

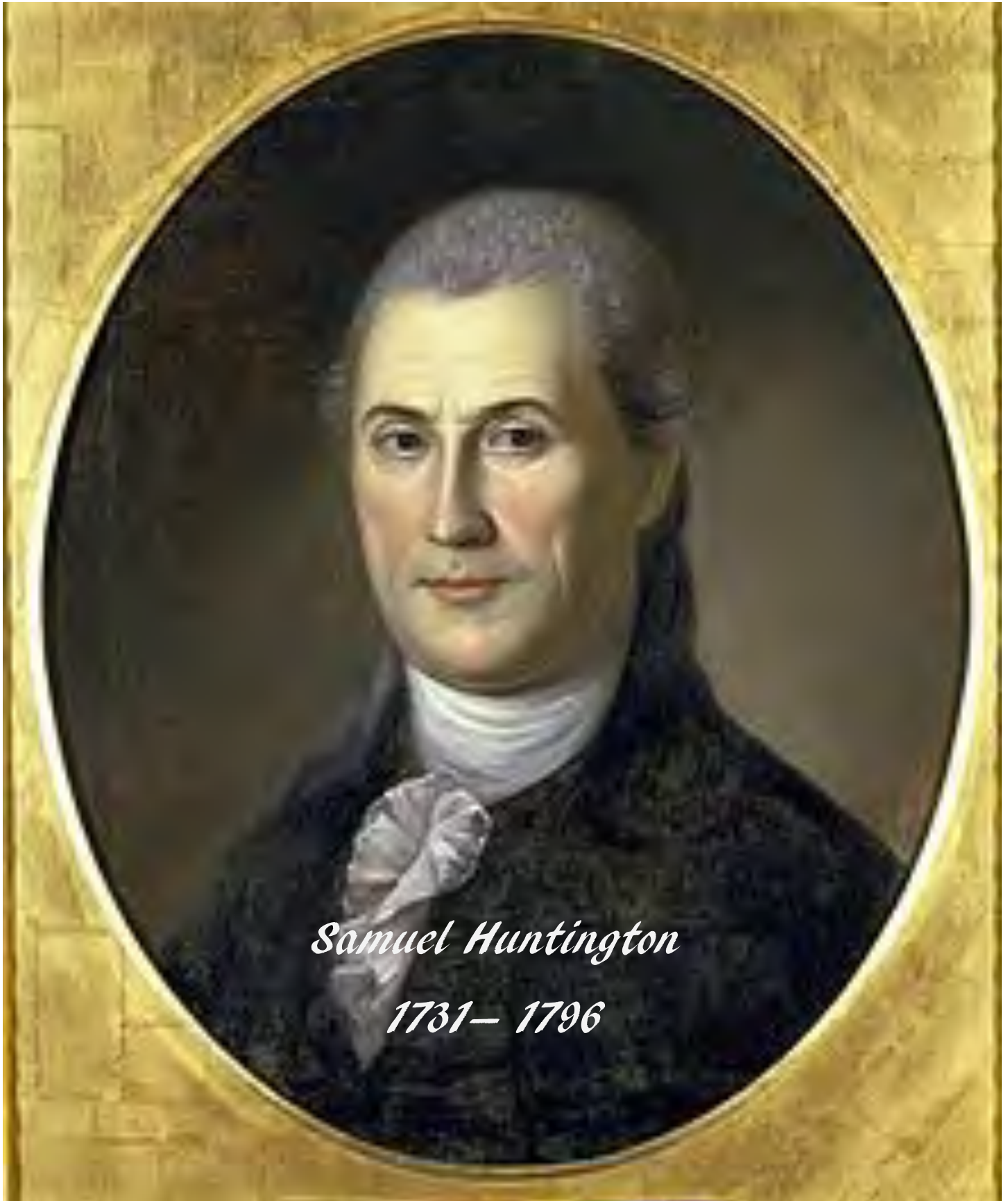


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2016 - 2017*

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*Society President's
Message*

Beloved Compatriots and Friends,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your 87th President of the Florida Society. I would be remiss if I don't mention the exemplary job that Dr. Lawrence (Larry) G. Fehrenbaker Sr., MD performed for our society this last year. He was accompanied by his lovely wife Jeanne who served as the President of the Florida Society's Ladies Auxiliary. Both Larry and Jeanne are owed our sincere gratitude for the many accomplishments achieved during their tenure. As the society's Senior Vice President, I observed first hand their hard work and dedication. May God Bless both of them.



My Initiatives for my term as President will be to form a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of 15 to 20 members. The core committee members will be the Executive Committee, Regional Vice Presidents and selected Board of Management Members with special skills such as finance, law, and corporate and government management. The National SAR has a Strategic Planning Committee and Florida, the second largest society within the SAR, needs to have a long term and short term plan. We need to prioritize our efforts and implement achievable goals for the short and long term. My goal is to have a round table discussion with the seated committee at the fall Board of Management meeting. Once the committee creates the framework of the plan, I am going to present it at the annual meeting in May 2017 for discussion and implementation.

My other initiatives include a complete review of our Governing Documents and Charters. There are several issues that need to be fixed. I want to create an easy to access and instantaneous up to date copy of Governing Documents and Charters with the newly created Executive Administrator being the custodian. The administrator will be responsible for updating and posting new and complete information so that it will easily be accessed by the membership.

I also want the administrator to be the backstop for new applicant inquiries. Recently and in the past we have had prospective applicants become very frustrated with trying to get information and help in applying for membership in the SAR. In the future, prospective applicants having trouble getting responses from our chapters regarding membership, will be directed to our new administrator who will arrange contact with the appropriate chapter leadership.

I want all chapters to seriously consider initiating a "Widow's Brigade" within their chapters. I started a "Widow's Brigade" when I was President of the Palm Beach Chapter. I researched our old rolls for surviving widows of deceased compatriots and initially invited them to our 75th Anniversary banquet. It turned out to be very successful with six widows attending. Because of the success, I invited these dear ladies to attend every meeting and function of the chapter. Some of the ladies are regular attendees and some attend at least one meeting during the year.

These dear ladies accompanied their husbands to many of our SAR functions and developed meaningful social contacts within the SAR. A sad and unfortunate situation occurs when their husband passes away and their contact with the SAR ceases. We owe it to these ladies to continue to keep them within the SAR family and keep the memory of their husbands and our compatriots alive.

We are moving to a new venue, beginning with the fall Board

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.

of Management Meeting, Oct. 14 & 15. We will be holding our meetings at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs (spelled correctly) Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida, 34746. Our nightly rate is \$139 and includes a complimentary cooked to order breakfast every morning and complimentary cocktails and drinks every evening between 5:30PM and 7:30PM. The rate and complimentary items are offered to up to four people per room and the rate is good for three days before and three days after the event. **The cutoff date for receiving the special discount and amenities for the fall Board of Management Meeting is September 30th.**

Moving to the new venue with the included breakfast and drinks brings the net cost of attending the meeting down and addresses many of the complaints of attending the meetings as being too expensive. In a continued effort to keep attendance costs down, we are revamping the winter Board of Management Meeting. We are changing it from an evening banquet to a luncheon on Saturday in celebration of the birth of our patriarch, His Excellency, General George Washington. We will conduct our annual Rumbaugh Oration Contest in mid to late morning. We will have our luncheon and then crown the winner of the oration contest. A two-hour Board of Management Meeting will follow the luncheon with the Ladies Auxiliary meeting in a separate room simultaneously. All functions should be complete by 3:30PM and everyone should be able to return home on the same day without an overnight stay. For those members wishing to stay overnight, the special discounted room rate is available.

A special celebration will be held for the Vietnam Era Veterans at the fall Board of Management meeting in October. We will issue an official "Welcome Home Proclamation" to our Vietnam Era Veterans and celebrate their homecoming at the evening banquet on October 15, 2016. Each veteran will receive a copy of the proclamation and a special 50th Anniversary pin from the Vietnam Commemorative Committee in Washington, D.C. This ceremony will include President Allen Greenly and members of the Georgia Society. I urge all Florida veterans from the Vietnam era, regardless of whether or not you served in the combat theater or served somewhere else during the war, to attend this special commemorative welcome home.

The concept of holding regional meetings is working well. Dr. Fehrenbaker started this concept during his term and I have decided to keep it. I requested each Regional Vice President to schedule a regional meeting as soon as possible. So far we have three meetings scheduled and several more in the works. The meetings already scheduled include: Southwest Region – August 13, 2016, West Central Region – August 27, 2016, Northeast Region – September 03, 2016. During the past year the regional meeting concept has been extremely successful with regional members who have never attended a Board of Management Meeting, attending the regional meeting and making significant contributions.

My dear friends, our success is measured by your involvement and cooperation. As the second largest society in the SAR, we should be leaving our "footprints" everywhere in the society. It is imperative that you walk with me and make our presence known everywhere within the SAR.

I remain your current and constant humble servant. God Bless You All!

Respectfully,

Ray Wess



The Graperine *FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary*

It is my distinct honor to serve as your president this coming year. We have a great group of ladies and we support our husbands in their efforts to serve the SAR. We will continue to host "gift basket raffles" at each Board of Management banquet or luncheon. As you know, the money raised at these raffles is used to supplement the cash prizes for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest and other youth programs in the SAR. It is imperative that all chapters support this cause by bringing a gift basket with a suggested value of \$50.00 to each Board of Management Meeting.

Although the men are changing their format at the winter Board of Management from an evening banquet to an after noon luncheon, we will continue to raffle baskets at the luncheon. So make sure that you bring your baskets to that meeting.

As the men move to a new venue this October at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs (spelled correctly) Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida, 34746, I am excited about the new suites and facility. My husband and I made a surprise visit to the venue in December and we enjoyed ourselves very much. The facility is very clean and only a few years old.

During our last meeting in May, we had a First Lady's Tea Luncheon, for SAR First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence. The ladies really enjoyed it and we have decided to hold another First Lady's Tea Luncheon for SAR First Lady Cilla Tomme at the fall Board of Management meeting, probably on Friday, October 14th. More information will be e-mailed out later.

I have adopted two initiatives for my tenure as President; to support the Florida Society's long overdue "welcome home" of the Vietnam era Veterans and increase the membership of the Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary. So I am challenging each current member to recruit at least one new member for our auxiliary. This is a very achievable goal and I think once the non-members see how much fun we are having they will be compelled to join our ranks.

Finally, I want to give a very sincere "thank You" to Jeanne Fehrenbaker. She presided as our President last year with grace and class. She will be a valued confidant as I begin my tenure as President.

Looking forward to seeing you at the fall Board of Management Meeting in October.

Nomi Wess



Samuel Huntington Declared 1st U. S. President in Congress Assembled



In 2015, Samuel Huntington (1731-1796) of Norwich, Connecticut was officially recognized as the First President of the United States in Congress Assembled. The action was taken by The National Archives, The Smithsonian Institute, and The Library of Congress. Huntington was an attorney and served his country in many capacities including the CT House of Assembly in 1764, Kings Attorney in 1768, CT Superior Court Judge in 1773, The Council of Safety 1776, the Continental Congress in 1776, President of the Continental Congress 1779-1781, Chief Justice of the CT Superior Court 1784, CT Lt. Governor 1785, and CT Governor 1786-1796. While in Congress, Huntington signed the Declaration of Independence and the

Articles of Confederation.



In 2009 the Samuel Huntington tomb restoration ceremonies were conducted at the site of the tomb in the old colonial burial ground in Norwich Town, Connecticut. Channing M. Huntington, of the Huntington

Family Association and Bill Stanley, former founder and president of the Norwich Historical Society, spent years working to give Huntington such recognition. Unfortunately, Stanley passed away in 2010, and Huntington in 2012, were unable to see that Samuel Huntington was finally rewarded with the recognition that he deserved. Stanley was influential in the



restoration of the tomb of Huntington and his wife. The Huntington Mansion still stands on East Town Street in Norwich Town and is occupied and maintained in superb condition by United Community Services.

Herein are photos of the tomb as currently maintained, the Huntington Mansion and a painting by Norman Freyer, now in the permanent collection at the Slater Memorial Museum of Art



on behalf of the Norwich Historical Society, and depicting the Connecticut Governor's Foot guard as it approached the tomb during the restoration ceremonies. The uniforms worn by the Foot Guard were designed by another Norwich native, Benedict Arnold.

- Minutes -

Florida SAR Spring 2016 Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes of 13-15 May 2016 as recorded and prepared by Compatriot Charles T. Sweeney. The BOM was held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Orlando, Florida, with President Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD, Presiding

2:50 PM

Executive Committee members present included President Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr.; Raymond Francis Wess; Hermann Hall Riediger; Walter Richard Young, Sr.; Steven Allen Williams; and Randy Dwight Moody.

General Officer guests included President General Thomas E. Lawrence; Vice President General South Atlantic District Edward P. Rigel, Sr.

President Fehrenbaker called the meeting to order. After the invocation, pledges to country and SAR, and Certification of a Quorum by Secretary Hall, President Fehrenbaker called attention to newly attending BOM Compatriots by asking them to introduce themselves and to state what chapter they belonged. Then President Fehrenbaker stated the rules for conducting business at the BOM: (1) You must be recognized by the chair prior to addressing the floor; (2) When you address the floor, state your name, speak clearly and limit your talk to three minutes; (3) After everyone else has had a chance to address the assembly, a Compatriot may speak again for another three minutes.

Approval of the Minutes for the Winter 2016 BOM was accepted without corrections.

President General Thomas E. Lawrence Comments covered key points that were addressed and approved at the February 2016 Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting in Louisville, Ky. Further, he gave insight as to where we are currently with the direction the SAR is going. First and foremost it's important to understand that the Implementation Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Executive Committee, and Trustees each agreed to set an order of priority for funding and implementation. In this regard, (1) Reduce SAR debt; (2) Implement Branding for the SAR; (3) Digitize Record Copies and genealogical documents; (4) Complete construction of the Headquarters second floor; and (5) Design and construct an interpretative gallery for outreach education designed by Solid Light. Other points of interest centered on the progress we are making with Information Technology, effective communications among members, and education outreach.

Reports of National and State Officers were given. Then Senior Vice President, ExComm Member-at-Large and Regional Vice Presidents reports were given in order as listed in the Proceedings. All subsequent reports were given in order as reported in the Proceedings.

The Spring 2016 BOM meeting recessed at 4:26 PM. It's scheduled to reconvene at 2:00 PM on Saturday 14 May 2016.

2:05 PM Saturday 14 May 2016 the Spring BOM reconvened. With a quorum verified by Secretary Hall Riediger, President Lawrence Fehrenbaker indicated Proceedings Reports were complete and we were moving onto New Business.

New Business

Motion: Sr. Vice President Raymond Wess offered a motion under the authority of the Article II FLSSAR Governing Documents, Section 2, Powers, (b) Create and Staff additional offices and committees as needed, to create a new FLSSAR position, Executive Administrator. An addendum to the motion was presented to fund the position under the authority of Article VI, Section 2, Expenses of Secretary, at a rate of \$400.00 per month. **Motion and addendum passed.**

Motion: Sr. Vice President Raymond Wess offered a motion under the authority of Article VI, Expenses of the Secretary, (add Registrar) to a monthly subsidy for the position of \$400.00. **Motion passed**

Motion: After receiving a recommendation from the FLSAR Documents Committee, President Fehrenbaker offered a motion to move the ad hoc committee, "Battle of Thomas Creek Commemorative Committee" to permanent status of a Standing Committee. **Motioned passed.**

The Spring 2016 BOM meeting ended at 3:07 PM.

3:10 PM Saturday 14 May 2016 the Spring Annual Meeting called to order by President Lawrence Fehrenbaker.

Election of FLSSAR Officers:

President Fehrenbaker announced the unopposed nominees for FLSSAR Officers and made three requests for candidate nominees from the floor to no avail. The unopposed nominees were elected by the membership by a vote of acclamation. The newly elected unopposed FLSSAR Officers are:

President – Raymond F. Wess

Senior Vice President – Robert James Folk Sr.

Secretary - Herman Hall Riediger

Treasurer – Walter Richard Young

NC RVP – Earl Scott Bushnell

SE RVP – William Lee Popham

WC RVP – Patrick Jay Nieman

NW RVP – Decody Brad Marble

EC RVP – Jeffery Lee Sizemore

NE RVP – James Yost Gaskins

SW RVP – Lee William Matson

Nominee for National Trustee – Raymond F. Wess

There was a contested race for the nominee of the FLSSAR Alternate Trustee between Compatriots Charles Thomas Sweeney and Robert James Folk Sr. Prior to a secret vote by the membership, Compatriot Charles Thomas Sweeney withdrew his name and Robert James Folk Sr. was elected by unanimous vote to be the FLSSAR's nominee as Alternate Trustee.

Motion: By-Law Change, FLSSAR Governing Document (revised May 2015) Article III, Officers, Section 2, Nomination and Election officers, Part B, Qualification of Nominees (page 16) **strike** – “In order to be eligible for the office of the President or Senior Vice President, the compatriot must have completed at least one term or year in an elective office of the FLSSAR or as Florida's National Trustee prior to assuming the office of President or Senior Vice President”

Motion failed.

Motion: Standing Rule Amendment, FLSSAR Governing Documents (revised May 2015), Volume 2, Standing Rules, Rule 100 – Membership, Chapter Dual Membership Request-Two Chapters Inside Florida, **strike** – “However, the Dual member inside Florida is not a full member of that chapter and may not hold office or vote on matters affecting the chapter in which he holds a Dual membership”.

Motion passed.

Motion: Statutory Committee Charter Amendment, FLSSAR Committee Charters, Finance, **strike** – and two other members, **add** – at least two and no more than four.

Motion passed.

Senior Vice President Raymond Wess who is also Chairman of the FLSSAR ad hoc Committee to Host a National Congress, asked for an affirmation vote from the membership to make an official bid from the FLSSAR to the SAR at the fall Leadership Conference, to host the SAR National Congress in 2021 or the first date available.

Vote to submit a bid passed

President – elect Raymond Wess submitted the following nominees to the membership for election to the FLSSAR Nominating Committee (2016-2017).

Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker

Herman Hall Riediger

Donald Edward Green

William Lee Popham

Walter Richard Young

The nominees were elected by unanimous vote

The Spring 2016 Annual meeting ended at 4:03 PM.

Bunker Hill...Victory that Shocked the World....



American Patriots match the world's most powerful army...
By Don Lanman, PB Chapter

241 years ago, June 17 1775, 2,400 American Patriots, mostly inexperienced militia, challenged and defeated the world's most powerful army at the *Siege of Boston*.

Facing battle-hardened *Redcoats*, commanded by the experienced English *General Sir William Howe*, this Colonial victory represented one of the most important victories of the American war for independence.

This Colonial victory shocked the English, provided encouragement to the revolutionary cause, and made the world realize that this war for independence would not be decided either quickly or by a single decisive battle.

A few days before the battle, the colonists learned that the British planned to control the Charlestown peninsula between the Charles and Mystic Rivers. The colonialists knew that Bunker's and Breed's Hill on this peninsula overlooked both Boston and its harbor, thus making the hills critical tactical vantage points.

To secure the high ground, *General William Prescott*, supported by local community leaders *Dr. Joseph Warren* and *Israel Putnam*, directed a mix of 2,400 inexperienced and untrained soldiers and militia to dig trenches to fortify Breed's-Bunker Hill under cover of darkness.

As dawn broke, the *Redcoats* were stunned to see that Breed's Hill fortified with a 160-by-30-foot earthen structure and manned by 2,400 soldiers.

British General Gage immediately dispatched 3,000 troops commanded by *Major General Howe* to punish the colonialists, take control of the high ground, and quash the rebellion.

The Siege of Boston began at dawn when British frigates opened murderous fire on the colonial fortifications. Of the battle, one American soldier wrote, “British ships would continue firing for about twenty minutes, then a lull, then the ships they would start firing again.” At about 3 PM, the British commander ordered his ground troops to take control of the hill.

Another soldier commented: “There was a matter of 40 barges full of British Regulars coming over to us; it is supposed there were about 3,000 of them and about 700 of us left not deserted, besides 500 reinforcements. . . the enemy landed and fronted before us and formed themselves in an oblong square. . . and after they were well formed they advanced towards us, but they soon found a choakly mouthful of us.”

As the British forces deployed at the base of Breed's Hill, they assembled to march uphill with an optimistic expectation of scaring the colonists away. To the dirge of battle



drums and the skirl of highland bagpipes, the battle-hardened Redcoats bedecked in bright red wool jackets with shining buttons and fixed advanced uphill in perfect columns.

The colonists watched the massive red line approach slowly and steadily, remained calm, took careful aim and waited to fire as General Prescott had ordered... "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes Boys!"

As the Redcoats came within range, the colonists unleashed a murderous barrage of musket fire, and British soldiers began to fall by the dozens.

The Americans drove the mighty Redcoats back twice, but on their third thrust they broke through the colonists' line, overrunning the tentative fortifications, scattering the defenders and taking Breed's-Bunker Hill.

This battle itself, which lasted for approximately three hours, was one of the deadliest of the Revolutionary War.

Although the British technically won the battle because they took control of the hill, they suffered many losses and were stunned by the spirit, determination, and resolve of the Americans.

The British had suffered more than one thousand casualties out of the 3,000 who fought, while the colonists only suffered 450 casualties from an estimated 2,400 soldiers. Besides fewer casualties than the British, the colonists believed they had won in other ways.

They had proved to themselves and the rest of the world that they could stand up to the professional British army in traditional warfare.

A few days later, General George Washington led a group of soldiers to Dorchester Heights, unleashing blistering cannon fire on the British and cheering their retreat from the hill.

So, while the British may have won the battle for Breed's-Bunker Hill, it was a short-lived victory since the colonists retook control of the hill and embarrassed General Howe.

The Battle of Breed's-Bunker Hill was important for a variety of reasons including being the first battle of the Revolutionary War and the fierce fighting of the battle foreshadowed that it was going to be a long and costly war for the British.

Other important outcomes from this battle was to bolster American confidence, inspire the rebellion, and prove that the Colonial army could defeat the British in both traditional and guerilla warfare.

The Battle of Breed's-Bunker Hill would become a key-stone event that the colonists would look back to for encouragement before many battles of the American Revolution.

Florida Society George S and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Update

Each year the Florida Society reviews the various applicants that have submitted essays from the various SAR chapters within the State and chooses the yearly winners of the Knight Essay Contest. This year's winners of the Knight Essay Contest for the FLSSAR George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is:

1. Joseph D. Nusbaum for "Natural Rights." He attends Pensacola Catholic High School.
2. Henry T. Walsh for "Into the Fire: The Evolution of the Continental Soldier. He attends Shorecrest Prep. in St. Petersburg.
3. David C. Feast for "Benjamin Franklin: America's Knight in Sensible Armor." He attends Lorenzo Walker Technical High School in Naples.

Note that this year's winner will be put into the NSSAR George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and the winner on the national level will be announced at the NSSAR Congress being held in Boston, MA this year.

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society is accepting Nominations from Compatriots for the Florida Society SAR Officer positions for the 2017-2018 term. The officer positions are: President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, East Central Regional VP, North Central Regional VP, North West Regional VP, North East Regional VP, West Central Regional VP, South East Regional VP, South West Regional VP, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Registrar, Sgt-at-Arms, ExCom Member-at-Large, Editor, Historian, Webmaster, National Trustee, and Alternate National Trustee. All compatriots who seek nomination for the officer positions are asked to review the Bylaws of the Florida Society Governing Documents for specific officer qualifications and duties of the respective offices (Articles III and IV). The Florida Governing Documents can be found at the Florida Society website www.flssar.org and clicking on the blue tab labelled "Governing Docs."

All officer candidates and those seeking re-election for an incumbent office must complete the appropriate nomination form that can be found at www.flssar.org by accessing the "members only," tab (log-in is not necessary) and clicking on the "Forms" option under the "Reporting," button. Both the "Officer Nomination Form" and the "Officer Re-Nomination Form" are fill-able PDF forms and are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Lawrence G. Fehrenbacher, Sr.
Nominating Committee, Chairman

Foundation offers new **SAR** pin to members

How often have we been asked who we are? Now, we can show our friends. "We are SAR!"

The SAR Foundation has adopted a new campaign to support the National Society's initiative to help BRAND SAR. The Foundation is offering a new SAR lapel pin for members. With this new tool to promote SAR, chapter members will be more visible, which makes it easier to promote SAR and build membership. And, the pin can be presented to new members. Simply stated, each chapter member deserves one of these pins.

Why give? Many members believe that after the old Headquarters building was sold and staff moved to the new building that the new Headquarters building was complete. But, it is not complete, there is much that remains to be done to complete the three-level building. Staff occupies about one-half of the top floor. The main level has been cleaned out, has modern, new restrooms, solid floors covered with wooden underlayment, temporary paint on the walls, and some lights, but it is far from being complete. And the lower level, the location of the Education Center, lacks even



Enthusied by the prospect of touring a completed Headquarters Building in Louisville, JL Brown (right) of the Rome, Georgia SAR Chapter presents Chapter Treasurer Dick Richter (left) a \$10 donation for a SAR Foundation Lapel Pin.

more to be complete. We are required to have a new elevator, light fixtures, an updated electrical system and a complete refurbishment before the facility is complete and widely usable. It is our Headquarters, so your gift at this time will go a long way towards completing the building.

Our goal is participation from 500 chapters before the 2016 Congress in Boston.



How the campaign will work. Your participation is important. All State SAR Society Presidents are requested to encourage each of their Chapters to consider making a group donation to the SAR Foundation in the amount of \$10 for each member. If there are 15 members, the donation would be \$150; 100 members, the donation would be \$1,000. The Foundation will return a SAR lapel pin to be distributed to each member. The advantage of a group donation, with one Chapter check, is that donations are maximized while shipping expenses are minimized.

How to give - we need your help. Please discuss your Chapter's plan for participation and send a donation soon. We look forward to announcing your Chapter's participation at the 2016 Spring Leadership.

Please send your SAR Chapter Check to:

SAR Foundation, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202-2619

Want more information? Please contact SARF Board Member Rick Hollis at tnssar@bellsouth.net or 615.812.2648. Your support of this project and participation will make a difference! Thank you!

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

At the March meeting, Compatriot Don Green did an in-character presentation to the Brevard chapter. He is past chapter president of the Central Florida SAR Chapter. Along with a Certificate of Appreciation, Chapter President Hunker presented him with a Brevard Chapter Medal. It was also announced that Daniel Breininger was this year's chapter Eagle Scout winner.

At the April meeting, the chapter was honored to have George and Martha Washington (Bill Cara Elder) as their speakers. Chapter President Hunker presented the honoraria to them for their presentation. The chapter is looking at holding a joint Genealogy workshop with the local DAR chapters.

At the May meeting, FLSSAR President Ray Wess installed the new chapter officers. The chapter also recognized members for their contribution to the chapter. The Certificate of Appreciation were given to the following individuals: Sam Ashdown (Last Naval Battle support); Ray Norman (Last Naval Battle support); Carl Green (Caller support); Ben DuBose (Caller support); Sonny Jones (Caller support); Barry Eller (Caller support); Ed Reinhold (Caller support); Bob Humker (Caller support); Justin Murrell (Caller support); Roger Bonnett (Caller support); Bob Chorney (Caller support). A Bronze Roger Sherman medals/oak leaf clusters was presented to President Bob Humker (2 years as an officer). Others receiving awards are: Ben DuBose (Oak Leaf Cluster-bronze). Original presentation in 2013; Carroll Lord (Oak Leaf Cluster-bronze). Original presentation in 2013; Steve Williams (Oak Leaf Cluster-bronze). Original presentation in 2013; Norm Desmarais (2 years as an officer); and Bob Chorney (2 years as an officer).

The chapter also presented a Bronze Color Guard Medal to Norm Desmarais and a Silver Color Guard Medal to Phil Wright. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Norm Desmarais - 5 terms as officer/appointed position. While a Distinguished Service Medal to Barry Eller. Two of the S.A.R. medals for DAR ladies to Jo Compton for her help in recruiting SAR members - whether they ultimately joined or not.

Caloosa Chapter



On May 5, 2016, the Caloosa Chapter participated in the Annual JROTC awards ceremony that recognized Army JROTC cadets that has performed high merit. This was a Lee County School District event that was held at the Harborship Event Center in Ft. Myers, Florida. The chapter members that participated were Compatriots Radcliffe, Matson, & McGuire. At this awards ceremony, the chapter recognized 14 cadets.

The Caloosa Chapter, along with other local patriotic, civic, and historical organizations partnered with the



Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library and Invest in America's Veterans Foundation to produce and program which included three separate events. On Saturday, May 28th a Military Ball and Dinner was held at the Museum on Leonard Street in Cape Coral. On Sunday, May 29th there was a "field day" which included a reenactment of the Battle of Ft. Myers which original-



ly took place February 20, 1865 and presentations by Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and others. On Monday, Memorial Day, there were flag ceremonies and memorial events held at the Museum. The theme of the weekend - *A Nation Divided* - reminds us of the challenges faced and overcome at the time of our War for Independence, the War Between the States, and even today as we prepare to elect another President, our 45th.

The participants who planned and organized this event spent about five months to pull this "first annual" program and make it a success.



Special thanks are in order to Bubba's Roadhouse & Saloon which catered the dinner at the Military Ball, and to Dave Thornton's Blue Dirt Band which provided music at both the Ball and at the Battlefield - all at no cost! Finally, thanks to Museum Volunteer Carol Davis for sharing some of her photos with us.

George and Martha Washington were the special guests of honor at the Military Ball. General Washington and his Lady joined the festivities at the Museum that included the traditional program of the Military Mess. This included traditional military toasts and a medley of the Service Songs. Following dinner catered by Bubba's Roadhouse, the Washington's (portrayed by Bill and Cara Elder) presented a "State of the Union" address.

Then there was dancing with music provided by Dave Thornton's Blue Dirt Band.

Colors were posted and retired by the JROTC Cadets of Cape Coral's Mariner High School. Gentlemen's attire ranged from General-in-Chief Washington and Continental Dragoon Light Horse Harry Lee Continental Army uniforms to a Confederate Major and a contemporary Air Force Major General.



A big part of the success of the evening was the generous contribution – gratis – of Dave Thornton's Blue Dirt Dixieland Band. These musicians did a great job of entertaining all who participated in the Ball. After dinner, President Washington and First Lady Martha shared their observations and anecdotes of their lives during the dawning of our Nation.

Our community and our veterans owe a debt of gratitude to IAVF/Museum Founder and CEO Ralph Santillo and to the many volunteers who serve as guides and docents in the Museum, and who provide direct services to military veterans and their families.

While the Military Ball on Saturday evening was a rather exclusive affair, it was hoped to bring the historic and educational message – and the theme of the weekend program "A Nation Divided" – to a much larger audience. The events on Sunday were held at Cultural Park is where it would be possible to connect with hundreds of people.



The program included an opportunity for President and Mrs. Washington to meet face-to-face with visitors and discuss the details of living and soldiering during the time of the Revolution. It also featured a reenactment of the Battle of Ft. Myers which took place just across the Caloosahatchee River near the end of the Civil War.

Caloosa Chapter President Russ Radcliffe presented a wreath in memory of all of those Americans who have died fighting for our Country. FLSSAR Chaplain and Caloosa Compatriot Dwight Elam accepted the wreath in response.

George Washington had another opportunity to speak to the crowd as he included remarks from his Farewell Address which he had originally prepared at the time of his leaving the Presidency. Many of his remarks and concerns still ring true today.



Then on May 30, 2016 as part of the Memorial Day Ceremonies, The Light Horse Harry Lee Camp once again supported the ceremony at Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myer. This year, color guard commander Rev. Dr. Randy Moody was joined by members Mike Buff and Dwight Elam.

Also joining in the ceremonies for the first time this year was Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter Regent Anne McGuire.



At the same time that a contingent of the color guard was participating in the ceremonies at Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers, other members were participating in the Memorial Day program at the Military Museum & Library at Cape Coral. The day's events there included flag ceremonies, memorial events, and an open house in the museum. The Caloosa Chapter was joined by members of the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter including Andrea Perisho and Betsea Kinne.

The museum's open house provided an excellent venue for "meet and greet" the public where we set up information tables at the Revolutionary War exhibition area in the museum. Caloosa members Compatriots Radcliffe, Elliott, and McGuire were joined by Lawrence Kearny members Kinne, Perisho, and McGuire. Not only were we able to talk with a number of interested prospective members, State Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto paid us a visit and we were able to enlist her aid in gaining access to the Lee County School System for the purpose of generating the interest of students in participating in SAR sponsored youth contests such as the Rumbaugh Oration and the George & Stella Knight Essay.

District Representative Elbert Zeigler read a proclamation from US Congressman Curt Clawson recognizing the contributions of Ralph Santillo as a Founder and driving force behind the Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library and the Invest in America's Veterans Foundation. In closing out the program for the day, Ralph Santillo unveiled a portrait of Captain Daniel Eggers which will become part of a permanent exhibit in the museum. US Army Captain Eggers, a native of Cape Coral, was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2004.

Central Florida Chapter

On May 16, 2016, the Central Florida Chapter held a meeting to install their new chapter officers; as well as, to recognize various members for their service to the chapter. Seven individuals received a Roger Sherman Medal. Other various awards were: A bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Burt Fairchild, and an oak leaf cluster for the bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Randall Allen. Then the following individuals were presented a Meritorious Service Medal Oak Cluster: Dan Dall, Norman Myers, and Jeff Sizemore. Then at this meeting, the chapter also inducted Charles Heckman into the chapter as a new member.

Chapter Eagle Scout Recognition Chairman Randy Gastfield attended the BSA Central Florida Council Recognition Banquet on June 9 where compatriot Garrett Gastfield was recognized as part of the 2015 Judge G Kendall Sharp Eagle Scout Class. Randy Gastfield also served as a Scoutmaster of four Eagle Scouts attending the banquet. Pictured at the banquet reception are (L-R): Evan Yaros (2010), Garrett Gastfield



(2015), Randy Gastfield, Billy Flowers (2013), & Jason Flowers (2015). Randy said, "Seeing so many fine young men honored at this banquet gave me renewed hope for America's future and the principles that Scouting teaches, and that the Sons of the

American Revolution encourages and promotes."

On June 11, 2016, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jason Flowers was held at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando. Eagle Scout Recognition Chairman Randy Gastfield attended and presented Jason Flowers with a SAR letter and certificate of recognition. Randy is pictured presenting Jason with his certificate. Jason Flowers will be a senior at Boone High School. In scouting, he is a member of Troop 23, Crew 911 the Ft. Gatlin Honor Guard, and Order of the Arrow. He is also active in his church, Concord Street Church of Christ. Randy urged Jason to submit an application for the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Clearwater Chapter



Megan Nowicki, daughter of Linda and Tony Nowicki was awarded First Place by the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution for her entry in the Americanism Poster Contest. Megan won first place in the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution contest that

qualified her for entry into the State contest. By winning the State level she will now move up to the National Contest. For her achievement she was awarded checks from the Clearwater Chapter, The Ladies Auxiliary and the Florida Society. Congratulations to this young lady for her effort in this endeavor.



Seven new members were inducted into the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution at the May meeting held at the Dunedin Country Club. This was the last meeting to be held until September and was the largest new member induction ceremony this Chapter has had at one time. The new members are; Raymond Kraut, Timothy Kraut, Chuck Allen, Robert Greenlee, Roger Greenlee, Roger Greenlee and Robert Richardson. Pictured herein are Dan Hooper, Secretary, Robert Greenlee, Roger Greenlee, Roger Greenlee, Raymond Kraut, Timothy Kraut, Chuck Allen, Robert Richardson and Chapter President Bob Cundiff.



Lakeland Chapter

On May 21, 2016, FLSSAR West Central Regional Vice President Pat Niemann recognized Past President Joe Hill, Lakeland Chapter for his

outstanding service as President of the Lakeland Chapter.



On May 21, 2016, the Lakeland Chapter made their Public Service Awards to the following individuals. Officer John Schwarze, Lake Wales Police Department, SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal; Deputy Sheriff Donald "Brett" Herelbracht, Polk County Sheriff's Office (His K-9 partner-Turbo was unable to attend), SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medals; EMT Cody Ritenour, Lakeland Fire Department, SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal; Detective Stacey Pough, Lakeland Police Department, SAR Heroism Medal; Compatriot Jonathan Thornhill, Chairman, Public Service Awards Committee.

Palm Beach Chapter

The Palm Beach Chapter continued its aggressive new member initiatives with the induction of six new members and growing to 162 members with an additional 17 new applications in process.

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in many local & state activities including the Fall BOM registration/hospitality management, national *Missing in America Veterans Project*, *SAR Last Naval Battle*, and *Thomas Creek* events, *Memorial Day* and *Flag Day* ceremonies and active participation at local & state *DAR* events.

Compatriot *Byrd Wenman* serves as the FLSSAR Veteran representative at the *West Palm Beach VA Medical Center* logging hours of selfless service. Chapter President, *Don Lanman* serves on the local WPB VA Hospital Veteran Services Advisory Council and State Society Veterans Affairs Committee.

The *West Palm Beach VA Medical Center* recognized the Chapter for its donation of a big screen TV for veterans and staff. The Palm Beach Chapter and Compatriot *Wenman* were recognized by the *Florida Veterans Foundation-Florida Department of Veteran Affairs* for outstanding service to Florida Veterans.

Youth activities continued to be a key Chapter initiative with the presentation of 11 *JROTC* medals by Chapter VP *Ben Tidwell* to local high school students. *Ms. Talia Fradkin*, the Chapter & State Rumbaugh winner, will represent the Chapter & State at the National Rumbaugh competition in Boston in July.

The Chapter honored six Law Enforcement Officers and six Firefighters/EMS professionals with commendation medals and is vetting 20 Flag Certificate candidates for recognition in 2016.

At the Spring BOM, the State Society awarded Past Chapter President *Gerry Meeks* with the prestigious *Patriot Medal*, and Chapter President *Don Lanman* and Past Chapter President *Dan Shepard* received the *Silver Roger Sherman* medal. Chapter President *Lanman* presented National Society First Lady *Mickey Jo Lawrence* with a *Florida Veterans Foundation Appreciation Certificate* for her service to female Veterans.

Past Palm Beach Chapter President, *Ray Wess*, was elected FLSSAR President for 2016/17. Congratulations Ray!

The Palm Beach Chapter is sad to report that long term *Compatriot James Lawrence Waugh Jr.* passed in March. *Compatriot Waugh* was a Husband, Father, Deacon, Veteran, Businessman, Community Leader, SAR Compatriot, and American Patriot!



State President Fehrenbaker, PB Chapter President Lanman Present Florida Veterans Foundation Appreciation Certificate to NSSAR First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence



PB Chapter Past President Gerry Meeks Honored with FLSSAR 'Patriot Medal



In Heartfelt Memory Compatriot James Lawrence Waugh Jr. 1926 -2016



Chapter President Lanman, State President Wess, Chapter Past President Green present Chapter & State Rumbaugh Award to 4-time Rumbaugh winner Talia Fradkin

Panama City Chapter

On May 16, 2016, the Panama City Chapter had Judge Edward F. Butler, also Past NSSAR President, as their speaker. His speech topic was titled: "Spain: Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War".

At the June 20th chapter meeting, the former PCFL President, Victor Johnson (now Treasure) acted in behalf of the FLSSAR and presented Compatriot Brad Marble the Silver Roger Sherman Medal that issued on May 13, 2016 at the FLSSAR Spring BOM Meeting. Compatriot Lonnie Jones of the Aaron Snowden Chapter picked up the Medal and then it was forward to Mr. Johnson.

South Shores Chapter



Guest speaker Colonel Samuel Taylor presented a program detailing the 100 years of the JROTC program. COL Taylor (US Army Retired) is the current Direc-

tor of Army Instruction for Hillsborough County. He oversees all high school JROTC units in the county school system and has authority over 17 cadet battalions that participate in competitions, summer camp, command inspections and other communications and directives from Army Cadet Command. He is a combat veteran and a former member of the legendary 3rd United States Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard". He also reviewed local programs available to high school students in Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties.

LTC Donald Gunn presented JROTC Cadet Dylan Rogers with a Bronze Medal noting the cadet is, "highly motivated, excels in all facets of ROTC, has a GPA of over 4.0, competes in soccer and football and is a community service volunteer".



Also on the agenda was the presentation of Certificates of Induction into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion to Compatriots Blain Brown and Jeffrey Brooks.

Membership Information Updates Requested

Several years ago, the FLSSAR made a decision to transmit *The Florida Patriot* electronically to cut down on the cost of mailing; as well as, make the magazine readily available to our membership that otherwise could take up to 4 to 6 weeks for mail copies to arrive. An opt-out provision was made available, but it required your chapter secretary to inform the FLSSAR State Secretary of such request. Sending such request to other FLSSAR officers or committee chairmen may not get handled in the most optimum manner.

The savings of the electronic version has helped the FLSSAR has extra funds for other SAR projects; as well as, provide funding for the Endowment Fund in which your chapter can get money back from the FLSSAR to help fund projects locally.

As with all membership address changes, email changes, notifications, please have your chapter secretary forward them to the FLSSAR State Secretary, Hall Reiding. So, that the FLSSAR can communicate with all our Florida Society members in a timely manner, please remember to keep us updated with the latest member contact information.

From the Patriotic Activities Committee

The Patriotic Activities Committee would like you to remind you of the activities which fall under the supervision of this committee. We stand ready to help you with any activity which you have not done in previous years or want to do a better job of in 2016/2017. I have already received a few Flag Award reports and hope that many of you will want to participate in this activity on behalf of the FLSSAR. We need participation from a majority of our chapters to receive the Furlong Flag recognition from NSSAR.

Allegiance Sunday will be recognized as July 3rd this year. The other activities will apply to chapters which have such activities in their areas. Thank you for your participation. The other activities that the committee need to have documented proof, including photographs or leaflets are:

1. Flag Awards – given to deserving citizens or businesses/institutions (rules on FLSSAR.org website)
2. Allegiance Sunday – nearest to July 4th. Recite Pledge of Allegiance in your church, preferably in uniform.
3. Patriotic Education – presentation before school classes,

civic groups, etc. regarding the Flag, Historical Documents or Individuals who made the country great.

4. Naturalization of New Citizens – participation in such (offering Constitution and Flag booklets to each new citizen).

Please send your participation of these types of activities to Committee Chairman, Charles Riegle, who can be reached at creigle@gmail.com.

A Note from the Patriot Medals Committee

With fewer Board of Management meetings it is important to keep in mind the deadline for sending in Patriot Medal Nominations. The last three years we have been allowed four nominations each year and only nominated three. Our Charter states *“Nominations of persons to be considered by the Committee for the Patriot Medal may be made by any member of the FLSSAR. Such nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before January 31st of each year.”* (before January 31, 2017)

Send your nominations to: Patriot Chairman – Charles Day, 4278 California Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604.

Thomas Creek - Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution



On March 19, 2016, the Jacksonville Chapter, Florida Society, hosted the second annual ceremony commemorating the 239th anniversary of the May 17, 1777 Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek, considered the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War. David Ramseur, Past President of the Jacksonville Chapter and the Florida Society welcomed approximately 100 in attendance.

Twenty two wreath presentations were made, from Florida and Georgia Societies and chapters of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonists, Colonial Dames, and the Nassau County Historical Society. Due to weather conditions the main ceremony was held offsite and closed with Taps played by a member of the Sandalwood HS JROTC unit. Later on with improved weather conditions a 21-gun black powder musket salute commanded by Button Gwinnett



Chapter, GA Society SAR President Bill Palmer along with National Park Rangers in remembrance of those brave Patriots who fought and died in this battle.

Former President General Lindsey Brock brought greetings from the National Society SAR. Greetings were also presented from the Florida Society SAR (President Larry Fehrenbaker), Georgia Society SAR (President Allen Greenly), DAR NE Florida Regents Council (President Rebecca Bathen), and Florida Society C.A.R (Honorary Senior President Billie Brock).

A combined FL/GA Color Guard was commanded by Florida Society Color Guard Commander Charlie Day. In addition a Color Guard from the Sandalwood High School JROTC unit presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the “Let Freedom Sing Chorus” sang the National Anthem.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. His topic of “The American Revolution’s Best Kept Secret: Why Florida Mattered” was an educational discussion on General George Washington’s several attempt to invade British East Florida and deprive the British of its assets there, including the events that led to the Battle of Thomas Creek. He has dedicated his life to teaching good and correct Revolutionary War Period historical true facts to teachers, adults and students.

Americanism Poster Contest

The Americanism Poster Contest is one of six SAR Youth (3rd - 5th grade) Award Contests. Our Florida Society had three winning chapter entries this year for the 2015-16 contest. The first place winner (\$300) was Megan Norwicki from the Clearwater Chapter and the winner from 125 chapter entries. The second place winner (\$200) was Riley Crawford from the Withlachoe Chapter from 191 chapter entries. The third place winner (\$100) was Laney Uzealko from the Lake Sumter Chapter and the winner from 25 chapter entries.

For next year 2016-17 the Florida Society theme will be on "Revolutionary War People". Our Florida Society theme will be "The First Captain of the United States Navy". I would also like to once again see chapter entries for our participation in our Middle School Brochure Contest for 2016-17 based on our permanent theme of "The Founding Documents of the United States of America".



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.

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THE PRISON SHIP JERSEY

DEATH SHIPS OF NEW YORK HARBOR!

Revolutionary War Patriot POWs

By Don Lanman, PB Chapter

One of the most gruesome chapters in the story of America's struggle for independence from Britain occurred in the waters of New York Harbor, close to the current location of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

From 1776 to 1783, the British forces occupying New York City used abandoned or decommissioned ships anchored just offshore to hold those Patriot soldiers, sailors and private citizens captured in battle or arrested, many just for refusing to swear an oath of allegiance to the Crown.

Some 11,000 prisoners died aboard the prison ships over the course of the war, many from disease or malnutrition.

Many of these murdered POWs were on the notorious Death Ship, HMS Jersey, which earned the nickname "Hell" for its inhumane conditions, extreme brutality and the obscenely high death rate of its prisoners.

It is estimated that between 4,500 and 8,000 Americans died in battle during the Revolutionary War, while an even higher number of 8,000 to 11,000 POWs died during that same time in the hell of British prison ships.

Following the capture of New York, the British had more prisoners than they could handle in their makeshift prisons. To manage the POWs at the lowest possible cost, the British began converting older ships into floating jails.

The ships, stripped of rudders, sails, masts and anything that would allow the ships to sail, were anchored in **Wal-labout Bay**, on the northwest shore of Brooklyn. Sixteen of these prison hulks—including the infamous **HMS Jersey** soon floated in the bay, crammed with up to a thousand prisoners on each prison barge.

Conditions aboard these ships were both horrific and lethal. The combination of insufficient food that was often spoiled or raw, inadequate cooking facilities, lack of clean water, no toilet facilities, disease or medical support and brutal treatment by guards caused dozens of Patriots to die daily.

Each morning, the POWs were ordered above decks, regardless of the weather or the health of the prisoners, while the holds were washed out with foul harbor water. The smallest infraction brought immediate, harsh, and often lethal punishment from the guards.

At sunset, the POWs were forced back below decks, where there was very little fresh air, no food, bedding, toilet facilities, or access to clean water where many died.

The unsanitary conditions, along with the malnutrition of the prisoners—led to the rampant spread of diseases including yellow fever, dysentery, small pox, and typhoid. Those who died during the night were left in the hold until the morning, when they were tossed into the bay or buried in shallow mass graves along the bay.

"He was subjected to every privation, was starved, poisoned & became sick & very much enfeebled. Constitution nearly broken was suffered to be dirty & lousy & was nearly consumed by body lice & last tho not least he took the small pox the natural way while a prisoner in New York & came very near dieing for want of care & the conveniences of life." -Jonathan Banks, Revolutionary War pension file.

A few Patriots managed to escape the death ships by agreeing to join the British army or navy or by swearing an oath of allegiance to the Crown, while others, mostly officers, were able to buy their way out of prison, and a few others were part of prisoner exchanges.

However, most remained in the floating prisons until they died or until the end of the war—whichever came first.

By the time the war finally ended in 1783, only 1,400 prisoners, out of the more than 11,000 on the ships, had survived the Death Ships of New York.

Years after the end of the war, some of the remains of Patriots who died aboard the prison ships were located in shallow graves along the harbor.

The remains were reinterred in *Fort Greene Park* after the 1808 burial vault near the Brooklyn Navy Yard had collapsed. In 1908, one hundred years after the first burial ceremony, a *Prison Ship Martyrs Monument* was erected and dedicated to the POWs at Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn.

Flag Certificate Challenge

The Admiral William F Furlong Award is the award in which we are to strive for this year. Please consider making



several Flag Certificate Presentations in your area!! This award is presented annually at the SAR Congress to the state societies that have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year. To qualify each state society and the majority of its chapters must present, during the previous year, at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies.

State societies are to advise the chairman of the Flag Committee of their qualifications by April 15 each year. Societies that qualify will be selected and their names sent to the President General for awarding. The first year, a certificate and streamer will be awarded to the state society. The streamer is thirty-six (36) inches in length and one and one-half (1 1/2) inches wide with parallel red, white and blue stripes of equal width with a grommet at the top. Each succeeding year that a society qualifies, it will receive a certificate and a white star one (1) inch in diameter to be placed at the top of the streamer.



Judge Ed Butler Complies with Request from HRM Felipe VI de Borbon, King of Spain To Write Book About Spain's Assistance During the American Revolutionary War

"Book Wins 3 Awards"

In May 2010 Judge Ed Butler and his first lady, Robin, led a group of 35 members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on a tour of Spain. During their visit to Madrid, then Crown Prince Felipe granted the SAR members and their wives a private audience at Zarzuela Palace, the royal residence in Madrid, Spain. During that audience King Felipe asked judge Butler to write a book about Bernardo de Galvez and Spain's assistance to the U.S. during the American Revolutionary War.

Gently poking judge Butler on the shoulder King Felipe, with a broad smile on his face said:

"I want you to write a book about Spain's assistance to the United States during the American Revolutionary War; then I want you to write a screen play, and get Hollywood to make a movie. I would like Antonio Banderas to play the part of General Galvez."

Judge Butler replied: "I can write the book, and I can write the screenplay, but it will be up to Hollywood to decide if they want to make a movie."

The 360 page book with 214 footnotes, and 37 pages of Appendices, contains the names of hundreds of Spanish patriots. It documents the significant support rendered by Spain, and allows our Hispanic community to feel proud that their ancestors played a vital role in the formation of our nation.

It received the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez award as the **"Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014."**

The reviews on his book have been very positive.

For example: Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President Texas A&M University-San Antonio, had this to say:

Never has a more important book been written that confirms what has been silent in our American History books. Our students identify closely with Mexico and now through Judge Butler's scholarly work, they can, as Americans, be proud of their ancestors important role in the birth of our beloved nation. Every student of American history can now know "the rest of the story". Thank you Judge Butler for your passion and commitment to our history and for making all of us with Spanish sir names proud.

Mimi Lozano, educator and activist for Hispanic rights who co-founded the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, and is the editor and publisher of *Somos Primos*, an online monthly publication dedicated to Hispanic heritage had this to say:

*"This book should be on the shelf of every school library. . . . and . . . There are many fine books of recent publication out on General Bernardo de Gálvez, but, *Gálvez/ Spain Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War* is a tidy, quick-read, quick-reference book, handy to have on hand to convince any sincere truth seeker, that in fact, the Spanish did play an important, very major role in winning the American Revolution.*

The book also captured the "Readers' Favorite 5 Star Award.

On Dec. 5, 2015, Robert Kendall, President General of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) presented **"The Presidio La Bahia Award"** to Judge Ed Butler for his book *Galvez/ Spain - Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War: A Concise Summary of Spain's Assistance*.

The presentation was made in the Our Lady of Loreto Chapel of the Presidio La Bahia at Goliad, TX. during the SRT's annual awards program. The award consisted of a \$300.00 check, a framed certificate, and a handsome medal mounted on a neck ribbon.

The Presidio La Bahia Award, administered by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, was established on April 22, 1968, through the generosity of Kathryn Stoner O'Connor, as an annual literary award. The purpose of the award is to promote suitable preservation of relics, appropriate dissemination of data, and research into our Texas heritage, with particular attention to the Spanish Colonial period. Material may be submitted concerning the influence on Texas culture of our Spanish Colonial heritage in laws, customs, language, religion, architecture, art, and other related fields.

The book was published by Southwest Historical Press, P.O. Box 170, 24165 IH-10 West, Suite 217-170, San Antonio, TX 78257, and is available for \$29.00 + \$6.50 p.&h.

Judge Butler and his wife live in the hills in northwest San Antonio. He is a retired U.S. Federal Administrative Law Judge, and in 2009-2010 served as President General of the 33,000 man strong National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He was the founder and charter Grand Viscount General of the Order of the Founders of North America 1492. The latter organization was formed to provide a lineage society for those descending from the Spanish settlers of New Spain.

This was not the judge's first connection with Royalty. In July 2011, the Butlers hosted Duke Alexander zu Mecklenburg at their hill country home for several days. For more information about the book please consult the web page at www.galvezbook.com.

An Eternal Proclamation

By Lisa DeWitt

In the later winter of 1775, before the pivotal Battle of Lexington and Concord, a grim resignation settled itself in the hearts of patriots and loyalists alike: that reconciliation with Britain was impossible, and the threat of war loomed just beyond the horizon. During the following year, the Continental Congress commissioned a document that gathered the colonists under a common cause in the face of extreme adversity. However, what they couldn't predict was the enduring effect this proclamation would have on the entire world. Throughout history, the Declaration of Independence has become a respected testimony to our character as a nation, and is still alive today. By maintaining the ideals put forth in the Declaration with every consequent governing document, America has succeeded in providing and protecting each citizen's natural rights for hundreds of years.

In addition to its influence on future generations, the very ideology of this document presented and revised in June of 1776 possesses an integrity all its own. Lawyer, statesman, and later President Thomas Jefferson fashioned this philosophy of democratic policy by penning the famous words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." All fifty-six signers of this historic pronouncement believed it was an unbreakable covenant with God to preserve the basic rights of every individual, justifying the civil disobedience that would lead to the American Revolution. Upon the war's conclusion, delegates equally representing the former colonies came together to insure the preservation of the creed that had freed them from the oppressive English Crown. This mutual understanding led to the adoption of the Articles of Confederation.

First drafted the very year America declared independence from Great Britain, the Articles of Confederation were composed to rally the American colonies and prepare them for an eight year war. While the Articles of Confederation accurately depicted the beliefs of the American people, the impracticalities of a confederation arose at a remarkable rate. It simply failed to unite Americans after the revolution and equalize their rights. Moreover, the unequal distribution of power between the states and the federal government failed to produce a collective military and economic authority. As a result, repaying war debts from revolution became virtually impossible, and a growing frustration spawned numerous rebellions. Economically inflated and filled with political unrest, the American Confederation realized in their quest for independence and equality ignored the very trait that granted those freedoms sovereignty.

Orders to revise the Articles brought about a brand new representative democracy that could protect the rights of the American people. Unlike the Articles of Confederation, the United States Constitution defined a clear authority figure,

a judicial system at the national level, and fair representation for the various states. Finally, responsible citizens had the right to elect representatives to efficiently advocate their opinions in a federal institution. Aware that this new government would need to adapt in order to overcome future disagreements, the Constitutional Convention included a method of amending the Constitution through the power of the House and Senate. Securing their God-given authority to individual rights, protecting the ability to use those rights, and giving the American people an active role in a national representative democracy, the Constitution has successfully expressed the democratic ideals emerged within the Declaration of Independence, and will continue to do so for years to come.

Over the course of American history, the Declaration of Independence has done more than herald the birth of a new nation. It has remained a perpetual code of our founding principles. From its passionate outcries in times of war, to its impact throughout the early years of America's independence, to the writing of the Constitution, our subsequent representative democracy has helped secure the sacred rights of each individual. The Declaration of Independence is not only firmly rooted in our founding documents; it has secured women's suffrage, brought an end to racial segregation, and influenced our international idea of human rights. Make no mistake; the Declaration of Independence is still guiding our country today.

Recap of the Spring 2016 Board of Management / Annual Meeting

The Spring 2016 BOM program included an Awards Banquet on Friday evening following a day of workshops and business sessions. This was to be our final BOM meeting held at the Florida Hotel in Orlando. Beginning with the fall meeting on October 7th & 8th, the new venue will be the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South.

Before the banquet began the Sons of Liberty Brigade forms up in the hallway under the leadership of commander Compatriot Charles Louis Day, Jr. When called for by the President, the color guard marches in and presents the colors. This is followed by the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, The American's Creed, and the SAR Pledge. At that point, the colors are posted and the color guard retires. FLSSAR President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD presented welcoming remarks. Following dinner, Vice President General Edward P. Rigel, Sr., MD brought greetings from the South Atlantic District.

The FLSSAR was honored to have President General Thomas Lawrence and First Lady Mickey Jo with us at the meeting. In addition, they were also joined by the State Regent of the Florida Society, Daughters of the American Revolution – Virginia A. "Ginny" Poffenberger. Madam State Regent Poffenberger was awarded the Martha Washington Medal for outstanding service to the SAR.

The highlight of the program on Saturday was the In-

stallation Banquet where the newly elected Florida Society officers were sworn in by President General Lawrence. President General Lawrence offered his congratulations and well-wishes to the new Florida Society President, Raymond Francis Wess. President Wess shared his vision for the Society during his administration, with particular reference to mentoring others. President Wess was encouraged and cheered by our new First Lady, Naomi. Following past practice, Naomi will also take over as President of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. As one of the last official acts of the evening, Vice President General Edward Rigel swore in the newly-elected officers of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

Richard McCallum Geib

(1945 - 2016)

Richard McCallum Geib passed away Thursday, March 31, 2016 in Cape Coral, Florida. A resident for the past nine years, he was formerly of Grapevine Texas. He was born February 13, 1945 in Washington D.C. to Robert and Louise Geib, Jr., now deceased. Compatriot Geib was a graduate of Bridgewater College (Virginia) and was the former owner and CEO of Tripmaster Corporation in Arlington, TX before retiring to Cape Coral. He is survived by two brothers, Robert C. Geib of Denver, CO and John B. Geib (Rose) of Reston, VA; as well as four nieces and nephews, Courtney, Jillian, Philip, and Brian.

A proud Vietnam Veteran, Compatriot Geib served in the US Army with the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge for his service. He was a member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society.

Richard was an avid boater and an officer with the Southwest Florida Yacht Club as well as past Flotilla Commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ft. Myers, FL.

Compatriot Geib enjoyed studying genealogy and was a member of both the Henry Samson Colony Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Caloosa Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He had documented his ancestry to Mayflower passengers John Alden and Priscilla Alden (John Alden was his 8th great grandfather) and to Revolutionary War Patriot Abisha Packard. Packard was living in Hardwick MA when he joined the Continental Army as a fifer in

CAPT Benjamin Warren's Company in 1775 at the age of 14.

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary

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

Wreath Presentation at the Battle of Ramseur's Mill



On June 11, 2016, David Ramseur presented a wreath for Florida Society and the Jacksonville SAR Chapter and Ron Toops presented a wreath for his new The Villages SAR Chapter and Marjorie presented a wreath for the Florida DAR and her DAR Chapter at the 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramseur's Mill in Lincolnton, NC.



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>.

FLORIDA SOCIETY CREATES EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

By way of a motion introduced at the May 2016 FLSSAR Annual Meeting, the Florida Society created a new position, titled the FLSSAR Executive Administrator. The new position was created by authority of FLSSAR By-laws, Section 2 (b). After posting of a job description and required qualifications and at the end of a thirty-day application period, Compatriot Steve Williams was confirmed by the FLSSAR Executive Committee.

As the Florida Society has continued to grow and become the second largest society in the National Society, the amount of administrative work has grown dramatically. In addition to administrative growth, administrative consistency among transitioning core officers has become a concern. Helping core executive officers with administrative functions, the FLSSAR Executive Administrative will tutor new officers and maintain a level of consistent administrative aide to the society.

The primary responsibility of the Administrator will be to assist the FLSSAR President with scheduling of meetings, construction of meeting agendas and printed programs, implementation of protocols and extending invitations to invited guests, scheduling of sessions at the BOM, posting of BOM registration forms, venue links, as well as formatting of preliminary and final BOM Proceedings Books, and any additional duties assigned by the FLSSAR President. The new position will also be instrumental in the formulation and implementation of a new FLSSAR Strategic Plan.

The Executive Administrator serves one year renewable terms at the will of the FLSSAR Executive Committee.

Ray Wess

President

The Constitution in the Twenty-First Century

By Esther Jaffer
(2014 Rumbaugh Contestant)

Thomas Jefferson wrote to William C. Jarvis stating “I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with the wholesome discretion; the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power.”

That particular statement by our former president leaves little room for reinterpretation. The system of checks and balances includes the voice of the American people. A good and democratic government is one that provides its citi-

zens with the equipment to educate themselves.

In 2011, the National Assessment of Educational Progress determined that only about 1/5 of the eighth grade population, by the terms of their examination, is proficient in civics and history. Statistics, then, support the problematic cultural trope that it is so vital that we address – that the youth of today is shallow and uncomprehending of what exactly constitutes their country’s Constitution.

We are perceived to be too tangled up in our headphones to lift a finger in defense of the rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence or the limitations on federal power determined in 1787 with the writing of the Constitution.

Having survived an advanced placement US History class in which a student asked “wait, which part of the Declaration of Independence does the gun thing, again?” I might be inclined to concede that, as a generation, we haven’t always represented ourselves ideally on an individual basis.

Yet, it’s disconcerting to think that in this country, whose founding fathers so prized a democracy representative of an informed public, to the extent that they founded institutes of higher learning and championed education, public schools are failing to provide a basic idea of what the Constitution is.

Thomas Jefferson believed that ultimate power rested in an educated American public. And we, today, are not powerless to remedy the situation. In fact, there are two foremost actions that any American who loves their country can take, pursuant to the enlightened society – including the youth – that Thomas Jefferson envisioned.

We can fight for better schools, and we can create an environment that invites Constitutional relevance in everyday life.

The first solution is perhaps the most obvious. School’s pursuit of money has been circumstantially forced to supersede their pursuit of offering a quality education – which has been tied to test scores instead of the capacity to understand and influence the world that students live in.

We can pass referendums, vote for measures that allow teachers creativity and flexibility in challenging their students. But schools simply cannot provide those opportunities if they’re not being funded.

We, as taxpayers, can acknowledge the value of an education in history, in civic responsibility, and in the Constitution. If we want to bring Constitutional scholarship into the 21st century, students first need the opportunity to read and be aware of the Constitution – and that’s something that should be happening in the classroom.

But there’s another way in which we can accomplish these objectives – without spending a cent. And that’s our second solution. What students need, to be brought into a 21st century understanding of what our great country’s supreme law means to their individual lives, is an opportunity to actually personally apply these principals to what they care about – and this can occur extrinsic of the school day!

I joined the debate team, but some of us join the Reserve Officer Training Corps, some of us volunteer for political

campaigns, some of us write for our school newspapers, some of us attend chapter meeting with the DAR. Whenever there is an opportunity, we see young people embracing it. The best thing we can do is to, whenever possible, offer and support these opportunities.

The Constitution only loses its appeal when it loses its relevance – and too often, the youth of America is not empowered to participate in the interpretation of its principles. Modernization of technology means that a wealth of information is out there, if only we encourage its acquisition.

We are Americans, and we are patriots. Through improvement to education, and by empowering our children to seek out Constitutional relevance in their own lives, we will achieve a future that is as bright as that our founding fathers envisioned.

Illustrated not by the rockets' red glare, but by the rising sun.

From the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

In case you didn't know, the FLSSAR has a standing committee that was set up with a purpose to disburse funds for authorized projects and activities. Such activities include the Public Service Awards, JROTC awards, Eagle Scout awards, and the Habitat for Humanity flag presentations just to name a few.

All Florida Society chapters are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile program that can make funds available to the local chapters that may not have been available if the chapters were doing these SAR projects with the limited chapter funds. Here is your chapter's chance to make a bigger impact on your local community while promoting the Sons of the American Revolution.

By promoting your chapter; as well as, serving in the effort to recognize others through such projects mentioned above along with the Rumbaugh Oration contest and the George/Stella Knight Essay contest, more can be accomplished when your chapter applies for these funds that are readily available on a yearly basis.

By taking advantage of what has been discussed herein, your chapter also can attract more publicity on the local level that ultimately will lead to more members.

Acquiring a Militia Uniform?

The Information listed is as of October 2014. Basic Militia Uniform: Total Paid, including shipping = \$164.00. Optional Items: Total Paid, including shipping = \$145.45. What you spend is up to you?

With respect to the Militia uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following: (a) A hat – either tricorn or round; (b) A hunting shirt; (c) A white or checkered shirt; (d) Long britches or fall-front trousers; and (e) Shoes (not necessarily buckle since the long pants leg will cover the buckle area).

Haversack: The haversack carried the basic necessities of the soldier including rations, smaller mess kit items, wallet, etc. Today, it is an ideal place for the guardsman to carry his wallet, cell phone, glasses or other necessary items. It should be made of linen or some similar material.

Powder Horn / Tomahawks / Knives: These items are not parts of the Continental uniform. They are identified with the Militia uniform and should only be worn or carried by those guardsmen in that uniform. These items can be carried using rawhide or leather strings or other materials. They can also be inserted in belts or other woven sashes. As a matter of personal and corporate safety, edged weapons (including swords above) must have the blades covered or secured within an appropriate scabbard.

Ordered from Cooperstown Trading Post:
www.cooperstowntradingpost.com

Men's Shirt – natural, XXL \$35.00; Men's Drop front Britches and Knee Britches - Large – 44-inches, Full-length, Cotton \$50.00; Subtotal \$85.00; Shipping \$15.00; Total \$100.00

Ordered From Jas. Townsend and Son, Inc.
www.jas-townsend.com/hand-finished-tricorn-p-255.html

Hand Finished Tricorn TH-905 \$64.00. Typical of the revolutionary war or colonial period. Black wool felt hat cocked and trimmed in white or black. Finished with a cotton hatband inside. Rosette cockade with pewter button on left side. Give head measurement. Specify black or white trim. Max. hat size 7-3/4. A favorite of soldiers, civilians and fife and drum corps. **DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE YOUR HEAD MEASUREMENT!**

Ordered from Crazy Crow Trading Post:
www.crazycrow.com. Frontier Rifleman's Knife with Sheath Code: 4926-005-002. Carried as a personal sidearm by frontiersmen, militia and mountain men from the pre-Revolutionary period throughout the fur trade era, this blade is typical of the large knives of this period. Approximately 18" overall, with a 13"+ heavy steel blade, thick buffalo horn scales attached with brass pins, and hand laced leather sheath with incised designs and belt loop. Cost: \$33.50; Shipping: Standard Ground Delivery: \$8.95; Total: \$42.45. They also sell "Mountain Men Clothing" with pants and shirts
Ordered from Cooperstown Trading Post:
www.cooperstowntradingpost.com
Eastern Longhunter Shoulder Bag \$15.00; Throwing Hawks – E. Revolutionary Poll Hawk \$24.50
Belts and Buckles - 2" – 50" - 51", Brass \$30.80 - NOTE: Get the 3" Belt if also getting the Tomahawk Holder or Knife with Sheath; Subtotal \$70.30; Shipping \$15.00; Total \$85.30

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FROM INTERSTATE 4 EAST - (from Daytona Beach and downtown Orlando): From I-4, take exit #68 (SR535). Turn left from the ramp traffic light & head to Kissimmee. Upon going about 3.5 miles, turn right onto Kynqs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel is on the right.

FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, NORTH OR SOUTH: From the Florida Turnpike, take exit #249 (Osceola Parkway Exit), Head west upon getting on Osceola Parkway. Upon going across the Shingle Creek bridge after the toll booth, the next exit is SR535. Turn left onto SR535, and go to the next traffic light (Kynqs Heath Rd) and turn right. The hotel is on the right.

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