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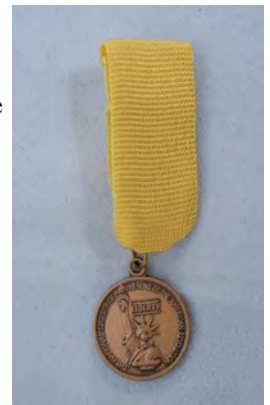
## *Society President's Message*

Once again, I want to tell you how grateful and honored I am to have been elected to serve you as 2019-2020 Florida SAR President. When I attended the Awards Presentations at the 2019 Costa Mesa CA 129<sup>th</sup> SAR Congress, I felt like a Jack-In-The-Box – Florida was called up to receive so many awards and recognitions, they cannot be listed in this letter! I got a sunburn from all the popping flashbulbs.....!! These recognitions will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet of our 2019 Florida SAR Fall Board of Managers (BOM) meetings on 3 October, at the Embassy Suites Hilton Hotel Lake Buena Vista South, in the Kissimmee/Orlando area. Link: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tab.asp>



I started the year by saying LET'S GROW TOGETHER. If we do nothing more than file applications for our own children, grandchildren, siblings, uncles and nephews, I believe we can become the largest Society in SAR – after all, we are already the BEST! Bring your family history materials with you to the Fall BOM, and drop in on the Patriot Research System (PRS) Workshop – our volunteers and Chapter Registrars in attendance will drop whatever else they are doing, and help you get your Membership, Supplemental, and Memorial Applications completed and filed. The BOM is open to everybody, so bring your prospective members too!

I want to devote the rest of this letter to the LIBERTY MEDAL Awardees who will be receiving their certificates, medals and oak clusters at this Fall's Awards Banquet in Orlando. The Liberty Medal is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. It is awarded to any SAR member who signed as first-line sponsor, the membership application of ten new members. While the precedence (wearing order) is listed as #24 by SAR, it is the #1 medal in my book this year; it recognizes our true Membership Marketers.



The person's name signed as the first-line sponsor should be the person who recruited the new member. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be presented for each additional ten (10) new members, and recipients of ten bronze oak leaf clusters may be presented a silver oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the bronze clusters. A recipient of ten silver oak leaf clusters receives a gold oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the silver clusters. Once more than one oak leaf cluster has been awarded, they should be arranged like the stars on the Betsy Ross flag, with gold or silver clusters, if any, occupying the upper right places of honor.

Four Florida SAR Compatriots will receive their LIBERTY MEDAL at the Fall BOM Awards Banquet. They are:

Herbert William Croysdale II (11),  
William Earle Love (11),  
Randall Scott Morris (14), and  
Robert Anthony Sileo (15).

## *What is an E-Book?*

The Florida Society SAR has created and continuing to add 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.

This year's Oak Cluster recipients are listed below:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Clusters This Year</u>	<u>Total Ever Sponsored</u>
Boggs Jr., Robert Edwin	3	52
Brown, Stephen Carl	1	30
Chandler, James Gray	3	34
Davidson, Alvie L. – CGRS	1	143
Dyer, William Alfred	1	32
Honeywell, Alfred Parks	2	193
Jones Jr., Fuller Callaway	1	47
Jones, MCPO Lonnie (USCG)	1	81
Judd, Raymond Joseph	1	32
Lary, Edward	3	110
Mahaffey, Richard Kenneth	1	19
Moore, John Holden	3	31
Partin, James Daryl	1	151
Williams, Steven Allen	1	180
Young, Walter Richard	1	22

Keep in mind these are the Liberty Medal recipients from this past year only. There are many more Liberty Medal and Cluster holders throughout the Florida SAR, and many of those holders will probably appear on next year's list. These are our Membership Growth experts – we owe them a debt of gratitude for their Florida SAR Marketing excellence!

Each of these Liberty Medal certificates, medals, and oak clusters will be presented in person at the Florida SAR Fall BOM's Saturday Recognition Banquet on 5 October. If the recipient is unable to attend the Banquet, these awards will be available for presentation at their next Regional Meeting.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER this year. And THANKS for all you do for SAR!

### *Lee*

William Lee Popham, Sr.  
President, Florida SAR

## *NSSAR 2020 Congress Information*

The NSSAR Congress hotel is the **MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN RICHMOND**. Several members have been making reservations at the Courtyard Marriott Richmond which is not the hotel that the NSSARSAR is using for the Congress.

If you are going to call in for a reservation, please call the following number: **1-804-643-3400**. When they answer please ask for reservations. When you begin the conversation tell them you want a room for the NSSAR 2020 Congress. The rate is \$165 per night. I just verified this number, name of the group and the rate via telephone and made a reservation under my name using this information.

For those who are doing it on line here is the url: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49965781/owner/12987/home> If doing online you will be able to provide the following information in the OTHER INFORMATION box on the form. Such preferences are BED PREFERENCE (KING OR 2 BEDS), and Handicap accessible rooms.

## Washington's "Badge of Military Merit"

By Don Lanman

Following victory of the Continental Army over the British at Yorktown, Washington established his headquarter at Newburgh where he could observe the English army in New York. Continuing his tireless efforts to improve the condition of his troops and insure a high state of morale, Washington decided to create an honor to recognize enlisted men who had performed bravely on the field of battle. He called this award, the Badge of Military Merit.

Washington designed the distinctive badge in the form of a purple cloth heart with the word Merit inscribed in the center. The merit badge was conceived as a military order for soldiers who exhibited, "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

General Washington announced the Badge of Military Merit in his general orders to the Continental Army on August 7, 1782 his headquarters in Newburgh. Washington statement regarding the Badge of Military Merit:

*"The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding.*

*Not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward.*

*Before this favor can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office.*

*Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels which officers are permitted to do. The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered as a permanent one." -G. Washington, Commander-in-Chief Continental Army-*

Historians tend to agree that only three soldiers actually received the medal. Two men selected by a board of officers to receive this award were Sergeant Elijah Churchill of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Light Dragoons and Sergeant William Brown, a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment, Continental Line.

Brown had won praise for his bravery in the storming of Stony Point in 1779 and for gallantry in the trenches at Yorktown. Churchill distinguished himself during attacks against two forts on Long Island.

On 3 May 1783, these men traveled from the Continental encampment at New Windsor and to Washington's headquarters at the Hasbrouck House in Newburgh. There, before an honor

Guard Mount of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment, Commander-in-Chief Washington awarded Sergeant Churchill and Sergeant Brown the first Badges of Military Merit. (see pictures)

Surviving records for the period confirm the presentation of only one other Badge of Military Merit to Sergeant Daniel Bissell of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Regiment on June 10 1783.

Following the Revolutionary War, the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse although never officially abolished.

In 1932, the United States War Department authorized the new Purple Heart Medal for soldiers wounded in battle or previously awarded either a Wound Chevron or the Army War Ribbon. It was also mandated that the Purple Heart Medal would be considered the official "successor decoration" to the Badge of Military Merit.

The original Military Badge of Merit, the pomp, and ceremony, however, symbolized much more than recognition of brave men. The badge represented the climax of the molding of a citizen army of volunteers and militia into a force that had fought on equal terms with one of the world's best armies, and in doing so, had played a vital role securing freedom and independence for their fellow citizens.

Both the Badge of Military Merit and the Purple Heart have become symbols of pride in our Country and Military and Patriots from all walks-of-life as a tribute to all those who served and sacrificed at the Altar of Freedom!

## Update on the Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application

After discussion in the national Patriot Records Committee meeting in Louisville during the Spring Leadership, the Patriot Grave Medal application form was changed in March 2019. The form is available on the National SAR website in the Members Tab then Drop Down to Forms and Manuals.

In lieu of copying everything over on the new form, you may add the Patriot Number from the Patriot Research System (PRS) <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/> in the space immediately following the name in the older Patriot Grave Marking Medal form.

For each grave marking, the chapter conducting the grave marking is responsible for submitting the Patriot Graves and Biography report.

The national Patriot Records committee is asking that patriot numbers from the Patriot Research System (PRS) be added after the name of the patriot in the Patriot Grave Medal applications.

If the patriot is not in the PRS, then a Patriot Graves and Biography report needs to be attached that include the service (military, civil or patriotic) provided and the source/reference for the patriot's service.

There is a learning curve necessary for every change. In the past, grave marking medals were approved without any controls and that resulted in approval of at least

one Patriot Grave Marking medal with compatriots (members) listed as one of the patriots marked. There is a radial button at the top of the Grave Marking Medal application which indicates that the application is for the Patriot OR the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal.

Also, in the past, there was no documentation of grave markings at the national level. Under the direction of Col Jim Wood, the National Patriot Records Committee has worked diligently to change that since September 2017. Dates of the original marking of a patriot's grave are listed in the Grave Detail tab of each patriot whose grave has been marked.

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## *Florida Society Children of the American Revolution – Update*

Submitted by Dick Young, Chairman  
C.A.R. Liaison and Youth Member Committee

**The C.A.R. needs your help:** After several years of declining membership, the Florida Society C.A.R. finds its treasury nearly depleted. At a recent meeting of the Governing Board, the FSCAR has eliminated some of its annual expenditures, primarily those used to assist officers and members attend the NSCAR National Conference. This should prevent another deficit year; however, it will not allow a rebuilding of its financial base. They are asking all their friends in the SAR and DAR to provide financial support to supplement their treasury. What, if anything, the Florida Society SAR can do will be discussed at the meeting of the Florida Youth Council and, if necessary, during the budget presentation during the BOM. Regardless, the FSCAR needs your personal help. Any individual member or chapter who wishes to provide financial help can hand me a check or cash at the BOM, which I will forward to the FSCAR Senior State Treasurer or you can mail me a check at my address as listed on the Florida SAR website.

**Understanding Service Opportunities:** FSCAR State President Dominic Matthews has announced the theme for the 2019-2020 State Project is “Understanding Service Opportunities.” This project supports active duty military personnel by providing cash donations to the USO lounge at the Orlando International Airport. The USO was founded in 1941 as a support system for the military and their families. Today it continues to connect military families and support the needs of active duty military. The donations from this Project will allow the USO to purchase the necessary items that keep their lounge operating. Around 300,000 military personnel travel through Orlando International Airport each year. For food alone, the USO spends \$2,000 a month, meaning in one year \$24,000 is spent solely on food; all of which is donated.

To support this project, pins and bags will be on sale. Any involvement whether it be time or money, will be greatly appreciated. Let's make this upcoming year a fantastic one for the C.A.R. and the USO. Any fundraising for the



State Project is separate from the request for financial support, above.

## *Nominating Committee Report*

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Compatriots for election for the year 2020 – 2021:

President – David Bussone  
SVP – Bernard Wolff  
Treasurer – W. Richard Young  
Secretary – Scott Breckenridge  
Mem. At Large – Scott Bushnell  
Recording Sec. – Ronald Grove  
Registrar – Ray Lantz  
Sgt at Arms – Claude Farmer

RVP NE – Jim Gaskins  
RVP NW – Earl “Matt” Mathews  
RVP NC – David Thomas  
RVP EC – Charles Berger  
RVP WC – John B. Goolsby  
RVP SW – Robert McGuire  
RVP SE - open

Chaplain – Dwight Elam  
Chancellor – Carl Hoffman  
Editor – Jeffrey Sizemore  
Historian – Larry Sturgeon  
Genealogist – Richard Cardell  
Webmaster – Scott Bushnell

National Trustee – William Lee Popham  
Alt. Trustee – David Bussone

The committee recommends for nomination to the South Atlantic District for the Vice President General, South Atlantic District for 2020 -2021 Patrick Niemann. The election to be held at the FLSSAR October 2019 BOM.

## *From the Document Committee*

Name: Battle of Thomas Creek

Status: Standing

Purpose: To ensure the FLSSAR conducts appropriate ceremonies commemorating the Thomas Creek Battlefield.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6.b.

Members: A Chairman and additional members who shall be appointed by the President, Florida Society, and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Functions: To plan, budget, and properly implement the annual commemoration the Battle of Thomas Creek.

### Changes, July 2019:

Status: changed from "Ad Hoc" to "Standing".

Purpose: changed from "TBD" to: "To ensure the FLSSAR conducts appropriate ceremonies commemorating the Thomas Creek Battlefield."

Authority: changed from "Article V, Section 6.c(1)" to "Article V, Section 6.b"

Functions: changed from "TBD" to: "To plan, budget, and properly implement the annual commemoration the Battle of Thomas Creek."

Name: Nominating

Status: Statutory

Purpose: To nominate at least one candidate, qualified and willing to serve, for each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article III, Section 2. (a)(1)

Members: Five members who shall not have served on a Nominating Committee during the preceding two years shall be elected by the Board of Management at its first regular BOM meeting following the annual meeting from a slate of nominees who shall have been nominated by the President and/or the Board of Management. The five elected shall serve until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting and shall elect from their number a Chairman. (Article III, Section 2 a. (1)(a)).

Functions: To solicit candidates who are qualified and are willing to serve, at least one candidate for each office, to be filled by election at the next Annual Meeting. **The Chairman, or other member, shall announce to the Executive Committee, no later than March 1st, the nominees of the Committee for the respective offices,** and shall deliver a copy of the Committee Report to the Secretary of the FLSSAR who shall publish it in such manner and at such time to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty (30) days notice as to the names of the nominees for the offices to be filled by election for the following year, and deliver a copy of the Committee Report to the Recording Secretary. (Article III Section 2 a. (1)(b))

Changes, Jan 2019: With the BOM's decision to cancel all future Winter BOM meetings, it is necessary to make the following change to the charter.

Changed "**The Chairman, or other member, shall announce at the Winter Meeting of the Board of Management the nominees of the Committee for the respective offices**" to "**The Chairman, or other member, shall announce to the Executive Committee, no later than March 1st, the nominees of the Committee for the respective offices,**".

### Motion to Establish to Committee:

A motion will be put forth at the April BOM to accept the charter dedicated to the formation of an ad hoc committee titled 2023 Congress Planning Committee whose duration will sunset at the adjournment of the 2023 NSSAR Congress. The purpose of said committee will be to coordinate the National Congress Planning Committee to plan, fund, and implement the 2023 NSSAR Congress under the authority of Florida Society By-laws, Article V, Section 6 (c). The FLSSAR President will appoint five members at the committee's formation & without future additions except to replace a compatriot no longer able to fulfill his duties due to unforeseen circumstances. The appointed committee members are to plan, propose funding mechanisms, & oversee implementations of the responsibilities of the Florida Society as host of the 2023 Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.



**Motion to Establish to Committee:**

A motion will be put forth at the April BOM for the formation of an Educational Outreach Committee to be established and approved per the recommendation of the Records Committee.

**FLSSAR Proposed Educational Education Outreach Committee**

The proposed charter follows:

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6.c. Type: Special ( "ad hoc")

Purpose: To administer the Florida Society portion of NSSAR Educational Outreach program of the Education Committee.

Membership Assignment: A Chairman and additional Members, normally four, as the President, Florida Society may appoint and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer. Assigned Members: To be appointed

Functions:

Co-ordinate with the Educational Outreach Committee of NSSAR [EOC] and others as directed to function as the "state-level society Education Outreach Coordinator" requested by the EOC.

Work to establish an Education Outreach team leader at each chapter whose duties include:

Implementing Youth Protection training, currently offered by the Boy Scouts of America, for compatriots involved in Educational Outreach programs.

Preparing Presenter Data Sheets for each presentation as proscribed by national and sending a copy to this Committee.

Reporting quarterly to this Committee the name and number of presentations done by team members and the status of YPT program compliance.

Report as directed to EOC of the state activity of presentations. Advocate for SAR educational, patriotic and historical goals. Monitor and advise any chapter level imitative regarding advocating for educational outreach. Take other action as authorized by the Board of Management.

**Motion to Establish to Committee:**

A motion will be put for the at the April BOM in which a Council of Youth Activities be formed and consist of the Chairmen of all of the Youth Award/Program Committees: Americanism (for the Poster and Brochure Contests), C.A.R., Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, JROTC/ROTC, and American History Teacher.

**FLSSAR Proposed Council of Youth Activities**

Purpose: The purpose of the Council is to act as a forum for matters of mutual concern and interest to all the Youth Programs; as well as, a place where matters pertinent to all the programs may be brought.

Authority: Florida Society Bylaws, Article V Section 6 b

Type: Standing

Membership Assignment: The Council will consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the President, as well as the Chairmen of the named Committees.

Functions:

Coordinate the various youth activities of the FLSSAR.

Provide oversight of activities undertaken by the member committees. Support the ongoing efforts of the member committees

Streamline youth programs to avoid overlap and conflict



## *Defending Liberty on The North Bridge*

By Rick Haven

Lady Evelyn is the other half of Just Two Tailors and is well known by many of the Florida SAR members. Several years ago, Evelyn took up shooting and in particular marksmanship with a .22 cal rifle in the Project Applesseed™ shooting program. Through a weekend of shooting, the Project Applesseed™ program teaches the importance of 18<sup>th</sup> century marksmanship during the events of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Throughout the weekend, short vignettes or stories of that day are told during breaks in shooting to give an importance to the participants for learning American marksmanship.

Under the command of the British General Thomas Gage, the British governor of Massachusetts, had ordered Major John Pitcairn and Colonel Frances Smith to take a contingent of 700 British regulars to confiscate black powder and ball that had been purchased by John Hancock and Samuel Adams. The information was it had all been hidden on a farm just west of the town of Concord.

About 3 am of the morning of April 19<sup>th</sup>, the British soldiers disembarked from boats at Lechmere Point and began marching west on the post road. The colonial militias had expected it as this was the fourth attempt by Gen. Gage. When the troops were being loaded in Boston, Paul Revere was rowed across the harbor and mounted a horse to spread the word, “the regulars are about”. He was aided by Doctor William Prescott and William Dawes. Just before day break Major Pitcairn encountered some thirty patriots on Lexington Green commanded by Capt. John Parker. Shortly afterwards, eight Americans lay dead or dying and another ten wounded.

Colonel Smith had continued on ahead to Concord where he encountered Isaac Davis and the Acton militia at the North Bridge near Concord about 7 am. It is not known who fired the first shot at the North Bridge, but in the volley of fire that followed from the British regulars, Capt. Isaac Davis was the first to fall.

The picture above is Lady Evelyn and Trisha Bries, the National Coordinator of the Ladies Project Applesseed™ program, superimposed on the North Bridge. So what is a 1775 lady with a musket and a modern woman doing on the historical North Bridge

together? Those who celebrate the sacrifices of our ancestors understand we have a debt not only to our compatriots who fought to win our Liberty, but also a debt to preserve Liberty for our posterity; this picture is a visual link of that past and today’s present. Project Applesseed™ honors Liberty by sharing history, heritage, and marksmanship with Americans young and old. To learn more about this valuable program, visit <https://appleseedinfo.org/>

## *SAR Veterans Corps*

Note that the latest listing of the SAR Veterans Corps members has been posted on the NSSAR website. To learn more, please log in to <https://sar.org/> .

- (1) Place your mouse on the “Members” tab at the top of the “Home” page.
- (2) This opens a pull down menu where you can click on “SAR Committees”.
- (3) With the SAR Committees page open, please scroll down to close to the bottom of the page where you will find: **Veterans Recognition Committee**. Click on that.
- (4) That will open the **Veterans Recognition Committee** page.
- (5) On this page, you can view the PDF file that lists all **Veteran Corps Compatriots** by State Society.

The **Veteran Corps Compatriots** listing also shows the current number of SAR members per State Society and the number of Certificates the Veterans Recognition Committee has printed for each Society. The average percentage of Certificates printed based on total SAR members is only 6.14%. Unfortunately, many Societies are significantly lower, including some at 0.0%.

Please encourage your veteran members who are not members of a SAR Veteran Corps to complete the Veterans Corps application. The Veterans Recognition Committee stands ready to provide any assistance. Thank you.

Regards,  
Pat

COL Patrick J. Niemann, U.S. Army, ret.  
Chairman, NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee



# Chapter News

## Caloosa Chapter

The Caloosa Chapter presented 15 Bronze ROTC Medals to Outstanding Cadets at the Annual Army JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 1, 2019. Presenters from the Caloosa Chapter in Colonial uniform joined with dozens of other veteran and patriotic organizations at this event attended by hundreds of cadets and a total of well over a thousand people. On May 4, 2019, three Caloosa members served as Guardians and one member as a Veteran Honoree on the Collier-Lee Honor Flight Mission #19. After a day in DC visiting monuments, a welcome reception was held at RSW airport which included the Caloosa Color Guard augmented by Saramana and Naples units, along with many DAR Chapter representatives from the area. The program is now accepting applications from Vietnam Veterans for future Honor Flights. At the May 8th meeting we presented awards to members of the Ft. Myers Police Department and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.

## Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter of the SAR elected and installed several new officers in May, including Dr. W. Maynard Pittendreigh as President, Phil Markoe as First Vice President, Harry Wilklow, III, as Second Vice President, Gary Smith as Secretary, Larry Walker as Treasurer, Jeff Sizemore as Editor of the Minuteman Newsletter, Richard Hoffman as Genealogist, Burt Fairchild as Chaplain, and Andrew Showen as Color Guard Commander.

Awards were presented to several Central Florida Compatriots. Roger Sherman Bronze Medals were presented to Philip Markoe and Larry Walker. Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Richard Hoffman and W. Maynard Pittendreigh. Randall Gastfield received the Distinguished Service Medal. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Randall Allen, Stephen Atwood, Dan Dall, Donald Green, Philip Markoe, W. Maynard Pittendreigh, Gary Smith, Andrew Showen, Daniel Stebbins, Raleigh Worsham, William Worsham, and Harry Wilklow, III.

The Chapter presented Orlando Police Chief John Mina with the Liberty Bell Award. The Liberty Bell Award honors an individual who demonstrates outstanding devotion and service to the Central Florida community.



While attending a Henry Leavenworth Chapter meeting (KSSAR), Harry Wilklow III of the Central Florida SAR Chapter inducted his father, Harry Wilklow, Junior, as a memorial member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution. Memorial memberships are open to deceased fathers, uncles, brothers, and sons of SAR members.

Harry Wilklow, Jr. was a radioman/gunner on PBYS/PBMs in the Navy during WWII. He went on to become a sports announcer in Kalamazoo, MI; spent 30 years teaching civics at Battle Creek High School and Junior School; was a Battle Creek City Commissioner for 7 years and the Mayor of Battle Creek from 1964 to 1968. He was a member of the Battle Creek Optimus Club and Knights of the Round Table club. At the time of his death in 1993 he did not know his ancestors fought in the American Revolution. Had he known, he would have enjoyed being an active member of SAR.

## Flagler Chapter



On July 4, 2019 Flagler Chapter President Charlie Hayes conducted the induction ceremony for Compatriot Flynn West Edmonson in the shadow of the Flagler Chapter's Liberty Tree. Also present during the ceremony were Shelly Edmonson, Sally Hayes (Charlie's wife) and Compatriot Randall Morris, Registrar. Flynn's Patriot ancestor is James Buford, who furnished supplies to the Patriot forces in Virginia. Among Flynn's numerous Patriot ancestors is his Great- 5th- Grandfather Major (later LTC) William Edmondson, who was second in command of the Continentals under COL William Campbell at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Eight "Edmondson's" were involved in the Patriot cause at Kings Mountain. All eight of the Edmondson's at the Battle of Kings Mountain are related to Flynn! A lifelong resident of Flagler County, Flynn is the son of P. A. (Zip) Edmonson, who was Flagler County Sheriff for eighteen years. Shown in the photo are Flagler Chapter President Charlie Hayes, Compatriot Flynn Edmonson and his daughter Shelly.



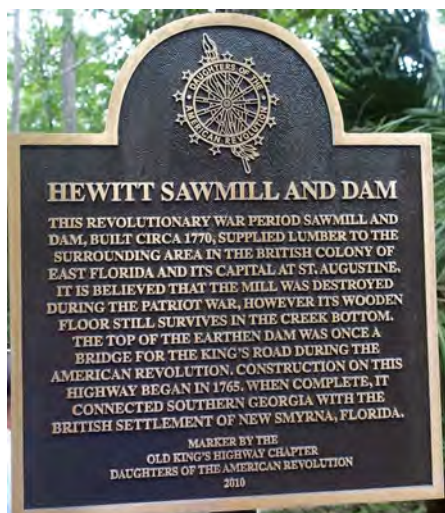
On May 29, 2019, SAR Good Citizenship Awards were presented to two outstanding Flagler Palm Coast High School graduating seniors, Catie Jones and Tyler Perry, by Chapter President Charles R. Hayes. Ms. Catie Jones graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. She was an active member in 4-H for 12 years and participated in many community projects while in high school. Enrolled in the dual high school and college student program, she will be continuing her education at Daytona State College this fall. Ms. Jones is a hard working student, who helps others while showing respect for her peers and displaying outstanding academic leadership. Mr. Perry was President of the Student Government and an active worker and intern manager of the Flagler Auditorium. He was chosen as the Student Body School Board Member on the Flagler County School Board for 2018-2019 and attended every Board Meeting. Mr. Perry will be entering Florida State University this fall.

In 2010, our Flagler Chapter made a small donation to the Old Kings Highway DAR Chapter's successful effort to erect a plaque at the historic Hewitt Sawmill and Dam Site in Flagler County along Pellicer Creek near U.S. 1. The mill provided lumber in support of the British effort to build St. Augustine during the Revolutionary War. The mill was eventually burned and the site rendered useless by invading American Patriots from Georgia during the War of 1812 with England. The site is currently an archaeology project and undergoing restoration. On June 29th, 2019, the Hewitt Sawmill and Dam plaque was rededicated. Attending the Rededication Ceremony were Compatriots Flagler Sheriff Rick Staly, David Kelsey, Victoria Kelsey (FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary), President Charlie Hayes, Flagler Chapter Flag, Speaker Roger Smith, Jerry Hanchett, Vice President Randall Morris as well as Compatriots from St. Augustine and Jacksonville not in photo.

## Jacksonville Chapter



While the Jacksonville Chapter "shuts down" for the summer, we still had plenty of public activities to keep us busy. The first was Memorial Day, when we participated in three separate events, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, the City of Jacksonville's service at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, and at American Legion Post 316 in Atlantic Beach. June saw two Habitat for Humanity home dedications, a celebration of Flag Day in conjunction with the St Augustine Chapter SAR, the recognition of our Brochure contest winner Cathleen Kivett-Smith, and our attendance at the internment of SN Herbert Poindexter at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. SN Poindexter lost his life on the USS Oklahoma on Dec 7, 1941. Independence Day was celebrated in events at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and in downtown Fernandina Beach. A history of the flag presentation was given at the Orange Park Senior Citizen Center by Compatriot John Roberson. In addition, Compatriots from our chapter attended every monthly Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court Middle District of Florida and welcomed an average of 50 new citizens from 30 countries each month.



## *Miami Chapter*

Compatriot William Wicks, William Replogle and David Mitchell as the Color Guard participated in July 4, 2019 Independence Day celebration at Biltmore Hotel. Kerry Wicks provided refreshments for the Guard. At the July meeting, Chapter President William Wicks, III opened the July Luncheon at El Novillo Restaurant in Miami, Florida, in which Ed Beals was inducted as a new member to the chapter.

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff attended the Veterans Administration Quarterly Meeting at the VA Hospital in Miami, FL on July 19, 2019. The Director introduced the Leadership personnel which was followed by the introduction of all the guests in attendance. When Compatriot Wolff rose and declared his affiliation with Sons of the American Revolution, all guests applauded and responded very favorable.

A discussion ensued about provided wheel chairs that end up placed in vehicle trunks, never to be seen again. Compatriot Wolff suggested that microdots with transponders could be affixed to areas on the wheel chairs in order to allow tracking of the equipment. He suggested that it would work similarly to the FindMy-Phone application that can be downloaded to Smart Phones. It could cut down on expense, dramatically. The suggestion found favor with the organization.

## *Saramana Chapter*

The Saramana Chapter is proud to take one of our meetings every year to honor the brave and dedicated law enforcement professionals in our community. We reach out to all of the jurisdictions and ask them to submit their outstanding candidates for the Law Enforcement Commendation Award, the Life Saving Medal, and the Medal for Heroism. The 2019 Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Recipients are as follows: Officer Christopher Hutchko – Bradenton Police Department, Corporal Kimberly Benavidez – Florida Highway Patrol, Sergeant George Taunton – Florida Highway Patrol, Detective Sergeant Brian Hall – Holmes Beach Police Department, Officer Michael Walker – Holmes Beach Police Department, Sergeant Lee Smith – Longboat Key Police Department, Detective Rebecca Angel – Manatee County Sheriff's Office, Detective Joe Rogers – Palmetto Police Department, Detective Ben Lubrano – Sarasota County Sheriff's Department and Lieutenant Scott Mayforth – Sarasota City Police Department.

It is with deep regret that the Saramana Chapter announce the passing of Jim Crandall. Per his obituary, Charles "Jim" Crandall, 93, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 17th. Jim was born to Mary Charlotte Guthneck-Crandall and Charles Guthneck on November 15, 1925. Jim married the love of his life, Anne Crandall on April 1, 1944. Together they were blessed with 3 children, Susan Crandall Swier, Jan Crandall Polizzi and Jim Crandall Jr., five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He enjoyed life to the fullest and was active in many organizations including the Sahib Temple Shrine and Sons of the American Revolution. The memorial service was held at



Toale Brother's Funeral Home Chapel at 6903 South Tamiami Trail, and on May 1, 2019, Jim's interment took place at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

## *Tampa Chapter*



The Chapter suspended meetings for the summer months but was still active. The Chapter Color Guard, Hillsborough River Camp, was busy over the summer. Led by Commander Alan Bell, the Color Guard participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post #5 USS Tampa. As pictured on the left below (r-l) are Compatriots David Bryant, Commander Bell, John Stewart (St. Petersburg), Terry Doan, John Goolsby and Dick Young. Not pictured is Compatriot John Sessums. We were joined by the Hillsborough High School JROTC in the presentation of the National Colors.

On June 11, the Tampa Chapter Color Guard, other members of the Tampa Chapter as well as members from the St. Petersburg Chapter, along with the DAR and many other organizations met the return of Honor Flight Mission 38 at the Clearwater/St Petersburg Airport. Sunday, June 30 found the Hillsborough River Camp at the Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church of Tampa where they presented the National and Christian Colors for a concert of patriotic music presented by the Brass Ensemble of The Florida Orchestra. Pictured above (right), waiting for the concert to start (l-r) are John Goolsby, Dick Young, DAR Nyssa Masters, Terry Doan and Commander Alan Bell. Miss Masters coordinated the SAR presence at this event with the Church.

This was the last Color Guard event for Commander Bell who has retired from a career of coaching and teaching and moved to East Tennessee shortly participating in this event. Alan served the Tampa Chapter in many different capacities over the past 15 years. His energies and his leadership will be missed.

Over the summer, President Goolsby has been working with St. Petersburg Compatriot Charles Butler, and others, to hold a joint SAR meeting on September 14 to celebrate Constitution Week. The featured speaker will be National SAR Library Director Joseph Hardesty.

## *The Battle of Pensacola SAR/DAR Planning Meeting*



The Battle of Pensacola is one of only three Revolutionary battle sites in the Florida. It has not had a positive focus for a number of years. The state officers and other interested parties held a high level meeting in Pensacola to address issues and plan for a return of the Celebration of the Battle of Pensacola in May 2020. Pictured on the left column, top, (L to R): DAR FL State Regent Kay Yarbrough, Lindsey Brock, SAR PG, Billie Brock, Auxiliary Past President, SAR FL State President Lee Popham, Laura Zavalia, Auxiliary Treasurer, DAR Pensacola Chapter Regent Theresa Friday.

After a pleasant dinner, we all retired to the Grand Hotel's library for some serious discussions. A time line was set and strategies agreed upon. It was exciting to see the DAR and SAR in the Panhandle and the state come together to save this historic event. Pictured on the left column, below, (L to R): Ginger Poffenburger NSDAR VPG, Theresa Friday, Kay Yarbrough, Wesley Odom, Event Coordinator, and Sophia Houser.

*The NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR,  
The Daniel Morgan Chapter, South  
Carolina SAR  
And The Kings Mountain Chapter  
North Carolina SAR  
Invite you to attend the  
239<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of  
Kings Mountain*

*Monday, October 7, 2019 at 11:00 am  
Kings Mountain National Military Park  
Blacksburg, SC*

SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic and lineage societies & chapters are invited to participate in a formal wreath laying ceremony at the United States' Monument. Participants presenting a wreath must deliver it to the Visitors Center no later than 9:30 am on October 7<sup>th</sup> for labeling and transportation to the monument. Transportation will be provided for those needing assistance to the monument. Continental, militia or period attire is encouraged.

**Please complete and return the registration form provided on the following page to [jdhoyle@rocketmail.com](mailto:jdhoyle@rocketmail.com) no later than Saturday, September 21st for the registration to be included in the printed program.**

Questions about the event can be directed to the same email address.

The Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29303 is the official hotel for



the 2019 Kings Mountain anniversary. A room of \$105 plus tax is available. The hotel can be reached at 864-585-2400. Mention the SAR block of rooms

**The deadline for making a reservation at this rate is September 13th.** Additional hotels are available in Gaffney, SC, Gastonia, NC or Kings Mountain, NC.

## *SAR Patriot Chest Program*

The SAR PATRIOT CHEST PROGRAM is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History. The program's purpose is to bring that history alive, while providing students with a sense of the times and appreciation of the Patriot men and women who founded our nation.

### *PATRIOT CHEST CONTENTS:*

**CLOTHING-** Continental Uniform Jacket, Waist Coat, Long Dress, Bonnet, Mop Cap, Apron, Tricorn Hats, Buckskin Jacket, clothing/partial uniform for one male and one female student.

**TOYS-** Doll, Spinning Top, Shut the Box game, Toy Flintlock Pistol, Ball and Stick, Spy Coins, Quilt Flags- Betsy Ross and Gadsden,

**CURRENCY-** English Coin Set, Spanish Pieces of Eight

**HUNTING / MILITARY-** Powder Horn, Charleville Musket, Pennsylvania Rifle, Hatchet, Shoulder Wallet, Fife, Enlistment Papers, Compass / Sun Dial, Continental Line and Militia Uniforms and Equipment.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS-** **Candle Stick and Holder, Candle Lantern, Teapot, Pressed Brick Tea, Fire Making Tools (flint, steel, jute), Sugar Cones and Nipper, Tin Pan, Wire Fork, Wooden Spoon, Bees Wax, Clay Pipe, Playing Cards, Medicine Bottles w/cork, Basket, Writing Quills and Ink**

**Documents-** Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights Booklets

Content Sources include: Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.; G. Gedney Godwin, Inc.; Military National Parks Museum Stores; SAR Chapter Compatriots personal collections, and the Chests or Trunks can be purchased at a Hobby Lobby Store. Also, you may visit these web sites:

[www.historylives.com/toysandgames.htm](http://www.historylives.com/toysandgames.htm),  
[www.pencaderheritage.org/main/teachtool/games.pdf](http://www.pencaderheritage.org/main/teachtool/games.pdf)

**Non-reimbursable** items include: adult clothing, military uniforms, weapons (swords, guns, pistols whether reproductions, replicas or stage props) tents, tables, and furniture. **A description of the items can be found at SAR.org, then Education, then Resources and Downloads, then Lesson Plans, then Georgia Traveling Trunk.**

Since 2013, we have introduced the Patriot Chest to the elementary and middle schools in Colorado. We have provided about 550 presentations and reached over 12,000 students. We now have two full time Patriot Chests, two part

-time Patriot Chest, a Military Camp, and a Living History Camp.

In order to assist new presenters of the Patriot Chest Program, we decided to create a training video that describes the techniques and methods for effective communication with young students. The video will show: (1) How to initiate active participation with the students, (2) Effective exchange of ideas while introducing the various colonial items listed above, and (3) How to provide basic history lessons about the Revolutionary period. The video uses the recordings of actual presentations and still pictures during a guiding narrative about the techniques and methods.

The need for this presentation guide stems from the struggling experiences expressed many compatriots who have tried to implement a Patriot Chest Program. The students and teachers love the program when it is effective and entertaining.

Thank you for considering this program for your State Society. You may order a free copy of the Patriot Chest training DVD on-line at SAR.org, then Education, then Resources and Downloads, then DVDs & CDs, scroll down and order (include your address not school address). Please contact the committee chair, Wayne Snodgrass at [wsinmd@comcast.net](mailto:wsinmd@comcast.net).

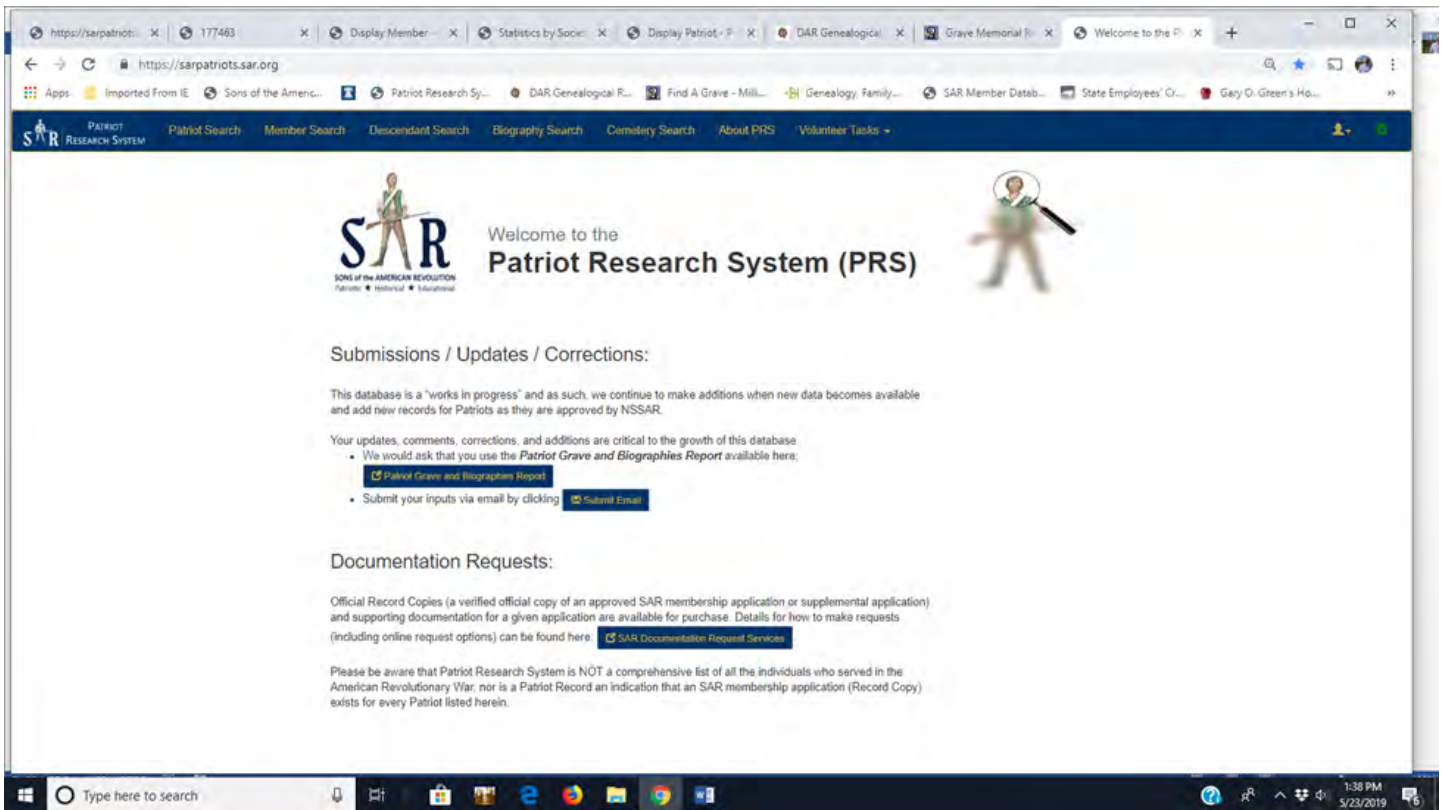
## *Board of Management Meeting Reservations*

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 post-marked 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.”*





## *Patriot Research System*

By Gary O. Green

*Why doesn't the SAR have a genealogical research system like the DAR?*

The answer is: we are working on it!

We have a national committee that is reviewing the DAR system and working to make the SAR Genealogical Research System a computer program that rivals the DAR system but then adds something more such as grave data and biographical sketches.

In the interim, we have constructed the Patriot Research System to provide research assistance to prospective members as well as connecting members to their patriots.

### History

Historically, we had a committee committed to gathering data of patriot grave records that began in 1986. Then President General Clovis Brakebill asked all current members to search their own neighborhoods and identify patriots in their area; he compiled the inputs and created a 672-page book that became the beginning of the Patriot Registry. In 1998, the Patriot Registry Committee published a Compact Disc (CD) that SAR members could purchase that included the data from PG Brakebill's book plus other data that had been gathered since the book was published.

Still later in 2012, PG Leishman formed a committee to develop an on-line database called the Patriot Index. Compatriots Dell White (KY), Michael Keen (DE), Dennis Boyer (AR) and Erick Krueger (NY) comprised the nucleus of the committee which developed the concept and the Patriot Index was prepared

by Compatriot Keen using an Apple program. The data for this program was a compilation of the book written by PG Brakebill and the Graves Registry CD. This led to duplication of many entries but there was substantial data available and many volunteers worked to include lineages connecting members to their patriot ancestors.

In 2014, PG Lindsey Brock initiated the concept of adding a patriot biography. Compatriot Doug Collins (KY) was appointed to be the chair of the Patriot Biographies Committee and this committee input over 6,000 biographies before 2018.

### Actions

In July 2017, Col (Ret) Jim Wood (NC) was tasked to consolidate the three committees, Patriot Graves Registry, Patriot Index and Patriot Biographies into one committee called the Patriot Records Committee. He inherited a number of problems trying to get the data into a workable database.

- (1) The Patriot Registry Committee did not have a computerized platform to record the grave registration data that was submitted.
- (2) The Patriot Index was stored on an Apple Computer in the basement of the SAR building in Louisville and was not being updated. The computer that the database was on was dated and in danger of failing.
- (3) The Patriot Biographies were being contributed by members and the data needed to be stored; many of the biographies were unsourced and led to skepticism about their veracity.
- (4) There was no established relationship between the SAR genealogist staff and any of the former committees.

Col Wood established a working group that included former members of the various committees and determined that the primary requirement for consolidation was to establish a new platform to store the data. Erick Krueger (NY) and



Jamie Callender (VA) collaborated to establish the *Patriot Research System (PRS)*. Inputs were received from Dennis Boyer (AR) and Gary O. Green (NC).

The tasks included:

- (1) Import and retain all the data from the former Patriot Index.
- (2) Build a stable stand-alone system that could be used right away by current members.
- (3) Establish a relationship with the SAR genealogist staff to obtain inputs from recently approved applications
- (4) Determine a procedure to gather and portray the Patriot Registry data

The import of data was accomplished with some complications that precluded separating date and location data in the Patriot Research System product. The Patriot Research System was initiated as a stand-alone program with its own server at <https://sarpatriots.sar.org> in January 2018.

Through exceptional coordination with the SAR Operations Director, Mike Scroggins and staff genealogist, Jessie Hagan, applications from 1985-1997 were scanned and submitted to the PRS. Periodically a group of recently approved applications is forwarded to the PRS.

We had no avenue for retention of the data we were receiving from those who were diligently marking graves across the nation. From the *Grave Marking Medal* applications, we added the grave marking data to include geographical coordinates, cemetery location and the date of the grave marking into the Grave Detail tab of the Patriot Research System. This data was also gathered from the *Patriot Graves and Biographies* reports submitted by chapters following grave marking programs across the nation.

Erick Krueger (NY) expanded this concept of identification of the cemeteries to include a cemetery search system that allows a researcher the opportunity to see what other patriots are buried in the same cemetery.

## Results

As of 31 May 2019, over 1.5 million page view have been delivered by the PRS and over two hundred volunteers have been trained and are working to load new data into the application.

The application provides for the following major search categories against the information in the database:

*Patriot*: the search returns information on the individual Patriot such as service, birth and death date, state of service and other information. A list of members who used the Patriot for their application is provided as well as grave and biographical information as submitted on the individual Patriot. Multiple Patriots are returned in the search if they have a same or similar name.

*Member*: the search returns the name of the member, his society, and a list of Patriots for whom the member has proven lineage

*Descendant*: the search provides a list of lineage information across known applications to show in which applications the same individual appears

*Biography*: the search returns the Patriot requested in which biographies have been submitted

*Cemetery*: the search returns cemetery records based on cemetery number, cemetery name and other criteria.

We have a great system set up to work the patriot biographies program; the inputs and display of biographies has continued to thrive under the leadership of first Dr. Fred Olive (AL) and now Michael Merryman (PA). We have experts across the nation who are continuing to make valuable contributions to the Biographies piece including Dr. Michael Gunn (OH), Michael Blum (OH), Col (Ret) Bobby Ervin (NC), Jamie Callender (VA), Dennis Boyer (AR), Clifford Hope (CA), and Robert Davidson (KS). To improve the quality of the biographies, Committee Chairman Jim Wood asked that the biographies include sources for the data.

The initial thought was to gather volunteers who would input lineage data across the nation. Programs were started in North Carolina, California, and Illinois; the programs were skillfully orchestrated by Gary O. Green (NC), Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury (CA) and Bill Wheeler (IL). These cells worked independently to input lineage data for compatriots in their respective societies. This concept seemed to be productive as the first input was each volunteer's own data. The next step was to update the data of each volunteer's own chapter and then branch out to add other chapters across the state society.

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We also have over 200 volunteers who are creating connections between members and their patriots, entering lineages for themselves, their chapter and state societies and entering biographies.

- (1) The program was successfully implemented in North Carolina; 96% of the Society's application data was entered in just eleven months. North Carolina volunteers Jim Campbell, Gene Funderburk, Ted Zajac, David Leebrick, Ed McBride, Michael Snow and Bobby Ervin have all earned Lafayette medals for their efforts. California has completed 11% to date [Terry Briggs, Jeffrey Sylvan, Jim Faulkinbury are recipients of the Lafayette medal] and Illinois is at 16% led by Bill Wheeler; Herb Martin, George Gillespie have earned the Lafayette medal
- (2) In addition, programs have been started in Rhode Island (96%) by Glenn Russell, Mexico (94%), Canada (90%), International (79%) all by Paul Callanan, Oregon (48%) by Michael Tieman, Wisconsin (36%) by Don Kaus, Nebraska (28%), Utah (26%) by Jack Arnold and Bill Simpson, South Carolina (20%) by Peter Somerville and Thomas Blackmon. Arkansas (19%) by Richard Martin, David Dorrrough and Dennis Boyer, Indiana (18%) by Allen Manning, and Louisiana (10%) by Cliff Normand. Many of these are one-man programs.
- (3) We have the start of programs in Virginia [Jamie Callender], Maryland [Jim Engler], Florida [Lee Popham], Ohio [Michael Blum and Michael Gunn], New Jersey [Gary Walling]

Arkansas [Richard Martin] and Massachusetts [Matthew Sargent]. (4) We have a nascent program of combining patriot graves in the respective cemeteries to allow future researchers the advantage of going to specific locations to gather further evidence about their heritage.

The biggest concern expressed by SAR members to the Patriot Records Committee is that they have been in the SAR for a number of years and their patriot is listed as “Unindexed.” Volunteers are currently connecting members to their patriots across a number of states such as Pennsylvania [Brian Ladley], Tennessee [Joshua Savage], New York [Erick Krueger], and Georgia [Jamie Ruff] to rectify this concern.

Taking input from former leaders in the Patriot Index, we had to devise a way to train volunteers and review data inputs by the many volunteers to preclude placing inconsistent data into the system.

- (1) We developed hand-out procedures that include screen shots for volunteers to review and then initiate the data input.
- (2) We also devised a system of two-man review; one volunteer makes the data input and another reviews the input for accuracy. The work is still going. We have completed about 14% of the data input across the nation.

### The Future

Look at the market that exists today where we are recruiting. The Generation X (age 38-53) and Millennials (age 22-37) work with the Internet and expect to find what they want online rather than going to the library to read a book. They judge by what they see on an organization’s web site. The world today is not what it was yesterday.

A “GRS” is not worth much without data. The value comes from the data that is available for research and analysis. Too many people think once we have a “GRS” we will solve all our problems but that is just not true. The PRS that is now running is about 60-70% of a full GRS. The two features that are missing are the ability to order a record copy online and the presence of source documents.

### Next Step

So, what can YOU do? We need SAR members who can

- (1) Volunteer to make application inputs – one lineage per day for one year OR
- (2) Volunteer to write biographies for your chapter members OR
- (3) Volunteer to Index (connect members of your society to their patriots) OR
- (4) Volunteer to review the inputs of other members.

For more information on the program, contact Gary O. Green at [garyogreen@gmail.com](mailto:garyogreen@gmail.com)

## *Strangers in a Strange Land! Revolutionary War Loyalists...*

Compiled & Edited By Don Lanman, State Officer, FMR  
President Palm Beach Chapter SAR

The history of the Revolutionary War is really the story of the “First American Civil War”! It’s a story of a struggle between a diverse population of early Americans separated by 13 individual colonies and two distinct tribes labeled Patriots and Loyalists, and making the American Revolution not simply a national story, but a global one.



During the *American Revolution*, those who continued to support King **George III** of *Great Britain* came to be known as **Loyalists**.

Thus, Loyalists are to be contrasted from **Patriots**, who supported a Revolution to gain self-rule against Great Britain.

Historians have estimated that during the American Revolution, between 15 and 20 percent of the white population of the colonies, or about 500,000 people, were Loyalists. Being in the minority the Loyalists faced two kinds of persecution during the Revolution, one constitutionally and the other by lawless mobs. Patriots simply refused to tolerate anyone who was active on behalf of the Crown and or called for the King to send troops to destroy the Patriots. Even before the war started, it was at the hands of these mobs that British officials and Loyalists first suffered direct attacks. Probably the worst of the revolutionary mobs was that which gathered in the streets of Boston.

In 1765, at the time of the *Stamp Act* agitation, large crowds in Boston attacked and destroyed businesses and property including the houses of community leaders *Andrew Oliver* and *Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hutchinson*.

As the war concluded with **Great Britain** defeated by the *Americans* and the *French*, the most active Loyalists were no longer welcome in the new United States of America, and sought to move elsewhere in the *British Empire*.

The complex nature of the Loyalists story is well told by period author Maya Jasanoff, in her book, *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World*.

Through the individual stories of selected loyalists, Jasanoff details their thoughts, ideas, decisions and motives to leave America following the war to resettle in England and or the English Colonies of Canada, Caribbean, Australia, India and Africa. Jasanoff notes:

“Perhaps the most surprising truth about Loyalist refugees was how varied a role ideology might play in their decision making. Though they shared an allegiance to the king and a commitment to the empire, their precise beliefs otherwise ranged widely.



Some expressed sophisticated intellectual reasons for their position while for others, loyalism stemmed from a personal commitment to the existing order of things, a sense that it was better to stick with the devil you knew.

Also widespread was a pragmatic opinion that the colonies were economically and strategically better off as part of the British Empire. The extent and depth of loyalism points to a fundamental feature of this conflict that the term "revolution" belies.

This was quite simply a civil war as routinely described by contemporaries on both sides of the Atlantic. Polarizing communities, destroying friendships, dividing families, most famously Benjamin Franklin, the founding father, from his only son William, a loyalist.

The Revolutionary War was the longest war Americans fought before Vietnam, and the bloodiest until the American Civil War of 1861–1865.

Recovering from the contingency, coercion, and sheer violence of the American Revolution explains why so many loyalists chose to depart, driven by fear of harassment as much as by commitment to principle. By the same token, self-interest could be as powerful a motivator as core beliefs, as the cases



Legal document dated July 1, 1780 Kentucky County, Virginia confiscating the land of Loyalists John Conolly & Alexander McKee, adjudged to be British subjects. Daniel Boone is listed as a jury member

of runaway slaves and Britain's local Indian allies perhaps make most clear.”

Thus, this range of reasons, ideological and otherwise, led so many Loyalists to the same defining choice of leaving the new United States of America.

Of the sixty thousand loyalists who left America, about eight thousand whites and five thousand free blacks traveled to Great Britain, often to find themselves strangers in a strange land.

The majority of refugees, however, headed to the British colonies, accepting English incentives of free land, provisions, supplies and related forms of compensation as reward for their loyalty to the Crown.

Over half of the Loyalists relocated to the northern British provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, helping to transform these northern regions from the once French dominated region to the English Canada of today.

A further six thousand Loyalists, especially from the American south, traveled to the English Colonies of Jamaica and the Bahamas along with over fifteen thousand of their slaves. The East India Company and its army also benefited acquiring American born Officers and professionals, including two sons of the notorious turncoat Benedict Arnold.



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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One of the most surprising migrations was the nearly twelve hundred black loyalists moved to Africa, under the sponsorship of British abolitionists, to found the utopian inspired settlement of Freetown, in Sierra Leone.

In short, while thousands of Loyalists landed in every corner of the British Empire, a majority of the Loyalists (estimated at 80%) remained in the United States, and eventually were welcomed back to enjoy full citizenship.



*Loyalists Refugees head to Canada*  
By Howard Pyle

## *Board of Management Committee Schedule*

### Friday:

- 11:00 AM – Commemorative Historic Site
- 1:00 PM – Strategic Planning Committee
- 1:30 PM – PRS Workshop
- 3:00 PM – Education Outreach Committee
- 4:00 PM – Membership Promotion & Retention
- 5:00 PM – Communication Discussion Group
- 5:00 PM – Color Guard Committee

### Saturday:

- 9:00 AM – Youth Committee Discussion Group
- 10:00 AM – 2023 Congress Planning Committee
- 1:00 PM – Executive Committee
- 2:00 PM – National Candidate Forum

For more details on the length of these meetings and their location, visit the FLSSAR website.



## *John Eager Howard 1752-1827 Continental Officer, Delegate to Congress, & Governmental Official*

One of the Continental Army's best field officers, Howard was a mainstay of the American Southern campaigns in 1780 and 1781 as a commander of the redoubtable Maryland Continentals. He was born on a country estate near Baltimore and received an education at home from private tutors. He entered the military as a captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Battalion, organized in mid-1776 as part of the Flying Camp strategic reserve and fought at the Battle of White Plains. In February 1777, Howard was commissioned as a major in the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland with which he served at Germantown. In March of the following year, he transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland as a Lieutenant Colonel, taking part in the Battle of Monmouth in June.

The Marylander moved to the southern theater in 1780 and individual regiments were virtually destroyed at the debacle at Camden. Remnants of former units were combined, however, into a Maryland detachment and Howard had field command of a group of these veterans whose combat experience was not exceeded by any other soldiers of the Continental Army. Howard and his men were more than a match for the finest British troops, and they were probably the best among American forces at the bayonet attack, a primary battle tactic that had been the sole province of the British early in the year.

Howard's finest moments were at the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781. He and his Marylanders held the reserve positions behind the militia, and when Tarleton's British infantry launched a headlong chase of the retreating American amateurs, Howard met them with a debt maneuver and then a hardy bayonet charge that shattered the British assault and assured a complete victory for the Americans – one of the few clear-cut battlefield victories of the Southern campaign or of the entire war for that matter. Howard received the thanks of Congress and a medal for his crucial role at Cowpens. He also led his men at the ensuing battles at Guilford Courthouse, Hobkirk's Hill (saving Nathaniel Green's army from disaster with another bayonet charge) and Eutaw Springs. As one observer has pointed out, merely to have participated in so many crucial battles was unusual, but to have been distinguished in nearly all was remarkable.

After the Revolution, Howard entered a long period of public service. He was a delegate to the Confederation Congress in 1788 and served as governor of Maryland from 1789 until 1791, when he moved to the state senate for a four-year stint. In 1796, he was elected to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate, serving until 1803 and acting as president pro tem during part of that period. As a Federalist, he fell from power after the turn of the century, but he had previously declined appointments as Secretary of War and Brigadier General. He was the unsuccessful Federalist candidate for Vice President in 1816.



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