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## *Society President's Message*

Good day compatriots! Thank you for the honor of serving as your 2020-2021 FLSSAR President. Lee Popham and the outgoing officers did an outstanding job and left your Society in excellent shape, despite the external pressures of the past several months.

Our recently completed Board of Managers and Annual Meetings were quite different from past meetings due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Despite a couple of fits and starts, the meetings were successful. With the assistance of one of the increasingly common software applications (GoToMeeting), participants from around the country, as well as those in the meeting room, actively discussed issues and proposals.

One of the things we've learned is that video conferencing can be an effective tool for reaching out and including others who might not otherwise be able to participate. Potential uses abound, to include distance learning for chapter officers and even regional vice president meetings. I'm sure we will be discussing ways in which we can better communicate using these new technologies.

During our new year there are three areas upon which we will focus, in addition to the ongoing and routine activities of our Society. First, planning and preparing for our 2023 Congress in Orlando. This will be job #1, not just for this year, but for the next three years. We will have money, as well as our standing, dependent on the success of the 2023 Congress and the activities leading up to it. Chairman Bernard Wolff and the 2023 Congress Committee are already well organized. Many volunteers will be needed and it is not too early to use your talents to benefit both the SAR and the FLSSAR. Please contact Bernard and let him know of your interests. He can find a place for you!

Second, on Saturday morning of the BOM we heard an outstanding presentation by John Stewart regarding the current status of the Tampa Bay SAR Education Initiative. This group has made significant inroads into the public education hierarchy in the State of Florida. The education chancellors are aware of our involvement and are very supportive of it. John, Charles Butler and their team have been invited to provide curricula and review texts for accuracy and content. This is all a part of Governor DeSantis' reintroduction of civics into the classroom. We have the opportunity to potentially touch millions of students through this effort. What better way to participate in one of key missions of the SAR – Education!

While the Tampa Bay SAR Education Initiative is tackling education from the top, our West Palm compatriots are equally creative and have developed another model which targets the individual teacher, classroom and student. Working with our DAR sisters, some 1200 students were introduced to the factual history of portions of the Revolutionary Period. Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith was a significant contributor through the historical book series he has written.

If we are to have an impact on the education of future generations we must become involved now. I believe both these models are worthy of our support. The current level of success underscores my belief. And this cannot be a temporary effort. It must be sustained.

Third, our strategic plan requires updating. We are in the midst of



## *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.

some major activities. The 2023 Congress and the implementation of educational models require that our strategic plan be updated to meet the needs and tactics of these programs.

Once again, thank you for the honor you've bestowed on me. I pledge to uphold the values and principles of the SAR and FLSSAR during my tenure as president. And fellow compatriots, please join in supporting your Society...you have skills we can use.

## *David E. Bussone*

President, 2020-2021

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

## *From the DAR Liaison Committee*

With the cancellation of the DAR Fall Forum, this is a call for duty on for Spring 2021. The Florida State Society DAR is holding their Annual Meeting at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 on March 4 - 7, 2021. The nightly rate is \$139.00. The hotel is likely to sell out early so reservations should be made as soon as possible if you wish to stay overnight. If you are attending on Saturday for staffing the SAR table, but wish to have a room, this link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50004632/owner/210/home>. This will take you to the Reservations Booking Website for the group rate. If reserving by phone call (407) 351-5555 and ask for Group Reservations.

For SAR Compatriots who are only attending for the Information Table on Saturday, please let Bob McGuire know so that he can work out a schedule. For HO-DAR's who are attending with their wives, on-line registration forms (obtained on the FSSDAR website) should be submitted along with their wife's DAR registration.

We have again arranged to get two tables for display and recruiting from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. We will take turns for a lunch break between noon and 1:30 PM. We will have flag displays, handouts (Florida Patriot, activity brochures, recruiting brochures) and a DAR recruiter contact sheet and forms. If you are volunteering, please wear either a period uniform, period clothing, or jacket and tie (perhaps the SAR tie). This is one of two DAR state-wide events annually where the SAR is invited to participate and have representatives present for recruiting and mutual support. **Please step up and help out!**

## *Spring BOM Awards and Recognitions*

By Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.

WHAT A YEAR WE HAVE HAD!!! The more we have practiced "Social Distancing," the closer we have become. It is hard to believe that we started this year with the DOW expected to reach 30,000 at any moment, with unemployment lower than it had been since World War II, and with our Florida SAR Compatriots participating in more numbers in our Regional Meetings and Patriotic National Color Guard Events than ever before. As a result of the quarantine restrictions necessitated by the effects of the China Virus, we currently have 42 million Americans out of work, and a roller coaster stock market that is playing havoc with our retirement incomes. Even so, our Committees have performed an outstanding job, and our Programs have flourished. THANK YOU!!!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your President of the Florida SAR this past year. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership. Since our Spring BOM and Annual Meeting was postponed to 12-14 June, and since we were simulcasting our meetings over GoToMeeting in support of those who do not yet feel comfortable traveling and attending meetings at hotels, I wish to Report to you the Recognitions and Awards that were announced during the Friday Awards Banquet.

The following Awards and Certificates of Recognition were announced at the Board of Managers (BOM) Banquet:

#### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All State Committee Chairmen  
All State Officers

Fall 2019 BOM Hospitality and Registration Volunteers – Steve Fields; Doug Erb; Len Crame; Larry Fehrenbaker; Jill Fields; Sherry Erb; Victoria Kelsey

#### PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All Retired Immediate Past Chapter Presidents

#### CERTIFICATES OF DISTINGUISHED STATE SOCIETY SERVICE:

All Florida SAR Executive Committee Members  
Scott Breckenridge  
Steven Fields  
Robert McGuire  
Steven A Williams  
Bernard W Wolff

#### LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL - 38

Laura Lee Zavalía

This Medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729-1789), who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington. As did Lydia Darragh, many ladies have had to courageously adapt to various circumstances in an effort to work side by side with State Society Presidents. The Lydia Darragh Medal may be awarded by the incumbent State Society President to the lady who has provided significant service to him during his term. The medal recognizes the assistance of the ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs. It may only be presented once per year at the discretion of the State Society President.

#### MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL - 37

Arlene Stone - Medal  
Cathy Thomas - Medal  
Kerry Wicks – Medal  
Jill K Fields – State Oak Leaf  
Delores Wolff – State Oak Leaf

The Martha Washington Medal may be presented to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. A DAR may receive the Martha Washington Medal and the SAR Medal of Appreciation (on separate occasions) if her service warrants it. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

#### SAR - DAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION:

Karen E Christie - Medal  
Becky Elam - Medal  
Debra H McMurry – State Oak Leaf

The SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. The award may recognize assistance in forming new SAR chapters, obtaining a specific number of new SAR members, or otherwise significantly aiding the SAR programs. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

#### SAR DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL - 8

Anne McGuire  
Billie Brock

The Daughters of Liberty Medal may be presented to a lady recommended by any officer of a chapter, state or National Society, SAR in appreciation for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, and who has dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SAR. This is the highest lady's medal and consideration in awarding this medal should be given only after the SAR Medal of Appreciation or the Martha Washington Medal has been presented. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

#### SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL - 15

David E Bussone  
Earl F "Matt" Mathews  
Dwight Elam

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service at the state or regional level. The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor. Compatriot Service Requirements: In the case of a Compatriot, in order to have uniform criteria, the requirement has been established that the member shall have served in six leadership capacities in any of the following local organizations: Church, School, Scouting, Fraternal, Business Associations, Government, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Conservation, Hereditary, Genealogical, Historical or organized Sports (Little League, etc.). It is NOT awarded for service to the SAR, but to other community organizations instead.

#### SILVER C.A.R. - SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION - 22

W Richard Young  
Ginger Poffenberger  
Lizabeth Ann Doebler

The State Society may present the Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to a State C.A.R. Society. The award may also recognize outstanding C.A.R. Senior leaders of a State Society or SAR members who have significantly supported or served a State C.A.R. Society. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

SILVER SAR COLOR GUARD MEDAL – 42

M Scott Breckenridge  
 Steven R. Fields  
 Danny R. Hooper  
 Victor G. McMurry  
 Wm Lee Popham Sr.

Awarded by the State Color Guard Commander, with approval by the National Color Guard Commander, after fulfillment of the appropriate Color Guard Service requirements involving attendance at District and National Color Guard events.

SILVER ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL - 14

Hampton Eugene Allen  
 Roger Palmer Bonnett  
 Charles Robert Butler  
 John Edward Lary, Jr.  
 Christopher Edwin Washler

SILVER ROGER SHERMAN OAK LEAF - 14

PG Lindsey Cook Brock	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Earle Scott Bushnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Donald Barton Cahill	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Charles Louis Day, Jr.	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Robert James Folk, Sr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
James Yost Gaskins	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
James Lewis Gibson, Jr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Carl K Hoffmann	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Alfred Parks Honeywell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Danny Robert Hooper	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
David John Kelsey, Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Raymond Clyde Lantz	1 Silver Oak Leaf
John McCullough	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Robert W. McGuire, Jr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Victor George McMurry	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Rev Dr Randy Dwight Moody	1 Silver Oak Leaf
COL Patrick Jay Niemann	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
David Hardy Ramseur	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Herman Hall Riediger	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Jeffrey Lee Sizemore	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Larry Dean Sturgeon	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
PG J. Michael Tomme Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Raymond Francis Wess	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Steven Allen Williams	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Kevin Arthur Yarnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Robert Sturley Yarnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. The Silver Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a State Society. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service.

STATE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL - 12

DeCody Brad Marble  
 Richard Bruce Cardell  
 Alfred Parks Honeywell  
 Earl F “Matt” Mathews  
 COL Patrick Jay Niemann

The State Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their state society. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation. Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a state society.

STATE MERITORIOUS SERVICE OAK LEAF - 12

Donald K Lanman  
 Wm Lee Popham Sr

Special Note Regarding Oak Leaf Clusters: Although a member may receive the award multiple times from the National Society, and once from each of a district, a state society, or a chapter, only one Meritorious Service Medal is worn. Once a member has received the Meritorious Service Medal, subsequent awards by additional conferring authorities are represented by oak leaf clusters (regardless of the conferring authority).

STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - 10

David E Bussone

The incumbent State President may present one medal during his term at the Society’s Annual Meeting to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot’s conspicuous service to the State Society President during his administration. The SMDS is awarded by a State Society President at his discretion; no other approval is required. Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

PATRIOT MEDAL

This year’s recipients of the Patriot Medal were announced by Patriot Medal Committee Chairman and Past President General Lindsey C Brock at the Saturday Banquet:

Steven R Fields  
 Donald F Lanman  
 COL Patrick J Niemann  
 William G Teater, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS are certainly in order for all of these hard-working volunteers. But more important than that, I wish to convey my heart-felt THANKS for all you have done for the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution this past year – and every year.



## *Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner*

By Ron Grove

The Florida Society Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee is pleased to announce the results of our oration contest. We had 4 entrants, Conrad Hellwege from the Ocala chapter, Elisse Albury, from the Lake Sumter chapter, Jaedyn Procacci from the Naples chapter and Jason Puwalski from the Caloosa chapter. This year's competition has been a challenge. First we had to find a way to make the speeches since there was no February BOM. Then when we did it got cancelled by the virus closings. We ended up with the candidates making videos. The judges, David Bussone, Ben Tidwell and Jim Simpson had a tough time choosing. I surely appreciate their help and especially thank Jim for stepping in at the last minute. The results are: first place, Conrad Hellwege, second place, Elisse Albury. Conrad will receive \$1,000 and expenses paid to attend the national congress competition and be recognized at our June BOM. Elisse will receive \$500, Jaedyn and Jason will receive \$200 each. The ladies auxiliary will likely add to these awards. Congratulations orators and thanks to the chapters who sponsored them. Below is the speech that Conrad Hellwege gave to the committee.



## *CAESAR RODNEY: THE FORGOTTEN MIDNIGHT RIDER*

By Conrad Hellwege

It is the night of July 1, 1776 and a thunderstorm is raging. Oblivious to the sheets of rain, a man sits at his desk, diligently responding to reports of Loyalist insurrections within his colony. But amidst the terrific cracks of thunder, comes a knock. Startled, the man rushes to the door and is greeted with an urgent message. With no time to lose, he quickly prepares his horse and is off, rushing to deliver word that will define the course of America's fight for independence.

As children, we all listened intently to the tale of Paul Revere's famous ride — but that is not the story you shall hear today. For the man racing off in the pouring rain isn't Paul Revere bearing news of the British advance to Lexington. Rather, the man is Delaware Colonial Delegate Caesar Rodney. And making haste atop his galloping steed he carries not a warning, but a vote. You see, in many ways, history is a judge that determines a select few names, events, and ideas that shall stand the test of time. Its consideration of the American Revolution is no different. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere — these are the names that have become ingrained in our country's fundamental identity, names that every citizen can recognize and connect with. Yet, on the quieter side of history stand many more heroes, whose unique contributions to the patriot cause are often forgotten. As citizens, it is our duty, as well as our privilege to immerse ourselves in their stories. By doing so, we can gain greater appreciation for our country's past, preserve the lives of our ancestors, and most

importantly, remember that every American has a unique responsibility in upholding the legacy of our great nation.

On the night that I have just described, the fate of the early Revolution hung in the balance. In Philadelphia, a vote for independence had just been made, but only nine of the thirteen colonies had pledged their support, and the Continental Congress did not wish to proceed without a unanimous consensus. Delaware was one of the four colonies that had failed to approve the motion. Its two delegates in attendance, George Read and Thomas McKean, were split, and Caesar Rodney, Delaware's third delegate, was 80 miles away from Philadelphia, dealing with Loyalist "discontent". Delegate McKean knew that Rodney was in favor of independence, and when the Congress elected to hold a second vote the following day, he sent a messenger to alert Rodney to the necessity of his presence. The rest, as they say, is history. Despite suffering from asthma and cancer, Rodney made the journey through lightning and rain and arrived in Philadelphia "in his boots and spurs" on the morning of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, just in time to deliver the crucial vote. Motivated by Rodney's heroism, the final colonies followed suit and the vote for independence passed unanimously.

Ten, twenty, or thirty years from now, I hope that we may all recall the story of Caesar Rodney's midnight ride as we relive the American Revolution with our children and grandchildren. However, let us not forget that the impacts of men like Rodney extended much further than through a single night.

In 1765, Rodney became a delegate to the Stamp Act Congress and was appointed chairman of his colony's Committee of Correspondence, marking his true entrance into the forefront of national politics. We often remember George Washington as the man that expertly united military control and bureaucratic action, but Caesar Rodney proved equally talented. Beginning in 1774, Rodney served as both Major General of the Delaware Militia and representative to the Continental Congress. A brilliant logistician, our success in fighting against the British would not have been possible if not for the work of men like him. Consider Washington's historic crossing of the Delaware to launch a surprise attack at Trenton. Each and every soldier that participated in that legendary event had to be recruited from an individual colony. He had to stay clothed, fed, and armed during his service. He had to be paid. History often neglects the logistics that go into every military achievement, but without superb organization, many would have failed.

For his own part, Rodney maintained communication with General Washington throughout the war and always ensured that Delaware met, and often exceeded, quotas. Paying for troop supplies out of his own pocket, his dedication to our country's struggle for independence never wavered, not even when he was voted out of Delaware's congress by pro-British colonists angry over his vote on July 2, 1776.

In our modern age, and at this current time more than ever, uniting a sense of patriotic duty and organizational ability is critical. People often wonder what we can learn from the American Revolution, from men and women that lived nearly 250 years ago. To them, I say look to Caesar Rodney. Look to the man that defied cancer, that won the vote for independence, and that helped orchestrate the Revolution. I am proud to say that I am descendent of Mr. Rod-



ney, and as a Son of the American Revolution, I am invigorated. New challenges, new battles will always confront us, but like our forefathers, we will always rise to the occasion and conquer them.

## *Color Guard Commander's Report*

By Dick Young

Over the past couple of months, I have been playing catch-up on a number of Color Guard Medal applications. I am pleased to report that the SAR Silver Medal was approved and presented to the following patriots at the 2020 BOM: Scott Breckenridge; Steve Fields; Danny Hooper; Victor McMurry; and Lee Popham.

In addition, Ralph Nelson applied for his National Von Steuben Medal through the Florida Society. It was approved and will be formally presented at the next National meeting.

I was also honored to review and submit for approval the SAR Molly Pitcher Medal for the Jill Fields support of the SAR at State, District and National events. We are all used to seeing Steve and Jill together at our events, both in colonial attire. It is only appropriate that should receive their awards at the same meeting.

During this process I had several email conversations with National SAR Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck. He made it clear that to approve a SAR Silver Color Guard medal application, the Compatriot must have participated in at least nine District or National events, with at least three events in each of three different years. The Compatriot cannot use the same District or National event on both his Bronze and Silver Medal applications. If a District or National event is used on a Bronze Medal application, it is worth only 5 points as a Chapter event or 10 points if the State Color Guard Commander designates it as a State event. Only the Silver and Von Steuben Medal applications may list District and National Events.

Chapter Color Guard Commanders are encouraged to seek out events in their community at which their Color Guard can participate. As we all know, the Color Guard is the face of the SAR. Our presence in the public makes that public recall our Patriot Ancestors, our Founding Fathers and the Founding Documents that created this country. Chapter Commanders are also encouraged to seek out your Junior Members and local C.A.R. members to invite them to become a part of your Color Guard.

## *Advance the Colors!*

by Ralph D. Nelson, Jr. of the Lake-Sumter Chapter

President General Roland Downing had a motto, "Make him proud!" That's what color guards do as they inspire citizens to consider the origins of our nation, the sacrifices required to achieve independence, and the degree to which we have honored the spirit of Liberty and Independence since then.

We color guardsmen accumulate memories



of our service:

(1) marching in, parading, standing at attention, and posing for photographs, (2) the fine sunny days, the cheering crowds, and the excited children, (3) the bright sun-



shine, the many layers of clothing, the hot asphalt, and the weight of the flagpole, (4) the tangling of poles with chandeliers, the lost gloves, and the disappointment of cancellations due to rain, (5) the solemnity of the meeting halls with their dignitaries giving interminable speeches, (6) the cathedrals with their columns, vaulted ceilings, soaring organs and reminders of the infinite, (7) the cemeteries with their quiet tombstones and the broken bodies now at rest, (8) the Yorktown Day parades with the Old Guard and the magnificent column of victory, and (9) the chapter meeting room with the smiling faces of long-time compatriots as we march in.

It took twenty-five years for me to go from an interest in bringing the image of our patriot ancestors before the public to being awarded the Von Steuben Medal for "sustained service in district and national color guard events". This is the story of that journey, with the opportunities, frustrations, and rewards that I encountered. Each such journey is unique in its particulars, but I encourage you to start that journey and find your own rewards.

Joining and Serving the SAR: During the bicentennial commemorations of the American Revolution (1776-83) my father joined the SAR in Worcester MA. His patriot ancestor was Joseph Cheesman, a Captain of Artificers at West Point NY in 1779-1783. I joined the SAR in Wilmington DE in 1989 based on my father's application. My wife and our daughter joined the DAR. Our son and two grandsons joined the SAR.

I like to contribute effort to organizations that I join. Delaware had no chapters in my area, so I served on the state Board of Directors. In 1993 Howard Horne (later to be PG Horne) recruited me to become State President for a two-year term.

My mother was a good seamstress and made a New York Continental captain's uniform for my father to wear at bicentennial commemorations. The jacket had one only epaulette -- on the right shoulder, indicating a captain. When my parents moved to Florida (Saramana Chapter) I inherited the uniform and wore it to preside over DESSAR dinner meetings and to attend out-of-state meetings.

Delaware is part of the Mid-Atlantic District (PA, DE, MD, DC, and VA). This district meets jointly with the North Atlantic District (NY, NJ), so it is a large gathering -- excellent for learning the commands and clothing of the SAR color guards. The site for the meetings is rotated among the seven states. I was elected National Trustee 1995-97 and Alternate 1997-99. I participated in the national color guard and made friends with color guard members from nearly every state. I earned the Silver Color Guard Medal in 1999.

Forming a Color Guard Unit: I helped found the Major Robert Kirkwood Chapter. Several chapter members and I wanted to staff a recruiting booth, speak at local schools, and march in the large Memorial Day parade in Newark DE. We decided on the frontiersman outfit as our uniform. We first presented the colors in 1997. Because the Bronze has a three-year service requirement I could not earn it until 2000.



My wife Kay made a replica of a Revolutionary War Delaware militia flag (original is with the Wilmington Historical Society), which we carried in all of our events. For the national flag we carried the Hopkinson version (as shown on a 1784 map of the new United States). No other Delaware chapter had a color guard, so we represented the state at many events in Delaware and at sites where the Delaware Continentals had fought in Brooklyn NY, Trenton, NJ, Germantown PA, and Camden SC.

Increasing National Activity: In early 1999 both Kay and I retired. She now accompanied me to out-of-state SAR meetings. We became close friends with other couples on the district and national meeting circuit. For the next seven years we appreciated the camaraderie of like-minded people -- interested in genealogy, history, education, and deep appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. I became involved in many national committees -- Patriot Graves, Information Technology (developing and managing a national website network of nearly 50 state websites), Strategic Planning, Newsletter Contest, Protocol, (somehow missing the Color Guard Committee), and judging the National Rumbaugh Oration Contest. I started earning medals for service, (Meritorious Service, etc.) and for helping prospects become members (Liberty Medal). I was named a Minuteman in 2000, and my mentor, PG Howard Horne, escorted me to the podium for the award.

International Color Guard Events: Don Pennell (MISSAR), a compatriot with strong European governmental and travel connections, organized SAR trips during which officials of European cities would welcome us and help commemorate a local site related to the Revolutionary War. Kay and I went on these with PG Hoffman (Germany, 1998), PG Horne (France, 2000), and PG McClanahan (France, England, and Ireland, 2002).

In 1998 in uniform Lester Foster and I presented Maryland and Delaware flags to relatives of General Kalb, who died at the Battle of Camden SC leading Continental troops from our states. In 2000 our four-man national color guard presented the colors at the American Cemetery in Colleville-St. Laurent (near Normandy) and at Lafayette's grave in Picpus Cemetery in Paris. Many buttons fell off my uniform on that trip as the old thread broke. My dear wife, Kay, who has great sewing skills, sewed them back on as we travelled. When we returned to the U.S. she made me a new uniform using a pattern borrowed from Louise and Richard Friberg (Miami Chapter), whom we knew from color guard work at national SAR meetings. In 2002 our color guard presented the colors as the PG placed a wreath at Lafayette's grave.

Developing a National Historic Trail: In 1999 I became associated with the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (WRRR). This was a proposed National Historic Trail



(NHT) including the paths followed in 1781 by the French army (under General Rochambeau) from Newport RI and the Continental army (under General Washington) from Peekskill NY to capture the army under General Cornwallis at Yorktown VA. I appeared in uniform in many states to give presentations on French aid, to participate in ceremonies recognizing French casualties, to dedicate interpretive markers describing local events involving the French army or navy, and to walk most of the trail across Delaware with the full-route marchers in 2006.

Discovering SAR Activities in Florida: In 2010 we moved to an over-55 community in Mount Dora FL. I left my frontiersman items with a local military academy high school that had a re-enactment unit. I left my Delaware militia flag and Hopkinson flag with the Kirkwood Chapter color guard. I was surprised and pleased to find my new meeting carpool mate was a truly dedicated color guardsman. Glenn Langston -- a World War II veteran -- loved his nation, state, and city. He owned a golf cart shop and for decades brought a large cart to the Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Christmas parades in Tavares and Eustis for use by the Lake-Summer Chapter. It takes sixty chapter events at five points each to earn the Bronze Color Guard medal. Glenn received his medal in 2018, at age 93.

I bought a new Hopkinson Flag. Our color guard marched with the flags in front of our patriotically decorated golf cart. We did not have the most polished performance in presenting the colors at our meetings, but every member's heart was in his work. I wore my uniform at SAR poster contest presentations, at Boy Scout Eagle award ceremonies, and

at DAR chapter meetings when I spoke.

I participated with the FLSSAR color guard at commemorations of the Last Naval Battle and of Thomas Creek, at the FLSSDAR Annual Meeting for several years, and (as DAR Liaison) staffing the table at the FLSSDAR Fall State meeting and Annual Meeting. I was fortunate to find a good travelling color guard buddy, Frank Nolte. Frank was a new member who bought a frontiersman uniform and shared the driving and chatting on trips to Jacksonville and Merritt Island. Unfortunately he developed a fast-moving ailment and died in 2015. I presided at his memorial service, assisted by the FLSSAR state chaplain and several members of the state color guard.



**The Von Steuben Medal Becomes Available:** In 2012 this medal was authorized to recognize sustained achievement in district and national events. Under its point system (500 required) a candidate must participate in 25 national or district events (fewer if participation involves considerable travel). Florida had few events that would count under the original rules, but as the years went by the NSSAR broadened the rules for participation. My interest in the medal was re-kindled, since our chapter did a lot of the now-countable events. By 2017 I had a spreadsheet of activities and built a portfolio of photos and Florida Patriot references to document my participation. In addition to in-state activities I marched (in uniform) in several parades in Yorktown VA.

**Moving to North Carolina:** In 2018, after acquiring new doctors, pills, and auxiliary devices to help us see and hear, we moved to a continuing care retirement community in Durham NC. The General Francis Nash Chapter does not have a color guard, but I found a new color guard buddy in Chris Palmer, who had been in the California Color Guard. We participate in NCSSAR color guard activities within a two-hour drive of Durham. We have a good time learning the history of the Revolution in North Carolina, finding both old (Sam Powell) and new (George Strunk, Gary Greene) friends here. We also participate in local DAR chapter activities -- Constitution Day, Wreaths across America, flag retirement, etc.

**Finally, the Von Steuben Medal:** Since most of my eligible events were in Florida my participation in North Carolina events was credited in Florida using the points system. I completed the requirements at the "Crossing the Dan" commemoration in South Boston VA on February 15, 2020. My application for the medal was approved in May, 2020, 21 years after earning the Silver Color Guard Medal. I appreciate the leadership of FLSSAR CG Commanders Steve Williams, Charles Day, Hall Riediger, and Dick Young in recruiting and training our CG team.

I am happy to have honored the service of my six patriot ancestors and General von Steuben through a quarter-century of color guard work. If you are interested in participating in the color guard, please join! You will find many new friends and benefit from it, as will your chapter and your community. It may open new avenues of service and satisfaction or deepen existing ties in your community. And if you don't join, please support your color guard. Every patriotic ceremony deserves an appreciative audience.

## *From the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee*

By Ron Grove

The virus has played havoc with just about everything this spring and it seems to be affecting ETF submissions as well. I have only received 2 requests so far – from me! The ETF year started November 1 and by now most activities covered by it have been completed. So now while you are not meeting and mostly locked in, get those requests in while it's all fresh in your mind. 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 after downloading it 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 (scholarships, meals, certificates) at 75%. These are great outreach opportunities, especially for the smaller chapters with small budgets. Presently scholarship reimbursement is 75% of \$50/25/15. I will be making a proposal at the BOM to increase that to \$100/50/25. We really want to increase participation in these programs. 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.

## *Arthur M. & Berdena King Scholarship FLSSAR 2020 Winner*

The winner of this year's Arthur M. and Berdena King Scholarship Award is Jared Marques. Jared is from Naples, FL. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 243 chartered to North Naples Church.

Jared has served as a leader in many capacities including Outdoor Ethics Guide, Bugler, Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Jared has earned 135 merit badges and plans to complete the last 2 when he attends Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the near future. He has also attended the Summitt High Adventure Base in West Virginia and a World Jamboree. Jared has received Scouting's coveted William T. Hornaday Award for natural resource conservation.

He is a member of his church youth group and serves as an acolyte. Jared has received the God and Me Award from the Episcopal Church and is working on his God and Country Award. He actively volunteers in local beach clean-up days and with Meals of Hope.

Jared has a 3.89 grade point average and participates in filmmaking, journalism and robotics clubs at his school. In his spare time he has joined the Sea Scouts and serves as Lodge Vice Chief of Program in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Camping Society.

The Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution is proud to present the First Place trophy and check for \$1000 for the 2019 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest to Jared T. Marques. Accepting on Jared's behalf is Len Crame, Naples Chapter President.

## *Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award FSSAR Recipient for 2020*



The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution.

Karen Flores has a master's degree and has a gifted certification. She has taught American history for 20 years and plans to keep on another 20 years. She teaches at Eustis Middle School where she is the social studies department chairperson, the school's National History Day Coordinator.

She works with students outside of the regular school day to tutor and assist them with National History Day, that I had the pleasure of being a judge for the past 2 years. Her students have won at the county and state level. She had 5 make it to the state level this year.

She has sponsored field trips, mentors new teachers and a co-sponsor of student council. A very deserving recipient!

## *Brochure Contest Winner*



Our 2019 - 2020 1st place winner for The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Contest is Isabella Rincon of Gulf Middle School and the Calossa Chapter. She received a Florida State check for \$150.00 and Ladies Auxiliary check for \$75.00. She also received a Florida State Certificate, Ladies Auxiliary Certificate, 1st place ribbon, 1st place medal and a 1st place trophy.

## *Poster Contest Winner*



Our 1st place winner for this year's 2019 - 2020 Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is Caydence Prosak of Hernando Elementary School and the Withlacoochee Chapter. She received a Withlacoochee Chapter check for \$100.00, Florida State check for \$150.00 and Ladies Auxiliary check for \$75.00. Student Prosak received a 1st place ribbon, 1st place medal, Withlacoochee Chapter Certificate, Florida State Certificate, Ladies Auxiliary Certificate, and a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy.

## *From the Habitat for Humanity Committee*

By Scott Breckenridge

What is Habitat for Humanity? According to their website (habitat.org) "Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing."

How is SAR involved with Habitat for Humanity? When Habitat for Humanity does a new home dedication ceremony, a number of organizations may be involved, donating items to the new homeowners; household supplies, toys for the kids, etc. We ask them if we can be a part of that. We participate (preferably in colonial attire) and present the new homeowner with a US flag kit and a copy of the Constitution.

The program is very simple, highly rewarding, and provides great publicity for the SAR. The flag kits are 75% reimbursable from the Endowment Trust Fund, and the copies of the Constitution are available at no charge from your local US Representative's office. If your chapter would like to get involved, please let me know and I can provide more details.

# Chapter & Regional News

## Caloosa Chapter

The work of the Caloosa Chapter continues even though we have not met since March. Isabella Rincon, the winner of the Caloosa Chapter Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure contest was entered into the Florida Society contest and she won First Place there. For that she will receive a medal and cash award as well as her brochure being entered into the National SAR contest to be held at Congress in Richmond, Virginia in July. In addition, Jason Puwalski, who won both our Knight Essay contest and Rumbaugh Orations contest, won third place in both contests at the State level. He too will receive a cash award for his efforts.

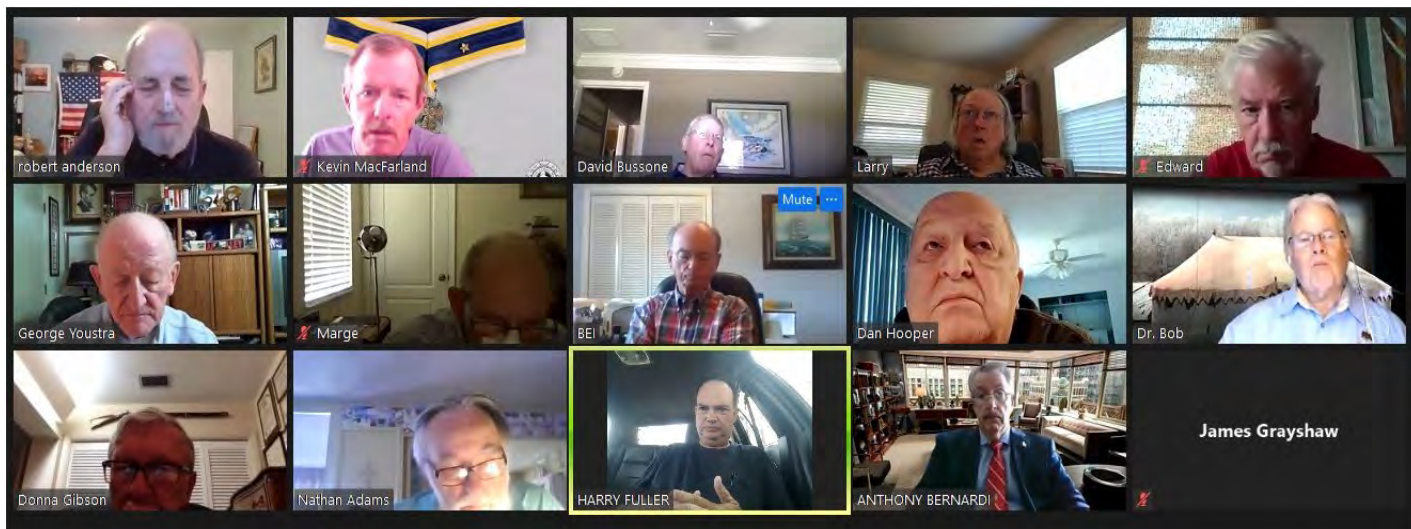
We also continued our practice of recognizing Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets at each Lee County High School. The following cadets were recognized with the Bronze JROTC Medal and Bar: William Perry (Bonita Springs H.S.), Cole Vianest (Cape Coral H.S.), Evan Franke (Cypress Lake H.S.), Alejandro Cueto (Dunbar H.S.), Arthur Smith (East Lee H.S.), Peter Nguyen (Estero H.S.), Emmanuel Garcia (Fort Myers H.S.), Nolan Monroe (Ida Baker H.S.), Brandon Estremera-Rangel (Island Coast H.S.), Princess N. Holston (Lehigh H.S.), Matthew Tank (Mariner H.S.), David Urban (North Fort Myers H.S.), Jeffrey Betz (Oasis H.S.), Riquerlmer Vergara (Riverdale H.S.), and Donald Anderson (South Fort Myers H.S.) Jared Eckerle, the outstanding Naval Sea Cadet was recognized with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Bar.

## Clearwater Chapter

President Bob Anderson presented the Eagle Scout certificate to Javier Mut on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Pinellas Park. President Anderson also presented Good Citizenship Medals and certificates to LCDR Kevin MacFarland, LCDR Lois MacFarland, and Cadet Aaron Redmay of the Suncoast Squadron of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Clearwater Coast

Guard Station.

While we have been unable to hold regular chapter meetings at the Dune-din Golf Club during the COVID-19 pandemic, on May 20 we held an online meeting that was open to all members on the ZOOM platform. We have also been using the ZOOM platform to hold our Board of Governors meetings to conduct chapter business.



## Flagler Chapter

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, President-General John “Jack” T. Manning, attended The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution celebration, a National SAR event, on Merritt Island, Florida. Chapter members met with the President-General and his wife, Sheila Manning. In the photo, from Left to Right: Victoria Kelsey, Ladies Auxiliary, Randall Morris, Past President of Flagler Chapter, President-General John “Jack” T. Manning, Flagler Chapter Wreath & Ribbon, and Sheila Manning



The Flagler Chapter salutes Compatriot Hall Riediger of the St. Lucie Chapter. Compatriot Riediger has been the longest serving Executive Committee member of the Florida Society in recent memory having been elected annually to a total of ten consecutive one-year terms. Initially, he served four years as the Florida Society Treasurer followed by six years as the Florida Society Secretary. Along the way he was his Chapter’s President and served on most of the Florida Society Committees as a member and/or Chairman. As a member of the Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade, a highlight of his service was being Color Guard Commander. In 2013, Compatriot Riediger was awarded the Florida Society’s highest award, the Patriot Medal. Compatriot Hall Riediger has served the Florida Society with distinguished and exceptional service and he has been an inspiration to all in the Flagler Chapter. We salute him. In photo: Compatriot Riediger (L), Flagler Chapter Wreath, Compatriot David Kelsey.

On Saturday, May 23, 2020, Flagler Chapter Compatriots assisted with the Memorial Day preparations at Historic Espanola Cemetery. Participating Compatriots Randall Morris, Charlie Hayes, Paul Pritchard, Jeff Schaller, David Kelsey, and others placed flags on 219 Veteran graves. Historic Espanola Cemetery is a private 19 acre cemetery established in 1875 by approximately 24 families. The cemetery contains over 1000 graves of the founding families of Flagler County, Florida. Veteran graves include those who fought in the Civil War thru the Iraqi conflict. Interestingly, almost all of the interred 219 Veterans are related by blood. The Cemetery Board asked Compatriot Randall Morris to join the Board and devise a plan to verify the gravesites at this private cemetery (especially Veterans) on behalf of the descendant families. Compatriot Morris accepted the challenge. Over the last several years, the entire cemetery has been resurveyed. The original boundary markers from 1873 were located. All gravesites have been verified. Veteran gravesites have been located, identified, and marked, including approximately 25 previously unknown Veteran gravesite locations. Compatriot Morris requested 5-6 volunteers to assist in the flag placements. Approximately 60 volunteers including members of the American Legion Post #115, Amvets Post #113, American Legion Post #115 Legion Riders, American Legion Post #37 Legion Riders, Flagler County VSO David Lydon, Flagler County Asst. VSO Eric Febles, Flagler Chapter SAR, Old Kings Hwy Chapter DAR and descendant family members participated in the US Flag placements. A brief ceremony was conducted at the conclusion of the flag placements and Taps was played. As pictured above (L to R): Paul Pritchard (wife Sharon), Jeff Schaller, Charlie Hayes, David Kelsey (wife Victoria) and Randall Morris



# Gainesville Chapter



On June 14, 2020 (Flag Day), Dave Thomas, Kathy Thomas, and Sean Tonnelier participated in a flag retirement ceremony with the Jacob Roberts Brown chapter CAR out of Micanopy FL. The Gainesville DAR chapter also had numerous members present. In another picture, Dave and Kathy Thomas respectfully burned the stripes. Also picture is Kay Hall, acting regent for the Gainesville DAR participated in the flag retirement 6/14/20 in Micanopy FL with the Jacobs Robert Brown chapter CAR.



## Lakeland Chapter

On October 19, 2019, Compatriot Melvin L. Sellers, Lakeland Chapter, being presented a Certificate and Pin as a George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Fellow.



## Lake - Sumter Chapter

On March 3, 2020, Ron Groove had the pleasure of presenting certificates, booklets containing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and cash to the top three winners of the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest at Lake Prep in Leesburg. All the school's students were present for the presentation. Left to right in the pictures are Paxton Rivera, third place, Keziah Dalida, the winner, and Olivia Daugherty, second place. The theme this year was the Battle of Thomas Creek. Keziah's poster will go to our meeting Saturday for judging with other school's entries. That winner will go to the state competition in May. Thanks to Principal Katrina Palmer and Jill Coddling for participating in our competition.



## Panama City Chapter

History of the Panama City SAR Chapter: Established in 1973, the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, Panama City Chapter is approaching its 50th Anniversary in 2023. Thomas Yonge Bingham is the founder and first President of the SAR Panama City Chapter. Thomas was the President of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce; he is remembered for the manufacture of Carter Craft Boats.

In the past 47 years, there have been 188 members of the SAR Panama City Chapter. The chapter has been blessed to have many prominent men, "Pillars of the Community" serving as officers or as participating members. Among the membership, there has been two Mayors of Panama City, father and son, (Clemons) and a three times Mayor of Port Saint Joe, (Belin). In addition an Artist, (Brent), an Author, (Cutchens), a Bay Co. Public Library Director (Vickery), two Gulf Coast State College Professors of History, (Jack) and (Baldwin), and a Dr. of Criminal Justice (Dwyer). Gulf Coast Community College 2nd President (1960 - 1976), (Morley) and one of the founding Doctors of Bay Medical Center, (Daffin) were chapter members. The membership list continues with 25 year Bay County Commissioner Byrd of Byrd & Son, Pepsi Bottling Company and CEO (Hull) of Hull Oil Company.

Addition members comprise of two Bay County 14th Judicial Circuit Judges (Patterson and Fensom), Prosecuting Attorney (Sloan), and two Dentists, father & son, (Windham), the former Jamestown Society Governor, (Martin), two Ministers (Windham & Martin) and the First Principle of Mosley High School (McCain). In addition, "Bobby" Greenwood, pro-golfer in the PGA, Professional Gulf Association Tennessee Hall of Fame. Also, Sidney Stone Cudebec who was the Assistant Senior Engineer for the "Manhattan Project". An Engineer/Inventor awarded 23 patents, (Lippitt). Also many Military Veterans, (from rank Lieutenant Colonel to Private) of WW II (at least 17), Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm, whom represent all the branches of the military service which include three Air Force pilots.

All these busy men serving their community and country through demanding careers. Yet, they found time to research their family lineage, uncovering a family history, revealing and documenting a family heritage. They honored their family name by recording the legacy created by generations of their ancestors.

Great men know they are not the center of the universe, that they are only significant as a part of a greater larger entity such as an organization, family, community and country. Search your ancestral tree, discover the treasure awaiting you and your family members, and record it for the generations to come. Serve and honor your family and therefore honoring yourself. You do not have to be a "Pillar of the Community" to join the SAR Panama City Chapter, just be able to trace and prove your ancestral lineage to an American Revolutionary Patriots. Many of you readers unknowingly can do this.

On another note, DeCody Brad Marble has been ill for two months, with an allergy and sinus infection that triggered his acid re-flux and IBS, irritable bowel syndrome. However, when he suffers and get frustrated, that is when he get mad and go to work to do a positive thing. Since, he joined the SAR Panama City Chapter in 2012, it had always bothered him that there was no written history. Only one way to solve that, 'Start from Scratch'!

He has estimated that only about 40% of the history is completed. Therefore, I expect to continue throughout the summer researching, collecting, publishing and creating. The chapter also received notice that his mother passed away recently at the age of 96.



## *St. Petersburg Chapter*



Pictured above: Knight Essay winner Marenda Macking and her parents with President Rogers, John Stewart, and board Chairman Charles Butler.

Pictured below: Rev. Thomas Tomlinson is inducted into the chapter by Board Chairman Charles Butler.



As this year comes to a very successful conclusion, the chapter is pleased to report our education outreach initiative has moved to an even higher level of acceptance both with the Florida Department of Education and with the Florida Society SAR.

John Stewart was appointed by State Society President Lee Popham to be the first chairman of the Florida Society Education Committee. This is a major responsibility, and John will set the formative direction for one of the most important committees in the history of the State Society.

Our most recent achievement was to propose three courses directly to the Florida Department of Education, Principles of Critical Thinking, Principles of Research, and Principles of Genealogy Science. It is an honor to report that all three were accepted by the Department of Education and will be submitted for internal processing later this summer.

One of the first applications approved following the shutdown was for our newest member, Doug Redd. Doug's ancestor Lewis Boyer served as one of General Washington's bodyguards. We look forward having a formal induction ceremony for him in the fall.

On another note, John Stewart informed the chapter that Marenda Macking was the winning recipient of the Knight Essay Contest. Her winning essay is titled "Florida – the 14th Colony." She has received a certificate and an award of \$200 from the chapter.

## *Tampa Chapter*

In January the Chapter moved its monthly meeting to the Crystal Room in the Floridan Hotel. The Officer Installation was the main event of this meeting. The installation ceremony was led by Dick Young, State Treasurer and Tampa Chapter Compatriot. The following officers were installed: President - David Bryant, Vice President - Robert Yarnell, Secretary - Jason Krajnyak, Treasurer - Paul Ergler, Chaplin - John Sessums, and Registrar - Richard Young

Pictured below is out-going President Dr. John Goolsby (with his back to camera) presenting President Bry-



ant with his neck ribbon, with Dick Young.

The February meeting was held on board the American Victory Ship (pictured below), a floating museum, moored in the channel in Tampa. The members held a (very) short meeting, heard a history of Victory ships, this one in



particular, and were given a tour of the ship. A good time was had by all.

Also in February, the Chapter presented the Silver Good Citizenship medal to William G "Bill" Hamblin. Bill is a veteran of the Air Force and the Tampa Police Department. He was a scout leader, and most recently, he was the long time Commander of American Legion Post #5 "USS Tampa" in Tampa. Bill and his wife Rosemary were responsible for bringing Wreaths Across America to the Post # 5's Veterans Cemetery. Bill passed away a few days after the presentation was made.

Due to the COVID-19 virus and the limit on group meetings, the Chapter's officers cancelled Chapter meetings for March, April and May and hope to be able resume meetings, as usual, in September.

## *Jacksonville Chapter*



On June 24, 2020, the Jacksonville Chapter Color Guard provided an Honor Guard at the Jacksonville National Cemetery for a decorated Vietnam veteran. Pictured left to right are Compatriots Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer, Ken Norwood, Bill Ziegenfus, and Dick Cardell.

## *Miami Chapter*

The Miami Chapter SAR has taken a very active role in the sponsorship of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. during the past year. SAR Junior Member James Popham has been elected President for the 2020-2021 year, and takes office in June. James succeeds George Cadman V, grandson of Compatriot George Cadman III, and son of Compatriot George Cadman IV. SAR Junior Member John Popham will succeed his brother James as Registrar. In addition, Wm Lee Popham Sr will succeed Jill Cadman as Society Senior President (adult leader) for the 2020-2021 year. Mrs. George Cadman III (Pam) will serve as Senior Vice President.

Several Miami Chapter SAR families are actively involved in the C.A.R. – at the Local, State, and National Society levels, - especially in the areas of Leadership, Membership Growth and Financial Support. The Tequesta Society won the First Place Florida State Growth Award last year at the State Convention in

Orlando. The Putt / Doebler family has provided three State Presidents out of the Tequesta Society in the past five years, and one of them currently serves as National Historian of the C.A.R.

Financial support from the Miami Chapter SAR, although budgeted in 2019 (and presumably in 2020), has been provided by individual SAR Compatriot donations for the past couple of years. Now that we have a new banking relationship for our Miami Chapter, it is my hope that we will be able to "catch up" on our commitments to the Tequesta Society C.A.R. for both 2019 and 2020.

The Tequesta Society C.A.R. holds quarterly business meetings, participates in both SAR and DAR annual luncheons, and places flags on Veterans' graves on both Memorial Day and Veterans' Day at three local cemeteries – usually in conjunction with SAR, DAR, the American Legion, VFW, two local Scout Troops, and Cub Scout Pack 280. As a fundraiser, members also constructed and sold wreaths this past year, for use in wreath presentation ceremonies.

## *Lakeland Chapter*



The Lakeland Chapter elected new Chapter Officers in December 2019 for the 2020 - 2021 Term. They are: Left to right: Second Vice President Bill Thompson, First Vice President Chris Thompson, Registrar/Genealogist Alvie Davidson, Sergeant-At-Arms/Assistant Registrar Michael Girard, President Jarrell Burchett, Past President Tom Williamson, Secretary/Treasurer John Snapp.

## *Palm Beach Chapter*

**Chapter 2020 Vision:** Despite the major impact of the *Covid-19 Pandemic*, the Chapter vision and goal for 2020 is to continue to focus on new membership development/mentoring, special police/first responder recognition program in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and support of the 2023 National Congress initiative.

**Chapter Activities & Events:** Both Chapter meetings and activities of the Chapter Officers and Compatriots were greatly reduced given the CDC Covid-19 shelter in place restrictions. To compensate, Chapter officers and board members have met virtually using *FreeConferenceCall.com* to conduct important chapter business.

In addition, the Chapter launched the *Operation Virtual Outreach* program that includes special newsletters, notices, emails, personal calls and in person visits to maintain contact with our fellow *Compatriots*, and *DAR Daughters* during the *Pandemic* to check on their physical and mental health, welfare and to offer assistance where needed.

*Operation Virtual Outreach* includes Chapter Officers, FMR Presidents and Compatriots. Pictured here are *President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miller, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton, FMR Chapter President Don Lanman, and NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Ray Wess.*



The Chapter has 10+ new member applications in process, and plans to induct 5 new Compatriots at its October 20 meeting including: *Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, & David Wratlaw.*

The Palm Beach Chapter recognized *FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson* on his 35<sup>th</sup> Year in the *NSSAR*. *Parkinson* also received the Chapter's *Distinguished Service Medal* in the first Quarter.



G. Parkinson

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Chairman Don Lanman inducted 6 Chapter Compatriot/Veterans into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion in the first half of the year including: Mark Wess, Reeve Bright, W. A. Parkinson, James Lanpher, Bill Richards & Bob Phinney, bringing the total Chapter VB membership to 39 or 23% of its total membership.

While Chapter *Compatriots* were disappointed with the cancellation of several important patriotic events including: *Missing in America Veteran Internment Ceremonies, Fall Veterans Memorial Day Flag* placement ceremony and the annual *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day to Remember Ceremony*, we continued our support of these great organizations.

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# *The Flintlock Pistol and John Lanman - A Patriot Revolutionary War Veteran*

By Don Lanman



Revolutionary War Flintlock? I can remember playing with this Flintlock as a child. In the family for generations, the flintlock passed to me from my Father and to him from his Father along with the story that it belonged to our Revolutionary War patriot ancestor James Lanman.

James Lanman, born in Fairfax County Virginia in 1752, of a 4th generation family of Virginia tobacco plantation farmers who had arrived in the colonies in 1640 as part of an English tobacco plantation cooperative called the "Flouridan Hundred".

A son of America's pioneer founders, James took up the Patriot's cause in July 1776 enlisting in Charleston, SC as an Orderly Sargent with the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Rifle of the South Carolina Continental Army.



Revolutionary War pension records document his service, under *Colonel James Williams*, in fierce battles against members of the loyalist *Cherokee Nation* along the Tennessee River and the pivotal *Kings Mountain* battle.

James reenlisted in March 1781 in Hillsborough, NC with the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of *Horse* (cavalry) of the *Southern Continental Army* seeing action in two major battles of the Southern campaign at *Guilford Courthouse, NC* and *Eutaw Springs, SC*.

At *Guilford Courthouse*, March 15, 1781, 2,000 battle hardened Redcoats commanded by *General Lord Cornwallis* met and defeated *General Nathanael Greene's* Southern Army of 4,000 regulars and militia.

The cost of this victory, however, was extraordinarily high for the British with a quarter of their army killed or wounded. Reflecting on the battle, one Member of Parliament, *James Fox*, declared, "*Another such victory would ruin the British Army*".

Following the *Guilford Courthouse* battle, James also fought in the last major battle of the Southern campaign at *Eutaw Springs, SC* on September 8 1781.

Commanded by Revolutionary War greats General Nathanael Greene, "*Swamp Fox*" Francis Marion, and "*Light Horse*" Harry Lee (Robert E. Lee's father), the two armies were equally matched at about 2,000 troops each.

While the fighting at *Eutaw Springs* was fierce and the casualties were high on both sides, the battle itself was technically a draw.

However, in strategic terms, the battle represented a loss for the British since they failed to stop General Greene's Southern grulla campaign and forcing them to maintain a major army in the Southern Colonies to defend their interests.

James was wounded during the battle along with his commander *Colonel John Henderson* and transported to the farm of a Quaker widow named Nelson and nursed back to health.

Following recuperation, James, honorably discharged from the Continental Army, moved back to his home in Caswell County, NC.

Soon thereafter, James joined his half-brothers Smith on their journey with the Daniel Boone expedition across the Cumberland Gap to Washington City, Kentucky, then crossing the Ohio River to settle in Tell City, Indiana to claim his revolutionary war land bounty.

James became a prosperous farmer, local community leader, and married Sythe Blake Sommers, raising seven children. In 1955, the *Lafayette Spring Chapter* of the *Daughters of the American Revolution* honored his service with a Revolutionary War grave marker.

The 16<sup>th</sup> century flintlock is 10.5 inches long, appears to be .36 caliber, but has no government seals, hallmarks, gunmaker's marks, or production signatures of any kind.

My research suggests that the flintlock is likely of French manufacture, circa 1760, and designed for marine use given the bronze barrel. I welcome other expert opinions or information.

While I cannot independently prove that James Lanman owned or used this flintlock during the Revolutionary War, I will allow family lore to prevail.



## *George Washington Endowment Fund Candidate's Forum*

Compatriots,

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Candidate's Forum and the election of one of the nominated candidates to the GWEF Board normally takes place during our annual Congress. With the cancellation of the Richmond Congress, the nominated candidate's forum and election are now scheduled to take place at the Donor's Breakfast during the upcoming NSSAR Fall Leadership/Trustee Meeting to be held in Louisville, KY on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

The GWEF Board consists of 3 appointed members and 4 elected members. The elected members of the GWEF Board each serve a four-year term with one board member rotating off the Board each year. The GWEF Candidate's Forum allows each of the nominated candidates to formally speak in a forum with the selection of one newly elected board member being determined by majority vote of the George Washington Fellows in attendance at the Donor's Breakfast. Nominations are not accepted from the floor.

The George Washington Endowment Fund Board takes this opportunity to thank Compatriot George Thurmond (GA) at the completion of his four-year term on the GWEF Board for his invaluable service to the GWEF as an elected Board member. George has graciously agreed to remain in his position on the GWEF Board until such time as a new member can be selected for his replacement.

The GWEF Board encourages George Washington Fellows interested in becoming a member of the GWEF Board to participate in the electoral process. Candidates are required to fill out and submit the proper forms for eligibility to the Chairman of the GWEF Board. Candidate forms can be found on the NSSAR website. Please mail completed candidate forms to Wm. Stone, 1131 Felder Ave., Montgomery, AL 36106 to be received no later than August 15, 2020. Candidates who are eligible for the GWEF Candidate's Forum will be formally announced 30 day prior to Fall Leadership/Trustee Meeting.

### ***William O. (Bill) Stone***

Chairman, GWEF Board

## *2023 Official Congress Medal Set on Sale*



The 2023 official Congress Medal Set has just been released. (The 2023 Congress is scheduled to be held in Orlando.) The Medal Set is offered at \$40. Please contact Hon. Bernard Wolff, chair of the FLSSAR 2023 Congress Committee at: [grafwolff@comcast.net](mailto:grafwolff@comcast.net) to learn more or place an order.

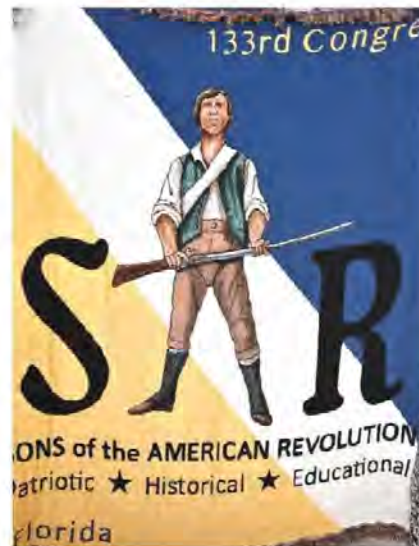
They are now for sale at \$40.00 per set which includes the standard-size and miniature-sized medal in a box. Shipping will be extra. An alternative is that you can purchase your set at the upcoming BOM meetings for 2020 – 2021.



**Florida Ladies Auxiliary  
2023 Congress Fund Raiser  
June 25, 2020**

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. No Youth Awards funds will be used for Congress.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company 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. We were able to sell all of the first 51 Throws quickly, and had a second order of 51 in hand at the BOM in June and will be at the Fall Leadership in Louisville. The throws have gotten great reviews.



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. 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 Leadership in September. 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 (order two for the same shipping cost to the same address). Please make the **Notation: 2023 Congress** on your check.



The LAFSSAR Officers thank you for your interest and we appreciate your support. Donations are welcomed, too. If you have questions contact me at: [amcguire@slxv.com](mailto:amcguire@slxv.com).

Sincerely,

*Anne McGuire*  
LAFSSAR President

*Pictures from 2020 Spring BOM & Annual Meeting*





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*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.