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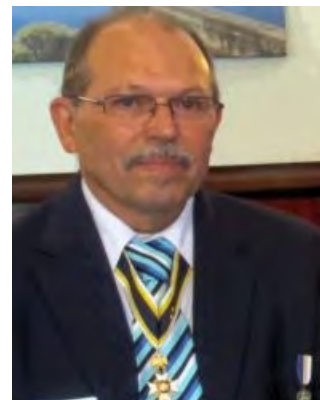
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Society President's Message

Compatriots

Thank you for electing me to serve the Florida Society as your President for the 2017-2018 term. Upon accepting the gavel as you President, I told you my initiative for my term is "Team". I have been involved with two companies that used the "Team concept". The idea behind that is to work together to achieve the best results that benefit the Company, or in this case our Society.



You see, most all of us during our growing years participated in some kind of activity that involved working together. After school days, I continued on participating on softball teams and my favorite bowling. Win or lose, I have always held the team spirit by never criticizing any team player. I felt that the team not doing well was an action caused by all, not just an individual member of the team. That last statement may seem critical, but by every team member cheering and praising all members, keeps the spirit and moral of the team alive. I'm not adverse to open criticism, as long as it is constructive.

I gave up on softball around 1980 after bruising my right heel bone, but never stopped bowling. My amateur bowling career has spanned almost 50 years. As I continue to bowl, I still promote sportsmanship and a team spirit.

As you can see I am team oriented and I enjoy working in a team atmosphere.

We as a TEAM will succeed.

I would like to thank Ray Wess for his excellent leadership during his term as our President and also Naomi Wess for leading the Ladies Auxiliary.

Past President Larry Fehrenbaker started the Regional meetings and Ray Wess continued with them. I will also be promoting these same meetings. After attending them as your Senior Vice President, I found them to be very informational and think we should continue having them. A few Regions have already made plans for the meeting.

On June 9th and 10th, Ellie and I attended the Ramscur's Mill Ceremony in Lincolnton, NC and presented wreaths for the State Society and the Ladies Auxiliary. SAR and DAR Chapters from the surrounding area also presented their wreaths.

Fraternally

Robert James Folk Sr.

President Florida Society 2017-2018

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.

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary - The Grapevine

It is my honor to serve as your president this coming year, 2017-2018 of the Ladies Auxiliary. I have attended a number of the meetings, and not in my most distant thoughts did I ever think I would become the president. Being unknowledgeable of how things work with the flow from the men's' president elections to the ladies elections, I will never forget at last year's BOM in Kissimmee, a number of ladies and gentlemen came up to congratulate me for becoming the next ladies president of the Auxiliary. Being totally in disbelief of what they told me, Not me, I don't think so! Then my husband Bob came up to me as they were talking to me, and mentioned that he tried to tell me that a number of months ago, but as we all know, sometimes we don't know if they are joking or not. With that being said, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity for a new chapter in my life.

As I get more familiar with the proceedings, I would like you to know that I work as a Team, without a team effort in getting things done, you are almost standing alone, it's impossible to do things on your own, as we all know. We, as a team, are able to get things taken care of much faster, and still have fun at it.

We will continue to host "gift basket raffles" at each Board of Management banquet or luncheon. The money raised from these raffles is used to supplement the cash prizes for the youth programs in the SAR. We would like all chapters to support this cause by bringing a gift basket with a suggested value of \$50.00 or more to each Board of Management Meeting.

As we meet once again at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Health Road, Kissimmee, Florida, 34746, we will enjoy the Hospitality and suites of this facility. As I get familiarized with the proceedings of getting things started on the right path, Nomi and Jean has offered to guide me and help me, along with many of the other members on the Auxiliary, who will keep me on the right path of how things happen, and get things accomplished. With that being said, I hope to see all of you at the next Board of Management Meeting on November 3-5th.

Ellie Folk

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President



John Dickinson - The Misunderstood Founder?

by Robert S. Yarnell, Historian and
Past President, Tampa Chapter

History and Hollywood have not been kind to John Dickinson. He is one of the least known and most underrated of the founding fathers. He is perhaps best known for not signing the Declaration of Independence. This does not mean, however, that Dickerson sided with England. His many contributions to the colonial resistance against England and his work at the Philadelphia Convention show a man in line with the patriot cause and that is what he should be remembered for.

Dickinson was born in 1732 (the same year as George Washington). He studied law at the Middle Temple in London and, as one of his biographers has pointed out, he did STUDY rather than use the occasion for frivolity as did so many other

colonial students. When he returned, he was well educated, quickly became a success at the bar and went into politics. In the wake of the Stamp Act, Dickinson became one of the leaders of the American resistance to the British colonial policies.

In "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania" Dickinson put forth the American view that England was engaging in a process of taking away the traditional, historical rights of Englishmen to which the colonists were entitled. His Farmer's Letters were reprinted and widely distributed and put forth the American views in a very plain, simple manner.

As a result of his writing and views the Pennsylvania legislature appointed Dickerson to attend the First Continental Congress. While there he was the main draftsman of the Olive Branch Petition (with Jefferson as a contributing co-author).

As the crisis deepened and the Second Continental Congress moved toward independence, Dickinson found himself in the opposition camp and among those who still held out hope that the crisis could be resolved if only King George III could be made to see the harm his policies were doing. When the Congress decided to form a committee to present the reasons for independence - the committee report that became the Declaration of Independence - Dickinson was the logical and clear choice to write it. Dickinson, though, was not put on the committee and the job of writing the report went to someone in favor of an immediate declaration of independence.

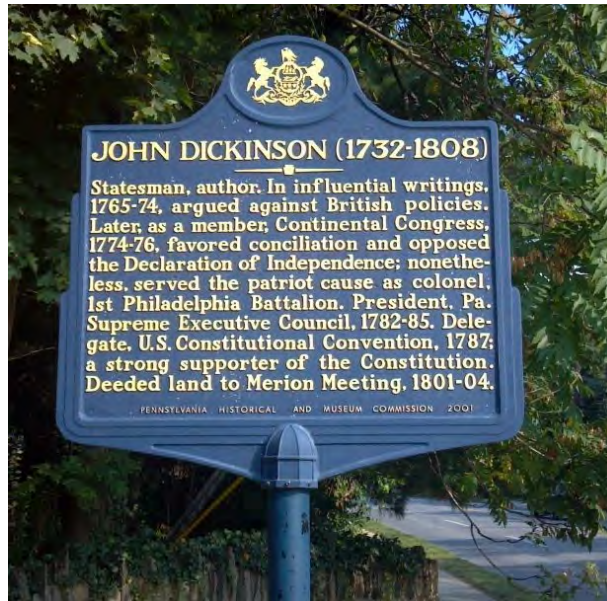
Thus, we come to the big WHAT IF. What if Dickinson had written the declaration? He would have argued from the point of view of the traditional, historical rights of Englishmen as he had done in his Farmer's Letters That is, he would have traced the rights back through the Glorious Revolution, the advent of Parliament, the Magna Charta and back to the days of the Saxons.

And, it might be added, had Adams written it, he would have used much the same lines of argument as Dickinson would have. When Jefferson became the primary draftsman of the declaration, he put the argument in the context of natural rights instead of historical, traditional English rights. While this may seem a minor distinction today, at the time the difference was significant.(1)

Since Dickinson could not bring himself to vote for Independence on July 2nd, he absented himself that day which was one of the reasons Pennsylvania's vote changed from a no to a yes. Yet, even though he did not vote for independence or sign the Declaration, he briefly commanded a regiment in the army early in the war and fought as a private in the militia during the battles around Philadelphia in 1777 - the only member of the Congress to do so.

If you have seen either the stage play 1776 or the subsequent movie version, you know that Dickinson is made the villain. Granted, plays and movies need an antagonist, but because of how he is presented in the movie he has been maligned and his other, significant contributions ignored.

His Farmer's letters were just as influential, if not more so, than Patrick Henry's speeches or Sam Adams' antics in putting forth the views of the colonists. But since he thought the decision



on independence was premature and disagreed with Jefferson basing the argument on natural rights, not the historical traditional rights of Englishmen he has been unfairly vilified.

As the war for independence continued, the Continental Congress began the process of putting together a government for the new nation. John Dickinson was given the task of writing it and he presented to the Congress the initial draft of what would become the Articles of Confederation. Due to petty jealousies among the states and lack of foresight, his draft was weakened before it finally passed. (2) Thus we come to the second big WHAT IF, of Dickinson's life. What if his initial draft been approved without the drastic changes? The Philadelphia convention

that convened 9 years later might not have been necessary and we might still be governed by the Articles.

But, the government under the Articles was perceived as inadequate and a new convention to revise the Articles was convened in May 1787. Dickinson attended as a delegate from Delaware and, along with delegates from Connecticut and the Carolina's, was instrumental in bringing about changes in Madison's original proposals. In particular, it was Dickinson who first pushed through some initial votes that would lead to equal representation in the Senate for the small states. In early June Dickinson proposed and the convention passed a resolution that the Senate would be elected/appointed by the state legislatures. While it did not include equal representation in the senate, it was the first step toward what would be the key to the great compromise usually credited to either Roger Sherman or Ben Franklin.

When the convention neared deadlock at the end of June, Dickinson reworked some of his proposals from the Articles hoping they might break the impasse on issues of representation and what powers to give the new government. Unfortunately, these were never presented to the convention. Dickinson was a frail man and the convention weakened him to such a degree that he had to absent himself for several weeks and was, for all intents, a non-factor the rest of the summer.

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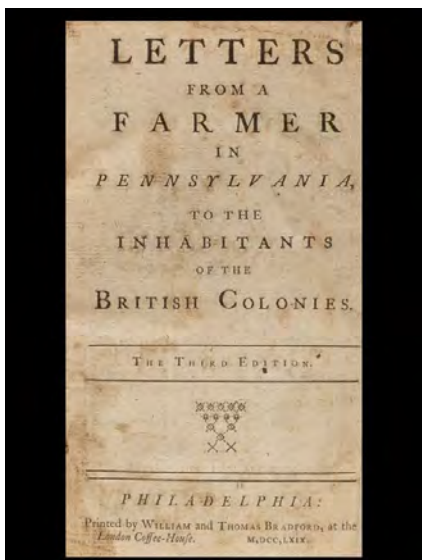
Dickinson's view of the Constitution can best be summed up in his own words, which still resonate to this day:

"While the people of these states have sense, they will understand [the Constitution] and while they have spirit, they will make [it] to be observed."

John Dickinson deserves better than history and Hollywood have given him. His story is a reminder to us that an accurate assessment of historical figures is only fair and accurate when all the facts are considered.

1. The writings of Russell Kirk and M. E. Bradford on this subject show you that they both favor Dickinson's view, not the natural rights view of Jefferson. In particular, see Kirk's Roots of the American Order and Bradford's The Founding Fathers.

2 I have never been able to find a good version of the debates on the articles and thus cannot detail which of Dickinson's proposals were thrown out that might have been useful.



Letters From A Farmer in Pennsylvania

LETTER FIVE

My Dear Countrymen,

Perhaps the objection to the late act, imposing duties upon paper, etc. might have been safely rested on the argument drawn from the universal

conduct of parliaments and ministers, from the first existence of these colonies, to the administration of Mr. Greenville.

What but the indisputable, the acknowledged exclusive right of the colonies to tax themselves, could be the reason, that in this long period of more than one hundred and fifty years, no statute was ever passed for the sole purpose of raising a revenue on the colonies? And how clear, how cogent must that reason be, to which every parliament, and every minister, for so long a time submitted, without a single attempt to innovate?

England, in part of that course of years, and Great Britain, in other parts, was engaged in several fierce and expensive wars; troubled with some tumultuous and bold parliaments; governed by many daring and wicked ministers; yet none of them ever ventured to touch the Palladium of American liberty. Ambition, avarice, faction, tyranny, all revered it. Whenever it was necessary to raise money on the colonies, the requisitions of the crown were made, and dutifully complied with. The parliament, from time to time, regulated their trade, and that of the rest of the empire, to preserve their dependence, and the connection of the whole in

good order.

The people of Great Britain, in support of their privileges, boast much of their antiquity. It is true they are ancient; yet it may well be questioned, if there is a single privilege of a British subject, supported by longer, more solemn, or more uninterrupted testimony, than the exclusive right of taxation in these colonies. The people of Great Britain consider that kingdom as the sovereign of these colonies, and would now annex to that sovereignty a prerogative never heard of before. How would they bear this, was the case their own? What would they think of a new prerogative claimed by the crown? We may guess what their conduct would be, from the transports of passion into which they fell about the late embargo, tho' laid to relieve the most emergent necessities of state, admitting of no delay; and for which there were numerous precedents. Let our liberties be treated with the same tenderness and it is all we desire.

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To answer these grand purposes, perfect liberty was known to be necessary; all history proving, that trade and freedom are nearly related to each other. By a due regard to this wise and just plan, the infant colonies, exposed in the unknown climates and unexplored wildernesses of this new world, lived, grew, and flourished.

The parent country, with undeviating prudence and virtue, attentive to the first principles of colonization, drew to herself the benefits she might reasonably expect, and preserved to her children the blessings on which those benefits were founded. She made laws, obliging her colonies to carry to her all those products which she wanted for her own use; and all those raw materials which she chose herself to work up. Besides this restriction, she forbade them to procure manufactures from any other part of the globe, or even the products of European countries, which alone could rival her, without being first brought to her. In short, by a variety of laws, she regulated their trade in such a manner as she thought most conducive to their mutual advantage, and her own welfare. A power was reserved to the crown of repeal-

ing any laws that should be enacted: The executive authority of government was also lodged in the crown, and its representatives; and an appeal was secured to the crown from all judgments in the administration of justice.

For all these powers, established by the mother country over the colonies; for all these immense emoluments derived by her from them; for all their difficulties and distresses in fixing themselves, what was the recompense made them? A communication of her rights in general, and particularly of that great one, the foundation of all the rest—that their property, acquired with so much pain and hazard, should be disposed of by none but themselves—or, to use the beautiful and emphatic language of the sacred scriptures, “that they should sit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and NONE SHOULD MAKE THEM AFRAID.”

Can any man of candor and knowledge deny, that these institutions form an affinity between Great Britain and her colonies, that sufficiently secures their dependence upon her? Or that for her to levy taxes upon them, is to reverse the nature of things? Or that she can pursue such a measure, without reducing them to a state of vassalage?

If any person cannot conceive the supremacy of Great Britain to exist, without the power of laying taxes to levy money upon us, the history of the colonies, and of Great Britain, since their settlement, will prove the contrary. He will there find the amazing advantages arising to her from them—the constant exercise of her supremacy—and their filial submission to it, without a single rebellion, or even the thought of one, from their first emigration to this moment—And all these things have happened, without one instance of Great Britain’s laying taxes to levy money upon them.

How many British authors have demonstrated that the present wealth, power and glory of their country, are founded upon these colonies? As constantly as streams tend to the ocean, have they been pouring the fruits of all their labors into their mother’s lap. Good heaven! and shall a total oblivion of former tenderness’s and blessings, be spread over the minds of a good and wise nation, by the sordid arts of intriguing men, who, covering their selfish projects under pretenses of public good, first enrage their countrymen into a frenzy of passion, and then advance their own influence and interest, by gratifying the passion, which they themselves have basely excited.

Hitherto Great Britain has been contented with her prosperity. Moderation has been the rule of her conduct. But now, a general humane people, that so often has protected the liberty of strangers, is inflamed into an attempt to tear a privilege from her own children, which, if executed, must, in their opinion, sink them into slaves: AND FOR WHAT? For a pernicious power, not necessary to her, as her own experience may convince her; but horribly dreadful and detestable to them.

It seems extremely probable, that when cool, dispassionate posterity, shall consider the affectionate intercourse, the reciprocal benefits, and the unsuspecting confidence, that have subsisted between these colonies and their parent country, for such a length of time, they will execrate, with the bitterest curses, the infamous memory of those men, whose pestilential ambition unnecessarily, wantonly, cruelly, first opened the forces of civil discord between them; first turned their love into jealousy; and first taught these provinces, filled with grief and anxiety, to inquire—Mens ubi materna est?

Where is maternal affection?

A Farmer

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Rolin “Bud” L. Bauchspies, Jr. (1930 – 2017)

It is with deep regret that the FLSSAR inform you of the passing of Rollin “Bud” L. Bauchspies, Jr. on April 22, 2017. He served as past Florida Society SAR President. It was through his financial steps that made the FLSSAR financially sound after the prior president made it insolvent. He created the charters and by-laws originally that gave direction to various FLSSAR committees. He also reorganized the FLSSAR Color Guard. Below is a copy of his obituary.



BAUCHSPIES

Captain Rollin Bud L. Bauchspies, Jr. United States Navy (Retired) of Neptune Beach passed away peacefully on April 22, 2017 at the age of 87. He was born on 12 March 1930 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, in Washington DC, the eldest of five sons and a daughter of the late Colonel Rollin L. and Kathryn S. Bauchspies United States Army (Retired) formerly of Neptune Beach, Florida. Bud was predeceased in death by his son Eric Lee Bauch-

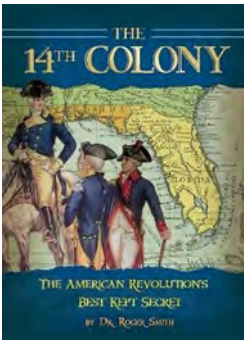
spies, three brothers Colonel Robert W. Bauchspies USA (Ret), Colonel Richard E. Bauchspies USA, and the former Lieutenant Frank T. Bauchspies USN, his brother in law Lieutenant Colonel Lewis J. Miller, his stepson Michael K. Billings, and by his wife Margaret Peggy Atwood Billings Bauchspies. He is survived by three step- children: James W. Billings of San Diego CA, Misty Billings (Michael) of Watsonville CA, David H. Billings (Dorothy) of San Diego CA, Dr. Laura Ann Billings of Ashville NC, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Bud grew up on various Army Posts throughout the United States and Hawaii. He attended Georgia Tech on a Navy scholarship, and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering and a commission in the Regular Navy. Bud served in the Navy as a Naval Aviator (fighter pilot) in VF 22 and VF 11, and as a Surface Warfare Officer. He held command at sea and ashore. At sea he served in a battleship, three cruisers, six aircraft carriers, three destroyers, a landing ship dock, and the Executive Officer of the presidential command ship WRIGHT (CC-20). He served in the battleship USS WISCONSIN (BB-64) the flagship of the 7th Fleet during the Korean War. During the Vietnam War he was the Executive Officer of a guided missile cruiser at sea off Vietnam, and commanded the destroyer USS STRIBLING (DD-867). He spent one year on the staff of Military Assistance Command Vietnam outside Saigon as a plans officer. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA; and the Naval War College, Newport, RI. Ashore he served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, DC as Head of the Navy College Training Programs which included all college level programs for the Navy except the Naval Academy; Commanded the Fleet Training Center, Naval Station Mayport, FL; and served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Training Operations on the staff of the Chief of Naval Education and Train-

ing. He was a designated personnel, training, education and management specialist by the Navy. He came from a military family. All five sons were commissioned as officers (two Navy and three Army), and their sister Kathie married an Army officer. Together with their father the seven served over 160 years on active duty, and when you count reserve service over 180 years of service. Two of the sons, Jim and Dick, were West Point graduates. Brothers Bob and Dick ashes are buried in Arlington National Cemetery as are those of their parents. Bud was a life member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Officers of America Association, the Navy League of the United States, United States Naval Institute, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Washington Daylight Lodge 14 Washington DC, a fifty year mason, Scottish Rite, the Morocco Shrine, a charter member of the Association of Naval Aviation A memorial service will be held for Bud on May 8th at 11:00 am located Quinn-Shalz 3600 Third Street South, Jacksonville, Florida 32250. It is requested memorials be given to a . His ashes will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA with those of his wife in the fall. Please visit our online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Services under the direction and care of Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home

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Florida, The 14th Colony The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret!

By Historian/Author, Compatriot Roger Smith, PhD



There is something mystical about the concept of a “14th Colony” when it comes to Revolutionary War history. But indeed, inside what is now the borders of the Continental United States, there was not only a 14th British colony, but a 15th colony, as well!

History tends to forget that East Florida and West Florida became British colonies in 1763, and chose not to rebel when fighting broke out in 1775.

An insightful book, *The 14th Colony*, brings to light 5 ½ years of research in the British National Archives and Library of Congress that reveals not only the extreme relevance of the Florida during the American Revolution, but the significance of the southern colonies long before 1780.

The book includes information from as early in the war as October 1775, tracing and explaining the crucial need that the British Empire had for reclaiming the southern colonies, and maps out a strategic strike deep into the South in 1776 that King George III personally dubbed “The Southern Expedition.”

This groundbreaking research includes insight from over eighty letters written by George Washington to his general staff and or the Continental Congress citing St. Augustine as both a strategic military target and an important military concern.

The idea of a British base to

his south in the Floridas was just as alarming to Washington as having the enemy lie to his north in Canada. Both represented key strategic threats.

Thus, the notion that the southern colonies lay “frozen in time” until 1780 is corrected with the many new facts uncovered and added to the historical puzzle of the American Revolution.

Compatriots can learn more about the 14th Colony and schedule personal presentations at Chapter, Regional, or State meetings by contacting Dr. Smith at rog-er@colonialra.com or by calling 774-266-3282.

Siege of Ninety-Six, South Carolina The Longest Siege of the Revolutionary War!

By Don Lanman, President Palm Beach Chapter SAR



General Greene

Following the epic battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781, General Nathanael Greene reentered South Carolina to liberate the state from British occupation. His Southern army included a core backbone of elite troops from the *1st Maryland Regiment* known as “*Washington's Immortals*.”

Before the siege of Ninety-Six, Cornwallis had moved his army north towards Virginia, while General Greene quickly returned to South Carolina, where he hoped to destroy the British, who had various outposts scattered throughout the state.



Lord Francis Rawdon

By cutting off certain choke-points, Greene could squeeze off the enemies supplies and force the remaining Red Coats out of South Carolina. A key link in this chain of outposts included Fort Star, located near present-day town of Ninety-Six in Greenwood County South Carolina.

On May 22, 1781, Major General Nathanael Greene, with militia commanders Thomas Sumter, Francis Marion, and Andrew Pickens, lead 1,000 battle hardened Patriots to attack the critical village of Ninety-Six and Fort Star in the South Carolina backcountry.

Occupied by the British since 1780, the British outpost at Ninety-Six, commanded by English Lieutenant Colonel John Cruger, garrisoned 550 experienced Loyalists regulars including the famous De Lancey's Brigade.





The Fort Star defenses consisted of a palisade surrounded by a deep ditch filled with felled trees with sharpened branches facing out.

Colonel Cruger also positioned three cannons within a large redoubt that provided excellent fields of fire and defensive positions for Loyalists to enfilade attackers on two of the stockade walls, with a smaller redoubt providing similar cover for the remaining walls and to protect the water supply.

Greene's Patriots immediately began siege operations targeting Fort Star on May 22, digging line trenches and wood siege structures under the command of Colonel Thaddeus Kosciusko, the Continental Army's most noted engineer.

Cruger did what he could to interfere with the siege works, frequently sending out parties at night to harass the workers. By June 3rd Greene's men had dug a trench within 30 yards of the Fort, whereby they used a wooden "Maham Siege Tower", about 30 feet tall, with a protected platform at the top, to breach the fort.

Under the elevated cover, American sharpshooters would have a clear firing line into the defenders. At first, the snipers were able to target loyalist defenders. Cruger countered by using sandbags to raise the height of his parapet thus giving enough cover so his sharpshooters could fire on the tower through the slats, and with heated shot to set fire to the tower.

Despite heroic efforts on both sides, the Fort defenses held, and on June 7th British Lieutenant Colonel Lord Rawdon left Charleston with 2,000 British forces to relieve the Ninety-Six defenders.

When Patriot General Greene learned that Colonel Rawdon was in route to relieve the Loyalists, he ordered a strategic withdrawal to save his army, and suffering 185 Patriot casualties to 75 for the Loyalist defenders.

Colonel Rawdon dispatched a sizable force after Greene, but the heat and toll of the long forced marches slowed forced them to return to the Ninety-Six, which Rawdon then abandoned. By the time the British left Ninety-Six of their own accord, on July 1, 1781, it represented the last Loyalist fort in South Carolina.

Although Greene failed to remove the British from the Ninety-Six by force, he and Brigadier General Francis Marion of the South Carolina militia were remarkably successful at taking back five other British outposts, and driving the British to the coasts. The battle site is now protected as Ninety Six National Historic Site and was designated a National Historic Landmark.

Brooksville Man Inducted President of the FLSSAR



Robert J. Folk, Sr., of Brooksville, FL was elected President of the Florida State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at the Spring 2017 BOM/Annual Meeting held recently in Kissimmee, FL. Folk is Past-President of the Withlacoochee Chapter, which represents Citrus and Hernando Counties. Folk has served previously as Senior Vice President of the FLSSAR. President Folk was sworn into office by National Society SAR President General, Michael J Tomme, Sr. Pictured above are Robert, and his wife, Ellie.

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.

From the Member-at-Large Officer

Hello, I am Jeff Sizemore and this year I am serving in the position of Member-at-Large Officer on the FLSSAR Executive Committee, it is my duty to represent the general membership on issues and concerns that you may have and would like to relay to the FLSSAR. Ideas and potential projects that the FLSSAR could participate in to recruit new members are also welcomed. Please let me know what you might want shared to the FLSSAR and its membership. My email is swampfoxsar@gmail.com.

Gary Coil (1944 - 2017)

It is with a heavy heart that we must announce the passing of Compatriot Gary Coil. Gary was the First Vice – President of the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American. Gary enjoyed talking about American history and was a hard-working member of the



Board of Governors. A long-time resident of New Port Richey our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. His obituary is as follows:

Gary Coil, age 73, of New Port Richey passed away June 17 while on vacation in Ohio. He was born in Lima, Ohio and moved to St. Petersburg in 1957 with his family. He was a graduate of Boca Ciega High School, St. Petersburg Junior College, the University of South Florida and Appalachian State where he earned his master's degree. For 33 years he taught history and served as department chair at Seminole High School in Pinellas County. As an instructor, he host-

ed many students on trips to Washington, D.C. where they learned the essentials of government. On trips to Europe, his students learned the history, art and architecture of each country visited. He also taught as an adjunct instructor of history at St. Petersburg Junior College. He loved sports and coached baseball, basketball and football. For 14 years he announced the Seminole High School football games every Friday night. His approach to teaching with

many visual aids and current events made him popular with his students. They have described him as a teacher who truly impacted their lives for the better. In retirement he moved to New Port Richey where he became active serving the community and volunteering. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Holiday and served as the Assistant District Governor for Area 7, District 6950. He was the active liaison for the Interact Club at Gulf High School in Pasco County. He was a member of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and served as 1st vice president. He was a volunteer poll worker in Pasco County as well as a precinct supervisor. One of his great passions was genealogy. He was a member of the Pinellas and Tarpon Springs Genealogy Societies and was director of the West Pasco County Genealogical Society. His family research grew to 3,000 pages and led him to the first Coils to arrive in this country, Valentein and Margaret, two Germans who arrived here in 1749 aboard the ship Edinburgh. He is survived by brothers, James Coil (Sharon) and Bruce Coil (Sue) and nieces, Christina Coil, Cynthia Coil Jones (Devin), Courtney Coil and Lindsey Dougherty. A service will be held Saturday, July 29, at the Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home, 5228 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, FL. The family will receive friends at 1:00 p.m. with the service following at 2:00 p.m.

Source: <http://www.michels-lundquist.com/obituary/gary-coil/>

From the Senior Vice President Patrick Niemann

Gentlemen,

As the Senior Vice President and Chairman of the Documents Committee, I have the responsibility to conduct an annual review of all the FLSSAR Articles of Incorporation, Governing Documents, Charters, and Standing Rules and Procedures. As a result of this review, changes will be recommended to the BOM, as appropriate. For example, a new Charter is required for the Strategic Planning Committee. The proposed Charter will be drafted and presented to the BOM in October.

Although I have a committee to assist in the review, I solicit any input in this regard from you and your chapters. Should anyone be aware of any conflicts or required updating in any of the aforementioned documents I would greatly appreciate the information and recommendations be forwarded to me.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

On May 1st, the color guard participated in the opening ceremony for the moving Vietnam Wall memorial. Phil Wright presented the wreath from our chapter. On May 6th our color guard was in the Massing of the Colors along with the DAR. The Brevard Chapter color guard presents colors at the membership meeting election, installation, and awards ceremony on May 20th and attended the Memorial Day Parade in Melbourne on May 30th. On June 10th, the Color Guard present the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Flag Day Luncheon, at the Rockledge Country Club. Our Chaplain, Dr. David Ralston is the guest speaker. His wife, Georgia, was inducted as their Reagent at the same meeting.

Caloosa Chapter

A Revolutionary War militia uniformed mannequin was formally presented to the Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library on May 2. Then on May 10, at our regular monthly meeting, we expressed appreciation to those who serve us: this included the Cape Coral Chief of Police, who addressed us with a talk about police-community mutual interaction and support. Cape Coral is the safest community of its size in the country. Certificates of appreciation were then given to the Police Chief; as well as, three members of a helicopter rescue unit who were the first in Florida to do a blood transfusion in flight. Also recognized was a dispatcher who provided emergency intervention to a motorcyclist shot in front of her while driving home.

The Caloosa Chapter Color Guard participated in a Ceremony at the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens on Memorial Day, represented by Bob McGuire, Dwight Elam, Lewis Elliott and Mike Buff. Rev. Randy Moody served as Chaplain for the event, in uniform.

Central Florida Chapter

On May 23, 2017, Compatriot Dan Dall was most honored to present the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal posthumously to Investigator Tom Buehler. His widow, Mrs. Christine Buehler was emotionally appreciative as she received the medal and certificate from Dan at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office annual award ceremony.

Investigator Buehler, a long time reserve officer of the Sheriff's office, was a highly valued member of the Fugitive Apprehension Sexual Offender Team (FAST) as well as the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (E.O.D.). His many years of total dedication and devotion to his department, his mission and his community was truly exemplary in every regard.

The Sheriff's office had nominated Investigator Buehler in 2016 but unfortunately, Tom passed away before the scheduled presentation ceremony.

Representing the SAR in presenting the award to Christine was a sad but very real honor for Dan.

The impressive award ceremony was exceptionally well



planned, organized and attended. Once again, Dan was warmly greeted and the SAR was sincerely complimented throughout for its generous recognition and display of appreciation to one of their own who passed away while serving his community.

Clearwater Chapter



Colonel Pat Niemann (Retired), and member of the Clearwater SAR Chapter, presented the SAR ROTC medal to Cadet Jesse Hewitt, Hudson High School, Hudson, FL on 27 April 2017 at the school's ROTC awards ceremony. Cadet Hewitt graduates in May and will enlist in the military after graduation. However, he has not decided on which branch of service.

Flagler Chapter



On April 25th, 2017, Cadet Technical Sgt. Hannah M. Quinones was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Junior ROTC Medal & Certificate during an awards ceremony at Flagler Palm Coast High School. C/TSgt Quinones received the Leadership Award as well as an award for being an outstanding student in the top 10% of her class. She plans to attend Duke University and thereafter secure a commission in the USAF.



1700's and that many more British troops were stationed in the Caribbean protecting this resource than were engaged in the Revolutionary War on the North American continent. Dr. Smith pointed out the lack of notation for the battles fought in the southern colonies in our history books and classrooms. His work is devoted to bringing the southern colony activities to light for today's students.

In addition, Dr. Smith discussed General George Washington's many plans to invade Florida from Georgia, capture the fort at St. Augustine and its war supplies, and destroy or drive out the British Army stationed there.



At the Flagler Chapter SAR April 26, 2017 meeting, Old Kings Hwy DAR Regent Brenda Crosby received the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate for her outstanding work on multiple joint SAR/DAR events over the last several years. The major events included the 2016 Veterans Day Freedom Festival, several annual Constitution Day Events and a celebration of George Washington's birthday to include George & Martha Washington reenactors. The Flagler Chapter greatly appreciates Brenda Crosby's leadership and efforts.

On April 26, 2017, Dr. Roger Smith gave an overview of the Revolutionary War in the south emphasizing the very important role played by the southern colonies, GA, SC, NC, VA and the 14th Colony, East Florida.

Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. in Early American History and Atlantic World Studies from the University of Florida in 2011 and is a member of the national board of the Education Committee for the Sons of the American Revolution

Dr. Smith prefaced his comments by noting the great importance of sugar to the British and world economics during the

Jacksonville Chapter



For 2017, we have inducted 11 new members into the chapter, conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony, presented flags and copies of the Constitution to 6 new Habitat For Humanity homeowners, and presented three Silver ROTC medals, 20 Bronze ROTC medals, and recognized 33 new Eagle Scouts.

Compatriots Bob Gant, Martin Schwartz, and Bill Ziegenfus represented the chapter at several Naturalization Ceremonies held at the U.S. District Court in Jacksonville.

The George Washington Camp color guard participated in the Patriot's Day celebration at St Simons GA and the dedication of the AIA Historical Highway marker in April, and two Memorial Day ceremonies.



And sadly, we report the passing of Compatriot Bud Bauchspies, Captain US Navy (ret) and past FLSSAR President (1996-1997). Bud was instrumental in initiating the FLSSAR Color Guard.

Lake - Sumter Chapter

Members of the Lake-Sumter Chapter have been busy during the 2nd Quarter of 2017. Two new members, Orin and Nicholas Owen, were inducted and Registrar John Moore has another four applications winding their way through the evaluation process. Elections were held and President Jerry Hardwich, 1st VP Allan Lane, 2nd VP George Chaffee, Secretary Ed Riley and Treasurer Ron Grove were all elected to serve one more year and were sworn in at the May membership meeting. Two committee chairs have changed as Compatriot Ronald Grove took over the Americanism, Poster and Oration committees from Compatriot Ralph D. Nelson; and Compatriot Jim Carl assumed the Veteran's Recognition Committee (VRC) from Bob Beightol.

During the period a War Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot Jim Carl, and Compatriots Bill Hayes, Charles Buchanan. Ken Mosher and Edward Riley were inducted into the FLSSAR Veteran's Battalion. Thank you FLSSAR VRC Robert McGuire for your assistance.

In April, 5th Grader Alex Purvis, Groveland Elementary School, was chosen as the Chapter's winner of our 2017 Poster Contest. In May, Master Purvis and his family were honored at our member meeting. At the June meeting, Ms. Harley Ganna, winner of the Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest, presented her winning entry to the membership. In addition to the Chapter contest, she was awarded second place at the FLSSAR BOM. Six JROTC cadets at local high schools were presented with NSSAR JROTC Bronze medals by members of the Chapter during the month of May. In addition, a Citizenship medal was presented to Sea Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class William Pyles by the Chapter.

Compatriot Ron Grove, author of last year's Americanism Award report for the Chapter, prepared an article for the Lake-Sumter Gazette which explained the Americanism Award Program and the 2016 report on Lake-Sumter's activities for the membership. The members now have a better understanding of the program and how each can assist in making next year's report more



accurate and easier to compile.

Many thanks to Compatriot Robert H Moody who donated his replica of a "Brown Bess" musket with bayonet to the Color Guard for their use. Our Color Guard continues to provide opening and closing ceremonies at the member meetings and other gatherings as warranted. Compatriots Jim Carl, Jerry Hardwich and George Chaffee kept our tradition alive with their participation in Flag Placement at Lone Oak Cemetery, Fruitland Park, FL, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

At the FLSSAR BOM, Lake-Sumter Chapter members and Past Presidents Scott Bushnell, Ralph D Nelson and Dual member Ron Toops received awards. Compatriot Bushnell received the Certificate of Distinguished Service for serving as Regional Vice-President, as he completed his tenth term and last term. Compatriot Nelson was awarded an oak leaf cluster for his Distinguished Service Medal for serving as Co-Chairman of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee. Compatriot and dual member Ron Toops (The Villages), was awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service for serving as the sole At-Large Member of the FLSSAR Executive committee. In addition, the membership was notified that the Lake-Sumter Gazette was awarded Third Place in the FLSSAR newsletter contest.



Pictured above: Members of the Lake-Sumter Sons of the American Revolution in Tavares 4th of July Parade. Back row, left to right are Mrs. Myra Bushnell, Compatriot Scott Bushnell, and Mrs. Diane Hardwich. Front row, left to right: Compatriots Basil Linville Jr, Eric McCook, Glenn Langston, Ron Toops (The Villages SAR Chapter), George Chaffee, Jim Carl and Chapter President Jerry Hardwich. Missing from the photo were Compatriots Bob Beightol (photographer) and John Moore with wife Elizabeth, who were unavailable.

For over 30 years the Lake-Sumter Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has participated in the Tavares 4th of July parade and this year was no exception. The contingent consisted of ten members who ranged in age from 10-year-old Compatriot Eric McCook to

90-year-old Glen Langston, three spouses and one cantankerous golf cart which had to be pushed to the finish line, accomplished in true “never say die” patriotic fashion.

Miami Chapter



The Board of Directors (BOD) met at the home of Compatriot Richard Friberg on May 11, 2017. The important item of the evening was the approval of the 2017 budget. Compatriot Leo's report informed us that we had awarded 28 JROTC medals and two ROTC medals this year.

Our Secretary/Treasurer Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. and Chapter President Bernard Wolff attended the BOM in Orlando on May 19 - May 20, 2017. Several administrative changes were approved, including establishing the Ethics Committee as a standing committee in lieu of an *ad hoc* group. Compatriot Popham and I also were part of the Color Guard over the weekend. Our sponsored entry to the Essay Contest, Karen Lu, was the 1st Place winner and was feted at the Youth Luncheon.

The Color Guard participated in a Memorial Day service at Woodlawn South Cemetery. Two flag bearers (Compatriots William Wicks and Commander David Mitchell) and two musketeers (Compatriot Popham, Sr. and President Wolff) were in full Continental Attire for the morning program.

Palm Beach Chapter



The DAR Regents Council of the Palm Beaches presented the Palm SAR Beach Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation for our ongoing support of their annual DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony. Local DAR/SAR Patriots collected dozens of old, tattered or faded American Flags for their Honorable Retirement at the DAR Regents' Council of the Palm Beaches American Flag Retirement Ceremony Sunday June 11.

Palm Beach SAR Compatriots Lanman, Green, Giddens and Wratilaw assisted at the ceremony that included a Celtic Bagpipes, Children of the American Revolution Greenacres Chief Tiger Tails Society and Palm Beach Fifer George Weissenfels Society, Military Honor Guard, and the Lake Worth Community High School Air Force JROTC.

Following official flag policy for the respectful retirement of our national symbol, the Daughters of the American Revolution Regents' Council of the Palm Beaches, along with Patriots from the SAR, DAR and CAR performed the dignified retirement ceremony for non-serviceable American flags including a flag color guard, 21-gun rifle salute, the playing of Taps and Amazing Grace.

The Palm Beach Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including DAR outreach, genealogical and civic event recruiting growing membership to 179 in the 2nd Quarter with 49 applications/prospects in process and a goal of 200 members by 12/31/17.

The chapter expanded its *FLSSAR* Veterans Brigade membership to 25 including a Coast Guard admiral and an Army general. Compatriot, Past President and Patriot Medal Winner, Jim Blackburn joined the May 20 Honor

Flight to DC, and Compatriots Lanman, Tidwell, Curry and Van Otteren joined 30 DAR Daughters, serving as veteran escort guardians for 80+ WW-2 and Korea Veterans on a Southeast Florida Honor Flight to Washington DC.



The Palm Beach Chapter welcomed President General Tomme and past State President Wess at the February meeting presenting PG Tomme with an honor plaque of appreciation for his leadership. New State President Robert Folk scheduled for the October 17 Chapter meeting.

The chapter also introduced a specially minted commemorative coin in recognition of its 2018, 80th Anniversary.

It should also be note that our Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated several local & state activities including in 2017 including the Last Naval Battle, Spring BOM, Memorial Day Ceremony, DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony, Missing In America Veterans internment Ceremony, County & State DAR meetings, and conferences.

The chapter presented 11 JROTC Medals and presented 10 commendation medals to police, firefighters and first responders, and 3 Flag Certificates to two JROTC schools and a local business, with another 15 scheduled for 2017.

We have also been actively working with two local CAR chapters on American Flag honor programs and local VA Hospital patients outreach programs. The chapter also presented Patriot Scholarships to Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2017.



Palm Beach American History Teacher of the Year winner, Lauren Goepfert also won the FLSSAR American History Teacher of the Year Award receiving her award at Spring BOM, and will represent the Chapter and FLSSAR at the National Congress.



The chapter received an event streamer for the Last Naval Battle event plus a FLSSAR Challenge streamer.

Past President Edward S Buckley IV (as pictured above) was also honored at the Spring BOM with the prestigious Patriot Medal from FLSSAR. While Compatriots Bob Boggs, Sonny Barber, Jack Curry and Bill Johnson received their Military Service Medals joining 25 other chapter veterans in our own Band of Brothers.

St. Lucie River Chapter

At the April meeting, the chapter swore in two new members and had a presentation by Wayne Tee-garden, the local County Veterans Office Manager for the State of Florida. Our May meeting was an outside picnic event at a local Veterans Park.

The St. Lucie River chapter presented JROTC awards to the 8 High Schools in Martin, St Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties.

Jim Alderman, Flag Recognition Committee Chairman presented 8 awards for the road that his house is on.

Withlachooshee Chapter

The Withlacooshee Chapter of the Florida Sons of the American Revolution paid a visit to the Homosassa Branch of the Citrus County Library System on Tuesday, May 16th to present the library with a history book in honor of their late member Harold "Hal" Marvin. During his tenure, Harold was a role model for the chapter, best known for the sincerity in his prayers, invocations, and counsel. The Sons of the American Revolution strive to educate others about the history of the United States by perpetuating the memory of those patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War. In keeping with this goal, the Sons of the American Revolution chose to donate a copy of *The American Revolution: a Visual History* to the public library, where it will be accessible for anyone to study. The organization selected the Smithsonian publication for its immersive imagery, which is aimed at enticing audiences of all ages to learn about the founding of our nation through pictures and manageable companion text.



The Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225 presents our 43rd Annual Memorial Day Observance on May 29, 2017 at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City, Florida. Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard, Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. Picture below (l-r) are Leonard Crawford, Commander Russell Gibson, Bill Ferguson, President Larry Sturgeon & Treasurer Jack Townsend.



The Withlacoochee Chapter presented the Anderson Family, Doc's Restaurant, a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for their patronage to the U.S. Armed Forces and the United States of America. Picture below (l-r) are Jack Townsend, Jenny Anderson, waitress, Mike Anderson, cook, Lynn Anderson, owner, Richard Sumner, Charles Day and Larry Sturgeon.



It is also worth noting that Floral City Student Won first place in the Chapter SAR Americanism Poster Contest. The purpose of the contest is to aid teachers by creating interest and enthusiasm in the curriculum regarding the War for American Independence. The theme of the contest was, "Captain John Barry, The Father of the American Navy". The first-place winner was Milo Moore, a Fifth-grade student at the Floral City Elementary School.

Withlacoochee Chapter recently awarded SAR Compatriot Veterans War Service medals and certificates to those who served in combat in the service of their country. The SAR War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.

Charles "Chuck" T. Sweeney (Colonel, USMC, Retired) 1947-2017



It is with deep regret that the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution inform you of the passing of Chuck Sweeney on June 23, 2017. He will be greatly missed as he served on the chapter, state, and national level. Within his community while living in Collier County, he served as a volunteer poll worker and as a voting precinct clerk. He also was active in the neighborhood Watch Program.

As a Marine Corp Officer and combat veteran, he served on two tours in Vietnam. His first tour was in 1966-1967, in and about Chu Lai and DaNang as a Platoon Commander with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, and the Third Battalion, First Marines. His second tour was in 1969 in which he flew out of DaNang, Vietnam as an OV-10 Forward Airborne Controller.

Chuck, as all knew him, joined the Sons of the American Revolution on August 30, 2006 in the Naples SAR Chapter. He immediately became the Chapter Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; as well as, many other duties within the chapter. During the 2011-2012 timeframe, he served as the Chapter President and Interim Registrar.

In 2012, Chuck and his wife, Sharon, moved to Sarasota, Florida. Then in 2013, Chuck became the Chap-



ter President of the Saramana SAR Chapter. He also served in many capacities within the chapter and was passionate on seeing the chapter thrive. As the chapter editor, the chapter newsletter won the NSSAR Carl F. Bessent award for the best multiple-sheet periodical.

Chuck was also active within the Florida Society SAR serving multiple positions at different times. His state positions included Senior Vice President and Recording Secretary. He also served as committee chairman and member of various Florida Society committees.

At the Fall Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting on September 27-29, 2012, President General Stephen A. Leishman announced the creation of the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) and appointed Chuck Sweeney as Committee Chairman. The Veterans Recognition Committee included The WWII Veterans Corps, The Korean Service Veterans Corps, Vietnam War Veterans Corps, Southwest Asia Veterans Corps, Special Ops Veterans Corps, and the Military Service Veterans Corps. Chuck was also instrumental in creating a VRC committee newsletter. He remained in this position until his death.

In November of this year, Colonel Charles T. Sweeney (USMC, Retired) will be buried with full military honors at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Spring 2017 BOM/Annual Meeting Minutes

Florida SAR Spring, May 19-20, 2017, Board of Management (BOM) and Annual Meetings, 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.

10:05 AM

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 Her-

man 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.; Past President General Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); President General Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Former Chaplain General, Past VPG South Atlantic District, and current NSSAR/Florida SAR Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody. Other distinguished South Atlantic District Compatriots in attendance included Secretary General Larry T. Guzy, Vice President General Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD; Immediate Past VPG Edward P. Regel, Sr., MD; Past VPG Mark Anthony; NCSAR President George Strunk; and nominee for the next SAD VPG SCSAR Compatriot Jim Wood.

Quorum Verified by Secretary Hall Riediger.

Approval of the Minutes for the winter 2017 Board of Management (BOM) Meeting of 4 February 2017 reviewed. The Recording Secretary requested the minutes reflect an updated Nominating Committee report for 2017-2018 as detailed below. Following this and without additional corrections or additions the minutes were approved.

Nominations for Florida SAR Elected Offices:

President—Robert James Folk, Sr.
 Senior Vice President—Patrick Jay Niemann
 Secretary—Hermann Hall Riediger
 Treasurer—Walter Richard Young, Sr.
 Member-at-Large—Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
 Recording Secretary—William Lee Popham, Sr.
 Registrar—Raymond Clyde Lantz
 SW Regional VP—Lee William Matson
 EC Regional VP—Charles Anthony Berger
 NC Regional VP—David Bussone
 WC Regional VP—Charles Robert Butler
 NE Regional VP—James Yost Gaskins
 SE Regional VP—William Lee Popham, Sr.
 NW Regional VP—Christopher Edwin Washler
 Chancellor—Carl K. Hoffmann
 Chaplain—Dwight Donald Elam
 Genealogist—Richard Bruce Cardell
 Historian—Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.
 Sergeant-at-Arms—John Logan McCullough
 Webmaster—Earle Scott Bushnell
 Patriot Editor—Jeffrey Lee Sizemore

Nominations for National Office:

National Trustee--Walter Richard Young, Sr.
 Alternate Trustee—Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

Reports of National and State Officers for the National Trustee (Ray Wess), Vice President General Atlantic District (Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.), and President (Ray Wess) were given consistent with that which is reported on pages 6 and 7 of the Proceedings. Senior Vice President (Robert Folk, Sr.) presented gave a verbal report.

First Significant Point of Information. Prior to Steve Williams report, President Ray Wess informed the membership that the position of Executive Administrator exists under the granting of a one-year renewable contract. The Executive Committee renewed Steve Williams as the Florida SAR Executive Adminis-

trator for the 2017-2018 term. Steve Williams' report for this BOM occurred on pages seven and eight of the Proceedings; subsequent reports followed per Proceedings pages nine through 34.

Statutory Committee Reports

Second Significant Point of Information. Executive Administrator Steve Williams presented the findings of the Audit Committee. Most significant findings included the conclusion "no discrepancies noted." This positive report resulted in an acceptance motion vote of the Audit Report offered by President Wess.

Motion 1 Passed.

11:15 AM, 19 May 2017, Meeting recessed.

2:45 PM, 19 May 2017, Meeting reconvened.

Third Significant Point of Information. Due to an administrative oversight, a Knight Essay contestant was authorized travel expense for participation in Florida SAR competition. The amount expended by the contestant/family was \$519.53. Such funds hadn't been programmed. The Florida SAR leadership believed the error was our mistake; and that we should honor that which had been communicated to the Knight Essay contestant about authorized travel expense.

Motion 2. Past President General Carl Hoffman moved that a maximum of \$500 from the History Fair account be authorized for transfer to the Knight Essay account. The purposes of the transferred funds is to cover travel expenses associated with the Knight Essay contest. Compatriot Don Lanmen second the motion.

Motion 2 Passed.

Fourth Significant Point of Information. Documents Committee Chairman Robert Folk, Sr., introduced two proposed changes, which his committee recommended to the BOM.

Motion 3. The Documents Committee recommends the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee become a Standing Committee with the operating title of Ethics Committee.

Motion 3 Passed.

Motion 4. The Documents Committee recommends Function 5 of the Florida SAR Rumbaugh Charter read, "Ensure adequate space is reserved at meetings to conduct the Rumbaugh Oration Contest; ensure judges and time keepers are designated and briefed; and ensure 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."

Motion 4 Passed.

Fifth Significant Point of Information. Florida SAR current venue contract at the Embassy Suites Orlando- Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee Florida 34746 runs through May 2018. Recent communication delivered to President Wess from Embassy Suites management queried our desire/willingness to renew a venue contract for the 2017-2018 term. As previously negotiated, we agreed that the second year per night room rate would increase from \$139 to \$143. However the current Embassy Suites management communication to President Wess fore-



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told that more cost and amenity adjustments would occur. Namely, (1) the new contract would reflect increased room costs. (2) Choice of meeting dates would be subject to limited occupancy availability. And (3) parking fees would be assessed. After further communication with the Embassy Suites management, President Wess came to understand that they would honor a fall 2017 nightly rate of \$143, but the nightly room rate for the winter and spring 2018 BOM's would increase to \$147. Dates for our meetings would be subject to occupancy availability that favored the Embassy Suites and the requirement to pay for parking might be negotiable down to fifty percent of their standard charge.

Motion 5. Past President General Carl Hoffman moved that the Florida SAR renew a contract with Embassy Suites for the 2017-2018 term, with the following understanding: The fall BOM 2017 nightly rate would be \$143; the winter and spring BOM 2018 nightly rates would be \$147; and that the parking charge would be negotiable down to fifty percent of the current cost. (The motion was seconded by several Compatriots shouts, whose name(s) weren't audible for capture on the recorder.)

Motion 5 Passed.

3:15 PM, 19 May 2017, Meeting recessed to begin the Florida SAR Annual Meeting.

Sixth Significant Point of Information. During the recess, Motions six through eight were introduced and passed. Further, after a brief by Past VPG South Atlantic District, and current NSSAR/Florida SAR Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody, the Florida SAR authorized the introduction of a resolution at the upcoming 127th Congress to amend National SAR By-law 14. The change would address requirements and qualifications of a Compatriot to hold the General Officer positions of Chancellor General, Surgeon General or Chaplain General.

Motion 6. The Documents Committee recommended/moved that the membership accept a By-law change to Article V Committees, Section 2 Audit Committee as follows: "The President shall appoint a Financial Review Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR. This committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, an annual independent internal audit with specific guidelines 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."

Motion 6 Passed.

Motion 7. The Documents Committee recommended/moved that the membership accept the disseminated Charter handout, which detailed the Purpose, Authority, Members and Functions of the Audit Committee.

Motion 7 Passed.

Motion 8. The Documents Committee recommended/moved that the membership accept a By-law change to FLSSAR Governing Documents, Article VIII Miscellaneous, Section 3, Amendments A (1) (page 29) and Amendments B Other FLSSAR Documents (1) (pages 29-30) as follows:

Amendments A (1)...The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Documents Committee in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made to the Board of Management (BOM) at a regular meeting thereof at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Amendments B (1)... The text of any proposed amendment(s) should be submitted to the Documents Committee 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.

Motion 8 Passed.

3:45 PM, 19 May 2017, Meeting reconvened.

Seventh Significant Point of Information. Nominating Chairman VPG Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker reviewed the list of Compatriots selected for the 2017-2018 elected positions and the nominated positions for National officers.

Nominations for Florida SAR Elected Offices:
 President—Robert James Folk, Sr.
 Senior Vice President—Patrick Jay Niemann
 Secretary—Hermann Hall Riediger
 Treasurer--Walter Richard Young, Sr.
 Member-at-Large—Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
 Recording Secretary—William Lee Popham, Sr.
 Registrar—Raymond Clyde Lantz
 SW Regional VP—Lee William Matson
 EC Regional VP—Charles Anthony Berger
 NC Regional VP—David Bussone
 WC Regional VP—Charles Robert Butler
 NE Regional VP—James Yost Gaskins
 SE Regional VP—William Lee Popham, Sr.
 NW Regional VP—Christopher Edwin Washler
 Chancellor—Carl K. Hoffmann
 Chaplain—Dwight Donald Elam
 Genealogist—Richard Bruce Cardell
 Historian—Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.
 Sergeant-at-Arms—John Logan McCullough
 Webmaster—Earle Scott Bushnell
 Patriot Editor—Jeffrey Lee Sizemore

Nominations for National Office:

National Trustee--Walter Richard Young, Sr.
 Alternate Trustee—Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

President Ray Wess asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were offered.

Motion 9. Past President General Carl Hoffman moved that the nomination be accepted by acclamation.

Motion 9 Passed.

President Ray Wess asked for the list of Compatriots who accepted the appointment to serve as the Florida SAR Nominating Committee for 2017-2018. Those who accepted to serve on this committee were Compatriots: Charles Day, David Ramseur, Don Lanman, Steve Fields, and Bernard Wolfe.

Motion 10. President Ray Wess offered a motion to accept the recommended nominees to serve on the Florida SAR Nominating Committee for 2017-2018.

Motion 10 Passed.

The Spring Board of Management & Annual Meeting ended at 4:06 PM.

Motion Passed.

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The 13 Folds of the American Flag... The Meaning of Each Fold

Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman,
President Palm Beach Chapter SAR



The folded American flag represents the original thirteen colonies of the United States. Each fold also carries its own meaning, however, and according to tradition, the folds symbolize freedom, life, tribute to mothers, fathers, and to those who serve in the Armed Forces.

Completely folded, the flag takes on the appearance of a revolutionary period “cocked” hat, representing the soldiers, sailors, and marines who served under *General George Washington*, and for the *Patriots* who made the ultimate sacrifice at the *Altar of Freedom*.

The **First fold** is a symbol of life.

The **Second fold** is for our belief in eternal life.

The **Third fold** is in honor and remembrance of all veterans who gave a portion of their life in the defense of our country.

The **Fourth fold** represents American citizens trusting in God where we turn in times of peace and war for divine guidance.

The **Fifth fold** is a tribute to America: “*Our country, right, or wrong, if she’s right, keep her right; if she’s wrong make her right.*”

The **Sixth fold** honors our flag where we pledge our allegiance to the democratic republic for which it stands, one nation under God.

The **Seventh fold** is a tribute to our armed forces that protect our country and freedom against all enemies, foreign or domestic.

The **Eighth fold** is a tribute to those who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and in honor of our Mothers, for whom it flies on *Mother’s Day*.

The **Ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood, for it is through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **Tenth fold** is a tribute to our Fathers, for they have given sons and daughters for the defense of our country.

The **Eleventh fold** for Hebrew citizens represents the lower portion of the seal of *Kings David* and *Solomon*, and glorifies the *God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*.

The **Twelfth fold** for Christian citizens represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies *God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*.

A completely folded flag, with the stars uppermost, represents the **Thirteenth fold** reminding us of our National motto...

“In God We Trust”

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>.



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

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