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Society President's Message

Hi Everybody,

There is lots of good stuff going on throughout the Florida Society, and I want to use this space to update you on some of the major activities that are taking place around the State of Florida: Regional Meetings have replaced the Orlando Winter BOM; All three Florida Historical Celebrations are on the horizon; Youth Award Contests and Recognitions are in full swing; The Education Outreach Committee has been chartered; The Patriot Records System (PRS) has made great strides; and, New Chapter Officer Installations are right around the corner!

Regional Meetings are being held over the next few months, replacing the statewide Board of Managers (BOM) meeting normally held in Orlando in early February. This will give more of our Compatriots a chance to participate in our statewide projects and affairs, without spending the time and expense of traveling outside of their home area. Those Regions that have held separate meetings over the past few years have reported a great deal of interest and enthusiastic support from those Compatriots in attendance, and we hope this will spread to all the Florida SAR Regions this year. As of this writing, the West Central Region has already held a successful meeting in the Tampa area, and nearly all Regions have set dates, times, and places between now and the end of February 2020.

Three battles were fought in Florida territory during the American Revolution, and Historical Celebrations will be held at each of these locations in the coming months. Mark your Event Calendars today, and take advantage of the hotel room blocks if you will be staying overnight!

6-7 March 2020 – The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution took place offshore from Merritt Island, where the commemorative ceremony will be held. This is an SAR National Event, and several of our National Officers – including President General Jack Manning – will be in attendance. In addition, the SAR South Atlantic District (NC, SC, GA, and Florida Societies) meeting will take place on Friday, 6 March.

27-28 March 2020 – The Battle of Thomas Creek took place just north of Jacksonville. The Colonials were defeated at this battle site, in their attempt to capture the British stronghold at St. Augustine. A block of rooms have been set aside at the SpringHill Suites Jacksonville Airport for Friday night, with the ceremony taking place on Saturday.

8-10 May 2020 – It has been several years since the Florida SAR has celebrated the victory at the Battle of Pensacola in earnest. Earlier this year, representatives of the Florida SAR, the SAR Pensacola Chapter, the SAR Northwest Region, the Florida and National DAR, and the National C.A.R. joined together in a combined meeting to plan the 2020 Battle of Pensacola celebration. Please be sure to mark your calendar, and join us for this SAR National Event!

The combined Youth Awards Council met at the Florida SAR Fall BOM in Orlando in October, and distributed all of the materials and entry forms for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest, the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, the elementary school Poster Contest, the middle school Brochure Contest, the high school Essay Contest (Florida SAR's winner



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.

took 1st Place nationally last year), and the college ROTC and high school JROTC award and recognition programs. These will all be discussed again at the upcoming Regional meetings, in case you were unable to attend the Fall BOM in Orlando.

The Educational Outreach Committee was formed at the BOM in October, and those Committee members are well on their way to providing meaningful input and assistance to all Florida educational institutions, including curriculum content assistance and a cadre of volunteers willing to review text and curriculum content for historical accuracy.

The Patriot Records System (PRS) seminar that was presented by Compatriot Gary Green at the Spring BOM in May, combined with the PRS Workshop in the Fall BOM, has become a huge success in Florida. We started with only 1% of the Florida Compatriot Record Copies having been manually entered into the database by volunteers at the May meeting. As of this writing, a host of new volunteers have now entered 2,511 of the 8,121 Florida Compatriot Record Copies available, or 30.9%. You can now use the following link to find the lineage of many Patriot Ancestors who have been manually entered into the PRS:

<https://www.sar.org/genealogy/patriot-research-system>. Its much easier to help friends and relatives find out if they qualify for SAR membership, if there is a documented lineage already on file in the PRS system!

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, we can easily become the largest Society in SAR. We ended last year with 2,486 Compatriots at 31 December, and our state database lists 2,553 Compatriots as of this writing – with more than six weeks to go in this 2019 calendar year. I hope you will bring your family history materials with you to your Regional meeting, and seek help to get your Membership, Supplemental, and Memorial Applications completed and filed. I hope to see you there!

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

Wm. Lee Popham

President, 2019-2020

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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.

Tadeusz Kościuszko and the Revolutionary War

By Benard W. Wolff

It is not common for many to embrace the contributions or even be aware of the Polish contribution during the American Revolutionary War. At one time, a brief reference was made to Tadeusz Kościuszko in American History classes detailing (when taught and minimally) his personal and professional involvement in our noble enterprise. Kościuszko brought invaluable experience in the guise of a combat engineer to the Colonial front.



Kościuszko travelled to the Colonies and introduced himself to Washington, telling him that he would do anything Washington wanted him to do in the cause of freedom and the advancement of liberty. Washington soon found that his new volunteer had a science background and learned in the art of fortification and so put him in charge of defenses at Saratoga as Chief Engineer under General Gates. Kościuszko also was engaged at Ticonderoga and Mount Independence and later assisted General Schuyler.. After Saratoga, Washington put Colonel Kościuszko in charge of the fortifications at West Point, relieving Colonel Radiere. All were impressed by his abilities that later an area was dedicated to him which is called Kościuszko's Garden and where can be found a memorial presented by the corps of Cadets. The memorial can be seen on a high point overlooking the river with a beautiful view of the mountains and surrounding area. A fitting testimonial, indeed!

On a side note, in September 1778, Colonel Kościuszko acted as second to General Gates in a duel fought at Yorktown against General Wilkinson. This event stirred up so much animosity on all sides that it almost found General Wilkinson's second, Colonel John Carter, challenging Colonel Kościuszko to their own duel!

Washington was so enthralled with Colonel Kościuszko's capabilities and behavior that he sent him to South Carolina and Georgia to assist the war effort in the South. Colonel Kościuszko won the admiration of the officers with whom he served, being described as both chivalrous and of gentlemanly conduct. Washington promoted Colonel Kościuszko to the rank of Brigadier General for his long, faithful, and honorable service in the American Army. A member of the Society of the Cincinnati, Brigadier General Kościuszko wore his decoration in the most heated of battles upon returning to Europe, including those in his own country after the American Revolutionary War.

Even David Humphries, who served with him at West Point and Saratoga was bemused by his name. He accompanied him on his return to Europe and wrote that even the bards had a challenge putting his name to rhyme. Amelia Opie, an English writer, after the Warsaw uprising of which Kościuszko played a role, was enamored by his early painting in his Polish military uniform but disappointed in his later appearance. She wrote He was not much above the middle height, had high cheek bones, and his features were not of a distinguished cast; with the exception of his eyes, which were fine and expressive ... His forehead was covered by a curled auburn wig, much to my vexation, as I should have liked to have seen his honorable scar ... The tone of

his voice was peculiar, and not pleasing. He often wore a band of black cloth about his forehead to hide a severe scar suffered in a European battle.

He later returned to the United States and spent some time with being lauded by everybody from civilians to the military. Not comfortable with the pomp and circumstance, he disengaged from the spotlight and spent time with his friends (Washington, Jefferson, and others). One day He received cryptic news from Europe and returned and spent the rest of his life believing in the values of freedom and liberty. His last days were occupied by doing works of mercy near the place of his death in Switzerland. His body now rests in Krakov and his heart in the chapel at the Royal Palace in Warsaw. At the battle site of Wraclawice, a banner has been erected that says, "Kościuszko, the friend of Washington."

DAR Fall Forum

On September 19 – 22, 2019, the SAR – DAR Liaison Committee once again stepped up to staff an information table at the Florida State Society DAR Fall Forum Meeting. This year the dates of Fall Forum coincided with the NSSAR Leadership meeting in Louisville resulting in many regular attendees being unable to attend the DAR event. Compatriot Hamp Allen did a great job of coordinating the event for FSSAR.

On the final day of the meetings, FSSDAR Committee Chairs set up table displays showing their projects and accomplishments. This "Forum" as an opportunity for members to talk to committees about what is going on and become involved if they are interested. H amp worked with Vanessa at the Sunday morning event, answering questions from members.



Pictured above (Left to right) are Dick Young, Dave Ramseur, Hamp Allen, John Stewart, DAR SAR-SR Liaison Chair Vanessa Talbott, Jeff Brunelle, Len Crame

Hamp's Report: We had a great turnout of our FLS-SAR Compatriots for the SAR Information Display for this event. We had a total of 9 SAR Compatriots that assisted during this event. In addition Lady Evelyn was there with Compatriot Rick Haven – they had a beautiful display of colonial dresses and hats that drew a lot of attention to their display from the Florida Daughters.

The SAR display was set up on Friday afternoon, where I was joined by Compatriot David Ramseur in his uni-



form. On Saturday, we had the following Compatriots that manned the SAR display and information table:

Hamp Allen, Charles Butler, David Ramseur, John Stewart, Jeff Brunelle, Len Crame, Dick Young (Manned the display while several of us attend the Constitution Luncheon), Jeff Sizemore (Came by during the lunch break with copies of the Florida Patriot), and Rick Havens & Lady Evelyn (Manned their display next to our SAR display)

We were joined most of the day on Saturday by Vanessa Talbott, FL DAR State SAR Liaison Chair. She made three colonial clothing changes and was a big draw throughout the day. Jeff Brunelle and I were both asked to pull the winning tickets for the Page Baskets, which was a lot of fun with them. Vanessa and I both in colonial dress worked the DAR/SAR display on Sunday morning during that Fall Forum event.

Our SAR Compatriots had a great time and enjoyed our interface with everyone all throughout Fall Forum.

Vanessa's Report: I wanted to thank you for coordinating the efforts of the volunteers for the SAR information table. They did a fantastic job answering questions, assisting members and being willing participants in all of the photo opportunities. As it turns out, they were given two 6 foot tables which gave them plenty of room to display all of the items.

Rick Haven and Lady Evelyn were very well received. Many ladies commented to me that they really enjoyed their displays, placing an order and had fun purchasing the hats. Thankfully, there was plenty of room for the beautifully dressed, eye catching mannequins! The new hotel has plenty of space to spread out, it's lovely! I'm so glad that he received seven orders and Lady Evelyn sold six of her hats. They are a lovely, talented couple.

We really had a great time and many stopped by our table for either information or to take our picture so we were busy. Our deadline for the next Florida Daughters e-bulletin is October 15th. I'm planning to submit a committee write-up emphasizing the importance of filling out the DAR Finder Forum and making sure it is submitted to the Chapter Registrars so that they can send that form on to the State Registrars. I will modify the post each time but make sure that it is shared in each edition of the e-bulletin too.

No Vet Left Behind...

Missing in America Project!

By Don Lanman, US Army Veteran & Former President Palm Beach Chapter SAR

"I can't promise you that I will bring you all home alive. But this I swear, before you and before Almighty God, that when we go into battle, I will be the first to set foot on the field, and I will be the last to step off, and I will leave no one behind. Dead or Alive, we will all come Home together. So help me, God."

~General Hal Moore before the bloody Battle of the La-Drang Valley Vietnam 1965...

"The Battle that changed the War in Vietnam"

"No Vet left Behind..." has been an eternal promise and profound commitment to all American Veterans from Bunker Hill to the blood soaked killing fields of the Civil War and Vietnam, to the desolate deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan... "Dead or

Alive, We all come Home!”

Founded in 2006, the national Missing in America Project (MIA, www.miap.us) is a veteran remains recovery program with the noble mission to locate, identify and inter, with full military honors, the unclaimed cremated remains of American Veterans through the joint efforts of volunteers, private, civic, state and federal organizations.

While it's difficult to comprehend, one state hospital reported over 3,500 unclaimed cremains sitting on their shelves, yet to be identified, and representing a time span from the 1890s to 1971. It is estimated that thousands of these cremains are veterans. This tragedy is happening in every state.

Now through a nation-wide effort, the MIA Project continues its mission to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of our forgotten veterans through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of the American Legion, VFW, Veteran and, service organizations, local funeral homes, State Funeral Commissions, State and National Veterans Administration Agencies, State and National Veterans Cemetery Administrations.

Working together, these organizations assure that all local, state and national laws are followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the unclaimed veterans' remains, to assure that these forgotten veterans, who served our country, are buried with the honor, dignity and respect they earned.

Since 2006 the MIA Project has contacted over 2,100 funeral homes, located 15,259 unclaimed cremains, identified and interred, with full military honors, over 3,200 Veterans, but the work continues. The Palm Beach Chapter SAR and local DAR Chapters have supported the MIA Project for several years providing escorts and related support at each of the military interment ceremonies for these forgotten heroes.

In honor and with respect for those Veterans who served our country, Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriots attend all of the Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies to help inter the unclaimed cremated remains of our honored Veterans and military spouses with full military honors including Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps and 21 Gun Salutes.

These forgotten heroes served honorably in all our Nation's armed conflicts from World Wars I & II, Korea, and Vietnam, to the Cold War, and from all branches including the Army, Marines, Airforce and Navy!

DAR, SAR and Palm Beach County Schools District "Constitution Week" Collaboration Report

By Don Lanman

I am proud to present you with a recap of an important youth education collaboration project involving several *Palm Beach DAR Chapters* along with the *Palm Beach Chapter SAR* and the *School District of Palm Beach County*. The *DAR Chapters* supporting the program included: *Estahakee Chapter, Henry Morrison Flagler Chapter, Palm Beach Chapter, Seminole Chapter, Spirit of Liberty Chapter, Garsilaso de la Vega Chapter*.

September 17-23 was Constitution Week throughout the state of Florida, and this year for the first time, The *School District of Palm Beach County's Department of Teaching and*



Learning, in partnership with *Palm Beach Chapters* of the *DAR* and the *Palm Beach Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)* offered a week of planned activities engaging lessons for students to celebrate Constitution Day. For this first-year effort, the estimated number of students reached 13,525. (see attached report)

The Constitution Week plan included providing classroom tool kits with to 5th, 7th and 11/12th grade teachers who signed up to be included in the distribution. The toolkit included the Constitution Poster, Constitution booklets, Bookmark for the teacher and sets of baseball - style cards that highlight the role of less-known figures had shaping of the United States', including the influence of minorities on the history of the country. 36 Palm Beach county schools registered including 19 Elementary Schools; 12 middle schools and 5 high schools. A total of 211 Classroom Toolkits were delivered by DAR Daughters from Palm Beach County Chapters to the schools.

The leadership of the *DAR* and dedication of their *State Constitution Week Chairperson, Ms. Marjorie Ferrer*, cannot be overstated and represents another example of the *DAR* and *SAR* working together with local education officials to further our collective mission of educating our youth on the vision of our Founding Fathers.

Ben Franklin Medal

Of all of the worthwhile giving opportunities that exists to support the SAR in its patriotic, historical, and educational missions, possibly the least understood and least supported is the Friends of the Library. While many make a one-time \$25 donation and receive the lapel pin, what they too often forget is that membership in FOL is similar in nature to our annual SAR dues, payable every year. The Franklin Flyer contest is based on current FOL members at the end of the year. Sadly, because of this misunderstanding regarding continuing membership in FOL, less than 1% of our members are Friends of the Library in any given year.

There are of course other ways to support your SAR Library. In addition to the \$25 FOL yearly membership, there are four other giving opportunities: (1) Benjamin Franklin Subscriber for gifts of \$300 or more from an individual, SAR chapter, state-level society, or non-SAR organization. (2) Library Endowment Fund Contributor for gifts of \$500 or more. (3) Friends of the Library Life Membership for one-time gifts of \$1,000 or more. (4) Robert Morris Benefactor for a one-time contribution of \$2,000 or more.

For several years now, the only tangible evidence of your support and membership in Friends of the Library was

the FOL lapel pin. Donors at the Benjamin Franklin Subscriber level, Library Endowment Fund Contributors, Lifetime Members of the Friends of the Library, and Robert Morris Benefactors have been recognized by name at the donor breakfast and receive a certificate.

Until now! The Benjamin Franklin Medal was approved in September 2019 at the Fall Leadership meeting to recognize individuals who donate \$300 (Benjamin Franklin Subscriber level) or more in support of the SAR Library. For donations in excess of \$300, a bar attachment will be awarded recognizing Library Endowment Fund Contributor status, Friends of the Library Life Membership status, and Robert Morris Benefactor Status. A look-back date of July 11, 2018 was established to recognize those individuals who have already supported the library at these levels. Donors who become Benjamin Franklin Subscribers or Library Endowment Fund Contributors are counted as Friends of the Library for the year of their donation, thus improving their state society's chances of winning the Franklin Flyer competition. This medal and the accompanying recognition are only for individuals; chapters and state societies are not eligible for this recognition.

Your continued support of the library is vital to the SAR's mission to promote fellowship among the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution and to foster a deeper reverence and love for our great nation and the institutions of freedom and liberty bestowed on us by our Founding Fathers, unmatched and unparalleled in the history of the world. In some form or fashion we all began our SAR lives in a library. Help others do the same by supporting your SAR library, and earn the Benjamin Franklin Medal.

Calendar of Events

2/22/2020: Florida C.A.R. Annual Banquet -Florida SAR has been invited to provide the color guard at the opening of the Saturday evening banquet. I believe there are three flags, US, Florida and C.A.R. and it would be good to have at least one musket bearer as well. We can have as many as we can get there. Meeting is at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista Resort at 8100 Lake Street in Orlando, 32836.

2/22/2020: The 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in Currie, NC.

3/6/2020: Florida DAR State Conference - Kay Yarbrough, Florida DAR State Regent has invited the Florida SAR to Present the Colors at the opening of the Friday evening meeting (not banquet - or so I understand). This meeting will be held at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World at 6677 Sea Harbor Drive in Orlando, 32821.

3/7/2020: The Last Naval Battle Commemoration to be held at the Veteran's Center located in Merritt Island, FL.

3/28/2020: The 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek to be held in Jacksonville, FL

5/1 – 5/3/2020: FLSSAR Spring BOM/Annual Meeting at the Embassy Suite located in Kissimmee, FL.

5/13/2020: The 245th Anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot

New Member Induction

At the FLSSAR Fall BOM meeting, Taylor Gaskins (Junior Member) was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution. His father, Steve Gaskins was also presented a SAR rosette and was inducted into the SAR previously. Compatriot Jim Gaskins was overjoyed to see his son and grandson become members of the SAR. Herein below are pictures of the induction ceremony.





Last Naval Battle Reservation Form



BREVARD COUNTY'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITE YOUR GROUP TO MARCH WITH US AT OUR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FOUGHT OFF THE COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

**March 07, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center 400 South Sykes
Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER - FREE**. Water will be provided. There will a "**Wreath laying Ceremony**" for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes - chairs will be setup, but bring your own just in case we run out - **Speeches will be kept short!** *Reservations for Color Guard/group participation, Wreath presentations, and lunch reservations must be received by February 25, 2020.*

Instructions: To make your group's reservation, **Save** this PDF form to your computer, **open** from your computer, **fill out** the fields, then **Save** and **attach** the file to an e-mail message.

Reservation for Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:

Group/Unit name _____

How many will be attending = _____

Wreath presentation:

Will ___ Won't ___ be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES.

Group/Individual name presenting the wreath _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number ___ - ___ - _____

E-mail: _____

Please send completed form to: Barry Eller 1360 Phyllis Dr Merritt Island FL 32952

Email Contact emailbrevardsar@gmail.com- Phone contact (571) 224-2945

Chapter News

Aaron Snowden Chapter—Milton



Herein pictures are the chapter winners of the poster contest.



On Veteran's Day, the chapter dedicated a tree and placed a marker within the Santa Rosa Veterans Park located in Milton, Florida.

The marker indicates that this tree is known as a "Liberty Tree" that has been dedicated by the Aaron Snowden SAR Chapter.

Brevard Chapter

It is hereby announced that the cannon and the LNB marker from its present location to the memorial garden area next to the Spanish American War monument at the Veterans Center. This relocation is to be completed by March. In the previous location, it was almost hidden from all the other memorials and had little to no traffic except for the hidden quest game for the children. When the move is completed, more people will be able to visit and read about the local history during the American Revolution.

Visit our Website (brevardsar.org)! Robbie Carlisle has done a great job of updating the information with the help of Carroll Lord and Berry Eller. Note that at this year's anniversary of the Last Naval Battle celebration, NSSAR President General John T. Manning will be in attendance.

Caloosa Chapter—Ft. Myers

On November 4, 2019, the chapter participated in Honor Flight Mission #21. Making up the color guard at this event were members from the Caloosa Chapter, the Naples Chapter, & the Saramana Chapter. The local DAR chapters (Caloosahatchee, Lawrence Kearney, and Shannah) also participated in the send-off of veterans on this Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Below are pictures of this event.





There was a fine turnout for the November 9, 2019 Membership Meeting with over 40 members and guests in attendance. We inducted two new compatriots – Jeff Brunelle and Warren White – and we had five prospective members join with us along with guests from two other SAR chapters and from four DAR chapters. The Bronze Color Guard Medal was presented to Compatriot Hamp Allen and Certificates of Appreciation from the Gulf Middle School were presented to color guard members who have been making annual presentations to their student for the past five years. Following a delicious turkey dinner, we were treated to an interesting presentation *Virginia and the American Revolution* by Dr. Cindy Coiner. Following the presentation, the Caloosa Chapter presented Cindy the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of her major contributions to her community in the fields of counseling and education.

At the December 11, 2019 meeting, we inducted two new compatriots – Ronald Hicks and Jerry Hurst – and we had three prospective members join with us. Senior Vice President David Bussone was our honored guest, substituting for FLSSAR President Lee Popham who was coping with a family tragedy and was unable to attend as planned. Snowbirds are returning as well and we are happy to see them again as we reach “peak season”. Compatriot Albert Myers was recognized for obtaining approval of his 22nd Supplemental. We had a chance to review and select the top three entries in the **Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest** from four contestants who were all from the Gulf Middle School in Cape Coral.

Central Florida Chapter

At the October meeting, Don Green gave a presentation titled "An Exciting Account of our Country's First Decade of Presidential Elections 1789-1800". After the Veterans Day Parade that was held in downtown Orlando, the chapter meeting was held in which Dr. Roger Smith was our speaker. Note that he also participated in the parade that was held in the morning. Then at the December meeting, Jeff Sizemore spoke on Benedict Arnold. Pictured below are several members serving as a color guard at the Veterans Day Parade that started at Orange Avenue & Robinson Street along with a picture from our December meeting.



Clearwater Chapter

Kevin MacFarland and 1st Vice President Robert Anderson presented a 76 years membership certificate to Richard Norman Egbert at Atria Assisted Living on Tuesday October 22, 2019. Compatriot Egbert is 97 years old. He joined the SAR in 1943 at age 21. During World War II he served as a Signalman in the US Army in the European Theater of Operation. Pictured below (from left to right) are Robert Anderson (1st VP) , Richard Egbert, and Kevin MacFarland.



Herein also are some pictures of some of our members participating at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at some of the local cemeteries in the Metro Orlando area.

Flagler Chapter



On October 9, 2019, the Captain James Ormond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Suffragettes were featured at the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution regular meeting. "A Visit from Five Remarkable Suffragettes" was the theme for the presentation. An informative skit was presented outlining the contributions made by the five suffragettes who spearheaded the evolving women's right to vote movement. The fight for women's suffrage began in 1818 and these five ladies championed the cause culminating in 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified. From L to R Front Row: Moderator Karen Knowles, Carol Austin as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Carla Weber as Carrie Clinton Lane Catt, Captain James Ormond Chapter Regent Dee Clark as Esther Hobart Morris, Diana Zimmerman as Susan B. Anthony, Nancy Roddy as Lucretia Coffin Mott, Gloria Deen, a descendant of several of Flagler County's 1st women voters, Educator Clara Webster, 2nd Vice Regent DeLand DAR Elizabeth Lendian. From L to R Back Row: Florida Society SAR Senior VP David Bussone, Flagler Chapter SAR VP Randall Morris, Flagler Chapter SAR President Charles Hayes, Florida Society SAR NE Regional VP James Gaskins,



On October 11, 2019, Lt. Armando Castaneda, Fire-fighter Paramedic, Flagler County Fire Rescue, received the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Medal & Certificate at the Flagler County Emergency Operations Center. Compatriot Dr. Tom Howard (Left Center) presented the medal and Chapter President Charles Hayes (Left) presented the Certificate. This award is in recognition of Lt. Armando Castaneda's

accomplishments and outstanding contribution to protect human life and property. Deputy Fire Rescue Chief Joe King (Right) noted that Lt. Castaneda (Right Center) is an important member of the Training Committee, Awards Committee, and an instructor at the high school Fire Academy as well as being influential in developing with other agencies an "active shooter" response for our county. Additionally, Lt. Castaneda provides training at conferences throughout the state of Florida.



On October 15th, 2019, Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate at the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Headquarters. Sheriff Staly (Center) was presented the medal by Chapter President Charles Hayes (L) and the certificate by 1st Vice President Randall Morris (R). The medal recognizes outstanding achievement, exceptional service, and dedication to the maintenance of law and order in our community. Chief Mark Strobridge, Flagler County Sheriff's Office, nominated Sheriff Staly for this award noting that crime has decreased 24% over the past three years and that Sheriff Staly is the recipient of the 2019 Florida Sheriff's Association Lifetime Achievement Award based on his 45-year law enforcement career characterized by exceptional service to the citizens of Florida. In accepting this award, Sheriff Staly, a member of the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, noted he recently visited the home of his Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor, Brigadier-General George Godfrey, of the Massachusetts Militia, and commented "It's great to be a part of the history of this country." Another of Sheriff Staly's ancestors, William Hopper of North Carolina, signed the Declaration of Independence.

Gainesville Chapter

On November 9, 2019, the chapter assisted the Jacob Roberts Brown CAR chapter place flags on the Jewish veterans graves at the Bnai Cemetery in Gainesville, Ralph Lowenstein gave a guided tour of the cemetery that contains a monument dedicated to the holocaust victims. Ladies from the Gainesville DAR chapter were in attendance including acting Regent Kay Hall. Then on November 10, 2019, the chapter also assisted the Jacob Roberts Brown CAR chapter place flags on veterans graves at the historic Evergreen cemetery in Gainesville.

On Veterans Day (November 11, 2019), Sean Tonnelier and Eric Newman of the Gainesville chapter laid and

dedicated the chapter wreath at the American Revolution monument at the Kanapaha Veterans Park. This was the first event that Eric got to wear his uniform to a SAR event.

On November 16, 2019, Sean Tonnelier of the Gainesville Chapter participated in the "Come and Take It" ceremony at Fort Morris, GA. Various other chapters were also in attendance. Then on December 14, 2019, Sean Tonnelier, Eric Newman, and Dave Thomas represented the chapter at the Wreaths Across America event that took place at the Forest Meadows Cemetery.



Jacksonville Chapter

The 2019-2020 year is back into full swing. Chapter meeting speakers included Bill Ziegenfus (The Battle for Ratification of the Constitution) and Larry Tillman (The Life of a Regimental Surgeon). The November meeting included our annual public service awards, in which we presented awards to a half-dozen policemen and firefighters. The chapter has presented flag kits to several new *Habitat for Humanity* homeowners in Duval and Clay counties, and honored several new Eagle Scouts. The George Washington Camp Color Guard participated in the DAR NE FL Regents Council Constitution Week luncheon, and four separate Veterans Day events over that weekend.



Lakeland Chapter

The Lakeland Chapter, on Saturday, September 14, 2019, provided a Color Guard for the Bartow Chapter DAR at its 89th Annual Constitution Day Luncheon. Color Guard members were Compatriot Richard Hagerman, Kenneth Wooden, Jarrell Burchett, and Melvin Sellers.

As pictured, President Tom Williamson presented Compatriot Mel Sellers with a certificate honoring his recognition as a Life Member Friends of the Library.



President Williamson introduced our guest speaker for the day, Riley Short. Riley gave an interesting talk on his book, *They Gave Their Future* – 34 Lakeland High Students who perished in WWII. He highlighted 3 individuals, Billy Nickel, Larry Kemp, and Ernest Wishnatzki. President Williamson presented Riley a certificate of appreciation.



Lake - Sumter Chapter

Lake-Sumter was proud to support Veterans Day with two activities. First, Chapter President Allan Lane was the keynote speaker at a Veteran's Day Ceremony sponsored by the John Gella Chapter of the American Legion. The ceremony was held at City Hall in Fruitland Park and was attended by American Legion personnel, city officials, and the public at large. Also on Veterans Day, Lake-Sumter First Vice President Ron Grove hosted a cookout in Fruitland Park where twenty two Vietnam era veterans were honored and received packets commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. A unit of the Marine Corps Legion attended and participated in the event.

On November 13, the Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented the flag at a presentation at the Leesburg Library. The Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter of the DAR gave a presentation titled "Women's Voices in History." Our Chapter Color Guard participants were Color Guard Commander Scott Bushnell, and Compatriots Allan Lane, George Chaffee, Robert Bass and Jim Carl. Three other chapter members also attended: Charles Johnson, Tim Donihi and Terry Oldham. The presentation was open to the public and drew between 40 and 50 people.





Lake-Sumter Color Guardsmen Scott Bushnell, George Chaffee (behind the big hat!), Allan Lane and Jim Carl with members of the Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter of the DAR in Leesburg, FL.

Miami Chapter

At the October chapter meeting, Michael Groff and Garret Wicks were inducted in the Miami SAR Chapter. Then on Veterans Day (November 11th), Compatriots Wolff and Replogle presented the Colors at a Patriotic Service held at Epiphany church in South Miami. In between the presentation and recession, an hour of patriotic music was played by a large brass band, accompanied by the church choir. The following day, Compatriot Wolff in his position as the DAR Liaison for the Miami Chapter SAR attended the birthday luncheon for the Coral Gables Chapter of the DAR. Later that evening, the Miami Chapter SAR convened its monthly Board of Directors Meeting at the home of the Miami Chapter President, William Wicks, III, where the 2020 budget was approved. The ensuing Saturday, the Miami Chapter SAR met for the monthly luncheon at the American Legion Post #98 in Coral Gables, FL. Several guests were entertained by the introductions of the members, relating information about their Patriot Ancestors. On November 22, 2019, Compatriots Wolff, Replogle, and Popham, Sr., presented the Colors at the annual Mayflower Society meeting in Homestead, FL.

Palm Beach Chapter

Palm Beach Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting drive including working with the 7 local DAR-CAR chapters, Genealogical organizations, Linage Societies, educational institutions, civic events and Veterans organizations. This strategy has produced an additional 14 new members growing the Chapter to 185.

A primary Chapter vision and goal for 2020 will continue to focus on membership development, new member mentoring, youth programs, police/first responder recognition, and support of the 2023 National Congress initiative.

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, county & state DAR meetings, and events, and Genealogical Society membership recruiting events.

The Chapter nominated a slate of new officers for 2020 in-

cluding for *President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miler, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton.*

The Chapter honored Compatriots & *WW II USMC Veterans, John F. Busby and Edward S. Buckley IV* with a special memorial service. *Compatriot Buckley* also served as *Chapter President 2006 & 07*, was a member of the *SAR Veterans Battalion* and the recipient of the prestigious *SAR Patriot Medal*.

The Chapter supported a fundraiser for the Palm Beach County Teacher's Constitutional awareness week. The fundraiser raised money to fund RW books, study guides and constitution

books for students/teachers to learn the importance of understanding and supporting the Constitution of the United States of America.

Palm

Beach Chapter continued its annual tradition of providing scholarships to deserving history students at *Palm*



Beach Atlantic University. *FMR Chapter Presidents Lanman and Parkinson* delivered a \$1,000 scholarship check to *PBAU* students as part of its annual *Scholarship Day* event.

The Chapter also participated in multiple patriotic events including the November *Missing In America Veteran Intern-*



ment Ceremonies at the *South Florida National Cemetery* to help inter 26 unclaimed remains of our honored *Veterans*, from WW 1, 2, Korea and Vietnam, with full military honors including *Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps* and *21 Gun Salutes*.

In addition, Chapter Compatriots also honored our *Vet-*

erans at many Patriotic events including placing 1,400 flags at *Veterans Tombstones* at the *South Florida National Cemetery* during the *Veterans Flag Placement Day* event, the 14th *Annual Forgotten Soldiers, "A Day to Remember" ceremony, DAR Regents Flag Retirement ceremony* and the *Gold Star Family, support fundraiser.*

Panama City Chapter

Marvin Enloe McCain of Lynn Haven, Florida, WWII Veteran, Corporal in the 90th Reinforcement 3rd Army, under the Great General George Patton, and in 1974, A. Crawford Mosley High School's First Principal, and afterward the developer of Mowat Highlands, receives his 35 Year Membership Award with Lapel Pin from the Panama City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Actually, records reflect that Marvin join the SAR on 31 March 1981, 38 years ago. The Panama City Chapter founded in July 1973. On 7 Nov 2019, Secretary, DeCody B Marble had the honor to present the award at McCain's renovated Hurricane Michael damage home, while McCain's wife, Lenda took the pho-

to. Lenda is a past DAR Regent. The presentation made two days prior to Marvin E. McCain's 96th Birthday.



On Veterans Day, the chapter participated in the annual Bay County and Callaway parades. These two events honor veterans in the Bay County area. As stated by Vietnam veteran, Jerry Green, "It means a lot to get the recognition they might not have received long ago." Colonel Brian Laidlaw who is the 325th Fighter and Installation Commander at Tyndall Air Force Base made the following comment, "We're not going to have them around forever and I think it's important to one, tell them how much we appreciate what it is they've done, but at the same time, I think it's also important for us to do a lot of listening, listening to the stories that they have to tell because they really do have a lot to teach of all of us and our generation." These are some of the quotes that appeared in the local new media about Veterans Day and what it meant for the Panama City Chapter to participate in these events to honor veterans. Herein are some of the pictures from the Veterans Day Parades.



On November 18, 2019, the chapter met at the Lynn Haven Po Folks Restaurant in which the VPG Matt Matthews presented DeCody Brad Marble an NSSAR Lafayette Service Medal. During the month of August, DeCody Marble volunteered for computer data entry for the NSSAR Patriot Research System (A public accessible on-line database of past approved member lineages to American Revolutionary Patriots). In specific, DeCody Marble keyed in 145 lineages of past and present Panama City chapter members with a 100% completion. He also typed up 93 biographies that included 23 patriots, 30 Marble patriots and 40 patriots who had lived in Florida.



On October 21, 2019, One year and eleven days since Category 5 Hurricane Michael slammed the East Panhandle and the Big Bend area of Florida, the proud, resilient, active FLSSAR Panama City Chapter stand. 850 is the area code of the hurricane damage affected individuals, who are committed to staying and re-building.



The residents, community, and government are striving to turn a tragic event into a positive opportunity to renovate, improve their homes, businesses, churches, schools and lives. Thus the local slogan has become, "850 Strong" Therefore on the Year Anniversary, committed to a better and stronger FLSSAR Panama City Chapter are from left to right: Seniority member - James Pretlow, Dual member - James Haynes, Registrar - DeCody Marble, President - Bill Zehner Sr., member - Travis Windham, Chaplain - David Windham, and President Ladies Auxiliary - Caroline Windham. "850 STRONG!"

St. Lucie River Chapter

As part of the celebration of Constitution Week, the St. Lucie River chapter held a joint meeting with the Halpatiokee DAR Chapter, the Jupiter Lighthouse DAR Chapter and the St. Lucie River DAR Chapter on September 14, 2019 at the Monarch Country Club in Stuart, Florida. The guest speaker was John M. Stewart of the St. Petersburg SAR Chapter who portrayed Thomas Jefferson and give a presentation titled "How a Young Lad Born in Rural Virginia Came to Write the Declaration of Independence."

St. Petersburg Chapter



At the October chapter meeting, Bill Foster spoke at length about his term as mayor after his election in 2009. He touched on topics such as dealing with the Rays stadium issue, crime, the growth of downtown housing and retail space, and rebuilding the pier. The "Pyramid" was built in the 1970's, but the underlying pier supports are 100 years old and are badly in need of renovation. Also at this meeting, Chapter President Bob Rogers inducted George Ludwig, Jordan Isringhaus, and Dee Martin as new members into the



chapter.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Year End

The ETF year ended October 31 and the filing deadline was November 15. This year we received 57 requests and will be sending \$14,322 to those chapters. Those requests were from 24 of our 34 chapters. Chapters can make 5 requests per year for a possible \$1,750 in reimbursements – did you get yours? It's not really that tough to make a request. Pick up the form from the state web site and fill it in with basic information – who, what, where, when – and email it to me. If I have any questions I will get back to you. Otherwise I will send it on to my committee for approval. And usually within a couple weeks you will have half your reimbursement. The remaining half will come to you in December. Basically all medals to non-SAR members are reimbursed at 100% and many qualifying activities at 75%. These are great outreach opportunities, especially for the smaller chapters with small budgets. We will start accepting requests for 2020 after January 1. I'd like to thank my committee for their work and support. They are: Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess.

Ron Grove, Chairman



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

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

Selves@bellsouth.net



**243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek
Saturday 10:00 AM, March 28, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida**

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 243rd anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.(3.5 miles west)



We will have a social and brief orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 27th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR (discount code SQR) for a discounted rate of \$119 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. We are especially honored this year to have Florida SAR Vice President General Allen Greenly, again attending and bringing greeting. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2020 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; DavidRamseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name: _____

Title (if applicable) _____

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members expected to attend from your group: _____ In Uniform/Militia or
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501 N. Palafox St**
- 11:45 - 2:00** **Colonial Fair
601 N. Palafox St**

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