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Taking an Honest Look at Revolutionary War Site Preservation in the Deep South.

By Daniel Battle

No one seems to want to hear it but here it is. As one well-known sports would say: "Get the picture". In Georgia is one battlefield marked as the 16th bloodiest battlefield of the American Revolution according to Campaign 1776. Let's go back a few years for this story. -- Its 2013, and after 50 years of public ownership, an important battlefield in Georgia is finally funded for an Archaeological survey. The funding source is an anomaly, well overdue and perhaps only occurring as part of a political gamble gone wrong. Possibly believing an archaeological survey would find little and clear the way for a secretive and yet undisclosed constructive project, researchers instead find a rare and complete Revolutionary War battlefield site. But...the politics of it all inside a State Wildlife Management Area is so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Citizens, hearing of the interesting study, feel if something significant is discovered, "the state would surely preserve it right"? Many also feel that if American and foreign soldier graves are found it would mean preservation of marking and honoring these men. After all, the testing is on incredible large 18,000 acres of publicly-owned land. Wrong. In a nut shell, this emphasizes what is so wrong with preservation everywhere in the Deep South especially when you get below the Savannah River area.

Although a complete archaeological survey found an intact but partially damaged site, the battlefield was still identified as one of the most preserved battlefield research environs in the United States. It is shown to have a plethora of resources in an idea setting for a battlefield park in a region where few are represented. What happened next, however, defies common preservation sense and is shocking. Communication with the archaeological crew was essentially cut off and the results were not celebrated or made widely known to Georgia citizens. The acting state agency, perhaps not expecting such results, appears to actually begin to *compromise* the site. Suspected burial and sensitive areas, believed to hold evidence of hand to hand combat, had damaging management activities *increase* unmanaged. A few months following the study, a bulldozer is witnessed by no less than three professional archaeologists and photographed damaging noted sensitive areas. This was

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.

stopped only when public media exposure brings public attention to what was happening. Then, a few months following this event, more troubling events occur at the site. A local publication, perhaps prematurely tipping someone's hand, show an eager state agency already seemingly counting funds from a planned sale of the battlefield area to an oil pipeline route. Where was the public input? Survey flags spring up everywhere marking a corridor a few hundred yards wide right down the middle of the site. Another media blitz, like the first one, informs the public and fights off this threat. Finally, a little ground is made in preservation ---- but very little. A deal of scraps is made, not fully divulged to the public, for saving only five acres of 18,000! Even more shocking, this postage-sized lot is basically given to a local city municipality! How did this all go so wrong? Most common citizens expect our state leaders to lead and desire them to preserve some of our most precious historic resources especially in today's environment when America's youth are in such need of history awareness. If state agencies expects such stewardship from private citizens in related situations, it should also hold itself also accountable and lead by example.

A National Park Service study, *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in America 2007*, underscored endangered resources in the Deep South. This publication, however, should only be considered the beginning of the discussions of preserving critical historical sites. Some correctly felt the report had not gone far enough in identifying the more southern engagements and activities of the war in Georgia and Florida. While historians have begun to recognize the critical role occurring in the South in winning American Independence, preservation activities have not followed in this region. Strides have been underway in the upper regions of South Carolina but as we move deeper South, we have no preservation groups, including historical societies, that seem to be rising to the cause. That is until the nonprofit Georgia American Revolution Preservation Alliance, GARPA, came along and took up the herculean task. Still there is more private support needed because success stories for purchasing or preserving sites has yet to be made.

Most of the public does not understand the most under-told stories of the American Revolution are in the lower frontier areas of the original 13 States. Many have never even heard of the Patriot's preemptive invasions into British-held Florida or considered Florida a possible 14th American Colony. Fewer still understand how and why the American Revolution shifted to the invasion the South by 1778 to begin a new critical phase of the war. In contrast, events occurring in the more northerly regions of the country have enjoyed the benefit of good been research. This includes decent preservation of resources which are often recognized in the general public by name. Events in the Southern regions are still way poorly investigated and are often found endangered by a multitude of threats. While land trusts are actively saving parts of battlefields in some parts of South Carolina and elsewhere, no current land trust show any support or interest in currently saving locations in Georgia and Florida.

GARPA has been setting its sights on an endangered list which include British and American Headquarter sites, forts along the Savannah River, and significant engagement areas. Years of non-existing preservation strategy have left both the public and local governments without guide stones on what to do. Forts like Charolette, Barrington, (Howe), Ft. McIntosh, Ft. Cornwallis, and others, are in poor positions of ever having preservation. Battlefields around Savannah, Sunbury, and Augusta are now almost impossible to study and challenging to create meaningful public interpretations with. Battlefields along frontier sites like Thomas Creek, Alligator Creek, and Bulltown Swamp, Burke Jail, and Brier Creek are all endangered. The Battle of Brier Creek in Screven County Georgia, is seen by some as the poster child of all the problems associated with preserving battlefields in the Deep South. Even with one of the largest military burial grounds in Georgia, public management of this resource has revealed real problems with state priorities toward protecting our American Revolution Heritage. We are getting to the point where these efforts in preservation must be publicly successful. Such is the fate in the balance of the 1779 Battle of Port Royal Island, SC battle site. The non-profit GARPA has gained some ground with the recent awarding of a coveted National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program Grant. Funding will bring national attention to this historical event as well as allow for historical research and the production of a professional public report. Ironically of note is that the nearby military base seems to be the greatest impediment to the battlefield's possible future preservation. Some of the battlefield is believed to be on the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, South Caro-

lina but so far, they have been far from inviting the success of this project.

As an archaeologist and historian, I urge all historical societies to find a way to become proactive in the preservation of our American story of Independence. Local efforts are good but even more so, we need partnership toward a larger regional goal. Too many times I see small groups make efforts that often are not enough. We must remember the cliché, “United We Stand, Divided We Fall” and work united in these efforts. We must add the Deep South back to the pages of history for the nation to remember once again.

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 127th Congress in Knoxville, TN and currently available from NSSAR Merchandise and at the link:

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 defibrillator (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.

Another Such Victory Would Ruin the British Army – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 15, 1781

By Don Lanman, President Palm Beach Chapter



The “Ides of March” were particularly fateful 235 years ago in the closing days of the war when a signature battle of the American Revolutionary War took place in the Southern colonies at the remote county seat of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina.

It was a bright, cool winter day in north central North Carolina when the two major armies clashed at Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781. This rural county seat had less than 100 full time residents but its population grew that day to 4,400 as Continental regulars and Colonial militia under the command of General Nathanael Greene gathered to meet the Redcoats. General Greene's Colonial army of 4,400* was comprised of 1,700 regulars and 2,700 militia, mostly of farmers, called for temporary military service as needed.

The British army comprised of 2,000 professional and battle-hardened troops commanded by aristocrat and professional soldier *General Charles Cornwallis*, had recently overrun Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina, and were now poised to beat the Americans of North Carolina into submission.

While grossly outnumbered, General Cornwallis was confident that his professional soldiers could sweep aside this mixture of regulars and inexperienced militia.

General Greene chose his ground carefully by deploying his men into three lines of battle across the *Great Salisbury Wagon Road* that led to the southwest facing the British army, locating his Continental regulars as the final line to deliver the most destructive resistance to the enemy. Greene had deployed first line of North Carolina militia with instructions to fire at least two shots into the enemy ranks before withdrawing behind the second then third line of regulars. His troops strategically positioned, the battle began just after noon when Greene's artillery unleashed deadly cannon fire on the Redcoats.



Drums snapping, bagpipes skirling, and bayonets glinting in the winter sun, the Redcoats marched at a measured pace through the artillery barrage toward the rail fence where a thousand American militia long rifles opened fire with devastating results.

The British line, with great holes torn in its ranks and indifferent to casualties, staggered but then re-formed, and stepping over their dead and wounded rushed head on into the North Carolinians with musket fire and leveled bayonets.

Before retreating, Greene's first line of militia inflicted heavy casualties on the Redcoats. One British officer later recalled that when men of *His Majesty's Own, 71st Highland Regiment of Foot* were hit by the first volley, "*one half of the Highlanders dropped on that spot.*"

The second Colonial line proved another powerful fighting force to blunt the British advance. Greene had located them in heavy forest, with good cover, clear targets, and Officers ordered to shoot any soldiers who broke ranks to run from the battle.

Greene's Virginia militia fought valiantly against the Redcoats for about an hour in a fierce battle that a British writer later described as "*a number of irregular, but hard fought and bloody skirmishes.*"

The heaviest fighting took place on the third line where General Greene had stationed his battle seasoned Continentals. After fighting savagely and enduring more heavy losses, the Redcoats continued their assault finally breaking through the third line to scatter the American ranks onto a cleared field just beyond the skirmish line.

In that cleared field, the fighting swayed back and forth, and there, for the first time in the battle, Greene's cavalry rode



Charles Cornwallis

slashing into the Redcoats ranks. Cornwallis suddenly saw that he was in real danger of attack from both the front and flanks by Greene's infantry and cavalry.

Fearing defeat, Cornwallis ordered his artillery to fire deadly *grape-shot* rounds directly into the battle area killing and wounding both American and British soldiers alike.

The Cornwallis artillery gambit worked and despite killing many of his own soldiers, when the smoke cleared the battle was over and Greene ordered his army into a strategic withdrawal leaving the British in possession of the battlefield.

Final battle casualty reports noted 93* British soldiers killed, 413 wounded, and 26 missing while on the American side 79 soldiers were reported killed, 185 wounded and 1,046 missing. The missing soldiers were likely the Colonial militia returning to their farms since the battle was over.

While the British won the *Guildford Courthouse* battle, Cornwallis failure to destroy Greene's army and allowing them to escape unopposed into South Carolina, unwittingly sealed the fate of the British-held South.

Over the following month's Greene's troops continued to fight engaging in four pitched battles in the South and while losing these engagements, reminiscent of Guilford Courthouse, they refused to give up the offensive against the British. As Greene commented, "*We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again.*"

General Greene's "hit and run" strategy kept the British forces fully engaged in the South, exhausting their supplies and keeping them from diverting much needed forces to the northern campaign.

While the Guilford Courthouse battle was a British victory, failing to defeat either the spirit or will of the Americans led the British Parliament to the conclusion that the Colonial war was just too expensive for the government to support.

Receiving the news of the battle of *Guilford Courthouse*, Member of the British Parliament *Charles J. Fox*, addressing the *House of Commons*, commented... "*Another such victory would ruin the British Army.*"



**The Rest of the Story...
Patriot James Lanman...**

As an interesting footnote to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse is that the Lanman family Patriot Ancestor, Grandfather James Lanman, is a veteran of this famous battle.

A Son of American pioneer founders from Virginia, James Lanman took up the Patriot's cause in July 1776 by enlisting in Charleston, SC as an Orderly Sargent with the 1st Regiment of Rife with the South Carolina Colonial Army.



South Carolina.

Serving under General Williams, his service included major battles against members of the loyalist Cherokee Nation including the fierce battle of Valley Town on the Tennessee River.

Following his service with the 1st Regiment of Rifle, James reenlisted as an Orderly Sergeant in March 1781, in Hillsborough, NC, with the 1st Regiment of Horse (cavalry) Southern Colonial Army in time to fight in the two major battles of the Southern campaign at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina and Eutaw Springs

Following the terrible battle of Guilford Courthouse,

James also fought in the last major battle of the Southern campaign at Eutaw Springs, SC on September 8 1781.

Under the command of Revolutionary War greats including General Greene, Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion, and "Light Horse" Harry Lee, the two armies were equally matched at about 2,000 troops each.



The fighting was fierce and the casualties were high on both sides. While the battle was technically a draw, it was actually a loss for the British since they failed to stop General Greene's Southern campaign.



Donald Lanman
Grandson of James

James was wounded during the *Eutaw Springs* battle along with his commander *Colonel John Henderson*, and both were transported to the farm of a Quaker widow named Nelson for first aid. Following his recuperation, *James*, honorably discharged from the Colonial Army, moved back to his home in *Caswell County, NC* then on to Illinois to claim his war bounty land grant.

James flintlock from the Revolutionary War has been in the *Lanman* family for generations....

James Lanman claimed his land in what is now *Tell City, Indiana*, married, raised a family and is buried in the ***Lanman Cemetery***...



Gerald E. Meeks (1931-2017)

It is with deep regret that the Florida Society SAR and the Palm Beach SAR Chapter announce the passing of Gerald Meeks. He passed away on September 21, 2017 and is survived by his wife, Ann L. Alexander, stepson, Dr. Stephen (Kelly) Alexander; stepdaughters, Tracee Ferrell and Christi (David) Halcomb. Gerald Meeks is also survived by two sons, John L. (Lisa) Meeks and their three beautiful daughters and Timothy Meeks.



In January 1953, Gerry enlisted in the USAF Cadet Program and graduated on April 28, 1954 at Reese AFB, Texas as a Second Lieutenant. He served for 10 years in the Strategic Air Command as an Air Craft Commander in B-47's. In November 1964, he was assigned to the Republic of Vietnam, 21st Tactical Air Command Squadron as a forward air controller flying L-19 "Birdog" aircraft. After a 17 month tour, he spent the last six as a Liaison Officer to the 9th Infantry Division, RVN. From 1971 - 1975, he served as the Commander of the Air Base Chievres, Belgium under Shape Headquarters. Then Gerry retired after 32 years in the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 1, 1977. He is a highly decorated veteran with many military awards that include the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.



At that point in his life he moved to Austin, Texas where he became a successful Realtor. In 1987 he moved to Delray Beach, Florida where he had reconnected with his high school and college sweetheart, Ann Alexander, who he had not seen in 33 years. They were married in 1990. Gerry was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars where he served as governor from 2007-2008. He was also a member and gave service to the Sons of the American Revolution. These services include but not limited to: president of the Palm Beach Chapter 2001-2003; president of the Florida State Society 2010-2011; numerous committees and was the recipient of various SAR medals including the highly regarded Patriot Medal in 2016 for outstanding contributions to his country and to the SAR.

241st Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday April 7, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 241st anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on April 6th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR for a discounted rate of \$99 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 1st. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2018 to:

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

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter(s) Name: _____

Title (if applicable) _____

Will bring flag? Yes _____ No _____ Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

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

Will you participate in the black powder musket salute? Yes _____

Lost and Found Item

Found at the Winter 2017 BOM meeting: one medal, post type. Contact Steve Williams, sarwilliamssa@gmail.com to claim. Must describe the medal."

Richard Fowler Newsletter Contest

Submission for the Richard Fowler newsletter contest must be by December 15th of each year. Entry should be the best issue as determined by the editor or chapter and submitted to the FLSSAR Newsletter and Publications chairman, Steve Williams sarwilliamssa@gmail.com. Entries can be PDF attachment to email or the URL for the online issue."

Winter BOM Registration

The Winter 2018 BOM registration form is online. Register early so that the Florida Society can accurately plan for the luncheon attendance with the hotel. "

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary The Grapervine



What an exciting adventure it was to hold my first Ladies Auxiliary meeting as the President of the LAFLSSAR held on November 4th, at Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South. We had a wonderful group of ladies attending, and many conversations were carried on by everyone. We covered a number of subjects, new and old. I would like to thank everyone for helping me understand the protocol of certain procedures.

As we move forward to the new year of 2018, our next Business Management Meeting will be on February 3rd. Even though this BOM will only be for one day, many things will be covered. We will have a Ladies Auxiliary Meeting; the time will be announced when the BOM gets closer.

At this meeting, the nominating committee will be announcing the nominees for the upcoming positions of the Auxiliary Board from May of 2018 thru May of 2019. Voting will be at the Spring BOM/Annual meeting.

It was brought up that it would be interesting to have speakers at some of the meetings. This would be a change in the normal proceedings of our meeting allowing 20 to 30 minutes for the speaker. All in attendance thought this would be a very good idea to pursue.

We hope that everyone will have a safe and happy Holiday, and New Year. Until we meet again, friends and family will always be in our hearts.

SAR Certificate of Appreciation Presentation



Lisa Utsey (Sallie Harrison Chapter, FSSDAR) receiving from Florida Society President Bob Folk the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of managing an information and recruiting booth for the SAR and DAR at the Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, Florida. The presentation was made on September 23, 2017, by the SAR Information Table at the FSSDAR Fall Forum in Orlando. (photo by Ralph Nelson)

SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Presentation



First Sergeant Joseph L. Gaskins was awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by SAR President General Larry Guzy at the NCSSAR Fall BOM in Winston-Salem, NC on 8/19/2017.

First Sergeant Gaskins, aka Compatriot Gaskins (Jacksonville, FL Chapter) is assigned to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol as District First Sergeant, Troop C, District 3 in Wake County. He

holds both BS and MS from North Carolina State University. His son, Bennett Gaskins is a Youth Member of the Jacksonville (FL) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His daughter, Reagan Gaskins is a member of the Princess Malee Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, also in Jacksonville, FL. Compatriot Joseph Gaskins is also the son of James Gaskins, FLSSAR RVP – Northeast Region. Pictured herein is (L-R): Compatriot Jim Gaskins, 1st Sgt. Joseph Gaskins, & PG Larry Guzy.

Shaking the Tree -- Incentives Boost Donations

How can someone who has built a library of Revolutionary War and genealogical books secure good value for the books and transfer them to people who will enjoy them? Many of us in the SAR and DAR face that issue when we need to clear shelf space of books we have already read to make space for books we have not yet read (or bought).

We understand that careful and thrifty fellow historians and genealogist don't want to pay more than they must for a book. When faced with the opportunity to buy a \$50.00 book for \$5.00 they balk, hoping to find it in a flea market for \$0.50. Then there is the frustration of deciding between books of various sizes and topics and authors. If one book that we like is listed at \$10 should we buy that or another book listed at \$15? Rather than resolve the dilemma we may buy neither.

Emulating the path taken by public TV fund-raising we decided to use the books as incentives for donating. For each \$10 that someone donated she or he could choose a book from the incentive collection. Since the books were provided by a DAR/SAR couple (Kay and Ralph Nelson) the donations were split 50/50 -- half going to the FSSDAR's Regent's project and half going to the FLSSAR's Endowment Fund.

With this arrangement the focus is on giving a fixed amount to two worthy organizations. There is no need to determine prices or to mark each book and haggle with prospective donors. Some 90 books were available at the September 23 session of the FSSDAR Fall Forum in the Florida Hotel in Orlando. Each donor received a numbered receipt with the donor's name and donation. The number, amount, and name were recorded on a tally sheet, which was copied and given to the treasurer of each organization for audit tracking purposes. From 9 AM to 3 PM FLSSAR members at the well-staffed SAR Information and Recruiting table chatted with DAR attendees, helped them find SAR recruiters near their male relatives, and received donations while permitting donors to pick out books that they liked. Donations from 32 people totaled \$615 (some people gave without taking books). Fifty-eight books were given to donors who would appreciate them. The remaining books were sold at the FLSSAR Fall 2017 Board meeting.



Pictured (L-R): Bob Folk, John Stewart, Bob McGuire, Dwight Elam, Carrie Elder, DAR page

Standing Rule Update

The wording that is proposed as an update to the Standing Rules is in italic print below.

120 – Executive Administrator Position

A. The position has a term lasting until the Board of Management meeting closest to the FLSSAR Annual Meeting when

- a. The FLSSAR Executive Committee can vote to renew the applicant's term for another year,
- b. Advertise for another candidate,
- c. Or to eliminate the position.

B. The Executive Administrator should answer directly to the FLSSAR Executive Committee with requests by the committee members for administrative assistance routed through the FLSSAR President.

C. *The primary duties of the Executive Administrator shall be:*

- a. *Assist the FLSSAR President with scheduling of meetings.*
- b. *Tutoring a new President with the consistency of administrative functions specific to the FLSSAR.*
- c. *Construction of meeting agendas and printed programs.*
- d. *Establishing scheduling blocks for BOM meetings.*
- e. *Establishing protocols for the invitations of invited guests to any and all FLSSAR meetings.*
- f. *Coordinate meeting room scheduling at BOM venues.*
- g. *Post BOM registration forms and venue links on the FLSSAR website.*
- h. *Coordination and posting of preliminary and final versions of the FLSSAR BOM Proceedings book.*
- i. *The Administrator will assist each FLSSAR President with gathering and compiling of statistics regarding membership growth, drops, transfers, deaths and any pertinent information usable in developing strategic planning by the Executive Committee BOM, and the President for formulating meaningful and significant new or amended by-laws.*

Update to the Governing Documents

The wording that is proposed as an update to the Governing Document is in italic print below.

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Section 2 - Expenses of the Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator

The Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator may be granted an allowance, in an amount approved by the BOM, to cover the expenses of his office, including, but not limited to, the following:

Rental of office space and office machines;

Telephone, postage, stationery, and other consumables;

Clerical and professional services as may be required from time to time to handle the office details in order that

the affairs of the FLSSAR may be conducted in an efficient manner, such services to be procured under contract from firms or from persons acting as independent contractors, such contracts to state in detail the nature, extent, and cost, of the services to be provided; provided, however, that each contract shall be approved in advance by the BOM together with a grant of authority to the Secretary to act as the agent of the FLSSAR in signing and enforcing the contract.

A stipend of \$400.00 per month will be allowed for the position of Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator.

Spring BOM meeting of May 13-15, 2016

REVISION HISTORY

Date Description

May 4, 2013 Rebase-lined existing edition of the Governing Documents. May 2, 2015 Corrected minor typographical errors.

May 2, 2015 Added Bylaw revisions:

ARTICLE I -Section 5 - Special Meetings, *added new verbiage*

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, Section 2 - Nomination and Election of Officers ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL MATTERS, Section 6 - Emeritus Program

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3 - Amendments Added New Bylaw: ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3 - B. Other FLSSAR Documents

Edited index page to conform with new material added to document.

Sgt. Sowell's Military Funeral in West Palm Beach, Florida



On November 10, 2017, the Palm Beach SAR Chapter along with the local DAR chapters participated in the military funeral of WWII Army Soldier Richard Gordon "Tiny" Sowell at the Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach, Florida.



A Veteran of many terrible battles in the South Pacific, Sergeant Sowell was killed on *Hill 721* in *Saipan, Mariana Islands*, on July 7 1944. His remains were identified through *DNA* in 2017 and returned to his family in West Palm Beach on November 8, 2017.

Sgt. Sowell was a native of West Palm Beach, graduate of Palm Beach High School Class of 1941. While in



and saw service in the battles of Wotje, Kwajalein in Marshal Islands and Saipan.

high school, he was the football mascot for a number of years. He was also on the high school baseball and basketball teams. When he was called into service in 1943, he was a sophomore at the University of Florida. While in service, he had been in seven major engagements

The Palm Beach SAR Chapter presented the family with an *SAR Certificate of Appreciation* in recognition and appreciation of *Sgt. Richard "Tiny" Sowell* military service and sacrifice along with *Palm Beach Chapter 80th Anniversary Commemorative Medallion* at the funeral.

Fold3.com Website Format Change of November 2017

A Critique by DeCody Brad Marble, the 2016 – 2018 FLSAR Panama City Chapter President and a national level recognized descendant of 22 American Revolutionary Patriots.

Fold3.com is a Military is a military history site that stores 521,444,693 records. You have to subscribe to the site, if you desire to download or upload documentation or create a memorial to any past and present military individual. The subscription is cheaper, if you are an Ancestry.com member, since the sites are link to each other.

I watched the website changing in the month of October, gritting my teeth. When a website changes it is usually for streamlining it size, because the computer servers can no longer support the growth or present format design. In addition, new servers cannot be purchase due to lack of funds. During the October Fold3.com site transition, I watched in horror as my 149 establish individual military memorials seem to be losing the internet links that I had created to and from them.

Since June 24, 2009, I have been an active and contributing member of Fold3.com, uploading 779 images. Therefore, I believe, I am entitled to review and comment on the changes. Let us look at the Fold3.com 2017 New Format by visiting just one of my created 149 memorials. I choose Northwest Florida American Revolutionary Patriot, Ansel Ferrell. First, at the Google search engine, I type in, *Ansel Ferrell Fold3.com* and the correct internet link appears as the second return of a page of twelve. It appears to be the same establish link prior to the Fold3.com Website Format Change of November 2017.

Click on the link and arrive at the Summary page for Ansel Ferrell. Notice right away that there are three other pages -- Fact, Stories, and Gallery. Pleased to see the Related Memorials listed in the column at the right. There are thirty

Northwest Florida American Revolutionary Patriots. Patriots, who settled and lived in Northwest Florida at one time or another, after the American Revolution, and all thirty are link directly or indirectly as a related memorial.

Click on the Facts link and immediately see once again, the column to the right, titled Source Records, other sources. Yes, the links to other Internet sources, which I have added are preserved. As a subscribed member, each page I visit has an edit and add link, Great!

Click on the Stories link and note the left column, a list of fourteen stories. Each listed story is a link directly to the story. There is no need to scroll down the page, unless you desire to out of curiosity. In addition, the images I associated with each story are still link or intact, Great!

Finally, click on the Gallery link and see all the images related to individual military memorial. The images are found at Fold3.com or upload by a contributor. If you click on the image, a small photo window opens up. There is now a place for a caption. More work for me, since none of my 700 upload photos has a caption. If you are a member of Fold3.com, you can click on the red tab, View Full Image and utilize Fold3 Viewer Shortcuts or See Keyboard Shortcuts to download the image.

Since 1996, for over twenty years, on the Internet, I have been researching, posting, uploading, linking, and organizing my lineage to ancestors and descendants. Sometimes old postings and internet links disappear due to changes or discontinuance of websites. This can be frustrating.

Within five years, I achieved submitting twenty-one supplement applications for American Revolutionary Patriots that were all approved by the NSSAR, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Are you amazed? Well, it was twenty years in the making. Thanks to Ancestry.com, Findagrave.com and Fold3.com and their brilliant website designs, you can research and add postings with ease. When you are organized, doors of opportunity open, even in genealogy. Therefore, this critique is hereby finalized and Fold3.com receives an A+.

The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

MARCH 10, 2018

9:30 am Assembly - 10:00 am Step-off

At the Brevard Veterans Council

400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952

After the event feel free to visit their Military Museum and Memorial Plaza

THE HOST CHAPTER, THE BREVARD CHAPTER OF THE SAR, INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS HISTORIC EVENT. ALL PATRIOTIC COLOR GUARD UNITS ARE INVITED.

Contact: Steve Williams at sarwilliamssa@gmail.com / 269-468-8091

Or Phil Wright at wright.gen@gmail.com

We will gladly put you on our email reminder list

EVERY unit will receive a commemorative flag streamer.

Each year since 2007 we have mustered a color guard review representing dozens of patriotic organizations. Plus hundreds of spectators are in attendance.

We MUST be doing something right! In case of rain we move inside.

Visit the website <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/LNBR.html>

Chapter News

Caloosa Chapter

At the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference/Trustee meeting that was held on September 28-30, 2017, Compatriot Bob McGuire was in attendance and participated in the NSSAR Color Guard posting of the colors.

At the October 11th chapter meeting, the chapter inducted four new members which are Leon Goldensmith, Ed Humbert, Dennis Gayle, & Wes Stillwagon. Now, the chapter has passed the goal of 100 in membership. The monthly speaker was Jon Stewart who did an in-character presentation of Thomas Jefferson. His topic was on how the United States President handled the Barbary Pirates during his term of office. On October 28, 2017, the Caloosa chapter participated in a Liberty Tree dedication at the Barbara B. Mann hall on the Florida Southwestern College campus.

On November 11, 2017, the chapter meeting was conducted by Bob McGuire who also inducted three new members. Compatriot Mike Buff gave a presentation of his unit, the Third Infantry Regiment known as the Old Guard. Following his presentation, the video "This Big Picture" was shown. All veterans in attendance were recognized; as well as, numerous veterans were presented Vietnam Veteran lapel pins and were presented Veterans awards. Also during the month of November, the chapter participated in a Color Guard ceremony for the Estero Island DAR Chapter; as well as, the Naturalization Ceremony at the U.S. District Court in Fort Myers, Florida.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida SAR chapter's Public Service Awards program has had another extremely successful year in recognizing local law enforcement and fire safety personnel who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. This year's awards for these distinguished services include three (3) Law Enforcement Commendation, two (2) Fire Safety Commendation and three (3) Heroism medals. Each award has been presented personally by Committee Chairman Dan Dall and Chapter President Burt Fairchild. The formal recognition of these eight stellar public servants were presented at their respective department and city location.

At the October meeting, Compatriot Randal Allen spoke on the Battle of Camden. The Central Florida chapter also inducted Charles Buckles, Christopher Killian, Conrad Killian, III, Phillip Markoe, Ed McGlynn, Bret Oeting, and Stephen Rickers as new members into the SAR.

At the November meeting, Colonel Bruce Johnson was our speaker & his topic was "Our Veterans Today." Earlier in the day, the chapter color guard members participated in the downtown Veterans Day Parade that was held in Downtown Orlando.

While at the December meeting, Compatriot Jeff Sizemore



was our speaker & his topic was "Cumberland Island – A Story of Patriots, Strong Women, and Incredible Wealth." The chapter also presented Compatriot Don Green the Liberty Medal and Certificate that was issued by the NSSAR at the 127th SAR Congress in Knoxville, TN. Note that later in the month, Compatriot Don Green gave an in-character presentation of Benjamin Franklin at the Caloosa Chapter.

Clearwater Chapter



On November 15th members of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honored Trooper Bobby Hartzig of the Pinellas Park District of Troop C for his service to the State and immediate community. Trooper Hartzig has consistently led his district with DUI and drug arrests, as well as providing supervisory coverage as an acting sergeant for extended periods in addition to his work with the Troop C QRF. His efforts have been above and beyond normal expectations; his dedication has made the FHP a more effective law enforcement agency.

Captain Daniel Caulk was on-hand as well during the awards luncheon to commend Trooper Hartzig and provide a well-spoken overview of Trooper Hartzig's efforts. Picture above (L to R) are Wife, Heather, Trooper Hartzig, Chapter President elect Pat Niemann.



The Clearwater Chapter presented Eagle Scout Brandon Scott Galley, son of Scott and Jennifer Galley of Tarpon Springs with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition for outstanding leadership and citizenship as demonstrated by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. Presenting the award was Former Chapter President Jim Phillips at his Court of Honor ceremony.

Brandon graduated from East Lake High School and is attending St. Petersburg College. As his Eagle Scout project, he built benches, tunnels and water stations at the Achieva Paw Park. There are 325 requirements to the path of Eagle Scout. Of every 100 boys who join scouting, fewer than five will attain the rank of Eagle Scout.



The 2018 Officers of the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution were inducted at the December Luncheon at the Dunedin Golf Club in Dunedin, Florida. Pictured left to right: Russell Pebworth – Treasurer George Youstra – Chaplain, Larry Patterson – Secretary, James Grayshae – 1st VP, Pat Niemann – President, Bob Cundiff – Past President, Charles Kerr – 2nd VP, Jim Phillips – Governor, Jim Gibson – Governor, Parks Honeywell – Registrar, Dan Hooper - Governor,

Flagler Chapter

On September 1, 2017 at the Flagler County Fire Rescue Headquarters, Firefighter/Paramedic TYLER EPLING received the 2017 EMS Medal & Certificate from Chapter President Randall Morris at Flagler County Fire Rescue Headquarters in Bunnell, Florida. Deputy Fire Chief Joe King noted Mr. Epling's performance exceeds all expectations and coupled with his outstanding



leadership skills, he represents the future of Flagler County Fire Rescue. Pictured herein (L to R) are President Randall Morris presenting EMS Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Epling, and Deputy Fire Chief Joe King.

On September 25, 2017, Sergeant MICHAEL LUTZ was awarded the 2017 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate by Chapter President Randall Morris at the Flagler County Sheriff's Operation Center in Bunnell.

Compatriot Sheriff Rick Staly stated "It is Sergeant Lutz' hard work and dedication that has made every program he has created or been involved in a success."

Sergeant Lutz's responsibilities include supervising the Marine/Dive unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Neighborhood Watch Program, the Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy, and being a member of the Critical Incident Management Team. Sgt. Lutz has been a Law Enforcement Officer for the past 35 years. Pictured herein (L to R) are: Compatriot David Kelsey, President Randall Morris, Sergeant Michael Lutz, and Compatriot Sheriff Rick Staly.



The Flagler Chapter SAR was pleased to present Flagler County Historical Society Archivist/Curator Sisco Deen the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Award. The presentation was made by President Randall Morris during a Historical Society event held at the Holden House Museum in Bunnell, Florida on September 28, 2017.

Volunteering countless hours over many years of research as well as preservation, Mr. Deen, a descendant of the Flagler County pioneer Deen family, has served with particular distinction in collecting, cataloging and presenting the historical memorabilia of Flagler County. His work is



on display at the Holden House located across the street from the old Court House in Bunnell.

Those in attendance included Compatriots Randall Morris, Sheriff Rick Staly, David Kelsey and Victoria Kelsey. Sisco Deen is a lineal descendant of several Revolutionary War soldiers and has been invited to join our Chapter. Pictured herein (L to R) are: SAR President Randall Morris, Sisco Deen and Compatriot David Kelsey.

Jacksonville Chapter



Over the past month, the Jacksonville chapter has recognized the first two Eagle Scouts of Troop 549, Yulee, Florida. Both new Eagles, Joshua Hebert (pictured above) and Noah Ardizzoni (pictured in right above column), were plank-owners (founding members) of Pack 549 and of Troop 549, in Yulee, FL. Each of these two young men, earned their scouting ranks from Tiger Cub through Webelos, to Scout and finally to Eagle Scout, enjoying fellowship, camping, learning a variety of skills and developing leadership traits that will serve them well, all while contributing to their community. Josh was recognized at his Eagle Court of Honor on 13 November at Camp Crandall, a Rayonier-owned recreation area on the St. Marys River. The Boy Scouts of America inducted Noah into the ranks of Eagle Scouts at the Sovereign Grace Family Church in Oceanway, a Jacksonville, FL,



suburb, on 10 December. A "Well Done!" to each of these fine young men.

Since the beginning of our year in Sept 2017, we have inducted 9 new members into the chapter, presented flags and copies of the Constitution to 5 new Habitat For Humanity homeowners, presented 8 Law Enforcement Commendation or Fire Safety medals, and recognized one new Eagle Scout.



Compatriots Bob Gant, Martin Schwartz, Barney Thornton, Robby Stokes, and Ken Norwood represented the chapter at several Naturalization Ceremonies held at the U.S. District Court in Jacksonville. At the September meeting, Charles A. Tingley, Senior Research Librarian of the St. Augustine Historical Society Research Library spoke on: "Researching Colonial Florida".

While at the October meeting, Compatriot Claude "Chuck" S. Farmer, spoke on: "Yorktown".

The George Washington Camp color guard participated in an Independence Day celebration at the Springhill Baptist Church, the funeral of VASSAR Compatriot William Clayton at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, the DAR's NE FL Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon, and the Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade, Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery Veterans Day Service, and History of the American Soldier at Fort Clinch Park, all on Veterans Day 2017.



Miami Chapter



On December 5, 2017, Chapter President Bernard Wolff represented the Sons of American Revolution at a local Blue Star Memorial Highway dedication. Members of the South Miami Police Honor Guard were featured on the right prior to the flag presentation for the unveiling of the Blue Star Memorial Marker. A Scottish piper, Robert Latimer, led the South Miami Police Honor Guard during the flag presentation and recession in South Miami's Fuchs Park.

Palm Beach Chapter



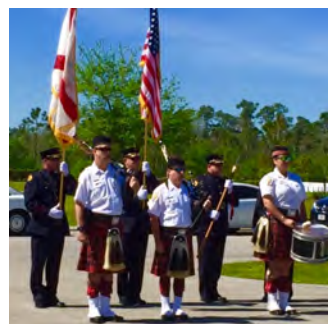
During the month of November, Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr., and Chapter President Bernard Wolff participated at the Harvest Fest that was held on the Youth Fairground in Miami. Then on November 26, 2017, the Junior Orange Bowl Parade invited the Miami Color Guard to present colors at the festivity.

Chapter President Bernard Wolff presents a membership certificate to new Compatriot Walter Daniel Susik at November chapter luncheon held at the 94th Aero Squadron in Miami, FL. Note that Secretary/Treasurer Lee Popham, Sr. was assisting.

Compatriots Wicks, Popham, Sr., and Wolff (l-r) discuss protocol procedures at the Veterans Day service honoring the veterans buried at the Miami City Cemetery.



The Palm Beach Chapter awarded its annual scholarship to Palm Beach Atlantic University history major sophomore Jack Davies at the annual PBAU Scholarship Day ceremony on October 24, 2017. Pictured herein are Compatriot VP Ben Tidwell and Compatriot Dan Lanman with Jack at the ceremony.



Compatriots of the Palm Beach Chapter National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution attended the Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremony on October 21, 2017 at the South Florida National Cemetery (6501 Florida State Road 7, Lake Worth).

The chapter supports the ongoing Missing in America Project mission is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American Veterans, and providing these forgotten heroes

with the honor, respect and dignity of an honored final resting place. The ceremony interred the remains of 14 veterans and 6 spouses with full military honors. These veterans served in the US Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy, during the Cold War, Vietnam, World Wars I, II and Korea.

Saramana Chapter



At the October meeting, the Saramana Chapter Vice President and past Registrar/Genealogist, Compatriot Dick Mahaffey was called upon to provide brief details on the Patriot ancestors of Edward Earl Bohon, Rellis Carroll High, Jr., Patrick Michael Milligan, Paul Richard Milligan and Timothy Paul Milligan. Following their patriotic oaths of reaffirmation and membership pledge, Chapter President Steve Fields spoke of the history and symbolism behind the SAR badge. Immediately thereafter, all the new Compatriots were given lapel pins. The speaker for this meeting was FLSSAR Chaplain Dwight Elam. Pastor Dwight Elam shared information and stories about his ancestor, Daniel Boone, a militia officer during the Revolutionary War (1775-83) an American pioneer, explorer, surveyor, woodsman and frontiersman.

On November 11, 2017, the Saramana Chapter members participated and marched in the 2017 Veterans Parade held in downtown Sarasota. The theme for the 2017 Veteran's Parade was "We Can Do It!" to celebrate the phrase made popular of the famous Rosie the Riveter World War II posters. The annual parade was co-hosted by the City of Sarasota and the Sarasota Patriotic Observance Committee. The Color Guard unit was dressed in their militia and colonial uniforms, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members and Children of the American Revolution (CAR), whom all marched in the 2017 Veterans Day Parade.

At the November meeting, the Saramana Chapter, Compatriot Dick Mahaffey was called upon to provide brief details on the Patriot Reuben Thorpe ancestor of Dr. David Carter Purviance and induct him as a new member into the chapter.

Tampa Chapter



Pictured above L-R Deputy Carlos Brito, Trooper Christopher Wells, Fireman D/E Jayson Lynn, Tampa Chapter SAR President Charles Klug.

At its regular meeting on November 18, at the Golden Corral in Temple Terrace, the Tampa Chapter held its annual Public Service Recognition and Commendation meeting. President Charles Klug presented two Law Enforcement Commendation medals and certificates and one Fire Safety Commendation medal and certificate.

Hillsborough County Deputy Carlos Brito was recognized for his initiative and innovative work in establishing a communication network of local retail stores allowing them to identify shoplifters and alerting the Sheriff's Office. This has led to multiple arrests and a reduction in retail theft in his district. In addition, on his own time and initiative Deputy Brito identified a new substance for use in obtaining fingerprints on a wet surface.

Florida Highway Patrol Senior Trooper Chris Wells was recognized for his work as the first Hit and Run Investigator for FHP Troop C. Since January 2017, Trooper Wells has investigated or reviewed 98 hit and run cases in the Tampa Bay Area. Of those, 78 have been solved and resulted in charges being issued as well as helping the victims of hit and run collisions.

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Driver/Engineer Jayson Lynn demonstrated unusual dedication to the research, the presentation to his Chief and the establishment of the department's Vehicle Extrication Team. He has committed himself to training not only the established extrication teams, but other crews that request assistance regarding new techniques in vehicle extrication.



Pictured on the bottom of the second column of page 18 are Corporal Jacqueline Wallick, Tampa chapter President Charles Klug and Officer Katie Thanasas.

At its regular meeting on October 21, the Tampa Chapter presented the SAR Heroism Award to two deserving officers of the City of Tampa Police Department. On May 19, 2017 Corporal Jacqueline Wallick trailed a murder suspect into a retail smoke shop. Just a few minutes later, she was joined by Officer Katie Thanasas. They convinced the suspect to allow the release of hostages, to surrender his weapon and to be placed under arrest. He was subsequently charged with a murder committed a short time earlier in the day.

Corporal Wallick and Officer Thanasas both entered the smoke shop, keenly aware of the imminent personal danger to themselves, in order to save the lives of hostages they saw being held inside. Their act of heroism prevented additional loss of life. Their ability to maintain their composure in a fluid environment, exposing themselves to great personal risk, thus enabled them to de-escalate a deadly situation and ultimately bring it to a very successful conclusion. Both officers were awarded the City of Tampa Award of Valor.

Withlacoochee Chapter

The Withlacoochee Chapter has reached a new record in membership. After the installation of five new members at the December 2017 meeting, membership now totals 76 compatriot members. It was the first time in the chapters 29 year history that two brothers were installed at the same time. The Withlacoochee SAR Chapter covers the counties of Citrus and Hernando. Chapter President, Larry Sturgeon conducted the installation ceremonies aided by FLSSAR President Robert Folk, Sr. of Brooksville. The new members inducted are Jeffrey Dean Chapman, Riverview; Scott Oliver Chapman, Tampa (The Chapman's patriot ancestor is Zachariah (Zachariah)

Chapman of CT), Dale Leroy Hash, Inglis, (Patriot Ancestor is John Hash of VA), John Thomas Hellem, Brooksville, (Patriot Ancestor is John Thomas of VA), and John Wayne Smith, Dunellon, (Patriot Ancestor is John Baptist Cissell, of MD).

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

bought 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>.



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

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

Selves@bellsouth.net



Donald H. Bailey, Sr. (1926-2017)



It is with sincere regret that the Saramana SAR Chapter hereby announces the passing of Donald H. Bailey, Sr. He was a major force in the chapter for many years.

Don joined the Saramana Chapter in June of 1998. He was immediately asked to serve on the Calling Committee and later on the Luncheon Committee, Fire and Safety Committee. He served as Secretary in 2000-2002 until he took over as Chapter President. He continued to serve as acting Secretary during

his term of Chapter President (2000-2005).

With Don's banking background, he devoted much toward expense control. The Chapter budget was reduced by over \$3,000 a year from savings he instituted. He secured exemptions from paying state sales taxes, started in-house computerized monthly newsletter being sent out digitally, developed a computer generated Yearbook that was done in-house, automated membership record file for 40 and 50 year members with corresponding dues abatements, arranged to have the County Veterans Commission pay the cost of providing the "trolley" for parades. Another important change he made that resulted in not only cost reductions, but lead to a broader SAR exposure to the public was moving Junior ROTC Awards presentations from chapter luncheons to the various schools during their annual ceremonies attended by a much larger gathering of students, parents, teachers, and the community.

Eugene Lee "Gene" Bradley (1927-2017)



It is with sincere regret that the Saramana SAR Chapter hereby announces the passing of Eugene Lee "Gene" Bradley (1927 - 2017). Veteran, patriot, husband, father, scout leader, and faithful servant of God, he will be truly missed.

Eugene "Gene" Bradley passed away December 2, 2017 surrounded by his family. Gene was born March 6, 1927 in Panora IA to the late Jack and Irma Bradley. Immediately after graduating from Panora High School in 1945, Gene enlist-

ed in the US Navy where he served as a gunner's mate 2nd class aboard the USS Cohocton. Upon his honorable discharge from



the Navy in 1946 Gene moved to Kansas City MO where he attended American Business College. It was in Kansas City that Gene met his first wife, Martha Oliver. They were married and it was there that their first son, David was born. In 1956 Gene and family moved to Sarasota and Gene began his 35 year career as a field service representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. During that time a second son, Mark and daughter, Jan were born. Gene was a devoted member of First Christian Church for 56 years and very active in church life. He served as an Elder, was Chairman of the Church Board and served on various committees, both in the local congregation and at the regional level. It was in church that Gene met and married his second wife Peggy Hall after the death of Martha. In doing so he acquired a step daughter, Lani and a step son, David. Gene was a tremendous community servant. Besides being a Boy Scout Troop Leader at First Christian, Gene delivered Meals on Wheels for 25+ years and was a member of the Gideons. Because of his love of family, history, and interest in genealogy, he was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution for 20+ years, serving as the chaplain, member of the Board of Governors and head of the Eagle Scout committee as well as being a member of the Color Guard and marching in various parades. Gene was preceded in death by his sister Marian Hardenburg and is survived by wife Peggy, sons David (Pat) and Mark, daughter Jan (Harry) Wynbrandt, step daughter Lani Hall, step son David (Angela) Hall, grandchildren Erin (Louis) Petersen, Brett, Mallory, Morgan, Calvin, Haiden, Mackenzie, Hadley and Alexis, great grandchildren Kaylin and Maxwell, brother Duane (Esther) and several cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday Dec. 9, 2017 at TouchPoint Community Church, 7601 Clark Rd. Sarasota FL 34241. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to TouchPoint Community Church or Meals on Wheels-Sarasota.

A Vignette of Revolutionary History

By Bernard W. Wolff (Miami Chapter)

As the impending confrontation at Yorktown loomed, Washington experienced grave concern over the paucity of funds to prosecute the campaign. And so, he dispatched his French ally, Admiral Count de Grasse to locate the necessary capital in order to facilitate the successful out-

come of the battle. Count de Grasse sailed to Cap-Français to solicit an amount equal to 365 million in today's equivalent of US dollars.

Suffering a rejection to his plea for financial assistance from Cap-Français, the Haitians did send a contingent of military who are memorialized today with a statue in one of the beautiful gardens of Savannah, Georgia. Count de Grasse next entered Cuban waters and harbored at Havana. This proved to be a propitious event because the current governor had also been a former Field Marshal during the successful Siege of Pensacola under the leadership of the Spanish Admiral Bernardo de Gálvez (Anton & Hernandez, 2002). Governor Juan Manuel de Cagigal of Cuba reached into his Treasury for the bulk of the necessary funds while the balance was satisfied by private donors, according to one account.

There is no small amount of discussion, avid debate, and hearsay surrounding the actual source of funds secured by de Grasse through his agent Saavedra in Havana. Some relate the monies derived as previously written, while others claim that "The Ladies of Havana" were the sole source of the needed capital (Gonzalez, 2010). The women were so inclined to help Washington based on their extreme dislike of the British occupation of the island nation in the 1760s. Putatively, the privately proffered funds represented diamonds, gold, and jewelry donated by these fine ladies in benefit of Washington's enterprise. Perhaps, the actual sequence of events can be found where the private portion of the gathered funds represented "The Ladies" contribution, and not the total collection effort? This may be a more workable scenario as Washington's pressing needs required an influx of cash with which to pay his troops and bolster his serious lack of supplies and equipment. It probably would have taken much more time to barter and market the private property donations to effect the timely purchase of material for the war effort.

His immediate task completed with the delivery of much needed financial support, de Grasse continued to prove his overwhelming value when he returned to the seas and became an instrumental tool in the Battle of the Chesapeake which pitted the French fleet against British warships (Pengelly, 2009). This confrontational effort allowed the *coup de grâce* of the Revolutionary War at Yorktown. British naval forces broke off their engagement after encountering the French fleet and sailed to New York, setting up the onslaught of a French naval, cannon barrage impacting the British troops at Yorktown, providing needed relief for Washington and his allies, including Lieutenant General Count Rochambeau with the Royal DuPont regiment and its German regulars, among others.

In any event, de Grasse was eminently responsible on several fronts with his part in bringing a thankful conclusion to the end of the American Revolutionary War and eventual signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783 (Ketchum, 2004).

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President Robert J. Folk Sr. opened the meeting at 9:01 AM Saturday, 4 November 2017, and a quorum was certified by Secretary Hall Riediger. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Dwight D. Elam. Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Past Vice President General and Past FLSSAR President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker led the SAR Pledge. President Folk recognized Past President Generals Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); J. Michael Tomme' Sr. (2016-2017); Immediate Past Vice President General South Atlantic District Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, and the Past FLSSAR Presidents in attendance. First time attendees were also recognized and welcomed.

Executive Committee members present included President Robert J. Folk, Sr.; Immediate Past President and Trustee Raymond Francis Wess; Senior Vice President Col. Patrick Jay Niemann; Secretary Herman Hall Riediger; Treasurer Walter Richard Young; and Member-at-Large Jeffery Sizemore. Also present was Past FLSSAR President and current Executive Administrator Steven Allen Williams. Parliamentarian Rev. Randy Moody was excused due to extensive damage to his church building arising from Hurricane Irma.

The Reading of the Minutes for the May 2017 Annual Meeting and Board of Management (BOM) was waived with a Motion offered by PPG Carl K. Hoffmann. Ralph Nelson seconded. The Motion was approved without objection.

REPORTS TO THE BOM:

Unless otherwise stated herein, the full report of the Officers and Committee Chairmen are contained in the full body of the Proceedings Book which was distributed in Draft Form prior to the commencement of the BOM, and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into these Minutes. All Page number references below are to the printed Draft Proceedings Book, and may differ from the Final Version found on the FLSSAR Website, located at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Proceedings/BOM1117.pdf>.

Reports of National and State Officers:

Executive Administrator – Page 10-11

Compatriot Steve Williams emphasized the use of the FLSSAR website – especially the Officers Tab – for obtaining important information.

Secretary – Page 28

Compatriot Riediger indicated that the number of members this

year to date is 2355, not the 2345 listed in the Proceedings.

Treasurer – Page 29

Compatriot Young indicated that the Florida State Fundraising solicitation form has been filed, and the Treasurer has certified that Conflict of Interest statements have been filed. These Conflict forms should be turned in by the next BOM. Form 990N also needs to be filed by each Chapter every year.

Chaplain – No Report

Compatriot Elam reported that Ten members have passed away so far during the current year.

Recording Secretary – Minutes attached at Page 5-7

Editor, *The Florida Patriot* – Page 32

Compatriot Sizemore reminded everyone that the cut-off for the next issue of *The Florida Patriot* is 20 November. Copies of the last two issues of the magazine are available to anyone who wants a hard copy.

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive –

President Bob Folk summarized the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on Friday, 3 November 2017:

FLSSAR will not be submitting a bid for the next National Congress to be awarded for 2020.

Youth Protection Training is continuing, and will remain available at each BOM.

New and potential members are to be notified that a history of child abuse is a disqualifier for membership in SAR.

The South Atlantic District lost quite a bit of its website information and access due to the untimely death of Comp. Chuck Sweeney, and it was quicker to start a new website, since passwords for access could not be found. A check for \$114.50 will be issued to the South Atlantic District, representing FLSSAR's share of the annual website costs.

Finance – Page 33 plus Pages 46 and 47

Compatriot Young discussed the proposed 2018 Budget. MOTION to approve 2018 Budget as Presented, made by Compatriot Young. Discussion: Compatriot Williams asked about D&O Insurance, and was advised that the Budget contains \$1,000. However, Comp. Young believes FLSSAR may be able to approach current carrier for a Rider to existing policy at less cost than budgeted. MOTION APPROVED.

Medals and Awards – Page 33-34

Comp. Fehrenbaker reminded everyone that each Chapter should report all Medals and Awards given at the Chapter level to the Medals and Awards Chairman AND to the Secretary each year. A record of all Medals and Awards earned is maintained on the FLSSAR Website Database, and on the NSSAR website database.

Patriot Medal – No Report

Comp. Riediger asked for nominations to be sent in to the Chairman (Comp. Charlie Day) and the Secretary. FLSSAR can award at least four Compatriots the Patriot Medal next May, and possi-

bly five if we gain another 145 members (i.e., 2500) by 31 December.

FLSSAR Affairs:

Americanism and Chapter Challenge – Page 35

Comp. Riediger commented that only 12 Chapters turned in the spreadsheet report for the competition last year. Comp. Nelson commented that the FLSSAR gets hurt in the state competitions if the Chapters don't turn in their activity. The Americanism spreadsheet is really the Historian's Document that summarizes all activities of the State Society and each Chapter for the year. It should be updated frequently during the year.

Documents – Page 35

Comp. Wess commented that the By-Law Change that has been received must be communicated to the Society membership in sufficient time to satisfy the Notification requirements prior to a vote at the Annual Meeting. It is imperative that the proposed By-Law change be communicated in *The Florida Patriot* in the Winter 2017 issue, and not the Spring 2018 issue, in order to meet the Notification requirements. The proposed By-Law change that is to be voted on at the Spring 2018 Annual Meeting will be inserted in the Final Proceedings of this BOM in red type, and also inserted in the next two issues of *The Florida Patriot*, so all Florida Society members will have three chances to review it prior to the vote.

Ethics Committee – Page 35

As a result of the final Ethics Committee findings on a submitted complaint, which were delivered to the Executive Committee, a public reprimand was read before the body of the BOM. There was to be no discussion or debate on the contents of the letter. Attempts at discussion were ruled Out of Order. Comp. Judge McGarrity recused himself from the meeting. President Folk read the public reprimand letter before the BOM.

MOTION by PPG Carl Hoffmann to accept the report of the Ethics Committee and include the letter in the record. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting Arrangements – BOM – Page 35

Senior Vice President Niemann and Comp. Wess then discussed the new \$15.00 late registration fee. After lengthy discussion, MOTION by Comp. Wess seconded by Comp. John Stewart that the \$15 late registration fee assessed to Compatriot Hassel be waived. MOTION PASSED.

Newsletters and Periodicals – Page 36-37

Chairman Comp. Steve Williams stated the deadline for submission to the State and National newsletter competitions is 15 December. If you wish to enter both competitions, send two copies of your newsletter.

Strategic Planning – Page 37

Chairman Comp. Charles Butler indicated that the Report would be in the Final Proceedings in red type, and that a meeting and presentation of the Strategic Planning Committee report, containing seven specific recommendations, will be held immediately after the BOM meeting. Comp. Wess discussed the Executive Committee's desire to pick ONE of the seven recommendations, and concentrate on that one first. Comp. Butler indicated that an inventory of the skills of the members of each Chapter be compiled. The Survey will be prepared and distributed to the Chapters "around the beginning of the year."

Liaisons

DAR Liaison – Page 39

It was emphasized in the discussions that the DAR can be one of the primary sources of referrals of new SAR members, and the liaison with the local DAR members is of utmost importance.

Historic Sites

Battle of Thomas Creek – Page 40

Comp. Ramseur indicated that the date of the 2018 celebration has been changed to 7 April 2018, in order to avoid a conflict with a national DAR convention.

Last Naval Battle – Page 41

Chairman Comp. Steve Williams called for additional volunteers for this Committee, as he has moved to Michigan and cannot be onsite for many of the tasks that need to be performed during the year.

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster and Brochure Contest – Page 41-42

This year's posters will commemorate the Battle of Pensacola.

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest – Page 43

MOTION from Chairman John Stewart to reimburse the State Winner travel expenses up to sixty dollars (\$60.00) to attend the Youth Luncheon at the Spring Annual Meeting. This amount is in line with the other youth contest winners. To the extent additional expenses are incurred, they may be paid by the Chapter to which the Winner submitted the Essay. MOTION PASSED.

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award – No Report

Comp. Don Lanman announced that this year's winner of the American History Teacher Award, Ms. Lauren Goepfert, comes from the Palm Beach Chapter, and she will be introduced and speaking at the BOM Dinner this evening.

Public Service and Heroism – No Report

NSSAR Chairman Larry Fehrenbaker noted there is an article in the most recent Florida Patriot Magazine describing the new Life Saving Medal requirements in detail.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements – Nothing new to report.

Comp. John Stewart reported that the Trustees will meet 18 September, to appoint an Investment Manager.

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds – No Report

Chairman John Stewart indicated that the Report has been submitted, and will be found in the Final Proceedings Book in red type. MOTION by Chairman John Stewart that Richard Young be elected to his second three-year term as Trustee of the Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds, effective 1 January 2018. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Rev. Dwight D. Elam.

The SAR Recessional was led by Sr. Vice President Pat Niemann.

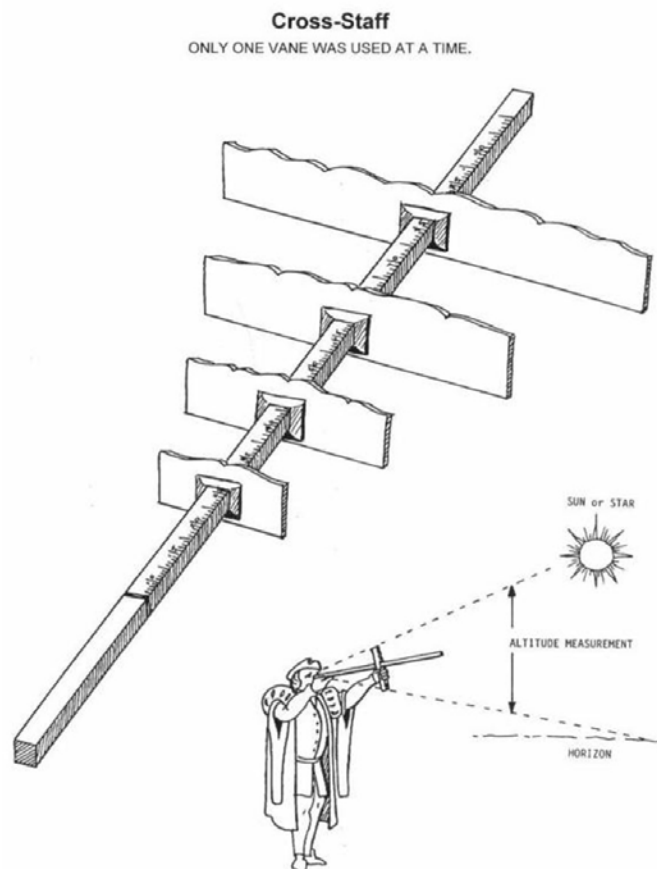
The Fall 2017 Board of Management Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

How a Minor Navigation Error Led to The American Revolution

By Bob Rogers (St. Petersburg Chapter)

Among many miracles about the Mayflower journey I find the entire area of navigation in 1620 an interesting subject. While trying to sail east to Asia, Columbus in 1492, had stumbled on the new world. Between 1519 and 1521 Magellan had circumnavigated the world proving that the earth was indeed a globe. By 1620 the new world had been explored primarily by the Spanish and Portuguese and later by the English, namely John Cabot and Sir Frances Drake. The Mayflower's Captain Jones knew that the new world was about an 8 week sail to the west. The navigation East to West was done by deductive calculation (dead reckoning) based on time, speed and vector (points on the compass). Time was measured by a 4-hour hourglass. Mariners at that time didn't know that magnetic north wasn't constant. Depending on your location on the globe, magnetic north will vary from true north. Additionally, magnetic north moves over time further compounding error. As I consider the many entry points for error (turning the hourglass at just the second it emptied, manually measuring speed by counting knots on a line which even if accurately done cannot compensate for the error caused by ocean currents and yaw caused by prevailing westerly winds. Even though there is no record of the route taken by the Mayflower, the Gulf Stream would probably have impeded the Mayflower as she sailed west. It would be another 100 years, with the invention of an accurate clock, before mariners would be able to locate their longitude on the globe with any accuracy.

Before electric light, the night sky was vividly clear most of the year. Polaris (North Star) was used to navigate because it did not disappear below the horizon and could be seen consistently throughout the night. The virtue of Polaris is that it stays fixed over North, it is relatively bright, and is easy to find by extending a line through the two far stars of Ursa Major (the big dipper) so unsophisticated sailors could find it in a star cluttered sky at night at sea. The stars had been used for navigation for hundreds years and improvements such as the cross staff had been developed to calculate latitude (degrees from the equator). Please refer to the illustration of a cross staff and imagine the difficulty of making an accurate reading on a small coastal freighter in the rough north Atlantic. The calculation was based on precisely sighting Polaris and simultaneously sighting the horizon. Being off by just one degree is a 60 nautical mile error (about 69 US miles). Captain Jones knew that land south of latitude 40.7° North (mouth of the Hudson River) was where the colony had obtained permission from the crown to colonize in Virginia. So the question you might ask is why did Captain Jones not sail more south while at sea after the near disaster of the hurricane they encountered? I'm certain that Captain Jones didn't know his latitude until he landed in the area of Province Town, Massachusetts where he could take a more accurate reading on solid ground. Province Town is at latitude 42.06°. Therefore, a navigation error of 1.36° (42.06 less 40.7) which translates to finding themselves about 92 miles too far north. This is to me



an amazingly accurate navigation to be only 92 miles north of their intended location after a 3,100 mile voyage, and additionally having survived a hurricane that blew the Mayflower further off course.

Having discovered his error at Province Town, Captain Jones decided to sail south along the coast of the New World to the Patent (permitted location) near the mouth of the Hudson River. Captain Jones had no charts for this area and as the Mayflower rounded the Cape the Mayflower sailed directly into what is now named the Nantucket Shoals. This is an area of dangerously shallow water in the Atlantic Ocean that extends from Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, eastward for 23 miles and southeastward for 40 miles. In places water depth can be as shallow as 3 feet according to the US Coast Guard. Depth soundings are unpredictable here due to the strong currents. Miraculously, Captain Jones was able to turn back from certain disaster without any damage, returning to the relatively protected water off what would become The Plymouth Plantation.

Because they were not in Virginia, the Mayflower Compact was drawn up to stipulate the ground rules for self-government and for electing their leaders. This was a major turning point. Neither self-government nor electing their leaders would have occurred had they landed in Virginia where they would operate according to the laws of Great Brittan and the Crown. The Virginia Company was a commercial venture which brought slavery to farm labor intensive tobacco and later cotton for the mills in Great Brittan. The Mayflower Colony was primarily about religious freedom, self-sufficiency and self-government, and never considered slavery an option. It is clear that these risk-takers seeking religious freedom with audacious bravery started a conceptual process that would result in the American Revolution.

Russell Vernon Radcliffe, MD (1942-2017)

It is with deep sorry that the Caloosa Chapter informs you of the passing of Dr. Radcliffe. He died peacefully at home at age 75 in Estero, FL on December 15, 2017, with his loving wife Mary by his side, holding his hand until the end.

He battled courageously for years against a recurring case of cancer and lived 10 years longer than anyone with his particular condition ever has. He fought valiantly until the end and he made the most of his remaining time with family while still here.



He was born in Washington DC on November 14, 1942; a son of the late Robert V. and Emily (Brady) Radcliffe, Russell grew up in Maryland and then Stamford, CT before earning a biol-

ogy degree at Johns Hopkins University in 1964. He then earned his medical degree at Temple School of Medicine in 1968. After medical school, Russell voluntarily enlisted in the US Army for two years, rising to the rank of Captain. Upon finishing his residency at the University of Vermont in 1974, Dr. Radcliffe served as a Radiologist at CMMC in Lewiston, ME for 40 years and served as the President of the Maine Medical Association in 1996-97.

He filled his spare time with countless hobbies, including skiing, golfing, cycling, tennis, piano, guitar, scuba, canoeing, photography, genealogy and travel, as well as car racing which led to him being a Nationally Certified Driving Instructor with Porsche Club of America for ten years. During his final years he proudly became a leading member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) organization, serving as its Florida Caloosa Chapter President in 2016-17.

In addition to his loving wife Mary, he leaves behind his three sons, Mark, Brent and Nathan, step-daughter Michelle, two daughters-in-law, Lauren and Elizabeth, as well as two doctorate siblings, brother, Robert and sister, Carol, who was also with him in his final days.

Russ will be remembered dearly for his kindness, generosity and enthusiasm for life by his friends, family, colleagues, and countless patients from his career in medicine.

FUNERAL NOTICE: RADCLIFFE, MD---Russell V., 75, of Auburn died Friday December 15, 2017. Visitation will be held at Fortin\Auburn on Saturday December 30, 2017 from 11am to 12pm followed by a Celebration of his life at 12pm also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lewiston in the spring. Those wishing, in lieu of flowers, may make a charitable contribution in Russell's memory to Family House Shadyside 5245 Centre Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Arrangements are under the care of The Fortin Group \ Plummer & Merrill Funeral Home, Cremation and Monument Services 217 Turner St. Auburn, (207) 783-8545.

Florida Veterans Foundation Honors DAR for Veterans Service

By Don Lanman (Palm Beach Chapter)

Board of Directors District 7 Director Don Lanman presented the prestigious *Florida Veterans Foundation Certificate of Appreciation* to the Florida State Society of the *Daughters of the American Revolution* for the societies history of selfless service to Florida's Veterans.

The honor recognized the DAR's historic and ongoing support of Florida Veterans by their 107 statewide chapters including visiting veterans in VA Hospitals, female veterans services, food and hygiene items for Homeless Vets, the VA's Fisher House program, Honor Flights and support of the Florida Veterans Foundation mission of serving Florida's 1.6 million veterans.

Speaking before 700 DAR members at their Fall Conference in Orlando, Lanman, also President of the Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, delivered high praise for the veterans services provided by the DAR. "The *Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution Societies* are historic and important supporters of our Nations Veterans", said Don Lanman, Director, District 7 (West Palm Beach/Treasure Coast), "These societies foster patriotism, community services and veterans support nationwide."

About Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc. - The Florida Veterans Foundation was founded 2008 by the Florida State Legislature under Florida Statutes chapter 617 and operates as the only State authorized non-profit 501(c)(3) as the direct support entity to the *Florida Department of Veterans Affairs* (FDVA).

The Florida Veterans Foundation is made up of 29 volunteer directors and deputy directors in 8 Florida Districts with its mission of providing public education on veteran's issues, benefits and emergency financial assistance for Florida's 1.6 million honored Veterans.

In 2016 the Foundation served 385,748 Florida Veterans, provided 520 with emergency financial assistance amounting to \$363K. The Foundation receives no Federal or State funding but relies on the gifts and grants of individuals, philanthropic organizations, businesses and corporations.

For more information contact Ms. Molly Papania at Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc., The Capitol Suite 2107, 400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001, 850-488-4182, papaniam@FDVA.state.fl.us or visit www.floridaveteransfoundation.org. Follow Us on FACEBOOK @ www.facebook.com/floridaveteransfoundation.

Last Minute Chapter News - Lake Sumter Chapter

The Lake-Sumter Chapter members have been very busy during the 4th Quarter of 2017. Recruiting efforts were ongoing with the manning of two recruitment tables at local events and increased local publicity efforts, resulting in the induction of eight new members with additional applications moved into the pipeline by Registrar John Moore. Seven members participated in the Tavares Christmas Parade; five members in U.S. Flag placement at a local Cemetery for Veteran's Day; and various members represented the Chapter at three Veteran's Day ceremonies/ activities; and Wreaths Across America.

Under the guidance of Education Chairman Ron Grove, efforts are progressing in the area of the Essay contest (our local

winner has been identified), Rumbaugh Oration Contest (final orations to be heard in January 2018); and in the newest area, our candidate for History Teacher identified and forwarded to FLSSAR for the second phase of the competition.

During the period, the Chapter awarded one Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Police Officer Brad Heidt, City Police Department, Fruitland Park, FL; one Military Service Medal (Compatriot Orin Owen); two members were inducted into the FLSSAR Veteran Battalion (Compatriots Theodore Stratton and Glenn Bowron); Registrar John Moore received the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal; and Editor Robert L. Beightol accepted the NSSAR Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award on behalf of the Chapter.

Of the many individual efforts by members of the Chapter, one is particularly noteworthy, that of Chapter Vice-President Allan Lane. The Lake-Sumter Chapter currently has four World War II veterans on its rolls, Compatriots Glenn Langston, Fred Harrison, Glenn Bowron and Don Voorhees. Compatriot Lane plans upon interviewing each of the four veterans documenting their military experiences. During the period, Compatriot Lane completed the second of four interviews (Langston and Harrison) and has scheduled the third (Bowron). The efforts of Compatriot Lane, have resulted in documenting history which otherwise would have been lost. The results of Compatriot Lane's interviews with Compatriot Langston and Harrison can be read in the December 2016 and November 2017 editions of the *Lake Sumter Gazette*, respectively."



ABOVE: December 2, 2017 (Member Meeting) - Color Guard with December Presenter, Holocaust Survivor Gene Klein and Chapter 1st Vice President Al Lane. From left to right: Compatriot Ken Mosher, George Chaffee, Holocaust Survivor Gene Klein, Compatriot Glenn Langston, Compatriot John Moore and 1st Vice-President Al Lane.

BELOW: December 16, 2017, Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park, FL, Wreaths Across America - From left to



right: Compatriots Ralph D. Nelson Jr, Robert Bass, George Chaffee and Jim Carl.



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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.

Meal	Spring Green Salad	Entree	Dessert
Saturday Luncheon	Bibb lettuce, Frisée and Red Oak, Heirloom Baby Tomatoes, Strawberry Segments, Roasted Walnuts and Feta Cheese with a White Balsamic/Citrus Vinaigrette	Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast Don Scarpariello style on a bed of Plum Tomato, Italian sausage, Fresh Basil, Bell Peppers, White Wine and Cavatappi Pasta Freshly Baked Rolls & Butter	Traditional Tiramisu Served with seasonal berries garnish

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Saturday Lunch Banquet			
SAR Member	\$36 per person times	=	\$ 0.00
Spouse/Member Guest	\$36 per person times	=	\$ 0.00
Enter the number of Vegetarian meals			
Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts			
No Registration Fee for SAR Members for meetings			
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Total Amount Enclosed			\$ 0.00

Requesting a meal after the reservation deadline of January 22nd may not ensure your meal selection(s).
 Make your reservation early ! ! ! !

The alternate Luncheon 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 *January 22, 2018*

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.
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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.

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

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