

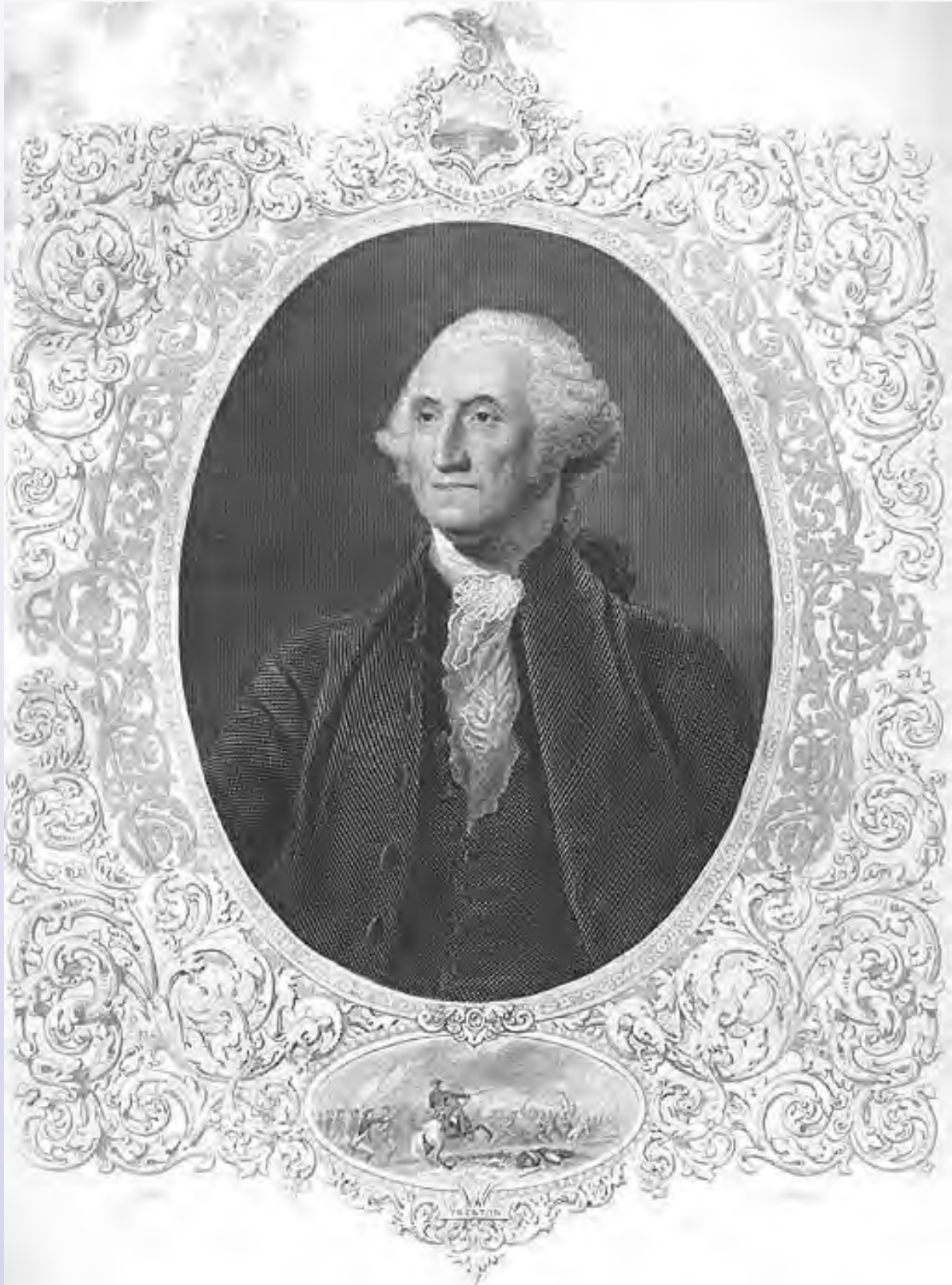


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## *Society President's Message*

Hi Everybody,

During the past four weeks prior to me (finally) sitting down long enough to write this President's letter, I have: officiated at the Officer Installation and awards recognition ceremonies at five SAR Chapters and attended two Regional Meetings; attended the SAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville KY; brought Greetings from the Florida SAR to the Florida DAR Annual Meeting opening banquet; participated in the Wreath Ceremony and Color Guard parade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution – where SAR President General John T “Jack” Manning was the keynote speaker; helped to sell 122 of the 300 drawing tickets for our 1777 Charleville Musket fundraiser for the 2023 Florida Annual SAR Congress; and, assisted five new prospective candidates in the completion of their Application Worksheets for SAR membership. Needless to say, my entire year as your Florida SAR President has literally flown by! Once again, I thank you for having given me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you.

Senior Vice President Dave Bussone and our Regional Vice Presidents have done a terrific job conducting the Regional Meetings held over the past few months, replacing the statewide Board of Managers (BOM) meeting normally held in Orlando in early February. This gave 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. Some personal matters prevented me from attending several of these meetings, and I owe Dave Bussone a great debt of gratitude for taking over during my absences.

Special thanks also go to:

Chairman Robert McGuire, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, and Past Florida SAR President David Ramseur, Chairman of the Battle of Thomas Creek Committee – their combined efforts resulted in the approval and designation of the Battle of Thomas Creek as a National Color Guard Event during the SAR Spring Leadership Meetings last month;

Compatriots Charles Butler and John Stewart, for their significant efforts on behalf of the new Education Outreach Committee, and the work that Committee is performing in partnership with the State of Florida. We will be discussing this in detail at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting in Orlando during the 1-2 May weekend; and,

Pensacola Chapter President Chris Washler, NW Region VP Earl “Matt” Mathews, and Compatriot DeCody Brad Marble, for their substantial efforts to re-establish the Northwest Region and the Battle of Pensacola celebrations after the devastating effects of the hurricane that nearly wiped the Panama City area off the map.

There are many more Heroes within our Florida SAR, and I wish I had the time – and space – necessary to recount the efforts of each of you. I will attempt to give proper recognition during the Friday night Awards Banquet at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting.

As of this writing, the 27-28 March 2020 Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony has been postponed in an attempt to stem the spread of the coro-



## *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.

navirus. We should remember that this battle took place just north of Jacksonville. The Colonials were defeated in their attempt to capture the British stronghold at St. Augustine. We look forward to celebrating this new National Color Guard Event again in the future.

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. No matter what position of responsibility we may hold in the Florida SAR or our individual Chapters, we are all in the business of MARKETING the SAR to our "Customers" – and our Customers are comprised of both the prospective Candidates for SAR membership (i.e., new Applicants), and our existing Compatriots (i.e., Membership Retention).

Our 2020 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South on Kyngs Heath Road in Kissimmee FL during the weekend of 1-3 May. The Registration Form is contained in this issue, and can also be found online at <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tab.asp> by clicking the "BOM" box in the upper right corner area of the homepage. I hope to see you there!

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.

## *Calendar of Events*

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

**5/1/2020:** Annual Spring Pennsylvania Society Meeting

**5/9/2020:** Galvez Day Parade & Children's Colonial Fair - Pensacola, Florida

**5/13/2020:** The 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot

**8/7/2020:** Atlantic Middle States Association Meeting

**8/15/2020:** Battle of Blue Lick Memorial - Robertson County, Kentucky

# *Putting Meat on the Bones President George Washington and the Early Years of the New Republic*

By Donald E. Green, Ph.D.

George Washington stood on the balcony of Federal Hall at 26 Wall Street in New York City in the late, cool morning of April 30, 1789 with his freshly powdered hair (he didn't wear a wig) clothed in a freshly tailored suit surrounded by the first members of Congress. He faced Chancellor Robert Livingston, the highest judge of New York. His right hand rested on a Bible borrowed from the York Rite Masonic Lodge in New York City as he repeated the required Constitutional oath "to execute" the office of President and to "defend" the Constitution. He then added, "So help me God."

Washington must have felt much as he did when the Continental Congress appointed him Commanding General of the United States back in 1775 when he had only an imaginary army. This time he had neither cabinet, budget, money, army, navy, nor even a judiciary system. But he did have a newly elected Congress which, by Confederation Congress law, was supposed to convene on March 1, 1789. The House of Representatives failed to have a quorum until April 1. The Senate followed suit on April 6. After the inauguration President and Congress had to build a ship of state. Their only guides were the freshly inscribed Constitution as well as their own experiences and learning.

Someone once wrote that the secret of American genius was in the skill to organize. It was that skill which created the Stamp Act Congress, the Committees of Correspondence, the Continental Congresses, the Confederation and the Constitutional Convention. So the first order of business was to put together a working Congress consisting of leadership and functioning committees. The House elected a Pennsylvanian as its first Speaker. Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg, a Lutheran pastor and poet, born in Pennsylvania but educated at the University of Halle, Germany. Muhlenberg held the position of Speaker until he declined re-election in 1796. William Linn, a Presbyterian minister and Princeton graduate, was appointed Chaplain of the House, at an annual salary of of about \$500 and Samuel Provoost, Episcopal Bishop served the Senate as Chaplain. Among the measures passed by the First Congress were laws setting oaths of office for members of Congress, executive officers, and Judges, as well as State legislators and officials. Laws were enacted providing funds for negotiating with Indian tribes, building light houses and for a post office department. One of the most significant moves was an act to incorporate the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 into Federal law.

The Constitution had created the Supreme Court and other "inferior courts," but the burden fell on Congress to actually create the Third Branch of Government—ironically, the 1<sup>st</sup> Branch birthed the 3<sup>d</sup> Branch! The Judiciary Act of 1789 did just that. It provided for a Supreme Court of six Justices (the number has changed from time to time, but by the end of the Civil War the present number of nine was, more or less, inscribed in stone) including the Chief Justice of the United States and District Courts with a single Judge spread out among the

Thirteen States. Congress positioned three appeals courts, labeled "Circuit Courts of Appeal," between the District Courts and the Supreme Court. Two Justices of the Supreme Court and a District Judge made up each Circuit Court. They were called Circuit Courts because the three members had to "ride circuit," like the Methodist circuit-riding ministers, from place to place.

All the members were to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate. The Act also created the office of Attorney General as the fourth Cabinet officer. Washington appointed Edmund Randolph, a distant cousin of Jefferson, as the first AG.

With Madison's advice, Washington appointed John Jay of New York, the third author of the Federalist Papers, to be our first Chief Justice. The position was not highly coveted. Jay resigned a few years later to accept a diplomatic post to London. There he negotiated the Jay Treaty in an attempt to settle matters with Great Britain. Jay was succeeded by Oliver Ellsworth, the author of the Judiciary Act. A few years later, Ellsworth resigned. It was not until President John Adams appointed John Marshall, another cousin of Jefferson, to be Chief Justice that the high court began to take on the strong trappings of our Third Branch.

The most important member of the House of Representatives was undoubtedly James Madison, Jr. of Virginia. Madison had run against James Monroe on a platform of enacting a Bill of Rights which he shepherded through Congress and submitted to the States for ratification. The first Ten Amendments to the Constitution stand as perhaps the greatest contribution of Madison. But the diminutive, brilliant Congressman did much, much more. Unlike other Southern leaders, he was educated at Princeton, completing a three-year course of study in two years, but remaining at Princeton to study Hebrew and Philosophy, primarily the works of Enlightenment thinkers, under the President, the Reverend John Witherspoon.

Washington drew heavily upon Madison's views for the creation of his Cabinet as well as for the first men to hold those positions. Thus Congress created the positions of Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and Secretary of War, in that order. Washington and Madison were in agreement that the first Secretary of the Treasury should be Washington's brilliant young aide-de-camp, Alexander Hamilton. Washington's choice as Secretary of War fell on the former book-seller, and chief of artillery, General Henry Knox. Madison lobbied for his friend Thomas Jefferson for Secretary of State. At first Washington was cool to the suggestion. Jefferson had not been in the Constitutional Convention, nor had worked for its approval by Virginia. He was out of the country as our envoy to France. It was also rumored that Jefferson rather enjoyed being in France and was not eager to return. Nevertheless, Washington offered him the position and Jefferson accepted.

Madison performed other important tasks for his President. When Washington needed an inaugural speech, he turned to Madison. In the speech, most of which was written by Madison, the President unpretentiously alluded to his lack of experience for civilian office, and implored the Almighty to bless their efforts. He asked Congress for only one thing—to create a Bill of Rights. James Madison then responded enthusiastically for Congress, in essence to his own speech! As noted above, he took charge and pushed the first Amendments through Congress. Ten of them survived and became our Bill of Rights.

Washington commissioned Alexander Hamilton with

what was perhaps the the biggest job of all—to nurture our young economy, to create a monetary system and to service our national debt, created by eight years of war. Hamilton responded with four reports to Congress. The most important papers were on manufactures, emphasizing the importance of tariffs to protect the products of our young factories and to provide the nation's primary source of revenue, and a controversial report on "The Public Credit." In the latter, Hamilton called for: (1) the assumption of State debts, (2) combining State and Confederation debts into a National Debt, (3) the exchange of Continental currency for new Federal bonds at face, rather than depreciated, values, (4) chartering a National Bank to service the debt and to issue bank notes in lieu of currency, and (5) creation of a mint to manufacture coins.

Jefferson and Madison objected to the creation of a bank, to the assumption of state debts and to funding the old Continental currency at face value. The most serious question was the bank which Jefferson called "unconstitutional" because the Constitution did not specifically authorize the creation of a bank within the powers of Congress in Article I, Section 8. When Washington asked Hamilton to respond to the issue, the Secretary of the Treasury wrote that the Constitution does allow for the establishment of the bank in the final power given to Congress in Section 8—"To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof."

Washington accepted the explanation, but the report had to be approved by Congress before it could be implemented. Madison and Jefferson balked. They were also opposed to both the assumption of state debts and the redemption of Continental money at face value for two reasons. States which had smaller debts (they had borne a smaller role in the war) would be forced to bear a heavier burden than those with larger debts. And currency speculators, those who now held the notes, would reap an unfair profit. Only some sort of compromise with Hamilton would offer a solution.

It was this conflict between Jeffersonians and Hamiltonians which moved the government toward a two-party political system. Jefferson arranged a dinner for the three men and it was over this dinner that they worked out a compromise. Hamilton held one bargaining chip. The Constitution stipulated that a capital city would be platted at some location to be purchased by Congress, but no locale had yet been agreed upon. Northerners preferred to keep it in Philadelphia, but Jefferson wanted it located close to Washington's Mount Vernon. After a fine dinner prepared by Jefferson's chef and a few glasses of Madeira, the compromise was agreed upon. Jefferson and Madison accepted Hamilton's Report. The National Debt would be created and a National Bank would be chartered. And the capital city, to be named Washington, would be located in Maryland, at a 10-mile by 10-mile District of Columbia, upstream the Potomac from Mount Vernon.

Thus, Madison and Hamilton, the grand collaborators of The Federalist Papers which persuaded the State Conventions to ratify the Constitution of 1787, emerged by 1792 as the leaders of two opposing political factions with different views of the meaning of the Constitution. The Jeffersonian-Madisonian position came to be called "Strict Construction," i.e. if the Constitution doesn't specifically state it, you can't do it, while the Hamilton view was referred to as "Loose Construction," i.e. if the Constitution doesn't forbid it, you can do it. For better or worse, this was the beginning of our two-party system!! The Federalist Party v. The Jeffersonian Republican Party. The Federalist Party would be dead by 1820. The Jeffersonians would morph into the Democratic Party under Andrew Jackson and another opposition party, The Whigs, emerged under the leadership of Henry Clay. The issue of slavery split the Whig Party into Conscience Whig (Northerners) and Cotton Whigs

(Southerners). A few third parties, such as the Liberty Party, Free-Soil Party, the Know-Nothings, and the nativist American Party, sprang up to fill the vacuum. But it was not until 1854 when the organization of the Republican Party filled the void that the two-party system re-emerged.

For more detailed information and interpretations, see

Ron, Chernow, *Hamilton* (Penguin Books, 2004)

Ron, Chernow, *Washington* (Penguin Books, 2011)

Richard Brookhiser, *James Madison* (Basic Books, 2011)

## ***NSSAR GERMANY SOCIETY!***

Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman,  
SAR German Society Member

The Germany Society, Sons of the American Revolution was established to honor the men of German Regiments who fought under the French Expeditionary Forces of France commanded by Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur de Rochambeau in support of establishing Independence for America. Many of our members also have patriot ancestors of German heritage.

Following the American-French Alliance of 1778, the French committed ground forces to the American cause, first appearing at the Battle of Saratoga and later at Yorktown. The French expeditionary force was under the command of Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de Rochambeau. His force consisted of seven regiments, one of which was the German Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts.



The Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts was formed in 1757 by Duke Christian IV of Pfalz-Zweibrücken. The Duke, indebted to Louis XV of France, pledged his army to the French. It served France throughout its existence, even though it came from a Germanic region.

In Europe, the "two bridges" area (Deux-Ponts/Zweibrücken) shifted over time between the French and the Germans but the Regiment's loyalty never did. Its blue uniform coat with its yellow facing, by coincidence, happened to be the colors of George Washington's uniform during the American Revolution.

The Regiment deployed with Rochambeau's army, and although composed of big robust men, suffered the loss of nine men during the 72 day crossing to America with more than 450 sick at the time they disembarked.

The Regiment was commanded by Guillaume Christian, Comte Deux-Ponts, and was composed of 69 officers and 1031 men. Rochambeau had specifically requested the Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts because of its fierce fighting reputation. One of the regimental officers, Baron Ludwig von Closen was chosen as Rochambeau's aide-de-camp.

Facing Hessian troops at Redoubt 9 at Yorktown, Germans fought Germans. The Regiment suffered its greatest losses at the (greater than any other unit in the battle), with 46 killed and 68 wounded. Many more died subsequent-



ly of their wounds.

In recognition of their valor, General Washington presented the Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts with a captured cannon and flags of General Lord Cornwallis. The regiment's commander, Guillaume Christian, sent the cannon, along with Rochambeau's dispatches and the captured British colors to the French King.

Following the war, King Louis XVI awarded Guillaume Christian the prestigious Order of Saint Louis and promoted him to Brigadier General. In 1788, at age 35, he was promoted to Major General.

In 1790, the French ceased recruiting Germans and the Regiment lost its designation of "Royal." It was then designated as the 99th French Infantry Regiment and served France through World War I and II, as well as in Lebanon in 1980 and Bosnia in 1990. Its 240 year history concluded in 1997 when, due to downsizing of the French military, the Regiment was disbanded and its storied colors retired.

In addition to honoring this great Patriot Regiment, the Germany Society was created to help promote and support the mission of National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution by spreading American patriotism and knowledge of the history of the American Revolution and the founding principles our democratic republic. The Germany Society also provide financial support to the NSSAR through our society contributions to various needs and projects.

The Germany Society is always looking for Compatriots to join the Germany Society and only requirement for membership is to be an active member in good standing in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The yearly membership dues are just \$10.00 but the rewards of participation are invaluable! For more information and to join visit [www.germansocietysar.org](http://www.germansocietysar.org).

## *Medals & Awards Committee Report*

As stated in the NSSAR Handbook (Volume 5), the awarding of medals and awards should always be given very careful and serious deliberation to determine that the proposed recipient is qualified, deserving, and the occasion for presentation is appropriate. The presentation of medals and awards should not be treated

lightly by the National Society, district, state society or a chapter, and should always be given judicious thought to assure that the presentation is in keeping with NSSAR principles. It is essential that the integrity of NSSAR medals and awards be maintained.

As for the Florida Society, any nomination for a certificate and any supporting data to be used in making an award of a certificate must be submitted to the FLSSAR Medal & Awards Committee 60 days before any Board of Management Meeting so that the committee can evaluate the request, secure the certificate and/or medal from National if it is not already in FLSSAR inventory and have it prepared for signatures at the upcoming Board of Management Meeting. Most certificates issued by the Florida Society require the signature of the Society President and Society Secretary.

A member may be awarded several National Society medals more than once: Meritorious Service Medal, Roger Sherman Medal, Heroism Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Liberty Medal, C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation, Samuel Adams Congress Planning Medal, Service to Veterans Medal, and the Florence Kendall Award.

Each medal previously listed has its own criteria. Please refer to the specific medal in the Handbook for the number of oak leaf clusters and/or multiple awards permitted. Also, any multiple awards of state society medals should use the oak leaf cluster system. For more specific information on each award medals available, refer to the NSSAR Handbook (Volume 5).

When various committees of the FLSSAR plan to give out certificates, medals, patches etc. for such programs such as the Knight Essay Contest, the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, JROTC, CAR, Eagle Scout, the committee chair is responsible to notify the Medal and Awards Committee of the number of awards that they are planning to award for the upcoming year by October so that the appropriate items can be ordered from the NSSAR. Although such awards may not need to be approved by the Medal and Awards Committee, proper planning is required in order to keep cost down and to not have to expedite such awards based on last minute planning. Note that typically, if the FLSSAR orders such items in the Fall of each year, there is a sale of them that help the Florida Society save some money so that we can better appropriate resources for other projects.

## *Veterans Recognition Committee Report*

By Donald Lanman-Chairman  
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Committee Members: Patrick Niemann, Robert McGuire, Robert Humker, Steven Fields, DeCody Brad Marble

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 6 to = 611 members: NE=89, NW=51, NC=82, EC=71, WC=132, SE=66, SW=120, and 24% of FLSSAR membership are en-



rolled in the Veterans Battalion.

### Committee Activity:

Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership both the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and NSSAR Veterans Corps with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted quarterly and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion program.

Committee chairman reviews Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of the required VB application and DD-214. Chapters are mailed a VB acceptance letter and Certificate within 48 hours for Compatriot presentation.

Chapter Presidents are requested to personally present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to approved Compatriots at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.

Chapter Presidents are reminded that the SAR War Service Medal is only authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service directly in a DOD designated "combat area" noted on the DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the SAR Military Service Medal. The medals have equal rank.

The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans Corps committee to help FLSSAR Veterans Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition.

Veterans Battalion Roster is updated on the FLSSAR web site quarterly listing Veterans Battalion members by Region & Chapter.

## *Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Congress Fund Raiser*

Our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fund raising project for the 2023 Congress has arrived. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities. We will not use any of the Youth Awards Fund for Congress.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company has made fifty-one beautiful, 50"x60" made in the USA (North Carolina), 100% cotton, prewashed for softness, custom throws with fringe all the way around. They have helped us with our concept and woven our Minuteman into the design. They are available NOW and are "flying off the shelf."

Your throw can be reserved by ordering now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus shipping if you would like it sent to you. We will have several available at the February Leadership in Louisville to preview. If we are able to sell all 51 Throws quickly, we can order again and have them at the BoM in May, if you miss the Leadership meeting.

Orders may be sent to: Laura Zavalía, Treasurer LAFSSAR, 1648 Jupiter Cove Drive, #411, Jupiter, FL 33469. Checks may be made out to LAFSSAR for \$70.00 to reserve one and pick it up at the BoM in May. Add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an address in Florida or \$20.00 for addresses outside of Florida, for each Throw ordered. Please make the Notation: 2023 Congress on your check.

Thank you for your interest and we appreciate your sup-

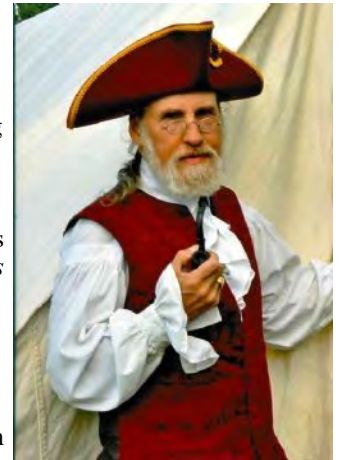
port. Donations are welcomed. If you have questions contact me at: amcguire@slxv.com .

Sincerely,  
Anne McGuire,  
LAFSSAR President

## *Rick Haven (1946 - 2020)*

It is with deep regret that the FLSSAR and the Palm Coast SAR Chapter inform you of the passing of Rickard Lee Haven. As many recall, he supplied many members of the Florida Society with tailored Colonial Period uniforms and had represented the FLSSAR at various DAR Forum and at the NSSAR Congresses. He lived in Crescent City, Florida and was also active member of the Free and Accepted Masons in Florida and Virginia. upon which he was a past Worshiper Master. He died on February 10, 2020 following a brief illness.

Richard was born in Jacksonville and had been a winter resident of Crescent City and became a full time resident 25 years ago, coming from Williamsburg, Virginia. He excelled as a tailor and pattern designer for making 18th century clothing. He was the owner of *Just Two Tailors and Tailor's Guide*, supplying clothing and patterns for many Reenactors and Fife & Drum Corps across the United States and beyond. He even had his clothes appear in a few period movies. He was renowned in his craft and was considered to be preeminent as a clothing designer and tailor. He had also operated a third business with his good friend Johnathan, *Two Old Men*, doing minor renovations and home repairs. He was active in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and was a member and a past Worshipful Master of Lake Lodge #72, Free and Accepted Masons. He had shared his great knowledge of American History as a substitute teacher in Poultney, Vermont, Palatka High School, Crescent City High School, and at many reenactments and rendezvous over the years. For a time, he had also published a weekly paper on political current events, *American Patriot News Local*. He will be sorely missed by many of his patrons and friends.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert F. Haven and Catherine E. Martin. Surviving are his partner and companion, Evelyn Roberts; five children, Tracy Ann (Nick) Hinson, Robert (Jennifer) Haven, Paula (Philip) Morse, Thomas Haven, and Amy (John) Currin; seven brothers and sisters, Jeff Haven, Brian Haven, Patrick Haven, John Martin, Cheri Haven, Michele Nieberding, and Kim Blasingame; 17 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Funeral service was held on February 17th at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Chaplain Bill Allen

officiating. Masonic Rites will be performed by Lake Lodge #72, Free and Accepted Masons. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the start of the service. Burial will follow in Palatka Memorial Gardens.

## *Election of 1800.... Contentious as 2020!*

Researched, Compiled/Edited by  
FMR Palm Beach SAR Chapter President Don Lanman

The more things change, the more they seem to stay the same... especially when we compare and contrast past presidential elections with the seemingly unprecedented drama unfolding in 2020 election.

On February 17, 1801, Thomas Jefferson is elected the third president of the United States. While the election constituted the first peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another in the United States, it was filled with deep divisions between parties, crude and unseemly conduct by presidential candidates, in fighting between political parties, acrimony, divisions in the populace, and even duels to the death between candidates.

By 1800, when Jefferson decided to run for president, he possessed impressive political credentials and was well-suited to the presidency. In addition to drafting the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson had served in two Continental Congresses, as minister to France, as Secretary of State under George Washington and as Vice President under John Adams.

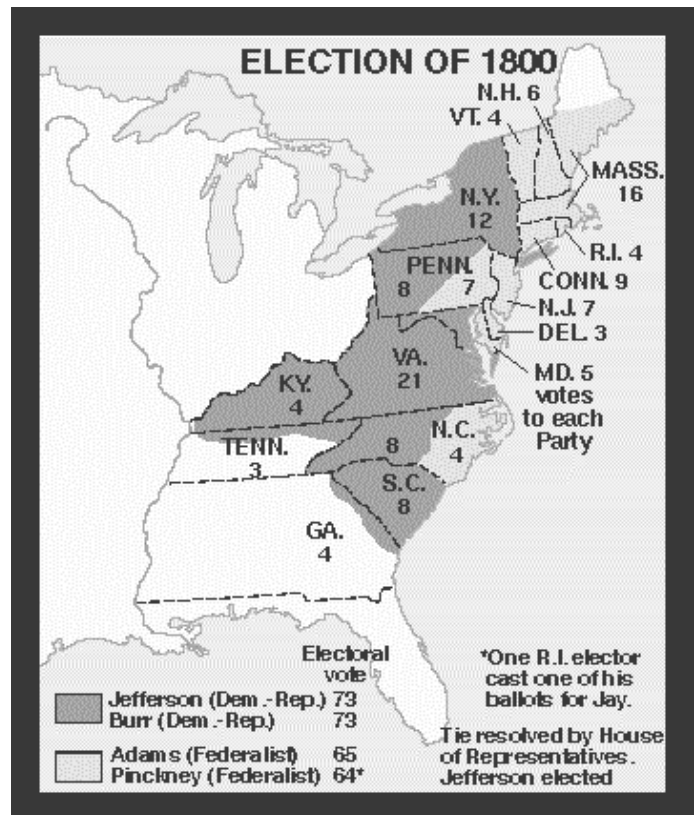
However, vicious partisan warfare characterized the campaign of 1800 between Democratic-Republicans Jefferson and Aaron Burr and Federalists John Adams, Charles C. Pinckney and John Jay. The election highlighted the ongoing battle between the Democratic-Republican supporters of the French, who were embroiled in their own bloody revolution, and the Pro-British Federalists who wanted to implement English-style policies in American government.

The Federalists abhorred the French revolutionaries' overzealous use of the guillotine and as a result were less forgiving in their foreign policy toward the French. Federalists advocated a strong centralized government, a standing military and financial support of emerging industries.

In contrast, Jefferson's Republicans preferred limited government, unadulterated states' rights and a primarily agrarian economy. They feared that Federalists would abandon revolutionary ideals on which the United States was founded and revert to the English Monarchical style political process.

As Washington's Secretary of State, Jefferson opposed Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton's proposal to increase military expenditures and plan to launch a National Bank. He resigned when Washington supported the leading Federalist's plan for a national bank.

After a bloodless but ugly political campaign in which candidates and influential supporters on both sides used the press, often anonymously, as a forum to fire slanderous volleys at each other, the then-laborious and confusing process of voting began in April 1800.



Individual states scheduled elections at different times and although Jefferson and Burr ran on the same ticket, as president and vice president respectively, the Constitution still demanded votes for each individual to be counted separately. As a result, by the end of January 1801, Jefferson and Burr emerged tied at 73 electoral votes apiece. Adams came in third at 65 votes.

This unintended result sent the final vote to the House of Representatives. Stickers in the Federalist-controlled House of Representatives insisted on following the Constitution's flawed rules and refused to elect Jefferson and Burr together on the same ticket.

The highly influential Federalist Alexander Hamilton, who mistrusted Jefferson but truly hated Burr more, persuaded the House to vote against Burr, whom he called "The most unfit man for the office of president". This accusation and many others led Burr to challenge Hamilton to a duel in 1804 that resulted in Hamilton's death.

Two weeks before the scheduled inauguration, Jefferson emerged victorious however, and Burr was confirmed as his vice president.

A contingent of sword-bearing soldiers escorted the new president to his inauguration on March 4, 1801, illustrating the contentious nature of the election and the victors' fear of reprisals.

In his inaugural address, Jefferson sought to heal political differences by graciously declaring, "We are all Republicans, we are all Federalists". As president, Jefferson made some concessions to his opponents, including taking Hamilton's advice to strengthen the American Navy.

In 1801, Jefferson sent naval squadrons and Marines to suppress Barbary piracy against American shipping. He

reduced the national debt by one-third, acquired the Louisiana Territory, and his sponsorship of the Lewis and Clark expedition opened the west to exploration and settlement.

Jefferson's first term ended in relative stability and prosperity, and in 1804 he was overwhelmingly elected to a second term. The flawed voting system that was so problematic in the election of 1800, it was later improved by the 12th Amendment, which was ratified in 1804.

## *New World War 1 Corps*

With the increase in approved Memorial applications it has become evident that we have Memorial compatriots who were veterans of World War I. PG Manning has given approval to the Veterans Recognition Committee to add a World War I Corps to the NSSAR Combined Corps. The addition of the WWI Corps will allow us to properly recognize the Memorial compatriot veterans for their service.

A Memorial Compatriot is eligible for placement in the WWI Corps if he was awarded the WWI Victory Medal or if there is other documentation indicating that he served in France during WWI. Otherwise, the compatriot will be placed in the Military Service Corps. The application procedure for the WWI Corps Certificate of Patriotism is the same as the other six Corps.

The current VRC multi-service form will be modified to show the WWI Corps as a selection. Until that form is completed please submit the current VRC multi-service survey form on the VRC website at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) and note that it is a WWI Memorial veteran. The multi-survey form and additional supporting documents confirming the veterans WWI service should be submitted in the pdf file format to [VetCorps@sar.org](mailto:VetCorps@sar.org).

If you have any questions please contact either me or Vice Chairman COL Gary Pettett, M.D., USA, (ret) [gpettett45@gmail.com](mailto:gpettett45@gmail.com). Gary has replaced Vic McMurray and he now processes and prepares all the Certificates of Patriotism.

Yours in patriotism,

Pat  
COL Patrick J. Niemann, USA, (ret.)  
Chairman, Veterans Recognition Committee

## *From the Documents Committee*

The Documents Committee report to the BOM will highlight areas of the bylaws that need to be amended, but due to a serious flaw in the required amendment process which is incompatible with the current meeting schedule these amendments cannot be submitted to the Annual Meeting this year under the current bylaws.

The Documents Committee will work on this so that we can provide amendments for the members to vote on them at the 2021 Annual meeting.

Thank you.

J. Michael Tomme, Sr.  
President General, 2016-2017  
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

## *RVP Meetings Summary Comments Thru Feb 16, 2020*

See additional attached document which includes greater details:

Lack of SAR Color Guard point opportunities.

**Recommendation:** Encourage the VPG to designate at least one color guard event, not normally identified as a National Color Guard event, in each of his states as a District Color Guard Event.

FLSSAR chapters have suspended black powder firing because the NSSAR has not provided information on insurance for color guard members.

**Recommendation:** Encourage the NSSAR to develop a recommendation on dealing black powder firing, including the availability of insurance options for color guard members.

There are concerns by registrars regarding issues which delay the transmission of completed applications to the NSSAR, and the return of accepted applications to chapters for new member inductions.

**Recommendation:** Ask the FLSSAR state registrar to assemble a small group of registrars from around the FLSSAR. Task the group with the development of report concisely stating concerns and providing a proposed solution to each. The report should be completed in time for the FLSSAR Spring BOM so it may be considered and necessary resolutions/recommendations considered for transmission to appropriate NSSAR officers and staff.

Numerous comments have been received regarding the FLSSAR website. These include difficulty in its use, navigation problems in searching for items, downtime, its "out of date appearance" and other issues.

**Recommendation:** Task the FLSSAR Technology Committee to consider the anecdotal concerns and develop a methodology to identify issues, their extent, and propose corrective recommendations as necessary.

2023 Congress – members are expressing interest in the progress of the committee work, as well as steps being taken to ensure a successful event. Their specific concern is an apparent lack of information being disseminated.

**Recommendation:** The 2023 Committee should develop a periodic digital newsletter to be sent to all FLSSAR members, via email, noting topics of interest and progress of the committee.

Trust funds – the two trust funds, to which BOM members elect trustees, have not provided recent reports regarding their financial status and IRS submissions.

**Recommendation:** Ask the trustees to provide a brief report on the financial status of each fund, to include its IRS status, at the upcoming May BOM.

# Chapter & Regional News

## *Caloosa Chapter*

On January 8, 2020, new chapter officers were installed. FLSSAR President Lee Popham was in attendance for this officer installation ceremony.



Past President McGuire with former 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Anne receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from President James Stone.



FLSSAR Auxiliary President Anne McGuire unveils the Afghan Fund raiser for the 2023 National Congress. The Afghan available in limited quantities.



The chapter color guard posted colors at the George Washington Luncheon that was held at the February meeting.

## *Central Florida Chapter*

After the Veterans' Day Parade that was held in downtown Orlando, Dr. Roger Smith gave a presentation on Colonial Life. Earlier that day, many members of our chapter that form the color guard participated in the parade along with Dr. Roger Smith. Then at the December monthly meeting, Compatriot Jeff Sizemore gave a presentation on Benedict Arnold.

For our January meeting, our speaker was Seminole State College Professor Dr. Patrick Blythe whose presentation was titled "A Modern Reader? The Role of Technology in Shaping Our Experiences with Information". Using the early modern printing revolution as a guide, Professor Blythe challenged our current assumptions about how technology shapes our interaction with information. Rather than assuming that new technology naturally changes human behavior, Blythe suggested that the ways we use and engage innovation reflect current values and trends.

For our February meeting, Ms. Anastasia (Markoe) Ferger spoke about her 17+ year endeavor chronicling the never before documented 245 year history of The First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. Her presentation went into details about the roadblocks and speed bumps she and her film crew encountered during the making of an historical documentary, with historical accuracy always being an absolute must.

## *Clearwater Chapter*

At the January meeting, our guest speakers were Mary-Anne Hamilton, the wife of Laurens Hamilton, a descendant of Alexander Hamilton, and Rand Scholet, the founder of The Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society. After being introduced by Rand, Mary-Anne provided a Power Point presentation with a detailed artifact display about Alexander Hamilton's life, his service to the United States, and various aspects of the Hamilton family. We also inducted new Compatriots Kevin MacFarlane Jr and Todd Giles into our chapter.

On February 8, 2020 at the Dunedin Public Library, the Clearwater Chapter in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution Caladesi Chapter showed the movie 1776 that was attended by over 30 people. Our chapter is planning to show patriotic themed films at the Dunedin Public Library every second Saturday of each month.

On February 12, 2020 at the Dunedin Public Library, the Clearwater Chapter performed the Color Guard service and manned a booth at this event with our membership information. This was the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy Seminar that was hosted by the Caladesi DAR Chapter

Then at the February meeting, we presented Noah Owens, who won 2nd Place in our statewide King Scholarship Eagle Scout Contest a check from FLSSAR for \$500, a check from the Clearwater Chapter of the SAR for \$100, and the SAR Eagle Scout Medal. Our guest speaker and fellow chapter Compatriot was Carleton "Woody" Weidemeyer gave a presentation about Hessian troops in the Revolutionary War.

On February 22, 2020 at the Largo Public Library, 1st Vice President Robert Brotherton and Historian/Publicist Harry Fuller represented the Clearwater Chapter of the SAR at the Pinellas Genealogy Society Annual Genealogy Seminar. Several men expressed interest in joining our organization.



President Bob Anderson, on left, and Boy Scout Award Coordinator Jim Phillips, on right, presented Noah Owens, center, with SAR Eagle Scout Medal. President Bob Anderson, on left, and Boy Scout Award Coordinator Jim Phillips, on right, presented Noah Owens, center, with SAR Eagle Scout Medal.



At the Pinellas Genealogy Society Annual Genealogy Seminar. 1st Vice President Robert Brotherton and Historian/Publicist Harry Fuller represented the Clearwater Chapter SAR with a booth and membership information



Our Color Guard that performed at the Daughters of the American Revolution Caladesi Chapter 36th Annual Genealogy Seminar. From left to right Bob Anderson, Charles Wetherbee, Jim Phillips and Jim Gibson.

## Flagler Chapter



The Sugar Mill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was assisted by members of the Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in conducting a Wreaths across America Ceremony at the Spruce Creek Fly-In Cemetery located in Port Orange, Florida. The National Colors were presented by the Spruce Creek High School JROTC Color Guard. Compatriot Randall Morris served as emcee for the event. Wreaths and honors were rendered at the graves of 35 veterans buried in the cemetery. Members of the DAR, SAR and JROTC assisted family members with the placing of wreaths at the graves. A short review of the sacrifice made by veterans was rendered by Compatriot Morris. Taps was played by Marine Corps Veteran Robert Wade. Left to Right: Compatriots David Kelsey, Paul Pritchard, Charlie Hayes and Randall Morris



On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Palm Coast Historical Society celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. At this historic event, the Sons of the American Revolution, Flagler Chapter Vice President Paul Pritchard awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to a distinguished citizen who has provided extraordinary and long-time leadership in a volunteer capacity to Palm Coast. The award was presented to Arthur E. Dycke, Co-Historian, Palm Coast Historical Society. Shortly after Palm Coast was incorporated as a city in 2000, the first Mayor, Jim Canfield, appointed Mr. Dycke the City Historian. Mr. Dycke noted that his most important contribution has been a 2003 book he wrote on the history of Palm Coast. In the photo, left to right are 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Paul Pritchard, Awards Chairman David Kelsey, Art Dycke, Elaine

Studnicki, Co-Historian, Palm Coast Historical Society.

The Sons of the American Revolution lost a valued member in Rick Haven. Rick was known throughout the National Society as the “go-to” tailor for authentic Eighteenth Century clothing. Rick’s qualifying Patriot ancestor, Solomon Snell, was a “Minuteman” from Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Solomon, along with his brother Samuel, answered the Lexington Alarm on April 19, 1775! The “gentleman” clothing shown in the photo was Rick’s favorite dress at various state Sons of the American Revolution Board of Management Meetings that he attended. Compatriots and others who were fortunate enough to have acquired one of his exquisite creations, wear their outfit proudly as a tribute to the professional quality of Rick’s work and to honor our Patriots. Rick was very pleased to be a member of the Flagler Chapter and we will miss him.



Compatriot Allen Goodman was presented with his Membership Certificate and Rosette by President Charles Hayes and welcomed to the Flagler Chapter on February 26, 2020 at the Chapter Meeting. Membership Certificates and Rosettes were presented to Compatriot Goodman on behalf of his three sons: Sgt Drake Goodman, USMC, Cpl Carter Goodman, USMC, and Ethan Goodman, a student at Stetson University and Matanzas High School in the dual enrollment program. The Goodman Clan’s Patriot is James Barrett, Sr. who served as a Captain at the Lexington Alarm in 1775 and, later, as a Colonel of the 3rd Middlesex County, Massachusetts Regiment. Flagler Chapter President Charlie Hayes (L) and Compatriot Allen Goodman (R) with the NSSAR Membership Certificates for the Goodman Clan.

## *Gainesville Chapter*

On February 15th 2020, the George Washington tea and good citizenship ceremony was held by the Gainesville DAR in which the Gainesville SAR participated. The event was held at the American legion hall post # 16. Various students were represented from the area high schools. David Thomas and Kathy Thomas (Gainesville DAR & FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary) also were active in this ceremony along with various other chapter members.



## *Jacksonville Chapter*

On February 9th, 2020, the Jacksonville Chapter hosted its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, in conjunction with the Mandarin Community Club, with support from the Princess Malee Society, C.A.R., the Vaughan-Lathan Society C.A.R., and the Boy Scouts of America. There were over 50 present for a very moving ceremony where one flag was ceremonious cut into pieces as Master of Ceremonies Compatriot Robby Stokes explained the meaning of the flag and why it should be treated with such respect in its retirement. Hundreds of flags had been collected, and all were properly destroyed after the ceremony.



## Miami Chapter



Above: At the January meeting, members discuss the thesis of the speaker's presentation concerning the Germans in Denmark during World War II.



Left: Chapter Treasurer Bernad Wolff tries to convince Compatriot Ben Groff to join the Bowler Hat Club for Men.

## Palm Beach Chapter

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

Chapter Activities & Events: Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, county & state DAR meetings/events, and local Genealogical Society membership recruiting events. The Chapter installed its 2020 officers including 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 inducted 9 new Compatriots including: Barry Clayton, Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, Bill Richards, TK Krumenacker, & David Wratlaw.

Compatriots recognized for outstanding 2019 service included: Don Lanman, Peter Johnston, Pete Miller, Buddy Miller, and 35-Year Member & FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson received the Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal.



State Veterans Battalion Chairman Lanman inducted 5 Compatriot/Veterans into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion including: Reeve Bright, W. A. Parkinson, James Lanpher, Bill Richards & Bob Phinney, bringing the total Chapter VB membership to 38 or 23% of its membership.

Chapter Compatriots joined local DAR Daughters in

several patriotic events including: Missing in America Veteran Internment Ceremonies, & Wreaths Across America flag placement ceremony.



## Panama City Chapter

Louis William Glayre and his wife, Carol Richard Glayre are the new 2020 members of the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter. In 2018, the Glayre Family moved from rural area near Enterprise, Alabama to 413 Hickory Bluff Circle, Southport, Florida, only to have their home severely damage by Category 5 Hurricane Michael. Louis William Glayre, with native American bloodline and a descendant of an American Revolutionary Patriot, served in World War II as a code breaker. Louis utilizes a wheel chair with a neck-back brace, his spine formerly broken in two places. Twenty-two years ago, on 27 February 1998, Louis Glayre joined the Sons of the American Revolution under Patriot Jacob Green.



At the January 25, 2020, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Northwest Regional Board of Management Meeting, FLSSAR Northwest Regional VP "Matt" Mathews received a 'Letter of Appreciation' from the Panama City Chapter. In addition to the standard certificate, the chapter secretary presents a similar makeshift certificate, which includes the following notation:

*Earl Frederick "Matt" Mathews*

*The members/compatriots of the Panama City Chapter, SAR truly appreciate the FLSSAR NWR VP, Mathews.*

*"Matt" Mathews has done more than attend the majority of the past Panama City Chapter, SAR meetings.*

*"Matt" has performed induction of new members, installment of officers and award presentations to members.*

*"Matt" has displayed exemplary leadership desirable by the Florida Society SAR and witness by the Panama City Chapter SAR.*

*"Matt" has brought attention and insight to National and State Society SAR programs and events.*

*In addition, "Matt" has participated and interacted with the local, St. Andrews Bay Chapter, NSDAR.*

*"Matt" fills the void in the shortage of Panama City Chapter, SAR officers, and considered as a chapter member.*

Notation followed by list of twenty names of chapter members and four names of Ladies Auxiliary.

The back of the certificate has the signatures of the individuals who attended the December 2019 chapter meeting. In addition to the presented him a certificate, the chapter also presented him Dog Tags with Bible Verse, St. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



## St. Augustine Chapter

The chapter presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Officer Kacie Reynolds of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Herein the picture is Officer Reynolds with Chapter President Jerry Hanchett is presenting the Award.



Pictured below is Firefighter Nathan Evans of the St. Augustine Fire Department received the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award. Pictured with Nathan are Fire Chief Aviles, Compatriot John Brown and President Jerry Hanchett.







Pictured above is the chapter presenting a Good Citizenship Award to Vicky Carregal of Horse Play, which has established a horse therapy for physical challenged children. Presenting the award is Compatriot and former Chapter President William Roberts.

## *St. Petersburg Chapter*



At the February joint meeting with the Caravel Chapter DAR and the St. Petersburg SAR Chapter was another extraordinary success. I am pleased to report we were at maximum room capacity for the event celebrating President's month. Special guest Marcia Oetting of Orlando and John Stewart presented a delightful, in-character reading of letters between Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson exchanged throughout their lives. It was consistent with the outstanding quality of the innovative programs and events our chapter is known for sponsoring. It was not only entertaining, but highly educational. The chapter has reached a major milestone in its history - we have the highest level of enrolled membership since our founding in 1928. This number is not due to natural in-migration; it is attributable to the quality of our Compatriot membership, and the powerful impact of our accomplishments.

## *Tallahassee Chapter*

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Walkulla Springs Lodge, the Tallahassee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held its Annual President George Washington's 288<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Tallahassee Chapter SAR members, William Gladwin Jr. and Mark Rominger both had a table full of displayed Revolutionary Period items. In turn, they each discuss the the description, and explanation of each item. In addition, Speaker, Dale Cox, Florida Historian from Two Egg, Florida gave a thorough, insightful and entertaining speech about the Negro Fort, on Apalachicola River at the Prospect Bluff Historic Site, Franklin County, Florida and told the story of how Two-Egg, Florida obtained its name.

Pictured below from Right to Left: Lee Norris, potential member and wife; Donald Michael Wilham, Secretary; John Paul Folsom, Past President; DeCody Brad Marble, Panama City Chapter Secretary; William Joseph "Bill" Gladwin Jr., President; Dale Cox, Author and Florida Historian; Rachael Conrad, Cox's Founding Partner of Old Kitchen Books and Two Egg TV; Mark Rominger, member; and Fred Becknell, potential member.



## *Withlacoochee Chapter*

Compatriot members of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently visited the Florida State Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes, FL, to present those veterans without families, Christmas gifts of items badly in need by these individuals. The "Veterans Without Families Program" was created by the chapter in early 2006, and the first visit to the home was in December 2006. This was a cooperative project between the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR and the Homosassa Walmart store. From the original start date, to the current year, the equivalent of approximately \$43,000 has been donated to the veterans without families residing at the home. The approximate number of veterans without known relatives that have been served in those years averages over 14 per year. For the first 5 years the veteran list was only men, but that changed and recently there have been as many as 3 women veterans on the annual gift list. The State Veterans Nursing Home has also changed from a much older average age to a bit younger average over the past few



years. The veterans wish list of gifts has changed from clothing only, to include electronic items and electric razors. In addition, the Withlacoochee Chapter always provides at least one Christmas gift for all of the veterans residing at the home to enjoy, with the gifts ranging from a large TV's to a mobile TV/VCR/DVD combination cart, for those veterans who are unable to get out and join their brothers and sisters in the home gathering areas for scheduled movies. Pictured are members and wives of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR, along with personnel of the veterans nursing home.

## *Northwest Region*



The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, Northwest Regional Board of Management Meeting took place on Saturday, 25 January 2020, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM CST. The meeting held at the Holmes County Public Library's A. J. "Jim" Dixon Library Annex at 303 North J. Harvey Etheridge Street in Bonifay, Florida. The Florida Panhandle centralized location, just off Interstate 10, allowed equal distance and easy access for all Florida Northwest Regional SAR chapter officials to attend.

The FLSSAR NWR Vice President, Earl Frederic "Matt" Mathews chose the location, set the agenda, and presented multiple interactive digital media programs that stimulated discussion among the SAR Chapter officials. SAR informative topics of learning and discussion include Chapter officers' duties and responsibilities, Education Outreach Programs, SAR Branding Guide, Americanism, Longevity and Stark Award. Matt even served as the host for noon meal, which he arranged with the

Bonifay Subway Restaurant.

All participating chapter officials agreed: the program presentations were excellent, the event was truly a success, each look forward to future regional meetings and would encourage their membership to participate in the future.

## *Southeast Region*

The Southeast Regional meeting was held on January 11, 2020 at the Outback Steakhouse located in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The Miami Chapter, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter and the Palm Beach Chapter that comprised this region had members in attendance. A member from Minnesota (Arthur Louis Finnell) also was in attendance. Several reports were given by the respective chapter members. FLSSAR President Lee Popham also brought his two sons, John and James, to this meeting. Lee also gave opening remarks and talked about the 2023 NSSAR Congress that will be held in Orlando, FL. He also mentioned one of the fundraising efforts that the FLSSAR will have and that is the raffling of a Charleville Musket.

FLSSAR President also delivered a presentation on the Patriot Grave Marking project and installed the new chapter officers of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter. As part of this ceremony, Compatriot Joe Motes of the Fort Lauderdale chapter was presented a Silver Good Citizenship Award. Compatriot Bernard Wolff also spoke on the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee and presented several ideas concerning SAR education and the development of a FLSSAR mission statement.



: Florida Society was honored at the recent National SAR Color Guard meeting by National Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck with the CASSAR streamer recognizing the Florida Society's participation in the 2019 California Congress project Let Freedom Ring. Receiving the award for the Florida Society was FLSSAR President Lee Popham (on right).

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BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws **Select only ONE**):

Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer      Delegate\*      \*

*Delegate names must be submitted to FLSSAR Secretary prior to BOM*

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote.

Special dietary needs:

Enter number of persons Here				Enter number of persons Here					
<b>Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)</b>				<b>Friday Evening Awards Banquet</b>					
SAR Member Spouse	\$39 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00	SAR Member	\$52 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00
Spouse Guest	\$39 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00	Spouse/Member Guest	\$52 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00
Enter the number of Vegetarian meals				Enter the number of Vegetarian meals					
Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts				Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts					
<b>Saturday Youth Luncheon</b>				<b>Saturday Evening Installation Banquet</b>					
SAR Member	\$39 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00	SAR Member	\$52 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00
Member Spouse and/or Guest	\$39 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00	Spouse/Member Guest	\$52 per person	x	=	\$ 0.00
Enter the number of Vegetarian meals				Enter the number of Vegetarian meals					
Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts				Enter the number of No-Sugar Desserts					
				Registration Fee (for Members Only)					
				Enter \$20.00 or \$35.00 (as late fee)					
				Total Amount Enclosed					
				= \$ 0.00					

The alternate **Banquet Meal** selection is a Chef's Choice **VEGETARIAN ENTREE**

The above meals include: Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Herbal Tea.

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE **April 18, 2020**

*If you mail your registration via USPS and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail (you must list an e-mail address) within 4 days of mailing, call 269-468-8091. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 269-468-8091.*

Save to your PC, Fill it out, Saveas"(name)-SpringBOM", Then print & Mail or E-mail as attachment to addresses below

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

% Steve Williams  
 5955 Red Arrow Hwy  
 Coloma, MI 49038

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



# Gálvez Day



**Parade and Children's Colonial Fair**  
Commemorating the longest siege of the American  
Revolution, the 1781 Battle of Pensacola.

**May 9, 2020**  
**PENSACOLA, FL**

- 10:30**                      **Wreath laying and Parade**  
   **Begins at Ft. George**  
   **501 N. Palafox St**
- 11:45 - 2:00**              **Colonial Fair**  
   **601 N. Palafox St**

*Fun for the entire family!*

**For more information or how to participate  
in the event, send an email to: [info@goretro.us](mailto:info@goretro.us).**

**Sponsored by:**

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Revolution, Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez, and Episcopal Day School**



# Gálvez Day



## May 9, 2020

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**Commencement: 10:00AM**

**Ft. George**

**501 N Palafox St**

**Pensacola, FL 32501**

**Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:**

Group/Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in group attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Group should be announced as: \_\_\_\_\_

Will: \_\_\_\_ Will not: \_\_\_\_ participate in wreath laying ceremony at Gálvez statue

Group/Individual name presenting the wreath: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form via email to [battle@pensacolasar.org](mailto:battle@pensacolasar.org) once complete.**

## REGISTRATION FORM



### COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER

Commemorating the Battle of Pensacola

Sponsored by the Pensacola Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Friday, May 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. (CDST)

Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 W. Cypress Street, Pensacola, FL

To make reservations for the cocktail reception and dinner following the SAR **South Atlantic District Meeting** (at 4:30 p.m.), please complete this form and mail no later than April 25th with your payment of \$50 per person.

Cash bar reception

Commodore's Salad (GF) romaine and mixed field greens

*(tossed with mandarin oranges, mangos, diced tomatoes and parmesan cheese)*

*served with a choice of citrus vinaigrette or buttermilk ranch dressings*

Rosemary roasted potatoes and vegetable medley (asparagus, cherry tomatoes and squash)

Entrée: Choice of skillet roasted local grouper and shrimp with fresh lemon butter, **OR**

filet mignon (8 oz) with a madeira and roasted shallot sauce served with crab stuffed shrimp

The Pensacola Yacht Club's very own award winning bushwhacker pie

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization:     S.A.R.                       Other, Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_                      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée:     Grouper                       Filet Mignon

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée:     Grouper                       Filet Mignon

Make Check Payable to: **Pensacola Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**

Mail Form and Check to: Chris Washler  
President, Pensacola Chapter  
Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution  
3400 Connell Dr.  
Pensacola, FL 32503

For questions, contact Chris Washler at [reservations@PensacolaSAR.org](mailto:reservations@PensacolaSAR.org) or 850.380.1329

**Registration And Payment Due No Later Than April 25th**

## *Tentative Schedule Galvez Day Parade & Children's Colonial Fair*

10:30 AM - Parade Begins: Color Guards, musicians, men, ladies, and children form at Lee Square to begin marching south on the west side of Palafox Street. Salutes will be made in front of honored dignitaries (mayors of Pensacola and Macharaviaya, and Spanish vice counsel) near the bust of Galvez at Ft. George.

11:00 AM - Formation at Galvez Equestrian Statue: Cavalcade convenes around statue.

11:10 AM - Performance of Episcopal Day School (EDS) Choir.

11:15 AM - Brief Speeches: Reading of Essay Contest Winner, Awards of the SAR Poster Contest, Mayor Grover Robinson (Pensacola) and Mayor Antonie Campos (Macharaviaya).

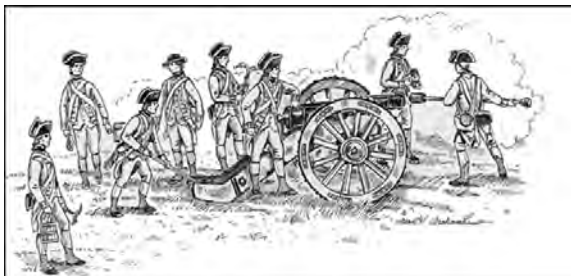
11:30 AM - Military gun salutes.

11:45 AM - Children's Colonial Fair opens on EDS south lawn.

## *Wreath Placed at Gravesite FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary*



On 12/14/2019, Victoria Kelsey, a member of the Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary, placed a wreath at the gravesite of a Civil War Confederate Soldier, PVT John Allen Jackson, at the Spruce Creek Fly-In Cemetery in Port Orange, Florida. The wreath placement was part of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony occurring nationwide at 11:00am on 12/14/2019.



## *South Atlantic District Report*

Herein is the winter 2020 report that was given by FLSSAR President Lee Popham, Sr. at the South Atlantic District meeting that was held in Duluth, GA on January 24, 2020.

During the month of December, some family matters prevented me from performing many of my duties as Florida Society President. I owe many thanks to all of our Florida SAR Compatriots for their continued support – and particularly Senior Vice President David Bussone, and immediate Past President & Trustee Pat Niemann! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership.

The Florida SAR is experimenting with seven Regional Meetings during the winter 2020 season, replacing the State BOM that is normally held during the first week of February. So far, three of the Regional Meetings have been held, and the combined attendance at those meetings has already exceeded the attendance at the 2019 and 2018 Winter BOMs in Orlando – and at significantly lesser travel time and expenses for the attendees.

An Educational Outreach initiative that started in the Tampa Bay area has now spread throughout the State of Florida, and a new Education Outreach Committee was formed at our Fall 2019 BOM. Members and volunteers are now working hand-in-hand with Florida State Education officials to help re-vamp the education curriculum of our public schools, with a greater emphasis on Civics and American History. Textbooks are also being reviewed for historical content.

Membership: As of 12/31/19, we have 2,503 members by FLSSAR count.

Historical Sites and Celebrations in Florida: Last Naval Battle Ceremony – SAD Spring Meeting in Merritt Island, FL May 6 – National Color Guard Event and Battle Ceremony May 7

The Memorial Ceremony commemorating the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution will be held in Merritt Island, FL during the weekend of March 6-7, 2020 with the participation by DAR, CAR, community leaders and members of the SAR Color Guard throughout the South Atlantic District. We are told that PG Jack Manning will be in attendance. Flyer was attached. Schedules and details were distributed at the SAD Winter Meeting in Duluth, GA.

**Battle of Thomas Creek** – The Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial Ceremony in the Jacksonville, FL area will take place during the weekend of March 27 – 28, 2020. Flyer was attached.

**Battle of Pensacola** – This celebration has met with difficulties in recent years, and it was not held at all during the past year. A task force of 15 SAR, DAR, and Pensacola Community Leaders, led by Compatriot Bob McGuire (Chairman, Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee) met at the Pensacola Grand Hotel on August 15-16, 2019.

The 2020 celebration will take place May 9, 2020. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Pensacola Grand Hotel for the event at \$125 per night.



2019-2020 Florida SAR Officers: Wm Lee Popham, Sr. (President); David E. Bussone (SVP); Colonel Patrick J. Niemann (Immediate Past President); Donald Lanman (Member-at-Large); Herman Hall Riediger (Secretary); W. Richard Young (Treasurer); Scott Breckenridge (Recording Secretary); Chuck Berger (East Central RVP); Jerry Hardwich (North Central RVP); James Y. Gaskins (North East RVP); Earl F. Matthews (North West RVP); Bernard W. Wolff (South East RVP); Scott Fields (South West RVP); Dr. John Goolsby (West Central RVP); Raymond C. Lantz (Registrar); Richard Cardell (Genealogist); Rev. Dwight D. Elam (Chaplain); Chuck Farmer (Sgt-at-Arms); Robert W. McGuire, Jr. (Historian); Carl Hoffman (Chancellor); Jeff Sizemore (Editor); W. Richard Young (Florida Brigade Commander); and Col Patrick Niemann (National Trustee).

2023 Orlando Congress Task Force: The 2023 SAR Congress will take place in Orlando during the week of July 13-20, 2023. The Rosen Plaza Hotel has been selected, and the hotel contract was signed by SAR during the past week.

## *Junior Member James Popham Receives Bravery and SAR Heroism Awards*

James Popham, son of Florida SAR President Lee Popham, recently received an award for Bravery from the South Miami Police Chief at the 18 February meeting of the South Miami Commission. He was also recognized with the SAR Heroism award at the 22 February Annual President's Day Luncheon of the Miami Chapter SAR. James is a Junior Member of the Miami Chapter SAR, and the Registrar of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. in Miami-Dade County.



Here is the text of the Award Presentation ceremony at the City of South Miami Commission Meeting:

In early December, 15-year-old James Popham was the victim of a horrific attack that took place inside his home. After being brutally stabbed 16 times, James convinced his attacker to stop. He then mustered the strength to try to exit the front door, only to be met again by the attacker who actually blocked the door so James could not get help.

With a massive loss of blood James collapsed in front of the door. But he did not give up; instead, he began to instruct the attacker on how to save his life.

Step by step James told the attacker to get towels and apply direct pressure to the gaping wounds. James also continued his plea for the attacker to call 911.

After nearly 20 minutes, James finally convinced the attacker to dial 911. With the phone laid on James' shoulder,

James calmly instructed first responders how to reach him. Moments later, South Miami Police Officer Joshua Hickey arrived and immediately administered lifesaving aid and Officer Pierre arrested the attacker. After days in the ICU and an extended hospital stay, James continues physical therapy today.

Extraordinary, right? But, this is just the beginning of what we learned about James and the remarkable young man he is.

You see, just days after the attack, Chief Landa and [Officer Rodney Napier] visited James at Nicolas Children's Hospital, only to be introduced to an extraordinary young man.

We were hoping to surprise James with a visit from a professional athlete or a music celebrity. But, when we asked James who his favorite celebrity was, he answered Lee Iacocca. Not a celebrity, not a rock star, but a business icon.

That's when we learned we were in the presence of an extraordinary young man. Today, James attends a magnet program for gifted students. James is a member of Boy Scout Troop 941 and part of the prestigious "Order of the Arrow Honor Society". Among many other projects, James anticipates completing his Eagle Scout Project this year. Despite the challenges of the attack, James perseveres.

General Omar Bradley best defined bravery when he said: "Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared to death." James, you exemplify what bravery really is. Chief Landa will now present you with the prestigious South Miami Police Bravery Award.



*Pictures from the 2020 DAR Spring Forum*



*Pictures from the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony*





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## The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

*May 1 - 3, 2020*

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

*4955 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, FL 34746*

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

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

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

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