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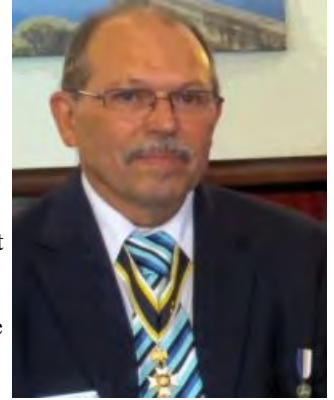
## *Content Submission*

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*



Compatriots

The Florida Society did very well at Congress again this year. The Society was well represented with several attendees. In the group picture elsewhere in this article are those that could make it to the photo shoot time. Not in the picture were the following: Lindsey and Billie Brook, Jean Fehrenbaker, Steve Williams, and Lee Moody. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Southwest Regional meeting was held in which a slide show on the Strategic Plan was presented and well received.

At the 2017 Congress Knoxville, TN, the FLSSAR received the following awards

**Eugene McGuire Award:** To the state society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SAR and DAR members .FL=130, TX 106

**Len Young Smith Award:** To the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age. FL-98, TX=78

**Senator Robert A. Taft Award:** To the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members. FL=317, TX-238

### PG Tomme's Initiative Streamer

Lauren Goepfert won the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American history Teacher Award.

FLSSAR RECEIVED Certificates of Participation & Streamers for Eagle Scout Scholarship, ROTC/JROTC, Brochure, and Poster contest.

FLSSAR received the CAR Activities Award & Streamer.

The Officers Attendance Award & Streamer awarded at each Congress to those state societies whose president and trustee attended the immediate previous Congress and both immediate previous Trustees' Meetings.

Florida Society **ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL STREAMER**

This streamer was authorized in 1992 and is awarded to state societies which have presented NSSAR flag certificates to persons or organizations.

Florida SAR at Large Patriot Biographies Award

Naples Chapter Patriot Bio's star

### Individual Awards:

Bob Beightol editor Lake-Sumter Gazette received: Carl Bessent Award To the chapter editor producing the best multiple sheet periodical or newsletter.

Larry Fehrenbaker Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman of the Council of VPGs

Larry Fehrenbaker Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman of the Public Service and Heroism Committee

## *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.

Lindsey Brock Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman of the Human Resource Committee

Randy Moody Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman of the Membership Committee

Charles (Chuck) Sweeney Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman of the Veterans Recognition Committee

Liberty Medal given to first line signers of new member.

Nineteen individuals are receiving certificates of those nine get Medals and sixteen are receiving oakleaf clusters or combinations of all.

Our Oration Contest entrant, Rachel Mallett, made it to the final round. She did well finishing in the group 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Fraternally

**Robert J Folk Sr**

President FLSSAR 2017-2017

## *FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary The Grapevine*

It is my honor to serve as your president this coming year, May 2017 to May 2018. We have a great Ladies Auxiliary group of Officers, and I am so proud to be able to work with them.

Fall is right around the corner; once again, we are here to support our husbands in their constant efforts to serve the SAR. We have a great group of ladies, and we also support our husbands on their journey to help improve participation, help chapters who find themselves struggling in membership participation, and our dedication to help each and every one to have fun as we all learn so much at the BOM.

Our Fall Board of Management meeting (BOM) is right around the corner. It will be held at the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Rd., Kissimmee, Florida, 34746, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Our First Lady, Karin Guzy, was cordially invited to join us on our Ladies Luncheon, but she was unable to make it at this time, but she did say she would be at our May BOM of 2018. She regrets not being able to make it, and as she mentioned, her and her husband have a busy schedule to maintain at this point.

We will continue to host "gift basket raffles" at each Board of Management banquet or luncheon. The money raised at these raffles is used to supplement the cash prizes for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest and other youth programs of the SAR. It is imperative that all chapters support this cause by bringing a gift basket with the suggestion value of \$50.00 to each of the Board of Management meeting.

We would like to get more ladies involved in the Ladies Auxiliary to see what we do and how much fun we have doing it. With the constant great ideas that are given to us at the meetings, many of them can/may help improve each agenda we have, so with that being said, we need to invite more ladies to the Spring, Fall, and Winter BOM. Let them see for themselves that they too can join the Ladies Auxiliary and participate in many things, and meet many other wonderful people.

I have adopted one initiative for my tenure as President; to reach out to at least two chapters of the state of Florida who does not have a Ladies Auxiliary, and help them to get ladies interested enough to start one up. Being that one person alone cannot do such a task by themselves, I am reaching out to all of you for help with your knowledge and expertise in getting some chapters to respond to our request so we can talk to them via phone, email, or even in person if it is feasible. We can do this, so with that being said; I would like to have some ideas to start with, than all of us can plan from there. We can do this, let's make it happen. If you have any leads on this, please feel free to email me, than we can start from there. Jeanne Fehrenbaker, our Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary, has given me two names of ladies who

may be able to help us out on this also. I will need to call them to see what they have to say.

We will continue to have the popular Ladies Luncheon consisting of salad with chicken, cookies, and a beverage on November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am, and the Ladies Auxiliary meeting will follow at 12:30. More information on this will follow in early October as the BOM Agenda should be ready to publish. Don't forget to sign up for the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon so we have an idea of how many will be attending so Ray Wess can inform the Embassy Suites.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Board of Management meeting in November

## **Ellie Folk**

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President

## ***NSSAR 128<sup>th</sup> Congress Hotel Room Information***

If you are interest in attending the 128<sup>th</sup> Congress that will be held on July 12-19 in Houston, TX, the information to secure hotel rooms is as follows:

Two types of rooms are available at this time. You can get a room with a king bed or two doubles. Cost is \$159 per night plus tax.

You have two ways to make reservations:

**By phone:** Call 1-800-937-8461. When making the reservation please tell them you are registering at the WESTIN MEMORIAL CITY, HOUSTON FOR THE NSSAR or NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION group rate.

**On line:** please use the following url to access the site for on line registration: If you cannot just click on this please copy and paste into your browser.

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NSSAR2018>

## ***Message from the Senior Vice President***

It is time to start promoting the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program on a chapter level basis. To sign up all one needs to do is go online and (a) volunteer or (b) sponsor a grave side program with WAA. [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org).

Participation not only honors our veterans but additionally gives Americanism points to the chapter. I know many of our FLSSAR chapters participate in the program but it would be great to see greater participation. A chapter can participate for as little as \$15.

Please encourage your chapters to participate in this project. Thanks.

Yours in patriotism,

**Pat Niemann**

FLSSAR Senior Vice President

## ***Patriot Medal Nomination***

A reminder from the Patriot Medal Committee – Our Charter states “Nominations of persons to be considered by the Committee for the Patriot Medal may be made by any member of the FLSSAR. Such nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before January 31st of each year.” (before January 31, 2018)

Send your nominations to: Patriot Medal Chairman – Charles Day, Email: [dmdaycday@aol.com](mailto:dmdaycday@aol.com).

## ***New Life Saving Medal Debuts***

Almost one year after the initial discussions, design, approval by the NSSAR Medal and Awards Committee, and finally production, the NSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee was successful in providing the NSSAR Merchandise Department a new Life Saving Medal for delivery at the 127<sup>th</sup> Congress in Knoxville, TN and currently available from NSSAR Merchandise and at the link: [store.sar.org](http://store.sar.org).



The medal set consists of a full-sized draped medal, enameled bar and certificate. Available separately is a miniature draped medal (see medal photos). Engraving of the certificate and a presentation folder are available from the merchandise shop.

The following guidelines are adapted from the **SAR Handbook, Volume V: Individual Medals and Awards** (effective March 5, 2017)

The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel.

Lifesaving examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defib-

rillator (AED) on an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities even though the victim might expire at a later time.

Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved. Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names using the Public Service & Heroism fillable PDF form (Link: [PS&H report form](#) ). This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

## *Kenneth Lee "Ken" Aubrey 1934-2017*

It is with a heavy heart that I bring you news of the passing of Saramana Compatriot and Genealogist/Registrar Kenneth Lee "Ken" Aubrey . His wife Joyce informed us that he passed peacefully in the early hours of Saturday morning. Ken had endured lingering illness since late last year but had never given up the fight. His passion for life was as strong as his faith in the Lord.



Be consoled that Ken is now rests in peace with the family, friends, and patriot ancestors whose memories he honored with his life's service. Please pray for Ken's loving wife Joyce as well as all his family and friends. Though grief be profound, comfort and peace can be found in the Lord. His obituary is as follows:

SGM U.S. Army (Ret)  
Kenneth (Ken) L. Aubrey 83  
Passed away on August 12, 2017

after a long battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

SGM Aubrey was born to Harry K. and Dorsey L. Aubrey in 1934 in Indianapolis, IN after High School SGM Aubrey joined the U.S. Army and served for the next 27 Years in a variety of assignments from Vietnam, Korea and Germany. Plus U.S. assignments in Ft Carson, Co, Denver, Co , Ft Eustis VA, Ft Monroe, VA. He Attended the U.S. Army SGM's Academy in 1981 and retired in 1984. During his Service years, he completed his Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of New York and his Masters of Human Resources Degree from Golden Gate University.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, He went to work for Newport News Ship Building as an Engineering Coordinator and worked as a Human Resources Manager for BAE Systems, where he retired to Venice in 2003.



SGM Aubrey is survived His wife of 53 years Joyce M. Kellert and four Children Kenita S. Ball of Evansville, IN, Larry K. Aubrey of Hummelstown, PA, Angeliq M. Bolling of Troy, MT, and Michael B. Aubrey of Potosi, MD. Four Grandchildren, four Great Grandchildren and two Great, Great, Grand Children.

SGM Aubrey is a member of Epiphany Cathedral where he and Joyce trained and coordinated the Eucharistic Ministers for 15 years. They also worked as a team to assist in the funerals in the Parish. Ken as the Altar Server and Joyce as the Sacristan for several years. SGM Aubrey served twice on the Pastoral Council.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday August 16, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Ewing Chapel, 140 E. Venice Ave, Venice.

Service will be at Epiphany Cathedral Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Ewing Funeral Home Chapel is handling arrangements.

Published in Herald Tribune from Aug. 14 to Aug. 15, 2017.

## *Update: Charles "Chuck" Thomas Sweeney*

As reported in the FLSSAR *Florida Patriot* Summer 2017 issue, Compatriot Sweeney passed away at the 75 years ago. He is to be laid to rest with full military honors on November 14, 2017 at 8:45 am in the Arlington National Cemetery.

## *FLSSAR Color Guard Change of Command*

On May 2017 at the Florida Society SAR Annual Meeting, the two year term of Color Guard Commander Charles Day Jr. of the Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade came to an end and command has been turned over to Compatriot Hall Riediger.

Picture herein is Commander - Charles Day Jr.(center w/ miciphone) turning command over to Vice Commander Hall Riediger, (standing to Day's right). Adjutant - Richard



Young (to Day's left) called front and center, was appointed as the new Vice Commander. This photo was provided by Ann McGuire.

## Bartholomew Gosnold: Father of English Colonization in America?

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.

On a bright winter day of 1607, Vice Admiral Bartholomew Gosnold paced back and forth on the bridge of his little three masted, square-rigged ship, *The Godspeed*, lightly tapping his tall commander's staff on the deck with each step. As he surveyed the western horizon, he took note of the positions of the two other ships accompanying *The Godspeed*. The *Susan Constant*, commanded by Captain Christopher Newport, Admiral of the expedition, took the lead while the little bark, *Discovery*, under Captain John Radcliffe followed in the wake of the *Godspeed*.



Gosnold's dream for establishing the first permanent English colony in America was moving forward. This visionary was born more than sixty miles northeast of London, near the ancient town of Ipswich in Suffolk, in a mansion called Grundisburgh a few miles from his

family's stately half-timbered manor called Otley Hall. Dominated by massive brick chimneys and surrounded by a moat, Otley Hall had been in the Gosnold Family since 1401. Robert Gosnold was lord of the manor when his nephew, Bartholomew, was born to Anthony Gosnold and Dorothy Bacon, a cousin of Sir Francis Bacon, in 1571. Educated by private tutors, Bartholomew graduated from Cambridge and then moved to London where he studied to be a barrister at the Middle Temple.

Bartholomew's Uncle Robert introduced him to Queen Elizabeth's "favorite," Robert Devereaux, the Earl of Essex, who took the young man to sea in 1597, on a privateering expedition preying on Spanish shipping in the Azores Islands. Essex's partner, Sir Walter Raleigh, accompanied the voyage. It was on this expedition that Gosnold first became acquainted with Raleigh who, in turn, probably delighted Gosnold with tales of his ill-fated Roanoke Island Colony and may have interested him in establishing a colony in North America.

Privateering made Gosnold rich enough to plant his own colony. He hoped to interest Essex in the project, but the Earl lost his head when he failed in a coup against his aged former friend, the Queen, in 1601. On 26 March 1602, Gosnold sailed from Falmouth in the *Concord*, a small ship with twenty colonists and twelve crewmen. He made landfall near present-day Portland, Maine, in May. When he turned the ship southward looking for an appropriate location, he sailed around a sandy, curving peninsula so teeming in its waters with large codfish that he dropped anchor for his men to fish. They jerked so many large fish aboard ship, that Gosnold named the place, "Cape Cod." Sailing around the Cape, Gosnold dropped anchor near the shores of a large island full of wild grape vines which he named after both his deceased young daughter and the succulent grapes growing on the island, "Martha's Vineyard."

He chose to found his colony on a smaller island (first named Elizabeth Island after the Queen, but now called "Cuttyhunk") a few miles northwest of Martha's Vineyard. Gosnold and his men spent the summer of 1602 building a fort and crude huts on the island. But when it came time for the *Concord* to depart



for England, his would-be colonists, fearing they did not have enough supplies to last until Gosnold's return, lost heart and sailed back home with the captain and a cargo of sassafras root, used at the time as a treatment for ague fevers, venereal diseases and other ailments.

Although the colony was aborted, Bartholomew Gosnold's dream did not die. Over the next few years, he worked tirelessly to create another colony, one supported by a joint-stock company. Plans were laid over numerous conversations at Otley Hall with the likes of Gosnold's wife's cousin, Sir Thomas Smythe, who would become the treasurer, Gosnold's cousin, Edward Maria Wingfield, other men of means, and an adventurer named John Smith. Stock in the enterprise was sold to a number of prominent Londoners. In John Smith's *Generall Historie of Virginia . . .*, he declared that Gosnold was "one of the first movers of this plantation." King James issued a royal charter for The Virginia Company of London in 1606 for a large tract of land lying several hundred miles south of Cape Cod. Gosnold and Wingfield enlisted 105 men and boys, most of whom were younger sons of the gentry. No fewer than six were relatives of Gosnold, including a brother named Anthony and a cousin who bore Gosnold's given name.



On 20 December, 1606, the three ships sailed down the Thames from London with Gosnold's *Godspeed* following Newport's *Susan Constant* and the little *Discovery* bringing up the rear. For some reason, Newport, rather

than Gosnold was designated the admiral of the company. During the voyage, John Smith got into some kind of altercation, was accused of mutiny and put in chains. Only the chaplain and Gosnold prevented Newport from hanging Smith. On April 26, 1607, the ships made landfall at the mouth of the river which the leaders named after the King. A few days later they disembarked at a swampy area where deep water was close to shore. They named their tiny settlement, "Jamestown," and began chopping down trees to build a fort, stockade and houses. Few of the men had any experience as laborers, much less in building anything. The summer was hot and swarms of mosquitos were thick. Disease and famine ravaged the little settlement while relations with nearby Indians were anything but friendly. More than half of





the colonists perished within the first year. Gosnold himself came down with a fever and died on August 22, 1607. He was only 36. The men of Jamestown gave him a funeral fitting for a ship's commander. A coffin was prepared. He was laid out with his captain's staff at his side. Settler and witness George Percy wrote, "The two and twentieth day of August, there died Captaine Bartholomew Gosnold one of our Council [member of the governing Council], he was honourably buried, having all the Ordnance in the Fort shot off with many vollies of small shot." (\*)

In 1699, the capital was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg. Jamestown all but disappeared over the next 300 or so years. It was long believed that floods on the James had gradually eroded away the original fort and burying ground, but in the 1990s, a team of archeologists discovered that almost all of the original triangular-shaped fort along with the cemetery remained on the site. This led to the present ongoing archaeological "dig." In 2003, an unusual grave was opened. Unlike others which appeared to have been hastily dug and the corpses quickly interred.

This one had originally contained a carefully crafted gabled coffin. The complete skeleton was laid out with a ship's captain's staff along one side (the wood had disappeared but the distinctive metal cap of the staff remained). The staff indicated that the skeleton was Bartholomew Gosnold whom the English call, "The Man Who Was Responsible for England's Settling the New World."

\* - Quoted by Natalie Zacek, "Bartholomew Gosnold (1571-1607)" in *Encyclopedia Virginia* online.

No one has written a full fledged biography of Gosnold, but below are a few short pieces about him:

David R. Ransome, "Gosnold, Bartholomew," in *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2004).

Natalie Zacek, "Bartholomew Gosnold" in *Encyclopedia Virginia* online.

Dana Huntley, "Bartholomew Gosnold: The Man Who Was Responsible for England's Settling the New World," in *British Travel Heritage*, 4 October 2006.

## *Patriot Medal Recipients*

by Chairman, Charles L. Day Jr.



Pictured above (L-R): Dr. Lawrence G Fehrenbaker Sr., Edward S. Buckley, James Y Gaskins, and John L McCullough.

"The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society and may be presented only to an individual. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level."

One medal may be awarded each year for every 500 Patriots, or fraction, thereof, in the State Society. The elongated octagonal silver medal, suspended on a cobalt blue ribbon, features the bas relief image of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse and inscription space on the reverse. It has only been presented in Florida since 1964.

Four new Patriot Medal Recipients for 2016 were honored at last Board of Management Meeting.

Dr. Lawrence G Fehrenbaker of Naples Chapter -- date of admission 26/February/2010  
Edward S. Buckley of Palm Beach Chapter -- date of admission 22/March/1996

James Y Gaskins of Jacksonville Chapter -- date of Admission 05/December/2007

John L McCullough of Naples Chapter -- date of admission 03/December/1979

These are very Distinguished men. They have all served as Chairman and Officers both in their Chapters and at State level. One of them has been a 1<sup>st</sup> line signer for over 100 new SAR members and several have had Military Duty assignments. Most of them have provided many years of faithful service to Chapter and State Color Guard activities. Collectively they have performed very Significant service to the SAR for over **71 years**. We owe them a big Thank You!

## *Commemorative Historic*

### *Sites Report*

#### *Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle (Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War)*

By David Ramseur, Chairman

The 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of this battle will be held on Saturday March 17, 2018. The Florida Society led by the Jacksonville Chapter along with SAR, DAR and C.A.R and their guests from other South Atlantic District chapters will commemorate the 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. This will mark the third commemoration of the battle and the fourth Anniversary of the dedication of the 864 acre park that was purchased by the City of Jacksonville with assistance from 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.

We are very pleased to again have Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Assoc., Inc. as our program speaker. He is a very good educator and speaker and those in attendance at our 2016 ceremony bought out all his books. We are also looking forward to having our Patriotic Choral Group, "Let Freedom Sing" return along with a "Black Powder Salute" supported by our National Park Rangers. This is an event that is of historic importance where we and the community can honor the brave sacrifice of our patriot ancestors, made for our new nation on this battlefield on May 17, 1777. Please mark your calendar to attend this Florida Commemorative event next March 17, 2018.

## *1,000 Veterans Screened for Silent Killer - 16 Lives Saved at VFW Convention.*

New Orleans, LA (July 25, 2017) – More than 1,000 military veterans participated in the largest free screening event for "abdominal aortic aneurysms" in the U.S.

*National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Palm Beach Chapter President Don Lanman* worked in conjunction with the 118<sup>th</sup> national convention of *Veterans of Foreign Wars* in New Orleans, and the *AAneurysm Outreach* non-profit organization providing free aneurysm screening for Vets that resulted in 16 - aneurysms being discovered requiring medical attention.

"Up to 90 percent of patients, with abdominal aneurysms will die from the ruptured artery in less than 30 minutes," said Don Lanman, "It's likely that our screenings saved the lives of the 16 Vets with abdominal aneurysms assuming they see their physicians."

Everyone over age 60, and or those with high blood



pressure, smoke or with a family history of aneurysms must get screened for this "Silent Killer" with a non-invasive Ultrasound screen that is a quick and easy way to identify aneurysms and save lives. The painless abdominal ultrasound test is simple and takes less than 5 minutes for the results and is typically paid by Medicare or the VA.

## *Newsletter Competition*

The winners of the 2016 competitions are as follows:

Bessent single sheet – Col. John Eager Howard, MDSSAR; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Centre County, PASSAR  
Bessent multiple sheet – Lake-Sumter, FLSSAR; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Captain John Collins GASSAR  
Flathers – Washington Society (single submission)  
Niebell – Ohio Society (single submission)  
Smallwood – California Society; 2<sup>nd</sup> place France Society

To all Chapter Newsletter editors, now is the time to start thinking about entering the SAR competitions for these four competitions:

The Carl F. Bessent Award is presented to SAR chapter editors for the best multiple sheet and single sheet periodicals

The guidelines for judging newsletters can be found at the sar.org website via this link accessed by logging into the SAR site - - <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/256/uNYd0HuxX7MM.pdf> Please read these guidelines to understand what and how your publication will be judged.

Every editor at a chapter considers his newsletter to be excellent and deserving of recognition. Editors are to be commended for the efforts expended. However, there are only a few awards available and the competition is fierce, with little room for error. There is also some subjectivity incorporated into the judging process in order to provide flexibility in determining the best newsletters. These guidelines should help editors determine if they are meeting the requirements necessary to be competitive. If so, then the editors can submit their publications for judging. If not, then the editors should work towards meeting the requirements before submitting. Remember, good communication is the goal, not awards or accolades.

To be eligible for competition, submission should be

the **single issue** as determined by the editor/chapter to be the best printed issue per calendar year (January to December 2017) to be submitted to the Newsletters and Publications Committee chairman. Submissions are preferred by email attachment (PDF/WORD files) or by the issue URL if located on a web site. Submissions should be of acceptable quality; poor quality newsletters will not be judged. See Handbook for ideas for what a good newsletter can be. **The submission must be received by December 15.** However, editors are encouraged to place the committee chairman on their normal distribution list. Sending your newsletter issues to the committee chair does NOT enter the publication into any contest. If you cannot submit by December 15<sup>th</sup>, contact the committee chairman for an extension. The extension will not be longer than 2 weeks. Late submissions without an approved extension will not be judged.

To repeat some language from the Newsletters and Periodicals Handbook: *“There is a distinct obligation on the part of a local chapter’s leadership to inform the membership as a whole of a chapter’s activities, goals, and achievements. We all know that many of our supportive members find it difficult or impossible, for any number of reasons, to attend chapter meetings. Without written communication received on a regular basis, these men would receive nothing, and may feel no obligation to continue membership in the organization and be one of those individuals who drops membership when the dues notices are sent. No news is not good news. No news is just that: nothing.”*

### To re-cap:

Submit a SINGLE issue committee chairman. Preferred method is email PDF attachment.

Submit by *December 15, 2017.*

## *Generation Gap: Behold, Between Two Trees*

By DeCody Brad Marble, on behalf of The Bay County Genealogical Society

Panama City, Bay County, Florida, the News Herald, Sunday, August 13, 2017, Celebrate Community, Page D4, Tracing Pasts.

Edited by Marqua Brunette, Publicity and Tracing Pasts Chair of Bay County Genealogical Society.

Fifty-eight years ago, in 1959, as an eight-year-old boy, I received my first genealogy lesson from my great grandmother, Magdalena Knapp Marble. In 1958, I had lost my father in a fatal vehicle accident and my mother returned to Ashland College to acquire her teaching certificate. That left my two brothers and me in the care of our 75-year-old widowed Great Grandma in Ashland, Ohio. Behind her home, clearly seen from the second story, rear bedroom windows, was section one of Ashland Cemetery, the oldest section of an enormous city cemetery.

Upon one of our visits, Great Grandma loaded us boys with flowers, a trowel and water bucket as she escorted us through the back yard, over the creek’s wooden bridge towards the high wire parameter fence of the cemetery. My brothers and I gazed at each other questionably, for apparently there was no opening. Great grandmother led us along the fence, from the sun into the shade. Behold, Between Two Trees! Although a tight squeeze, the gap between two trees served as an opening into the cemetery.

Great Grandmother explained that family members have passed through the opening for over 50 years.

Immediately upon entry to the cemetery, we stopped at two tombstones of her grandparents. The other stone read, Magdalena Coleman and she stated, “She is my great grandmother.” Observing the ancient dates, we boys did not quite comprehend the relationship to us. Immediately, great grandmother held up her four fingers, she pointed at her first finger and said, “Me”. She pointed at her second finger and said, “My Parents”. She pointed at her third finger and said, “My Grandparents”. Finally, she pointed at her fourth finger and said “My Great Grandparents”. Then great-grandmother had us boys raise our hand and repeat what she had done, and provide the two names for each finger, representing a generation. When we got to our fourth finger and said her name, she approached me and held up my fifth finger, and she said her parents’ name and followed with the sixth and seventh finger. I responded with the saying of the time, “Cool”.

In 2005, I left Panama City to visit Ohio to attend my 35<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. I got the whim to go to the Ashland Cemetery Association and inform the superintendent that if someone was to sell a grave or plot in the old section one, I may be interested in purchasing it. After a brief introduction, he replied with a big smile, “I don’t believe it!” He immediately pulled out a map of section one with annotated grave plots and said, “Please humor me and follow me out to section one”. After walking a great distance, he stopped and said, “Can you see your father’s grave from here?” I replied, “Yes, two rows up and about fourteen graves from here, under the shade tree and my grandfather, Lawrence is buried next to him. Also, straight up the hill from here, just across the road, I can see my favorite Uncle Larry’s grave and if you look over to the east, where the large rhododendron stands, that is great grandmother, Magdalena’s gravesite.”

The Ashland Cemetery Supervisor shook his head in disbelief, but with a smile. He replied, “The spot I stand at became available last week. A widow, who remarried decided to put it up for sale!” With a tear in my eye, I realized without asking or praying for a miracle, God gave me one.

A year later, a polish black granite monument listing 10 individuals with a map to their plots was erected, honoring seven generations of a First Family of Ashland County. When it is time for me to pass on, I will feel no distress, for I know I will be coming home to my final resting place to be with my family. I will smile for I know I have done well. Visit the Findagrave.com memorial: <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=19717220>

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## *The Enlightenment: Lighting the Way to America*

By Karen Lu  
(FLSSAR Knight Essay Winner)

The American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution had its roots in the seventeenth and eighteenth century Enlightenment in Europe. During this “Age of Reason,” European politics, philosophy, science and communications were radically reoriented between 1685-1815. Enlightenment thinkers throughout Europe questioned traditional authority and embraced the notion that humanity could be improved through rational change (“Enlightenment”). The American Revolution was directly inspired by Enlightenment ideals and respectively marked the peak of its influence and the beginning of its decline.

The Enlightenment’s roots can be traced to 1680s England, with Isaac Newton’s “Principia Mathematica” (1686) and John Locke’s “Essay Concerning Human Understanding” (1689) —two works that provided the scientific, mathematical and philosophical toolkit for the Enlightenment’s major advances. Newton’s calculus and optical theories provided the powerful Enlightenment metaphors for precisely measured change and illumination (“Enlightenment”). Locke, one of the most prominent Enlightenment thinkers, argued that human nature was variable and that knowledge was gained through accumulated experience rather than by accessing some sort of outside truth. Locke also theorized that the right to rule came from the consent of the governed, a principle of democracy and later one of the pillars of the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence (118). Montesquieu, another Enlightenment thinker, wrote about three “branches” of government that checked each other’s power, a principle Madison applied when establishing the Constitution (“Foundations”).

Enlightenment influence can be seen in the American Revolution, where colonists rallied behind the ideals of republicanism, which held that a government was to be founded on rule of law, individual liberties and rights, and the sovereignty of people. This was a direct response to the various Acts and Laws (the Sugar Act, Stamp Act, Quartering Act, Navigation Laws, Townshend Act, Proclamation of 1763, etc.) Britain enacted against the colonies for taxation, prevention, or retribution. Famous players in the road for independence such as Thomas Paine, Samuel Adams, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson were all influenced by Enlightenment thought. For example, Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense* has heavy influences of John Locke’s essays. These men were vital in American Revolution, as their passionate words convinced many of the hesitant or indifferent colonists to join in arms against the British, and fueled the belief for which they were fighting for (“Independence”).

However, the most striking example of the Enlightenment’s influence in America’s birth was in the creation of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson, the paragon of Enlightenment thought, had Locke’s words in mind as he wrote the Declaration of Independence. To clarify, John Locke redefined the nature of government. In Locke’s *Second Treatise of Government*, Locke identified the basis of a legitimate government as a ruler who gains authority through the consent of the governed. The duty of that government is to protect the natural rights of the people, which included Life, Liberty, and Property. If the government were to fail to protect those natural rights, the citizens would have the right to overthrow that government

(Locke 118). These ideas deeply influenced Thomas Jefferson as he drafted the Declaration. The famous introduction of the Declaration of Independence takes its words directly from Locke’s Social Contract theory: “...all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...governments...deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government...”

Thomas Jefferson shared Locke’s views on the purpose of government as a system instituted by the people and for the people, and that the people had a right to rebel if the system did not protect their natural rights. Jefferson used this logic to justify separation of the colonies from Britain by stating violations Britain committed against the colonists’ natural rights. For instance, in the Declaration’s second part, it lists King George III and Parliament’s violation of those natural rights outlined by Locke: “He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good...; He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers...; For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world; For imposing taxes on us without our consent; For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury...; He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people...”

Thus, Jefferson justified the colonies’ separation from Britain because of those violations in protecting natural rights of the people. Since the government did not protect those rights, the ruler and the state of Britain thus had no authority over the colonies and that the colonies had the right to institute a new government and become independent: “But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security... We, therefore...solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES...”

Consequently, the foundations of American government lie squarely in the 17th and 18th century European Enlightenment. The American founders were very familiar in the writings of the philosophers, whose ideas influenced the shaping of the new country. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Madison, and others took the daring steps of creating a government based on the Enlightenment values of liberty, equality, and justice. Now, more than 200 years after the American Revolution, this government, providing liberty and equality to its citizens, is still sound.

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## *NSSAR Teacher of the Year Award*



FLSSAR proud to announce that the Chapter's "Own" *American History Teacher of the Year Award* winner Ms. Lauren Goepfert has won the *NSSAR National American History Teacher* award at the annual Congress in Knoxville TN.

Appearing before 700 Congress attendees, Ms. Goepfert delivered her award winning historical essay to earn the national *Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award* where she prevailed against major competition.

A World and American History teacher at the *Bak Middle School of Palm Beach*, Ms. Goepfert was nominated by Past President Ray Wess winning the *Palm Beach Chapter* competition, the *FLSSAR* competition and now the National Congress competition where she represented both the Palm Beach Chapter and Florida State society.



Picture herein is Ms. Lauren Goepfert receiving the aware from the Florida Society SAR at the May meeting earlier this year.

Ms. Goepfert is very active in the study of American history bringing the story of our founding fathers to life in her classrooms. She is also a member of the *DAR -Palm Beach Chapter* and active supporter of local historical and patriotic events.

Picture herein is Ms. Lauren

## *Raymond Laverne Thompson*

*Dec. 24, 1915 – June 14, 2017*



Compatriot Ray Thompson was born in Illinois on Christmas Eve and 101 years later passed away on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Palm Coast. Ray earned a Bachelor's degree from Illinois Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Prior to the outbreak of WWII, he was a Civil Air Patrol pilot and spotted a German U-Boat off the coast of North Carolina. In 1950, Ray believed there was a future in plastics and became a mutual owner of a plastics manufacturing company that he expanded from a small start-up business to a multi-million dollar corporation. He was a Porsche race car driver, a Licensed Episcopal Minister, and a volunteer in an Alzheimer's Unit at a Veterans Hospital

Ray became a charter member of the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution when the Chapter formed in 1984. For the past 33 years, Ray was our only Chapter Chaplain. During the late 1980's Ray was singled out and recognized on two separate occasions by the National SAR for his outstanding service to our Veterans. Ray was President of our Chapter in the 1990's for two terms. Since the 1990's, Ray was Chairman of the Good Citizenship Committee and personally presented over 100 Good Citizenship awards to students in Flagler County. Ray received the Chapter's first Bronze Distinguished Service Medal in 2013. In addition to being a descendant of several Revolutionary War soldiers, Ray was a Mayflower descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins.

Compatriot Ray's never ending dedication and good cheer was an inspiration to everyone and especially to his fellow Compatriots in our Chapter. Ray will be dearly missed.



# Chapter News

## Clearwater Chapter



On May 17, 2017, COL Pat Niemann, USA (ret), 1st Vice President of the Clearwater Chapter presented the Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Captain Celeste Jardin at the Anclote High School ROTC Awards Ceremony. Cadet Sergeant Charles Turner was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship medal. Additionally, the Senior ROTC instructor, Command Sergeant Major

Wilfred Placeres was awarded a SAR Certificate of Appreciation from the Clearwater Chapter.



The Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution has been busy during this summer recess. Compatriot George Pratt awarded Austin Moore the winner of the Clearwater Chapter Poster Contest. Austin also placed second in the State Contest. Congratulations to Austin.

We were also busy with Eagle Scout Presentations. Com-

patriot Allan Hammell presented the SAR Certificate to Eagle



Scout Carson Crockett. At another awards ceremony Compatriot Jim Phillips presented a Certificate to Eagle Scout Alex Brillant of Largo. We are always proud and honored to present these awards to the young men that worked so hard to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Clearwater Chapter has also been working with Habitat for Humanity as they build homes in the Clearwater area. As the homes are completed and the new Homeowners are presented the keys the Clearwater Chapter presents them with an American flag to display on their new home. One of these new families, the Piantadosi family was presented with a flag by Clearwater Chapter President Bob Cundiff.

Congratulations to all who received Certificates this summer. The Clearwater Chapter of SAR takes great pride in recognizing the fine groups and people of our community. We look forward to starting our regular sessions in September with many more presentations to follow.



A new American flag, donated September 16 by the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, hangs outside the Hawi family Habitat Pinellas new home in Clearwater, Fla. Chapter president Dr. Bob Cundiff made the presentation.

## Flagler Chapter



On Monday, May 29, 2017 Flagler County held its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Government Services Building in Bunnell. This ceremony honors those veterans who gave their lives for the United States of America. Also, veterans who have died during the prior year are recognized for their service to America.

A special dedication at this year's ceremony was given in honor of Private First Class Jonathan Nathaniel Spicer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, United States Marine Corps, who was the only citizen from Flagler County killed-in-action during the Vietnam War. "Nat" was a close friend of Flagler Chapter SAR President Randall Morris when they attended high school in Bunnell.

For extraordinary heroism while under fire, Private Spicer was presented the Navy Cross (posthumously) by the President of the United States. President Morris, a decorated Vietnam Combat Veteran, was privileged to read the Spicer citation to the attendees at the ceremony.

During the battle for Khe Sanh in March, 1968, Private Spicer volunteered to be a stretcher bearer and assisted in loading wounded marines aboard helicopters in complete disregard for his own safety. During a rocket, mortar, and artillery attack, Private Spicer shielded wounded marines with his own body from the blasts and was fatally wounded.



On Tuesday, July 4, 2017, the City of Palm Coast held its annual "By Dawn's Early Light" ceremony at Heroes Memorial Park. The City Fire Department Honor Guard presented the national colors and Mayor Melissa Holland served as master of ceremonies for the event. The Palm Coast Community Band provided several patriotic musical selections for all to enjoy.

The Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution President Randall Morris was the featured speaker and he gave a detailed account of the events leading to the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. The audience was invited to "...join our Founding Fathers on their journey..." to the Declaration of Independence. He emphasized the importance of the work by Patriot Richard Henry Lee and the role of "Committee of Five" (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman) ultimately leading to Thomas Jefferson penning the Declaration of Independence, which was approved on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1776. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, John Hancock, President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress signed the Declaration.

## 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, Capt US Navy (ret) and past FLSSAR President (1996-1997). Bud was instrumental in initiating the FLSSAR Color Guard.



## Withlacoochee Chapter



On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson presented Citrus County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Technical Sergeant Devin Smith with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

On February 11, 2017, the chapter awarded the first place winner of the SAR Knight Essay contest to Rachel Sheppard of Inverness, FL. Topic of her essay was the Coventry, CT Revolutionary Patriot, Nathan Hale. She received a recognition certificate, the first-place cash award of \$200, and the SAR Bronze Essay Medal. Her essay now advances to the FLSSAR state level of judging. Troy Sheppard was our Withlacoochee Chapter Second Place Knight Essay Contest Winner. Members of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the flag dedication at The Academy of Environmental Science in Crystal River, Florida. The Chapter presented a flag that was secured through U.S. Senator Rubio, and flown over the U.S. Capitol on December 17, 2016. Compatriot Jack Townsend addressed the assembly regarding the presentation, Compatriot Bill Teater read and presented the framed dedication certificate, and Compatriot Norm Freyer presented the framed flag to a member of the student body. Civic, Patriotic and Veteran responded to the lack of a U.S. flag at the Academy, and generously donated funds which resulted in a 40-foot hurricane resistant flag pole, a secure base for the pole, a memorial marker and several flags. Top Left Picture (L-R): Norman Freyer, Jack Townsend and William Teater.



The Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR released the winning entries in the 2016 Elementary School Americanism Poster Contest. Students produced the posters that focused on the theme "Captain John Barry, The Father of the American Navy". The poster contest acts as an aid for teachers in the curriculum regarding the American Revolution, "The War for American Independence". 375 Students from Citrus and Hernando Counties developed and submitted posters during the contest upon which a Floral City student won SAR Americanism Poster Contest. The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently presented the first-place award in the 2016-2017 Elementary School 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. His poster wins a \$100 cash first place award, plus certificate, and will now advance to the Florida State SAR level of judging to occur in Orlando in late May. Milo is the son of Jennifer and Brian Moore of Floral City.



On March 15, 2017, Charlie Day and Jack Townsend, members of Withlacoochee Color Guard, met with Scouts of Troop 457 in Inverness. John Murphy, Scoutmaster had previously arranged to have representatives of Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, come visit the Troop. Charlie Day explained the SAR Eagle Scout contest and the two, triplet Merit Badge Certificate recognitions that the SAR offers. The 2nd part of the presentation was led off by Jack Townsend. This pointed out the differences between the Continental and more local Militia, Revolutionary uniforms. It was also noted that varied local conditions and priorities existed along the eastern seaboard. The audience, which included some parents, took part in questions and comments as well. It was an encounter en-



joyed by all and the scouts gave Day and Townsend a hearty cheer when it was time for them to leave.

## *Southwest Region Meeting*

The Southwest Region of the Florida Society, consisting of the *Caloosa, Charlotte, Highlands, Naples, and Saramana Chapters*, conducted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on August 12, 2017. Hosted by the Caloosa Chapter at Pinchers in Historic Fort Myers, Regional Vice President Lee Matson gaveled the meeting to order, welcoming a total of 47 participants including the presidents of all five chapters.



Also attending were PG Michael Tomme (2016-2017) and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Cilla, State President Bob Folk and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Ellie, past-State President Ray Wess and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Naomi and many other distinguished guests.

The primary theme of the meeting was the presentation and discussion of the FLSSAR Strategic Plan which had been initiated by President Ray Wess in 2016 with the formation of a Strategic Planning Committee chaired by John Stewart and assisted by co-chairs Charles Butler, Lee Matson, and Ralph Nelson. Compatriot Nelson was unable to attend, but the remaining committee leaders engaged in discussion and Q & A's concerning the Plan.

After completing the regular opening rituals, the Caloosa Chapter *General Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15* augmented by guardsmen from other chapters presented the colors.

This was followed by welcoming remarks from RVP Matson and from PG Tomme. The FLSSAR Strategic Plan review

included a PowerPoint presentation and review of handout materials consisting of a table of contents, a research paper, and the strategic plan itself.

There was next a recess called for lunch, after which many of the ladies adjourned to participate in a guided tour of the nearby Edison Ford Estates which had been organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Resuming the business meeting, there was a productive exchange of ideas and experiences amongst the representatives of the chapters present. Discussions included recruiting and retaining new members and implementing the Mentorship program at the chapters, SAR/DAR cooperation, and FLSSAR/Chapter mutual support. As we were wrapping up the discussions, the ladies returned from their tour and the meeting was adjourned.



Pictured above (l to r): Trudy Whitey, Jill Fields, Kim Parker, Ellie Folk, Anne McGuire, Naomi Wess, Jean McPaul, Vonni Spears, Marianne Cecere, Sherrie Higgins, and Cilla Tomme.

## *Ladies Tour*



The wives and auxiliary members attended the FLSSAR Southwest Region annual meeting at Pincher's Restaurant in Fort Myers on August 12, 2017. After an interesting slide presentation and a delightful lunch, the ladies departed for a guided tour of the historic Edison and Ford Winter Estates organized by the Caloosa Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary. Transportation was no problem since the Estates are adjacent to the restaurant. The guide was entertaining and knew a great deal about the estates, gardens, and the Edison family. As the hour and half tour was ending, we got phone calls from the men that their meeting was also ending. Not only good timing, but a lovely afternoon learning about the estates and getting to know each other better.

## *Welcome New FLSSAR Members*

Herein is the list of new members that have joined the respective SAR chapters from the first of this year to September 1, 2017:

James A. Lesko	St. Petersburg	Walter C. Eppard	Saramana
David G. Hein	The Villages	Edwin H. Cox	Saramana
James D. Dowling	Daytona-Ormond	William F. Taeger	Miami
John M. Frazier	Withlacoochee	Dennis M. Gayle	Caloosa
Kenneth F. Lancaster	Withlacoochee	Shields T. Fair	Gainesville
James D. Kent	St. Petersburg	James P. Laughlin	Palm Beach
Michael D. Justins	Jacksonville	James R. Grayshaw	Clearwater
Robert A. Admire	Miami	Robert E. Beasley, Jr.	St. Lucie River
Richard M. Clark	Naples	Robert E. Beasley, Sr.	St. Lucie River
Lloyd W. Simmons	Caloosa	K. L. Weidemeyer	Clearwater
James M. Carl	Lake-Sumter	Randall T. Schindler	Brevard
Murdoc S.B. Gould	Central Florida	Brian L. Jensen	Brevard
Andrew D. J. Admire	Miami	Blake O. Wilkinson	Jacksonville
Steven R. Gould	Central Florida	Ryan T. Reynolds	Palm Beach
James R. Price	Jacksonville	Russell P. Green	Jacksonville
William J. Waters	Pensacola	Scott C. Sauers	St. Lucie River
John G. Admire	Miami	Howard W. Shannon	St. Augustine
Robert T. Craig	Brevard	Travis T. Anderson	Naples
Oscar M. Gay	Clearwater	Peter E. Shannon	St. Augustine
David F. Hitchcock	Withlacoochee	Paul S. Carson	St. Lucie River
Jason B. Gay	Clearwater	Samuel P. Carson	St. Lucie River
Douglas E. Badger	South Shore	Jonathan P. Carson	St. Lucie River
Russell E. Bader	South Shore	Christopher S. Carson	St. Lucie River
James C. Booth	Withlacoochee	Harry L. Sauers	St. Lucie River
Terry J. Roderick	Saramana	Harmon M. Wright	Clearwater
Robert L. Parrish	Saramana	Stephen C. Printz	The Villages
Donnie W. Rooksberry	Naples	James M. Osgood	Clearwater
Edwin H. Riedell	Brevard	David S. Kemp	Pensacola
Richard M. Brown	Pensacola	William C. Smith	Pensacola
Richard A. Hardison	Tallahassee	Richard D. Pierpont	Clearwater
Miles B. Hardison	Tallahassee	Spencer J. Osgood	Clearwater
Ed McGlynn	Central Florida	Joseph W. Smith	Pensacola
William J. Zehner	Panama City	Alexander J. Smith	Pensacola
Douglas L. Brock	Withlacoochee	Paul F. X. Theiler	Naples
Robert L. Hartzell	Withlacoochee	Raymond C. Dezendorf	Caloosa
Tyler W. Rydson	Brevard	Claude F. Greene	Lake City
Matthew T. Rydson	Brevard	Philip R. Theiler	Naples
James A. Schmidt	Charlotte	Thomas C. Baker	St. Lucie River
Brayden R. Welsh	Caloosa	Robert C. Abresch	Clearwater
Travis R. Wilcoxson	St. Petersburg	Eric B. Johnson	Jacksonville
A. M. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Carlos D. Bollman	Lakeland
A. M. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Austin J. Hatten	St. Lucie River
K. L. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	William C. Thompson	Withlacoochee
J. S. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Alan R. Crippen	Caloosa
R. D. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Michael L. Crippen	Caloosa
C. E. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Alan R. Crippen	Caloosa
J. F. Wattenbarger	Gainesville	Joseph E. Sponseller	Naples
Charles C. Rooker	Naples	Christopher W. Hatten	St. Lucie River
Stephen A. Rooker	Naples	John G. Evans	Jacksonville
Robert W. Rooker	Naples	Richard K. Brooks	The Villages
Ryan T. Welsh	Caloosa	Larry M. London	Highlands
John B. Welsh	Caloosa	Edward T. Humbert	Caloosa
Scott T. Welsh	Caloosa	Hunter W. Lehning	Lakeland
Lester W. Rooker	Naples	Dudley R. Motel	St. Lucie River
		John A. Gring	The Villages
		Jonathan W. Kimball	St. Lucie River
		David C. Carter	Brevard
		Sean D. Carter	Brevard

William F. Cook	St. Augustine	Jon M. Beard	St. Augustine
Bradford L. Sims	Daytona-Ormond	David E. Longmuir	Jacksonville
Blaine M. Carter	Brevard	William A. Roberts	St. Lucie River
John W. Simmons	Brevard	James D. Glass	Tampa
Jack E. Dean	Highlands	Anthony A. Bernardi	Clearwater
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Wade D. Munger	St. Lucie River	Dillon F. Johnson	Naples
Edward B. Simmons	Brevard	Peter G. Papacostas	Naples
Stephen R. Simmons	Brevard	Richard J. Phelan	Tallahassee
Richard K. Buchanan	Brevard	Richard J. Phelan	Tallahassee
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Walter W. Wiles	Brevard	Peter A. Miller	Palm Beach
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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.

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## *No Vet Left Behind... Missing in America Project!*

By Don Lanman, Veteran & President Palm Beach Chapter SAR

*"I can't promise you that I will bring you all home alive. But this I swear, before you and before Almighty God, that when we go into battle, I will be the first to set foot on the field, and I will be the last to step off, and I will leave no one behind. Dead or Alive, we will all come Home together. So help me, God." ~ Lt Gen Hal Moore, (Ret) 'We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young: before the battle of the Ia Drang Valley Vietnam-The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam'".*

*No Vet left Behind...* is an eternal promise and profound commitment to all American Veterans from blood soaked Bunker Hill to the killing fields of Afghanistan.



Founded in 2006, the national *Missing in America Project* (MIA) is a Veteran remains recovery program with the noble mission to locate, identify and inter, with honors, the unclaimed cremated remains of American Veterans through the joint efforts of volunteers, private, state and

federal organizations.

While difficult to comprehend, one state hospital reported over 3,500 unclaimed cremains were sitting on their shelves yet to be



identified and representing a time span from the 1890s to 1971. It is estimated that over 1,000 of these cremains are veterans. This is happening in every state.

Now a nation-wide effort, the MIA project continues its mission to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of forgotten veterans.

This task is being executed through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of the American Legion, other veteran organizations, service organizations, local Funeral Homes, State Funeral Commissions, State and National Veterans Administration Agencies, and the State and National Veterans Cemetery Administrations.

Working together, these organizations assure that all local, state and national laws are followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the un-

claimed veterans' remains, and assure that these forgotten veterans who served our country are buried with the honor, dignity and respect they earned.



Since 2006 the MIA project has contacted over 2,100 funeral homes, located 15,259 unclaimed cremains, identified and interred, with full military honors, over 3,200 Veterans, but the work continues.

Members of the *Palm Beach SAR Chapter* and local *DAR Chapters* have been working for several years with the MIA Florida project providing escorts at each of the military ceremonies for these forgotten heroes.

To honor and respect to those veterans who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes, Compatriots of the *Palm Beach Chapter National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* are inviting all patriots to join them at the *South Florida Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremony*, Saturday October 21 @ 11AM, at the *South Florida National Cemetery* (6501 Florida State Road 7, Lake Worth).

Open to all, the Saturday ceremony will inter the remains of 14 veterans and 6 spouses with full military honors. These veterans served in the US Army, Marines, Airforce and Navy, during the Cold War, Vietnam, and World Wars I, II and Korea.

The *Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office* will lead an Honor Escort and welcome any motorcycle organizations, riders, and or vehicles are welcome to participate. For more information visit [www.miaps.us](http://www.miaps.us).



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

Fall BOM November 3-4, 2017  
 Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista So., 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee

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

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

<p><b>Meal</b>                  Saturday Ladies Tea  <u>Luncheon</u>                   Saturday <u>Evening Banquet</u></p>	<p><b>Entree</b>  <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  <b>Grilled Shoulder Tender and Key West Shrimp</b> - Served with Yukon Gold Potato Tart and Roasted Baby Broccoli; <b>California Harvest Salad</b> Seasonal Gourmet Greens, Baby Breen Beans, Roasted Corn, Plum Tomatoes and a White Balsamic and Virgin Olive Oil Dressing</p>	<p><b>Dessert</b>  <b>Freshly Baked Cookies</b> - Tea Size Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookies and Oatmeal Raisin Cookies   <b>Vanilla Bean Pot De Crème</b> - French Dessert Custard With Seasonal Berries and Hazelnut Chocolate Sauce</p>
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Saturday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)				Saturday Evening 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 No-Sugar Desserts				
				\$20.00 Registration Fee (Members Only)			=	\$ 0.00
				Enter number of SAR members				
				Proceedings Draft Hard Copy Enter \$2.50 if requesting				
Total Amount Enclosed				=	\$ 0.00			

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 October 20, 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 269-468-8091. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 269-468-8091.*

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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*4955 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, FL 34746*

*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.

*FROM MELBOURNE ON US192:* From I-95, head west on US192 and go roughly 54 miles. Then turn right at the SR535 traffic light. At the next traffic light on SR535, turn left onto Kyngs Heath Rd. The hotel is on the right.