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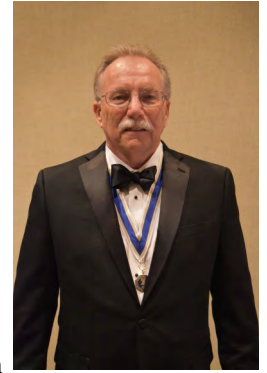
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The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. All submissions will be printed in a timely manner. Chapter News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submission should be original material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.

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Society President's Message



Fellow Compatriots,

It is here in traditions that the SAR really strives! Look at the National Congress, an evening where a simple gesture of bringing out the General's ring, carefully with grace and exchange takes place from one PG to another PG, symbolizing the continuity of our society. Do you not feel the exchange?

So many of us stay locked up in our little meeting rooms, sometimes bantering another chapter or disagreeing over the simplest of life's problems, your chapter goes nowhere and understands nothing of what is happening beyond the confines of a meeting. Gather together and at a minimum go to our state's events, share a day with fellow compatriots from across the state. Thomas Creek, Alligator Creek, Last naval Battle and even an extra few miles to "The Battle of Pensacola", you will meet folks from different states and the wives become friends of that state and the thread will continue. Get a speaker that has journeyed or ask a fellow compatriot to tell the story of his ancestor.

In July 2023 Florida will be hosting the National Congress an opportunity for us to display the time honored and traditions of "The Ring", experience it by becoming a part of it. The magnificent memorial service with all of the color guard dressed to the 't', a true sight to behold. We have had a bumpy start, with Covid and problems, it is now time to move forward, not backward and show this Nation of ours of who we are, not what we were! Teams are starting to build and many are needed that can stay the pace for 7 days. Our big tour is the Kennedy Space Center expecting over 100 easy on this trip, a short tour is planned for the Last Naval Battle. There are several short tours planned for the local ladies for shopping and some light shooting.

We have two BOM's to lock in several programs and updates to our By-laws and Committees, your attention and attendance is needed. Our May 2023 Annual/BOM will be the last but the most important to put the 'icing on the cake' for Congress 2023, be important, be a part!

A fellow Compatriot

Earl F Mathews Jr

Earl F Mathews Jr
President, 2022-2023

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Calendar of Events

August 20, 2022: 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Lick
September 29, 2022: DAR Fall Forum - Florida Society in Orlando, FL
September 29, 2022: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
October 7-8, 2022: FLSSAR Fall BOM Meeting
March 2, 2023: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
July 2023: 133rd Congress - Orlando, Florida

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>.

133rd NSSAR Congress Website

For the latest information regarding the 133rd NSSAR Congress that will be held in Orlando, Florida in July 2023, go to <https://nssar2023congress.org/>

The 245th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek

By: David Ramseur

The 245th Anniversary on Saturday 26 March 2022, was another wonderful National Color Guard commemorative event honoring those Patriots who fought and died in this battle. The battle was against a large British Force comprised of Regulars, Loyalists and Creek Indians. This was the second of three failed attempts ordered by General George Washington to make N.E. Florida from the Apalachicola River to St. Augustine our 14th Colony. The battle is considered, "The Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution".

Our program began with a welcome from David Ramseur, followed by the Invocation given by Reverend Bob Hale. The presentation of colors was commanded by National Commander Lou Raborg assisted by Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, FLSSAR Commander Steven Fields and Vice Commander Scott Breckenridge. Eagle Scout Ryan Vogel led the, "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by Patriotic Chorus Group "Let Freedom Sing". They inspired us with their wonderful singing of, "The Star Spangled Banner" and later in the program "You're a Grand Old Flag". Following the singing, National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg presented David Ramseur with the National Von Steuben Color Guard Medal and Certificate for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard.

Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Mr. Harrison Coyers, Supervisor of Military & Veteran Affairs and from the NSSAR, Vice President General Pat. Niemann (Col. Ret.). Greetings were also from the Florida Society SAR, Bernard Wolff President, and from the Georgia Society Dennis Jane. We were honored to have greetings given from the Florida Society DAR, Vice Regent Cindy Addison and from the N.E. Florida Regents Council DAR President Linda Brenner and from the Florida State Society, C.A.R President Sydney Rigaud. We were again inspired with our speaker Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Inc. of St. Augustine. Wreaths were presented by 37 organizations from the SAR, DAR and C.A.R and other patriotic societies. A black powder salute was given honoring our fallen heroes at this battle followed by Taps by Scout Eric Links. We are looking forward to next year's 246th Anniversary Ceremony on Saturday 25th March 2023.

The 14th Colony (not Vermont) and the Battle of Thomas Creek (The Southernmost Battle Field of the American Revolution)- as coined by the late Congressman Charlie Bennett

(Primary source: Dr. Roger Brown's (The 14th Colony) & (Bill Ramsaur)

When one thinks of the original 13 colonies, we think of the Betsy Ross flag, songs and tributes. Actually Great Britain had 33 colonies, stretching from Nova Scotia to Granada in the southernmost waters of the Caribbean.

With the Treaty of Paris of 1763 and due to British troops in 1762 capturing Havana, Cuba; Spain willing gave all of Florida to the British in exchange for the profitable sugar producing colony. At that time sugar (by products of rum and molasses), was as valuable as we now consider oil.

Great Britain then divided Florida into two colonies East and West Florida. East Florida was the peninsular west to the Apalachicola River with St. Augustine the capital. West Florida was from the panhandle from Apalachicola River including the bottom halves of Ala., Miss, & Lou. West to the Mississippi River with Pensacola the capital. So therefore, Florida was actually two more of the 33 British Colonies.

Twenty years after the Treaty of Paris in 1783 Great Britain again returned Florida to Spain later becoming part of the US in 1821.

With the colonies declaring independence from Great Britain in 1776 the sugar producing islands no longer received goods from the southern colonies such as food, flax, cotton, barrel staves and naval stores. Therefore, they became dependent on goods being received from Florida producers. Great Britain saw St. Augustine as a very valuable city especially with the fortress Castillo de San Marco.

St. Augustine and NE Florida had by 1776 a large number of British Loyalists subjects that had left the Carolina's and Georgia and migrated to NE Florida and especially to St. Augustine. St. Augustine also housed a large number of British troops supplied with large amount of ammunition for attacking the Southern Colonies.

The Southern Colonies were vital to the British for squashing the rebellion against King George and still had a number of loyal subjects that could feed and supply the West Indies with goods.

General Washington saw that by seizing St. Augustine it would greatly contribute to the safety of those southern colonies. General Washington also wrote to the southern colonies of SC, NC and GA to take action an attack NE Florida and capture the military supplies at St. Augustine. He wanted at least five attacks but only three were pursued.

General Charles Lee 2nd in command under Washington's orders gathered an army of 2,500; however, Lee had little enthusiasm for the battle which never occurred due to the thought of moving an army through alligator and mosquito infested swamps in East Florida marshes did not appeal to him. It was said the army could mount five battles northward to one southward into the Florida Swamps during the Revolutionary War.

The first invasion into Florida was in June 1776, where some Georgia Continentals burned several Loyalists Plantation Forts along the St. Mary's River and then proceeded to what is downtown Jacksonville (Cow Ford) fighting British Loyalist Indians. Then due to infighting within the military who would be in command a quarrel resulted in a duel between General McIntosh and President Gwinnett with both being wounded in the duel with Button Gwinnett dying three days later.

The 2nd invasion (Thomas Creek) began May 1, 1777 with Col. Elijah Elbert and about 400 Continentals on seven galleys armed with twenty cannon departed from Sunbury via inland water. However, this was a bad decision due to unfavorable tides causing the galleys to be unnavigable toward the rendezvous point to meet with Lt. Col John Bakers mounted 165 militia who set out on the Kings Road.

Also, at Sunbury on May 1st, Lt. Col. Baker with 165 mounted militia traveled on the Kings Road which was a fine road except they had to watch for Indians, bandits and Loyalist Militia. On May 4th they were attacked by Indians after crossing into swamps then arriving at the rendezvous point with Col. Elbert's Continentals at Sawpitt Bluff on the appointed day May 12th. Col Baker learned meanwhile from his scouts that Col Elbert's troops were being delayed and while at Sawpitt Bluff his militia was attacked by Indians who stole 40 horses and wounded two of his men. They retrieved their horses but his men killed one Indian and scalped

him.

Col. Baker moved his remaining 109 militia to a safer location (at Seaton Creek Preserve where we hold our Thomas Creek Ceremony) thinking his militia would be safe there from the British. But on the morning of May 17 there was a surprise attack by 400 British Loyalists, Black creek Indians and British Regulars surrounded them with no escape outlet except through a swamp.

The Patriot forces were decimated with 3 killed, 9 seriously wounded, 31 captured with half of them slaughter by the Indians in revenge for the scalped Indian, before the British Officers could stop them with the remaining escaping on horseback through the swamps. Col. Baker said some of his militia fought courageously; however, most were cowards due to being vastly out numbered and surrounded.

Col. Baker on horseback narrowly escaped to join Col. Elbert at Amelia Island where he was still delayed in fighting loyalist forces. After conferring with Col. Elbert the invasion was cancelled and all returned back to GA.

The 3rd invasion took place June 30, 1778 led by Col. Elijah Clark is known as the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge. Col. Clark led his 300 mounted Georgia Militia against British Major Prevost who were defending an area north of the Thomas Creek Battle site. Col. Clark was badly wounded in a skirmish and the assault was withdrawn.

From the DAR Liaison Committee

This is a call for duty on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25, 2022. The Florida State Society DAR is holding their Fall Forum at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821. The nightly rate is \$150.00. 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 only attending on Friday and/or Saturday for staffing the SAR table, but wish to have a room, this link <https://book.passkey.com/e/50155633> will take you to the Reservations Booking Website for the group rate. If you are able to assist at the information table, contact Bob McGuire.

From the Newsletter & Periodical Committee

If you chapter is wanting to submit for the Newsletter Contest on both the National and Florida Society level, the deadline to submit your chapter's newsletter is December 15, 2022. If you are submitting to the NSSAR contest, send your chapter's newsletter to Tony Chamberlain at salchamb@comcast.net. If you are submitting to the FLSSAR contest, send your chapter's newsletter to Jeff Sizemore at swampfoxsar@gmail.com. Your submittals is greatly appreciated.

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

As part of the Memorial Day Remembrance, the Brevard Chapter participated at this event that was held on May 30, 2022 at the Brevard Veterans Center. Then, the Flag Day Luncheon was held on June 11, 2022, at Tides in which the Philip Perry NSDAR and Brevard SAR are co-hosted the event. The guest speaker was Barry Shaffer of the National Sojourner Heroes of 76.

Central Florida Chapter

Members of the Central Florida Chapter joined in a partnership with Make a Wish of Orlando Florida. Nakeem's Wish was to visit Mt Vernon and Williamsburg. As a surprise members of the SAR showed up at his house to present him with the Good Citizenship medal and to Wish him well on his trip.



Clearwater Chapter

On January 10, Compatriots Harry Fuller and Robert Cundiff appeared on the Kelly Kelly Show on WTAN Radio in Clearwater and was interviewed about the activities and 70th anniversary of the Sons of the American Revolution Clearwater Chapter. The video feed of the interview can be seen at <https://youtu.be/OrGsGzV7snQ>

Our March meeting featured Lori Coffey, who spoke about the women who came to America on the Mayflower and the struggles they faced. Ms. Coffey First Vice President of the Pinellas Genealogical Society and dresses in period clothing when she speaks about colonial and revolutionary era America.

Our April meeting focused on education in the community. Dr. Teresa Bergstrom and four 8th Grade students from Dunedin Highland Middle School, Smithi Saran, Srinthi Saran, Alexa Samon and Sereh Kuruvilla presented their local level award winning presentation, "The Deal or No Deal? The Debate and Diplomacy of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase". The national competition was conducted through National History Day and several Sons of the American Revolution Clearwater Chapter members were judges on the local panel. The presentation can be seen at site.nhd.org/59957030

We recognized Ms. Stephanie Meyer, the local winner of Dr Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award - Middle School Division. Ms. Meyer is an American history teacher at Keswick Christian School and an Adjunct Professor at Hillsborough Community College.

We recognized and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stephanie Duarte, the winner of the Saint Petersburg College Foundation Sons of the American Revolution Clearwater Chapter Scholarship

The Clearwater Chapter Endowed Scholarship Fund has established for students studying history, political science or government. Recipients must be Pinellas County residents, and have graduated from a Pinellas County high school, have been home schooled or have earned a GED certificate. In addition, recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, have participated in community service events and be able to demonstrate financial need. Recipients must acknowledge the award in order to ensure continued foundation scholarship eligibility.

Our May meeting was focused on observing the Clearwater Chapter's 70 year anniversary and its service to community and country. The Clearwater Chapter was officially chartered on January 12, 1952. Proclamations were received from the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Clearwater and the City of Dunedin declaring January 12, 2022 Sons of the American Revolution Clearwater Chapter Day.

Flagler Chapter



In honor of General George Washington's 290th birthday on February, 22nd, 2022, the Flagler Chapter completed the 8th Annual five-mile Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike. The purported Thomas Creek Battlefield is located within the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve, north of Jacksonville, south of the Georgia state line, and near Nassau Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. The Battle of Thomas Creek occurred on May 17, 1777 and was a major defeat for the Patriots. The Patriot forces consisted of approximately 170 mounted soldiers from GA, SC, & NC comprising the 1st Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse commanded by LTC John Baker and they were ambushed by 300 regular British Army soldiers from St. Augustine, 75 East Florida Ranger irregulars (loyalists) and many warriors from local tribes. The mission of the Continental Army Patriots was to proceed south from GA into Florida and destroy the British Army and British Government headquarters at St. Augustine, as well as, capture the vast quantity of stored war supplies and munitions. The British Army mission was to destroy the invading Patriot force whereas the local warrior tribesmen were seeking revenge, horses, supplies and scalps. Along the trail, the intrepid Flagler Compatriot hikers (Left to Right: David Kelsey, John Feind, President Charles Hayes, and Randall Morris) paused at a probable Patriot encampment area on several acres of high ground surrounded by swamp, dense brush, and giant Swamp Chestnut Oaks. The giant oak (on left) was dedicated to LTC John Baker, Commander of the Patriot forces. Compatriot John Feind, a recent new member, became the 10th Flagler Chapter Compatriot to complete this hike and was loaned the coveted "Hail Columbia" SAR medal for the courage and good works he has displayed and accomplished as a Flagler Chapter member. The medal and ribbon must be passed on to a non-member lineal descendant.



On Four Chaplains Day during February 2022, the Flagler Chapter SAR presented the Chapter colors as part of the ceremonial salute. The memorial event was attended by approximately 80, with live music and a choir to accompany singing religious and patriotic songs. Many local government officials both county and city, multiple veterans organizations, along with various churches came together to memorialize the Four Chaplains who perished when the SS Dorchester a U.S. Troop Ship, was sunk off Greenland by a German U-Boat on 3 Feb 1943. The Four Chaplains gave up their life-jackets so others could survive and assisted the young troops as best they could as the ship sank. The Flagler Chapter had five Compatriots who participated: President Charlie Hayes, Don Gingles presented the colors, Jeff Schaller, David Kelsey, and David Hammond. In Photo, President Charles Hayes (Left) and Palm Coast Mayor David Alfin (Right)



Flagler County Sheriff's Deputy First Class Marcus Dawson was presented the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate by Flagler Chapter President Charles Hayes at the Flagler County Sheriff's Office in Bunnell, FL, on February 2, 2022. Describing his action as an act of special bravery, Flagler County Sheriff Compatriot Rick Staly praised Deputy Dawson for his quick thinking and courage. On October 18, 2021, Deputy Dawson entered a home in Palm Coast and rescued a young boy hiding under a blanket in his bedroom as smoke was filling the home. Deputy Dawson's action demonstrated his dedication to serve and protect the citizens of Flagler County. The Flagler Chapter was pleased to present Deputy Dawson with the first award of the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate in Flagler County. In Photo, Sheriff Compatriot Rick Staly, DFC Marcus Dawson, & President Charles Hayes.



On March 18, 2022, Compatriot Eric Feind was sworn in as a member of the Flagler Chapter by President Charles Hayes. His application was approved on February 18, 2022 and his Patriot Ancestor was Captain Jonathan Condit, Essex County Militia, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey and he participated in the victorious 1776 Christmas Battle of Trenton. The ceremony was held at Heroes Memorial Park in Palm Coast under the Flagler Chapter Liberty Tree in the presence of Compatriot Eric Feind's parents, John & Kathy Feind, and wife, Dr. Denise Verones, and several Chapter Compatriots. In photo, Kathy Feind (L), Chapter 1st Vice President John Feind, Liberty Tree, Eric Feind and Dr. Denise Verones (R).



On May 30, 2022, a special Memorial Day Service was held at the Veterans Memorial located in front of the Flagler County Government Services Bldg. in Bunnell, FL. The principal speaker was Colonel Cecil Hengeveld, US Army (Retired), a Vietnam Veteran and Aviator. Colonel Hengeveld stressed the importance of not only remembering the sacrifices made by our Veterans, but also for us to live our lives honoring those who served before us and made our freedoms and way of life possible. Compatriots in attendance included President Charles Hayes, Jay Mills, John Feind, Sheriff Rick Staly, Jeff Schaller, David Hammond, and David Kelsey. Flagler Chapter President Major Charles Hayes, US Army (Retired), and Flagler County Veterans Service Officer, Lt Col David Lydon, USAF, placed the Flagler Chapter Wreath at the county's Veterans Memorial. In the photo, President Charles Hayes, the Flagler Chapter SAR Wreath, and Col. Cecil Hengeveld. Compatriot Hayes is wearing a replica uniform of his Patriot ancestor, Stephen Hayes. During the Revolutionary War, Patriot Stephen Hayes enlisted in the newly created Continental Marines.



Making a special appearance in full uniform, General George Washington (portrayed by Daytona-Ormond Chapter SAR President Bill Elder) spoke about the sacrifices made by American Veterans at the Memorial Day 2022 Ceremony held at Spruce Creek Cemetery in Port Orange, Florida. Assisting General Washington were Sugar Mill Chapter DAR Regent Cecilia Nunnelley and Flagler Chapter SAR 2nd Vice President Randall Morris. Compatriot Morris also gave a brief talk about the noble act of risking your life for your country. Family members, DAR members, SAR members, CAR members and friends placed United States Flags on the graves of 56 veterans interred in the cemetery.

Fort Lauderdale Chapter



rent Treasurer. Also at this meeting, Pete Stevenson (second photo) received his first Supplemental Ancestor Certificate from Chuck Adams recognizing his lineage to patriot Jesse Marsh. On April 19, 2022, Mark Snider (third photo) received his first Supplemental Ancestor Certificate recognizing his lineage to George Line.

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month except August and December. Visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

Gainesville Chapter

On July 4, 2022, members of the Gainesville Chapter participated in the 4th of July parade. Pictured from left to right are Gene Page, David Thomas, regional vice president and chapter president, and Sean Tonnelier, first vice president and color guard commander, all with the Gainesville chapter SAR. The photo was taken in front of the Micanopy historical museum, of which Gene is a board member. Also pictured is Gene Page, Gainesville SAR, with a Gainesville DAR member Jan Cook holding our chapter banner. Both while marching in the parade.



The Chapter had a busy first half marked by several important accomplishments. Completely revised Chapter bylaws were approved by the membership on March 19, 2022, and a new website went live on May 19, 2022.

On February 19, 2022, new members, Herb Gardner and Steven DePaul, were inducted by Chapter President Chuck Adams assisted by Chapter Past Presidents Tom Shepherd and Ted Duay. Also at this meeting, Jim Lohmeyer received a certificate for his nearly 18 years in SAR serving in numerous positions including Chapter Past President and current Chaplain. On March 19, 2022, Joe Motes was presented a certificate honoring his many contributions to the Chapter in various positions held over the past 26 years including Chapter Past President and cur-





Okeechobee Chapter

At the May meeting, which is an annual joint meeting with the local DAR chapter held in our city's historic 1920s bank building. As pictured, we inducted in our first junior member, Caleb Croslyn who is seven years old. We also installed officers with Also the outgoing President Jim Pippin and Direct at Large, Gary Miles pictured with Caleb. In another picture is Director at Large Gary Miles giving DAR members, Letta Jordan and Carol Coles SAR grave markers in memory of their departed SAR husbands . Dowling Watford, SAR member (and local chapter secretary) received the DAR Historic Preservation medal for his role in local battlefield re-enactments who is pictured with DAR Regent Lonnie Kirsch.



Palm Beach Chapter

The Palm Beach Chapter SAR is proud to announce that *Compatriot Raymond F. Wess* was Installed *SAR Inspector General for the National & International Society* during the *132nd SAR Congress* in Savannah. Ray is the former Chapter President and State President, and recipient of the SAR Patriot Medal.

President Lanman and Sgt. @ Arms/FMR Chapter President Parkinson were honored to formally honor Law Enforcement Professionals, Officer King Brown, West Palm Beach PD and Officer Dawn Watkins, Palm Beach Gardens PD, with the prestigious SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.



Palm Beach Chapter was honored to induct two new Chapter member during a formal *SAR Compatriot Induction Ceremony*. The Chapter welcomes *Compatriots Dale Oliver & Andy Cook*.



President Lanman, presented an SAR 40 Year Membership Pin and Certificate to Compatriot & FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson. Congratulations and Well Done!



President Lanman, presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Compatriot Bill Richards in recognition of his selfless service to the Chapter and SAR as the Chairman of our *Veterans Service Committee* and related service accomplishments.



Pensacola Chapter

At the July meeting, Madeline Baugus, who is the Chapter President for the San Bernardo Society of the C.A.R., spoke on what the local C.A.R. chapter is doing and how the SAR can help. Madeline was joined by her mother, Lauren, who is the Senior Society President for San Bernardo as well as a member of the Ft. Pickens DAR.

Each year, there is a state-wide project for the C.A.R., and this year's project is to raise funds for the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando. Maddie even brought along some of the pins and challenge coins that the C.A.R. is selling. She also told us about how the C.A.R. teaches their members about leadership while promoting those principles that the country was founded on. The final piece of Maddie's presentation was to tell us how the SAR can help. There are two main areas where SAR members can help out: 1) by helping with fundraising either through donations or by purchasing the items they sell for fundraising, and 2) by volunteering our time to serve as Senior Leaders for the local and state societies. From what I heard after the meeting, we definitely helped on the fundraising side—Maddie raised almost \$400 at our meeting! I talked further with Maddie's mother, Lauren, who is the Senior President for the local society about just what Senior Leaders do. She explained that each of the officer positions for the C.A.R. have a corresponding Senior Leader who helps the child leader understand what their duties are and how to complete those duties. This is a teach and show position to train future leaders for the SAR and DAR.

In addition to Maddie's great presentation, we inducted Joe Joseph into the Chapter, and we welcomed Richard Garner (we were still waiting on Richard's certificate, and we'll induct him in August).

Saramana Chapter

The chapter participated in the Memorial Day Parade that was held in downtown Sarasota, FL. Some of the pictures from the parade are included herein.





St. Petersburg Chapter

At our March 2022 meeting, we recognized our chapter and the state of Florida George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay contest winner Cian McCarthy. Cian read his award winning essay entitled, "Thomas Jefferson: A Federal Success, A Gubernatorial Failure.". Cian will be graduating this year from Shorecrest Preparatory School located in Saint Petersburg.

Our April 2022 meeting featured Lori Coffey, who spoke about the many women patriots who supported the cause of American Independence. Ms. Coffey is Vice President of the Pinellas Genealogical Society and dresses in period clothing when she speaks about colonial and revolutionary era America.

Our May 2022 meeting featured Compatriot Robbie Robinson and his experiences as an Air Force test pilot and Commander of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



American History Teacher

The Lake-Sumter Chapter is very proud that our winner and the Florida winner, Karen Flores, was second in the national competition for the middle school level. Karen has worked with us for several years. I first met here at a Lake County history fair about 4 years ago where she had several students win awards. Karen and Ron Toops started an essay contest for middle schoolers several years ago. National does not have an essay contest for middle school. Karen teaches at Eustis Middle School. She has been there 17 years and expects to be there many more years. We surely hope she stays.

Habitat for Humanity

This is a very easy program for a chapter. Basically, call up your local Habitat office and let them know you would like to donate flags to the new homes they dedicate. My chapter, Lake-Sumter, has been participating for 3 years. Dedications here are usually on a weekday morning and include folks who help build the house and dignitaries. Ours usually last about 45 minutes. We present a \$20 flag kit from Lowes and a letter with information about our chapter.

So far this year only two other chapters, Jacksonville and Clearwater, have donated flags – and let me know about it. This is a good community outreach. And keep in mind that the Endowment Trust Fund will reimburse your chapter for 75% of the cost of the flag.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

The Endowment Trust Fund has over \$600,000 and been earning very well. The trustees can dedicate 3 – 5 % of it to distribute to our chapters for outreach programs – like our youth contests. This year that is \$26,435 – 4%. It is very disappointing to report that for this program year – Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 – we have received only 17 requests from 8 chapters for \$4,667. Why leave it unspent? I feel this is really valuable to small chapters that aren't likely to have a lot of funds for these outreach programs. The ETF basically pays 100% of the cost of medals and 75% of the cost of scholarships and awardee meals to non-SAR recipients. What better deal could you get? Each chapter can submit 5 requests for currently up to \$1,750 for the year. The ETF program year ends Oct. 31 with Nov. 15 the deadline to submit your requests. I surely hope there has been unreported activity and you will keep us busy this fall.

Below are the changes we are making for the coming year. Some primary things are raising the submission limit from \$350 to \$500 (totalling \$2,500 for the year) and greatly increasing

scholarship limits.

Endowment Trust Fund Awards Proposal for 2023

- B5 application limit raised from \$350 to \$500 (concern is the space on the form for a submission)
- C1 addition for the state winners of the Enhanced JROTC, Eagle Scout and Essay contests, as well as entrants in the Rumbaugh competition, chapters will be reimbursed 75% of the expense for travel (\$50/mile) to Orlando and a hotel room.
- C2 youth scholarship money from \$50/25/15 to \$500/250/150
 - History teacher from \$100 to \$500
- C3 meals raised from \$40 per award to \$100 – limited to 3 meals, recipient and parents
- C4 meals raised from \$40 per award to \$100 – limited to 3 meals, recipient, significant other and superior officer
- C5 meals raised from \$20 per award to \$100 – limited to 2 meals, recipient and significant other
- C6 Habitat for Humanity flags raised from \$300/yr to \$500/yr
- C8 addition and veterans museums
- C12 History Fair support raised from \$100 to \$200
 - Genealogical workshops raised from \$200 to \$400
- C13 Engraving of medals raised from \$10 to \$20 per medal
- C15 Liberty Tree support raised from \$150 to \$500 per year
- C16 Resident veteran reimbursement raised from \$100 to \$500
- C17 Boy scout council support raised from \$100 to \$500
- C18 JROTC unit support raised from \$100 for all units to \$100 per unit
- C19 promotional documents raised from \$50 to \$100

These will be added to the submission form after Dec. 1. New submissions may start Jan. 1.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest

We expect to hold our state competition at the May BOM. The national deadline for submitting state winners is May 15 only 1 week after our live competition at the BOM. The format to remain the same – states submit a video of their winner, national chooses the best 6 who then compete live at Congress. Two years ago our winner, Kelsey Lopp from the Ocala chapter was the national winner – what an honor! The national chairman, Jack Bredenfoerder, has been a great help getting our entries in at the last minute. Now with COVID out of our way I really hope more chapters will participate.

I want to remind everyone that the Endowment Trust Fund reimburses 100% for the winner's medal and 75% of the limits on their scholarship and meals.



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 Fall BOM Meeting Oct 7 - 8, 2022

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Name: _____ Chapter: _____ National Number _____

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Guest(s) Name(s) (list all): _____

This is a Fill-able PDF form. You MUST save it to your PC BEFORE filling out the form FROM your PC's saved location. Filling it out online does not work.

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section 1, FLSSAR By-Laws)

BOM Voting Members include FLSSAR members in good standing who are a past FLSSAR President, Patriot Medal recipient, incumbent or past NSSAR officer, incumbent FLSSAR officer or committee chairman, incumbent Florida National Trustee, incumbent chapter President and most recent past President.

Additional voting members from chapters, based on chapter size, must be submitted in writing to the FLSSAR Secretary, from the chapter, prior to the BOM.

Dress Code: Friday banquet and Luncheons – Business Dress. Saturday banquet – Formal Dress
 Colonial attire is always acceptable.

Special Dietary Needs:

Enter number of meals Here				Enter number of meals Here			
Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)							
Total number of meals	\$44 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			
Saturday Evening Banquet							
Total number of meals	\$56 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)		\$ 20	=	\$ 20.00			
Enter \$20 or \$35 (as late fee)			=	\$ 20.00			
Enter Total Amount Enclosed:		\$ 0.00	=	\$ 20.00			

Double-check Total Due

You must reserve your hotel room with the Hotel by the deadline date at 407-597-4000 or via the online reservation link.

Due to contractual obligations with the hotel, meal reservations MUST be received ten days before the BOM – Sept 28, 2022. Submit your registration form by email, then USPS mail the check (payable to “FLSSAR”) to:

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 1862 Buckridge Rd
 Jacksonville, FL 32225
 Email: sbreck61@gmail.com
 Phone: 904-226-9420





The Pensacola Chapter
Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution



Invites your group to the

2023 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

This two day event will take place on
Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8, 2023

Planned events for May 7 include:

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

Wreath Laying

Evening Banquet to commemorate the Battle of Pensacola

On May 8, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration sponsored by the Pensacola Heritage Foundation.

The Color Guard will muster at 09:30 AM at Fort George and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest monuments in the United States to General Bernardo de Galvez as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration.

All Color Guard Units will receive a **BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER**.

Times and all events are still being finalized. Additional information (including information on blocks of hotel rooms) can be found at

www.pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration

Please visit the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration page to register your participation in the events. Color guard unit position will be based on the order in which reservations are received. **For questions email:** battle@pensacolasar.org

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