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

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## *Society President's Message*

Compatriots,

By the time this issue is distributed Thanksgiving will have passed and I hope that you and your loved ones had an enjoyable holiday.

Since the October Board of Management Meeting I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the Okeechobee Chapter and presenting their charter. They are the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter in the Florida Society. The chapter had a great turnout and I enjoyed meeting the members and their wives as well as prospective members.



I was privileged to help celebrate the Lake Sumter Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Liberty Tree Dedication. The meeting was a great success with 65 members and guests in attendance. The chapter has a long and close relationship with the American Legion Post where their monthly meetings are held. The meal provided by the Post was outstanding. I know that several of our chapters are looking for new meeting venues and they might consider contacting their local American Legion Posts.

I want to express my appreciation to the State Color Guard members who participated in both the Okeechobee and Lake Sumter meetings. You were absolutely superb and such a great representation of the FLS-SAR!

Many chapters celebrated Veterans Day and I was able to attend the Caloosa and Clearwater Chapters and share in their salute to our veterans. I will be visiting more chapters in the next several months to take part in Wreaths Across America, officer installations and chapter anniversaries.

I hope you and your families had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in patriotism,

**Pat**

COL Patrick J. Niemann, U.S. Army (ret.)  
President, Florida SAR

## *Printed FLSSAR Magazine Option*

As an option to the Florida Society SAR membership, there was a vote at the Spring BOM/Annual Meeting to give the option to the membership for those that would like to receive *The Florida Patriot* in printed form and mailed to your house. Note that there is a cost to choose this option. If you choose to receive this magazine in printed form as an option at the time of paying your annual dues, inform your chapter secretary by paying the mail printing subscription. The printed subscription cost will be \$12.00 per year. If you choose not to pursue this option, the quar-

## *What is an E-Book?*

The Florida Society SAR 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.

terly magazine will continue to come to you in digital form. Note that all previous magazine issue are archived on the Florida SAR website and can be downloaded for you to view.

If you have any questions regarding the printed subscription and how to submit payment, contact Hal Riediger.

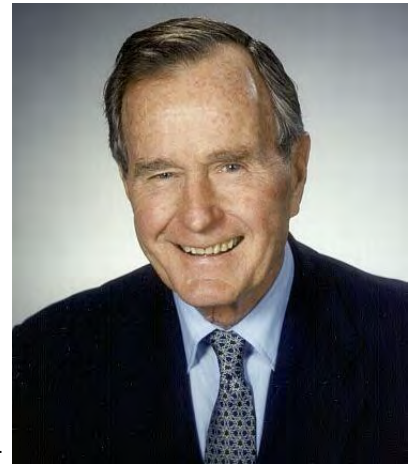
## *Calendar of Events*

Feb. 28 - March 2, 2019: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting  
 March 23, 2019: New England District Meeting  
 March 30, 2019: 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Thomas Creek (Jacksonville, FL)  
 May 10-11, 2019: Spring 2019 Board of Management Meeting and Annual Meeting (Kissimmee, FL)  
 August 9, 2019: 2019 Atlantic Middle States Association Conference  
 October 4-6, 2019: Fall 2019 Board of Management Meeting (Kissimmee, FL)

## *George Herbert Walker Bush*

*(1924 - 2018)*

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I recognize the death of Compatriot George Herbert Walker Bush, 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States on Friday November 30, 2018. He was 94 years of age. President Bush was a member of the Patrick Henry Chapter Texas SAR since 2001. His Patriot Ancestor was Samuel Herrick. President Bush was a veteran of WWII, having joined the Navy on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1942, becoming the youngest aviator in the U.S. Navy at the time. Upon leaving the Navy in September 1945, he attended and graduated from Yale University. He had a lifetime of public service including Congressman, Ambassador to China, Director of Central Intelligence Agency, Vice President (2 terms), and 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States 1989-1993. His Presidential Library was dedicated in 1997, and he was active in humanitarian activities. At the time of his death, he was the longest-lived American president in history. President Bush was a true Patriot who devoted much of his life to public service. The SAR is proud that he was a member of our organization, and is saddened by his passing. Our condolences also go out to his entire family, including his son and fellow SAR Compatriot President George H. Bush (43<sup>rd</sup> President).



With the help of words from our SAR Prayer Book, I share this thought. Lord, keep in our memory, Compatriot George H.W. Bush, who we mourn today, a member who along with many of his generation, was a light of our nation's greatest generation, who now serves you in your Eternal Kingdom. Compatriots, keep the family of President Bush in your thoughts and prayers as we join our nation in remembering President George Herbert Walker Bush. May he Rest in Peace!

Warren M Alter

NSSAR President General 2018-2019

## *Why am I not getting 'X' from the Florida Society?*

The Florida Society has for years been using a distribution list, both for hard copies and for electronic communications – read email messages.

Too frequently, we get a complaint that a compatriot hasn't received *The Florida Patriot* magazine in his USPS mail. A certain number of Compatriots are set to receive their issue via USPS. The Printer gets the mailing list and they are mailed from the printer. Once the issues leaves the printer and get to the USPS the delivery is up to the local Post Office.

Concomitant with the use of email messaging we experience Florida compatriots taking issue with the use of email. The reasons generally are: *"I am getting too many messages filling up my INBOX. So stop sending me SPAM!"*

Many compatriot use an email program that automatically blocks any messages not specifically approved by the compatriot, e.g., Earthlink. Or the compatriot just ignores/deletes the messages without opening the message.

The consequences of any of these possible actions is that the compatriot is not aware of the content of the message and then states he was never given the information.

The response to the above reasons can be:

(a) The distribution list is managed by a single Florida compatriot and messages are only sent from that compatriot. The messages are limited to the following types of messages (1) messages providing information required by our Bylaws, (2) messages announcing the publication of *The Florida Patriot Magazine* and its availability, and finally, (3) Message(s) directed from the Florida President and/or Executive Committee. These number no less than four or more than five or six. These can hardly be considered SPAM or sending volumes of messages.

(b) To alleviate this auto-blocking/filtering of messages, compatriots using such email programs should set a filter to ACCEPT messages with the subject line that includes the word "SAR" and any level of the Florid Society (chapter and state) which sends messages to its compatriots should habitually include 'SAR' in the subject line and include verbiage which indicates what is in the message, i.e., 'chapter meeting o X', 'BOM meeting X', etc.

(c) There's really nothing the state can do to make any compatriot open the message except to respond that the information was sent when it is stated that he didn't 'get' the message.

So, the solution would be to open and read all messages sent by the distribution list.

*Phillip B. Carr  
(1927-2018)*

It is with deep regret that the Florida SAR Society and the St. Lucie River SAR Chapter announce the passing of Phillip B.



Carr. He served in many capacities within the Sons of American Revolution including Florida SAR Society President, Trustee member, and South Atlantic District Regional Vice President.

Phillip B. Carr was born in 1927 in West Virginia and served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947. After

graduating from LaSalle University in 1954, he became a Special Agent of the FBI. Over his career, he was assigned to the Atlanta, New York City, Pittsburgh and Miami offices, working numerous high-profile cases. He retired in 1979. An article titled: *"Retired G-men Remembers J. Edgar"* was written by Carlos Frias that talked about Phil's adventures during the years he worked for the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover.

He was elected President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI in 1992. While President, he established a relationship with the RCMP Veterans Association, becoming an Honorary Member. He was also an active member of the local Fraternal Order of Police and International Police Association.

He was a Mason and member of the Amara and Syria Shrines and the Palm Beaches Court of the Royal Order of Jesters. In 2005, he became a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

He belonged to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City. He leaves behind his wife: Sheila Davis Carr, two children: Phillip Carr, Jr. and Elisabeth Carr-Jones, and one grandchild: Geza Carr.

A Memorial Service was held for him on October 21, 2018 at Jupiter Light Lodge, Jupiter, Florida.

## ***COLOR GUARD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION***

The Color Guard of the 21st century is primarily ceremonial in terms of purpose and duty. However, the origins of the Color Guard are based in military practicality. During the 18th and 19th centuries, flags were commonly referred to as "the Colors." These colors were of primary importance to the military regiment or brigade as the line of battle was formed around the colors of the unit which were placed at the center of the line. These colors were easily seen through the smoke of battle. If the colors advanced, the line would advance. If the colors retired, the line would retire. As battles would progress and casualties mounted, the line would contract to the colors. In effect, the colors would serve as a rallying point if the line was broken or the men became dis-

persed. Thus, success in battle was often dependent on the handling of the colors. The importance of the colors was so significant that a ceremony was performed before battle called "The Trooping of the Colors." The men of the regiment or brigade were assembled on the parade ground in camp and the colors were paraded before them. This way, each man would see and thus be certain of his colors before taking the field of battle. Likewise, while there could be many diverse objectives in a battle, one of the most important was capturing of the colors of the enemy unit. This would deprive the enemy of their primary means of control and rallying point during the battle. To prevent this, regiments and brigades would select the most valiant men to protect the colors and color bearer. These men comprised the "Color's Guard," a posting of great honor and source of pride. As in years past, this posting continues to be a position of honor.

#### WHAT IS THE SAR COLOR GUARD

The SAR Color Guard is made up of those Compatriots who participate in SAR meetings and events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen, attired as Revolution-era clergymen or dressed in other Revolution Era attire. There are no other special requirements, special assessments or dues other than each member of the Florida Color Guard is responsible for obtaining and maintaining his own uniform or other Revolution Era attire. These men seek to visibly promote the three stated objectives of the SAR which are declared to be Historical, Patriotic and Educational. Therefore, it is important that a Revolutionary War uniformed Color Guard fielded by the SAR to be historically correct to not compromise these objectives. Every time an SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives. The Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR. Details on attire, commands, protocol, local Camp organization, available medals for colorguardsmen and much more can be found in the National Color Guard Handbook and the Florida Color Guard Manual posted on their respective web sites. For purposes of earning the SAR Color Guard Medals, the Florida SAR Color Guard has elected to use the point system.

#### COMMAND STRUCTURE OF THE FLORIDA SAR COLOR GUARD

(adapted from National Color Guard Handbook)

The Florida SAR Color Guard Commander shall be the head of the Florida SAR Color Guard. The standard term of service as the Color Guard Commander is two years. The Commander is assisted by a Vice Commander and at least one but no more than two Adjutants. When the Color Guard Commander retires or completes his term of service, he shall be succeeded by the Vice Commander, and the Adjutant shall become Vice Commander. If the outgoing Commander had named two Adjutants, only one of these shall become Vice Commander. The new Commander shall name a new Adjutant or Adjutants. In making his selection for new Adjutants, the new Commander should consider geographic diversity. At any Color Guard event, within the state of Florida, at which the Florida Commander, Vice Commander or Adjutant are present, he will be the Color Guard Commander for that event, unless he specifically cedes command of that event to the local Color Guard Commander.

#### FLORIDA SAR SPONSORED EVENTS

Each year, the Florida SAR sponsors certain events which the Florida SAR is responsible for organizing and the Florida Color Guard is responsible for presentation of Colors. They are:

- (1) Last Naval Battle Commemoration held on Merritt Island in early March (this is a National Event for purposes of counting points toward the Silver and Von Steuben Color Guard Medals).
- (2) Battle of Thomas Creek Commemoration held in Jacksonville in the spring.
- (3) Board of Management Meetings as required by the By-Laws.
- (4) Annual Membership Meeting, generally held in conjunction with the Spring BOM
- (5) South Atlantic District Meeting, hosted once every four years by Florida SAR, generally held in conjunction with the Spring BOM .

#### COLOR GUARD EVENTS

A Chapter event is defined as an event hosted by a chapter where an invitation to the State Color Guard was not extended. Examples include but are not limited to: school assemblies/programs, presentations at civic clubs, churches and other public organizations, chapter meetings, flag retirement ceremonies, local veterans' events, local Revolutionary War event celebrations, local government proclamation ceremonies and similar local events. The Chapter President and Chapter Color Guard Commander should approve a chapter event before the event may be counted.

A State event is defined as an event in which the Florida SAR Color Guard has been requested to participate. Examples include but are not limited to: Revolutionary battle and historic sites celebrations, grave markings, parades, Florida SAR meetings. The Florida President and Florida Color Guard Commander must grant prior approval of a State event before the event may be counted. In an effort to clarify what is and is not a State Event, the staff of the Florida Color Guard met with the members of the Color Guard present at the Fall 2018 BOM and agreed to the following. The Florida SAR President formally approved these events on October 15, 2018 which makes that the effective date of this list.

The following events have been approved by the Florida SAR President and the Staff of the Florida SAR Color Guard and are considered State Events for purposes of accumulating points for the Bronze Color Guard Medal, if the Florida SAR or National SAR Color Guard is present and participates as part of the event.

Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting  
 Annual Meeting of the Florida SAR(1)  
 Battle of Thomas Creek Commemoration  
 State Rumbaugh Oration Contest (if not held as part of a BOM)  
 DAR Fall Forum  
 DAR Annual State Conference  
 C.A.R. Annual Conference  
 C.A.R. Regional Conference – when held in Florida  
 Grand Parade at Edison Festival of Light held in Ft. Myers in February  
 Flag Day (6/14) Ceremony – only if multiple Florida SAR Chapter Color Guards are invited (2)  
 Patriot Day (9/11) Remembrance Ceremony – only if multiple Florida SAR Chapter Color Guards are invited(2)  
 Constitution Week Event – only if multiple Florida SAR Chapter Color Guards are invited(2)  
 Any Florida SAR Event at which the current Florida SAR President is an integral part, unless he is acting in some capacity other than State President

Any National SAR Event, as approved by the National SAR Color Guard (see listing in National Color Guard Handbook)(2)

It should be noted that simply appearing in uniform at an event does not qualify as a Color Guard Event for purposes of counting points toward any SAR Color Guard Medal.

1. Generally, the Florida SAR Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Spring BOM. This is considered one event.
2. Any local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day, Honor Flight and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event. Only a single event for each day/week may be counted. Multiple events related to the same day cannot be counted multiple times. Only a single event for each day/week may be counted.

## ***MY PATRIOT ANCESTOR***

By W. Maynard Pittendreigh

I have four ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. One of them is Henry Cannon who was my 7<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather on my mother's side. Everything I know about his involvement in the American Revolutionary War I have found through the pension files.

The Revolutionary War pension files can be a gold mine of information about our patriot ancestors. To encourage officers and enlisted men to serve for the duration of the conflict, the Continental Congress passed a resolution on May 15, 1778, allowing half-pay for all officers and a set gratuity of \$80 to all enlisted men who remained in service to the end of the war. An additional pension was offered to widows and orphans of Revolutionary War soldiers were passed on August 24, 1780, by the Continental Congress. These pensions encouraged enlistment and prevented desertion and resignations during the war. After the war, they became a form of reward for services rendered. It was not until 1818 that Congress passed a pension law granting pensions to Revolutionary War veterans who had not been disabled. These pensions, based on financial need, were granted for life. When a larger-than-anticipated number of applicants led to financial difficulties for the young nation, Congress amended the 1818 law in 1820 and again in 1822. The most liberal pension legislation, enacted in 1832, gave full pay for life to officers and enlisted men who had served for two or more years and partial pay for service of six months to two years.

The pension records show that on September 23, 1833, my ancestor, Henry Cannon, gave the following testimony: "I volunteered and entered the service of my country about the 1st of October, 1775, (23 years old) under the command of Captain McClannihan. I do not nor can, I recollect the precise day on which I entered the service. I resided, when I volunteered, in Culpeper County state of Virginia. I was marched to a place called the long Bridge in the State of Virginia where I was in a small engagement; the regiment was commanded by Col. Stevens." This may have been the Battle of Great Bridge, rather than, as my ancestor recalled, "long" Bridge. The Colonel Stevens at Great Bridge started his military career in this battle, and went onto serve in a number of important battles.

Cannon's testimony continues, "I do not recollect the officers present on that occasion, except a Captain Fountain from -----". The killed and wounded amounted to 26 or 28 in number. I was then marched to Norfolk where I continued till about the last

of April, 1776 where during the winter we were much harassed by Lord Dunmore who left his castle and together with the enemy lay in the vessels from which they would frequently fire on the Americans. About the last of April, 1776 the Americans set fire to about half the town and left it; the other half having been previously burned by the British"

Lord Dunmore, or John Murray, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dunmore, is well documented in history. He was the last royal governor of Virginia. After the burning of Norfolk, which my ancestor recalled, Murray fled for New York and soon afterward returned to England.

Cannon's testimony continues, "I then returned home where I think I staid about the space of two months perhaps not so long. I then was marched to old James Town Virginia, still under the command of Captain McClannihan nothing material occurred and about the last of November we were dismissed. I do not recollect that at this time any of the regular troops were present it being the commencement of the Revolution as I distinctly recollect we run Lord Dunmore from his castle as it was then termed into the vessel, where he remained until we left Norfolk. I was in actual service about 13 months. I have no documentary evidence, and I know of no person whose testimony will be of service to me or who can testify to my service. I was born in Stafford County Virginia on the 11th of April 1752 as I have been informed and believe. I have no record of my age. I was living in Culpepper County Virginia when I volunteered. I lived in the same County after the end of the Revolutionary War till 1784 when I moved to the State of South Carolina Spartanburg District where I resided till about 22 years ago when I went to Greenville District State of South Carolina not far from the line between Greenville and Spartanburg."

## ***DAR Founders Medal Award Presentation***



At the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event of the Palm Beach SAR Chapter, Compatriot Don Lanman was honored by the *National Daughters of the American Revolution* with a prestigious *Founders Medal Award*, the "*Ellen Harden Walworth Medal for Patriotism*" at the direction of the *NSDAR President General Ann Turner Dillon*.





The National DAR medal is awarded for individuals "Who have displayed outstanding patriotism in the promotion of our American ideals of God, Home and Country". He was nominated by the local *Henry Morrison Flagler* DAR Chapter of Palm Beach.

## *Latest News about the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee*

It's been a very good year for the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee. And that means it was good for chapters. We received 65 requests from 25 chapters totaling \$15,233.09 in approved reimbursements. We had 33 chapters until Okeechobee made it 34 in October. Florida is the only state that has this kind of fund to benefit chapters. This is a great tool to assist chapter's public relations and recruitment.

As a brief review, the fund reimburses for awards to non-SAR members like our youth contests, CAR, JROTC, Boy Scouts, public servants and veterans. Medals are reimbursed at 100% and other qualified items at 75%. Chapters can make 5 requests a year with a maximum of \$350 per request which totals \$1,750 as the chapter's annual maximum. The activity year is Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 and the deadline for submitting requests is Nov. 15. The New Year's requests can start being submitted Jan. 1. Awards go out in 2 checks. The first half of the award goes out within a few weeks of the request. The second check will go out in Dec. after the award year is closed. If the allotment for the year has been exceeded, the second check will be proportionally reduced. Please be sure to cash those second checks before Dec. 31.

You can get the guidelines and request form from the "Documents & Forms" tab on the state web site. Then scroll down to the "ETF Grant Application".

Some changes were made at the Fall BOM so new guidelines will be published before Jan. 1.

I'd like to thank the committee; Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess for their help and guidance especially to Ray who spent a lot of time getting me going.

## *Essay of the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Winner*

This year's winner of the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Contest is Benjamin P. Bryant. The Tampa SAR Chapter is the chapter who sponsored him for this yearly contest. His essay is as follows:

My family can be traced back to the Revolutionary War. My sixth great-grandfather, Jacob Stull, served in the Second Regiment of Sussex County, New Jersey, of the Continental Army as a Captain under General William Maxwell. He served with distinction at the battles of Quin-ton's Bridge, Three Rivers, Hancock's Bridge, Connecticut Farm, Van Nest's Mill, Long Island, Trenton (Assanipink), Princeton, Germantown, Springfield, and Manmouth. Jacob Stull, previously named Jacob Stol, changed the spelling of his name to "Americanize" it, which was not uncommon at the time. He and his son, John, also spent a winter at Valley Forge with George Washington himself. John was only 12 years old, but still was helping out, serving as a packhorse boy in the wagon trains. After the war, Jacob and his family moved to Elmira, New York, where they lived on a 200 acre farm. He died on November 14, 1809, a few weeks before his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is buried in the Fitzsimmons Cemetery in Chemung, New York.

In 2009, my family and I took a trip to Valley Forge where we identified and located the areas different regiments encamped. It was very important to us because our ancestors were among the brave men who fought for the freedoms we now enjoy. My family travels around the country to visit national landmarks including those important to our country's founding and advancement.

Another ancestor of mine is Eunice Stocking who worked at her husband George Stocking's Gun Powder Mill in the section of South Glastonbury known as Cotton Hollow during the Revolutionary War. On August 23, 1777, she was returning home from planning deliveries to Washington's Army when she witnessed the explosion of the mill in the distance. She came home to find my seventh great grandfather George and three of their sons (Hezekiah, George, and Nathaniel) had been killed. The explosion and resulting fire were likely caused by lightning or static. Despite this grave loss, she rebuilt and continued to run the mill, producing gun powder for the army until the end of the Revolutionary War. Today, the DAR pays tribute by naming the Glastonbury Chapter after her and her contribution to our nation's independence.

As an Eagle Scout, I have learned a lot about the United States of America and its founding. Like the founding father's ideals, scouting is based on leadership, hard work, and commitment to service. Scouting is also very patriotic in its practices and teachings. Scouts are taught to appreciate our country while also understanding its origin. This is why many of the merit badges are focused around our country. Citizenship is also a huge part of being involved in scouting. To become an Eagle Scout you are required to complete three different merit badges focusing on citizenship at different levels. These merit badge requirements alone show the patriotism required in the organization, so it is no surprise that Presidents Kennedy, Ford, Bush, and Clinton were scouts. Carter was a scoutmaster,

and Ford was an Eagle Scout.

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## *Grassroots Volunteer Spotlight*

This issue our Army Historical Foundation Grassroots Volunteer Spotlight featured Don Lanman of Riviera Beach, FL. Don, a veteran of the Vietnam War, has devoted much of his free time to helping other veterans. He serves on the boards of the Florida Veterans Foundation, Military Affairs Committee, AAAneurysm Outreach, and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, helping veterans get important information and assistance with their benefits, mental health support, and homelessness aid.

Don explains that his involvement with the grassroots program for the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) was a natural outgrowth of his other work with veterans. He noted, "It's a real pleasure to see the excited faces of Army veterans when they learn that there is going to be a special museum dedicated to their service and all Army veterans."

After first hearing about the Museum, Don became a Founding Sponsor and made a commitment to spread news about the Museum to the many veterans he encounters. Don's work has taken him to many veterans conventions, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he has brought Museum information to share with the many attendees.

Don can trace his family's Army service from the American Revolution all the way up to his two sons who are currently serving in the Army. When asked why the Museum is important to him, he said, "Since 1775 the U.S. Army has been on duty protecting the vision of our Founding Fathers, Constitution, and Bill of Rights from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. The Army Museum will honor and tell the story of the veterans who gave all on the altar of freedom."

If you you would like to join Don and the rest of AHF's Grassroots Volunteer team, contact Beth Schulz Seaman at 703-879-0006 or via email at [beth.schulz@armyhistory.org](mailto:beth.schulz@armyhistory.org).

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## *Frank Arnold Hassell (1922 - 2018)*

It is with deep regret that the Saramana SAR Chapter announces the passing of Frank A. Hassell. Herein is a copy of his obituary: Frank Arnold Hassell, a resident of Bay Village at Sarasota, passed away on November 29, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Marjorie Jean Waite, born July 18, 1923.



Frank is survived by his sons, Robert Arnold Hassell, Esq. and wife, Linda Johnson Hassell of Greensboro, NC, John Waite Hassell and wife, Janet Harvey Hassell of Wakefield, RI, and Lincoln Ladd Hassell and wife, Sherrell Hassell of Raleigh, NC; two grandchildren, Matthew L. Hassell and Kristen DiStasio and husband Andrew DiStasio, and a great-grandson, William DiStasio. He is also survived by a brother Theodore F. Hassell of Hemet, CA.

Frank was born in Providence, Rhode Island on March 8, 1922, the third of four sons of Archibald C. and Florence Braman Hassell. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Army and served for three and one-half years as a Ranger medic and, during Battle of Peleliu in the Pacific, he was severely wounded and received a Purple Heart. He was discharged as a Sergeant in January, 1945.

After the war, Frank graduated from Wesleyan University in Durham, Connecticut and began his lengthy career in banking with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, retiring as the Corporate Secretary of that historic Providence, Rhode Island bank, which later merged with other banks to form what is now the Bank of America.

Since the death of his beloved wife on November 17, 2016, Frank has resided at Bay Village where his humor, sharp intellect and warmth will surely be missed by his many friends.

There will be no memorial service at Bay Village. There will be a graveside service at a date to be set in the near future at Quidnesset Memorial Cemetery in North Kingston, Rhode Island. Condolences may be left at [www.wiegandbrothers.com](http://www.wiegandbrothers.com).

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# Chapter News

## *Brevard Chapter*

On November 10, 2018, the Brevard Chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Melbourne, Florida and at the Veterans Day Ceremony that took place at the Merritt Island Veterans Center. The chapter also participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

## *Caloosa Chapter*



At the October meeting, Rick Haven of the Flagler SAR Chapter came and spoke on 18th century clothing. On Veterans Day the Caloosa Chapter participated in the Annual Pride and Patriotism Award Ceremony. At this event, students from the Lee County Schools prepared projects that honored Veterans with the top entries being recognized with an Award. These awards were presented by Compatriots Mike Buff and Lewis Elliott.

At the December meeting, the chapter held the elections for their 2019 chapter officers. Pictured above is a group picture from the December meeting. At this meeting also, the Knight Essay Presentation was held.

## *Central Florida Chapter*

On October 13, 2018, Marcea Oetting of the Orlando DAR Chapter spoke on Abigail Adams. This was an in-character presentation. The chapter also heard from Cassandra James who is this year's winner of the chapter Knight Essay Contest. Her presentation lasted 5 minutes upon which she spoke about the keys of liberty.

At the November meeting that took place in the afternoon so that everyone could attend since the Veterans Parade in which the Color Guard participated in was held in the morning. Our speaker at this meeting was Dr. Hershel Hughes, Jr. who gave



a tribute and recognized all Vietnam Veterans in attendance and spoke of the variety of services being offered to Veterans who have served our country in the past and present. As pictured herein, the color guard participated again in the Veterans Day parade that was held on November 10, 2018 in Downtown Orlando.

At the December meeting, Compatriot Jeff Sizemore gave a presentation titled "George Washington and the Battle

of Yorktown. A report was also given about the new chapter webpage that is being revamped by Compatriots Richard Hoffman and Burt Fairchild.

## *Clearwater Chapter*



Parks Honeywell (left), the Clearwater Chapter Registrar receives a Certificate and his 14th Oak Leaf Cluster to the Liberty Medal from Chapter President and Florida Society President Pat Niemann. He has been the first-line signer on over 150 SAR applications for SAR membership.

## *Daytona/Ormond Chapter*



The Daytona-Ormond Chapter is getting active again. Regular chapter meetings are being held the third Thursday of each month, a monthly newsletter has begun, and participation in community events is underway. Chapter President Rick Morrow was awarded the War Service Medal with oakleaf cluster for his service in Desert Storm and Global War on Terrorism.

## *Flagler Chapter*



The Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has benefited from the enthusiastic support of Compatriot John Thomas' wife, Rosemary. Attending almost every event of the Chapter for over ten years, Rosemary has stood by Sergeant-at-Arms John Thomas' side giving encouragement to John and all Compatriots as they honor their Patriot ancestors who founded our Nation. Always ready with a motherly smile and a word of praise for all attendees, a void would exist in the Flagler Chapter without the support of family members like Rosemary Thomas. Rosemary Thomas was presented an SAR Historical Replica Cameo by Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris at the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Chapter Meeting.



On September 23rd, 2018 the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held a 231 year Constitution Day program with the Flagler County Friends of the Library. Compatriot David Kelsey arranged the program featuring Flagler County Judge D. Melissa Moore Stens of the 7th Judicial Circuit. Judge Moore Stens captivated the crowd with her discussion of "Misconceptions of the Fourth Amendment, Search & Seizure". The event was held at the Flagler County Library and the Friends of the Library hospitality committee provided a beautiful Constitution Day cake. Chapter President Randall Morris Presented Speaker Judge Melissa Moore Stens with a National SAR Ruler of Patriots



On October 5, 2018, Flagler County Sheriff Office Sergeant JONATHAN DOPP was awarded the 2018 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate by Awards Chairman David Kelsey at the Flagler County Courthouse.

Sgt. Dopp has served 12 years with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and based on his demonstrated solid leadership abilities, he currently heads the Problem Area Crime Enforcement Team. In September 2018, Sgt. Dopp organized the successful citizen search which led to the location of a missing disabled 17-year-old Flagler County resident. At this ceremony, Compatriot Sheriff Rick Staly noted "Sergeant Dopp is an outstanding Law Enforcement Officer who has proved time and time again that he is committed to serving his community. I believe it was this same dedication and devotion that greatly contributed to us finding Rickey Wheeler alive."

## Jacksonville Chapter



The 2018-2019 year is back into full swing. Chapter meeting speakers included Capt. John E. O'Neil USN (Ret) of the USS Adams Museum project, and Peter Mullen who spoke on the History of the Spanish Flu. The November meeting included our annual public service awards, in which we presented awards to a half-dozen policemen and firefighters. The chapter has presented flag kits to several new Habitat for Humanity homeowners in Duval and Clay counties.

The George Washington Camp Color Guard participated in the DAR NE FL Regents Council Constitution Week luncheon, and five separate Veterans Day events over that weekend.

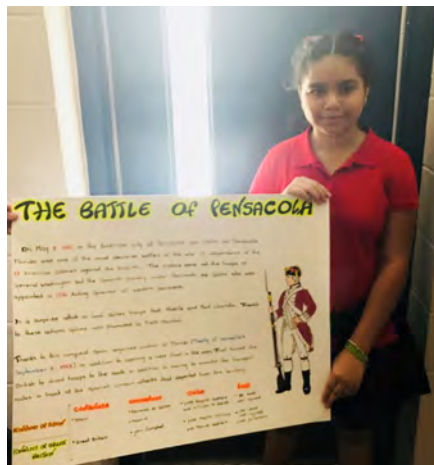
## Lakeland Chapter

At the September meeting, Alvie Davidson was presented The Liberty Medal Certificate & cluster for his meritorious service to the chapter. While Compatriot Jarrell Burchett gave this day in history moment in which he spoke on the Siege of Fort Mifflin (Siege of Mud Island Fort).



On October 20, 2018, Compatriot Jeff Sizemore of the Central Florida SAR Chapter gave a presentation to the Lakeland SAR Chapter. The title of the presentation was Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray the American Cause. Herein is a picture of Lakeland's chapter president, Tom Williamson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jeff Sizemore for speaking that day.

## Lake-Sumter Chapter



Last April, as a fifth grader from Groveland Elementary School in Groveland, Florida, Charlotte Sandoval Revelo's poster was chosen winner of our chapter's Americanism poster contest. As the winner at Groveland Charlotte received \$20 and \$50 as the chapter winner. Charlotte traveled to Colombia for the summer so we were not able to honor her until our October meeting.

In May I took her poster to the state BOM where she was once again chosen the best by poster contest chairman David Ramseur and his committee. She received a blue ribbon, a certificate, \$200 from the FLSSAR and \$75 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

In July, state president Pat Niemann took her poster to the SAR national congress where she placed third. She actually



shared the \$100 prize but contest chairman C. Louis Raborg added \$100 so each received a full prize. He also kindly sent her

a personal note that meant a lot to her and her family. The poster is hanging at the SAR national headquarters in Louisville for the next year.

On Sept. 13 the Groveland City Council issued a procla-



From left to right: Councilman Mike Smith; Teacher Ms. Latorre; Parents Jose Albino and Claudio Revelo; Juan Revelo; Charlotte Sandoval Revelo with Proclamation; Larry Sturgeon, Florida Society Education Chair; Groveland Mayor Dina Sweatt; Compatriots Ron Toops and Ron Grove; Councilmen Mike Radzik and John Griffin.

Law Enforcement Award - Left to Right: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Richard Offutt, President Allan Lane, Recipient Police Officer Andrew Rice; Jordan Rice with Andrew Jr., Police Chief John O'Grady and Sergeant Hector Figueroa.

mation at their council meeting proclaiming Charlotte Sandoval Revelo Day in her honor. Our new state poster chairman, Larry Sturgeon, attended in uniform. Compatriots Bob Beightol, Ron Toops and I also attended. During the council meeting a photo of Charlotte's poster was projected behind the council. It was a great evening!

At our October meeting we honored Charlotte who attended with her parents and brother. We also presented her teacher, Mrs. Nesly Latorre, a Good Citizen Medal for supporting our poster contest and having the chapter winner the past 3 years. Mrs. Latorre attended with her husband and son.

It's been a great year for our education programs. It was our first year conducting the essay and history teacher contest. Our history teacher winner, Robert Burke, was also the state winner. Our oration winner placed second in the state. We are looking forward to another great year.

"Again, the Lake-Sumter Chapter had a busy reporting period. On August 29, 2018, two of our members, Jim Carl and Bob Beightol, were awarded the Governor Veteran Military Service Medal from Florida Governor Rick Scott. On September 17, 2017, the Lake-Sumter Chapter Poster winner, Charlotte Sandoval Revelo, placing first at the Chapter level, first at the FLSSAR level and third at the NSSAR level, was honored by her home town of Groveland, FL, as they proclaimed September 17 as *Charlotte Sandoval Revelo Day* in honor of her achievements. The ceremony was attended by Lake-Sumter Compatriots Ron Grove and Ron Toops, as well as Compatriot Larry Sturgeon, FLSSAR Education Chair, and Lake-Sumter Chapter photographer Bob Beightol.

October was a month of up and downs as the Chapter was informed of the passing of Compatriot Charles R. White, following an extended illness. Compatriot White was inducted into the SAR in 1969 and remained an active and informed member until his passing. The Chapter held its first winter meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> with an extremely interesting presentation by Freemason Larry D. Duff, who spoke on *Freemasonry and the Revolution*. The Chapter awarded the Law Enforcement Medal to Police Officer Andrew Rice of the Mount Dora Police Department for his life saving efforts following an auto accident. Three new members were inducted: Compatriots Brady E. Sweet, Raymond E. McCleary and Leo Ruble with an additional eight applications in the pipeline awaiting approval. Thanks, and congratulations to Registrar John Moore for his continued efforts in the area of recruitment. Other awards presented at the October Meeting in-

cluded a Meritorious Service Medal to Compatriot B.J. Linville, Jr., for his many contributions to the Chapter during the tenure of Past-President Jerry Hardwich; member service awards to Compatriots Ron Toops, Glenn Langston and Bob Beightol, recognizing their 15, 10 and 5 year memberships, respectively; and a Good Citizen Medal with Certificate of Appreciation to Middle School Teacher Nesley Latorre, for her contributions to our Poster Contest over the preceding three years.

Our November 3<sup>rd</sup> member meeting was primarily dedicated to a celebration of our 30-year anniversary as a Chapter and dedication of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Liberty Tree; however, several awards were presented. Compatriot Donald Voorhees a Veteran of both WWII and the Korean War received documentation verifying his acceptance into the NSSAR WWII and Korean War Veteran Corps for his efforts in both wars. Compatriot Glenn Bowron, also a Veteran of WWII received a NSSAR certificate acknowledging his acceptance into the World War II Veteran Corps. At our largest attendance ever with 38 members and 27 guests, were included representatives from three DAR Chapters, four SAR Chapters, the Florida State Society; and American Legion Post 219. Our guest speakers which included State Society President Patrick Niemann; North Central Region Vice-President, David E. Bussone; American Legion, Adjutant General Warren Post; The Villages President, Dr. Donald P. Wyman and Lake-Sumter Past-President Gerald C. Hardwich regaled everyone with the history and accomplishments of our chapter since its Chartering on October 22, 1989. Following the speakers, attendees moved to the Liberty Tree Dedication site where the enhanced Color Guard reposted the colors, following which the Lake-Sumter Chapter dedicated their second Liberty Tree. Items are now being collected to be sealed in a time capsule to be buried beneath the Liberty Tree plaque."

## *Miami Chapter*

At the October luncheon, the Miami SAR Chapter recognized Cutler Bay Mayor, Peggy Bell, and Cutler Bay Police Chief, Major Leonard Ricelli. It was also announced that Christopher K. Barrett has agreed and is appointed as the Chapter Recording Secretary and that William Replogle has been appointed ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman.



Unless otherwise noted, the color guard members depicted with the newly dedicated Liberty Tree are members of the Lake-Sumter Chapter (left to right): Ron Toops, Glenn Langston, George Chaffee, Scott Bushnell, Russ Gibson (Tampa Chapter), David Bussone, Ken Mosher, Richard Young and Jack Townsend (Withlacoochee Chapter), Jim Carl and John Moore

At the November luncheon, the chapter recognized Doral Mayor, Juan Carlos Bermudez, and Doral Police Chief, Herman Organdinez, by presenting a decoration attesting to their successful tenure in office. Then, the chapter participated at the Veterans Day event that was held at the South Miami Elks Lodge.

On November 13, 2018, the Miami SAR Chapter Color Guard attended and presented colors at the November DAR luncheon at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. Compatriot Wolff delivered a talk about the involvement in the American Revolution of the anecdotal participation of the "Ladies of Havana".

## *Palm Beach Chapter*



The Chapter inducted 10 new Compatriots in October including; Thomas Haynes, Scott, Barak & Andrew Craig, Vincent & Christopher Burkhardt, Jeffrey Joyner, Jahn & Christopher Lennon, James & Berry Alex.

Chapter President Tidwell awarded the prestigious SAR Chapter Bronze and State Silver Good Citizenship Medals to Compatriots Harvey Oyer III and Richard Linn in recognition of their countless years of selfless community, civic and board service.

Compatriot, FMR Chapter President & FLSSAR Member @ Large Don Lanman represented the SAR at the Grand Opening of the new Veterans Success Resource Center located on the Palm Beach State College Campus in West Palm



(Left to Right): State Senator Sachs, , Palm Beach SAR President Parker, WW II Hero Sgt. Carl Arfa, College VP Rutherford, and Compatriot Don Lanman.

Beach. Lanman who serves on the boards of Palm Beach State College and the Florida Veterans Foundation also served on the College Legislative team that secured the \$800,000 in funding needed to build the center. "The center is designed as a one-stop location for veterans of all ages to secure assistance with benefits from medical and homelessness to college education", Lanman said.

In recognition of his years of outstanding service as the Registrar for the Chapter, Compatriot Bob Boggs received the "Oak Leaf" bar for his Liberty Medal in recognition of the remarkable number of new members registered to the Chapter. The Chapter is the largest in the State with 185 members.

Compatriots Tidwell, Lanman and Parkinson represented the Chapter at the annual Palm Beach Atlantic University Scholarship Day presenting a Chapter Student Scholarship of \$1,000 to VP Vicki Pugh in support students of this great university.



## *Saramana Chapter*



Induction of new member Howard William "Randy" Randolph, Jr. Randy's son Howard Randolph, III has also been approved and will be inducted at a later time. (left-to-right: President Steven R. Fields, Barbara Randolph, Randy Randolph, Registrar Dick Mahaffey)

The November luncheon meeting began with a celebration of Veterans Day and recognition of our chapter's compatriot veterans. Several received Certificates of Patriotism for their service from the President General of the SAR. The chapter also presented a Certificate of Outstanding Citizenship to WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veteran Carmine Pecorelli.

The chapter also inducted Howard William "Randy" Randolph as a new member. His wife was in attendance to place the SAR pin on his lapel. Later in the meeting, FLSSAR Chaplain Dwight Elam gave a wonderful presentation on Thanksgiving in Colonial Times. We learned a lot about the real origins of Thanksgiving and how it would have been celebrated by our forefathers.

The chapter also participated in this year's Giving Tuesday Challenge. The Saramana color guard is working to acquire more equipment to increase their effectiveness in the Sarasota and Manatee areas. They are assembling a "travelling chest" full of historic replicas and period flags to use in our educational programs for schools, civic groups, patriotic events.

The Saramana Chapter also participated this again year in the Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery.

## *South Shore Chapter*

The September meeting featured Bill Bolin, VP of the South Shore Chapter, as the speaker. Bill put a human element into some of the key battles of the South – ones that are often neglected in history books and popular media – by fleshing out personal details and biographies of some of the prominent players on both sides of the conflict. Florida Society SAR President Pat Niemann was also our guest.

SSSAR Governor John Glynn was our featured speaker at the October meeting. He read the Declaration of Independence as a reminder of what was declared, and then delivered his own thoughts on the document. John was the

President General of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence for three years and had the privilege of reading the Declaration at Independence Hall. Also on the agenda was the induction of newest member David Green.

## *St. Augustine Chapter*



In September, the St. Augustine SAR Chapter presented Heroism awards to three brave fire fighters of the St. Augustine Fire Department; Engr Joshua McKenzie, Firefighter Gideon Brown, and Firefighter Dustin Hamilton.



The St. Augustine SAR Chapter presented Law Enforcement Commendations at the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. As picture are Ms. Victoria Ogaga and Corporal Joshua Underwood (this year's awardees); SAR members Jerry Hanchett, John Brown, and William Roberts.

See all the things St. Augustine SAR Chapter is doing by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAugustineSonsOfAmericanRevolution/notifications>





The St. Augustine SAR Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendations at the State Attorney's Office 7th District. Pictured are State Attorney R.J. Larizza; awardees Travis Harrell and James Nealis; SAR members Jerry Hanchett, John Brown, and William Roberts.



The Veterans Day participants at Bay Pines.

## *St. Petersburg Chapter*



President Rogers presents Certificate of Appreciation to WWII veteran Edwin Sved.

Our October meeting was one of our best ever. We honored Mr. Edwin Sved, a WWII B-17 navigator who enlisted in the Army at age 18 and after training was stationed in Italy. On one of his missions, his B-17 was the only bomber to return to home base from a bombing mission over Germany. Mr. Rodger Corey served in the USMC during the Korean Conflict in a 155mm Howitzer Battery. The 155mm Howitzer is a medium range rifled barrel gun that has a range of about 9 miles. He was involved in winter fighting in rugged terrain. We were honored to have recognized their service to our country.

Mr. Frank Hagen visited us from his chapter in Springfield, Ill. He is considering relocation to this area and therefore may become a permanent member of the St. Pete Chapter. We officially welcomed compatriot Mark Foster into our chapter. Mark has been a frequent attendee at our meetings while going through the application process, and we're glad to have him!

Our featured guest was Mr. Philip Leto, III. Mr. Leto gave a rousing examination of the influences of politics, church reformation, and the age of enlightenment during the 1760's and 1770's on the American colonists. They helped to establish a foundation and explanation for the ideas that coalesced at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia from 1774 through 1789, resulting in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Our new Community Outreach Education initiative is also coming together very well. As you know, education begins in the public schools. Over the past year, I have worked closely with John Stewart and Charles Butler to develop a strong relationship with the Pinellas County School System. You will recall that Mr. Hendrick, Assistant Superintendent was a speaker at our September meeting. Joanne Lentino, a member of the Pinellas County School Board, attended our November chapter meeting. In February, we will welcome Dr. Grego, the Pinellas County Superintendent.

This is a major milestone for our chapter, and for the students of Pinellas County because for the first time we will have the opportunity to convey to these School System leaders our support, expertise, enthusiasm, and participation as needed in enhancing the history and civics curriculum of Pinellas County Schools. We will also be able to hear about what Pinellas County is already doing, and what they may want from us.

Within our own membership, we have a wide array of civic and historical knowledge, and we have access to major resources around the state, such as Dr. Roger Smith, of the St. Augustine Chapter, as well as many others.



President Rogers presents Certificate of Appreciation to Korean War veteran Rodger Corey.

We have already begun the process of cultivating relationships within the Pinellas system by providing copies of Dr. Smith's book, "Florida, the 14th Colony" to Pinellas civics teachers during a System workshop in August. In my view, our education outreach initiative is exactly what the Sons of the American Revolution should be doing.

It is clear, well defined, with reasonable expectations, patriotic, and strengthens our Republic, and we are already seeing positive indications from the school system as a result of our initial efforts. Thanks to the extraordinary education efforts of John Stewart for many years, our Chapter is gaining a reputation as "the education chapter" among other chapters around the state, and with the DAR.

At the November meeting, President Rogers discussed the history of the Mayflower Compact, under which the signers agreed on the principles of freedom of religion, private enterprise, property rights, and that they were against slavery. Bob Rogers and Mark Foster are both descendants of Mayflower colonists.

Donald Wyman gave a very informative presentation on Ben Franklin, focusing on his many "behind the scenes" actions in support of the American Revolution. Franklin negotiated with the British in London in 1775 on our behalf, and then spent nine years in Paris as our first ambassador. He negotiated embargo relief for Bermuda in exchange for badly needed gunpowder, and achieved the Treaty of Alliance with Louis XVI. Franklin negotiated a loan from Spain, and in 1783 he negotiated the peace treaty with George III.

## Tampa Chapter



Tampa Chapter returned from its summer hiatus in September with presentation of the SAR Life Saving medal to two deserving Tampa Police Department Officers. Pictured below (left) are Lt. Samuel Rojka, Officer Daniel Hill and Chapter President John Goolsby. Lt.

Rojka and Officer Hill responded to a residential call for help and prevented an attempted suicide by pulling an elderly woman from a running car in an enclosed car and twice performing life-saving CPR before EMS arrived, took control and transporting the lady to a hospital. The hospital later reported that the lady survived and would be returning home.



At its November meeting, the Tampa Chapter held its annual Public Service Awards meeting. Recognized were:

**Trooper Jeremy Fields** of Florida Highway Patrol was recognized for developing one routine traffic stop into the seizure of stolen data from thousands of ATM and credit cards and related equipment and another traffic stop into the seizure of checking counterfeiting equipment and information on hundreds of counterfeit checks. It is estimated that Trooper Fields saved the potential victims nearly \$4 Billion.

**Detective Aaron Dahl** of Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office was recognized for pursuing a drive-by shooting with little evidence and a reluctant witness, but utilizing his detective skills, he identified and located the two suspects, one of which has been convicted on Federal charges and the other is pending state and local charges.

**Rescue Captain Jeff McAleese** of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (now retired) was recognized for his 30 years of service to HCFR and more than 25 years of serving as an adjunct paramedic instructor at Hillsborough Community College. It is easily estimated that way more than half of the certified paramedics in Hillsborough were trained by Captain McAleese.

Pictured above (right) are awards presenter Dick Young, Trooper Fields, Detective Dahl, Rescue Captain McAleese and Chapter President John Goolsby.

The Color Guard has been active. With assistance from Compatriots from St. Petersburg, the Tampa Color Guard met Honor Flights at the Clearwater/St Petersburg Airport on September 11 and October 30 and marched in the Veterans Day parade on the campus of James A Haley VA Hospital in Tampa.

## Withlacoochee Chapter

On December 8th, 2018, the Withlacoochee Chapter (made up from Citrus and Hernando Counties) of the SAR celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Chapter was incorporated on 29 July 1988 with Charles H. Young, as President. By



1990, the chapter grew to 33 members and currently reached a milestone of 80 compatriot members. The award-winning Withlacoochee

Chapter is one of the most active in community related programs in the State of Florida, including: youth historical education; student recognition programs; veterans support programs; opportunities to speak at commemoration events; an active color guard unit at numerous local, county, state and National patriotic events; providing revolutionary books to local libraries as compatriot memorials; and participation in local parades. Pictured are those compatriots attending the anniversary ceremony.

## Children of the American Revolution Report



Distinguished guests and 2018 Withlacoochee Chapter Officers: L - R: National Trustee Robert Folk, Chapter 1st Vice President George Edge, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, FLSSAR President Pat Niemann, Chapter Treasurer Ken Lancaster and North Central Regional Vice-President David Bussone.

C.A.R. Activity Report: The National C.A.R. Liaison Committee has a C.A.R. Activity Report which can be found on the NSSAR website (yes – I know) under the Youth Programs tab. With the approval of the National C.A.R. Committee Chairman, your Florida C.A.R. Liaison Committee Chairman is announcing the Florida SAR C.A.R. Activity Report. We will use the same Report, except wherever it says “State” or “State Society”, you substitute the word “Chapter”. There are 10 activities listed. You do not have to report dates, places, people or numbers, just “yes” or “no”. Any Florida SAR Chapter that reports at least one activity will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and any Chapter that reports four or more activities will receive a C.A.R. Activities flag streamer. The Report must be submitted no later than April 15, 2019 for reported activities from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.



### What do you do if there is no C.A.R. Society near you?

If there is no local C.A.R. Society near you, you can still support them by encouraging C.A.R. membership of the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of your chapter members. You can support the Florida Society C.A.R. by donating to the Society or supporting the State Project. Visit their website at [www.floridasocietycar.org](http://www.floridasocietycar.org) for details.



You can support the National Society C.A.R. by donating to their National Project (visit their website at [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) for details) or by purchasing the...

(1) Apple Slice Pin. Anyone contributing \$50 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum will receive the brand-new Red Apple Slice Pin. These donations support the educational programs in The



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

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Children's Room and N.S.C.A.R. Museum.

(2) Niebell Fund Pin. Support ongoing operations at National Headquarters through the Niebell Endowment Fund with a donation of \$50!

(3) Red Apple Pin. Major Benefactors wishing to honor an individual with a contribution of \$1,000.00 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum receive a Major Benefactor, or Red Apple Pin. The pins must be presented to an individual and cannot be passed from one person to another.



(4) Voyager Pin. Available for a \$50 donation to the Voyager Fund that assists with travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents, and National Chairmen.

## *Florida Society News*

At the Fall 2018 Board of Management banquet, those in attendance witnessed Rick Haven of Just Two Tailors was inducted into the Sons of American Revolution. Evelyn pinned the SAR Rosette onto Rick's Lapel. His home chapter will be the Flagler SAR Chapter. The FLSSAR also presented Victoria Kelsey with the FLSSAR Daughters of Liberty Medal. Both individuals are picture on page 2 of this magazine. Congratulations to both!

## *From the Document Committee*

### I. Endowment Trust Fund Proposals:

C. 3. Meal for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, and Eagle Scout winners; two per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Proposed change – Meals for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, Americanism Poster contest and Eagle Scout winners (Limit \$40.00 per award)

Justification – these being youth awards, typically both parents would accompany their child, so that means 3 meals. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered. The Americanism Poster contest should be included.

C. 4. Medals for Law Enforcement, Fire-Safety, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Bronze Good Citizenship awards and two meals per recipient. Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and two meals per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

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Justification – in the case of public service personnel a spouse

and commanding officer would accompany the Recipient. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered.

C. 5. Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$20.00 per porch/mailbox flag kit with a maximum of 15 in a calendar year. Chapters must report the name of each recipient, and the date of each dedication.

Proposed change - Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$300.00 per year.

Justification – Large chapters in large cities may have more than 15 homes in a year. If they purchase the cheaper kits they can accommodate more homes and the chapters with fewer homes can purchase a higher quality flag kit.

C. 13. Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$5.00 per award.

Proposed change - Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$10.00 per award.

Justification – SAR charges \$10 to engrave a medal. A local jeweler I use charges \$10.

Proposed additions:

C. 16. Support to Boy Scout Councils (Limit \$100)

C. 17. Support to JROTC units (Limit \$100)

## **The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**

**MARCH 9, 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: Barry Eller at [emaillell@yahoo.com](mailto:emaillell@yahoo.com) or**

**Roger Bonnet (Chapter President) at**

**[roger@bonnet.com](mailto:roger@bonnet.com)**

## *In Flanders Field ...*

By Major John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago*

*We lived, felt  
dawn, saw sunset  
glow,  
Loved and were  
loved, and now  
we lie  
In Flanders  
fields.*



*Take up our  
quarrel with the  
foe:*

*To you from fail-  
ing hands we throw*

*The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres in WW I a young Canadian artillery officer, *Lieutenant Alexis Helmer*, was killed on 2 May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him.

He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander *Major*

*John McCrae.*

As the brigade commander, *Major McCrae* was asked to conduct the burial service for *Lieutenant Helmer* because the unit Chaplain was called away for services elsewhere.

It is believed that later that evening, following the burial, John began the draft for the heart touching and internationally famous poem... "*In Flanders Fields*".



## *242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek*

*Saturday 10:00 AM, March 30, 2019*

*in Jacksonville, Florida*

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 242nd 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 March 29th 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 \$109 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. 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, 2019 to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)

3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217

(904)-502-4819; [Davidramseur12@gmail.com](mailto:Davidramseur12@gmail.com)



FLORIDA SOCIETY  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
 Winter BOM February 9, 2019

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista So., 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address for confirmation reply \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) **Name(s) (list all):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws (**Select only ONE**)):   
 Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer  Delegate\*  \* *Delegate names must be submitted to FLSSAR Secretary prior to BOM*  
 A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, have another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote.

Enter number of persons Here

Saturday Lunch Banquet			
SAR Member	\$40 per person times	=	\$ 0.00
Spouse/Member Guest	\$40 per person times	=	\$ 0.00
Enter the number of Vegetarian meals			
Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts			
Enter \$10 Registration Fee (Members Only) for meetings		=	
Total Amount Enclosed		=	\$ 0.00

Requesting a meal after the reservation deadline of January 26th 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 26, 2019* 

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

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

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

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee  
 % Steve Williams  
 5955 Red Arrow Hwy  
 Coloma, MI 49038

Phone: 269-468-8091  
 email: sarwilliamssa@gmail.com

*Fall 2018 Board of Management Meeting*





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## The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

*February 9, 2019*

*(Room Rate = \$143 per night & \$5.00 daily parking fee)*

*4955 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, FL 34746*

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

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

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

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