeling in Cuba, was expressed simply and beautifully by Thomas Jefferson. Liberty is an essential and intrinsic natural right that cannot be transferred or surrendered. I realized why I had felt suffocated in Cuba, and Jefferson's words validated my overpowering feelings. I had been deprived of a right that is as essential as air is to life.

Freedom is not negotiable.

In 1970, two years after I was discharged from the U.S. Army, I took advantage of the G.I. Bill. I packed my bags, left New York City and went to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where I majored in Political Science. My second encounter with the American Revolution took place when I read *The Federalist* and *The Antifederalist* papers, a very important component of the American Revolution after the end of the armed struggle in 1783.

The gentlemen who wrote these papers under cryptic pseudonyms were passionate, argumentative and contentious as they proposed their ideas on how to build the new nation. They were also very eloquent and lucid. It is a real pleasure to read these arguments, which I believe are still relevant today.

I became fascinated by the intellectual process that preceded the ratification of the constitution in 1788. The Founders were attempting to articulate the lofty and aspirational principles and values of the Declaration of Independence, into a workable and sustainable constitution. No easy task when you had so many different points of view and agendas.

As we all know, the final document was an amazing and glorious achievement, but it lacked an important element: Protection of individual rights, the inalienable right of freedom so beautifully expressed in the Declaration of Independence. Fortunately for us and for history, the Bill of Rights was finally added in 1791 to the constitution, as the first 10 amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

Finally, I would like to share with you an anecdote about Ben Franklin that I love:

At the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a gentleman approached Ben Franklin and asked him what kind of government they had created. Ben Franklin looked at him and said: "*A Republic...if you can keep it.*"

The first time I read this anecdote, I felt as though Ben Franklin was talking to me. His warning is still as relevant today as it was in 1787. As a nation, we have managed to keep the Republic for the last 228 years. It's up to every new generation to keep the flame alive.

I believe that the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, are the quintessential representatives of the ideals and values that were forged during the course of the American Revolution.

My fellow compatriots, these are the reasons why I feel so honored and privileged to be inducted as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

I look forward to working with you and developing a deep fraternal bond with all the members.

Thank you.

Palm Beach Chapter



At the Flag Retirement Ceremony, recently as pictured, Chapter Officers pictured (l-r:) Don Lanman Vice President, Gary Green President, were in attendance.



At the Memorial Day Event Flag Retirement Ceremony, Chapter Officers as pictured (l-r) Chaplin Sanford Sears, President Gary Green, Past Pres. Ray Wess, Past Pres Ed Buckley, VP Don Lanman were in attendance.

The Palm Beach Chapter's membership soared to 167 members over the past two years as part of a proactive multi-phased recruiting strategy supported by a robust and diligent ancestor application effort led by Past Chapter President, Ray Wess.

The remarkable membership growth that elevated Palm Beach Chapter to the largest in Florida, despite the passing of 15 compatriots, reflects the dedication of Chapter members in recruiting, a proactive response to all new SAR member referrals, social media outreach, community involvement, and coordination with local DAR chapters.

The Chapter continues its leadership in the State Society and local community with active member involvement in many state and local Patriot activities including:

Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle Site Dedication: Chapter Vice President Don Lanman presented a Chapter "Honor Wreath" at the March dedication of the Revolutionary War's Southernmost battle site in Jacksonville.

10th Annual, "A Day to Remember" Memorial Day Ceremony: Chapter President Gary Green, Vice President Don Lanman, Past Presidents Ray Wess and Ed Buckley, current and past Chapter Officers continued its historic participation in the annual *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day* ceremony. The ceremony included special guest speakers and concluded with the presentation of the Chapter's "Honor Wreath" as a tribute to all Veterans.

Flag Day, "American Flag Retirement" Ceremony: Chapter President Gary Green, Vice President Don Lanman, and fellow Compatriots joined local DAR Chapter Daughters and Veterans groups to officially and respectfully "Retire" over 50 non-serviceable American flags.

SAR BOM & National Congress: Chapter President Gary Green, Vice President Don Lanman, and Past President Ray

Wess participated in the Societies State BOM and 125th National Congress in Louisville, KY. Ray Wess, Past Chapter President, was elected State Society Vice President and Chapter Vice President Don Lanman was appointed to serve on four State Committees including *Audit, Publicity, Veterans,* and *DAR Liaison.*

Building a Successful Organizational Culture

By Chuck Sweeney

Don't let your Chapter die, "...Like flowers in the fall. Don't take away the smiles and leave the tears." (These quotes are the second and third lines of the Ricky Skaggs song "Don't Let Your Sweet Love Die.")

The Color Guard is the face of a Chapter. The soul of a Chapter is what we do. Lifeblood is the link that connects the face and the soul. It is the indispensable factor which gives a chapter vitality and continuity.

When Color Guard, Soul and Lifeblood come together as part of a Membership Promotion and Retention Strategy a Chapter begins to build a healthy organizational culture which furthers success. What's most important for the success of a chapter, as defined by smiles, participation, and results?

Most successful organizations have as a minimum three understandings. One, what they do is supportable. Two, they do not do everything. And three, great things have small beginnings.

So it is with creating and maintaining a culture within an SAR Chapter that produces participation, smiles, retention, successful outcomes and limits the prospect that your chapter will die. The purpose of this article therefore is to stimulate thought and to create awareness at the chapter level of factors that assists in achieving success and that facilitate the creation of a meaningful Membership Promotion and Retention Strategy.

Granted, the Color Guard is also what we do; but, it's not the sole generator of smiles and successful outcomes. What makes a chapter effective is knowing how to minimize to maximize opportunities; knowing how to calculate the numbers of Compatriots a chapter needs from year to year to do what it does; and knowing the danger signs that signal a chapter is about to spiral into nonexistence. Key questions here relate to making a determination if the membership numbers are rising or falling.

Like the Laffer Curve (Simply stated for our understanding, they are points on a bell curve where the increase of action on the upside of the curve has the same effect as a reduction of action on the downside of the curve), either the rising or falling of membership numbers could likely result in the same outcome; namely, members are reluctant to step forward and lead. In a rising membership scenario, the question that needs to be asked is: "Are we recruiting too many acquaintances?" In a member decreasing membership scenario the question that needs to be asked is: "Are we asking our membership to do more than they are willing to do?" And in either scenario, the question that needs to be asked is: "Do we have an effective MP&RS, which complements our chapter's points of focus for bring on line programs we can support?"

The litmus test here is to conduct an analysis of the chapter's roster to determine who fills top leadership positions and important committee chairmanships. If any of these Com-

patriots are dual or triple hatted, you need to be concerned that your chapter could be on a road that leads to a spiral into non-existence. Yet these failings or such reality need not happen, for the solution to these danger signs is the same.

Coming to the conclusion that there is something stale in the way your chapter is doing business or that the same people are doing all the work doesn't come easily. But as you read this, and as you notice that your head is shaking up and down in agreement, it's time to take action.

Minimize to Maximize: Gather your key leaders who are likeminded. Hopefully these are your President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Sargent-at-Arms. Review what the SAR is all about, focusing on the fact that the Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation, it seeks to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "E Pluribus Unum."

Then Evaluate the makeup of your membership and the receptiveness of your local community to your chapter doing activities that perpetuate the ideals of the war of independence; that maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism; that respect our national symbols; and that demonstrate the value of American citizenship. Now begin to rebuild, taking action to discover what your MP&RS is going to be. This can be done in four steps.

Big Things have Small Beginnings

Step One. Begin by placing on paper the size of the chapter you want, based upon current numbers and past experiences. Eliminate all jobs and committees. Then fashion an orientation that key leaders need to be free to do their primary jobs, and that no member needs to become a chairman or serve on more than two committees. Then establish your points of focus to bring on line, one at a time if necessary, only those programs you'll support because they are consistent with what is receptive in your community and because they are national programs that work well due to funding and backing at the highest levels.

For example, to expand and foster the meaning of patriotism in your chapter, elect the point of focus to participate in the Americanism Elementary and Middle Schools Poster Contests, and/or the Knight Essay Contest.

To perpetuate the ideals of the war of independence focus on Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest and/or the JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest. Both of these programs involve community interaction and are supported fully at the State Society and National SAR Levels.

To perpetuate the ideals of the war of independence also plan to participate in the ROTC/JROTC Awards Program, which consist of the (1) JROTC Bronze Medals and Certificates Presentations Program, and (2) the Enhanced JROTC Program, aka the JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest. This program was created eighteen years ago by own Florida Society member and Past President General (1997-1998) Carl Hoffmann.

To further respect our national symbols establish a point of focus which enables your chapter to honor participants in the SAR Eagle Scout program.

To exhibit to your community that you value the ideals of American citizenship by those who serve, sponsor a program that honors Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters.

To put a face on all your activities establish a Color Guard as the unifying force. You don't need many. Three to four will do.

The NSSAR Color Guard Handbook gives guidance for



the minimum number of men that form a Color Guard unit. That number is four: Two (2) Color Bearers of which one carries the United States National Flag, and the other carries either the State or SAR Flag; and two (2) Musketeers or Riflemen who escort the Color Bearers. Further, it's authorized that should a Florida SAR Chapter not have Musketeers or Riflemen in attendance, the Color Guard may have a minimum of three (3) members with at least one, usually the Color Guard Commander, marching to the right of the National Colors. The left side of the National Colors shall be covered, where practical, either by a second Color Guard member or by another Color Guard Bearer who carries another flag (most often the state flag or an SAR flag). In formations exceeding four Compatriots, the Color Guard Commander will march ahead of the National Colors separate from any other rank.

Step Two. "Make things simple not simpler." This is a paraphrase of a famous quote attributed to Albert Einstein. It has several interpretations. Its value to us, however, is imbedded in the understanding that focus nets significant positive outcomes. The depth of this understanding is found in the words of the late Steve Jobs. "Simple can be harder than complex. You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

Any one or all of the aforementioned programs will add meaning and depth to your organization. You don't have to do everything, but focusing on one or more bread and butter programs of the SAR will not only spotlight those who are participants but will cause those members and guests in attendance to smile.

Step Three. Re-evaluate the work you did in step one, with an eye on determining the status of your chapter's organizational culture and the degree to which it will harmonize successfully with the programs you believe are supportable and which encompass the culture of the National SAR.

For our purposes, organizational culture (OC) includes values and behaviors unique to a chapter and the community in which it resides. Furthermore, it includes a chapter's vision, habits, beliefs, and managerial leadership style/structure. Two noted researchers in the field of OC wrote in a 2006 article that OC is a set of shared assumptions that guide what happens in organizations by defining appropriate behavior for various situations. (**Jump up** ^ Ravasi, D.;

Schultz, M. (2006). "Responding to organizational identity threats: Exploring the role of organizational culture". *Academy of Management Journal* 49 (3): 433–458. doi:10.5465/amj.2006.21794663.) Stated differently, OC affects the way Compatriots and other groups interact with each other. For example, an excellent source for recruitment in a chapter's community is the cultivation of new member referrals from DAR members.

Step Four. Know how to calculate your chapter's continuation rate (CR). This is essential, for it gives a numerical benchmark regarding the possible number of Compatriots who will remain with the chapter in the next year to carry out its membership promotion and retention strategy (MP&RS). For our purposes the CR is a comparison of empirical data regarding the end- strengths of the two most recent years. It's the first and foremost activity a chapter should consider during its development of a MP&RS.

For example, end-strengths of the various Florida SAR chapters are listed at <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/testCounts.asp>. Review the data for the Saramana Chapter. Its CR is the product of the membership number for 2013 divided by the total membership number for 2014. This calculation is 87.6 percent.

It makes good managerial sense to know the current number of Compatriots in your Chapter and the likely percentage who will remain with the chapter in the following year. If for no other reason, knowing the chapter's CR gives leadership a recruiting number that must be realized to grow or shrink in size (To shrink in size might be just as important as to grow in membership numbers. Effective leaders know what's in the best interest of their chapters and the SAR that will enable them to remain successful for years to come).

Logically speaking, if a chapter wishes to grow, then its recruiting effort beyond its status quo number has to increase. In the previous example concerning the Saramana Chapter, if the current existing membership number is 159 it is likely that 139 Compatriots will renew their membership in the following year. Thus, the Saramana Chapter's MP&RS must have a recruiting objective of at least 20 newly joined Compatriots if it wishes to maintain its status quo membership size. If, however, the Saramana Chapter wishes to grow to 165 members, it must set its recruiting objective for at least 26 new members.

The CR should not be confused with growth or decline rate; it refers only to the existing numbers of Compatriots on hand for a specific moment of time. Its value, however, is the planning dimension it offers. Namely, it provides an estimated recruiting/retention target for a chapter to adjust its membership numbers so it can manage programs it considers essential for successful outcomes.

In Sum. Don't let a chapter die. A Chapter's journey for building a successful organizational culture, which reverses or prevents a spiral into nonexistence and helps in the creation of a meaningful Membership Promotion and Retention Strategy for success, is a function of the following:

1. Know the danger signs. Avoid doing everything.
2. Know your people. Assign them to responsibilities and tasks sparingly. But do so with focus to capture their strengths and your chapter's objectives.
3. Develop an organizational culture, ensuring that it is supportable in the community in which the chapter resides;

initiate and sustain the objectives of the SAR through selective participation in its "bread and butter programs."

4. *Minimize what you do to maximize success; realizing great things have small beginnings.*

5. *Know how to compute a continuation rate, so to ensure that an estimated number of needed members can be calculated for the execution of an effective MP&RS.*

6. *Make thing simple, which ensures you aren't taking away the smiles and leaving tears.*



In the above photo Chapter honors are rendered to JROTC Cadets and Senior military Instructors of the eight High Schools in Naples, Florida. JROTC Bronze Medals and accompanying Certificates were presented to future Cadet leaders.

Shown below is Cadet Colonel Shannon Hunihan with her parents. She was a previous Saramana Chapter and FLSSAR Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest winner.



Eagle David Hager of the Jacksonville Chapter receives the National SAR Eagle Scout of the year award from FLS-SAR Eagle Scout Program from Chairman Charles Day.



Naples Chapter Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest participants with parents.



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. Below is new members not listed in the previous FLSSAR Florida Patriot.

Name:	Chapter:	Name:	Chapter:
Walter Vayle Sawyer	St. Lucie River	James Ronald Schnee	Withlacoochee
Gary Allen Skinner	Brevard	Tyler Murray Smith	Palm Beach
Warren Gary Smith	Lakeland	Philip Scott Steele	St. Petersburg
Arthur Kent Stevens	Clearwater	Carl Fenimore Sutphin	Caloosa
Ralph Curtis Thomas	Tallahassee	William P. Tomlinson	Jacksonville
Gary Allen Weed	Gainesville	William M. Weed	Gainesville
Ryan Thomas Whiteman	Miami	Hancel Bernard Woods	St. Augustine
Olis Oliver Wragg	Naples	David Leslie Wratlslaw	Palm Beach
Gary Bennett Wynns	Palm Beach	James Carlton Wynns	Palm Beach

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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>.

To: President General Tom Lawrence
From: Colleen Wilson, The SAR Center Director
Date: July 31, 2015
RE: National Outreach Education Initiatives

Outreach Education initiatives identified in this status report reflects projects that significantly impact the SAR membership across the country. We continue to contribute to SAR endeavors to increase the exposure of the National Headquarters in Louisville as a cultural destination and viable resource to the educational community.

Since the 2014 Congress, Outreach Education has sent out over 2,218 pieces of educational resources to SAR members around the world.

Completed

Prepared and conducted the first Outreach Education Open House at Congress.

Over 200 members attended scheduled presentations, met with representatives of Youth Award Committees, received National History Day state contact information including early release of 2016 theme, accessed education materials, and retrieved copies of the newly released education DVDs. One of the highlights of the Open House was a presentation by the 2015 winner of the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Derrick Lindow. His program illustrated outstanding examples of innovative teaching strategies which engage today's history students in the classroom. Lindow addressed members' questions about getting into the classroom and the best avenues to reach educators. Bill Stone, Alabama Society, demonstrated the "Articles of Association 1774" and Tom Green, Texas Society, shared his expertise on the "American Flag Program" while Mark Anthony walked members through the intricacies of the Americanism Score Sheet. These presentations are excellent examples of our members' commitment to Outreach Education and their expertise in mentoring to others.

Educational DVDs are now posted on YouTube for nation-wide access. Since March 2015, Outreach Education has coordinated the dissemination of "The Articles of Association of 1774," "American Flag Program," "Music in the American Revolution," "France's Contribution to American Independence." One complete set of this collection was initially sent to each state society. Future DVDs will be posted digitally on-line and also sent directly to each state society secretary. Open House feedback indicates that members still want to receive hard copies of these materials as a way of introducing themselves to school administration and grade level educators.

Secured Revolutionary War display material for state and local level event booths, civic celebrations, member recruitment, and classroom enrichment. The United States Military Academy's *American Colonies, 1775: The American Revolutionary War: Principal Campaigns of the War* was obtained with permission of the USMA

Department of History. It gives an exceptional overview of the key battles, campaigns, and boundaries for each side of the American Revolution. **John W. Barber's *The Eight Years of the War of the American Revolution: Chronological Table of the American Revolution, showing the Time and Place of each event* is dated 1871 in accordance with**

an Act of Congress with permission granted by the Library of Congress. The table provides a unique layout of the American Revolution.

One complete laminated set is complimentary supplied to each state society. Additional poster sets are also available for purchase. The ability for members to download these posters and print them off locally will be a tool available on the new temporary Outreach Education web site.

Museum Collection Power Point Program developed to foster a better understanding of the museum collection and support object-based learning. Showcased at the Open House, members are given selected examples of exhibit pieces and their educational potential at preferred grade levels. The program's objective is to encourage members to select reproductions of artifacts in their own area and incorporate them in program content. It can also serve as a supplemental local chapter program. Members will be able to access this presentation on the new temporary Outreach Education web site.

In Process

SAR Education Outreach Site is being rejuvenated and reconstructed for use as a temporary landing page until the new web site becomes available. Formerly a site used to implement a grant, its location will remain under the Youth Education tab. This temporary site will offer DVD YouTube selections, articles, speeches, biographies, display posters to download, program material, and access to resource materials.

New Youth Awards Council will be working with Youth Award chairmen to clarify the process by which local chapters and their state societies can become involved and thereby encourage greater participation. A brochure mock up will be prepared for the Council's review at Leadership and include the similarities and exceptions for each award.

Videos will be taken of representatives from each Youth Awards Committee and placed on line for members to access. These individual videos will provide committees with a national platform to promote their award and helped to insure adherence to contest rules. Efforts are underway to secure the production capabilities of a vocational high school to record these videos. A template is being developed as an aid to the chairman as they create their presentation.

A "Cemetery Preservation Workshop" will be offered to all members on Thursday, Sept. 24 at Fall Leadership. The program will feature Michael Higgs, well known historian for Cave Hill Cemetery. Members active or interested in cemetery and Patriot Grave programs will find Higgs' expansive background very helpful. Topics to be covered include cemetery protocol, etiquette, and the hidden resources these sites provide researchers. A panel of SAR members will also be on hand to share their experiences and answer members' questions.

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 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REGISTRATION FORM

Fall BOM October 23-25, 2015

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



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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 th – Saturday	Chicken Picata	\$ 41.00			\$ 0.00
	With mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots				
	SELECT ONE	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
	Total due				\$ 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 V vegetarian meal

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



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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.