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## Winter 2017 BOM Meeting



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

~ John Quincy Adams

*Florida Ladies'  
Auxiliary Officers,  
2016 - 2017*

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Secretary	Cathy Thomas
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*Content Submission*

The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. All submissions will be printed in a timely manner. Chapter News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submission should be original material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.

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*Society President's  
Message*

Beloved Compatriots and Friends,

**The winter Board of Management** has come and gone with a significant change in the format. As you know, we have previously met on a Friday with an evening banquet requiring an overnight stay by most members. If there was any unfinished business on Friday, we would carry it over to Saturday morning. Because of the overnight stay, most members had an additional expense to attend the meeting.

Several members had previously contacted me with regards to reducing the cost of attending the meetings. There were also complaints of the necessity to take a day off from work on a Friday. To address these concerns, we changed the format so that the meeting would be held on a Saturday and a change from an evening banquet to an afternoon luncheon. The one day business session remained the same.

These changes resulted in many members being able to attend the meeting without the necessity to stay overnight. The change to a luncheon also saved the membership money as the cost of lunch is less than an evening banquet.

I made a concerted effort to survey a cross section of the attendees and welcomed their pro or con comments on the format change. I received favorable comments from members who initially were against the change. Therefore, we can officially call the format change a success. As there will be a new FLSSAR President during next year's winter BOM, it will be his prerogative to continue with the format change or revert to the previous format. If you have some constructive comments either for or against the change, please forward them to me or the new leadership team in May.

**As the FLSSAR President and Trustee** as well as the NSSAR Deputy Inspector General, I attended the NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville on March 03 – 04, 2017.

Some of the significant decisions made during the conference were;

1. Hiring at least one or more new genealogists to keep up with the increase of new applications
2. Approval to create a new policy to deal with transgender eligibility
3. Approval of a new life-saving medal
4. Approval to accept a significant donation from Solid-Light for phase #2 of the museum
5. Approval to adopt Fifth Third Bank's asset allocation with regards to our holdings
6. Approval to change the signature block and declaration statement on the SAR Application
7. Approval to make an inclusion into the SAR Handbook regarding procedures for applicant background investigations
8. Approval to spend \$25,000 for carpeting on the first floor of SAR headquarters

For anyone interested, I will bring the Spring Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting proceedings book with all the semi-annual reports to the May Board of Management meeting for review.



## *What is an E-Book?*

The Florida Society has created and continuing to add to a new, for us, type of publication - an e-Book. The electronic Book, or e-Book, contains articles and content concerning specific subject matter. We have created two e-Books. One based around the military experiences of our Florida compatriots in whichever field of military life they experienced be it WWII, the Korean Conflict, VietNam, or later conflicts. The second is centered on Genealogical and Historical subject matter. It might be information on historical artifacts or people and battles in the Revolutionary War, or genealogical analysis or research reports.

Take advantage of these e-Books and spend a few minutes reading their stories or reports. They can be found on the Florida Website at <http://flssar.org/Forms.htm>.

## *Calling All Color Guardsmen!*

Here's a chance to strut your stuff by attending the BOM wearing your colorful attire, be it a Military uniform, militia outfit, or civilian clothing. If you haven't started marching with the Florida Brigade and have earned your Bronze Color Guard medal, do so starting this year! Show the dashing side to your personality by joining the other members of the Florida Brigade as they present the colors at the banquet. Staying for the banquet is optional, but it is more fun to mingle with the ordinarily dressed folks.

**The FLSSAR Spring Board of Management and Annual Meeting** will be held at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns (spelled correctly) Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746, on May 19 & 20, 2017. The NSSAR South Atlantic District meeting will also be held May 20<sup>th</sup>. We are again privileged to host President General J. Michael Tomme and First Lady Cilla.

The formatting will provide an evening awards banquet on Friday night, a Youth Program Awards luncheon on Saturday, and the prestigious Patriot Medal ceremony and FLSSAR installation of officers at the Saturday night banquet. Dress code will be business/period clothing with optional formal dress at Saturday's banquet

We will sell out of our room block allotment quickly so, **make your reservations early. The registration information can be found in this magazine and the FLSSAR web-site: FLSSAR.org.**

**It has been my distinct honor** to serve as your FLSSAR President this past year. By the time that you receive this issue of the Patriot, I will have probably passed the gavel to the next Society President. My wife and I have traveled over 8700 miles in our car attending various SAR, DAR, functions including officer installations, chapter visitations, South Atlantic District meetings, SAR Leadership Conferences, SAR Congress and commemorative Revolutionary War ceremonies. We also added several thousand air miles to our travel.

I started my term with two main initiatives. I wanted to conduct an official "Welcome Home" ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans and with the help of Compatriot Bob McGuire, at the Florida Society fall Board of Management banquet, we welcomed home forty-two fellow compatriots who served during the Vietnam Conflict. We were honored to have President General, J. Michael Tomme assist us in our welcome home ceremony.

My second initiative involved implementing the first "Strategic Plan" of the Florida Society. With the help of the Strategic Planning Committee and especially co-chairs, John Stewart, Lee Matson, Charles Butler and Ralph Nelson, the Florida Society now possesses a very professional plan of action.

As the second largest state society in the NSSAR, it is extremely important to have focus on our goals and objectives so that we can make the most efficient use of our financial and manpower resources.

When I commissioned this "blue ribbon" committee, I did not know that they would construct such a wonderful, professional, and totally comprehensive plan. The co-chairs and committee deserve our complete gratitude for their efforts.

As to whether my initiatives are a success, I will leave that judgement to you. I am sure that the next leadership team will improve the society even further and continue to lead the Florida Society to national prominence. I ask you to give them the same amount of cooperation that you gave me as I know that you will.

**I wish all of you, good health, happiness, and all of God's Blessings. Thank You for allowing me to serve you.**

*With Respect and Admiration,*

**Ray Wess**

## *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.

## *Minutes of the Winter 2017 BOM*

*Florida SAR Winter 2017 Board of Management (BOM) Minutes of 4 February 2017, as recorded and prepared by Recording Secretary Compatriot Charles T. Sweeney. The BOM was held at the Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, with President Raymond Francis Wess presiding.*

1:45 PM

Executive Committee members present included President Raymond Francis Wess; Immediate Past President and Vice President General South Atlantic District Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD; Senior Vice President Robert James Folk, Sr.; Secretary Herman Hall Riediger; Treasurer Walter Richard Young; and Member-at-Large Ronald Eugene Toops. Also present was past FLSAR President and current Executive Administrator Steven Allen Williams.

General Officers of the SAR present included President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.; President General Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); President General Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Former Chaplain General and current SAR Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody.

Quorum Verified by Secretary Hall Riediger.

Approval of the Minutes for the Fall 2016 Board of Management (BOM) Meeting of 15 October 2016 were reviewed and passed subject to Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody recommendation that the motions presented during the presentation of the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee Report include that which follows.

1. Background. Compatriot David Kelsey, an Operating Budget Trust Funds Trustee, Chairman, and Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Officer, has serviced three 3-year terms with the Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds Committee. On 31 December 2016, his current term on the committee ends. Compatriot David Kelsey indicated a desire not to serve another term.

Motion. To fill the upcoming vacancy, President Wess proposed that the BOM nominate Compatriot John Stewart for a three-year term as Compatriot David Kelsey's replacement. Since there were no nominations offered from the floor, Rev Dr Randy Moody moved that the nominations be closed.

Motion Passed.

2. Background. One of President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.,

initiatives included the challenge to each State Society to donate \$1,000 or more to the Council of Youth Awards during his term of office.

Motion. Past President Lindsey C. Brock offered the motion that the FLSAR Donate \$2,000. Rev Dr Randy Moody second the motion. During discussion of the motion, President Ray Wess clarified the funds source: \$1,280 would come from the FLSAR treasury, and \$720 would come from accumulated private donations.

Motion Passed.

Reports of National and State Officers presented as detailed in the Winter Board of Management Meeting Proceedings of 4 February 2017.

Statutory Committee Reports were given. One significant point of concern was voiced; namely, Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody questioned the true amount on page 31 of the proceedings under "Record Storage." After discussion between Treasurer Richard Young, and President Raymond Wess, and with input of previous treasurer Hall Riediger, guidance was given that the minutes reflect an administrative correction is authorized to rename "Record Storage" to "Record Stipend." The storage expense as previously programed at \$1,000 should be recorded on the appropriate line item on the Finance Report as "Record Storage."

Committee Chairmen Reports in the order listed on the Meeting Agenda followed. During this process, Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody made the following motion.

Significant Point of Information. During a brief by Compatriot Don Lanman it was suggested that the Florida SAR would benefit from reviewing how we utilize the \$1,000 budgeted funds for the Support the Troops (ad hoc) committee, with a view toward redirecting these funds to other Veterans Programs that are partnered with members of the C.A.R

Motion. Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody moved that the ad hoc Support the Troops Committee procedures be suspended while a special committee evaluate the feasibility of moving in a new direction in partnership with the C.A.R and that funds utilized in executing such study be made available to the special committee for their use accordingly. Motion was first and seconded by Compatriots Lee Popham and John Stewart.

Motion Passed.

Guidance. President Ray Wess appointed Compatriot Don Lanman to chair an ad hoc committee consistent with the motion stated immediately above. Further, President Wess tasked this ad hoc committee to report their finding at the May 2017 BOM.

President Ray Wess Authorization. In view of the upcoming National Society Leadership Conference on March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the BOM was apprised that select issues will be presented to the Trustees concerning: (1) Matters pertaining to "good moral character and repute," (2) Matters pertaining to gender identity. The BOM authorized President Wess to present views and votes based upon his conscious.

Executive Committee Motion.

Background. In December 2016, an ad hoc Ethics Committee was created, with Charter. On 3 February 2017, the Executive Committee agreed to propose to the membership that the Ethics Committee (ad hoc) become a standing committee.

Motion. The Florida SAR moves that the existing Ethics Committee (ad hoc) become a Standing Ethics Committee.

Motion Passed.

The Winter 2017 Board of Management meeting ended at 4:15 PM.

## The Graperine

Hello Ladies! Spring is here and I hope it finds all of you doing well. The Easter season is approaching and Ray and I hope that its arrival brings you many blessings.

We had a wonderful Ladies Auxiliary meeting during Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in early March where national officers were elected.

Billie Brock, in colonial attire, presented: Martha Jefferson Randolph, nicknamed "Patsy". She gave an informative and entertaining talk about the life of Patsy, the daughter of our third President, Thomas Jefferson. The Ladies Auxiliary luncheon was another highlight. The event was well attended and it was a great time to see old friends and meet first time attendees.

Our Spring Board of Management meeting (BOM) is right around the corner. It will be held at the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Rd., Kissimmee, Florida, 34746, on May 19 & 20, 2017.

We are bringing back by popular demand the First Lady's Tea Luncheon. We will be honoring our current First Lady, Cilla Tomme and all the living First Ladies from the Florida Society so I am looking forward to seeing you there. The men are also hosting the South Atlantic District meeting including the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Many of them are bringing their wives so join me in showing these visitors some Florida hospitality. Invite someone from your chapter to join our group. I would love to see new faces at our next meeting and luncheon. There will be some surprises at the luncheon so don't miss out on the fun and fellowship! No hints!!

We will again have our charity basket raffle at the May BOM so I encourage each chapter to participate by donating a gift basket equaling an amount of \$50.00. These raffles are the main source of funding for the Ladies Auxiliary charitable donations for the enhancement of the Florida Society's Youth Awards Programs including the ROTC/JROTC, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Historical Orator Contest, Outstanding Eagle Scout, Poster and Brochure Contest, and the Outstanding American History Teacher Award. Please help the ladies reach our charitable goals. We certainly enjoy helping our youth, plus, it's a lot of fun.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

## Nomi Wess

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President

## My Compatriot - General Freegift Patchin

General Freegift Patchin, was a G5 grandson of Joseph Patching, who came from England to America in 1634 on the ship *Hercules*. Freegift was born February 20, 1758 in Wilton, C.T. As a young lad he had a strong desire to support the War for Independence. On June 21, 1776 at the age of 18, he enlisted as a fifer for 6 months in the CT Militia, Wadsworth Brigade. After his enlistment expired he became attached to a New York Company of militia in the



Re-enactor Charles Alfred Churchill

valley of Schoharie. On April 2, 1780, Freegift arrived at the encampment and found himself among 14 minute-men. They did not expect an encounter with the enemy because of the severe cold and deep snow. Besides, the nearest fort held by the British was at Niagara, a distance of 300 miles from their location. They were

not being watchful as they tapped maple trees for the next five days and made Maple Syrup. On April 7 they were surrounded by 43 Indians and 7 Tories. Three of the minutemen were slain. Their leader was Joseph Brant who was chief of the Six Nations. All night Brant and his warriors, five chiefs, as well as the Tories, fiercely debated whether



their captives should be put to death or taken alive to Niagara. Brant persuaded them to keep the captives alive. The march commenced with their arms strongly pinned and shoulders heavily burdened with large packs. They had no provisions. They had to survive on a handful of corn a day. Freegift and the other captives survived the 300 mile forced march to Fort Niagara. They were sold to the British for eight dollars a head. Freegift found himself in prison,

placed in irons, and deprived of just about everything needed to survive. He was released after the announcement reached them that peace had been declared. Returning to Wilton, CT., he courted and married Molly Morehouse in 1784. They raised four daughters and two sons. They moved to North Blenheim, N.Y. in 1798 where they owned and operated a grist mill and farmed on 350 acres. Freegift was appointed Brigadier General of the New York Militia in



1806 by Governor Dewitt Clinton. He served two terms as an Assemblyman in the N. Y. Legislature. In 1828 he wrote a narrative entitled, "The Captivity and Suffering of Freegift Patchin Among the Indians as told by Himself." It was published in 1833. Charles Churchill obtained a copy of the narrative, condensed it and became a Revolutionary War re-enactor, portraying his ancestor. The entire narrative can be read by going on the Internet and Google General Freegift Patchin.

Line of descent: (1) Joseph, (2) Jacob, (3) Jacob, (4) Isaac, (5) Freegift, (6) Lewis Isaac, (7) Alonzo, (8) John Leroy, (9)Eva Patchin Churchill, (10)Leroy Patchin Churchill, and (11) Charles Churchill.

Reference: The History and Genealogy of the Patchin-Patchen Family by Grace Patchen Leggett, published by the Patchin-en Family Association, Waterbury, CT, copyright 1952.

Charles Alfred Churchill, member South Shore SAR, Sun City Center, Florida. National Number 138633, State Number 8819, G4 grandson of Revolutionary War ancestor, General Freegift Patchin.

## *Proposed By-Law Changes*

The Documents committee has reviewed and recommends the following changes to the By-laws:.

### **MOTION: Bylaw Change**

### **FLSSAR Governing Documents (revised October 2016)**

### **SECTION 3 AMENDMENTS**

### **Presented to the FLSSAR Executive Committee and Board of Management, Orlando, Florida 14 Oct. 2016**

Deletions in

Proposal to change FLSSAR Governing Documents, (revised May 2015), ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3, Amendments, A. (1) (page 29), B. Other FLSSAR Documents, (1). (page 29-30).

Section 3 Amendments,

A

(1) The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Document Committee (*by November 1<sup>st</sup>*) in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made (*which shall make its recommendations*) to the Board of Management (BOM) at a regular meeting thereof at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

B

(1)The text of any proposed amendment(s) (*shall*) should be submitted to the Documents Committee (at least 60 days) for review and recommendations prior

to any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR. Any voting member of the Board of Management may propose an amendment. (*The 60 daytime frame is to allow for an orderly review of any proposed change and time for the Documents Committee to formulate their recommendation to the Board of Management*).

These recommended changes will still allow the Committee to review and submit any changes to the ExCom and BOM of the FLSSAR.

Committee Charter

Rumbaugh Oration Contest

The Documents committee recommends the underlined changes to Rumbaugh Charter:

Functions

5 To ensure adequate space is reserved at the Winter Meeting to conduct the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, that judges and timekeepers are designated and briefed, and that prize money and Awards are on hand. Additionally, travel expense reimbursement is granted to each Florida SAR Rumbaugh Oration contestant to the maximum amount of \$60.00 when proper and acceptable receipts are presented to the Florida SAR Treasurer within ten days of completion of the Contest. Reimbursement will be made for actual receipted expenditures for road tolls and gasoline for travel to and from the contest at the rate of \$.55 per mile as well as for breakfast and lunch for only the day of the contest. Information and coordination of reimbursement shall be made by the Florida SAR Rumbaugh Committee Chairman or his designee to the contestant prior to the Florida SAR annual contest.

The underlined section above was approved at the 2016 Spring BOM and annual meeting.

By-law change

Current

### **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 2 Audit Committee**

The President shall appoint an Audit Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an audit or financial review of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such audit shall be presented to the BOM for approval at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.



Audit Committee Proposed Bylaw change

\*Insertions underlined; Deletions in Text

Article V Section 2 - Audit Committee:

The President shall appoint a Financial Review Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an annual independent internal audit with specific guidelines or financial review of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such Financial Review Committee shall be presented to the BOM for approval prior to the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

\*The additional language " annual independent internal " and " with specific guidelines " are from the approved motion of the BOM at the Fall BOM meeting. The language additions/deletions " prior to the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR " at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR." are the result of committee consensus.

Committee Charter

Name: Audit

Status: Statutory

Purpose: To conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an audit **or financial review** of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 2

Members: The President, Florida Society, shall appoint not less than three nor more than five Members, one of whom shall be named Chairman and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer. Audit Committee members should be otherwise INDEPENDENT of the Financial operations of the society.

Functions:

**1. Review the Treasurer's Annual Report (or several interim reports)**

Are the end-of-year assets larger than 10 times the annual expenditures?

If so, there may be a tax problem (too much retained vs amount spent).

**2. Review the previous audit report**

Were the concerns noted there resolved during the past year?

(Comment on the resolution of these concerns in your report.)

**3. Review the people and procedural controls for access to the funds before deposit**

-- List the people and procedures through which funds flow from payer to deposit in the bank.

**4. Review all financial assets, the people authorized to access them, and documentation of transactions**

-- List all bank accounts held by the Society and the approximate amount in them.

-- For each account note the people authorized to make withdrawals and/or to write checks.

-- List all people who have petty cash funds and the approximate amount in them. If none, so state.

**5. Review the people and procedural controls for making payments or asset disposal**

-- List the people and note the procedures to authorize and execute expenditures.

**6. Audit the documentation filed to substantiate expenditures -- see worksheet**

**7. Write an Audit Summary letter to the president or chair:**

On [date] the audit committee of the [Society met with the treasurer to perform the annual non-certified audit of the Society's financial books and reports for the fiscal year

[start date] through [end date].

We concluded that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the monetary transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending [end date].

The cash balance of \$ [ ] shown on the bank statement dated [date]

from the [name] bank accurately represents the assets of the Society on deposit

at that institution. [Do this for each account.]

Suggestions for Improvement: [Write any comments here]

Respectfully submitted,

(signature)

(date)

for the Audit Committee, composed of (names)

Ethics Committee Charter

Name: Ethics Committee

Status: Standing

Purpose: In an effort to maintain the high standard of conduct expected and deserved by our Forefathers, our Members, and the American public Florida Society SAR operates under the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct outlined below.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6. c (1).

Members: A Chairman appointed and additional Members, not less than 5, who shall be appointed by the President, Florida Society and whose terms shall be concurrent with the appointing officer.

Functions:

Ensure adherence by all Florida members to the policies as set forth below.

Upon receiving a complaint perform due diligence in investigating said complaint and forward the committee recommendation to the Florida Executive Committee for any action deemed necessary.

**Policy statements**

**Compliance Requirements** All members, employees, and

volunteers are required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and with National Society SAR and Florida Society SAR bylaws and policies.

### **Prohibited Actions**

No member, employee, or volunteer shall engage in the following actions:

Authorize the use of or use for the benefit or advantage of any person, the name, emblem, endorsement, services or property of Florida Society SAR, except in conformance with Florida Society SAR policy.

Accept or seek on behalf of any other person, any financial advantage or gain of other than nominal value offered as a result of the member's, employee's, or volunteer's affiliation with Florida Society SAR.

Publicly use any Florida Society SAR affiliation in connection with promotion of partisan politics, religious matters or positions on any issue not in conformity with the official position of Florida Society SAR.

Disclose any confidential Florida Society SAR information that is available solely as a result of the member's, employee's or volunteer's affiliation with Florida Society SAR to any person not authorized to receive information, or use to the disadvantage of Florida Society SAR any such confidential information, without the express authorization of Florida Society SAR.

Knowingly take any action or make any statement intended to influence the conduct of Florida Society SAR in such a way as to confer any financial benefit on any person, corporation or entity in which the individual has a significant interest or affiliation.

Operate or act in a manner that creates a conflict or appears to create a conflict with the interests of Florida Society SAR and any organization in which the individual has a personal, business or financial interest.

Retaliate against any member, employee or volunteer who seeks advice from, raises a concern with or makes a complaint about fraud, waste, abuse, policy violations, discrimination, illegal conduct, unethical conduct, unsafe conduct or any other misconduct by the organization, its members, employees or volunteers.

Operate or act in any manner that is contrary to the best interest of National and Florida Society SAR.

Conduct in disseminating via multi-party e-mail, mail, social media or other means, disparaging, maligning, false, or harassing comments or statements concerning compatriots.

Issuance of circulars, communications or pronouncements regarding the Florida Society SAR purporting to represent official policies of the Florida Society SAR via e-mail, mail, social media or other means, without the approval of the Trustees, Executive Committee or the Executive Director.

Misappropriate or convert to personal use the personal or intellectual property of the Florida Society SAR without the approval of the Trustees, or if that authority is delegated, without the approval of the Executive Committee or the Executive Director.

### **Reporting Responsibility**

Each member, employee, volunteer and other stakeholder of Florida Society SAR has an obligation to report in accordance with this Code of Business Ethics and suspected violations of this Policy.

### **Handling of Reported Violations**

Violations of this Policy shall be referred to the Ethics Committee for investigation. The investigation may be instituted by a written complaint or by information brought to the attention of the Chairman or a member of the committee. The committee shall investigate the alleged violation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the committee may hold hearings and take testimony as provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

At the conclusion of the hearing and investigation, the committee may take such action as it deems necessary, or it may recommend disciplinary action to the President and the Executive Committee. In the event of a recommendation for disciplinary action by the President and the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall review the findings of the Ethics Committee and take appropriate action or no action as the case requires.

The alleged violator may appeal the action taken by the Executive Committee by filing notice within thirty (30) days demanding a hearing on the alleged violations before the Executive Committee at a date, time and place which shall be set by the Executive Committee. The alleged violator shall have a further right to appeal any action taken by the Executive Committee to the Board of Managers at its next regular meeting. Executive Committee action other than expulsion shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Managers present. If the action being sought against the alleged violator is expulsion from Florida Society SAR, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Managers present and voting shall be necessary to expel. Such alleged violator shall have a further right to appeal any action taken by the Board of Managers to the immediately following Annual Meeting. Board of Managers action other than expulsion shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the delegates at said Annual Meeting present and voting. If the action being sought against the alleged violator is expulsion from Florida Society SAR, a two-thirds vote of the delegates at said Annual Meeting present and voting shall be necessary to expel.

## *Rumbaugh Oration Contest*

At the Winter BOM meeting, the contestants for this year's Rumbaugh contest came and gave their speech to those in attendance. The winner was Rachel Mallet and the runner-up was Harley Greene. Note that Rachel Mallet will be representing the FLSSAR at the National Congress in Knoxville, TN this summer.

## *Knight Essay Contest*

Recently, the FLSSAR Knight Essay Contest Committee met to review the various essay submittals that came in for this year's contest. Upon compiling and review all the Essays submittal, three winners were determined. For the First Place Winner, the committee chose an essay from Karen Lu which was titled: "The Enlightenment." Her essay was sponsored by the Miami Chapter. For the Second Place Winner, the committee chose an essay from Rachel E. Sheppard which was titled: "Nathan Hale." Her essay was sponsored by the Withlacoochee Chapter. For the Third Place Winner, the committee chose an essay from Elijah B. Soyke which was titled: "The Constitution". His essay was sponsored by the St. Petersburg Chapter.

## The 2017 Last Naval Battle Ceremony - Merritt Island, FL



Patriotism is alive in Brevard with the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration

On March 11th, the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution along with the six Brevard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the 234th anniversary of the naval battle between the American ship the *Alliance* captained by John Barry and the British sloop *Sybil*.

Participating this year in the parading of colors were these groups: Naval Ordnance Test Unit, Sons of the American Revolution, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN, David McCampbell Battalion Sea Cadets of Melbourne, Courageous Div Sea Cadets were formed in 1958, American Legion Posts #163, American Legion Post #344, the Marine Corp League Detachment 533, Brevard Veterans Center, L.L. Mitchell Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, Captain J.J. Dickenson Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #1387

Many of these groups and many individuals presented wreath for laying at the Cannon at the Veterans Center. The Historical Marker Plaque was removed by the Florida Historical Commission in Late February for refurbishment and was not available for the event. It will be returned in late March. The Speaker was a Dr. Roger Smith

Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. in Early American History and Atlantic World Studies from the University of Florida in 2011. His work on the American Revolution in the South has received the Aschoff Fellowship Dissertation Award and the Jack and Celia Proctor Award in Southern History.

Dr. Smith now represents Colonial Research Associates and speaks nationally on his Revolutionary War research. He has provided consultation for the AMC television series *Turn*, and worked on projects with the Florida Humanities Council, the University of West Florida, the University of Florida, and the City of St. Augustine. His presentation - *The 14th Colony: The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret*

On December 18, 1775, General George Washington wrote a letter to John Hancock, warning the Continental Congress that the British were stockpiling weapons and gunpowder in St. Augustine, East Florida. In his letter, Washington was sounding an alarm, as he feared that the British were preparing to reclaim the southern colonies by invading Georgia and South Carolina with an army from East Florida – a colony wholly loyal to King George III. And Washington was correct! The role played by British St. Augustine in the American War of Independence is Florida's most unique story in its 500-year history – perhaps the most unique story of the American Revolution.

# Chapter News

## Aaron Snowden Chapter



The Aaron Snowden Chapter presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medal at recent Sons of American Revolution meeting to Compatriot Ned France for his long time service to Boy Scouts, church work, library volunteer work, and many dedicated years as member of SAR. Pictured above (l to r) are Aaron Snowden President Bert Outlaw, Ned France, Chapter Registrar Lonnie Jones. Ned is 84 years young.

Additional chapter news is Vietnam Era Awards were presented to 5 chapter members who were not able to attend BOM meeting. Sea Cadet Hickerson at NAS Whiting Field was presented Good Conduct Award as nominated by his Group Leader, based on their peers selection.

## Caloosa Chapter

The Caloosa Chapter continues to see growth not only in overall membership, now approaching 90, but also in attendance at the monthly membership meetings. We have been fortunate to find a venue which is central and convenient for our membership, and our featured presentations have generally had good appeal. For some meetings we have invited DAR attendance, and we have been experimenting with Saturday meetings interspersed with our standard Wednesday noon general membership meetings.

It was our good fortune to have NSSAR PG Tomme not only attend our February meeting with his wife Cilla Leed, but also perform the induction ceremony for two of our new members. Our Color Guard has increased membership, and posted Colors for this event. We have also had opportunities to interact with local DAR chapters, often in Color Guard. Our Color Guard participated in the recent Merritt Island remembrance of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War. We have recently joined the Naturalization Program here in Fort Myers, along with the DAR. The new citizens appear very interested in our Color Guard attire, with many photos obtained.

For 2017, we have been able to continue our strong programs including Bill and Cara Elder (George and Martha Washington), Compatriot Ren Cushing speaking about life as it really was in the emerging colonies during the revolutionary period, and other presentations by members. Our new officers were inducted in January by Compatriot Lee Matson, our immediate Past President and currently FLSSAR SW

Regional Vice President, who continues as part of the FLS-SAR committee developing our strategic plan. Our mentoring program is in place. Our Vice President/registrar/webmaster Robert McGuire has recently updated our website.

The rest of our spring schedule will honor first responders in May, and our April meeting will look at additional new initiatives from NSSAR.

## Central Florida Chapter



Central Florida Chapter presented three SAR Heroism Medals to officers of the Orlando Police Department on 6 March 2017. Officers Daniel Staudte, Philip Scaglione, and Corporal Joseph Cantanzaro. Pictured above is Compatriot Dan Dall, Officer Staudte, Chief Mina, & Officer Scaglione.

While responding to a domestic violence call Officer's Staudte and Scaglione were able to separate the man and woman involved but then the woman ran to the balcony in an attempt to commit suicide by jumping over the glass railing. Officers Staudte and Scaglione gave chase and were able to pull her back to safety despite her attempts to break the glass rail and send them all over the edge.

Corporal Cantanzaro along with other officers responded to a report of the an assault wherein a male was attacking a female with a club. While the other officers pursued the male, Corporal Cantanzaro immediately attended to the victim providing life saving first aid. He was able to stabilize her until the ORMC Trauma Unit arrived and transported her the emergency room. Although she later succumbed to her injuries, Corporal Cantanzaro's quick action served to prolong her life until medical personnel were able to evacuate her.

The award ceremony was part of the Orlando Police Department's Leadership Meeting with all department heads and Chief John Mina in attendance. Dan was invited to lunch prior to the meeting and was hosted by Master Sergeant Harrell in a truly first class manner.

Chief Mina and all department heads were extremely appreciative of the SAR's efforts to recognize three of their own and show our Chapter's appreciation for everything they



do for our community on a daily basis. Pictured above are Compatriot Dan Dall, Corporal Cantanzaro, and Chief Mina.



## *Clearwater Chapter*



At their February meeting at the Dunedin Golf and Country Club, Ray Hildreth, Larry Patterson and Robert Anderson were welcomed into the Florida Veterans Battalion. Pictured above (L to R) are Bob Cundiff Clearwater Chapter President, Larry Patterson, Robert Anderson, Ray Hildreth and Jim Gibsom Chairman of the Veterans Committee

The 31<sup>st</sup> Presentation of The Massing of the Colors Presented by the Clearwater Chapter of Military Order of the World Wars was held Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the Pasadena Community United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Fl. This is a Symbol of Patriotism honoring the Men and Woman of the Armed Forces. The event featured patriotic speeches and music honoring our Armed Forces throughout Americas Great History.

Over 22 Color Guard units including Military, ROTC, Boy Scouts, Fire, Police, CAR, DAR, SAR and other civic units from around the area participated in this event. Pictured in the right hand column are members of the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard with a member of the St. Petersburg Chapter Color Guard and Clearwater Compatriot and US Army Officer(Ret) Pat Niemann.



Eagle Scout Stuart Case, son of Richard and Pamela Case of Palm Harbor, was the Clearwater Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest. He was awarded the First Place check, a Certificate and the Eagle Scout Medal at the January meeting of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Stuart's essay will now be sent to the State level for the State competition. Pictured above are Stuart Case and SAR Chapter President Dr. Bob Cundiff.

Stuart is a 10th grader at Palm Harbor University High School. He is a member of Troop 26 in Palm Harbor. He has been very active in Scouting which shows with his 81 merit badges so far. There are 325 requirements for the path to Eagle Scout. Of every 100 boys who join Scouting, fewer than five will attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

## *Flagler Chapter*

Flagler Chapter Flag Chairman David Hammond presented Charlie and Sally Hayes with the NSSAR Flag Certificate in recognition of their Patriotic display of the United States Flag and the POW-MIA Flag at their home in Palm Coast, Florida. Their flag pole is unique in that the pole has a telescoping feature requiring no lanyards to raise and lower the flags. Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris accompanied Compatriot Hammond at the presentation. Sally Hayes is a member of the DAR and Charlie Hayes is a retired U.S. Army Major and intends to file application for SAR membership.



On an unseasonably warm day, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Flagler Chapter hiked the Thomas Creek Revolutionary War battle area located just south of the Nassau River in extreme north Florida. This six mile hike was the Chapter's Third Annual Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike of the area. The weather was perfect, the trails were extremely dry, and the wildlife abundant. This was a great day for a hike and a time to honor and reflect upon the Patriots of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse that died in battle on May 17, 1777, 240 years ago.



On March 11, 2017, a Flagler Chapter delegation participated in the annual celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution which occurred off the Florida coast 234 years ago on March 10, 1783. President Randall Morris presented a wreath on behalf of the Flagler Chapter and Compatriot David Kelsey presented a wreath on behalf of the Marshes of Glynn, GASSAR Chapter, of which he is a dual member.

The Annual Four Chaplains Service sponsored by The American Legion Post 115 was held on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the VFW 8696 Post in Palm Coast. This event commemorates the sacrifice of four United States Army Chaplains during World War II. Army Chaplain Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Army Chaplain Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Army Chaplain Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Army Chaplain Lt. John R. Washington (Catholic) gave their all to save the lives of comrades.

The members of the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution who participated in the ceremony were Randall Morris, President, David Hammond, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and John Thomas, Sgt-At-Arms.

On February 3, 1943, the SS Dorchester was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat off the coast of Greenland. Under orders to not send radio signals, the rest of the convoy was not made aware of the attack on the Dorchester. The four



chaplains did what they could to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disorientated to safety. The Dorchester sank in less than 20 minutes, taking almost 700 men with her. Witnesses reported seeing the four chaplains standing together, joined hand-in-hand, praying in their own way as the ship slipped beneath the waves.

For their heroic actions the Four Chaplains were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. On January 18, 1961 Congress authorized President Dwight D. Eisenhower to award the Four Chaplains with a Special Medal for Heroism. Congress had wanted to award the Four Chaplains the Medal of Honor, but was prevented from doing so because that medal is specifically designated for acts of heroism committed when under fire.

## *Jacksonville Chapter*

At our November meeting, we presented our annual Public Service awards. Law Enforcement Commendation Medals were awarded to members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, and Florida Department of Corrections, and the Fire Safety Commendation Med-



al was awarded to members of the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department. At the December meeting, Compatriot Robby Stokes and his band Liberty Express (with Barry Collins and Clayton VanDiver) en-

tertained the attendees with Christmas songs, many of which encouraged the attendees to sing along. The January, February, and March meetings included speakers Zachary Gray, UNF doctoral candidate in US History ("Masculinity in the American Revolutionary Era"), Jim Hartman, a blacksmith ("Blacksmith Weddings"), and Rick Ramsey, attorney ("Mysteries of the Constitution"), respectively.

At the November and December meetings, FLSSAR NE Regional VP Jim Gaskins, on behalf of FLSSAR President Ray Wess recognized 22 Compatriots for their service on



active duty during the Vietnam era (1955-1975)

On 2/12/2017, we held our annual Flag Retirement ceremony, with Compatriot Robby Stoke as master of ceremonies. We'd like to thank the Mandarin Community Club for hosting the event, and the local Scout Troops and C.A.R. members for their assistance.

The chapter has presented flags and copies of the Constitution to six new home owners as part of the Habitat for Humanity program.

In February, the George Washington Camp color guard participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony and the DAR George Washington luncheon.

### *Lakeland Chapter*

Ten members of the Putnam family including William Dudley Putnam II, Adam Hughes Putnam, State of Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Hughes Putnam, Jr., Robert Lee Putnam, Christian Putnam Spinosa, William Dudley Putnam IV, Patrick August Spinosa, Alexander Robert Spinosa, William Dudley Putnam III, and Benjamin Langford were all accepted as members of the Lakeland Chapter. The picture covers the first six which were inducted on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Three accepted members were away at the time of this specific induction ceremony. Unfortunately William Dudley Putnam III passed away between the time his application was approved and the time of the ceremony.

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and his family lineage goes back to Major General Israel Putnam of Connecticut but the family was inducted using the service of Colonel



Nathaniel Wade of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Continental Line from Essex County, Massachusetts.

The Lakeland Chapter is very proud to have this Putnam family as members. They have deep Polk County, Florida roots. They have exhibited their strong agriculture skills for many years on their ranch near Fort Meade, Florida.

### *Lake Sumter Chapter*

In the Lake-Sumter SAR Gazette, I challenged the members to report any SAR sponsored memorials they might have or will come across in the future. I didn't expect a response so soon, a memorial so near, or a memorial established by our own Lake-Sumter SAR Chapter. But, shortly after the challenge, Compatriot Bob Moody arranged to have a photograph sent to me of a "Liberty Tree" which had been planted near the Old Lake County Court House, Tavares, FL. The



plaque identified the tree as having been planted on 17 Feb 2002, jointly by the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Lake-Sumter SAR Chapter. But that wasn't the end of the "Liberty Tree" topic. In the days that followed, I received emails from compatriots Bob Moody, Ralph Nelson and Jerry Hardwich pointing me in the direction of Wikipedia for additional information on the Liberty Tree.

The Wikipedia article identified the original Liberty Tree, as having been located at the corner of Essex and Washington Streets in Boston. On August 14, 1765, a crowd gathered in Boston under the tree to protest the Stamp Act. Patriots who later called themselves the Sons of Liberty, hung Andrew Oliver in effigy, after he imposed the Stamp Act on behalf of King George. In addition, a British cavalry jackboot was hung and seen grinning from within the boot was a devil-like doll holding a scroll marked "Stamp Act." This was the first public show of defiance against the Crown and spawned the resistance that led to the Revolutionary War ten years later. On September 10, 1765, a sign saying "Tree of Liberty" was nailed to the trunk of the tree.

In the years that followed, the British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule which ultimately led to a party of

Loyalists who felled the tree in an act of spite in 1775, knowing what it represented to the patriots. The act only further enraged the patriots, and flags bearing a representation of the Liberty Tree became a common sight during the battles of the American Revolution.

In October 1966, the Boston Globe completed a series of articles in which it was reported that the only memorial at the site of the original Liberty Tree was on the third story of a building which at that time, housed Kemp's, a hamburger restaurant; Dunkin Donuts; and the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles. Queries to tenants and employees of the building found that almost no one knew the purpose of the memorial or the significance of the Liberty Tree itself. Following the articles, promises of parks and memorials went unfulfilled until finally a small bronze plaque was placed on the sidewalk across the street from the original plaque bearing the simple inscription "SONS OF LIBERTY, 1766; INDEPENDENCE of their COUNTRY, 1776".

Many thanks to Compatriot Moody for his recollection of the Tavares Liberty Tree which has allowed us to learn, or recall, some of our history.

## Northwest Region



A FLSSAR NWR Joint SAR/DAR/CAR Luncheon was held along with Patriot Ansel Ferrell Dedication Ceremony at the Ferrell-Strickland Cemetery. The event hosted by the Tallahassee Chapter SAR at Post 13, American Legion Building, at Lake Ella, Tallahassee, Florida. The Dedication Ceremony held at the Ferrell-Strickland Cemetery, on the Red Hills Plantation, eight tenths of a mile into the woods, South of the Georgia - Florida State Line. Headcount of 28 partici-

pates at the Luncheon - Meeting and 83 participates at the Dedication Ceremony. The Ferrell and Strickland descendants present were all pleased with the ceremony. DeCody Brad Marble was also very pleased with the cooperation received by the SAR, DAR and CAR and the Ferrell - Strickland Descendants.



## Palm Beach Chapter

**Chapter Membership:** PB Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including DAR outreach, genealogical and civic events growing from 161 to 181 members in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter with 15 applications in process.

**Chapter Activities & Events:** Chapter hosted President General Tomme and State President Wess at its February meeting presenting PB Tomme with an honor plaque of appreciation for his leadership.

Chapter introduced a specially minted commutative coin in recognition of its upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated several local & state activities including in 2017 including BOM, Last Naval Battle, county & state DAR meetings, and conferences.

2017 Officers elected inducted include: Don Lanman-President, Ben Tidwell-VP, Peter Johnston-Treasurer, Bob Boggs-Registrar, Gary Green-Secretary, Father Sanford Sears-Chaplain, Sam Miller-Historian, Brian Davey-Sgt.@ Arms & Bill Johnson Officer @ Large.

Chapter continues to promote the PG General Mentor program and its special "Widow's Brigade" for surviving windows of deceased Compatriots to recognize and appreciate the role of spouses in the ongoing success of the Chapter including them in meetings and events.

Veterans Programs & Support:

Chapter expanded its FLSSAR Veterans Brigade membership to 25 including an admiral and general.

Compatriot Don Lanman serves on the State Society Veterans Affairs committees & local VA Veteran Services Advisory committee. Lanman services on the Board of Directors for the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Foundation.

Four Chapter Compatriots have volunteered to serve as veteran guardians for the Southeast Florida Honor Flight program to Washington DC on April 8, 2017.

**Civic, Youth & CAR Activities:** Chapter is scheduled to present 11 JROTC Medals and presented six commendation medals to police, firefighters and first responders, and 10 Flag Certificates in 2017.

History Teacher Lauren Goepfert won both the Chapter and State American History Teacher of the Year Award, and will represent the Chapter and State at the National Congress in 2017.

Chapter is actively working with two local CAR chapters to provide toiletries to the local VA Hospital for Veteran patients. Chapter presented two Scholarships to Palm Beach Atlantic University.

**Chapter Recognition & Awards:** Chapter received an event streamer for the Last Naval Battle event presenting Chapter Honor Wreaths at both events. Past President Edward S Buckley will be honored with the prestigious Patriot Medal from FLSSAR at the May BOM. Compatriot Don Lanman was honored by the DAR with their prestigious "Excellence in Community Service" Award by the Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter at their annual Constitution Day Ceremony.

**2017 Chapter Vision:** Founded in 1938, the Chapter was will be preparing for its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. Its 2017 goals are to increase its membership, expand the Mentor program



enhance DAR joint events, expand its youth programs, scholarships, increase Veterans support and promote its Widows Brigade.

## *Saramana Chapter*



Above picture: L-R President General of the Sons of the American Revolution J. Michael Tomme, Sr.; Ms. Rachel Mallett, Sarasota High School; and President Raymond Wess, Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Saramana SAR Chapter finished 2016 strong and began 2017 the same way. As the year closed, the Chapter inducted new officers, governors, and trustees, participated in commemorations of Pearl Harbor, and honored passed member veterans at Sarasota National Cemetery with Wreaths Across America. At our December luncheon, students competed in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest for scholarship money and an opportunity to represent the Chapter at State. For January, the Chapter Color Guard participated in a Speaker's Bureau presentation for hundreds of residents at a local community association. Great talks on SAR history, youth programs, and a lesson on the clothing and uniforms of the Revolutionary War was very well received. Luncheon provided an opportunity for contestants in the Knight Essay Contest and Eagle Scout Essay Contest to demonstrate their knowledge in friendly competition. On Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Saramana participated with the DAR, CAR, and local genealogical and historic groups in a family history event for dozens of children and their families. The winter Florida Board of Management meeting was attended by Saramana members as well as our Rumbaugh contestant Rachel Mallett. She earned top marks and will go on to compete this summer at Congress. The February luncheon was a packed event – with the highest attendance of the year. Among our many guests were seven ROTC cadets, their instructors, and many family members. Cadet Jovan Vasques of Manatee High School was named the Saramana Enhanced ROTC contest winner. In honor of George Washington's birthday, Saramana invited Florida SAR Society Chaplain Dwight Elam to give a talk on "The Ladies of Valley Forge". A great time was had by all – as well as a hearty slice of Cherry pie.

## The Thin Blue Line

On April 28, 2017, the Saramana SAR rendered respect with honors by hosting the Law Enforcement Awards for those who protect and serve citizens of Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

According to Timonthy Roufa, who holds the rank of Major and Chief Technology Officer for the largest statewide law enforcement agency in Florida, you've probably seen the symbol: a solid blue horizontal line or bar bordered on the top and bottom by black rectangles. They're on the front license plates of cars and trucks, on stickers on rear windows, on T-shirts, websites, profile pictures and even tattoos. But what does this thin blue line emblem mean?

The simple-looking emblem has multiple meanings, all related to the same concept: police officers stand as a thin line that protects society from good and evil, chaos and order. Depending on who you talk to and which police department you ask, some apply additional meanings to the thin blue line. The Hamden Police Department in Connecticut believes that it represents the line between life and death that officers face every day. In some cases, it may be a tribute to an officer killed in the line of duty.

The blue is derived from the traditional color of police uniforms. Most municipal police still wear blue, and blue has long been associated with law enforcement throughout the history of modern policing. The black simply serves as a stark contrast for the blue. The color itself is neutral and it emphasizes the blue line.

The concept of the thin blue line is said to trace back to 1966 when it was put forth in a documentary exploring the cultural brotherhood of policing. It's come under attack innumerable times since then, first during the time of tumultuous civil unrest when the emblem and concept were born – the 1960s. It was a time when police were called "pigs" and "police brutality" was an accepted circumstance. This feeling carried forward into the 1970s.

Now fast forward to the millennium. Officers have recently been charged with taking the concept of the thin blue line brotherhood too far, extending "professional courtesies" to other law enforcement brothers, particularly for minor offenses. The charge is that the emblem on the bumper of a personal vehicle effectively says, "I'm one of you. Look the other way." Such theories have led some to criticize – and to misunderstand – what the solidarity of the thin blue line really means. For some civilians, the thin blue line emblem simply connotes a show of support for police, acknowledging the role they play in society. To others, it represents the solidarity and brotherhood that police officers share as fellow professionals.

Police, like any other profession, have an understanding among each other for what they do and what they go through on a daily basis. If anything, the thin blue line demonstrates support for each another in a tough job. It's not an excuse to violate the high ethical standards that officers are held to, but rather an encouragement to stand on that line together in service of others.

## St. Petersburg Chapter

St. Petersburg Chapter SAR Board of Governors officers Charles R. Butler and John M. Stewart were honored to participate in special memorial funeral services for WWII P-51 Mustang pilot John Mumford at Bay Pines National Cemetery on the morning of March 23.



The unique case of 2nd Lieutenant Mumford, who grew up in St. Petersburg, attracted local and national news media attention in March, and highlighted the Department of Defense's ongoing commitment to locate and return members of the armed forces who were killed in action, and not recovered for burial.

Early expectations were for a small family graveside service, however, due to an outpouring of community interest in honoring America's war veterans, last minute changes were made by the family to accommodate the public and news media.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has a special interest in honoring combat veterans of all wars, especially WWII. The St. Petersburg Chapter SAR has developed a unique, specifically focused community outreach program for just such occasions.

According to Board of Governors Chairman Charles Butler, during the past few years, the chapter has participated in more than a dozen funeral and memorial services for deceased veterans, SAR Compatriots, and DAR members. According to Compatriot Butler, the chapter has significantly expanded the traditional sedate role of Chaplain to include proactive, visible community outreach services.

"Our chapter's chaplain can participate in memorial services in modern dress, or if appropriate, or in a period correct Virginia Infantry Uniform," he added.

"Frequent, visible SAR participation in memorial and funeral services is a sincere and thoughtful way to serve our community," Butler said. "It also meets our community's expectations of service from our Society."

"During times of grieving and loss, we as lineage society members represent a stabilizing, comforting connection to the past, and the continuity of life", Butler said. "I suspect psychologists might agree, this is a special and unique responsibility men can fulfill in society." "Families are always so grateful for our presence and participation. It is also one of the most personal-

ly rewarding aspects of my SAR membership."

**The Funeral:** The morning of the 23th of March seemed more like early summer than late winter. With families and friends milling around quietly under a dappled canopy of Live Oak trees, Bay Pines National Cemetery could easily have been mistaken for just another verdant city park.

A sudden, short siren blast announced the arrival of the leading service cars and law enforcement honor escorts for the

funeral procession. Numerous police, fire, sheriff, and military vehicles followed, with intermittent siren bursts and flashing emergency lights.

Members of Rolling-Thunder provided a motorcycle honor escort. News helicopters circled overhead as the procession wound its way through the cemetery for nearly 15 minutes before arriving at the outdoor ceremony pavilion. After Lieutenant Mumford's family was seated, the service began with an invocation offered by the attending Military Chaplain. Compatriot Charles Butler was then called forward, and began the formal funeral service by delivering the eulogy emphasizing Lieutenant Mumford's heroic wartime sacrifice in the service of his country.

"He was not a springtime patriot, or a summertime soldier. Lieutenant Mumford gave his life for America. We in the Sons of the American Revolution consider him a Brother in Arms. He is a Patriot for all of time."

Compatriot Butler's eulogy drew a clear and direct spiritual connection between the bravery of General Washington's Continental soldiers and that which was demonstrated by Lieutenant Mumford in WWII as he fought valiantly against overwhelming odds.

Compatriot Butler then introduced John Stewart who offered a special memorial benediction on behalf of the family of Lieutenant Mumford and the Sons of the American Revolution. The memorial service was derived from a Patriot Prayer in the original book of prayers and services created by the NSSAR in 1889. Two other Veterans Services groups spoke briefly to the family, then there was the customary US Military Funeral Service, rifle salute, and presentation of an American flag to the family concluded the ceremony.

After the Memorial service, the surviving nephew of John Mumford expressed his gratitude to the Sons of the American Revolution for participating in his uncle's service, and for emphasizing the spiritual link to Washington's army. He also expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Society.

**The Lieutenant Mumford Story:** On June 2, 1944, Second Lieutenant John Mumford, piloting a legendary P51c long distance fighter, was escorting a flight of B-17 bombers on a mission over what is now Ukraine when it was raked by marauding German Focke-Wulf FW-190s, Messerschmitt Me-109s and Junkers JU-88s fighters. Mumford's unit counterattacked. During the ensuing dogfight, his Mustang took several direct hits, one of which must have severed a fuel line or punctured a gasoline tank.

Leaking high octane aviation fuel, the aircraft caught fire, and plunged from the sky. Mumford's Mustang crashed and burned in an open field. Nearby villagers were told by the Russians not to recover his body. The month of June '44 faded, hunters and farmers came and went, summer drifted into autumn, and John Mumford's Mustang fighter lay as it fell, in the soft earth of Ukraine.

Seventy-two winters had passed. The harsh steppe winds, and the inexorable elements of the fields gradually covered the charred skeleton of the once proud P51c, and its young American pilot, with a blanket of solitude, and timeless anonymity.

Meanwhile, undeterred by time and distance, The United States Defense Department's Recovery and Repatriation Team persisted, and after decades, finally was allowed to search the crash site last summer. After a DNA analysis of recovered bone fragments, it was confirmed they had indeed successfully located the missing P51 from June, 1944, and Second Lieutenant John Mumford's remains.



In early March of this year, it was publicly announced that the recovered remains of 2nd Lieutenant John Mumford would be returned to his family in St. Petersburg, FL, and interred with military honors at Bay Pines National Cemetery. The St. Petersburg Chapter SAR contacted the funeral home, and extended an offer of Memorial Service outreach to the family of Lieutenant Mumford.

## *Withlatchoochee Chapter*



The Bronze SAR Color Guard Medal was awarded to Color Guard Commander Larry Sturgeon during the December General Meeting of the Withlatchoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Pictured from left to right are Chapter Past President Richard Sumner (a past commander), Color Guardsman Larry Sturgeon, FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Charles Day.



January 14, 2017 - General Meeting of the Withlatchoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, installation ceremonies were conducted for the 2017 officer slate. The ceremonies were conducted by FLSSAR Sr. VP. Robert Folk. Those inducted were, President, Larry Sturgeon of Spring Hill; First Vice-President, George Edge, Jr., of Hernando; Second Vice-President, Richard Trout, Jr. of Brooksville; Treasurer, Jack Townsend of Inverness; and Secretary, Stephen Brown, of Dunnellon. Pictured from left to right are, Immediate Past President Clyde John, Stephen Brown, Jack Townsend, Larry Sturgeon, George Edge, Jr., Richard Trout, Jr., and Robert Folk, FLSSAR Sr. VP



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

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

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February 11, 2017 - General Meeting First Place Winner of the SAR Knight Essay contest was Rachel Sheppard of Inverness, FL. Topic of her essay was the Coventry, CT Revolutionary Patriot, Nathan Hale. She received a recognition certificate, a first-place cash award of \$200 and the SAR Bronze Essay Medal. Her essay now advances to the FLSSAR state level of judging. Pictured from left to right are SAR Withlacoochee Chapter President, Larry Sturgeon, Chapter Past President Charles Day, Mrs. Sarah Sheppard, Essay Winner Rachel Sheppard, Mr. Troy Sheppard, 2nd Place Knight Essay Contest Winner, Caleb Sheppard, and Chapter Chaplain Norman Freyer. Mrs. Sarah Sheppard gave a talk on her achievements and accomplishments on her Home School group.

We also had our traditional Christmas visit at the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home. We have a "Veterans without families" gathering and the highlight is making sure all Veterans get Christmas gifts. It is a special time set aside for fellowship and visiting.

## 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Jacksonville, Florida

May 13, 2017



On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Florida Society led by the Jacksonville Chapter along with other South Atlantic District compatriots will commemorate the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. This will mark the third ceremony of the battle and the fourth Anniversary of the dedication of the 864 acre park that was purchased by the City of Jacksonville and the Trust for Public Land Corporation in 2014. This "Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War" was the second of three failed attempts to break the British occupation of Northeast Florida. Our speaker Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Assoc., Inc at our March 2016 ceremony gave an excellent presentation on; "The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret: Why the Southern Colonies Mattered". He is really a very good educator and those in attendance bought out all his books will be our speaker again at our 2017 ceremony. The Black Powder Salute was led by our Georgia Militia Color Guard and supported by our National Park Rangers and was very honoring event to those Patriots who fought and died in this battle on May 17, 1777. Please mark your calendar to attend this Florida Commemorative event next May 13, 2017.

## *A Senate Tradition...*

### *Annual Reading of Washington's Farewell Address*

Compiled/Edited by Don Lanman from the National Archives & Historical resources

No Senate tradition has been more steadfastly maintained than the annual reading of President George Washington's 1796 Farewell Address.

In His Excellency's letter to "Friends and Citizens," Washington warned that the forces of geographical sectionalism, political factionalism, and interference by foreign powers in the nation's domestic affairs threatened the stability of the Republic. He urged Americans to subordinate sectional jealousies to common national interests.

The Senate tradition began on February 22, 1862, as a morale-boosting gesture during the darkest days of the Civil War. Citizens of Philadelphia had petitioned Congress to commemorate the forthcoming 130th anniversary of Washington's birth by reading the Address at a joint meeting of both houses.

Tennessee Senator Andrew Johnson introduced the petition in the Senate. "In view of the perilous condition of the country," he said, "I think the time has arrived when we should recur back to the days, the times, and the doings of Washington and the patriots of the Revolution, who founded the government under which we live."

Two by two, members of the Senate proceeded to the House Chamber for a joint session. As they moved through Statuary Hall, they passed a display of recently captured Confederate battle flags. President Abraham Lincoln, whose son Willie had died two days earlier, did not attend.

But members of his cabinet, the Supreme Court, and high-ranking military officers in full uniform packed the chamber to hear Secretary of the Senate John W. Forney read the Address.

Early in 1888—the centennial year of the Constitution's ratification—the Senate recalled the ceremony of 1862 and had its presiding officer read the Address on February 22. Within a few years, the Senate made the practice an annual event.

Every year since 1896, the Senate has observed Washington's Birthday by selecting one of its members, alternating parties, to read the 7,641-word statement in legislative session. Delivery generally takes about 45 minutes.

In 1985, Florida Senator Paula Hawkins tore through the text in a record-setting 39 minutes, while in 1962, West Virginia Senator Jennings Randolph, savoring each word, consumed 68 minutes.

At the conclusion of each reading, the appointed senator inscribes his or her name and brief remarks in a black, leather-bound book maintained by the Secretary of the Senate. Early entries in the notebook were typically brief explanations of the practice, accompanied by signature and date. Often, several entries appeared on a single page.

In more recent years, the entries have grown more elaborate and have included personal stories or comments on contemporary politics and policy.

In 1956, Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey wrote that every American should study this memorable message. "It gives one a renewed sense of pride in our republic," he wrote. "It arouses the wholesome and creative emotions of patriotism and love of country."

The book's first entry bears the signature of Ohio Republican Joseph Foraker and is dated February 22, 1900.

## *Florida-Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War*

By Don Lanman

The last naval battle of the American Revolutionary War took place in 233 years ago off the coast of present day Cape Canaveral, on Florida March 10, 1783.

The sea battle was joined when a British squadron of three war ships sighted two Continental Navy ships, the Alliance a 36-gun frigate commanded by Captain John Barry (later Commodore & Father of the American Navy), and the Duc De Lauzun a 20-gun war sloop commanded by Captain John Green.

The British HMS Alarm, a 32-two gun frigate, commanded by Captain Charles Cotton, the HMS Sybil, a 28-eight gun frigate, under Captain James Vashon, and the HMS Tobago, an 18-gun sloop of war, commanded by Captain George Martin took chase to engage the two American ships.

Sailing northward along the coast of Florida, the mighty Alliance, and the Duc De Lauzun, were determined to evade the British ships to save 72,000 Spanish silver coins they were shipping, from Cuba to Philadelphia, to support the American war effort.

With the chase on, the slower Duc De Lauzun lagged behind causing Captain Barry to order Captain Green to jettison his cannons. Then a fourth ship appeared on the horizon that caused the British to adjust their strategy by dispatching one of their ships to investigate this possible enemy ship.

The faster British war ship HMS Sybil, a 28-gun frigate, commanded by Captain James Vashon, continued to chase the Alliance and the Duc De Lauzun. Closing on the slower Duc De Lauzun, the HMS Sybil fired first, exchanging numerous shots with the Continental vessel.

Commanding the mighty Alliance, Captain Barry believed the change in the British strategy as a signal that the fourth ship was indeed friendly and, in a daring sea maneuver, reversed his course to directly engage the Sybil and allow the slower Duc De Lauzun time to escape.

While under constant cannon fire, the Alliance waited until the HMS Sybil closed before unleashing the fury of his superior 36 cannons.

As the HMS Sybil came alongside the Alliance, Captain Barry fired a full broadside on the enemy vessel. The close-in sea fighting lasted less than an hour when the HMS Sybil, outgunned and badly damaged, broke off from the battle and limped back to the safety of the other British ships.

The Alliance and Duc De Lauzun continued their mis-

sion north and on March 20, 1783, sailed into New Port, Rhode Island. In a stroke of irony, however, on February 3, 1783, Great Britain and America ratified a peace treaty ending the war for independence.

## *Palm Beach Chapter 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Challenge Coin*

By Don Lanman, Chapter President Palm Beach Chapter

The Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year in 2018!



Then President General Messmore Kendall founded the Chapter March 16 1938. PG Kendall, a winter resident of Palm Beach, chartered the Chapter at the *Writing Room* of the famous *Palm Beach Everglades Club*.

The 19 Charter members included some of America's leading civic and business leaders including *Messmore Kendall, Charles F. Coe, Clifford V. Brokaw, Phil H. Sawyer, Blane Webb, J. Field Wardlaw,*

*David B. Crandall, Harold A. Braman, Roscoe T. Anthony, Loring W. White, Ellingsworth Warner, W. Marvin Clifton, Homer E. Sawyer, F. Reeves Rutledge, James A. Dew, Ira L. Nesmith, W. Murry Hammer, Richard P. Robbins.*

In honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Chapter designed a custom bronze *Commemorative Challenge Coin* honoring the founding of the Palm Beach Chapter and its 80 years of patriotic and civic service in Palm Beach County, Florida. Plans for a year-



long celebration are under development to begin in January.

The custom bronze commemorative coin is highlighted with a George Washington's military Blue colors and inlaid with a Gold background.

*Side 1* is personalized with the Chapter's name and founding date, a Minuteman standing guard over the *State of Florida*, and inscribed with the Florida State motto "*In God We Trust*"!

The four major Revolutionary War battles waged in Florida are memorialized on the inside of the coin including the *Battle of Ft. George/Pensacola, Thomas Creek, Alligator Creek,* and the *Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War* between the mighty *USS Alliance* and the *HMS Sybil* off the coast of Cape Canaveral. Side 2 displays the National SAR logo. Very impressive indeed!

The Chapter's commemorative challenge coin is designed to honor and celebrate the Chapter's founding in 1938, create a distinctive and impressive token that will be used as a gift of appreciation for honored guests, speakers, JROTC, Youth and related special events.

SAR Compatriots, DAR Daughters and collectors may also purchase these unique commemorative coins for just \$10.00 each by contacting Chapter President, Don Lanman @ [DLanman258@aol.com](mailto:DLanman258@aol.com), 561-315-5073.



The ChiChi-Oklobee Society C.A.R. thanks all of our generous program partners and sponsors for making our 2017 MLK Day of Service community initiative a success! Because of your organization's charitable donation, time and energy we were able to send several children and their families home with the tools needed to become Junior Family Historians. There were many great big smiles on the children's faces during our event. The program received a wealth of positive feedback and the ChiChi-Oklobee Society C.A.R. has already committed itself to bringing it back to the community for the 2018 MLK Day of Service. We hope you'll join us again. Thank You!

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*Thank You!*




## *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>.

**The SAR proudly presents an exhibit  
from the National Archives (NARA)**

# CHARTERING FREEDOM



Explore the creation of the founding documents, learn about the men and women who helped develop these concepts of liberty and justice for all, and witness their impact on the American generations since.

An early original copy of the Articles of Association of the Continental Congress signed on October 20, 1774, will be featured alongside the *Chartering Freedom* exhibit, bearing the signature of Washington and many other notable historical American figures, and will be uniquely displayed by the SAR for a limited time.

The *Chartering Freedom* and Articles of Association exhibits will be on display until March 17, 2017, and are proudly

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For further exhibit details and group tour availability, please contact Ms. Colleen Wilson (cwilson@sar.org or (502) 588-6129).

## 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday May 13, 2017 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 240th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on May 12th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR for a discounted rate of \$94 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to May 1st. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by May 1, 2017 to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)  
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217  
(904)-502-4819; [Davidramseur12@gmail.com](mailto:Davidramseur12@gmail.com)

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

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring flag? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members expected to attend from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ In Uniform \_\_\_\_\_

Will you participate in the black powder musket salute? Yes \_\_\_\_\_





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

Spring BOM & Annual Meeting May 19-21, 2017  
Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista So., 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ National Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**This is a Fill-able PDF form. You MUST save it to your PC BEFORE filling out the form FROM your PC's saved location. Filling it out online does not work.**

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**BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws (Select only ONE):**

Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer  Delegate\*  \* Delegate names must be submitted to SAR Secretary prior to BOM

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

<p><b>Meal</b></p> <p>Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon</p> <p>Friday Evening Banquet</p> <p>Saturday Youth Lunch Buffet</p> <p>Saturday Evening Banquet</p>	<p><b>Entree</b></p> <p><b>Floribbean Caesar Salad</b> - Crisp Romaine Lettuce, Herb Crusted Grilled Chicken Breast, Heirloom Tomatoes, Fresh Mango Chunks, Toasted Bimini Bread and a Key Lime Vinaigrette</p> <p><b>Tomato Carpaccio Salad, Chicken Valdosta</b> - Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Prosciutto &amp; Buffalo Mozzarella, Roasted Red and Yellow Beets with a Chianti Reduction</p> <p><b>Mixed Green Salad</b>, Sliced Cucumbers, Plum Tomatoes, Shredded Carrots, Choice of Two Dressings, Roasted Red Bliss Potato Salad; Roast Beef &amp; Cheddar on Kaiser/Turkey Breast &amp; Provolone on Ciabatta/Deli Ham &amp; Swiss on Kaiser/Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Mustard and Mayo, Saratoga Style Potato Chips</p> <p><b>California Harvest Salad, Grilled Shoulder Tender and Key West Shrimp</b> - Served with Yukon Gold Potato Tart and Roasted Baby Broccoli</p>	<p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p><b>Freshly Baked Cookies</b> - Tea Size Freshly Baked Mini Pastries served family style</p> <p><b>White Chocolate and Raspberry Torte</b> - Served with Lakeland Strawberries and Saffron Crème Anglaise</p> <p><b>Freshly Baked Assorted Cookies</b></p> <p><b>Vanilla Bean Pot De Crème</b> - French Dessert Custard With Seasonal Berries and Hazelnut Chocolate Sauce</p>
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Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)				Friday Evening Awards Banquet			
SAR Member Spouse	\$33 per person	x	= \$ 0.00	SAR Member	\$48 per person	x	= \$ 0.00
Member Guest	\$33 per person	x	= \$ 0.00	Spouse/Member Guest	\$48 per person	x	= \$ 0.00
Enter the number of Vegetarian meals				Enter the number of Vegetarian meals			
Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts				Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts			
Saturday Youth Luncheon				Saturday Evening Installation Banquet			
SAR Member	\$36 per person	x	= \$ 0.00	SAR Member	\$48 per person	x	= \$ 0.00
Spouse/Member Guest	\$36 per person	x	= \$ 0.00	Spouse/Member Guest	\$48 per person	x	= \$ 0.00
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If not, leave blank				Total Amount Enclosed = \$ 20.00			

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

The above meals include: Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Herbal Tea.

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE May 13, 2017

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

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

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any special dietary requirements. Send your check (payable to "Treasurer FLSSAR") to:

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Cocoa, FL 32926  
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TALIA FRADKIN

12/20/2016

Florida Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Members of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution:

It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know each of you over the past four years. As such, I am writing to keep you updated about my activities in college and, most importantly, to express my continued appreciation for your support of my academic career. This past fall was my first semester at Palm Beach Atlantic University as a Pre-Health major and member of the Supper Honors Program.

This semester, I was a part of two courses in the Supper Honors Program: Rhetorical Eloquence and World of Polis and Covenant. These courses are Socratic seminars that have taught me much about history and philosophy. I have also taken Biology and Chemistry, knowing that my time in the laboratories is providing me with very valuable hands-on experience.

In addition to enjoying a rigorous academic schedule, I have also pursued numerous extracurricular activities. I have enjoyed becoming a House Representative in the Palm Beach Atlantic University Student Government Association, where I actively strive to promote positive changes that will benefit the student body. Additionally, I have greatly enjoyed being a member of the Pre-Health Club, where I have connected with local physicians and learned more about the exciting process of becoming a doctor that awaits me.

I am also very excited to begin my spring semester at Palm Beach Atlantic University in January, where I plan to participate in the PBAU Interdisciplinary Research Conference as a presenter this March. My presentation focuses on the effects of U.S. policy on medical waste management and the international trade in hazardous waste. I am also in the process of attempting to form a Biotechnology Association on the PBAU campus to connect students interested in biotechnology and related fields. I am proud to say that I have earned a 4.0 GPA this semester, and I could not have done it without the support and friendship of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution.

With much gratitude,

Talia Fradkin

*Pictures from the 2017 Winter Board of Management Meeting*





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***May 19 - 21, 2017***

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*FROM INTERSTATE 4 WEST - (from Tampa):* From I-4, take exit #67 (SR 536/Epcot). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right and continue on SR536 approximately 2 miles to SR535. Turn right at this traffic light and go almost 2 miles and turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel is on the corner of SR535 & Kyngs Heath Rd.

*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 Kyngs 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 (Kyngs Heath Rd) and turn right. The hotel is on the right.

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