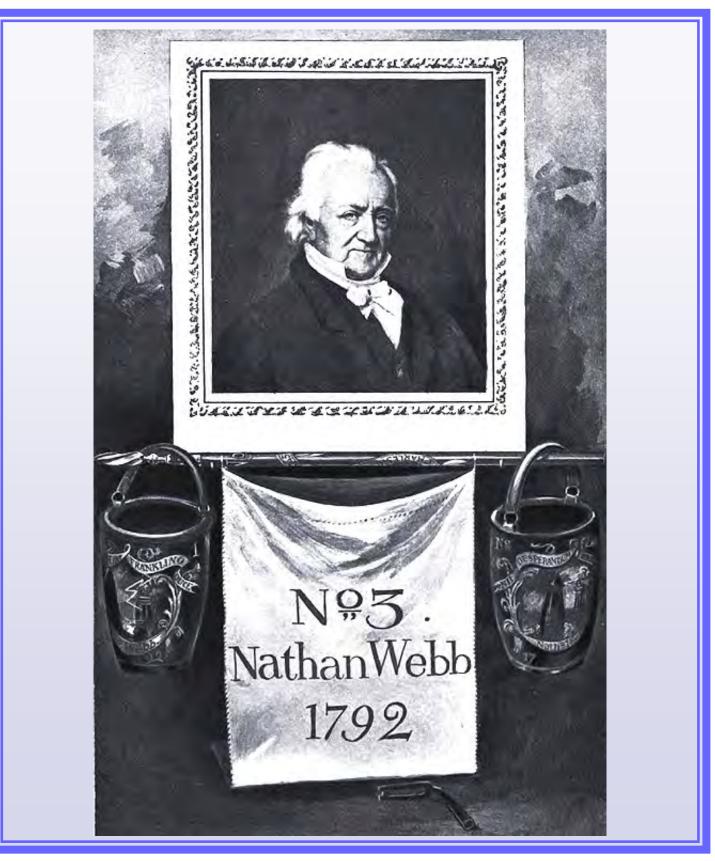


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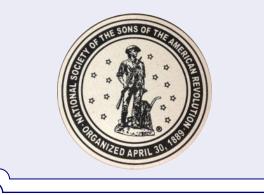
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Society President's Message

Hi Everybody,

I can't begin to tell you how grateful and honored I am to have been elected to serve you as 2019-2020 Florida SAR President. I will do my best to keep you interested, involved, and proud to be a Compatriot, Auxiliary member, or prospective member applicant of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution.



I want to especially thank my

Miami Chapter mentors, Compatriots Douglas H. Bridges Sr. and Richard E. Friberg – they were also my first- and second-line signers of my application, - for encouraging me to get involved; not only at the Miami Chapter level, but also by serving as a Delegate to the Florida SAR Board of Managers (BOM) meetings. Once there, it was Compatriots Larry Feh-



renbaker and Ray Wess who picked up the "Mentor" ball. Many thanks to each of you. The Mentor System we often talk about really does work!

Since my Installation by President General Warren Alter at the May Annual Meeting banquet, I have traveled to Scotland with the National Society SAR; flew to Denver, CO for the National Annual Meeting of the BSA to serve as the SAR alternate representative to their National Community Relationships Committee; flew to Washington, DC for some genealogical research of my "Popham" ancestors in Culpeper, VA; and drove to Panama City from my home in South Miami, to

install the 2019-2020 Officers of the SAR Panama City Chapter.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER this year. Last December 31, we ended the year only a few members shy of 2,500 statewide, and we added the Okeechobee Chapter. We are the second largest SAR Society, and not too far away from #1 (Texas). If we do nothing more than file applications for our own children, grandchildren, uncles and nephews, I believe we can become the largest Society in SAR – after all, we are already the BEST!

Earlier this year, Orlando Florida was selected to be the site of the 2023 National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution! I hope you will plan to attend our upcoming Fall Board of Managers meeting at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, and be a part of the planning process for this terrific event. We will meet 4-6 October.

Thanks for all you do for SAR!

Lee

William Lee Popham, Sr. President, Florida SAR

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.



Colonial Firefighting

By Steve Fields

The history of firefighting in America can be traced all the way back to Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Founded in 1607 by colonists from the London Company, Jamestown was under the command of Captain James Smith. It did not take long for fire to begin taking its toll on the new settlers.

In January 1608, a devastating fire destroyed most of the colonists' provisions and lodgings. Smith made a concise assessment of the situation: "I begin to think that it is safer for me to dwell in the wild Indian country than in this stockade, where fools accidentally discharge their muskets and others burn down their homes at night."

The population of the New World continued to rise as shiploads of immigrants stepped ashore looking for a fresh start in a new land. Cities began to take shape, and the problems Smith found in the small stockade multiplied as more and more structures were added. The fire load in these cities increased as forests were cleared and wooden homes and buildings were constructed.



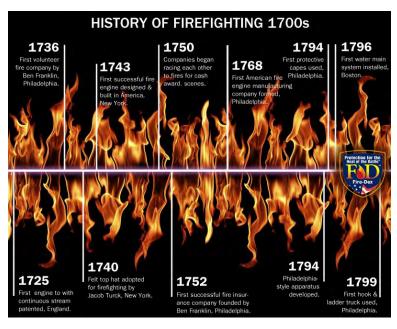
The communities that sprang up around three of the best harbors -

Boston, New York and Philadelphia - soon faced a number of social problems involving housing, sanitation, water supply and the danger of fire. These three cities, and the firefighters who eventually stepped forward to protect them, set the course early on as to the direction and shape the American Fire Service would take.



In 1648, New Amsterdam (later New York) Governor Peter Stuyvesant stood firmly on his peg leg and appointed four men to act as fire wardens. They were empowered to inspect all chimneys and to fine any violators of the rules. The city burghers later appointed eight prominent citizens to the "Rattle Watch" these men volunteered to patrol the streets at night carrying large wooden rattles. If a fire was seen, the men spun the rattles, then directed the responding citizens to form bucket brigades. This is generally recognized as the first step in organized firefighting in America.

Even earlier, Boston's city fathers took the first steps in fire prevention when Governor John Winthrop outlawed wooden chimneys and thatched roofs in 1631. Forty years later, Boston suffered a series of arson fires and finally a conflagration in 1676. The small "ingine" built by local iron maker Joseph Jynks, probably a syringe-type pump, had little effect on the swelling wall of flames. Shortly after the fire, Bostonians sent for the



"state of the art fire engine" then being made in England. The three -foot-long, 18-inch-wide wooden box arrived with carrying handles and a direct-force pump that fed a small hose. The tub-like section of the engine was kept filled with water by a bucket brigade.

The need to coordinate these efforts brought about the establishment of the first engine company in colonial America. Twelve men and a captain were "hired" by the General Court to care for and manage the engine and to be paid for their work. On January 27, 1678, this company went into service. Its captain (foreman), Thomas Atkins, was actually the first firefighting officer in the country.

Two Newsham engines arrived in New York in December 1732. Jacob Turck was appointed to take charge of the engines and to keep them in repair at his own cost after a 10-pound salary was advanced him. Turck also worked on a pump of his own design, perhaps the first mechanical fire pumper built in America.

Most notable among the famous Americans who helped shape the country and the fire service was Benjamin Franklin, a writer, printer, philosopher, scientist, statesman of the American Revolution - and a fireman. Franklin helped draft the Declaration of Independence, served as a diplomat, and invented items that ranged from lightning rods to bifocal eyeglasses. In 1736, Franklin founded the Union Fire Company in Philadelphia, which became the standard for volunteer fire company organization. As a preventative, his "Franklin Stove helped to eliminate risks from unattended open hearths burning through the night.

With rules to provide for buckets, hooks, ladders and the formation of volunteer companies, firefighting started to become formalized. The chain of command fell in place as officers of various ranks were established. Firemen devised new and better ways to accomplish their mission; everything from helmets to hoses were invented or improved. Firemen in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other cities made major advances in the technology and theory of firefighting.

The legacy of colonial firefighters can still be seen in fire department operations and organization across the country to this day. The wooden hydrants and horse-drawn carts are gone but the iron willed determination of American firefighters is as strong as ever.

President General's Education Outreach Streamer

The requirement to receive the President General's Education Outreach Streamer is for the compatriots of a chapter to do a certain number of new Historical Presentations or to present an existing presentation in a new venue or to a new audience. Examples of Historical Presentations would be speaking on a Revolutionary War Battle or Campaign; a significant Personality or Founding Father; a political event or process; life as a soldier (uniforms, weapons, camp life, etc.); life as a colonist (clothing, money, community and religion, etc.); life on the frontier (clothing, Native American relations, living conditions, etc.); life as an indentured servant or as a slave; period flags; period music, etc. It should be left to the chapter Education Team Leader and the State Education Outreach Coordinator to make the call on what constitutes an appropriate presentation. A new venue or audience is just that. If you have a presentation you have done for your chapter and go do it for another chapter, the local DAR Chapter or the Lions Club those are new venues. If you have a class you do for the local 5th Grade Class every year then that is a new audience every year.

The number of presentations required is based on the size of the chapter. The larger the chapter the more presentations required to earn the streamer. The reason is that a larger chapter has more compatriots who can give presentations and therefore more opportunities than the smaller chapters.

The objective of the PG's Program is to recognize those chapters who are taking education outreach to the American people and raising the profile of the SAR in their communities.

Program Streamer Requirements:

Chapter with less than 41 Members: 3 Presentations Chapters with 41 to 80 Members: 4 Presentations Chapters with 81 to 120 Members: 5 Presentations Chapters with more than 120 Members: 7 Presentations

In order to be considered for streamers Chapters must have their information submitted to the Education Director Colleen Wilson, <u>cwilson@sar.org</u> or Education Committee Chairman Brooks Lyles,

brooks.lyles@gmail.com via email, no later than 10 June annually.

242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, Florida

On another beautiful Saturday March 30th 2019 the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida. There were over 100 people in attendance representing seventeen chapters of the SAR, ten chapters of the DAR and four societies of the C.A.R. plus the City of Jacksonville, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and the West Nassau Historical Society. David Ramseur, Past Chapter and Florida Society President presided over the ceremony. Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Parks Division Chief Robert Skatelzky advising about the future city enhancements for the 846 acre battlefield park. Past PG Carl Hoffman brought greetings from the National SAR and Florida SAR SVP Lee Popham brought greetings for the Florida Society. We were especially honored to have the DAR Florida State Society Regent Dawn Lemongello bringing greetings at our ceremony.

A combined color guard of 20 compatriots was led by Florida SAR Color Guard Vice Commander Dick Young in the presentation of colors and the wreath ceremony. Compatriot Young was assisted by Scott

Breckenridge of Jacksonville SAR and River Phillips of the Vaughan-Latham Society C.A.R. In the presentation of the wreaths by the organizations Dick Young and by Jack Dugger of Blue Ridge Mountain SAR served as the honor guardsmen. Thirty three wreaths were presented by SAR, DAR, C.A.R. chapters and other patriotic organizations from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

We were again delighted to have the "Let Freedom Sing" chorus group sing a number of patriotic songs during the ceremony. Life Scout Ryan Vogel led "The Pledge of Allegiance", and with other scouts assisted in car parking and seating attendees during the ceremony. And most importantly, we were again all spellbound and educated by our SAR award winning speaker/ Compatriot, Dr. Roger Smith who taught us the true southern history about the Revolutionary War conflicts in leadership and planning leading up to the Battle of Thomas Creek, also known as the "Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War".

On May 17, 1777, a small force of 109 Georgia Mounted Militia men, led by Lt. Colonel John Baker, were ambushed by a much larger mixed force of British regulars, East Florida Rangers and Native Americans in this park area 242 years ago. Only 42 patriots, including LTC Baker survived the battle. The original intent was for the Georgia Militia to rendezvous with 400 Continental regulars coming down the coast by sea and in land rivers; however, that force was delayed by contrary winds and low water and did not arrive in East Florida until two days after the battle. This encounter was the second of at least three failed attempts ordered by General George Washington to invade the British Colony of East Florida, to make N.E. Florida our 14th Colony.





Above: Lee Popham, FLSSAR SVP speaking. Below: Past PG Carl Hoffman speaking.





Above: Roger Smith, PhD - Colonial Research Associates & member of the St. Augustine SAR Chapter speaking.

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Color Guard as they prepare to present the Colors



Robert Skatelzky, Parks Division Chief, City of Jacksonville



Dawn Lemongello, Florida State Regent, DAR





Following two seasons of hurricanes which devastated parts of Puerto Rico and other Caribbean Islands, the program has been essentially inactive due to disruption of school programs. On April 27, 2019, the Florida Society was pleased to award Cadet LTC Ian Benitez at the Antilles High School, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, the Bronze ROTC Medal Award. Pictured herein is Antilles High School US Army Pirate Battalion Cadet LTC Ian Benitez (left) receiving the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal Award from CSM Robert B. Breck, 1st Mission Support Command, USAR Puerto Rico.



David Ramseur Past President FLSSAR and Jacksonville SAR Chapter

Bennett Gaskins was inducted into the SAR at the NCSSAR Annual Meeting in Raleigh, NC on Saturday, April 6th in Raleigh, NC by FLSSAR Presi-



dent Pat Niemann. Bennett has been a member of the Princess Malee Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution in Jacksonville, FL

his whole life and has just recently been accepted as a Junior member of the Jacksonville (FL) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His father, Joseph is a Compatriot of the Jacksonville Chapter and holds the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Bennett lives in Raleigh, NC.



Commander Dick Young & Asst River Phillips



Update on the Florida Children of the American Revolution

Dominique Matthews, newly installed President of the Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution, attended the Florida SAR Youth Luncheon on May 11 to make a presentation on her state project to support the USO Center at the Orlando International Airport. Her sister is presently serving in the US Navy



and this inspired Dominique to create a project oriented to active duty military personnel and their families. Shown below is Dominque with Florida President, Pat Niemann and National SAR President General Warren Alter. PG Alter made a personal dona-

tion to Dominque's project and several SAR compatriots placed advance orders for the C.A.R./USO pin that was not yet available. We will try to invite the C.A.R. to our Fall BOM so they can set up a display telling you more about C.A.R. and selling you more of their project fund raising items.



Dominque was also able to attend our Installation Banquet on May 11 as was FSCAR Senior State President, Ginger Poffenberger, who brought greetings from the Florida C.A.R. Pictured above are Dominque and Ginger at the banquet, with Florida SAR's C.A.R. Liaison Chairman Dick Young

This was the first year for the Florida SAR to recognize and present awards for the C.A.R. Activity Report. We used the same Activity Report as used by National SAR. Any chapter submitting a C.A.R. Activity Report was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. Any chapter completing four of the ten activities listed were presented with a flag streamer. There were six submissions, all of which were recognized with both the Certificate and flag streamer. Pictured below with outgoing President Pat Niemann are David Thomas (Gainesville), David Ramseur (Jacksonville), Bill Wicks (Miami), John Goolsby (Tampa) and Earl "Matt" Mathews (William Dunaway).



Midway Grave Marking

On April 28, 2019, the Gainesville SAR Chapter dedicated presented chapter wreath at the Midway GA grave marking and marched with the Georgia color guard. Scott Collins, Georgia SAR state president was in attendance; as well as, NSSAR PG Michael Tomme The members dedicate five patriot graves that day with Sean Tonnelier carrying the Florida flag.



Chapter News

Aaron Snowden Chapter – Milton



It has been a busy quarter for the chapter ending with end of year school presentations. Lonnie Jones and others have worked and are working hard on sixteen prospects, hopefully to bring many into completion. Lonnie visits a number of activities and meetings in search of prospective members. The Hugh Green Veterans Home was visited to see and interview a WW2 veteran recently.

New Officers were elected with President-Doug Fortune, VP-Lonnie Jones, Secretary- David Hillsman, Treasurer-Bert Outlaw.

Chapter has been busy with making following presentations for the past quarter: Five Flag Recognition certificates, Four JROTC SAR Bronze medals at the four County High Schools, Two hundred fifty eight Good Citizenship Certificates to students at 17 local schools. In addition, chapter invited and participated in Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Chris D. Herrin who was presented an Eagle Scout SAR certificate and patch by Lonnie Jones and Bert Outlaw. The Chapter also participated in Memorial Day ceremony at Milton Veterans Memorial Park where a SAR wreath was presented to be displayed on the wall at the memorial.

FLSSAR at BOM presented Lonnie Jones the welldeserved Patriot medal, which is the top medal. Lonnie has been most active to gain new members, mentoring chapter members, attending meetings, and functions in promoting Sons of the American Revolution for a number of years. Well Done to Lonnie.

The chapter purchased a Liberty Tree plaque, which has been completed, awaiting granite base to place under appropriate tree at Milton Veterans Memorial Park. DAR chapter will also participate in the dedication ceremony.

The chapter has been invited to participate in a Lineage Society Day at the West Florida Genealogy Library in August, where approximately fifteen lineage societies are brought in and library patrons, others can ask questions, obtain information, literature on specific societies. Hopefully this will stir interest to join and become involved, making chapter and Florida Society better.

Central Florida Chapter - Winter Park

At the March 19th meeting, the chapter received a presentation from Flagler Chapter Compatriot Rick Haven who spoke on the history of the various Army regiments and their uniforms. Then on April 13, 2019, our Patriot Luncheon was held in which Bob Samson of the East Florida Rangers was our speaker. He gave stories about colonial life along with showing artifacts of the period.

At the May 11th meeting, new chapter officers were installed. The new officers for the upcoming two years are Maynard Pittendreigh (President), Phil Markoe, II (1st Vice President), Harry Wilklow, III (2nd Vice President), Richard Hoffman (Registrar/Genealogist), Gary Smith (Secretary), and Larry Walker (Treasurer).



Picture above: Compatriot Dan Dall, Chairman, Public Service Award Committee, presented the Fire Safety Commendation medal to Deputy Fire Marshal Dennis Marshall upon his retirement after 42 years of dedicated service. The presentation was made at the Maitland City Hall in the presence of the city council, Mayor McDonald, Fire Chief Watts and Marshall's peers, superiors family and friends. Dan was welcomed very warmly and treated royally. All present were very appreciative and expressed sincere gratitude to our Chapter for such recognition of this superior public servant.

The chapter also held a planning meeting at the Mayflower on June 1, 2019 to plan out the upcoming year and to get input for items to be included in the chapter website and for input of speakers for the upcoming year. The chapter will also be expanding the Knight Essay contest and Rumbaugh Oration contest program. Discussions were also held on reaching out to local community papers about our chapter events. The chapter color guard will also be participating in the Veterans Parade.

Clearmater Chapter



On June 8, 2019, Compatriot COL Pat Niemann attended the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida annual Gold Award Ceremony. The Gold Award is the highest award that can be earned by the Girl Scouts and requires the completion of extensive project among other qualifications. Pat presented the SAR Outstanding Citizen Certificate and Outstanding Citizen Pin to 34 Gold Award recipients. He also addressed the over 300 attendees on the SAR and the SAR Youth Contests.

As picture below, Stuart Chase got the Good Citizenship Award from the Sons of the American Revolution at the 23nd Annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 2, 2019 at Palm Harbor University High School. James Grayshaw, President of the SAR Clearwater Chapter presented the award to Stuart.





On May 1st, 2019, Cadet 1Lt Francisco Nateras was presented the Sons of the American Revolution JROTC Medal & Certificate by Chapter President Charles Hayes, Major, US Army (Ret.), at the Matanzas High School Auditorium in Palm Coast, Florida. Cadet Nateras is a junior at Matanzas High School and a member of the Color Guard. During his senior year, Cadet Nateras is expected to be promoted to a high leadership position in the U.S. Army JROTC Battalion. Upon graduation, Cadet Nateras plans to enlist in the U.S. Marines and train to be a tank crew member.



On Saturday, May 25, 2019, the Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was well represented in the Flag placement ceremony at historic Espanola Cemetery, established in 1875, the second oldest cemetery in Flagler County. Graves of 195 U.S. Veterans are located in the Espanola Cemetery. Veterans from the American Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq are interred at Espanola. Additionally, Flagler Chapter Charter Members Judge H. T. Cook and Harold Emery are interred in the cemetery. Espanola is a private, primarily family, cemetery which contains the graves of the founders of Flagler County. American Legion Post 115, Scout Troop #400, and Flagler Chapter SAR assisted family members in placing a flag at each Veterans grave. Reverend Terry Wines, the Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Bunnell, officiated at the ceremony remembering and honoring all Veterans. This patriotic event was organized by Compatriot Randall Morris at the request of the Espanola Cemetery Association families. From Left to Right: Victoria Kelsey, Compatriots David Kelsey, Chapter President Charlie Hayes, Dr. Jeff Schaller and Randall Morris.

Flagler Chapter





At the March 22nd, 2019, Flagler Chapter meeting, Compatriot Rick Haven and wife Evelyn, of Just Two Tailors, gave a stirring presentation on clothing worn during the 18th Century in the Colonies. They presented garments created by Rick and shown on mannequins, as well as those worn by themselves. The outstanding quality of the garments was obvious to all in attendance at the meeting. Rick discussed restrictions placed on the Colonies which prevented the weaving of fabric. Raw material was sent to England for weaving then returned to the Colonies to be used in the construction of garments. He noted that the average man had only two sets of clothing. Only the wealthy could afford to have multiple sets of garments. Women wore clothing which enhanced their appearance suggesting they could bear many children. Remember, the more children (especially males) the larger the plot of land which could be farmed. Uniforms were haphazard during the early days of the Revolution, as men went to battle in their everyday clothes. This presented a problem, as it was often difficult to recognize the enemy. In 1779 General Washington issued orders to standardize the uniforms in the various regions of the Colonies. Some units were given special dispensation in their uniform construct to allow them to build a special bond. A special thank you to Rick and Evelyn for a unique and informative presentation. Compatriots, their spouses, and the mannequins appear in the photos.

Gainesville Chapter

Sean Tonnelier represented the chapter & dedicated chapter wreath; as well as, marched in the parade for the second time at St. Simons island Georgia. This even commemorated the capture of 3 British ships by the Georgia navy April 19th, 1778; as well as, celebrated Patriot's day.



Jacksonville Chapter



The Jacksonville Chapter finished off the 2018-2019 year with our annual meeting where our Eagle Scout and Knight Essay contest winners read their essays, and the 2019-2020 officers were installed. Over the past couple of months, we awarded ROTC medals at 22 area high schools and two universities. In addition, we presented US Flag kits to 9 new Habitat for Humanity home owners, and participated in the Last Naval Battle, Patriots Day in St Simons GA, DAR meetings and marker dedications, and a grave marking in GA. Our Traveling Trunk and History of the Stars and Stripes presentations were a big hit at St Michael's Academy in Fernandina Beach. We also hosted the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek, with over 100 in attendance.

Lakeland Chapter

Lakeland Chapter on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at our annual Public Service Awards, presented the following medals and certificates: From the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Brianna Bolin, the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate, for her use of social media to track down and arrest a sexual predator from Miami who was holding a 10year old girl against her will in a Lakeland Motel. Lakeland Fire Department Driver/Engineer/Paramedic Harvey Ries was presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate for stoppng at the scene of an accident, while off duty and using his paramedic skills to care for three wounded children and an adult while waiting for help to arrive. Photos below show Chapter President Tom Williamson presenting the awards.





Palm Beach Chapter



Palm Beach Chapter Membership continues to grow membership to 179 with 11 new applicants inducted, and an additional 19 applications in process for 2019. The Chapter continues to

expand its membership by actively working with DAR-CAR chapters encouraging the DAR Daughters to submit husbands and children/grandchildren for SAR membership, Genealogical organizations, veteran's groups, and civic events. The Chapter delivered a special SAR Memorial Services honoring Compatriots Kenneth Ray La Voy Jr., General Albin Irzyk, and William Arthur Adams Jr.

Chapter Compatriots participated in patriotic activities including; the Last Naval Battle, 242nd Battle of Thomas Creek, Missing in America, Honor Flight Welcome Home, Flag Placement Day, Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Ceremony, Special WW2 veterans funerals, plus DAR meetings/events.



2019 Officers inducted include, President Robert Boggs, Vice President Thomas Hayes, Secretary Gary Green, Treasurer



Peter Johnston, Registrar Peter Miller, Chaplain Father Sanford Sears, Historian Samuel "Buddy" Miller, Sgt. @ Arms Greg Parkinson.

Chapter meetings included interesting speakers/events including; President Thomas Jefferson, (John Stewart) on the Louisiana Purchase, an Interstate induction of Compatriot Mason Stowell using Facetime, Dr. Donald Gladney Dean Palm Beach State College on Cyber-Security. The

Chapter presented a Scholarship for \$1,000 to support students of this great College.

Compatriot Mason Stowell honored the Chapter by winning the International Karate Championship for Mixed Martial Arts and Compatriot David Wratislaw graduated with honors from the Citadel Military College.

Chapter presented 4 Law Enforcement Medals including the "Chapter's Own" Compatriot Jeff Joyner, State Dept. Special Agent, and 4 Firefighter/EMS/Heroism Commendation medals. Chapter presented 8 JROTC medals to local students.



Chapter continues to promote the President General's membership development/mentor programs, the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, Chapter's "Widow's Brigade" for windows of deceased Compatriots and active DAR outreach.

FMR Palm Beach Chapter President Ben Tidwell presented the Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Metal to Robert Boggs for his service as Chapter VP.

At the February/May BOM meetings Compatriots Lanman and Tidwell received service recognition.

Compatriot Ben Tidwell received FLSSAR Oak Leaf Cluster award for their Silver Roger Sherman Medal, and a FLS-SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his management of the Good Citizenship Committee, and his NSSAR Past President Certificate.

Compatriot Lanman, received the FLSSAR Veteran Service Medal, an Oak Leaf Cluster award for his Silver Roger Sherman Medal, Distinguished Service Certificate, and a Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Committee.



The Palm Beach Chapter Newsletter was recognized with a certificate plus a check of \$50 as one of the wining newsletters for 2108.

FMR Palm Beach Chapter President Lanman received the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution "Ellen Harden Walworth Medal for Patriotism" medal by NSDAR President General Ann Turner Dillion.

Panama City Chapter





On Monday, 17 Jun 2019, at PoFolks Restaurant in Lynn Haven, the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Panama City Chapter had its first monthly meeting since September 2018, prior to category 5, Hurricane Michael. Seven members and six guests witness the installment of the chapter's 2019 officers. FLSSAR State President, William Lee Popham conducted the oath, while Northwest Regional Vice President Earl Frederick "Matt" Mathews held the heavy Masonic Bible. From left to right, Chapter Officers: President William "Bill" James Zehner Sr., Chaplain David Pete Windham, Treasurer Victor Bernhard Johnson and Secretary/Registrar/Webmaster DeCody Brad Marble.

In addition, the SAR Panama City Chapter Seniority members received their year membership award. As pictured below from left to right: James Paddison Pretlow - 35 yrs., Owen Eugene Cook -20 yrs., and Victor Bernhard Johnson -10 yrs.

Concluding the award ceremony, FLSSAR (State) President Popham presented a bronze oak leaf cluster, (a second award) of the (State Level) Silver Roger Sherman Award to the 2016 – 2018 Panama City Chapter President DeCody B Marble. Yet another award presentation, pleasantly blindsided, Compatriot Marble was presented the (Chapter level) Bronze Roger Sherman Award, by the State President. Lee Popham proclaimed that SAR rules allow a State President to award the chapter level medal. In 2018, Marble performed exemplary service for the State and Chapter SAR.



St. Augustine Chapter

The St. Augustine Chapter along with the local DAR Chapters participated in the Flag Day commemoration. They distributed 300 flags and 80 lapel flag pins to citizens and visitors on St. George Street! Six Maria Jefferson DAR Chapter was joined in this chapter annual commemoration by 6 members of the St. Augustine Chapter and 2 from the Jacksonville Chapter NSSAR!

Tampa Chapter



The Tampa Chapter reserves its April meeting for JROTC recognition. The Chapter presents 16 Bronze JROTC Medals and Certificates throughout Hillsborough County. Tampa shares these duties with South Shore and Major John DeVane Chapters, which combined recognize every one of over 30 JROTC units in the County. The Tampa Chapter invites their 16 medal winners to their April luncheon meeting to meet the Chapter Compatriots. This year five of them were able to join us. Pictured above are Terry Doan, Tampa SAR JROTC Committee Chair, Cadet Shimanto Saha (Jefferson HS), Cadet Kyle Pepper (Zephyrhills HS), Cadet Anthony Hernandez (Leto HS), Cadet and Chapter Enhanced JROTC Award winner Victoria App (Middleton HS), Cadet and SAR Compatriot James Green (Steinbrenner HS) and Tampa Chapter President John Goolsby. Pictured below is President Goolsby making the Enhanced JROTC Award presentation to Cadet App. Cadet App placed in a tie for second in the Florida SAR Enhanced JROTC competition.

On Memorial Day, the Tampa Chapter Color Guard participated in the presentation of the Colors as part o the Memorial Day Ceremony in the Veterans Cemetery at American Legion Post #5 USS Tampa in Tampa. Show above is the Tampa Color Guard and the Hillsborough HS Honor Guard starting their march in presenting the Colors. SAR Compatriots in picture below are (r-l) David Bryant, Camp Commander Alan Bell, John Stewart (St Petersburg Chapter), Terry Doan, John Goolsby and Dick Young. Also, in attendance representing the SAR were Tampa Compatriot John Sessums and FLSSAR Past President Pat Niemann. The DAR and C.A.R. were also represented at the Ceremony and presented memorial wreaths.







The Villages Chapter

The Villages Chapter has had a very busy and successful year thus far. In January, past chapter president Don Wyman gave an excellent presentation on the WW1 Battle of Cantigny. In February, Leo Champagne, a marine veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima brought the audience to their feet in applause. In March, a very special presentation was by Villager Gene Klein, a Holocaust and Auschwitz Death camp survivor. An audience of over 260 people was in tears during his talk. He emphasized that we must never forget what happened and that it could happen again if we don't teach our children and grandchildren. He had a book signing afterwards and sold out his supply. In April, the chapter was blessed to have John Stewart from St. Petersburg present as he impersonated President Thomas Jefferson in speech, appearance, and style. May brought Brig. General (ret) John H. Grueser, United States Air Force, as he spoke on his travel to the South Pole.

The chapter placed flags at the National Cemetery in Bushnell for Memorial Day. Also on the calendar was the presentation of SAR good citizenship awards at the Villages Middle and Elementary schools by registrar John Moore and Chapter President Jim Simpson. A number of new members were also inducted so far this year. In the planning stages are Flag Certificate Awards, Heroism awards to local responders, and networking with the DAR chapters in the Villages toward a common mission.

Board of Management Meeting Reservations

The Spring BOM has set policy for making registrations for the BOM meetings. The process has been tightened up to require registrations to attend the BOM to be made BEFORE the deadline which is 10 **calendar** days before the first day (Friday) of the BOM. This means that any USPS registration must be postmarked on/before that date. Email registrations must be sent and received on/before that date. After this date a late registration fee of \$35.00 will be levied. Compatriots walking up on the day of the BOM will need to fill out a registration form and pay the \$35.00 late fee.

If a Compatriot desires to attend any meal, the registration form must be received by the deadline above – 10 calendar days **before** the BOM starts. **No** meals will be reserved for registrations received after the deadline. NONE. Late meal requests will ONLY be accommodated for meals that had been ordered but canceled **after** the 48 hour cancelation deadline – registrations/meals cancelled within 48 hours **before** the Friday – COB Tuesday. Such accommodations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Register early to avoid the rush and Late Fees."

Ladies Auxiliary Grapevine



Florida Society

The LAFLSSAR would like to let you know that our 2018-2019 President, Billie Brock, presented Certificates and a total of \$1,450 to the Youth Contest winners and the American History Teacher of the Year at the BoM May 11, 2019 Youth Awards Luncheon. We give our thanks to all of you who contributed to the baskets and the basket drawing. We deposited a little over \$900 to directly support the youth awards. <u>Contest Chairmen, please make certain your winners have cashed their checks</u>.



We are now turning our focus towards the SAR National Congress in 2023 to be held in Orlando. There are so many ladies in our membership who will be needed to help out, not just that weekend, but in the planning and preparations. There will be more information coming out to let you know more about what we will need. Those that attend National Congresses are already taking notes of "things to do" and "how could we ever pull that one off?" observations. This is exciting for Florida and we look forward to the Auxiliary supporting where ever we can.

Submitted by Anne McGuire Auxiliary President 2019-2020



Washington at Princeton - The Portraits Hidden Messages!

Compiled-Edited-Written by Don Lanman, Palm Beach Chapter SAR President 2017-2018

American artist *James Wilson Peale* was commissioned by the state of *Pennsylvania* in 1779 to create this historic full-length portrait of *General Washington* following the battle at Princeton, New Jersey. The bright colors and clean outlines in this iconic painting are characteristic of James's style containing profound symbolism and hidden messages.

The original painting of our Founding Father, "Washington at Princeton" was commissioned by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania for its council chambers in Independence Hall in Philadelphia as an expression of respect, confidence and admiration for General Washington.

Peale made eight copies of the painting. The original, now owned by the *Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts*, was completed in early 1779 when *General Washington* sat for Peale in *Philadelphia*.

Six of the paintings are in several United States institutions including the United States Senate; the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Yale University Art Gallery; National Portrait Gallery; Colonial Williamsburg; Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts; and Princeton University Art Museum.

In January 2005, one painting sold for \$21.3 million, and set a record for the highest price paid for an American portrait. After the *Continental* forces, assisted by the *French*, triumphed over the *British* at *Yorktown* in 1781, *James Peale* sketched the battle site, including a view of the harbor showing the protruding masts of sunken ships.

In addition to the *French* and *American* flags flying above *Washington* and the banners of the conquered at his feet, there are many other hidden symbols in the portrait including:

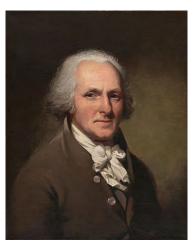
- (1) The blue banner with 13 white stars in the circle was General Washington's personal flag as Commander-in-Chief of the combined army of the thirteen colonies of the Continental Army.
- (2) Washington, shown relaxed and in control, wears the blue coat with buff trim of the Continental Army. The stars on his shoulders along with the blue sash identify him as the Commander-in Chief. His riding boots, spurs and sword show him to be a "Gentlemen Officer".
- (3) In the background is Nassau Hall, home of the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University). About 200 British soldiers barricaded themselves in the building until blistering American artillery fire forced them out. You can see captured British soldiers under Colonial guard in the field.
- (4) Two cannons under the command of Patriot Captain Joseph Moulder halted the British charge at Princeton, New Jersey, and gave General Washington time to rally his forces onto victory on January 3, 1777.



(5) At General Washington's feet, is an English Imperial flag laying on the ground as a symbol of confidence in the general's ability to defeat the British Army.

(6) Other banners lying on the ground represent the captured colors of Hessian Regiments hired by King George III to fight in America. Washington defeated these German Mercenaries at the famous Battle of Trenton New Jersey on December 26, 1776.

In addition to being a famous artist of American icons, *James Wilson Peale* was a *Revolutionary War* Soldier, Scientist, Inventor, Politician and Naturalist. While *Peale* is best remembered for his many portrait paintings of leading figures of the *American Revolution*, he also established one of the first museums in the *United States of America*.



Patriot James Wilson Peale

Don't Get Hacked!

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Personal Cyber Security Risks, Planning & Tips

Everyone wants to feel safe and secure when they are at home with their doors locked and the alarm system activated. They want to know that they are protected from danger. Today, however, the Internet has added another dimension to the world of individual safety and security. The Internet has taken us from the physical world, where fire, flood, and earthquakes are the typical causes of catastrophic damage, into the digital world, where identity theft, ransomware, and computer viruses have the potential to be just as destructive.

It is no longer sufficient to simply lock your doors and turn on the alarm system. Today, your personal information is at risk from criminals who can attack at any time. This means your information needs to be protected, locked up, and secured with an alarm—just like your home.

This article is designed to help you accomplish the following.

Assess your cyber-risk level

Understand the different types of cyber risks

Learn practical strategies to improve your security while online Software solutions & services to assist with loss prevention & post-loss responses

Understand the cyber-insurance coverages available today ~What's Your Risk Level?

Cyber-crime is a massive problem. According industry experts \$450 billion in global economic losses were recorded in 2016. The Equifax data breach of 2017 exposed over 147 million Social Security numbers, and there were over 1,500 other recorded breaches in 2017. Everyone has the potential of being a victim of cyber-crime, but there are factors that can cause your risk level to increase. Some of those factors are the following.

Your level of wealth

The number of connected devices you have in your home Your level of fame/celebrity If you have domestic employees The number of trades you make per year in the stock market If you run a business out of your home

The more risk factors you have, the higher your level of risk is and the more you should consider taking action to protect yourself. Once you have an understanding of your risk level, you can determine the actions you need to take to mitigate the risk of becoming a victim of cyber-crime. A self-assessment is a good start, but having a cyber-security professional to work with can be a viable option as well.

Cyber Risk Overview:

The average household today has 10 to 20 Internetenabled devices in the home. Laptops, smart phones, Internet TVs, security systems, thermostats, and other connected devices are all part of the intricate web of technology that is expanding exponentially in homes across the United States. These devices hold valuable information, such as passwords, dates of birth, and travel schedules. They may control critical functions in your home, such as temperature control. Each of these devices connects to the Internet to derive value for the user but in so doing also creates an entry point for nefarious hackers to access the devices and the information they hold.

Once criminal hackers gain access to these devices, they can easily transfer funds from bank accounts, unlock doors that use smart locks, and install harmful ransomware on computers to hold them hostage. Criminal hackers use many different strategies to cause physical, emotional, or financial harm. The following are some of those strategies.

Email phishing. This strategy involves email scams looking to dupe email recipients into clicking a link that can install harmful software onto the recipient's computer.

Identity theft. Criminals use personally identifying information (e.g., address, name, birth date, Social Security number, etc.) to sign up for credit cards, open bank accounts, or initiate other transactions using your personal information.

Cyber extortion. Hackers coerce victims to pay large sums of money when they take control of their website, servers, computers, or other digital assets and hold them hostage until their demands are met.

Cyber bullying. Cyber bullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. *Unauthorized payment or transfer.* This strategy involves hackers gaining access to your banking and credit card information and illicitly transferring money or making fraudulent purchases.

Social engineering. Cyber criminals use deceptive tactics to trick people into giving them access to sensitive information through phishing scams, pretexting, and baiting.

Practical Cyber-Protection Strategies:

Everyone is at risk of being affected by cyber-crime, whether it is a direct or indirect attack. There is no surefire solution that will guarantee your data is secure, but there are strategies you can implement to make it more difficult for hackers to gain access to your information.

The list below offers some of the strategies you can implement to improve your security on the Internet.

<u>Protect</u> your Wi-Fi network at home with a strong password, one that contains more than six digits (longer passwords are more secure) and uses special characters (i.e., \$%\$#@), lower-case and uppercase letters, and numbers.

Change your passwords every 6 months.

<u>Use</u> passphrases instead of passwords. A passphrase is a string of words used to control access to a system. They are easier to remember and could be more secure than passwords (Example: JohnisSIttingon2Largechairs).

<u>Set</u> up a guest network at home with a separate password for guests to use rather than giving them the password to your primary network.

<u>Use</u> multifactor authentication whenever possible. This is a security protocol that uses a secondary device to verify you are whom you say you are. Verification codes are sent via text or email for you to enter during the sign-in process.

<u>Store</u> your passwords in a secure location, such as a password manager. <u>*LastPass.com*</u> and <u>*Dashlane.com*</u> are websites that store your passwords to improve your security.

<u>Use</u> one network for connected appliances and gadgets, and a separate network for your computers, tablets, and phones. This way, if someone hacks your device network, they will not be able to access your accounts.

Download software updates as soon as they are available.

Software & Service Solutions:

In addition to the practical steps you can take to protect yourself, there are software solutions and services to assist you with building your cyber-protection strategy. These solutions can help you detect suspicious intrusions into your network as well as monitor for fraudulent activity.

Here are examples of software solutions and service providers who specialize in working with individuals to help them with cyber security.

Software Solutions Options:

<u>CyberScout.com</u>—CyberScout offers a full suite of services to improve your cyber security, including identity management tools, credit monitoring services, breach response services, and data privacy consulting.

<u>Norton.com</u>—Norton provides software that identifies viruses and malware and blocks them from causing damage. It also offers other related services including a router device that monitors and protects everything within a connected home network.

~Cyber-Risk Services Resources:

<u>**Rubica.com</u>**—Rubica.com developed a technology for your tablets, smartphones, and computers that helps you avoid being the victim of a cyber-crime.</u>

<u>K2Intelligence.com</u>—K2 Intelligence is a full-service cyber-defense consultancy that brings enterprise-level cyber-security solutions to the private client and family office markets.

~Cyber Insurance Options:

Even with the best security practices in place, and all of the practical risk mitigation strategies being utilized, there will always be a risk of loss, and as a result there are insurance companies offering various types of coverage.

Cyber insurance not only offers financial protection when a loss occurs, but it also may include complimentary or discounted access to software tools and services.

Today, a handful of insurance companies offer cyber-insurance policies for individuals to purchase. Some are in the midst of developing a solution, and others are in the planning stages.

Many companies offer identity theft coverage as part of their home owners' policies, but that coverage falls short of covering most of the cyber-crimes happening today. Although the cyber-insurance products are relatively new, they are broad in the coverages offered.

The following represents a list of coverage highlights from a few cyber-insurance products on the market:





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.

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Coverage*	Description
Cyber Extortion and Ransomware	Provides reimbursement for money paid by an insured to terminate a cyber-extortion threat. Insureds have access to expert cyber consultants to assist if a criminal demands a ransom in exchange for the insured's data.
Cyber Bullying	Covers related costs as a result of an insured or family member being victimized by cyber bullying. Related expens- es include professional digital forensic analysis to aid in prosecution, professional cyber-security consultant services, loss of salary due to wrongful termination, public relations service fees, and temporary relocation.
Fraudulent Transfers	Provides protection against the loss of funds stolen from an
Social Engineering	Provides coverage if your authorized account user—such as a personal assistant or family office manager—is deceived
Data Restoration	Provides coverage for the cost of a professional to reinstall damaged software, remove malicious code, reconfigure your device or system, and replace electronic data that has been lost or corrupted.
Crisis Management / Reputational Injury	Provides reimbursement and access to crisis management
Cyber Disruption	Provides support in dealing with a cyber-attack that prohibits the clients from accessing their home or interrupts their inci-

*Coverages above are representative of those found in cyber-insurance policies offered by AIG Private Client Group, Chubb Personal Risk Services, and PURE Insurance. Coverage limit options vary from company to company with options ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million per occurrence. Prices range from \$400 to \$2,000 per year depending on the coverage limits selected, the coverage options included, and the company offering the coverage.

~Take Control & Protect Yourself from Cyber-Crime...

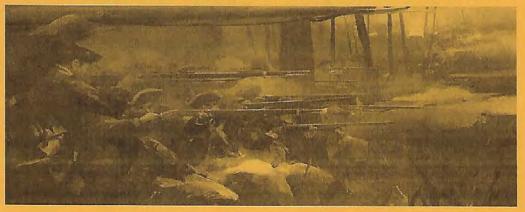
While Insurance represents a tool that can be used to help protect your wealth from cyber risk. Adequate coverage should be obtained to match the maximum potential financial loss.

However, it is also important for you to take control and use the practical strategies, software products, and services to protect themselves from cyber risks, and to develop a personal protection strategy and a plan of action in the event of a cyber security crime, hack or breach.





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COMMEMORATING THE 238TH ANNIVERSARY OF

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Friday Evening, September 6, 2019 Join Us for A Very Special Dinner & Presentation "Recognizing Patriot Battle Officers " – by John Beakes, Author Clark's Inn & Restaurant, Santee 5:30-8:00pm \$40 /pp Casual Dress Limited Seating RSVP 803-823-2824 NLT 1 September

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Patriotic Service

Historic Church of the Epiphany 211 Epiphany Road (12065 Old Number Six Hwy) Eutawville GPS: 33.399569 / - 80.340720 David P. Reuwer, Historican, Guest Speaker 10:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony Eutaw Springs Battle Monument Park 2 Miles East of Eutawville Highway 65 at Hwy 45 (SR38) GPS: 33.40728 / - 80.29875

11:00am

No Host Lunch at Sweatman's BBQ 1427 Eutaw Rd., Holly Hill (GPS 33.361 / -80.381) 12:00 pm \$6 - \$14

Wreath Laying Ceremony - Tomb of General Francis Marion Belle Isle Plantation, Pineville GPS 33.453852 / -80.087231

2:15 pm Hosted by the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, Ewart Irick, President For Information: 803-823-2824 or toyboydoug@hotmail.com

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2019 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting





The Florida Patriot

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The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

October 4 - 6, 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 Shingle Creek bridge after the toll booth, the next exit is SR535. Turn left onto SR535, and go to the next traffic light (Kyngs Heath Rd) and turn right. The hotel is on the right.

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